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The ever-popular Fairy House Festival returned

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

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GRAFTON, Vt. – According to folklore, one must work very hard to capture a fairy. But it's much easier to capture the spirit of the fairies, and that is exactly what the Nature Museum in Grafton has done with last weekend's annual Fairy House Festival.

The Britannica definition of fairy is "a mythical being of folklore and romance usually having magic powers and dwelling on earth in close relationship with humans... and characteristically exercising magic powers to benevolent ends." Fairies are said to live in the woods. What better place to find a collection of their houses than at a nature museum?

For 11 years, the Nature Museum has had its Fairy House Festival as its principal fundraiser. This year is counted as the 12th annual event though last year had no festival due to Covid. The main attraction has been its miniature fairy houses made of all natural materials and all handmade by volunteers. They are displayed along a nature trail behind the museum.

This year, there were 37 houses, each unique in its own way. In addition, there were a number of vendors, food, music, and displays including a crafts tent where anyone could make a fairy house of their own.

Former Director Vanessa Stern was back dressed as a fairy queen. She said, "I'm so happy to be back. It's a glorious day, so glad to see the whole thing resurrected."

Board Chair Lorie Danforth,



"Mountain Mermaids House."

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

also dressed as a fairy queen, said, "The festival is our unique way of connecting all ages to the wonders of nature. It'll change your life. People start looking at things in a new way."

Current Director Nick Katrick was there in a wolf hat overseeing his first festival. He said, "It's a brand new experience for me, a great intersection of nature and magic. It's great to connect with nature, but the sense of wonder is equally important." Previously an educator at the museum, he has spent most of the past year working on programs. He said, "Even though we have to wear masks, it's great to see people again."

Folklore also says that fairies are shy around humans. Sadly, none came out of their houses to be interviewed. Humans Jess and Matt Willis brought their three children for their second festival saying they missed not having one last year. Jess said, "We love it. We have been in-

side like everybody else. It's great to be outdoors. We're excited to be a part of it, to watch the kids be inspired."

Holly Hjelt, a teacher from Manchester there with her 8-year-old, said she was "inspired to get her class out on the nature trail." She was already making plans for her own classes. She added, "I need to tell the people here how much fun it was."

Linda Bryant, a vendor from Mystical Maidens Pixie Pop Princess, had sold out of her wood crafts for kids.

Board member and Vermont Legislator Leslie Goldman said, "I just love watching families have fun together. That's the fun of the day watching kids leave with the things that they made."

For information on the museum, call 802-843-2111, email info@nature-museum.org, or check out their website at www.nature-museum.org.

Chester's public safety building hosts an official open house

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester's Fire, Ambulance, and Police departments hosted an open house at their new public safety building on Sunday, welcoming approximately 150 Chester residents to tour the new facility, meet and mingle with Chester's first responders, and enjoy free barbecue.

The handsome 15,000-square-foot building on Pleasant Street houses Chester's Fire Department, Ambulance Service, and Police Department under one roof. It's also the result of over 10 years of planning, along with the approval of a \$4.77 million bond by Chester taxpayers, which will also help finance an extensive renovation of the town garage. Construction of the public safety building was completed in just under a year.

Four large garage bays house the fire trucks and various other rescue vehicles and a bulk of the gear. Behind that area is an additional equipment room, spacious kitchen and gathering room, large training room, and several offices that flow into the ambulance service area that has their own vehicle bay and offices. The Police Station, though attached, is completely separate from the rest of the



Chester's public safety building open house.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

building and requires entry through their front doors.

Lee Gustafson, Chester Selectboard member and Chairman of the building committee, gave the dedication saying, "This building serves as a focal point of pride in our community, a beacon that is unique in Chester that is part of our town's commitment to serve and protect our citizens to provide a place of refuge for those who are seeking shelter or help."

He also thanked the many people involved in the project including Russell Construction, Centerline Architects, the many craftspeople who worked in the building, Scott Wunderle for landscaping, Chester's emergency personnel, the town highway crew, the Selectboard, and Town Manager Julie

Hance. He specifically praised Hance for "working for ways to stay within budget during a global pandemic that caused uncertainty at every turn."

Fire Chief Matt Wilson said that the new space is designed well, allowing for plenty of room between their many trucks, vehicles, and gear as well as providing separate office space, which until now was his kitchen table at home. Although he said they have always had good morale, the new space is a huge confidence booster for emergency personnel, offering a comfortable place for them to gather.

The new training room will also serve as a draw for regional and state classes. "When you're inviting other towns to the area, this is something to be proud of," he said.

Presentation on Londonderry's Main Street Study, Master Plan

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The first community presentation of Londonderry's Main Street Study and Master Plan for Londonderry's North Village Center will take place Oct. 7, 2021, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Neighborhood Connections located at the Mountain Marketplace in Londonderry.

The meeting will be hosted by Stevens & Associates of Brattleboro, the firm selected to undertake the study and development of a master plan. S&A will present an overview of the project and share initial findings. Residents and local business have the opportunity review plans, interact with the consultants, and provide their input and views on the future development of North Main Street.

The MSMP project, launched in late June, is funded through a Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Agency of

Commerce and Community Development. Based on criteria the in town's Request for Proposals, the S&A will develop and recommend implementable plans for a vibrant, accessible, safe, mixed-use district to supports existing and new business. These recommendations will reflect and retain the existing features and character of the North Village.

During a walk-through of the North Village, Project Manager Mark Westa commented, "We're impressed with the extent of revitalization efforts already underway by the Planning Commission and Londonderry volunteers. Having done similar projects in towns located in river basins, we understand the challenges. At the same time, our prior ex-



Londonderry community presentation.

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periences have given us insight and knowledge of potential solutions and funding resources available to Londonderry."

Stevens & Associates' team of architects, planners and engineers has successfully completed numerous projects in river-basin towns and villages. This experience has given them a strong understanding of the

many impediments to development and to improvements in the public realm such as flooding and flood damage, lack of a community water supply and wastewater treatment services, and problematic intersections.

Planning Commission Chair Sharon Crossman noted, "There is significant Covid relief money coming to our town from the federal government that can address water supply and wastewater issues. In addition, there is funding to address many of the challenges we face in building a viable, strong North Main Street."

More information on the Main Street Master Plan, Stevens & Associates, and the Oct. 7 meeting can be found at www.onelondonderry.org and www.londonderryvt.org.

Route 100 road closure extended

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – On Aug. 30, 2021, the Vermont Agency of Transportation closed Vermont Route 100 between its intersections with U.S. Route 4 in Bridgewater and Route 100A in Plymouth for a series of culvert replacements.

Due to unanticipated delays experienced by the contractor,

the new anticipated reopening date is Oct. 29, 2021.

During this time, traffic will be detoured along U.S. Route 4 and VT Route 100A. Motorists should note that a paving project is also underway along VT Route 100A. Please expect alternating one-way traffic with some delays along this route.

Cannabis sales in Ludlow up for discussion and vote

LUDLOW, Vt. – During their Special Selectboard meeting Thursday, Sept. 23, the Ludlow Selectboard approved a motion to schedule a Special Town Informational Meeting and vote on whether

to allow cannabis retail sales in town. The informational meeting is set for Monday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Heald Auditorium, with the vote by Australian ballot scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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Reflections

I think most readers will know I'm an antiques dealer. This profession was the best decision I ever made. I get to handle and collect interesting, sometimes historical, artifacts.

One of my favorite subjects to collect is real photo postcards. It was about 1900 when real photo postcards came into being. By 1905, they were the rage. Everyone mailed and collected these cards. Postcard albums soon appeared to safely store and display your cards.

There are dozens of categories to collect. Cards showing street views have always been collected. Danny Clemmons and I collect Chester cards. Recently, Danny has been organizing my Chester cards. I have a few cards that Danny hasn't seen and vice-versa.

Danny would agree; after decades of collecting Chester cards, you seldom see a card that you don't already have, but you still need to feed your addiction. Collecting is an addiction.

So we've branched out to collecting other towns or subjects. If a competent photographer took the photo, it is a thing of beauty to hold.

I collect cards showing hunters or trappers, street views, patriotic, and occupational. One subject I collect is what I call reflections. I only have a few of these cards. They are not common nor widely collected. The photo with this article is one of my favorites.

It's the old covered bridge down by the gristmill in the Depot. Notice how the still water created a mirror reflection of the bridge on the surface of the water.

You'll notice the stone abutment on the left end. Also notice how the road rises to the bridge on a stone foundation. These bridges



Covered bridge near the gristmill and North Street.

PHOTO PROVIDED

were built higher than the road to prevent ice taking the bridge during the spring melt. The dam was on the left just out of view.

This photo didn't happen by accident. The photographer knew exactly what he was doing, waiting for perfect conditions and sunlight.

These 100-plus-year-old photos were produced from dry plate glass negatives. There was the cost of the dry plate, developing the glass negative with chemicals was an added expense. These photographers, both professional and amateur, didn't waste a shot. They took it for a reason.

Because postcards were now collected, a photographer could be assured of a market for certain views. As an example, the train station, the Fullerton, and views of Main and North Streets would sell to tourists. These cards were sold at local businesses where tourist traffic was heavy. As a result, these cards are common today.

A card such as the card with this article wouldn't have appealed to tourists, so it was produced in limited numbers thus scarce today.

By 1910, amateur photographers appeared. They often photographed the family home or the area they lived in. One unknown amateur photographer in Popple Dungeon took dozens of photos in that area. These cards are easy to recognize. The photographer did not print the photo out to the edge of the card. Instead he left a wide margin around the photo. Whoever this prolific photographer was, he left be-

hind an excellent record of the Dungeon.

Other photographers used this same method, so just because it has a margin does not make it Popple Dungeon. At the historical society, we probably have close to 100 of these Dungeon cards. Danny and I have some of these same cards.

Over the years, I've bought cards at auctions, tag sales, antiques shops, and private individuals. Postcard shows are an excellent place to look for cards.

This Saturday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m., there's a postcard show up in Quechee. Danny and I will be going. It's not a large show, which is perfect. It gives us a chance to talk with the dealers and tell them what we collect. Sometimes the dealer will reach under a table and pull out an album full of what we collect.

I encourage you to collect these cards. Begin with the town you live in. It's a great hobby and not too expensive. Perhaps you like portraits of women showing their dress of the day.

Online, of course, is another source. I like to hold the cards and talk with the dealers. Information flows both ways. You can't do that with an online purchase. And if you develop a relationship with the dealer, he may call you when he finds what you're looking for.

This week's old saying my mother used when someone burped: "Six more and you'll have seven up."

Fitton: the mill, the Firebug, and everything in between —

CAVENDISH, Vt. — At one time Spring Mill, better known as Fitton Mill, was located by the Cavendish Gorge. One of the largest employers in town, the area became known as "Fittonsville," as boardinghouse, tenements, and even a school became part of the complex.

Operating for about 10 years, it came to an abrupt end when building after building was burnt down. However, these weren't the only buildings in Cavendish, or surrounding towns, subject to arson. Believed to be the work of Robert Fitton, better known as "Firebug Fitton," the number of properties subject to his matches was in the double digits.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, the Cavendish Historical Society will host a walking tour of the mill site, starting at 2 p.m. Beginning at the museum, an overview will



The Fittonville Mill.

PHOTO PROVIDED

be provided and will proceed to walk to the site, which is in the woods and on uneven terrain in parts. Dress accordingly. This program is open to the

public and free, though donations are appreciated. For more information, call 802-226-7807 or email margocaulfield@icloud.com.

Grace Cottage hosts flu shot clinic and food drive

TOWNSHEND, Vt. — Grace Cottage Family Health will be offering a flu vaccine clinic Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended at 802-365-4331; walk-ins as space allows. You do not need to be an established patient at Grace Cottage. Masks are required, and anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

During the flu clinic, Grace Cottage will also host a food drive for the Townshend Food Shelf. If you can, bring a non-perishable food item.

Most insurance covers this preventive health measure; please bring your ID and insurance card with you. If you are not insured, payment for your flu shot is expected at the time of service.

An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to avoid getting the flu and spreading it to others. It takes about two weeks for protection to devel-

op after vaccination.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a yearly flu vaccine. People over age 65 or those with any chronic disease, such as diabetes or asthma, have a higher risk of contracting the flu and are especially urged to get the shot.

Two different flu shots are being offered this year, one for those age 6 months to 64, and another for those who are 65

and older.

Flu shots are also available to Grace Cottage established patients weekdays by appointment. Call 802-365-4331.

Grace Cottage Family Health is located at 185 Grafton Rd., Townshend.

For more information about flu shots or the flu in general, visit the national CDC and Prevention website, www.cdc.gov, the Vermont Department of Health, www.healthvermont.gov, or call the Vermont helpline at 2-1-1.

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Thomas Foster of Cavendish

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OPINION

Gerald “Jerry” Balargeon, 2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jerry passed away at home unexpectedly Sept. 21, 2021. Born in Brattleboro, Vt., to Merle and Lillian (Bennett) Balargeon, moving to this area in the early 1950s. He attended schools in Weathersfield and Springfield, graduating from Springfield High School in 1961.

He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his sister Carol, wife Joyce, daughter Joyce Marie and future son-in-law Dee, four grandchildren Tanis, Ryan, Bailee, and Riley, three great-grandchildren Evelyn, Forrest, and River, niece Debra and family, and nephew Michael and family, and several other relatives in various states.

He joined the U.S. Army after graduation and later Army National Guard having two tours overseas, the last being Desert Storm. He was employed in Springfield at Vermont Rebuild, Vermont Research and Vermont Rebuilding.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and



Gerald “Jerry” Balargeon, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

neighbor. He enjoyed outdoor sports, watching sports on TV, and just sitting outside with friends and neighbors enjoying the Vermont air and seasons. He was always thankful for a quiet life with his family, friends, and neighbors. A celebration of life will be held Oct. 9, from 1-3 p.m., at the Springfield VFW Post 771. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Gertrude J. Bennett, 1928-2021

CHESTER, Vt. – Gertrude J. Bennett, born Sept. 11, 1928, passed away in her home with her two sons present Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the age of 93.

A native Vermonter from Alburgh, she came to Chester in 1959 from the Northeast Kingdom to teach home economics. Within months of moving to Chester, her father died of a heart attack and three months later her husband was killed in a truck accident. She spent her years as a single parent and also provided a home for her mother.

She was a graduate of UVM and for years maintained her connection by training student teachers from the university. During her first few years in Chester, she was instrumental in establishing the first teachers union and negotiated the first teachers contract in the district. In addition she developed the first early childhood curriculum in the state, which lasted for the majority of her 34 years of teaching in Chester.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Chester and served on its Board of Deacons for many years, in addition she was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Delta Kappa Gamma. In her early years in Chester, she served on the Elementary Board and then the GMUHS Board after her retirement. She worked with state educators to develop and implement the local standards board for teacher licensing. There she



Gertrude J. Bennett, 1928-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

served as chairmen for her entire time on the board.

After retirement, she established the Chester-Andover Family Center and served as its managing director. Over the years, she received many awards and commendations at the state and county level.

Mrs. Bennett loved teaching and education. There are men and women whom she had as students in the early '60s that still refer to her as Mrs. Bennett, a true sign of respect and love. She was the gold standard for honesty, humility, and integrity. She guided many students and colleagues in their pursuit of knowledge and growth and did so because she loved what she did so much and wanted others to love it and benefit from it as she did.

A celebration of her life will be held Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Chester.

Leonard J. McCormick, 1947-2021

WINDHAM, Vt. – Leonard Joseph McCormick, 74, of Chase Road, passed away Sept. 23, 2021 at Gills Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. He was born July 10, 1947 in Trenton, N.J., the son of Leander V. and Vincenza (Scarpato) McCormick. Leonard attended schools in New Jersey. Later, he served in the United States Army. He had a long career as information security for Dow Jones & Co. Wall Street Journal. Following retirement in 2005, he moved to Vermont to be near friends Tony Persa, his wife Do-

ris, and their children Caitlin and Andrew.

Leonard is survived by a brother George McCormick of Alabama. He was predeceased by his parents and brother David.

Following cremation, there will be a service Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Valley Bible Church in Windham, Vt. His cremated remains will be interred at St. Mary's Cemetery in Trenton, N.J. at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being made at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Lorraine A. Reynolds, 1942-2021

KEENE, N.H. – Lorraine Ann Reynolds, 79, of North Walpole, N.H., passed away peacefully Sept. 19, 2021. She was born June 5, 1942 in Bellows Falls, Vt., daughter of Angelo W. and Beatrice (Frenette) Baldasaro. Lorraine attended school in North Walpole and graduated from Bellows Falls High School. She worked for Faller Property Management in Rockville, Md., from 1974-1985 when she became a district manager for Mosley and Associates Covering Property in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts. She worked with HUD for over 30 years. She was a member of the institute of Real Estate Management, accredited resident managers, the “who's who” in Professional Executive Women and the Rosery Society at the St. Peter's

Church.

On Sept. 12, 1964 at the St. Peter's Church in North Walpole, N.H., Lorraine married William Reynolds, who predeceased her. She is survived by her daughters Pamela Reynolds and partner Peter Lambert, and Peggy Reynolds; her three sisters Angela Barry, Claire White, and Mary Jean Parker; one brother William Baldasaro; and four grandchildren Ashley, Dominique, Jasmine Marshall, and Monique Hill.

A funeral mass was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at the St. Peter's Church in North Walpole followed by a burial in St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lorraine's memory to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, care of donations, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

Timothy J. Kingsbury, 1952-2021

PUTNEY, Vt. – Timothy John Kingsbury, 69, of Putney, Vt., passed away Sept. 7, 2021, in the loving arms of his daughter Billie-Jo. He was born Jan. 4, 1952, to Fred and Evelyn (Vavney) Kingsbury in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Tim has survived many struggles during his lifetime. Cancer, diabetes, and his biggest addiction, drugs and alcohol, which he was able to overcome by celebrating more than 25 years clean and sober. Tim had a great sense of humor and valued his family and children deeply.

Back in the day, Tim, or Timmy as many knew him, was known to frequent the local watering holes along Route 5 from White River Junction to Brattleboro, Vt. His favorite places were in the village of Bellows Falls. When not at one of those locations, he was often in local community gardens checking on the “tomatoes” and on the rarest of occasions you could even find him in the red-light districts throughout the state. He was a great man with many friends who would never judge anyone and would give a stranger the shirt and shoes he was wearing.

Tim is survived by his mother Evelyn Kingsbury of Claremont, N.H.; his “summer children, some here, there & everywhere” Thomas and Melissa Meade of Claremont, N.H., Billie-Jo Wilder and Lillianna Butler (granddaughter) of Bellows Falls, Vt., Nichole Kingsbury of Windsor, Vt., Makia Kingsbury and Ari-



Timothy J. Kingsbury, 1952-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

ana Kingsbury (granddaughter) of Putney, Vt.; stepdaughters Sharon Mireles of Clovis, Calif., Meagan Mack of Brattleboro, Vt. He also leaves behind his longtime partner Lori Fairbanks, a brother Fred Kingsbury of Springfield, Vt., and four sisters Betty and Shirley Demond, Linda Jones, and Susan Andre. Oh, and we shall not forget his favorite niece Nancy Fish...along with many other grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

To celebrate Tim's life, please join us Oct. 9, 2021 at the Westminster Cemetery at 11 a.m. Following the service, there will be luncheon provided at Herrick's Cove at 1 p.m. All are welcome to celebrate, share stories, and remember this great man. Arrangements are being made at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As a new resident of Londonderry, I want to be informed and be sure our local governing board is fully transparent and forthcoming about how major decisions are made in our village. This upcoming special vote (Oct. 20) is significant in that it will impact all residents directly both financially and otherwise. Here are the facts that most residents I believe are not aware of:

1. One proposal calls for a new additional 1% local sales tax on top of Vermont's 6% tax (effectively a 17% increase in the sales tax). What is not clear is that this tax will apply not only to local sales in Londonderry but will apply to everything one buys online anywhere or anything that is subject to Vermont sales tax. That means, for example, everything you might buy on Amazon will be subject to this additional tax.

2. While the revenues from this tax are to go to the General Fund and then directed to reduce the property tax rate, it is not entirely clear that those revenues will be used exclusively to reduce property taxes. If those funds are ultimately used for anything else, this will just result in a tax increase and a larger annual expense budget. If those revenues, in fact, are used only for a reduction in the property tax rate, then it will be beneficial in reducing the tax

burden to residents.

3. While the town desires the additional 1% tax revenues, it is not clearly disclosed that the State of Vermont will take 33% of those revenues as a fee and therefore leave the town with only two-thirds of 1% for new income. Thereby the state will be a significant beneficiary of this new local tax.

4. There is also a Cannabis proposal to allow retail sales of cannabis in Londonderry. The town will tax those sales the additional 1% local tax but only get two-thirds of 1% after the state takes their cut. Furthermore, the state will collect an additional excise tax on those sales, which along with their sales tax will total 20%. Once again, a very good deal for the state.

5. Lastly, it is most important that the voting citizens of Londonderry be aware of these issues and be informed of what is proposed so that they can vote accordingly. I have recently spoken to over a dozen local residents and no one was aware of this upcoming vote. There needs to be a better way to inform the voting public of these important votes in order to get a meaningful and truly representative vote by local citizens or otherwise only a limited number of directly informed people will be determining how our town is being run and financed.

Sincerely,
Barry Randall
Londonderry, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to sing my praises for the Springfield School Board and the Springfield School District administrators.

Thursday evening there was a meeting to discuss the curriculum for the summer curriculum camp, and for the School Board to vote on a resolution to ban certain ideas from being taught in our school.

This meeting was attended by 200-plus people. School Board Chair Troy Palmer ensured that everyone who wanted to speak got a chance to speak. He administered the meeting evenhandedly and fairly throughout the rather long evening. Kudos, Mr. Palmer.

Superintendent Zach McLaughlin and Michael Ruppell, the assistant principal at Springfield High School, gave a presentation on the summer camp curriculum. I was impressed not only by the curriculum, but on the background information that demonstrated the guiding principles for it.

The presentation clearly demonstrated the Springfield School District is following the guidelines established by the Vermont Standards and Act 1 in its curriculum development, and that it is responsive to the needs of the district in terms of areas needing improvement.

But wait, I am saving the best for last. Before the board voted on the resolution, Mr. Palmer acknowledged there is still a lot of work to be done in our community and discussions to be had about the issues of race and equity in our town. He will be working with the superintendent to get a facilitator to start those conversations. That is the way to go. No voting. Just honest talk with community members.

Thank you, everyone. I am so proud of our school district and proud that we have chosen to move forward.

Sincerely,
Char Osterlund
Springfield, Vt.

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5 Scenic route, often
6 Have bills
7 Fall into a chair
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9 Puccini opera pay
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OBITUARIES:

After a year of transitional fees for obituaries, we have increased the obituary listing prices effective Oct. 1, 2021. A basic 200-word obituary is \$75, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. A black and white photo is an additional \$10. Email to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday at 12 p.m.

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obituaries

Audrey Daniels, 2021

CHESTER, Vt. – Audrey “Aud” Daniels, 67, of Chester, Vt., beloved mother of Laura Daniels, passed away Sept. 17, 2021 from a sudden illness at UVM Medical Center.

Audrey was born in Springfield, Vt., daughter of the late Melville and Joan Heidtmann Daniels. She lived her life in Chester and loyally worked at Grand Union and Shaw’s until her early retirement at age 62.

Audrey had amazing patience, strength, and generosity. This was clear from her work with her friends and Chester community, but more than anything with her daughter Laura. From early on, she was Laura’s teacher, nurturing and guiding her with both patience and a kind of magical spirit. Audrey and Laura were adventurers. Together, the duo traveled the U.S. exploring and camping in National Parks and taking mini journeys around New England. After retirement, Audrey enjoyed her time in her gorgeous gardens and working on her latest home project.

Audrey had an eye for detail and found beauty in all of nature’s gifts. She had a fierce appetite for learning and was always “thinking.” She loved music, sing-alongs, and a long chat with an old friend. She was independent, honest, fair, and



Audrey Daniels, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

courageous. She was someone you wanted standing beside you.

Along with her daughter Laura, Audrey is survived by her sisters Joyce Daniels of Westmoreland, N.H., and Irene Daniels Saulnier (Roland) of Chester, and her brother James Daniels (Diane) of Springfield. Audrey is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and relatives.

True to her wishes, there will be no services. May Mother Nature give us comfort.

“I shall be telling this with a sigh, Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.” Robert Frost

Judith M. Morrill-Billings, 1925-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Judith Mary (Rash) Morrill-Billings passed away peacefully Sept. 20, 2021 at Gill Odd Fellows Nursing Home in Ludlow, Vt. She was born in Bridgton, Maine, June 22, 1925, daughter of Maurice (Dean) Rash and Mary E. (Roberts). She attended elementary schools in New Hampshire and Vermont and high school in Montpelier and Springfield, from which she graduated in 1943.

She married Edward G. Morrill of Waterford, Vt., Aug. 7, 1943 and moved to Ludlow, Vt., in 1947 where they built their home and lived for 42 years. She was an active member of the Ludlow United Church, serving as Sunday school teacher, and active member of the United Church Women’s Fellowship. She was past-president of Ludlow-Okemo Valley Women’s Club; she was a member and served as leader of the Ludlow TOPS 17. She served as State Lecturer for Chamber of Vermont Federation of Women’s Clubs; she was a member of Ludlow VFW Auxiliary 10155; and served as past-president and lifetime member of Ballard-Hobart American Legion Auxiliary 36.

On Sept. 9 1989, she married Edgar N. Billings Sr. and moved into the log home they built at Lake Willoughby in Westmore, Vt. She was a member of the Westmore Community Church and served as clerk for three years; she was a member of Westmore Ladies Aide Club; a member of the Book and Thimble Club of Orleans; and she was a member of the Northeast Civil War Round Table. She was also a member and weight recorder for the Barton TOPS 82. She enjoyed time with friends as part of the Westmore Red Hat Society; and she volunteered time at the gift shop and served as greeter to visitors at the Stone House Museum in Brownington. She loved spending time



Judith M. Morrill-Billings, 1925-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

with family, cooking and baking, playing Bingo and socializing with friends, crocheting, sewing, crafting, gardening, music and dancing.

Survivors include her children Kevin Morrill of Ludlow, Susan (Morrill) Gagnon with husband Norman Jr. of Ludlow; grandsons and their families Norman Gagnon III with partner Pam Shea of Stoney Creek, Canada, and Sean Gagnon with wife Bonnie of Chester; 13 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren. Stepchildren: Edgar Billings Jr. and wife Lorean with their family of Baltimore, Vt., Jeffrey Billings and wife Cindy of Ludlow and their family, Kelly Billings, and Timothy Billings of Ludlow with his family. She is also survived by her sister and families Deanna Mitchell with husband Robert of Randolph, Vt., and she also leaves many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was predeceased by her first husband Edward G. Morrill in 1980, son David Alex Morrill in 1990, daughter Patricia Ann Morrill in 2015, son Robert Morrill in 2020, and second husband Edgar N. Billings Sr. in 2012, brother Morris Rash in 2005, sister Grace Pearo in 2015, and stepson Neil Billings in 2020.

Ernest Friedli, 2021

WINDHAM, Vt. – Ernie Friedli, 95, died at home Sept. 20, 2021, with his family at his side. We are forever indebted to his cherished friends and generous medical providers. Ernie lost the love of his life, Sheila, in December 2014. He is survived by his eldest son Kipp and his wife Helen with endearing grandchildren Laura and Kate and her husband Henry; also his second son Brett and his children Hayley and Ali; and great-grandchildren Sachie, Fiona, Elaina, and Logan. He is also survived by his sister Margaret Nussbickel.

The stories Ernie shared with those who listened were rich with glorious details about people and travels around the globe. People opened their hearts to him in response, sharing their own experiences, making a true connection. In the Navy for a short time, he was in training to be a pilot as World War II ended. As an engineer from Duke, he joined IBM and in the late 1940s built the first 13 hard disk drives, which facilitated launching the computer age. In the 1960s, he was chosen by Tom Watson Jr. to manage a new plant in Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he had been born and raised.

For the past 30-plus years, Ernie called Vermont home. A place



Ernest Friedli, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

where communities are real and people stop in the road to passionately debate matters of true importance. How do we educate our children? How do we supply electricity to a power-hungry world? How do we grow healthy food? How do we travel without destroying the earth? Vermont is a special place, full of loving neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ernie’s honor to the Grace Cottage Hospital Foundation, the Alzheimer’s Association, or your favorite charity. A memorial service will be arranged at a future date.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Diane L. Quackenbush, 1950-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Diane L. Quackenbush, age 70, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born Diane Lee Burt, Nov. 25, 1950, at Springfield Hospital, to Harrison and Helen Burt. She attended schools in North Springfield and Springfield, graduating SHS Class of 1968. She attended Bay State College in Boston and worked various jobs in Boston and Washington, D.C.

Her love and caring of people lead her into the nursing field where she eventually became an RN. She was an EMT for an ambulance service in Chester for a while and then moved to Florida and was a hospital nurse in Avon Park for many years.

Her love of Vermont brought her back and she settled in New Hampshire. She worked briefly at Springfield Hospital and then at the VA in White River Junction, retiring in 2016.

She enjoyed cooking, traveling, flower and vegetable gardening, and being with her grandkids.

Survivors include two sons Todd McMillan and Cody Denofrio, and a daughter, Ashley Denofrio, all of Charlestown; two brothers Daryl Burt and his wife Sun of Chester, and Dana



Diane L. Quackenbush, 1950-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Burt of Las Vegas; eight grandkids and one great-grandchild; several cousins, many nieces and nephews; and two cats and her most beloved dog, Picasso.

She was predeceased by her parents and an infant nephew.

A staunch animal lover, she had many cats and dogs throughout her life, but her greatest love was that of horses. There were no services and spreading of ashes in a horse pasture has already occurred.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the horse charity: EQUUS Foundation Inc., 168 Long Lots Rd, Westport, CT 06880, or online at www.equusfoundation.org/give. Click on “Tribute.”

Dianne VanGuilder, 1949-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Dianne VanGuilder, 72, passed away unexpectedly, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., her family by her side. She was born May 11, 1949 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Richard K. and Virginia M. (Gannon) Trombly. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School Class of 1967.

On Dec. 30, 1967, Dianne married Eugene VanGuilder in Springfield, Vt.

Dianne worked as bartender at the Robert L. Johnson VFW Post 771 in Springfield, Vt., for over 20 years, a job she greatly enjoyed.

Dianne enjoyed playing bingo, rip tickets, and visits to the casino. She enjoyed baking for her family and making chocolate chip cookies for Rick. Most of all, Dianne enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her daughter and two grandsons who were a very special part of her life.

She is survived by her husband Eugene, daughter Yvonne White (Rick), two grandsons Eric (Jill) and Kyle, one sister Bonnie L. Regan, two brothers George R. Trombly (Mary), and Richard K.



Dianne VanGuilder, 1949-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Trombly Jr., and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at noon at the St. Mary’s Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate. A gathering will follow at the VFW Post 771.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robert L. Johnson VFW Post 771, 191 River St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Barbara Lockwood, 1934-2021

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Barbara Lockwood passed away Sept. 14, 2021 at the home of her son Brad in Berlin, Vt. She was born Dec. 22, 1934 in Charlestown, N.H., to Walter and Gladys Gates. She attended schools in Charlestown, N.H., East Ryegate, Vt., Reading, Vt., and graduated from Springfield High School in 1953.

Barbara had a varied career working at Springfield Hospital, Fellows Corporation, Farmers Home Administration, Springfield Humane Society culminating with delivering Meals on Wheels.

In June of 1956, she married Ronald Lockwood and later settled on Maple Street in Perkinsville, Vt., where they raised their family and she resided until her death.

Throughout her life, Barb had many interests including a deep love for reading, music, history, nature, and especially visiting with family and friends. She will be remembered as a caring generous person who enjoyed donating to numerous organizations for which she felt a great passion. She was extremely proud of her Vermont heritage and especially enjoyed attending town meetings and her involvement with her Perkinsville and Weathersfield community.

Barbara is survived by daughters Sheree Nale and husband Steve of Greeley, Colo.; Sandra



Barbara Lockwood, 1934-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Plummer of West Palm Beach, Fla.; son Brad Lockwood and wife Lori of Berlin, Vt.; brother Arthur Gates and wife Sylvia of Perkinsville, Vt.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents and sister Natalie Bushway and husband Alfred of Springfield, Vt.

A graveside service will be held at Grout Cemetery in Perkinsville, Vt., Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at 1 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at Hoisington Community Park. Knight Funeral Home, Windsor, Vt., is entrusted with arrangements and online condolences are invited at www.knight-funeralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Weathersfield Historical Society.

Jane Skofield, 1925-2021

WALPOLE, N.H. – Jane (Phipps) Skofield, 96, of Walpole, N.H., died peacefully at home with her family at her side Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021.

She was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., Aug. 6, 1925, the daughter of Mildred (Hubbard) Phipps and Raymond Phipps. Jane and her brother Billy were raised in Walpole by their grandparents, Ira S. and Gertrude S. Hubbard, after their mother’s death in 1928.

Upon graduating from high school, Jane earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of New Hampshire in 1947. She was very active in theater at UNH, where she also met her husband, Herman T. Scofield of New Boston, N.H. They were married in Walpole in June of 1948.

Herman entered the U.S. Foreign Service in 1950. The Scofields enjoyed postings in Berlin, Germany; Karachi, Pakistan; Vienna, Austria; and Bern, Switzerland, as well as in Washington, D.C. Upon Herman’s retirement in 1971, Jane and he spent a number of years in Austria before permanently settling in Walpole in 1977.

Jane was active in many organizations, both theatrical and charitable, and enjoyed volunteering for the Women of Walpole, Maplewood Nursing Home, St. John’s Episcopal Church of Walpole, and in acting and directing for the Walpole Players. She was active and athletic throughout her life, enjoying hiking, skiing, and distance running, which she took up in her 60s and pursued with great success, completing the 1989 New York City Marathon, and earning recognition as a competitive road runner by placing third in her age category in the 1987 L’Eggs Mini Marathon in New York City’s Central Park.

She was predeceased by her husband Herman, and by her three brothers William, Richard, and Robert Phipps.

Jane is survived by her son William and daughter-in-law Myong-hee (Choi) Skofield of Walpole; her



Jane Skofield, 1925-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

daughter Peggy (Skofield) Winters and son-in-law Wayne Winters of Exeter, N.H.; her son James Skofield and his partner Gary Rhodes of Walpole; her daughter Elizabeth Skofield and son-in-law Ron Rivard of Snoqualmie, Wash.; by her sister-in-law Joan Phipps of Chebeague Island, Maine; by her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; by numerous cousins; and by close and much-loved friends in the United States and abroad.

Jane’s family wishes to extend its special and enduring thanks to each of the wonderful caregivers who helped make her last year both easeful and joyous. These dedicated women could not have been more thoughtful or more compassionate.

Burial will be private. An outdoor memorial gathering in honor of Jane will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Walpole, Saturday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. DiLuzio Foley Fletcher Funeral Homes of Keene is assisting with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks Jane to be remembered by contributing in her name to any of the following: The Fall Mountain Food Shelf, P.O. Box 191, 122 NH Rte 12A, Langdon, NH 03602, ATTN: Mary Lou Huffling; Our Place Drop-In Center, 4 Island St., P.O. Box 852, Bellows Falls, VT, 05101; and St. John’s Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 179, Walpole, NH 03608.

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Please submit your letter of interest to the Town Clerk’s Office, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 05056, or call 802-672-3655.



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
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Town of Westminster – RFP for Front Entrance Refurbishing

The Town of Westminster, VT is seeking a qualified contractor to refurbish the Front Entrance of the Historic Town Hall. The work will consist of:

- Painting walls and ceilings on both the first floor and second floor.
- Paint white the inside of the front doors and side panels.
- Sand, stain, and varnish, as needed, the two closet doors, frames, and front door frame.
- Sand, stain, and varnish as needed the interior doors, both sides, on the first floor.
- Sand, stain, and varnish main floor entrance and second floor landing.
- Sand, stain, and varnish both sets of stairs and landings as needed.
- Sand, stain, and varnish wainscoting and rails on both sets of stairs,
- Sand, stain, and varnish 2 window frames and grilles as needed.

Interested Contractors: A qualified Contractor interested in bidding this service must call or email the Town office for the full scope and inspection of this project request. Formal bids will be due at the Town Hall (mailed or emailed) by Noon on October 22, 2021. Timing for this project to start and finish is flexible within reason but please understand that once the work has commenced, there is no leaving until finished as this is the main entrance to a very active Town Hall.
Town of Westminster
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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windham

PROBATE DIVISION
Unit
Docket No.: 21-PR-04642

In re ESTATE of :

MARY S. GRIPPO

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of:

MARY S. GRIPPO

Decedent

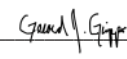
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WINDAM COUNTY, BELLOWS FALLS, VERMONT 05101

Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

Dated: SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Signature of Fiduciary 

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
GERARD GRIPPO		5 POND ROAD
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802-463-4691		BELLOWS FALLS, VERMONT

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windham Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 21-PR-04210

In re ESTATE of JOYCE HYDE:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Joyce Hyde late of South Londonderry, Vermont

Darcy Woodall having been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

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Hunters urged to wear orange

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Fish & Wildlife is reminding hunters to wear fluorescent hunter orange. “Our volunteer hunter education instructors stress that wearing orange during hunting season is important, and studies prove that wearing fluorescent hunter orange keeps hunters visible to other people in the woods, but it keeps them relatively invisible to deer,” said Vermont Hunter Education Program Coordinator Nicole Meier. “Every year we should strive to be the safest we can be by wearing at least a hunter orange hat and vest,” she added. The time that deer are most active, during the dawn and dusk hours, are times of especially low visibility. You can improve your chances of being seen by other hunters by wearing hunter orange, which can be seen even in low-light situations.

“While it isn’t recommended to wear orange during waterfowl and turkey seasons, we certainly still recommend hunter orange when you are going to and from your blind, treestand, or calling spot,” said Meier. While some hunters might be concerned that deer are scared by hunter orange, in fact deer have been shown to be unaffected by the color. A deer’s vision is based on movement, patterns, and color variations. Unlike humans, deer do not have multiple color receptors in their eyes. They can see color, but their spectrum is limited. This means deer must rely heavily on their ability to detect movement over the ability to interpret color variations and patterns. This video shows how much more visible hunters are when wearing orange: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kSI79ss9I.

Hunters can report turkeys, deer online

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont hunters will be able to report turkeys and some deer they harvest this fall online through the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com under “Hunt” on the left side. Turkeys may be reported online or in-person at

a regional big game reporting station. Deer may be reported online or in-person during the archery and muzzleloader seasons, but deer must be reported in-person during the youth and novice weekend Oct. 23-24 and during the regular deer season, Nov. 13-28. This in-person reporting requirement allows biologists to collect important information from deer during these seasons. Bears must be reported

in-person at a regional big game reporting station. The hunter must also submit a premolar tooth from the bear at the time the bear is reported or within 30 days. Hunters are required to report deer, bear, and wild turkeys they harvest during the hunting seasons within 48 hours. Deer and bear must be field-dressed prior to reporting, and a hunter must take a warden to the kill site of a deer or bear if requested by a warden.

Ludlow Elementary School Bus Driver
Ludlow Elementary School has a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks are required as well as being in a pool for random testing. Starting Pay: \$22.37/hr. Send resume to Cathy Farman at cathy.farman@trsu.org.

School Bus Driver
Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing.

Job Type: Full-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at michael.ripley@trsu.org

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 10/20/2021, to hold a public hearing for an application from Stephen Wurz to do a minor subdivision at 2344 Middletown Rd.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal. Contact the Zoning administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org or (802) 824-3356 ex 102 for more information on the application or how to attend.

Town of Londonderry, VT
JOB OPENINGS

Road Crew Member/Equipment Operator
Work includes plowing, grading, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties. A clean driving record, a CDL license, and the ability to pass drug/alcohol tests are required. Highway/road maintenance experience preferred. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits.

Transfer Station Attendant
Part-time (5 hours per week) Transfer Station Attendant to work on weekends. Backhoe experience preferred.

Administrative Assistant to the Conservation Commission
Part-time (~ 2 hours per week) assistant to the Londonderry Conservation Commission, to provide notices, attend and take minutes of meetings, often held on evenings, and provide administrative services as necessary.

Applicants must complete and submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site: www.londonderryvt.org. Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Other supporting information from applicants is welcome. Positions opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY OCTOBER 29, 2021

SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Brian Joslyn
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

10/4/2021 THROUGH 10/8/2021
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Springfield Water Department

Mount Holly Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
October 20, 2021

The Mount Holly Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:15 PM on October 20, 2021 at the Town Office and via Zoom to consider an Application for a Minor Subdivision, #2021-03.
Property Owner: Andrzej and Teresa Bolalek
Property Location: 4623 Route 155
Application for: Minor Subdivision of 23.19 Acre lot into three lots (11.91 +/- acres, 8.32 +/- acres, 2.96 +/- acres)
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Passcode: 150038

Link to the Zoom meeting will be on the web site: <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/>

Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) in advance of the hearing to Mount Holly Planning Commission at planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org or mail to Mount Holly Planning Commission at P.O. Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758.

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OCT. 2 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The New Hampshire Antique Tractor Club will be having a food drive to benefit the Charlestown Food Shelf Saturday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. The tractors will start on Old Claremont Road at 10 a.m., head down to East Street, Paris Avenue, up West Street to the senior center, and then back to town. Please stop them with your donations of nonperishable food, paper goods, and personal care products. For more information, call Mel Wadleigh at 603-542-8191.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Saturday, Oct. 2, Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd., is offering a complete turkey supper for take-out only. Menu includes potatoes, squash, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, and apple pie for dessert. Please call 603-826-5987 between 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1, and from 12-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2. You can pick up your meal between 4-5 p.m. Just drive through, pay, and we will deliver your meal through your car window.

GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are proud to announce their Saturday Night Round and Square Dance, Saturday, Oct. 2, from 7-10 p.m., at the Grange Hall, located 200 feet above the Junction of Routes 103N and 10 – five miles north of Chester. There will be snacks and drinks for sale in the kitchen as well as a 50/50 raffle drawing. If you are not vaccinated, it is recommended, but not required, to wear masks. We do ask that suggested donations please be paid at the door. For more information, call 802-591-

4290 or the Grange at 802-875-1051.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Elementary School is hosting a Harvest Festival Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present folk pop singer-songwriter Dar Williams and Crys Matthews as part of the 2021 Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series, Saturday, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. at Cooper Field, 39 Sand Hill Rd. in Putney. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Advance tickets are available online at www.nextstagearts.org. Kids 12 and under are free. Next Stage will provide a cash bar.

OCT. 2 & 3 – PUTNEY, Vt. – Green Mountain Spinnery's Fiber & Maker Pop-Up Event Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take I-91

OCT. 3 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Come and join the Colts and Fillies 4-H Club for our annual fall open horse show Sunday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Millot Green, 15 Mechanic St., in Alstead. Celebrating our 55th year of club activity and service to our local community. Sponsored by The Ideal Board, Douglas Cuddle Toys, Mascoma Bank, Mr. G's, Trafalgar Square Books, Poulin Feed, and Straight Arrow Products.

Brews will also be onsite and booking for scenic two-hour e-bike tours. Pre-registration is encouraged. Follow our Facebook page for updates, www.facebook.com/TapToTable.

GRAFTON, Vt. – On Sunday, Oct. 3, from 2-3 p.m., the Grafton Cornet Band invites all to its free Foliage Concert on the Library Lawn in Grafton, Vt. Bring chairs or a blanket for comfort and maybe a picnic. The band keeps its original 1867 name even though all wind instruments are now included. See www.GraftonBand.org for more information, including any rain cancellation notices.

OCT. 9 – ACWORTH, N.H. – Acworth Female Charitable Society's semi-annual rummage sale at the Church on the Hill in Acworth is Oct. 9, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are required.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Old Time Penny Sale at St. Mary's Parish in Claremont, Saturday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. in the gym on Main Street. Doors open at 5 p.m. Large cash grand prize plus over 300 other prizes, free raffle prizes for kids, and free door prizes. Refreshments will include hot dogs, mac and cheese, popcorn, and beverages.

GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange, at the junction of Route 103N and 10, is holding their breakfast Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8-9:30 a.m. There is a price per person. Menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, blueberry and plain pancakes, toast, juices,

sausage gravy, and biscuits. Eat in or take out. For information, call the grange at 802-875-1051.

N. CLARENDON, Vt. – EAA Chapter 968 is reviving its annual Leaf-Peeper Fly-In Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport, 1004 Airport Rd., North Clarendon. Rain or shine. All-you-can-eat fresh eggs to order, pancakes with Vermont maple syrup, along with your choice of sausage, bacon, and home fries. For more information, go to www.chapters.eaa.org/ea968, email EAA968@vermontel.net, or leave a message at 802-259-3749.

OCT. 9 & 10 – GRAFTON, Vt. – Annual Grafton Firefighters Tag Sale at the firehouse at 711 Route 121, east of Grafton Village Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., when most items will be half price. Large selection of items including furniture, housewares, small appliances, books, recordings, toys, linens, tools, and much more.

OCT. 10 – GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding a Non-Open-Mic Jam, Sunday, Oct. 10, from 1-4 p.m., at the Grange Hall, located 200 feet above the Junction of Routes 103N and 10 – five miles north of Chester. There will be a 50/50 drawing and maybe a Mystery Bag. If you are not vaccinated, it is recommended, but not required, to wear masks. Suggested donation per person at the door. We will have snacks, bottled water, and some sodas for sale. For more information, call Donna at 802-591-4290 or the Grange at 802-875-1051.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

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

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

LEBANON, N.H. – Dumbbells and Diapers: A Parent and Baby Workout Series by Sunflower Postpartum Care Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning Oct. 5 at the Baan Muay Thai gym in Lebanon, N.H. Babies up to 18 months old are welcome. Birthing parents must be 6 weeks postpartum and cleared by their doctor to attend.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WEDNESDAYS –
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom and in person. For more information, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

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

REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. A 45-minute gentle flow class with meditation to strengthen, improve flexibility, bring balance, relieve stress, and improve the immune system. Calm the “monkey mind” and help bring peace to your life, whether it is on or off your yoga mat. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS –
BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Six-week course in non-violent communication offered by the Humanity Network, Restorative Practice of Vermont, and the Rockingham Library, beginning Thursday, Sept. 10, from 7-9 p.m., on Zoom. Participants will be guided through the consciousness and basics of non-violent communication and the restorative circle process as it is used for conflict resolution. To receive an invitation to this Zoom program, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden.

CHESTER, Vt. – “Learn to Knit Series” at Six Loose Ladies on the first Thursday of September, October, and November from 5-8 p.m. Included in the price is nine hours of instruction and all materials needed to complete three projects. Visit www.6looseladies.com for details and to register.

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FRIDAYS –
BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Farmers Market is every Friday from 4-7 p.m. through September at the Waypoint Center, 17 Depot St., in Bellows Falls.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Farmers Market is open every Friday from 4-7 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main Street. Vendors offer local produce and meats, baked goods, and cheese as well as artisan goods. Enjoy live music. For a detailed list of vendors, please check out the Ludlow Farmers Markets Facebook and Instagram.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Townshend Farmers Market is Fridays, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the West Townshend Country Store. Wood-fired pizza and live music starts at 5 p.m. Masks are required and no dogs allowed. For more information, go to www.westtownshend.wixsite.com/wrccp.

SATURDAYS –
GASSETTS, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange and Green Mountain Express are excited to be holding their Round and Square Dances the first Saturday of every month from 7-10 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Donation per person. There are French fries, hot dogs, and snacks on sale in our kitchen. We will hold a 50/50 drawing also. For more information, please call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers Market runs every Saturday, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Clinton Street, near the entrance to the Toonerville Trail. For questions or vendor application forms, contact sfog@vermontel.net.

DAILY –
REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

Fall sports schedule, Sept. 30-Oct. 9

REGION – Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools’ athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30 –
Boys Soccer
Leland & Gray at Rivendell, 4:30 p.m.
Stevens at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.
Field Hockey
Brattleboro at Springfield, 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Green Mountain at Stratton Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1 –
Cross Country
Fall Mountain at Hillsboro-Deering, 4 p.m.
Field Hockey
Rutland at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 4 –
Golf
Fall Mountain at John Stark, 4 p.m.
Volleyball
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 6:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5 –
Boys Soccer
Bellows Falls at Rivendell, 4 p.m.
Hartford at Green Mountain, 4 p.m.
Newport at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.
Stratton Mountain at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.
Cross Country
Leland & Gray at Long Trail, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6 –
Girls Soccer
Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 4 p.m.
Leland & Gray at White River Valley, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7 –
Boys Soccer
Fall Mountain at Newport, 4 p.m.
Otter Valley at Green Mountain, 4 p.m.
Field Hockey
Springfield at Rutland, 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Laconia at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8 –
Boys Soccer
Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.
Cross Country
CVC Invitational at Fall Mountain, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 9 –
Football
Somersworth at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Green Mountain at Rivendell, 4 p.m.
Springfield at Windsor, 4 p.m.
Volleyball
Campbell at Fall Mountain, 4:45 p.m.

Mountain, 3:30 p.m.
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Spaulding at Bellows Falls, 1 p.m.
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“Bessie’s Story – Watching the Lights Go Out”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Tom Farmen, with his chocolate lab dog, Bessie, will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Nolan-Murray Center in Springfield.

“Bessie’s Story – Watching the Lights Go Out” is an inspiring story about this charming, brave, unpretentious dog who gradually loses her eyesight. Tom wrote a book about the experience and will lead the audience from the original diagnosis of terminal blindness for his beloved four-year-old pet through the two-and-a-half-year transition to sightlessness. We’ll realize how Bessie unwittingly became an expert mentor and teacher for the high wire act of growing older with grace and optimism. Their book will be available for purchase at the event.

Tom and his wife Ashley come to us with an educator’s background. He was the Headmaster at the Ramsey Hall School in Connecticut where they worked in partnership for over four decades. Now living in New Hampshire, they pursue outdoor interests as well as being active volunteers.

OLLI Springfield is pleased to be able to again host in-person



Tom Farmen with his dog Bessie. PHOTO PROVIDED

programs. Due to the changing current situation of Covid-19, the University of Vermont requires that all attendees wear masks, regardless of their vaccination status.

OLLI, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning “just for the fun of it!” People of all ages are welcome to attend.

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, travel, and current events. There is a Membership Se-

ries Special Fee for this Fall 2021. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee. We can no longer take any payments at the door. All attendees and members must pre-register prior to the start of the program. Registration can be done online by going to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

If you prefer to register by mail, send your name, address, phone number, and email address and indicate full series membership or which specific program(s) you wish to attend. Mail this information and your check, made out to University of Vermont-OLLI, to OLLI at UVM, 460 South Prospect St, Burlington, VT 05401. For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817

The complete Springfield program list is available online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

Our thanks go out to local benefactor, Barbara Sanderson. OLLI online Distinguished Speakers Series is also available by Zoom. Information is at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli.

Try something new at Kurn Hattin Homes

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Join Kurn Hattin Homes for Children’s admissions team Oct. 4, from 4-6 p.m., at Twinkle Town in Swanzey, N.H., and learn about the opportunities available for your children at Kurn Hattin

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“When Objects Talk Back” with Springfield Town Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Town Library presents The Paranormal Couple, Cody Ray DesBiens and Satori Hawes, at The Great Hall, 100 River St., in Springfield, Thursday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. for their presentation of “When Objects Talk Back: A look into Haunted Objects and Paranormal Research.”

During this presentation, you will explore the origins of haunted artifacts, have the chance to see some of the alleged haunted objects that have been recovered by the couple during their actual paranormal investigations, and hear the creepy yet intriguing stories that

accompany each item.

From the Travel Channel’s “Ghost Nation” series, they are paranormal investigators and researchers with The Atlantic Paranormal Society, which was founded by Satori’s father (Jason Hawes) in 1990.

After working together on a few TAPS cases, they found that they had a connection to each other like no other. Cody and Satori found that when they are together, it seems that they have the ability to open a door to intelligently communicate with the other side. What makes their communication different than psychics or mediums is that others can hear intelligent communication as well. This ability has enabled both of them to gain a better understanding of the other side and to help bring messages to those who need it most.

Aside from investigating, Cody and Satori are also the curators of “The Paranormal

Couple’s Haunted Museum of Objects, Oddities, and Curiosities.” What started out as a few reportedly haunted items from clients grew into a large collection of objects from around the world.

Today, The Paranormal Couple has dedicated their time and care to those in need, both living and dead. They are passionate about saving haunted objects from destruction and helping those who feel the need to rid themselves of said pieces. Together, Cody Ray and Satori are bringing their collection on the road to educate and inform others about haunted objects, trigger objects, and the care and precautions that come with them.

This event is free and open to the public. Any questions, please contact Tracey at 802-885-3108 or stlvtpprograms@gmail.com.

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Pick up a copy of “Stamped” at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Don’t miss this chance to read the banned book “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You” by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi and then discuss it with some friends of different ages over Rockingham Library Zoom, Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Youth as young as 12 and adults of all ages are encouraged to read “Stamped” and virtually gather ‘round to have a conversation about race and our roles in fighting every day and systemic racism. Copies of this book are available to

borrow from the front desk of the Rockingham Library, even if you don’t have a library card. While in the library, check out the display of the top 10 most banned books of 2020 during Banned Book Week, Sept. 26 to Oct. 2.

For more information or to sign up for a Zoom invitation, contact programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or call the library at 802-463-4270. This discussion, sponsored by the Rockingham Library and the American Library Association, is free and open to the public.

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Weston Playhouse presents “The Mountaintop”

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces the closing production of its 2021 summer season: Katori Hall’s “The Mountaintop,” running Sept. 30 through Oct. 23 at Walker Farm. As this production will be performed indoors, social distancing will be in place and masks and either proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test result are required. Learn more about our Health & Safety Protocols at www.westonplayhouse.org/HSP. “This is a profoundly astonishing play, as powerful today as it was when it first premiered over ten years ago,” says Weston’s Executive Artistic Director Susanna Gellert. “A true modern classic, ‘The Mountaintop’ asks us each to consider our role in society. It asks us to dream that we all, however small we may think ourselves, have the power to do good in the world.”

Directed by Raz Golden, this gripping fantasy about America’s shared history imagines the final night in the life of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. After delivering a powerful speech to the sanitation workers of Memphis, Tenn., Dr. King retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel. As a storm grows outside, a mysterious hotel maid brings him a cup of coffee and begins a conversation that prompts him to confront his past, his legacy, and the plight and future of his people. “As a director,” says Golden, “I’m obsessed with how we remember history and how the act of remembrance shapes the figure itself. Our production of ‘The Mountaintop’ investigates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King both as a human man and as an historical object. And we explore how Camae, a visitor from afar, forces the two con-

cepts to collide.” Golden is new to Weston, but his work was recently seen in Vermont at Dorset Theatre Festival. He has also developed work with the Public Theatre, National Black Theatre, NYU Tisch, and Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. His talents will be complemented by scenic design by Frank J. Oliva, costume design by April M. Hickman, lighting design by Austin Boyle, sound design by Carsen Joenk, and projections design by Stefania Bulbarella. “The Mountaintop” stars Neil Dawson as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Maechi Aharanwa as Camae, the maid. “The Mountaintop” plays at Walker Farm, 703 Main Street, Weston, Vt. Learn more at www.westonplayhouse.org.

Little Yellow House Studio presents “Spotlight Tuesday”

ANDOVER, Vt. – Little Yellow House Studio “Spotlight Tuesday,” a virtual conversation series, returns for a second season throughout the month of October, featuring Vermont theater artists Barbara Lloyd Oct. 5 and Reva Stover Oct. 19. Hosted by Broadway veteran and Andover resident Susan Haefner, Spotlight Tuesday connects artists and community through intimate performances and conversations. On Tuesday, Oct. 5, Barbara Lloyd, a professional actress and longtime Weston resident, will be the featured guest, sharing an excerpt from “A Year of Magical Thinking” by Joan Didion followed by a conversation about her life, career, and seeing Weston Playhouse grow from a summer stock company to the regional professional theater under four administrations and one flood. Reva Stover, a professional actor, director, and playwright, will be the Spotlight guest Tuesday, Oct. 19. Reva will premiere a first draft of her filmed play “Hungry for Paint,” followed by

a discussion about the play, her career, the process of playwriting, and more. “I’m so grateful to Susan and Little Yellow House Studio for providing the opportunity to develop ‘Hungry for Paint,’” says Reva, who wrote, directed, and stars in the filmed play. “During a pandemic, with limited resources, we were able to workshop this piece and tell an impactful story. The process has not only clarified my vision for this play but also my passion for bare-bones storytelling.” “Spotlight Tuesday series was so successful last year that it made sense to bring it back, this time focusing on theater artists who have worked in Vermont,” says Haefner, Little Yellow House Studio founder. “Conversations about the arts are more important than ever right now. We hope audiences will sit back, enjoy, be moved, and even join the conversation.” Spotlight Tuesday conversations are “pay what you can,” with a recommended ticket price for each event. Visit the Little Yellow House Studio Spot-

light Tuesday page for more information and to purchase tickets, www.littleyellowhousestudio.com/events. Upon purchase, a Zoom link will be provided to join the event.

Antique Apple Fest, Grace Coolidge Musicale

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. – The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site hosts the sixth annual Plymouth Notch Antique Apple Fest Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. This celebration of the harvest pays special tribute to the apple! Visit our heirloom apple orchard and sample vintage apple varieties. The day begins at 10 a.m. with the third annual Coolidge 5K, a professionally timed road race that winds through and around the historic village. Prizes are available for overall top finishers and age-group winners. Non-runners are invited to participate in the “I Do Not Choose to Run” one-mile walk at 11 a.m., honoring Coolidge’s famously short statement that he would not seek reelection for president in 1928. To register, contact the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation at www.coolidgefoundation.org/coolidge-5k. Rob Mermin presents “Silents Are Golden: A Celebration of Silent Cinema” at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council’s Speakers Bureau, this entertaining and educational lecture is lavishly illustrated

with clips from 100 silent film comedies and dramas from the 1920s. Mermin trained in Paris in 1969 with mentor Marcel Marceau and founded Vermont’s award-winning youth circus company Circus Smirkus. A variety of activities are scheduled throughout the day including cider pressing, wagon rides, sheep shearing, cheese sampling, and self-guided tours at the Plymouth Cheese Factory. View the work of Vermont craftspeople, including spinning demonstrations by Fiber Arts in Vermont. Bring a picnic and listen to old-time tunes performed by the Stringfield Springers. Participate in period children’s games organized by the Vermont Historical Society. At the Coolidge Museum & Education Center, view the temporary exhibit, “The Roaring Twenties: Fashions, Fads, and All That Jazz!,” which examines one of the most exciting and prosperous periods in American history. The exhibit was funded with generous support from the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation. Also in-

vestigate the nationally award-winning permanent exhibition, “More Than Two Words: The Life and Legacy of Calvin Coolidge.” On Sunday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. is the final Grace Coolidge Musicale. The 45-minute concert is free; donations are welcome. Back by popular demand are mezzo-soprano Ellen Nordstrom and pianist Abigail Charbeneau as the Mairzy Doats Duo, performing “Ain’t Misbehavin’” and other classic songs of the 1920s. The musicale will be held in the President Calvin Coolidge Museum & Education Center. It showcases the piano given to Mrs. Coolidge by the Baldwin Company and used in the family quarters at The White House. It was the first piano ever to be flown in an airplane. The Grace Coolidge Musicales are organized by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and generously sponsored by the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation. For further information, call 802-672-3773, or visit our website, www.HistoricSites.Vermont.gov.

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REGION – A horse-themed 60-by-60-inch quilt, handmade by Ann M. Ashcroft of Bellows Falls, Vt., is being raffled off in support of the 2021 Komen Vermont Ride for the Cure and the winner will be drawn Monday, Oct. 11, 2021.

Ashcroft has donated her quilt-making skills to the Ride for the Cure in Vermont. This is the 10th quilt Ann has made for the ride, each one different, but always a horse theme. This component of the Susan G. Komen horseback ride fall fundraiser has become a constituent, and community, favorite.



2021 Vermont Ride Quilt to be raffled. PHOTO PROVIDED

accepted through Saturday, Oct. 9. Online entries will be accepted through Monday, Oct. 11 at 12 p.m.

This year's Komen Vermont Ride for the Cure is being held Monday, Oct. 11 at Green Mountain Horse Association in South Woodstock. Registered "in-person" riders are being capped at 50 adults and 12 youth ages 12-17. There is unlimited "virtual rider" registration allowing those who would rather ride wherever they so choose at any time Monday, Oct. 11. To register, visit komen.org/vermontride.

2021 Komen Vermont Virtual Ride for the Cure Honorary Chair Lois Whidden said, "Ann makes quilts for family, friends, and other organizations. I am very grateful that she chooses to continue her support of the Vermont Ride for the Cure through the making and donation of her wonderful quilts."

Vermont Ride Quilt Entry is open to all ride registrants and the community-at-large.

For those who will not be on-site to buy tickets, you may purchase Vermont Ride Quilt raffle tickets with a credit card by contacting Linda Maness, Develop-

ment Manager Vermont/New Hampshire for Susan G. Komen, at LManess@komen.org or by calling 802-548-4691 – if necessary, please leave name and contact number.

To purchase Vermont Ride Quilt raffle tickets by "snail mail," please indicate quantity of tickets and provide complete contact information: name, address, phone number, and an email address, and send check or money order payable to "Susan G. Komen" with memo "VT Ride Quilt" to Linda Maness, P.O. Box 66, Pawlet, VT 05761. Entries by postal mail will be

Tai Chi for Falls Prevention beginners, advanced classes —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Are you worried about falling? Here's a solution: Tai Chi for Falls Prevention is a class sponsored by Senior Solutions, taught by certified Tai Chi instructor Susan Rubel, and free to adults 60 or older.

Classes are every Tuesday morning at the Great Hall, 100 River Street. Beginner classes are 9:30-10:30 a.m., and intermediate and advanced classes are 10:45-11:45 a.m. There is no charge, but there is a little bit of pa-

perwork to fill out at class.

With regular practice, Tai Chi improves balance by strengthening muscles and coordination; simultaneously, it strengthens the mind, enhancing calmness and confidence in not falling. Thus, both physically and mentally, Tai Chi is a highly effective exercise for fall prevention.

There remain skeptics who see Tai Chi as too gentle an exercise to have such significant effects. True, Tai Chi movements appear to be gentle and graceful, but like the force beneath

a seemingly calmly flowing river, Tai Chi movements contain much power and internal strength.

What is fascinating is that the fear of falling often results in more falls; hence, confidence in "not falling" will help to reduce falls.

For more information on Tai Chi for Falls Prevention throughout Windsor and Windham counties, please call or text Wendi Germain at 802-755-7295 or wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

What men should know about prostate cancer —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer, and a leading cause of cancer deaths among men in the United States. Today, one in eight men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime and, frequently, without any previous signs or symptoms.

The most common risk factor is age, since the chance of getting prostate cancer increases with age. African American men or those who have a family history of prostate cancer are at increased risk.

Men ages 55-69 years should discuss prostate screening with their doctor. Many men who have prostate cancer have no symptoms and, without screening, would never know they have the disease. Screening and early diagnosis can find cancer early and prevent prostate cancer from spreading to other places in the body.

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Program at the Mayo Clinic. She has been working with clients around multiple aspects of their health since 2014. She collaborates with individuals in transforming their values and desires into action and lasting change over time. She lives in Bellows Falls, Vt.

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