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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM WAITSFIELD AND CHAMPLAIN VALLEY TELECOM

Protect Your Devices from Lightning

It's important to protect your modem/router, computer, and other network equipment from the power fluctuations that can occur from lightning. We highly recommend the following:

- At a minimum, your modem/router should be connected to a computer-grade surge protector. Stay away from less expensive surge protectors that are not specifically designed for use with sensitive electronics and computer equipment.
- You'll get even better protection from an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), which is essentially a battery placed between the wall outlet and your computer. It provides constant power to your computer and even allows it to run briefly after a power outage, giving you time to save your work and properly shut down your computer.
- Unplug your electronic devices from both the electrical outlet and telephone jack during severe storms.

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Monday, September 7, 2020 – Labor Day



WCVT Gives Scholarships to 2020 High School Grads

The Class of 2020 has faced unique challenges — from online classes to drive-by or virtual commencement ceremonies — and have proven to be up to the task. Through their resiliency and flexibility, these graduates not only made it to this milestone, they did it with grace and dignity.

Every year, WCVT awards six scholarships—one to a student at each of the public high schools in our service area. These scholarships are presented in memory of the late Eunice B. Farr, former owner and operator of the Waitsfield- Fayston Telephone Company. Each student selected for a scholarship has shown a steady improvement in his or her academics and plans to continue studying at a college or trade school.

We congratulate this year's scholarship recipients:

- Brianna Bachinski, Champlain Valley Union High School
- Laili Iskandarova, Harwood Union High School
- Sydney Perlee, Mount Abraham Union High School
- George Zelman, Mount Mansfield Union High School
- Jeffrey Lokatys, Middlebury Union High School
- Nathan DeVos, Vergennes High School



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Customer Spotlights



Open Hearth Pizza – Waitsfield

Open Hearth Pizza is a mobile wood-fired pizza oven that roams the bucolic hills and valleys of Vermont. With over 30 years of experience, including 10 years in the mobile pizza truck business, Open Hearth Pizza delights and entertains every crowd. From rehearsal dinners and weddings to parties for graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, and corporate events, you can count on this business to make any gathering special. Every pizza is handmade using fresh local ingredients, and the goal of Open Hearth Pizza is to keep it simple — serving good food while creating a lighthearted and fun atmosphere. Take out is now available! For more information and the menu, visit www.openhearthpizza.com.



The Hindquarter – Huntington

The Hindquarter started as a food truck in Burlington and has since evolved into a busy catering company serving Vermont and surrounding states. It specializes in simple food grown by local farms and cooked over wood fires. No matter the occasion, they aim to provide a uniquely Vermont experience. New this summer, you can find The Hindquarter Deli in Beaudry's Store, located in the village of Huntington, Vermont. The Hindquarter Deli is a sandwich, butcher, and scoop shop that also offers weekly pop-up pizza and BBQ nights. It's open Wednesday - Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. You can call The Hindguarter Deli at 434-4056 or visit www.thehindquarterdeli.com.





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