



Sunflowers were in all their glory in a photograph taken at Crossroad Farm in Post Mills. As summer winds down, fall colors have started to appear in foliage throughout the area.

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## Village construction project underway

by Lillian Gahagan

FAIRLEE—A large construction project in downtown Fairlee is attracting a great deal of curiosity these days. So, what's going on next to the old railroad station?

According to Vermont Agency of Transportation's assistant director for railroads and aviation Trini Brassard, extreme weather on July 1, 2017 washed out, damaged and undercut two culverts underneath the railroad tracks.

The worst damage occurred around a culvert located just north of the railroad station. That one is being completely overhauled. The other damaged culvert getting repaired this summer is 2.6 miles south of that.

Brassard said both damaged culverts are getting rebuilt during the state's 2022 fiscal year which began on July 1. She said the typical construction season to get this type of project done runs between April and October. While the original storm damage to the culverts occurred about four years ago, the state is relying on FEMA to pay for the project.

Fairlee Town Administrator Tad Nunez said that the town had been discussing proposed repairs with the state for a few years.

The devastating 2017 storm caused extensive in Fairlee, Orford,

Thetford and several other Upper Valley towns. The Vermont Department of Health reports that annual precipitation has increased by 7 inches since 1965. The number of days per year with precipitation of 1 inch or more has nearly doubled. According to VDH, the trend of heavy concentrated rainfall will continue and occur more frequently.

Vermont has had 18 federally declared disasters in the past 10 years. Most of them were due to flooding from severe storms. Repairs generally address the greater flows of water by increasing the size of culverts to contain and control the larger flows.

Brassard said in a brief interview with a reporter that railroads are inspected at least once a week for safety. Some tracks are inspected on a daily basis. Following a weather event, the line and all culverts and bridges are inspected.

"No trains operate until railroad staff have cleared everything for safety," Brassard noted.

The repair a couple of miles south of town will rehabilitate a dry laid stone culvert under the tracks there. It is a repair as opposed to a

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## For supporters who go above and beyond

by Linda Buermeyer

EAST CORINTH—With the enticing aroma of grilled burgers in the air and catchy live music, home care support professionals and their clients gathered at the Corinth Fairgrounds in East Corinth on Sept. 17 for the culmination of Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.

The commemoration recognized Upper Valley Services' direct support professionals, shared living, and respite providers. UVS provides services for disabled and aging Vermonters and matches caregivers with those needing assistance.

The Bradford UVS Program Director Jessalyn Gustin, who coordinated the event, and executive director Gloria Quinn, who has been on the job "not quite a year," were on hand to greet everyone.

"I'm still getting to know the families," Quinn said.

UVS provides various support so

people have safe, healthy places they can call home. The goal is to ensure clients have the highest level of independence in whatever community they choose to call home.

The program is designed to meet each client's distinct personal needs with respect and dignity. The goal of UVS care workers is to give the disabled an improved quality of life.

Quinn, who directs services throughout Orange County and in parts of Washington County, described the contributions provided by those recognized at Saturday's event.

She said it takes a lot of effort to help people with disabilities maintain their way of life and relationships. The case workers guide their clients to live safely and freely while encouraging the development of new interests.

According to Quinn, 289 people

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## Census data shows mixed results

by Meg Trogolo

The 2020 Census shows slight shifts in population distribution in the Upper Valley, according to more detailed data released on Sept. 16.

Some towns experienced larger jumps in population and Haverhill reported a 2.4% decrease, while most other Upper Valley towns and villages experienced smaller changes or reported similar numbers to those they had in 2010.

In Vermont, Thetford had 2,775 residents in 2020, up 7.2% from 2,588 in 2010, while Corinth grew 6.4% from 1,367 residents in 2010 to 1,455 in 2020 and Newbury grew 3.5% from 2,216 in 2010 to 2,293 in 2020.

In Newbury, the town's 2020 population was divided between Newbury Town (1,415), Newbury Village (447), and Wells River (431).

Bradford, Chelsea, Orange, and Strafford all saw very little change in population. Orange and Strafford reported the exact same population numbers as they did in 2010, at 1,048 and 1,094, respectively.

Bradford's population is currently 2,790, while Chelsea has 1,233 residents. Both towns' populations decreased slightly in the past decade by fewer than a dozen residents.

Fairlee's population increased

from 977 in 2010 to 988 in 2020, while West Fairlee went from 552 residents to 621 residents in the same time period.

Barnet and Groton both decreased in population, with Barnet going from 1,708 to 1,663 residents and Groton from 1,022 to 984 residents in the past decade. Vershire also experienced a decrease, with 730 residents in 2010 and 672 in 2020.

Peacham and Ryegate experienced smaller decreases. Peacham had 732 residents in 2010 and 715 in

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## Task forces form around priorities

by Linda Buermeyer

BRADFORD—Right on schedule, task forces in Phase 3 of Moving Forward Together Bradford Community Forums met Sept. 20 for over two hours.

With assistance from participants from the Vermont Council on Rural Development, the Vermont Natural Resources Council, Green Mountain Economic Development, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, three priorities were identified in the process.

The three areas which were selected as high priorities during August's Phase 2 of Moving Forward are expanding and improving recre-

ation facilities, including a skate park; boosting town capacity; and advancing sustainability, resiliency, alternative energy, and agriculture.

VCRD is a nonprofit organization which helps local communities set priorities and assists local volunteers who accomplish the work. It is the organization which helped Bradford launch the Moving Forward process this past summer.

The approximately 40 interested persons attended three forums of interest to them, all through Zoom and then reconvened at the

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## Board poised to make airport decision

by Alex Nuti-de Biasi

NORTH HAVERHILL—A public hearing will be held on Monday night on an airport safety study that could have long-term impacts for airport users, nearby residents and motorists on Airport Road.

For decades, obstructions near Dean Memorial Airport, the small municipal-owned airport built on

land donated to the town in the 1940s, have raised red flags.

In 1978, a commercial air freight operator negotiating a lease with the town called tall trees at one runway approach an "accident waiting to happen."

Perhaps the most significant

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## Sweet icon on exhibit at BPL

by Cheryl Thibeault

BRADFORD—From mythical legends and modern day heroes to classic cartoons and contemporary public figures, you can find them in the form of a Pez dispenser. And right now, there is an extensive collection of these colorful candy compartments on display at the Bradford Public Library.

Amazingly, the hundreds of dispensers on exhibit represent just a small sample of a massive collection assembled by Linda Vitale of Bradford.

Still, there is plenty of variety as there should be for a popular confection that has been around since the 1930s when an Austrian developed a peppermint-flavored candy as a smoking alternative. Peppermint in German is "pfefferminz," which was later shortened to "Pez" for the candy's brand name.

Vitale's collection on display includes some of the earliest unadorned dispensers, as well as the first, relatively rare Pez dispensers featuring heads of a boy or girl. Throughout the post-war years, the Pez brand slowly expanded the range of characters featured atop its iconic dispenser to include Santa Claus, Popeye, and Donald Duck.

Since then, Pez has exploded in popularity and become a global sensation. Today, the Pez dispenser has global appeal.

With Halloween next month, classic costumes like vampires and skeletons, and modern movie heroes and villains, like Spider Man, Batman, Wonder Woman, and the Joker, are all on display at BPL. And in recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, there is a special set of the Heroes of 911. Other

special sets on display feature homages to Star Trek and the Wizard of Oz.

A retired teacher, Vitale moved to Bradford last year from Pennsylvania. She and her husband started visiting Vermont in 1974 and fell in love with the state. They came to this area as one of her granddaughters lives in Bradford.

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## Dancing the night away in Warren

by Cheryl Thibeault

WARREN—The second annual Harvest Moon Blues Festival will be on Sept. 25 when Melody Mountain Farm hosts Roomful of Blues, featuring Michael Vincent Bank, Adam McMahon, and the Chris Palluto Trio.

John and Brenda Lester, owners of Melody Mountain Farm, have lived in their house on 63 acres for the past 10 years and try to host this festival as close to the Harvest Moon, which fell on Sept. 20.

But Melody Mountain Farm has played host to numerous music festivals in recent years, partly growing from the Lesters' love of music. The Gray Rocks Music Series is named for the ledges that provide an apt visual backdrop. But they're not just pretty to look at.

"We realized that there was a lot of great local music regionally, and we felt we had the perfect spot because of the natural acoustics

with the rocks," Brenda said in an interview.

The sound just bounces off the stone ledges during shows.

"Every musician says this place is magic and the venue is unlike any place they've ever played before," John added.

So, Brenda said, in 2018 they decided to host a single festival. They met with musician friends Tyler Drabick of Whisky Geese and Rick Clogston of the Red Hat Band to discuss ways to make it happen.

"And that was the birth of the Mountain Music and Arts Festival, which was small, but very well-received," she said.

It has grown substantially. At the Mountain Music and Arts Festival this past August, there was a wide variety of artists, displaying their

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TRAVELED BACK IN TIME?—Friday at the Mill Building in Bradford, one would think they fell through a wormhole and were back in the 1920s due to the parking lot filled with these antique vehicles. In fact it was a cruise trip for these car enthusiasts stopping in town for lunch.

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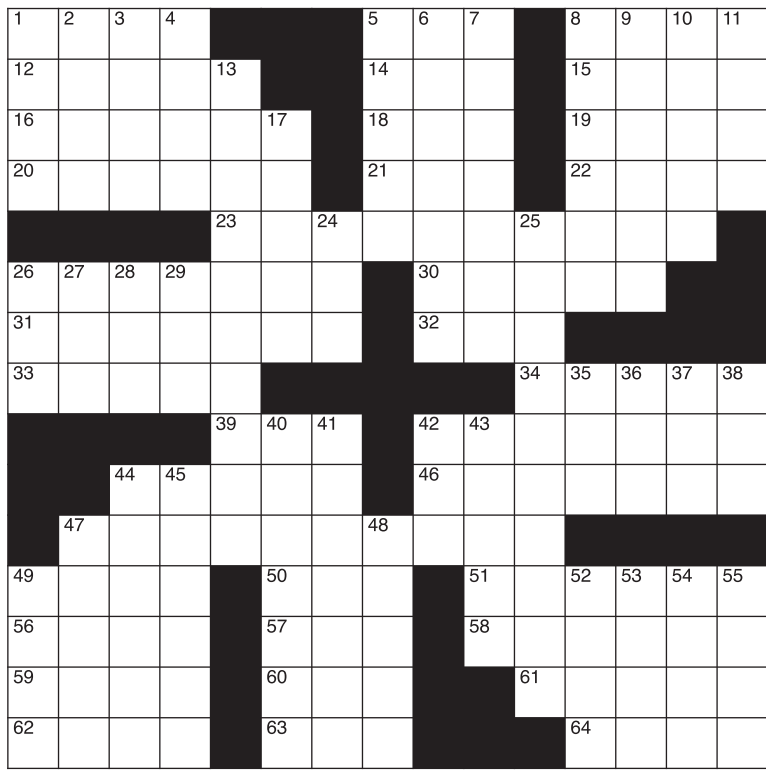
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WEST BARNET—The next breakfast at Lake View Grange Hall in West Barnet will be held Oct. 9 from 8 to 10 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, toast, jellies and jams, juice, coffee and tea and real Vermont Maple Syrup. For more information, call Lois at 603-653-3046.

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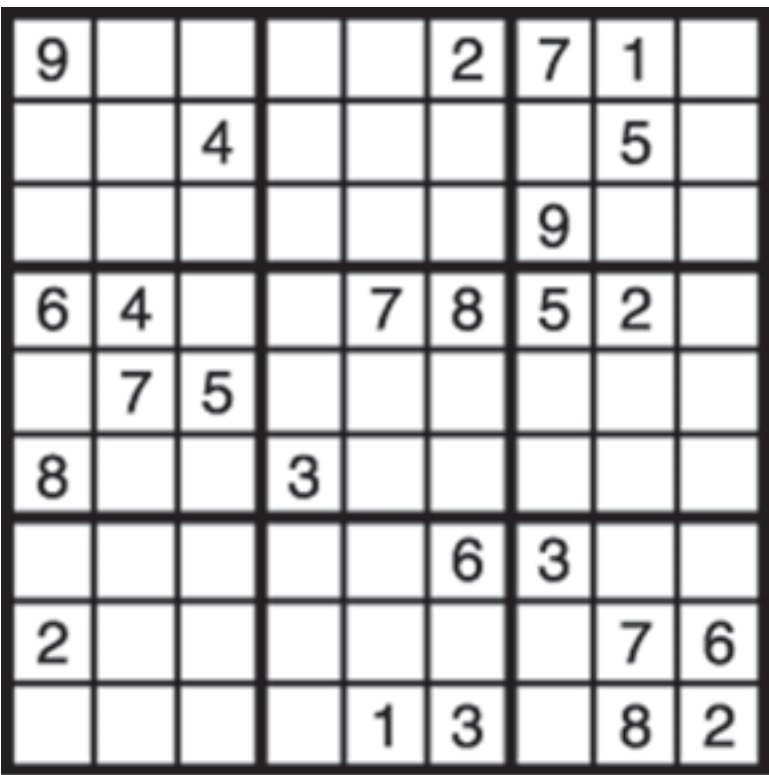
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26. Country singer Brad
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34. Type of salt
39. 007's creator
42. Emerging
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7. Perceptible by touch
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
9. Hairpiece
10. Variety acts
11. "Mystic River" actor Sean
13. Remove salt
17. Went out with
24. Type of bread
25. Popular Eagles song
26. Philosophy degree
27. Yes vote
28. Passports and licenses are two
29. No seats available
35. Pounds per square inch
36. A way to launch an attack on
37. The lowest cardinal number
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41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
43. Rivne's former name
44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
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53. Houston university
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What's going on . . .

At the library

Bradford Public Library

BRADFORD—On Sept. 25, Bradford Public Library and Calabash Gardens will present the 'Festival of the Leaves' honoring migrant workers through food, art, and culture at the local saffron farm on Fish Pond Road in Wells River.

Activities include a poetry workshop with Rajinii Eddins; art with Kenya Lazuli, and children's stories with Ms. Gail. An elegant lunch and dinner buffet will be prepared by Chef Saybe, and dance music will be provided by the vaudou jazz fusion band 'Bojo Music.'

Funded by the High Meadows Fund and the Vermont Change Makers table program, Vermont Humanities, Calabash Gardens, and the Bradford Public Library, this all-day, outdoor celebration is free and open to the public.

Call or email the library for more information. For reservations, directions, and to register, email calabashgardens@gmail.

Back Porch News...

Good, Local News.

Student achievements

Southern New Hampshire University has named the following students to the summer 2021 President's List: Adam Cataldo of North Haverhill, Jonathon Crane of Monroe, Quinn Soucy of Bath, Phillip Dimambro of North Haverhill, Jasmine Ireland of North Haverhill, Brittany Derrington of Woodsville, Elizabeth Davis of North Haverhill, and Kayla Keith of Woodsville.

Southern New Hampshire University has named the following students to the summer 2021 Dean's List: Melissa Conlon of Fairlee, Ryan King of Bradford, and Lauren Tranten of East Corinth.

MCPHS University announces that Samantha Clerkin of Strafford, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester. Clerkin is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing and will graduate from the Manchester campus in 2021.

Ducky Derby goes virtual

BARNET—The 18th annual Ben's Mill Rubber Ducky Derby will be held virtually due to concern of the continuing pandemic. The ducks will swim on Oct. 2, but no spectators will be allowed. The winners will be tabulated and called to select their prize which will be delivered or mailed. A pick up on Oct. 3 may be arranged. The race will be videoed and posted at www.bensmill.com by Oct. 3. Prizes can also be viewed there.

Ducks can be rented at the mill on weekends between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Barnet Library, West Barnet Quick Stop, or by mailing contact information, including phone number, to Ben's Mill LTD, PO Box 50, Barnet, VT 05921.

There will also be a raffle of a painting of Ben's Mill done by Linda Choate of Barnet. Chances are \$5 each. The cost of the ducks is \$5 each or a Quack Pack of five ducks for \$20, or a paddling of 26 ducks for \$100.

For more information, contact Lois at (603) 653-3046, or Stan at (603) 381-0943.

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Grange to hold annual ceilidh

RYEGATE CORNER—Blue Mountain Grange will hold its Scottish Ceilidh on Sept. 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Ryegate Corner Townhouse on Witherspoon Road.

With more acts signing up, and having missed a year due to Covid, anyone can take part whether playing guitar, harmonica, fiddle or piano, or singing, dancing, and storytelling. A ceilidh (kay-lee) is a community gathering and sharing of talent based on a Scottish tradition, which is also celebrated in the Canadian provinces.

Call Marsha Nelson to sign up at (802)584-3296. Everyone is invited. Donations are appreciated and punch and cookies will be served. All ages may participate and walk-ons are accepted as time permits.

Ryegate man's film wins state grant

MONTPELIER—The Vermont Art Council announced the 23 recipients of its most sought-after award, the Creation Grant, which supports Vermont artists in creating new work.

Liam O'Connor-Genereaux, of South Ryegate, is among this year's recipients. He received funding to support the creation of a film titled "Butterfly Queen."

For more information about the Creation Grant program, visit www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/artists/creation.

Fairlee has new library director

FAIRLEE—Beth Reynolds has recently assumed the library director position at the Fairlee Public Library.

Her professional life has been full of books, and her recent positions have focused on encouraging children to love books just as much as she does. Library trustees said they were proud to bring her to Fairlee.

Mann and Buccellato win their divisions

BRADFORD—Twin State Ford Night Feature winners were Josh Sunn in the Sabil & Sons DIRTcar Sportsman Modifieds; Tim Hodge in the Wells River Chevrolet DIRTcar Sportsman Coupes; Matt Piper in the C.A. Miller Limited Late Models; Mike Mann in the LaValley Building Supply Dirt Stocks; and Blake Buccellato and Kevin LaForest in the Peanuts Auto LLC Four Cylinders feature one and two respectively.

Josh Sunn got a late start in the season in the Sportsman Modifieds taking him out of any championship contention for 2021, but with two feature wins recorded under his name, he reminded everyone that he still knows how to get around and to look out in 2022 as he will be a strong championship contender.

Tim Hodge became the 12th different winner in the Sportsman Coupes. The battle for the win was between Tim and Cooper Hodge for the second half of the race, with Tim beating out Cooper on the last lap taking the win by .280 of a second.

Matt Piper scored his fourth win of the season in the Limited Late Models solidifying his championship efforts.

Rookie favorite Mike Mann got his first win in the Dirt Stocks. He was able to make it to the front and hold off the hard fought challenges of Lucas Wheeler and Jesse Dunham and Mike Stender who were also doing battle for the final victory lane spot.

Blake Buccellato came from mid-pack in the first Four Cylinders feature to take the win—his first of the season. In the second feature, Kevin LaForest got the win.

Coming up Sept. 24 and 25, Sponsored by General Auto Salvage, is the double header weekend. Friday's line up will include: Sabil & Sons DIRTcar Sportsman Modifieds (Time Trials and Heat Races), Wells River Chevrolet DIRTcar Sportsman Coupes (Time Trials and Heat Races), LaValley Building Supply Dirt Stocks (Time Trial and Feature), Peanut's Auto LLC Four Cylinders (Time Trial smf Feature), and Peanut's Auto LLC Four Cylinder Non-winners 13 lap invitational shoot out sponsored by Potter Power Racing and Big Al's Photos.

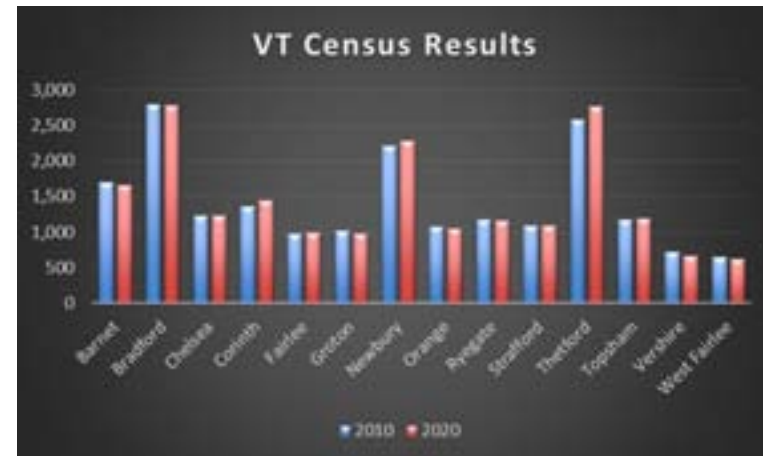
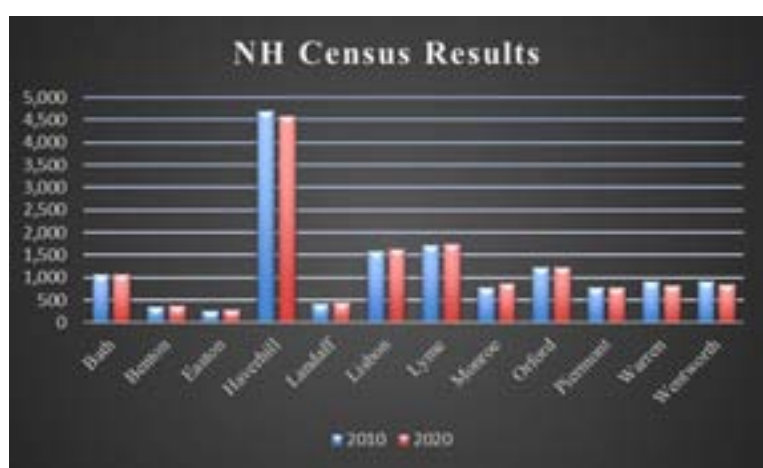
Saturday's lineup will include Sabil & Sons DIRTcar Sportsman Modifieds 100 Lap feature, Wells River Chevrolet DIRTcar Sportsman Coupes 60 Lap feature, USAC DMA Midgets Time Trials, 10, 15, 20 lap segments, C.A. Miller Limited Late Models (Time Trials and Feature), Sting Vintage Race Cars 75 Lap 4/6 Cylinder Enduro, and Modified and Coupe Growler events.

Advertisement for Modern Woodmen of America, featuring the slogan 'You got this Because you have us' and an image of a woman holding a child.

Advertisement for Modern Woodmen of America, highlighting shared values and opportunities, with a photo of Stewart L. Gates.

Advertisement for Dead River Company, offering propane, heating oil, and diesel heating equipment installations.

Advertisement for Country 101.3 WYKR-FM, featuring a Friday morning race report with Butch, April May, and Stephen John.



•Census

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2020, while Ryegate reported 1,174 residents in 2010 and 1,165 in 2020.

Topsham experienced a slight increase in population, from 1,173 in 2010 to 1,199 in 2020.

Overall, Orange County grew slightly in the past decade, with the county reporting 28,396 residents in 2010 and 29,277 residents in 2020.

It appeared that the distribution of Orange County's population had changed, with more people moving closer to the New Hampshire border, particularly the Lebanon area.

In New Hampshire, Haverhill experienced a decrease, from 4,697 in 2010 to 4,585 in 2020. The figure includes all the precincts.

Lyme and Lisbon both increased in population, with Lyme reporting 1,716 residents in 2010 and 1,745 in 2020 and Lisbon reporting 1,595 residents in 2010 and 1,621 in 2020. Lyme shares a border with Hanover, where Dartmouth College is located.

The small towns of Benton, Easton, Landaff, and Monroe all reported modest increases in population over the past decade. Benton grew from 364 to 374, Easton grew from 254 to 292, and Landaff grew from 415 to 446. Monroe increased from 788 residents to 864.

Piermont, Warren, and Wentworth all saw drops in population. Piermont decreased in population from 790 residents in 2010 to 769 in 2020, while Warren's population fell from 904 to 825 and Wentworth fell from 911 to 845.

Bath and Orford reported the exact same numbers in 2010 and 2020. Bath reported 1,077 residents in both census years, while Orford reported 1,237 residents in both census years.

Grafton County as a whole increased in population by 2.1%, from 89,118 to 91,118 in the past decade. The Grafton County towns within the *Journal Opinion's* coverage area, however, saw only a 1.3% increase, from 14,478 to 14,680.

Town-by-town census data from 1960 to 2010 shows that Lebanon and Hanover, and to a lesser extent, Littleton and Plymouth, have been Grafton County's population centers for over 50 years.

In 2010, Lebanon and Hanover combined had 24,411 residents, making up 27.4% of Grafton County's entire population at the time.

The first 2020 Census results were released on Aug. 12, and the Census Bureau has been releasing more detailed and specific data regularly in the weeks since. The data that the *Journal Opinion* used for this story was released on Sept. 16.

Census data can be found at census.gov.

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replacement of the culvert.

The larger project just to the north of the old railroad station is the replacement of a concrete culvert and pipe and stabilization of the washed out slope around it down to the Connecticut River.

According to Casella Construction public relations manager Jake Robinson, the Mendon-based contractor that is carrying out the work, the project will repair the washout and failing drainage system that runs under the railroad tracks to the river. A crew of seven are at the site.

Three of those workers are staying locally in Fairlee and the rest are commuting home each day. The crew is installing "new drainage structures and culverts under the railroad with stabilization and vegetation of the slopes" surrounding it.

Robinson said the railroad will close for four days, or 96 hours, during the first week of October. The impact to Route 5 traffic is expected to be minimal.

There are three different runs of pipe between four concrete structures, totaling 200 feet of pipe, plus a 100-foot channel lined with large riprap that ends up in the river. Observers along Main Street noted that the large stones arrived at the site last week in several rail cars.

The banks around the slope that were washed out are being regraded. There was about half an acre of tree removal to facilitate a proper grading of the slope.

No one is sure of the age of the old culvert being replaced. A new 60-inch culvert replaces the old 36-inch one.

Robinson did not know where the water flowing into the culvert going under the tracks comes from, but he said the project does not involve Route 5. The new pipes will connect to existing pipe coming from that direction, however.

The culvert project is expected to be complete by the end of October or early November.

The railroad track culvert projects come at the same time that the VTrans highway section is replacing a culvert on I-91 just north of exit 15. Motorists driving through Fairlee on I-91 should expect lane-width restrictions and speed reduction in that area until the work is complete.

Email: news@jonews.com.

**FUN FACTS**  
A group of porcupines is called a prickle.

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paintings, clothing, jewelry, stained glass, and resin cutting boards to sell.

And now it's not just one festival.

The following year in 2019, they hosted the first Little Bit Country Little Bit Rock n' Roll music festival. Then in 2020, they added the Harvest Moon Blues Festival to the rotation.

Award-winning blues, roots rock and jazz guitarist, Duke Robillard, was last year's headliner for the music festival. Robillard, a founding member of Roomful of Blues, replaced Jimmy Vaughan in the Fabulous Thunderbirds from 1989 to 1993, as well as receiving a Grammy nomination for the best traditional blues album in 2006.

It helps to have connections in the music business.

Brenda, a schoolteacher, said they quickly realized they needed help booking bands, so she reached out to a former student, Ty McCarthy from the WheelersVTProductions, who previously played at the farm with his band.

"From then on," she said, "we had his help."

They also started working with Don Vogt from Audio Farm Pro, a local resident and sound engineer, who has honed his craft.

Brenda said Covid impacted their festivals last year, although it did not stop from hosting the Gray Rocks series.

"It did not shut things down, but we did have a mask mandate at the gate and in the common areas," she said. "There is plenty of room to spread out here and when people were with their group that they came with, they did not have to wear a mask because it was all outside and everyone was careful to follow the safe social distance guidelines. Once they moved around, they had to put the mask back on."

Food trucks are set up onsite for their festivals. This year, Rory Black's Food Truck will have a wide variety of "food for your soul," including several choices of macaroni and cheese, chicken and waffles, pork carnitas, poutine, falafel wraps and more.

Future music festivals for the Gray Rock series at Melody Mountain Farm may include a jazz night, a Celtic Festival, and perhaps a singer/songwriter symposium.

"Honestly, we are not locked into any one thing at this time and would welcome feedback and ideas from others," Brenda said.

Tickets for this weekend are \$25. The gates open at noon, with the music starting at 1 p.m. continuing until 9 p.m. For an additional \$20 per person, you can also camp there overnight with a variety of wooded or open campsites, many with a view of the stage.

**FUN FACTS**  
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DURHAM— A new program between the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension allows gardeners to obtain pollinator-friendly garden certification.

To support pollinators and bring more awareness to pollinators, the extension services have established a certification through which gardeners must meet specific requirements, including providing food, water and shelter for pollinators, as well as safeguarding pollinator habitat.

After these requirements are met, gardeners are encouraged to fill out an application form and submit a \$10 application fee. Once approved for certification, gardeners can purchase a \$30 UNH Extension Pollinator-Friendly Garden sign for their garden.

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# Viewpoints . . . Yours and ours

The opinion page of the Journal Opinion is devoted to editorials, commentary and letters. The editorial under the heading editorial is the only column that expresses the opinions of the *Journal Opinion*. All others are the views and opinions of the authors only.

## Letters

### In search of Old Goshen Church members

**To the Editor:**  
Since 1995, 35 individuals have signed on as members of the Old Goshen Church Corporation—the most recent addition being four in 2021. This eclipsed the record during the year 2017-2020 when there was only one new member.  
It seems odd that there is such a lack of interest in an organization having a profound historical presence in the community.  
Built in 1832 and completed in 1834, the Goshen Church remains significantly unaltered. It was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976; and is recognized as an almost completely unaltered example of 19<sup>th</sup> century Greek Revival style church architecture of a quality and integrity seldom found in the state.  
With these qualifications, it is not easy to understand why the church and its programs are of such little interest in the community. Only a few show up for the occasional service that are held at the Goshen Church.  
It is very difficult to find ministers and organists for these programs. Even the residents in the church neighborhood are reluctant to attend and/or participate.  
On the plus side, the church organization has had success with fund-raising to help with expenses such as maintenance of the building and insurance.  
We can only hope that a way will be found to get the community more involved in the life of the Goshen Church.

John FATHERLEY  
Bradford, VT

### Don't believe what you're hearing

**To the Editor:**  
There has lately been a spate of commercials on TV lately that probably scare you. They're meant to.  
They tell you that President Biden is going to drastically raise your taxes; that he's going to make your Medicare prescription drugs harder to get; that Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer are socialists.  
None of this is true.  
The president has said repeatedly that he will not raise taxes one cent on anyone making less than \$400,000 a year. He can't make that any clearer. Anything you're hearing to the contrary is a lie.  
He's trying to ensure that Medicare is able to bid on the market to lower the price of the drugs you need. Pelosi and Schumer are not trying to make us socialists—they're trying to make the "socialist" programs we already have (Social Security and Medicare to name a few) work better and expand them to work for all Americans.  
Thanks to the internet, we live in an age of an incredible wealth of information. But along with this comes the ability for people with their own agendas and lots of money to disseminate misinformation designed to scare people needlessly in order to advance their own best interests.  
You are being duped by these false advertisements to believe things that are not true. Educate yourself. Don't take what you hear or read at face value. If something someone says in an advertisement seems so outrageous that it infuriates you, look further into it and learn for yourself before forming an opinion.  
Need proof? The anti-Medicare advertisements you're hearing are sponsored by pharmaceutical companies. It says so at the very end of each commercial (in very small print). They stand to lose money if Medicare is allowed to barter for cheapest prices. They lose if you learn the truth.  
Make them lose. Learn the truth.

Rachael BOOTH  
Landaff, NH

### Not our best foot forward

**To the Editor:**  
How embarrassed I was at Saturday's Oxbows football game! My high school friend is a grandmother of one of their players, and I was glad to see Nancy after 20 years. My siblings graduated from Oxbow so I will call this team home, but not by choice. I haven't been to a home game in years since all the kids have grown.  
'Our' coach seems to have a big mouth, and almost being crude to the team. Do you know he got ejected from the game by pushing a referee? And after that happened, he sped out of the road with rocks flying when he left. What is the speed limit there?  
Then, as soon as the game was over, he came back and marched across the field. No public apology, no sportsmanship, no positive presence. This is where the parents, and community, need to come to the game and support the boys, as Nancy does. There were more visitors than home fans, except for students. Guess I'll stick with Rivendell, as that is where the boys went.  
Go Oxbow boys, you did try hard.

Carol COLBY  
Fairlee, VT

### A rare unifying issue

**To the Editor:**  
One of the realities of America today seems to be a polarizing division on virtually every issue, largely driven by political persuasion. Newbury is no different from the rest of the country, mirroring the nation at an approximately even political split. But when considering the privately owned and run juvenile detention facility being proposed for Newbury, things seem to change. It is a rare, unifying issue.  
Over 300 Newbury residents responded to a recent survey, and results project that if the town were to vote on this facility, 92% would be opposed; opposition is spread evenly all over town, not just close to the proposed site. After many discussions with many residents over the last few months, one point is clear, this issue seems to cross all political lines.  
There are so many diverse reasons that the proposed project doesn't make sense that it has united the community in opposition across the complete political spectrum. Think about that . . . in today's America you can't get over 90% to agree on anything. But when faced with a misguided proposal that is so clearly fiscally irresponsible and regionally incompatible it makes complete sense to oppose it regardless of your political views.  
Newbury residents and property owners across the complete political spectrum have stated their opposition to this proposal for many varied reasons important to them. As with most on the country, Newbury is split approximately evenly politically, but residents are overwhelmingly unified on this issue. Probably because when you look at the details, it makes no sense whatsoever.  
The future of Newbury is on the line. If you are a Newbury and Wells River resident or property owner, please attend the Newbury Development Review Board public hearing on Oct. 2 and make your voice heard.

Tony O'NEARA  
Newbury, VT

### VPN will help throw off algorithms

**To the Editor:**  
Why don't you educate Nessa Flax on Virtual Private Networks, and she won't experience some of the issues she complains about in her recent column (Rambling Reflections, Sept. 15).  
I use Nordvpn on my computer and my phone and think she should try it, or Express VPN, which I hear is also popular.

Hod PALMER  
Fairlee, VT

### CORRECTION

The Bradford Selectboard did not approve a request by the Bradford Business Association permission to use Denny Park for an event on Oct. 2. Due to a reporting error, a story ("Liquor permit approved, another denied") in last week's edition was incorrect. The BBA Fall Festival will be held at other locations on Main Street.

### ON THIS DATE

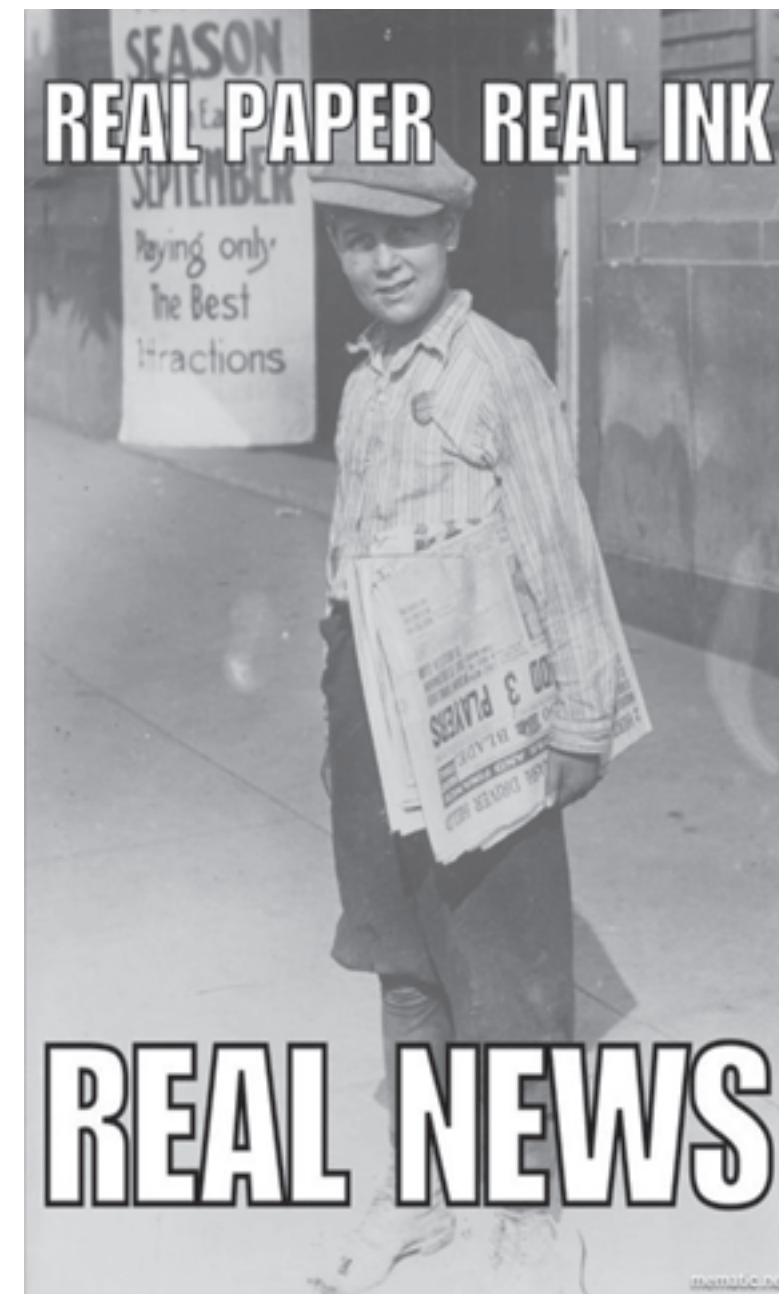
- Sept. 22 is American business women's day. A day to recognize the contributions of more than 57 million American working women. ###
- The TV show Charlie's Angels premiered on Sept. 22, 1976 and ran until 1981. ###
- Family Ties made its TV premiere on Sept. 22, 1982. The last episode aired on Sept. 17, 1989. ###
- The TV show Friends premieres on Sept. 22, 1994. ###
- On of the most important presidential proclamations of American history was on Sept. 22, 1862 when Abraham Lincoln, by executive proclamation, freed the slaves in the rebelling states. ###
- On Sept. 22, 1903, the first ice cream cone was developed by Italo Marchiony, who had a fleet of push carts in New York City dispensing lemon ice. The first were made of paper, and then later pastry.

### Boomer Funk Burma Shave

by Scott FUNK

Coming out of a long curve, the road opened up onto a straightaway with cornfields on both sides. For some unknown reason, the sight carried me back to the days of riding in the back seat while we sped past similar scenes in our family car. A highpoint of such journeys was seeing the Burma Shave signs that popped up along farmers' fields and empty meadows.  
Remember them? They were always spaced out along the side of the road—the deep red signs with white lettering, each one carrying a single part of the message. If Dad drove too fast, you missed some of it; if he slowed down so he could read too, you got the whole thing. It was something special. Each series seeming to carry an important message of roadside wisdom.  
They broke up the monotony of the great distances we traveled at what would now seem slow speeds. This was before the interstates, bypasses, and cars designed for economy or speed instead of comfort. Back then cars were built for style. The front and back seats were like sitting on couches. There was space for three across front and rear. It wasn't as much about getting there as it was about the journey.

In those blank spaces between here and there, were those signs posted along nowhere. Poetic script that always ended at an obvious conclusion.  
"If you would avoid traffic fines, slow down so you can read these signs. Burma Shave." Or "No lady likes to snuggle or dine with a porcupine. Burma Shave." Brilliant stuff when you are 6 or 7. Wit beyond what one could anticipate. It left us excited about the possibilities waiting around the next corner. What other wisdom would the road impart?  
While I can talk with you about this, it's impossible to communicate it to younger people who haven't lived without expressways and traveling at breakneck speed to get where they are going. Besides, how could they possibly comprehend the excitement of discovering what's outside the windows with their faces buried in their cell phones or watching a DVD on the back seat video screen?  
For us, all the entertainment was outside the window. Different kinds of cows, little dusty towns with no more than a gas station, church, general store, and a tavern/cafe. Occasionally, one might see a bear or deer off in the distance. Dead animals on the road were always a bonus, but even they didn't compare with the anticipation that came with seeing that first red sign up ahead.  
You'd try and read them in advance, peering over the front seat, but they seemed to slip by too fast that way. So, you'd start by looking ahead and then switch to the side window as they zipped past. Some you could recognize by only a line or two. Others would take the entire trip to piece together.  
And then they were gone, or we were, switching to the new highways that blasted us along from one place to the next. Getting everywhere so much faster, but leaving behind a lot of what made the journey an adventure.  
###  
Scott Funk lives, works, and writes in Vermont. His Boomer Funk columns are available at [www.vermontfunk.com](http://www.vermontfunk.com), as are his blogs and archived Aging in Place columns.



### All Will See

by Rebecca FARLEY  
All creation of God will see His glory when He, as promised, returns. They'll see the wrath of our great God, as all who are unrighteous burn.  
  
Be prepared my sisters and brothers, for it just might be today. There is no place you can hide, and you cannot run away.  
  
He has sent warnings many times that His return is getting near. But many in Him do not believe, and many His wrath don't fear.  
  
I'm trying to let everyone know His return is definitely sure, and His wrath will be pole to pole and shore to sandy shore.  
###  
The author resides in Wells River.

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## Silver Insights

### Mending fences

by Elena A. Chevalier

What would you do if you could do anything you wanted and you knew it would be successful?  
This thought-provoking question comes to my mind as I find myself daydreaming about a place I want to visit. If I could make this a reality, countless people could be helped.  
I dream to see Mending Fences Acres.  
In the center, Elder's Mansion would be designed for older folks to live meaningful and fruitful lives.  
Branching out from the Elder's Mansion would be multiple opportunities for the local communities to avail themselves of the often untapped natural resources of long life.  
An interactive kindergarten and elementary school would be tucked around the corner, but with easy access to the mansion. Skilled and loving residents would invest in the children's lives.  
Everyone would benefit from their help with assignments or instruction or by providing needy children loving encouragement.  
The Children's Reception Room would be attached to the Elder's Mansion for those who preferred more quiet, structured visits. Here the children could be loved and nurtured with a lap

to cuddle up on, stories, hugs and fun-filled board games.  
Shared Services, on another side of the sprawling complex, would provide people with a place to find someone to meet a need or fill that empty spot in their hearts.  
Interested residents and day visitors all would be interviewed and screened according to interests and personalities in order to determine what gave them joy and what resources they longed to share.  
Townspople could be matched with folks, so both received and gave a blessing.  
Experienced elders would offer art and music lessons, sewing, business advice, craftsmen tips, internet training and more.  
The onsite, public Share and Care Café would provide opportunities for trained residents to meet the needs for human interaction. The spacious cafe setting would foster conversation and companionship to customers. The treasured art of listening would be fostered and valued by both young and old.  
The cafe's Quiet Corner would be designed for low stimulation. Sensitive folks could enjoy their beverage and snack in silence with older, quiet people whose very presence radiates

waves of peace.  
Mending Fences Park, around the bend, would provide a peaceful and peacemaking place. This would be the place for people to go to sort out problems or to resolve differences.  
Whispering fountains and flowering plants known for their calming effects would grace the grounds. Stone walls would meander in multiple directions toward meadows and trees.  
Here, people with disputes could agree to walk the paths to healing, with one on each side of the stone wall.  
Along the way, they would find places with fallen rocks blocking the path. Their goal: "mend the fence" on their own side while pausing to talk through issues that troubled them.  
Elders skilled in arbitration would sit on benches offering cold water and opportunities for some neutral input.  
Mending Fences Acres would become known far and wide as an indispensable community resource, and respected elders would live out their days in fulfilling usefulness.  
So if I could do anything with guaranteed success, this is what I would do.  
And then I would mend a fence with a wounded friend.





# Council votes to defund abortion services

by Christian Wade

(The Center Square)—New Hampshire's Executive Council has voted to reject funding for Planned Parenthood and other groups that provide abortion services in the state, drawing a sharp rebuke from Democrats, women's reproductive rights groups and even Republican Gov. Chris Sununu, who called it disappointing.

On Sept. 15, the Republican-controlled Executive Council voted 4-1 along party lines to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Lovering Health Center, and Equality Health Center.

Cindy Warmington, the lone Democrat on the council who voted to support the funding, said the vote means thousands of women won't be able to access affordable health services like cancer screenings, HIV testing and STI treatments, counseling for survivors of sexual abuse, contraception and other services.

"The Republicans of this state have stripped women of our access to care and have forced low-income and marginalized communities to forgo care if they cannot afford it," she said.

Counselors who voted against the funding cited to co-mingling of state and federal funding in organizations that provide abortions with the other women's reproductive services.

Ahead of the vote, Health and Human Services Commissioner Lori Shibette pointed out that none of the state's providers used state or federal funds for abortion care, and all of them were in compliance with state and federal rules. She said a failure to approve the contracts would have a negative impact on women's health in the state and drive up teen birth rates.

Sununu said he was "disappointed" by the vote and that it will mean a loss of

funding for cancer screenings and other women's health services. "I brought these contracts forward because I support them, just as I have every year as governor, because they protect women's health and it is the right thing to do," he said in a statement following the vote. House Democrat Leader Renny Cushing called the council's vote "shameful" and said it will mean a loss of crucial health care services for women in the state. "We are seeing the New Hampshire GOP become more radicalized with each passing day and their refusal to listen to science is costing lives and costing Granite Staters our time stuck in this pandemic," Cushing wrote. "Enough is enough."

Democrats also pointed fingers at Sununu for appointing the Republican members of the Executive Council that voted against funding for the organizations.

"Gov. Sununu failed to exhibit any leadership of his party or his Council when he sat back and watched four Republicans dismantle the reproductive health care infrastructure of our state," Deputy Senate Democratic Leader Cindy Rosenwald, D-Nashua, said in a statement.

Kayla Montgomery, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, said councilors who voted against the funding "chose to ignore public health experts and put their own views before the health and safety of their constituents."

"Healthy communities and healthy families start with access to quality, affordable health care, and Planned Parenthood has been a trusted provider in the Granite State for nearly 50 years," she said.

The three organizations that lost funding as a result of Wednesday's vote

provide about 80% of the women's services in the state, according to Planned Parenthood.

Montgomery said the move jeopardizes care for about 12,000 patients and "disproportionately impacts low income and marginalized people—who have been hit the hardest during the pandemic."

## VT plans climate change meetings

MONTPELIER—This fall, state officials, local leaders and members of the Vermont Climate Council invite the public to attend one of several events to learn about the development of the state's Climate Action Plan and help prioritize approaches.

In 2020, the Vermont Legislature passed the Global Warming Solutions Act, which requires Vermonters to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and directs the Vermont Climate Council to develop a Climate Action Plan. The initial plan will be adopted on Dec. 1, 2021.

There are multiple opportunities to join an upcoming event. Zoom meetings will be held as follows: Sept. 30, 6-7:30 p.m.; Oct. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.; and Oct. 6, 6-7:30 p.m. For more information about the Climate Action Plan, visit <https://climatechange.vermont.gov/>. Event details can be found at <https://climatechange.vermont.gov/getinvolved>.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE NEWBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Newbury, Vermont will be held on **Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 5:00 PM** to consider the following:

**Application 2021-40 by Leland Construction** (Applicant) is seeking approval to remove an existing kitchen and replace it with an enlarged structure that is approximately 12' x 40' plus a deck and porch that will be approximately 6' x 29' feet. Applicant is looking for a conditional use permit since the project is located within the Shoreland district. The property owner is Charles Dobson et. al. The Property is located at 81 Camp Farwell Drive in the Shoreland district. Parcel #373 (Map # 11-03-52).

**\*PLEASE NOTE: The Development Review Board will be holding this meeting at the Newbury Greenspace adjacent to the Newbury's First Congregational Church located at 4889 Main Street (US Route 5). Please bring a lawn chair, if needed, and mask may be required. Please call 802-584-4444 with any questions.**

The above applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal.

Administrative Officer  
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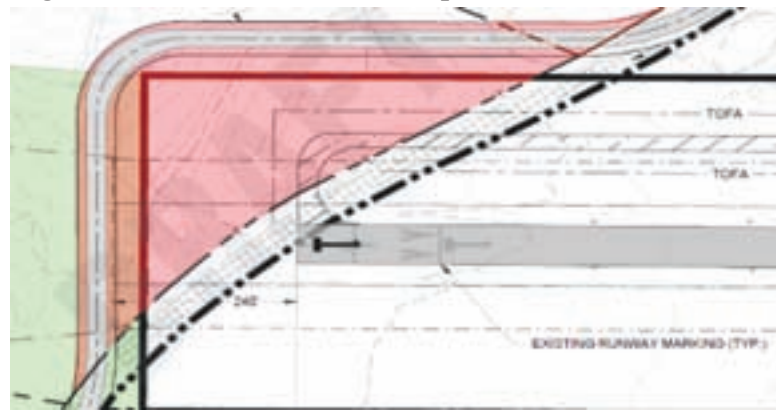
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Blue Mountain Union School  
c/o Scott Blood, Co-Principal  
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An image from a slideshow presentation made in July shows the potential relocation of Airport Road to move it farther away from the paved runway at Dean Memorial Airport in North Haverhill. There will be a public hearing on an airport safety study on Sept. 27 when selectboard members are scheduled to make a decision about the roadway's future.

## •Airport

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obstruction is the town-maintained Airport Road which carries local traffic just past the airport's paved runway—separated only by a couple of feet of grass fringe.

For nearly a decade, town officials debated joining a federal program known as the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, delaying a decision, in part, due to concerns the FAA would force Airport Road's closure.

In 2009, the selectboard voted to join NPIAS. Now, 12 years later, the town faces a tough decision after an airport safety study was conducted earlier this year.

On Sept. 27, there will be a public hearing before the selectboard decides to either relocate a portion of Airport Road, close the road near the runway by building turnarounds, or shortening the length of the runway.

Those are the three options as recommended by an engineering firm that conducted the safety study.

"The FAA won't allow you to do nothing," said DuBois & King engineer Guy Rouelle during a public meeting in July.

Airport Road is not the only issue. Rouelle said there are natural and manmade obstructions on both the northern and southern ends of the runway. The FAA has said they need to be removed or the town, as airport owner, could face consequences. Under at least some of the proposals under consideration, powerlines could be buried and nearby privately owned property would have to be purchased. Additionally, the FAA may negotiate aviation and other easements.

Whatever choice the selectboard makes, however, project funding will come courtesy of the FAA, Rouelle said.

After July's public meeting, Rouelle said they were going to consult with New Hampshire Department of Transportation on the options for the town. Those will be presented on Monday night.

Email: editor@jonews.com.

### FUN FACTS

Andrew Jackson's parrot had to be removed from his funeral because it wouldn't stop swearing. Polly wants her mouth washed out.

## •UVS

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are served by UVS and 199 of them have developmental disabilities. The remaining 90 are seniors or others who qualify for nursing home level care.

"Upper Valley Services employs 80 direct support professionals," Quinn said. "We contract with 181 shared living home providers, and work with 382 respite providers."

Recognizing that the support workers are often underpaid and overworked, "The caregivers are very impressive."

The industry as a whole is growing increasingly aware of how important its work is.

"A plan is underway to develop certification," she said.

For now, to thank all the workers, the barbecue seemed the best way.

"It is outdoors and everyone is well protected," Quinn added.

Several caregivers who spoke with the *JO* were unanimous in their feelings for their work, calling it a "passion" and a way to help improve the lives of community members.

According to shared living provider Flo, "I love what I do. I did it when I lived in Massachusetts. It is what I want to do, especially after having seen some of the horrible places some people are living in."

She said many shared living providers acknowledge that the people they care for cease being clients and become part of the family.

This is especially true for Pat, who has been a shared living provider to a special needs woman for 30 years.

There was a reunion-like atmosphere and dancers were seen moving to the music of "The Gully Boys," a band playing "original rock music from the Green Mountains of Vermont."

"We'll do it again," Quinn said. Email: lbuermeyer@jonews.com.



A set of Pez dispensers recognizes 9/11 emergency responders as part of an exhibit at the Bradford Public Library.

JO PHOTO BY CHERYL THIBEAULT

## •Pez

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Still unpacking and settling in, Vitale loaned some of her prized PEZ dispensers to display at the library, knowing how much children enjoy them. This is not the first time she has exhibited her Pez dispensers at a library.

She says collecting is in her blood. As a child, she collected coins with her father.

"He would get his paycheck on Friday and take it to the bank and have it cashed into rolls of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters," she said in an interview. "We would spend time each weekend going through the coins looking for old ones to add to our collection. Then on Monday, the unwanted ones went back to the bank to pay the bills."

It was not until she was an adult that her attention turned to Pez, which she purchased as Christmas stocking stuffers or Easter basket treats for her two children. After the kids consumed the candy, the dispenser found their way to bottom of their toy boxes. Vitale thought the dispensers were too cute to throw away. So she started keeping them.

"Pez dispensers don't take up much room, are not breakable and are pretty easy to store," she said.

When a friend showed Vitale her small collection of Pez dispensers, she realized she was a collector too. She began to buy a few more for herself and the collection started to grow. Friends and relatives learned of the collections, so she started to receive Pez dispensers as gifts.

When she became a first grade teacher, she started to put her Pez collection to work in the classroom teaching beginning sounds, counting, patterns, sorting and other

skills.

Her students started bringing their old dispensers to her. One little boy even presented her with a box full of Pez dispensers that his mother was throwing out. Soon the PEZ dispensers were displayed on the top ridge of the bulletin board that stretched around the classroom.

Vitale's husband attended a conference in Cleveland and stayed at a hotel that happened to be hosting a national Pez convention. He purchased a psychedelic eye Pez dispenser that today remains one of her favorites.

The following year, she attended the Pez convention, aptly named Pez-a-Mania, meeting and making friends with Pez Heads through the years. Vitale admits to purchasing only about a dozen out of, she says, "at least a couple thousand" Pez dispensers she has acquired over the years.

"Someday I will count them," she said.

As of now her collection is just a little lighter. She donated an eight-piece Star Trek Collector's Series set to a silent auction with proceeds going toward the new Walter Lee Pavilion planned for Elizabeth's Park in Bradford.

## •Task force

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end for a recap of each discussion.

The general consensus of the recreation forum is to work parallel with what is already going on.

In addition, the task force should determine what projects should be taken on; what park areas need improvement; find out what the community wants to see done; focus on youth engagement; and, dive into a project plan.

How best to boost town capacity resulted in discussing whether a Town Manager or Town Administrator would improve efficiency and take some of the workload from town officers, some of whom work full-time at other jobs.

Paul Costello, VCRD Executive Director, said surveys should be conducted around a TM or TA or community developer and other towns where such positions were in place could be consulted to find out what works and what does not.

The community would need to understand what the choices are with deep exploration of what would work best.

The alternative energy and agriculture task force agreed there is lots of opportunity for collaboration. Bradford is already participating in an energy planning efforts spearheaded by Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission.

This task force will focus on food and forest land conservation and working with schools to raise environmentally conscious Vermonters.

There is opportunity to engage youth in the schools and the tech center and help them with a common vision.

Further, there should be town-wide goals of building a market for local growers and keeping land in productivity.

The Moving Forward Together: Bradford Community Visit is funded with support from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and Northern Borders Regional Commission.

The visiting resource team participating included Paul Chambers, recreation director of Brighton, Vermont; Erika Hoffman-Kiess, the executive director of GMED; Casey Romero, recreation director of the Johnson Skate Park and Bike Track; Geoff Martin, energy coordinator at Two Rivers Ottauquechee; and, Sarah Brock, energy program manager at Vital Communities.

Costello summed up the purpose of the task force gathering: "It's all about local leadership . . . working together to strengthen ties to make a bridge to a specific place in the future."

The next meetings will be in-person at the Bradford Academy on Oct. 18, times to be announced.

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#### TOWN OF THETFORD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AGENDA

The Thetford Development Review Board will hold a **Public Site Visit at 6:00 PM** at 1635 Tucker Hill Road, Thetford Center, VT **directly followed by a Public Hearing** beginning at 7:00 PM and ending no later than 10:00 PM on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The Public Hearing will be held at the Thetford Town Office, 3910 Route 113, Thetford Center, VT** and also available remotely via Zoom (See info below).

**6:00 PM:** Public Site Visit at the property of Shepard Butler, 1635 Tucker Hill Road, Thetford Center, VT.

**7:00 PM:** Public Comment, review of prior minutes and administrative matters.

1) Request by Frederick and Bethany Budzyn for an informal meeting to discuss the use of an existing building on the following property:  
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**Pursuant to 24 VSA sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.**

**Please note:** Hearings will be called in the order as they appear above. If more than one hearing is scheduled and the applicant does not appear, the next applicant should be prepared to begin their hearing.

**Bryan Gazda**  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

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For those unable to attend the hearing, comments may be mailed to: Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment at P.O. Box 339, Bradford, VT 05033 or emailed to [administrator@bradford-vt.us](mailto:administrator@bradford-vt.us).

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(b) Being the same premises conveyed to William Borghardt by Edith E. Borghardt, by Warranty Deed dated May 19, 1988 and recorded in Book 82 at Page 184 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 3.1 acres, more or less, at 0 Dickey Road depicted as Lot 14 in Block 00 of Tax Map 15.

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(e) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Scott Hollis by Jeffrey Wade Parker and Sandra Jean Parker by Warranty Deed dated June 29, 2017 and recorded in Book 169 at Page 214 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 0.43 of an acre, more or less, at 1472 Tenney Pond Road depicted as Lot 40 in Block 02 of Tax Map 03.

(f) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Richard S. Lobdell, Corey R. Lobdell, and Kristin L. Lobdell by Richard S. Lobdell by Quitclaim Deed dated September 11, 2000 and recorded in Book 119 at Page 233 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 0.90 of an acre, more or less, at 1411 Halls Lake Road depicted as Lot 01 in Block 02 of Tax Map 16.

(g) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Helen Lord and Ingabritt Lillbask, Trustees of the Edwin P. Lord Irrevocable Trust u/a/d dated October 21, 1991 by Edwin Lord by Quitclaim Deed dated October 21, 1991 and recorded in Book 90 at Page 251 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 2.0 acres, more or less, at 0 Scotch Hollow Road depicted as Lot 45 in Block 01 of Tax Map 12.

(h) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Andrew J. Peavey by Northcountry Federal Credit Union by Limited Corporate Warranty Deed dated October 30, 2015 and recorded in Book 165 at Page 201 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 10.20 acres, more or less, at 992 Cole Road depicted as Lot 56 in Block 02 of Tax Map 16.

(i) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Fred Peterson by Roger B. Lareau, Trustee of the Lareau Family Trust by Warranty Deed dated September 13, 2012 and recorded in Book 157 at Page 812 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 79.0 acres, more or less, at 0 Hood Trail depicted as Lot 69.1 in Block 00 of Tax Map 06.

(j) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Howard C. Stevens, Sr. by Milton Emerson by Warranty Deed dated May 28, 2003 and recorded in Book 129 at Page 401 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 11.70 acres, more or less, at 4152 Leighton Hill Road depicted as Lot 19 in Block 01 of Tax Map 08.

And so much of said lands and premises, improvements thereto and interests therein, will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Clerk in Newbury, Vermont, a public place in such town, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

Dated at Newbury, in the County of Orange and State of Vermont this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021.

Mary Collins  
Delinquent Tax Collector



River Bend Career and Technical Center students from the criminal justice and teacher education programs spent some time harvesting pumpkins for Newmont Farm. The funds they raised by helping pick pumpkins go directly to the end-of-the-year scholarships given to River Bend graduates. Students pictured here are (from l to r) criminal justice students Jeter Bailey and Austin Roy, both from Woodsville High School, and Jada Longmoore, a teacher education student from Blue Mountain Union.

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# The Outside Story

## —The purple finch—

by Lee Emmons

In September, as summer yields to fall, most of the colorful birds that breed in our region during spring and summer head south for warmer locales. The departure of ruby-throated hummingbirds, Baltimore orioles, migratory woodpeckers, and numerous warblers doesn't leave us entirely without striking birds, however. Perhaps the most vivid remaining species is the purple finch, which occurs in northeastern forests year-round and is a winter visitor to bird feeders.

The male purple finch (*Haemorhous purpureus*) is pink-red with a touch of brown. As biologist Chris Earley noted in his book, "Feed the Birds," the male purple finch has "been described as being dipped in raspberry juice." The female is brown with white streaks and a white throat. Purple finches measure roughly 5 to 6 inches in length and sport conical, seed-crushing beaks. While males may be confused with house finches, the latter are not native to the East Coast and lack the pizzazz of the purple finch.

The purple finch is a year-round resident of New England, New York, and most of Pennsylvania, as well as the Great Lakes region and the Pacific Northwest. Purple finches in our region breed mainly in coniferous and mixed forests. However, during winter they may also appear in swamps and suburban areas. Bird feeders, especially those stocked with black oil sunflower seeds, may attract these birds to backyards.

Purple finches spotted in the Northeast during winter may include year-round residents that don't migrate, birds that breed in more northern areas and are passing through to wintering grounds in the southern and central United States, and short-distance migrants following food sources.

Natural foods include the seeds of elms, maples, sweet gum, sycamore, and aspen. These birds will also consume flowers, buds, and small fruits, as well as beetles, caterpillars, and aphids. When conifer seeds are lacking in northern areas, purple finches will travel short distances to forage. These intrusions send purple finches on a roving aerial quest for food.

Nesting takes place in late spring and early summer. The eggs are protected by a cup-shaped nest, which the female builds in a conifer. Located as low as a few feet and as high as 60 feet off the ground, these nests are made of grass, rootlets, and twigs, and are often concealed by bunches of needles. Purple finches may also nest on Christmas tree farms or near more developed areas. The female incubates eggs for about two weeks, and both parents feed the chicks.

According to American Bird Conservancy, purple finch populations are threatened by habitat loss and competition from house finches, a species native to the western U.S. Other threats to purple finches include window collisions, predation by cats, and climate change. Loss of suitable habitat as a result of a

changing climate is of particular concern.

The purple finch has a special relationship with the Granite State. In 1957, Governor Lane Dwinell signed legislation designating the species the official state bird of New Hampshire. Robert S. Monahan, a legislator from Hanover and a Dartmouth College forester, sponsored and championed the bill. A similar effort to make the state bird the New Hampshire hen failed to garner sufficient support. The purple finch



designation was supported by the state Audubon Society and civic groups. It was, and is, a fitting symbol. Purple finches are found throughout the state and in every season.

As I scan my yard and garden in Maine each day, I look for various bird species, including the purple finch, which appears now and then, without any

predictable pattern. When the snow flies, I hope these finches will return to regularly feed on the sunflower seeds, safflower, and peanuts available not far from my window. Like the state it symbolizes, I can appreciate a bird with an independent streak.

Lee Emmons is a nature writer. He lives in Newcastle, Maine. The illustration for this column is by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol. The Outside Story is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

## D-H announces wage hike

LEBANON—Effective Oct. 3, New Hampshire's largest private employer will raise its minimum pay for all D-HH positions from \$14 per hour to \$17 per hour.

A major national trend of acute shortages of staff, in nursing, other clinical specialties, and vital support staff such as food service and environmental workers, has been magnified by the pandemic—a trend that is impacting Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health as well.

It raised its minimum rate to \$14 in December 2020. The organization has 13,000 employees.



This drone photo created by Kata Sasavari graces the front cover of Bradford Conservation Commission's 2022 Calendar—The Beauty that is Bradford's. The Calendar is available for purchase now at select locations around Bradford.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## BRADFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

BRADFORD—The following is an activity log for the Bradford Police Department for the period from Aug. 22 to Aug. 28: three alarms; welfare check; three directed patrols; agency assist; 911 hangup; suspicious; fraud

The following is an activity log for the Bradford Police Department for the period from Aug. 29 to Sept. 4: 911 hang up; welfare check; two citizen assists; vandalism; alarm; two accident reports

The following is an activity log for the Bradford Police Department for the period from Sept. 5 to Sept. 11: five agency assists; motor vehicle complaint; theft; property watch; welfare check

The following is an activity log for the Bradford Police Department for the period from Sept. 12 to Sept. 18: death investigation; suspicious; citizen assist; vandalism; mental health issue

# Conservation calendar available now

BRADFORD—Bradford Conservation Commission's (BCC) 2022 Calendar, *The Beauty that is Bradford's*, is now available for purchase at select locations around Bradford. Kata Sasavari submitted a seldom-seen aerial view of Bradford's South End neighborhood, including the Waits River Dam and Falls which graces the front cover.

The volunteer selection committee also chose photos submitted by Steve Williams, Bonnie Albee, Bonnie Prouty, Monique Priestley, Michael Tessier, Arlene Guest, Kathy Davidow, Geoffrey Gardner and Lauren Harlow. A wide array of Bradford scenes, wildlife and perspectives are featured throughout the calendar's pages. As has been the past tradition, the centerfold of the calendar is a current map of the trails in the Wrights MT/Devil's Den Town Forest.

Sites where the calendar is available include the Bradford Town Clerk's Office, Bradford branch of the Wells River Savings Bank, Bliss Village Store, Colatina Exit, Star Cat Books, JML Landscaping and Pierson Farm. All proceeds from the sale of the calendar benefit the Bradford Conservation Fund.



286 Waits River Road, Bradford, VT  
802-222-9316 or 800-222-9316  
Mon.-Sat. 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
Fridays until 8:00 PM  
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays

New Styles are Here!

TRY-ON EVENT  
Saturday, September 25  
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
Enter to Win FREE PAIR.  
Special Orders & In-Store Specials.  
GIFT WITH PURCHASE.  
DANSKO REP WILL BE ON SITE 10 AM - 3 PM!

# Bradford Business Association's 2021 BRADFORD AUTUMN FEST

## Friday & Saturday, October 1 & 2

**Friday, Oct. 1**  
• 3:30 to 5:30 PM  
Traveling Musicians All Over Town  
Sponsored by BBA, Summer Street Music Series, Crossmolina Farm & JM Landscaping

**Saturday, Oct. 2**  
• 1 to 3 PM Open House at Bradford Fire Station on Carson Lane, Lower Plain  
• 1:30 PM "James Wilson and the First American Globe" on the OESU Lawn, Main Street  
• 7 PM Old Church Theater Presto! Actors' Workshop Performance at Bradford Academy, Main Street (By Donation)

ONGOING EVENTS BOTH DAYS  
• Wooden Nickel Scavenger Hunt  
• Bradford Historical Society Displays Around Town  
• Benefit Sales & Pop-up Booths from Vermont North By Hand, The Hub and More!

**Sampling of Prizes...**  
• Bound Area Rug from Valley Floors  
• 3 Free Music Lessons from D&J Music  
• Free Day Pass to Space on Main  
• Kallberg Maple Syrup  
Many More Gift Certificates & Prizes From Bradford Businesses

**MAKE BRADFORD YOUR DESTINATION**

**INTRODUCING BRADFORD PASSPORT TRAVELS**  
BRADFORD PASSPORT 2021  
BRADFORD'S AUTUMN FEST Friday & Saturday, Oct. 1 & 2  
DESTINATION: BRADFORD, VT  
ETA: 8 AM to 5 PM

BBA is promoting "Bradford Travels" covering Main Street, Lower Plain, Waits River Road, and 4 Corners!  
Get Your Passport (1 per family) & Visit Each Passport Business to Get It Stamped on Festival Days (Oct. 1 & 2).  
Dropoffs for Completed Passports (10 Stamps min.) around Town. Passport is Your Entry into the BBA Prize Drawings!

**PASSPORT IS YOUR TICKET TO GREAT PRIZES!**

**PICK UP YOUR PASSPORT AT BRADFORD BUSINESSES FRIDAY, OCT. 1!**

**LIVE MUSIC!**

**DRAWINGS AT BUSINESSES!**

**INFO BOOTHS!**

**WOODEN NICKEL SCAVENGER HUNT!!**  
FIND THEM AND GET ADDITIONAL ENTRIES IN THE BBA PASSPORT DRAWINGS FOR PRIZES!

**WHO HAS THE HIDDEN NICKELS?**

**Visit Bradford! Check Out Our Great Town!**

**BRADFORD: HOME OF AMERICA'S FIRST GLOBE BY JAMES WILSON**

# 24th ANNUAL Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride ON THE CROSS VERMONT TRAIL

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Join in the fun of a fall foliage bike ride on the Cross Vermont Trail in Groton State Forest.

The fun starts at the parking lot next to Upper Valley Grill on Rte. 302 in Groton, VT. 9:30 AM for sign in, route directions and bike safety check. At 10:00 AM "We Ride" heading out through Groton State Park on the Cross Vermont Trail.

Starting at Upper Valley Grill riding west on the Cross Vermont Trail to the 4 corners at Lanesboro and back. This ride is about 18 miles long. You will ride under a canopy of brilliant fall foliage colors on your way past Ricker Pond, Lake Groton and on to the 4 Corners at Lanesboro, then back to Upper Valley Grill.

For a shorter Family-friendly ride (Good for Family with younger children or less experienced riders) we suggest Boulder Beach Road as a turn around point. Making this ride about 10 miles.

We suggest an After Ride Lunch at Upper Valley Grill. Nice outdoor picnic table. Help support our local business along the trail.

Sponsored by: Newbury Conservation Commission - NCC and The Cross Vermont Trail Association - CVTA  
FOR MORE INFO ON THE RIDE CONTACT:  
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