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Lisai's transitions to Smitty's Chester Market

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – Lonnie Lisai and his wife Obe retired as of May 22, 2020, after almost 30 years of running the store. The community of Chester welcomes Smitty's Chester Market in the location of longtime Lisai's Chester Market.

The Lisai's family store was founded in 1926 in Bellows Falls by Lonnie's grandfather Anthony, his brother Mike, and wife Lena. They sold the Bellows Falls store to Lonnie's dad Lolik in 1956. Later, Lonnie's brothers Gary and Brent took over, with the help of their dad supporting them.

As the Bellows Falls store grew, Lonnie, Brent, and Gary opened the Chester Lisai's Market in 1993. "Chester was the perfect spot with a hardworking community," Lonnie said. The town "fit our needs perfectly, and everyone was so receptive. It was a natural fit for our family and the community."

Later, Lonnie and Brent bought out Gary, and ten years ago Lonnie bought out Brent.

Lisai's Markets have always held a tradition of family and community support. "We supported each other as a family, in more ways than just financially. We had each other's back and shared the burden of all the hard work. Having that support was huge," Lonnie continued, "From day one, my wife took care of all the books and paperwork, so my brothers and dad and I didn't have to worry about that stuff. And that's also huge."

The staff has also been a big part of the Lisai family, and so have the customers and community members that shop there. "Over 30 years, I've always had great staff." Lonnie also noted that he had hired his nieces and nephews as high school students, which helped the process of hiring over 150 other students over the years. "I always took pride in all the students we hired; they learned a lot about working and work ethic."

Lonnie and Obe are thankful



Lisai's transitions to Smitty's Chester Market.

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to everyone involved. "It was a joint effort with community and staff, and we just happened to be the ones who ran the store. The community made it so easy for us."

Obe expressed that they found the best person to pass the store onto. "It was obvious that Garrison has the community in mind."

New owner Garrison

Smith, rebranding the store as Smitty's, plans to run the store with the same ideals and tradition. Though the signage

will have a new look and feel, the integrity of the store will be the same, with plans to continue to evolve the store over the next five years, as Lonnie has during his ownership, and just make it a little bit brighter.

Updates include rearranging and reorganizing the store to make room for more produce, adding more cold prepared meal options, offering fresh baked bread, and bring in more local products. New marinades will be introduced to the meat counter, but all of the recipes that came with the store will still be available.

Later, Garrison plans to eliminate the office area and open that up to a larger lunch area and tentatively offer breakfast

options in the future.

There will still be the same deli with Bonny's prepared home-cooked meals, which will soon offer family-size portions, and sandwiches are still made to order. Customers will also be greeted by the same smiling faces. There are plans to add more staff, including two meat cutters and a part-time person. "But personality matters," Garrison said. "This is a family; the staff here works incredibly hard... We've got a phenomenal team."

Garrison has lived in Chester with his family for seven years after visiting the area for over 20. "We love Chester." Garrison is excited to be a part of the wonderful community and can't wait to see you in the store. You can still call Smitty's Chester Market at 802-875-4715; open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

July 4 fireworks approved, Fall Festival canceled

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard agreed to proceed with plans for the July 3 fireworks, hosted by Chester American Legion, during the same meeting they were informed that the Chester Fall Festival Committee had decided to cancel the 2020 festival, a long-running town favorite.

Board member Jeff Holden posed the topic of the July 4th holiday fireworks to the board, since the Legion needed approval by Friday if they were going to move forward. Holden said that residents knew what the COVID-19 standards are and that citizens can park all over, throughout the Legion lawn area and in other areas in town and see the fireworks.

Board Chair Arne Jonynas said that he thought they should go with it saying, "By then, we might need a little community activity." He also said that fireworks can be seen all over town and that the event was "doable because of the space we have." Board member Lee Gustafson agreed, saying to "do what we need to do to make it happen."

Board member Heather Chase expressed her concern for following social distancing guidelines according to the governor's directive; however, Holden said that they weren't going to enforce it but felt everyone would be responsible enough to do what they think is safe.

The board entered into an executive session to discuss a re-

cently filed lawsuit against the town of Chester by Jersey Girls owner Lisa Kaiman for losses to her business as a result of poor maintenance of the Thompson and Palmer bridges that lead to her property and resulted in restricted access for commercial vehicles to her farm. The board took no public action at the meeting.

After the executive session, however, Leigh Dakin informed the board that the Chester Fall Festival had been canceled for 2020. According to the Chester Fall Festival committee's Facebook page, "Unfortunately, given COVID-19, we did not feel that we could both keep everyone safe and put on the festival in the capacity that everyone looks forward to and expects."

The town pool is slated to reopen June 19, in keeping with the governor's guidelines. They will formulate a plan to comply with a maximum of 25 people. The recreation department is already doing small sports clinics. A formal plan for the pool will be presented to the board at the June 17 meeting.

Hance and the town have been dealing with complaints regarding parking and noise at the Pinnacle Recreation area. Working with two homeowners that live next to the park, Hance has come up with a plan for providing designated parking, installing a sign that outlines rules for noise levels and hours, and putting in a gate. Next year, they also agreed to plant a row of hemlock trees to screen noise and view. Hance said both property owners were

happy with the plans. The town will also continue to work with Police Chief Rick Cloud on ways to keep the area under control.

The Academy Building plaster ceiling has been inspected and determined that plaster is in great condition other than the one spot that failed from a roof leak that has since been fixed. Town Manager Julie Hance will reach out to additional firms to try and get the repair done for less than the \$47,000 estimate that had been received last year. If the bids remain that high, Hance said they could appeal for an easement by the Council of Preservation Trust to ask to fix the ceiling in another way.

Hance has approved moving forward with fixing the Yosemite Firehouse roof for \$7,000 but will not move forward with other repairs this year due to budget concerns. Hance said that in both cases, the Academy Building and the Yosemite Firehouse, that they were being mindful of budget but wanting to keep things progressing.

Clean up has started at the Jeffrey Barn and will progress over the summer as the town crews have time.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting is slated to be in person, June 17, at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Town Hall Building. The board will take all necessary social distancing and safety precautions.

GMUSD reworks CTES principal structure in executive session

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Unified School District Board continued their pattern of lack of transparency during a special board meeting Monday, June 8 when they decided on the structure of the Cavendish Town Elementary School principal position during an hour and 40 minute executive session with an agenda item that simply stated "contracts" as the cause.

The only early clue given to the approximately 60 public attendees viewing the meeting via Zoom was a comment made by Board Member Doug McBride saying he would have stated that the executive session concerned the hiring of principals. He admitted it was "difficult for a citizen to know what this meeting is about."

After emerging from executive session at 7:46 p.m., the board proposed the approval of a shared leadership structure presented by the administration, which names current Chester Andover Elementary School Principal Katharine Fogg and current CAES Assistant Principal Kevin Fay as principal and assistant principal of both elementary schools.

Incoming Superintendent Lauren Fierman detailed that Fogg would be based out of CTES, and Fay would be based out of CAES, but both would be available to both schools as needed, with both sharing leadership of the two schools. She indicated this

was a pilot program for one year to be closely reviewed and would include an outgoing survey to parents and community members to obtain input.

According to Fierman, Beaupre's resignation "gives us an opportunity to put into place the type of leadership that we think is going to be the best structure going forward. We see this as a way of aligning our instructional strategies, our critical indicators; a way of approaching best instruction that will also allow the individual, unique characteristics of each school to stay in place but joining together to create that kind of coherence."

Board chair Joe Fromberger said the board agreed with administrators that this structure was in the best interests of the whole district to have a shared responsibility for managing and supervising both elementary schools and that structure will allow for better coherence and alignment.

When asked by CTES sixth grade teacher Robin Bebo-Long if any CTES teachers were involved in this decision, Fierman confirmed that it was made at the administrator level only.

Board member Mike Studin wanted to reassure Cavendish community members that this was not an attempt to close down CTES or consolidate the two elementary schools.

The board approved the proposal with Jeff Hance as the lone "no" vote.

This proposal was similar to one suggested two years before that named Katharine Fogg as principal over both CAES and CTES elementary schools with an on-site Dean of Students operating at both schools under

Fogg's leadership. At that time, push back from CTES parents resulted in selecting an interim principal at CTES instead, resulting in the hiring of Deb Beaupre, who became an official principal the following year. She announced her resignation earlier this month after serving two years in total.

A reporter from a local news outlet questioned the designation of "contracts" as the reason for the executive session and suggested that Fromberger had disenfranchised Cavendish residents from having a voice in these proceedings, giving the board the opportunity to make this decision without hearing from Cavendish residents. The news outlet has called out the GMUSD board before for violations to Vermont's Open Meeting Law.

A flustered Fromberger attempted to justify the board's actions, saying the issue was "well-known" in the community and that the board needed to discuss the proposal themselves "and it wasn't going to be happening in public session."

Fromberger later said that the people would have a chance to tell them what they think about their decisions later. Fromberger also said that he was the one who decided what statute was applied to an executive session agenda.

The reporter ended his point by saying the board's actions "were outside the spirit of the open meetings law" and he hoped that the next administration was going to be more transparent and provide more detail in the agendas.

The next regular GMUSD board meeting will be held June 18 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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South Londonderry Free Library reopens its doors

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The South Londonderry Free Library opened its doors Wednesday, June 10. New days of operation will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We will continue to provide outside service if that is preferable for those who would rather not come inside. We ask that you have a face covering and stay at a distance of six feet apart from anyone else that is in the library. We offer free internet access 24/7 from outside the library building and free downloadable audio and eBooks. There are lots of new books in all categories just waiting for you to check them out. We are looking forward to seeing you, and thank you for your continuing support during these unprecedented times.

My Community Nurse Project receives grant

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The newly launched local nonprofit agency known as My Community Nurse Project has been awarded a grant of \$5,000 from the Upper Valley Community Nurse Project Inc. The Upper Valley organization, based in Lebanon, N.H., provides advice, counsel, and support to nine independent community nurse projects, all of which have been operating in Upper Valley towns such as Hartland, Norwich, Thetford, and Hanover. MCNP is the newest of the nine community nurse projects and the first to be developed in the southern mountain town area, serving the towns of Londonderry, S. Londonderry, Peru, Landgrove, Weston, and Andover.

Regina Downer, R.N., M.S., is an advanced practice nurse and the sole employee of My Community Nurse Project. As a community nurse, she creates an individualized care plan to address client or caregiver needs, which includes family

support, education, and health counseling to maximize wellness and safety. Downer assists with care coordination, medication reconciliation, fall-risk assessment, and provides patient advocacy. At times, this might entail attending a medical visit with the patient.

Most recently, with the onset of COVID-19 restrictions, Downer has facilitated many telemedical visits, which are often quite challenging for a patient to manage on his or her own due to complications of phone or internet services. The overall goal of community nurse involvement with a patient is to offer healthful counsel, support, and at times intervention so that the patient may remain within his or her own home within his or her own community.

Referrals are received from area physicians and clinics, hospitals, family members, neighbors, and the patients themselves. This is true community nursing at its best. It

is not the practice of medicine and does not involve prescribing medicines or medical interventions. It means that the nurse works on behalf of the patient to enhance the regimen established by the patient's primary care physician, in order to maximize health, wellness, and safe independent living.

Downer has been supported in her efforts by a corps volunteers and a small, but active and dedicated steering committee. With their ongoing assistance, the team has delivered – and continues to deliver – more than 250 hot suppers, 75 loaves of freshly baked bread, gifts of drawings and well-wishes created by local children, prescriptions, and groceries to residents of the six mountain towns.

The agency is nonprofit, and there is never a charge for services. MCNP is supported by the generous donations of community members, which means that 98% of donated



Regina Downer.

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funds go towards direct services. The office is located in the Londonderry Plaza. Due to COVID restrictions, the office has remained closed; however, Downer is actively providing home visits – with appropriate precautions including masks. She may be reached at 802-772-5607 or at 802-824-9596 or at MCNP, P.O. Box 57, Weston, VT 05161.

She offers a "heartfelt thank you!" for the communities' support of the ongoing mission of My Community Nurse Project.

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REGION – The South Central Vermont Board of Realtors is very proud to announce the 2020 recipients of two prestigious awards: "Good Neighbor" and "Realtor of the Year."

The Good Neighbor award recognizes a realtor who makes extraordinary commitments to improving the quality of

life in the local communities we serve. This year's Good Neighbor award winner is always doing things for others. On a weekly basis, she is making food for those in need and constantly offering rides for people in the community who cannot get around on their own. During this pandemic, she has sewn masks and delivered them to medical centers, including Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and Northshire Medical Center, and other places in need. Congratulations, Sandy Laserte! We thank you for all your community service and honor you as a Good Neighbor.

Realtor of the Year is awarded to a realtor who has contributed to their profession, their community, their customers and clients, and who has been active in the local and state realtor organizations. This person is someone who does so much for others yet is never in pursuit of recognition. She has served on more boards than we can count. She deeply cares for her clients and customers and treats people so genuinely. Once asked what her dream job would be if she wasn't a realtor, and she said it would be to fundraise for nonprofits. Her mantra is "the world is abundant," and she truly lives by that. Rarely seen without a smile on her face and always seeing the world through a lens of optimism, Robin Apps is 2020's SCVBR Realtor of the Year!

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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The Beast

When I was little, maybe 4 or 5 years old, I imagined monsters living under my bed. But the real monster lived in our dimly lit, dirt floor cellar. The foundation walls of the cellar were laid-up stone. In the middle of the cellar stood "the Beast." The Beast was an old fire-breathing coal furnace.

It might have been three feet or more in diameter and five feet or so tall. On top of the Beast was a plenum. The plenum collected the heat and sent it through ducts to registers in rooms on the first floor. There were six of these round metal ducts extending out from the plenum. To a little boy, it was a giant octopus.

Abby Butterfield of Montany & Montany delivered our coal. The dump truck was loaded with a ton or more of coal. The driver had a metal chute maybe 14 feet long by two feet wide. The driver would open our cellar window and put one end of the chute through the cellar window.

The other end of the chute was hooked to the truck. When the dump body was raised, the coal would slide down the chute into the coal bin in our cellar. Our coal bin was in a corner of the cellar. There were two wooden partitions that created a small room maybe 10 feet by 14 feet. When the coal slid down the chute, it would fill the bin. How noisy the coal was as it rattled down the chute!

One of my chores was feeding the Beast before I went to school each morning. We used a coal shovel to shovel coal from the coal bin to the furnace. I would open the furnace door and shovel in the coal. If the fire was burning hot with lots of coals, I would shovel in two or three heaping shovelfuls. That would last quite a while. My mother kept the Beast fed during the day.

Coal gas
If the furnace didn't have a lot of coals, you only add



Coal furnace showing octopus arms.

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one shovelful. If you put too much coal over low coals, coal gas could develop. Coal gas is created when coal smolders. The gas can collect in the top of the firebox. As the coal burns, it can ignite these gases or release toxic gases into the home.

At Chester Junior High School, now the Academy Building, we had a coal furnace. I remember once when the school was evacuated to allow the toxic gas time to escape.

This was helped by shaking the coals. On the front of the furnace were the ends of the coal grates. There was a cast iron crank handle that slid over the end of the grates. You would turn the crank back and forth. This sifted off built-up ash improving combustion. The ash we spread over our icy driveway.

Converting to wood

In 1963, my father converted the Beast to burn wood. Now I'm older so my workload increased. We burned about 10 cords of wood a year.

My father cut the wood. My job was splitting and lugging the wood to the woodshed and stacking it. We cut the wood in Shrewsbury and trucked it to Chester one load at a time in the back of our 1962 Scout. I handled that wood many times before we ever got to burn it.

The wash

My mother had an old fashion wringer washing machine. We had a clothesline that went from the backdoor to the TV

antenna. In the winter, the clothes would freeze on the line.

I remember one winter morning in 1964. I had a pair of white denim type pants on the line. I brought them in about a half-hour before leaving for school. They were frozen stiff.

On the first floor directly over the Beast was a large cast iron floor register. I put the clothes rack over the register and hung my frozen pants to dry. Soon they were thawed out but still damp.

I put the pants on and sat on the register to dry them. The heat felt good. As usual I walked to school that morning. Unknown to me, the damp pants sitting on the register left square rust stains on the seat of my white pants. It wasn't long before someone was picking on me. I had waffle butt.

This week's old saying is something Henry came up with last week: "Better six feet apart than six feet under."

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CHS program: Revolutionary Cemetery

CAVENDISH, Vt. – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cavendish Historical Society is limiting museum visits by appointment only, which can be arranged by calling 802-226-7807 or emailing margocaulfield@icloud.com.

In addition, CHS is sponsoring a series of Second Sunday programs throughout the season. Note, those attending the programs, or visiting the museum, will be required to wear

a mask and practice physical distancing.

In honor of Flag Day, June 14, CHS will conduct a tour of the Old Revolutionary Cemetery in Cavendish. We will meet at 2 p.m. in front of the museum, 1958 Main Street in Cavendish, and then carpool out to the cemetery. A short hike is required to reach the cemetery.

The cemetery is the final resting place of many patriots,

as well as one loyalist, the latter of whom had served in the French & Indian War. Cavendish patriots ranged in age from 15 upwards and included women, as well as a former slave. Due to the proximity to the Crown Point Road, there are a number of soldiers who died along the way and were buried here as well as in the Coffeen Cemetery.

If time permits, a visit will be made to the Coffeen Cemetery.

BRAM expands community history project; July 1 opening

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Museum in Ludlow is adapting to meet local challenges. BRAM announced an expanded effort to preserve the experience of community members during the time of COVID-19 even as the building remains closed to the public until July 1.

The organization, in partnership with Okemo Valley TV, recognizes the important moment in history that the nation and Ludlow area community continue to face today. BRAM has produced a short booklet of prompts and activities to encourage community members to reflect on their experience during the spring of 2020. Once completed, these records can be added to the museum's extensive local history collection. The activity booklet can be downloaded at www.bramvt.org or on BRAM's Facebook page. Visit www.tinyurl.com/Ludlow-Memory to learn more about submitting digital photos, video clips, or audio recordings related to the project.

The Black River Academy Museum will open to the public July 1, 2020 after delaying the summer season's opening because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The museum is in the process of making changes to the physical spaces to ensure the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and patrons. The museum is located at 14 High St. in Ludlow and will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m.

All in-person special events have been canceled through

August. BRAM joins other historic sites and museums partially reopening July 1, including the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier.

The Black River Academy Museum preserves the history of the Ludlow area through education programs, exhibitions, and the stewardship of hundreds of artifacts. For more information, contact Executive Director Georgia Brehem at 802-228-5050.

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OPINION

Doris MacDonald, 1926-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – Doris “Dodo” Ellis MacDonald, 94, passed away May 30, 2020 at the home where she was born. She was born in Ludlow, Jan. 9, 1926, to Albert and Mildred (Stone) Ellis. She graduated from Black River High School in 1944.

Doris married Leonard MacDonald in 1949; he passed away in 1997.

She moved to North Hampton, Mass., where she worked for over five years. She also worked at Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield and Mack Molding in Cavendish.

Surviving are a niece Cindy Devereux Berge of Fort Myers, Fla.; three nephews from Belmont, Douglas, Dennis, and Dana Devereux. Dana took good care of her to achieve 94 years of life.

She was predeceased by her only sibling, Hazel Devereux, who died in 2005.

A private burial service will be held in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Memorial contributions may be made to Ludlow American Legion Post 36 or Ludlow Ambulance Service. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.

Norman E. Rolfe, 1937-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Norman E. Rolfe, 83, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Springfield Health and Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. He was born May 29, 1937 in Charlestown, N.H., the son of Everett and Mabel (Gragen) Rolfe. He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School Class of 1955.



Norman E. Rolfe, 1937-2020.
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He served in the United States Navy for four years and continued to serve in the National Guard for many years. On Aug. 9, 1958, he married Marlene Hildreth at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt.

Norman was employed as an inspector and service manager with the Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield for 28 years. He later worked with Central Vermont Public Service for 10 years and IVEK in North Springfield for five years. He also worked at Idlenot, Ames Department Store, and Bibens Home Center all in Springfield.

He enjoyed camping, logging, working in the woods, woodworking, and making clocks. He enjoyed model trains and model airplanes. He was a member and past president of the Pecan Model Airplane Club and a member of the Rolling Wheels Camping Club. Norm enjoyed working and keeping busy. He did odd jobs and helped his family with many projects over the years.

He is survived by his wife

Marlene of Springfield; daughters Cheryl Rolfe of Springfield and Kelly Dexter of Weathersfield; son Timothy Rolfe of Springfield; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three sisters Janet Fiske, Sandy George, and Marlene Millay; two brothers Butch Perry and Andy Blais; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by one son Randy Rolfe; granddaughter Ashley Ingalls; four brothers Richard Rolfe, John Blais, Raymond Blais, and Paul Blais; and three sisters Theresa Fagans, Angel Jefts, and Shirley Rolfe.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will hold a private service and burial at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel.

Sean M. Osterrieder, 1970-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sean M. Osterrieder, 49, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. after a short battle with cancer. He was born Sept. 10, 1970 in Portsmouth, Va., the son of James G. and Sandra M. (Sabettini) Osterrieder. He attended schools at Bonny Eagle.

Sean was a self-employed painter. He enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding, surfing, and paddle boarding and built his own paddleboards. He also enjoyed gardening, fishing, playing and collecting guitars, and writing music. Sean loved to make people laugh and most of all loved his children.

He is survived by his parents James and Sandra Osterrieder of Steep Falls, Maine; his companion of 18 years Stephanie M. Parker of Springfield, Vt.; son Corey Osterrieder and daughter Julianna Osterrieder, both of Springfield, Vt.; two brothers Christopher Osterrieder and



Sean M. Osterrieder, 1970-2020.
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his wife Michelle of Standish, Maine, and Matthew Osterrieder of Woodbridge, Va.; two nieces Isabella and Emily and one nephew Ben.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have a private burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Arlon J. Rice, 1935-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Arlon James Rice, 85, passed away Friday, June 5, 2020 at Vernon Green Nursing Home in Vernon, Vt. He was born May 10, 1935 in Springfield, Vt., the son Karl F. and Grace (Spaulding) Rice. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School Class of 1954.

Arlon served in the United States Army Signal Corps and was stationed in France from 1955 to 1958. From 1960 to 1974, he was employed at the First National Bank in Springfield and served as head teller for many years. From 1974 to 1984, he was employed at Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Company in Springfield. He also served as the Springfield town auditor for 20 years.

Arlon was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 42 in Springfield and a longtime member of the First Congregational Church in Springfield.

He is survived by his sister



Arlon J. Rice, 1935-2020.
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Katherine and her husband Wilbur “Peanut” Gauthier of Brantford, Fla. and seven nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers Edward F. Rice and Charles O. Rice.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield. Burial will be in the Plains Cemetery in Perkinsville, Vt.

Op-Ed: HCRS CEO urges, “Silence is not an option”

Our world seems to be erupting around us. We’ve spent the past three months dealing with the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted almost every aspect of our lives. Now, our hearts break at the senseless and horrific killing of George Floyd and many others before him. These tragic deaths have put a spotlight on the systemic and institutional racism deeply embedded in our society and culture. We must commit to transforming our communities by dismantling racism with compassionate action – silence is not an option.

People across the country have taken to the streets, fueled by their frustration, anger,

hopelessness, and outrage at a system that perpetuates racism. It is evident in our criminal justice system, housing, employment, and educational and health care systems. The disparities exist and persist and must be addressed – silence is not an option.

Studies suggest that the experience of racism and discrimination raise the risk of emotional and physical health issues. We are living in a racism pandemic, according to the American Psychological Association, whose health consequences include depression, anxiety, PTSD, and substance use disorders. Racism is a public health issue that impacts black and brown Americans and diminishes all of us.

Our actions must be intentional and compassionate – silence and inaction is not an option.

The grievous harm we have seen affects all of us. I believe it reaches deep into our psyche, and we must do the hard work necessary to confront racism. It will not be easy since racism has deep roots – centuries old in our country. We have much work to do, both individually and collectively.

Yet, I know we can do this. I am proud to work in Vermont where an outpouring of support and solidarity of more than 1,000 people in Brattleboro and thousands more across the state have come together to demonstrate and speak out for change. Many of our community partners, including Chiefs of Police, have been willing to commit to citizen engagement and community policing and begin the very difficult conversation that leads to culture change. Transformational change takes compassion, empathy, trust, vulnerability, and accountability.

I am also particularly proud of all our staff at HCRS whose compassionate caring in supporting people with mental

health, substance use, and development disabilities in our community is truly inspirational. They strive to live the values of inclusivity, respect, and mutuality, while honoring the humanity we all share. We at HCRS will be doing our part to dismantle racism.

These are the times when we must unite in solidarity and do everything we can to show that institutional racism has no place in our society. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

If we are to take meaningful action, we must commit ourselves to a just, inclusive society and heal our wounds. We must confront the inconvenient truths, collectively recognize racism, and say no to oppression, discrimination, hate, and violence. As Martin Luther King Jr. reminds us, “In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends” – silence is not an option if we are to dismantle racism.

Written by George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO.

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Funeral service for Robert W. Kirkbride

LUDLOW, Vt. – A funeral service and burial for Robert W. Kirkbride, a longtime resident of Ludlow who died March 19, 2020, will be held Friday, June 19 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions, we must follow the guidelines set out and limit the amount of people who attend the funeral mass.

We encourage folks to join us after the mass at 11:45 a.m. in the church parking lot, follow the procession to the Ludlow Fire Department for a “last call” and continue to the Pleasant View Cemetery for burial where more can be present. The family would like to thank you for your love and understanding.

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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opinion

Dear Editor,

On June 16, the community of Springfield will be asked to approve the second pass of the Springfield school budget. A lot has changed in our world since the last time we voted on the budget. The current pandemic forced us to close our schools and move to an online learning platform with little time to prepare. The school district has navigated this challenge and at the same time was able to provide meals to our students. This happened through hard work and dedication of our district employees. This period has not gone without its challenges for the community, parents, students, and staff. Many in the community are struggling financially and socially as we have been asked to stay home and stay safe. All of these events have had a large impact on the youngest members of our community, our students. As we look forward to the next school year, I hope that our students can start the year back in the classroom, but many things can change from now until the end

of August. When our students re-enter the classroom after more than five months away, they are going to need all the educational help that we can give them.

The second school budget presented does not include the Pre-K program and further cost reductions were made to reduce the overall number. These reductions total \$248,161 from the previous vote. The total school budget requested is comprised of \$22,673,934 from the state of Vermont, \$1,978,318 from federal funds, \$1,280,317 from other grants, and \$7,387,126 from the Springfield tax base. All of these numbers together comprise the total budget of \$32,531,695.

Yes, this seems like a lot of money in times like these and it is. When we break this down to a percentage, 11% is funded by local homeowners and 11% by non-residential taxes. As a homeowner, if I can spend \$1 and have it matched by \$10, that is an opportunity I cannot ignore. The required wording

of the ballot article does not allow for the number to be thoroughly explained. I hope that the above breakdown may give some clarity to the numbers.

At a time when our students are going to need us the most, we need to support them the best we can. Voting "yes" on the budget will provide this support for the upcoming school year. Please join me in supporting Springfield's school budget for next year. Please request an absentee ballot from the town clerk or vote in person at the Riverside Middle School Gym June 16. More details about the budget can be obtained by contacting the Springfield District Office at 802-885-5141. I welcome your comments and concerns at tpalmer@ssdvt.org.

Sincerely,
Troy Palmer
Parent & Springfield School Board Chair

Dear Editor,

The staff, volunteers, and clients of Black River Good Neighbor Services thank members of American Legion Post 36 of Ludlow for their recent donation of \$500 to the food shelf. The American Legion is a consistent supporter of BRGNS and in this time of pandemic they've stepped up to the plate again. BRGNS has had to cancel

their major spring fundraiser so this donation is certainly welcome.

Even though the store is closed and the fundraisers are canceled, the food shelf is open and BRGNS has consistently provided food to community members in need. Anyone in Ludlow, Cavendish, Plymouth, or Mount Holly who needs food should call 802-228-3663. Staff

is available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for assistance. People having trouble paying rent or utility bills should also call for assistance.

Sincerely,
Audrey Bridge, executive director
Krey Kellington, food program director
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to explain my position on junkyards as a 40-year property owner, not in my official capacity on the town of Cavendish's Selectboard. Furthermore, I want to make it clear that I am an advocate for property rights for all – not one faction or a special interest.

It is my belief that Cavendish is basically a town comprised of middle class citizens that most likely do not have substantial savings accounts, certificates of deposits, or other nest eggs. Like most Americans, they do not have enough disposal income to account for emergency spending. For the most part, their primary source of funds is in the equity they have invested in their house or property.

The equity in their house is often used on a planned or emergency basis for: end of life expenses, home repairs, post-high school educational tuition costs, medical expenses. The amount they can borrow against their mortgage to refinance is based on how much they have in

equity and the appraised value of their house or property. The virus has resulted in employment losses, business closures, and may still present more economic impacts in the future. For many that are directly impacted by current and future impacts, the possibility of dipping into their home or property's equity may be more real and of last resort.

What does this have to do with junkyards? In Cavendish, we have very modest regulations regarding junkyards that I do not think have been enforced. In speaking with area realtors, a neighboring junkyard can reduce the value of a property by as much as \$5,000 to \$50,000, or even making it unsaleable. In these uncertain times, as a town, do we think that it is acceptable to take away money from an adjacent property owner that might be used

for: end of life expenses, home repairs, post-high school educational tuition costs, or critical medical expenses by allowing these properties to negatively impact the property rights of their neighbors?

Lastly, as evidenced in other communities, junkyards have a way of continually growing on a property and neighboring properties, creating an atmosphere of disinvestment lowering the overall value of properties in the town and its attractiveness for investing, working, living, and recreating in the community. The time has come to follow the rules, protect everyone's property rights, act responsibly, and stop taking money out of the pockets of our friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,
Stephen Plunkard
Cavendish, Vt.

Amber Waves



Dear Editor,

Jeff Dunbar is a candidate for Trustee for the village of Bellows Falls. He is undoubtedly an excellent candidate and will get my vote because he has the best interests of Bellows Falls in his heart.

Jeff has loved the natural beauty, architecture, history, and people of Bellows Falls all of his life. After graduating from Vermont Academy, he moved out of

the area to further his education and pursue a career. In 2006, he returned to the area to buy a home and continue his career. He has a keen awareness of the needs of the village and knows that the Board of Trustees needs the engagement of the community to move forward in our post-COVID virus world.

Jeff knows the value of hard work, responsible, financial

management, and he keeps his commitments. These attributes are invaluable as a village Trustee.

I urge all residents to register and vote in the village election June 16 at the Bellows Falls Fire Department.

Sincerely,
Sandy Martin
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This is a request to citizens of Bellows Falls. First of all, please vote in the upcoming Village Election Tuesday, June 16. Secondly, I ask that you vote for Jeff Dunbar and Deborah Fox as Trustees.

We have the opportunity to vote for two Trustees for two-year terms. It's a crowded field with many individuals running for these two available seats.

Two candidates stand out – Jeff Dunbar and Deborah Fox. They are capable and committed to the welfare of our village. They bring years of successful business experience. They also bring a new perspective and approach.

I ask that you join me in voting for these two candidates. They will contribute, I sincerely believe, to building on the strengths and shepherding our village into a stronger future.

Sincerely,
Barbara Ternes
Bellows Falls, Vt.

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The 15th annual Tour de Grace bicycle rally

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Registration is now open for the annual Grace Cottage Tour de Grace. For physical distancing, the event has a different route this year. Start and end any time between 8-10 a.m., at Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, 185 Grafton Rd. in Townshend. The event will be held Saturday, June 27, rain or shine.

This year's 15-mile route goes along Route 30 from Townshend to Jamaica, partly on backwoods trails and dirt roads. Helmets are required, and mountain bikes are recommended. Rest stops with water and snacks will be offered along

the way and at the end. Return to Grace Cottage to celebrate your accomplishment!

This family-friendly ride is fun and allows for social distancing. Round up your family or a few friends, enjoy the beautiful scenery, get some exercise, and support Grace Cottage Hospital.

Can't make it to Townshend that day? You can do a virtual Tour de Grace on your own. Sign up via www.gracecottage.org/events, and we'll send you a bib to wear. Send us your photo with your bib number and bike, and



Registration is open. STOCK PHOTO

we'll post it in our 2020 Tour de Grace photo album on our Facebook page.

Register at www.gracecottage.org/events. The first 100 riders get a Tour de Grace performance t-shirt; t-shirt is not included for virtual riders. For more information, email info@gracecottage.org or call 802-365-9109.

Vermont bass fishing season opens June 13

REGION – Vermont's bass fishing season kicks off Saturday, June 13 and anglers throughout the state are eager to hit their favorite body of water in search of largemouth and smallmouth bass.

"Anglers in Vermont are fortunate to have world-class bass fishing for both species right in their backyard," said Bernie Pientka, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "From big-water angling on lakes like Champlain, Bomoseen, and Memphremagog and the Connecticut River, to hundreds

of smaller, untapped ponds and reservoirs, Vermont is loaded with great bass fishing for anglers of all ages."

Vermont's general bass season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November. Outside of those dates, anglers can fish for bass on open water on a catch-and-release basis with artificial lures and flies only on waters that are not seasonally closed. Bass fishing in Vermont is a fun outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by adults and kids alike, regardless of skill level, and can also be a great

source of food for the table.

"Bass fishing is a great way to get out and enjoy Vermont's great outdoors and nothing can beat a tasty meal of fresh, locally-caught fish," Pientka said.

Anglers heading out on the water to fish for bass this season should be sure to check fishing regulations, including harvest and length limits applicable to the waters they are fishing. Vermont's fishing regulations can be found in the "2020 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations" available from license agents or online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Bellows Falls Junior League seeking community interest

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Junior

League provides baseball opportunities to the youth of the Rockingham surrounding community. Like everything else, in the essence of public safety, we have not been able to play this season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As our state enters Phase 3 and eventually Phase 4 of Gov. Phil Scott's plan for reopening, we want to once again provide baseball to the area youth by abiding to all safety guidelines set forth by the governor and the Vermont

Health Department.

We are actively reaching out to our baseball community to see if there is interest in making a baseball season happen this year, later in the summer extending into September. If anybody has an opinion or interest, they can email us at bellowsfallslittleleague@gmail.com or call 1-802-289-4239. You can also like us on Facebook to see all that we provide to our great community. Remember, Vermont, we are in this together!

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If an animal bites you: wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and contact your health care provider. Follow all their instructions.

If your pet or farm animal was exposed to a potentially rabid wild or stray animal, contact your veterinarian.

If you see a wild or stray animal acting strangely, or are concerned about a rabies exposure, call the Rabies Hotline, 1-800-4-RABIES, or report it to your town's animal control officer.

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Request for Proposal

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For bid specifications or more information please contact Richard Pembroke, CFO at rpembroke@ssdvt.org or Martha Tarbell, Administrative Assistant at 802-885-5120 or mtarbell@ssdvt.org.

TOWN OF BALTIMORE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Baltimore Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the below application on Wednesday June 17, at 7:00pm. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency a remote meeting has been scheduled. To access the meeting via Zoom you will need to first download free meeting software here: <https://zoom.us/>. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9047906570?pwd=cXpoM011RGpQVmMvUHlBNmo5Vyt1UT09> Meeting ID: 904 790 6570

Karen Hammond of 399 Baltimore Road has submitted an application for a Subdivision of property located at 104 Gould Road in the Town of Baltimore. The proposed project is described as follows: Subdivision of 15.16 Acres into three Lots, Lot B, 3.70 Acres, Lot C, 8.30 Acres and Lot D 3.16 Acres.

A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Baltimore Town Office at www.baltimorevt.org. Please check the Town of Baltimore website for updates.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. ESTATE OF STEPHANIE SEARS, ET AL. Civil No. 2:20-cv-00013-wks

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

In obedience to a Judgment Order, Decree of Foreclosure and Order for Judicial Sale entered on March 24, 2020, and recorded in the Town of Westminster, Vermont, for breach of the mortgage as stated therein, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 16th day of July, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at the land and premises known as 25 Maple Ridge Road, Westminster, VT 05158, the said real property and improvements thereon, as further described in said mortgage (the "Property"), will be auctioned, "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no representations or warranties, express or implied, of any kind, subject to all superior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for cash.

The legal description of the property foreclosed upon can be found in the mortgage filed in the Town of Westminster Land Records and all deeds and instruments of record. The physical address of the property is 25 Maple Ridge Road, Westminster, VT 05158.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the property at any time prior to the auction by paying the full amount due under the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure, including the costs and expenses of auction.

An OPEN HOUSE will be held at the property on Thursday, June 25, 2020, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The United States reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction at any time.

For a written copy of the (1) Decree of Foreclosure which contains the terms and conditions of said auction, and (2) the purchase agreement, contact Tyler Hirschak.

Tyler Hirschak, Thomas Hirschak Company
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Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Springfield Humane Society hosts microchip clinic

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Humane Society is having a microchip clinic for dogs and cats June 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are also hosting a cats-only spay and neuter clinic July 7. For more information on these programs, call 802-885-3997 or check out our events on Facebook.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town & Village of Ludlow is in the process of obtaining Statements of Qualifications from qualified engineering firms detailing the firm's qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, references, and related prior experience. Required professional services will include but are not limited to preliminary engineering services, design and construction related services, preparation of bidding and contract documents, participation in the evaluation of bids received, and monitoring and inspection of construction activities to ensure compliance with plans and specifications associated with "Water, Wastewater and/or Stormwater Improvements".

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with elements of the procurement process in 40 U.S.C. § 1101-1104. Qualified firms/candidates interested in being considered for this project must submit three (3) copies and an electronic copy of: (1) letter of interest; (2) statement of qualifications and experience of staff persons who will be involved with the project; (3) references; and (4) related prior experience. The Statement of Qualifications submittal shall be less than 20 pages, double sided. Submit the requested information to the Town & Village of Ludlow, Attn: Scott Murphy, PO Box 359, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 no later than July 1, 2020 by 10:00 am in order to receive consideration.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project may be undertaken with a variety of Federal and State funds and that all work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by such agencies and the State of Vermont pertaining thereto.

The Town & Village of Ludlow shall evaluate the statements of qualifications and performance data and other material submitted by interested firms, and may select a minimum of three firms which, in their opinion, are best qualified to perform the desired services. Interviews may be conducted with each firm and would include discussions regarding anticipated concepts and proposed methods of approach. The Town & Village of Ludlow shall rank, in order of preference, the professional firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required, and shall commence scope of services and price negotiations with the highest qualified professional firm for engineering services.

The Town & Village of Ludlow reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. This solicitation does not obligate the Town & Village of Ludlow to award a contract.

Price Chopper's Golub Foundation Grant awarded to Grace Cottage

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has received a grant from the Price Chopper's Golub Foundation in response to an appeal for COVID-related assistance.

Like most other hospitals in the nation, Grace

Cottage has maintained a constant state of vigilance, prepared to respond to community needs, while experiencing a significant drop in operating income during the pandemic, as people have followed Gov. Phil Scott's stay-at-home instructions and canceled or postponed healthcare services. In order to bridge this huge gap, Grace Cottage has appealed to in-

dividuals and charitable organizations for funds to keep operations going. The Price Chopper's Golub Foundation made a generous grant in response to this appeal.

The Golub Corporation, Price Chopper, and Market 32 are committed to social responsibility. Their sponsorship and giving programs help to improve the quality of life in com-

munities they serve. The charitable branch of the Golub Corporation, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, was established in 1981 and provides financial support to eligible nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Contributions are made in the areas of health and human services, arts, culture, education, and youth activities in areas where

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The Village of Ludlow will be flushing the water mains and testing the fire hydrant system on Wednesday and Thursday, June 10 & 11, 2020 from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Residents may experience temporary discoloration of the water, so we recommend you delay washing clothes/laundry during this time. When the flushing is complete, please be sure to run your cold water until the water runs clear.

We appreciate your patience while we perform our distribution system maintenance. Please feel free to contact the Water Department at (802) 228-8431 or Municipal Office at (802) 228-2841 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No. 20-PR-00112 IN RE THE ESTATE OF JAMES KINGSBURY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of James Kingsbury, late of Chester, Vermont. I have been appointed to Administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or estate must present their claims in writing within 4 months of the date of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period. Dated: 06/10/2020 Signed: /s/ Christopher Kingsbury Executor Address: 1782 VT RT 11 E Chester, VT 05143 802-875-2288 Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal Publication Date: June 10, 2020 Address of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court Windsor Unit, Probate Division 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

Kristin Morgan, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, joins Springfield Health Center

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Medical Care

Systems is pleased to welcome Kristin Morgan, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC to Springfield Health Center's pediatric suite. Kristin is a graduate of the Duke School of Nursing in Durham, N.C., where she earned her doctorate of nursing practice degree. She received her Master of Science in Nursing-Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from Yale School of Nursing in New Haven, Conn., and Bachelor of

Arts degree from the Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis.

Prior to joining Springfield Health Center, Kristin served as captain, pediatric nurse practitioner at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

Kristin is currently accepting new pa-



Kristin Morgan. PHOTO PROVIDED

tients. Please call Springfield Health Center to schedule an appointment at 802-886-8990.

Lisa Moulton joins Rockingham Health Center



Lisa Moulton. PHOTO PROVIDED

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Springfield Medical Care Systems is pleased to welcome Lisa Moulton, FNP to the Rockingham Health Center.

Lisa is a graduate of Graceland University in Independence, Mo. where she earned her family nurse practitioner MSN/FNP degree in 2016. She received her Bachelor of Science nursing degree from Graceland University in 2014 and her R.N. diploma was awarded in 1986 from the St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester, Mass.

Prior to joining Rockingham Health Center, Lisa worked with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in internal medicine, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Endocrinology, and Bayada Hospice in Brattleboro, Vt.

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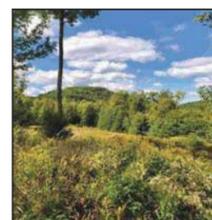
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