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Weston Playhouse presents the rock musical "Hair"

BY **BILL LOCKWOOD**
The Vermont Journal

WESTON, Vt. – On July 20 the Weston Theater Company opened the iconic rock musical "Hair," with book by Gerome Ragni and James Rado and Grammy Award winning score by Galt MacDermot on the main stage in Weston. It will run through Aug. 13.

Set in the social and political times of trouble and change of 1968, "Hair" is often referred to as the great American "tribal love rock musical." It is directed by Susanna Gellert, who is also Executive Artistic Director of Weston. She says, "'Hair' is about a group of people imagining the world as it could be, coming together and saying, What if we all loved each other a little more?"

The musical is a piece of art that reminds us of our humanity. Even in the world of sunshine and free love, we still have our human frailties. It has an obvious social commentary, but it doesn't hit you over the head with its agenda because you are having so much fun watching it. The Weston version of this gem isn't just great theater, it's quite a magical experience. I can't say enough about the outstanding, exuberant cast and overall fine quality of the production.

"Hair" opened on Broadway at the Biltmore Theatre on April 29, 1968. In many ways, it became an anthem of my generation, the one that came of age in the late 1960s and lived through the Vietnam War and the overall unrest in society. Besides politics, those times saw a sociological and cultural shift for Americans as well. Racial relations, sexual mores, changing gender roles, recreational drug use, and a



"Hair" at Weston Playhouse. PHOTO BY HUBERT SCHRIEBL PHOTOGRAPHY

shift in popular music and theater were all part of the transformation. All of that is present in this musical, although, on the surface, it is simply a joyous celebration of the "Hippie Movement" and its promise of the idyllic "Age of Aquarius," as states its theme song. The show's profanity, irreverence, and nude scene caused much comment and controversy in its day. This production keeps it fresh and relevant with protest signs waved on stage that proclaim "Black Lives Matter" and "My grandmother already marched for that."

Not only did the diverse, talented, and vocally powerful cast dazzle with song and uber-energetic dance, but some played various musical instruments on stage as well. At times they improvised with the audience, and that added to the fun. The mostly ensemble songs that tell their story range from roof-raising to ethereal.

Matt Rodin and Nathan Salstone, as Berger and Claude, are quite effective at moving the action forward. Although I would like to name them all individually, I will just say, also

of note were the strong vocals and saxophone playing of Alanna Saunders playing Sheila, and Emma Diner who played Chrissy, accompanying herself on the acoustic guitar for the only solo song, and my favorite one in the show, "Frank Mills." She sings about a probably one time encounter she can't get over with an innocence and sweetness that stops the show for a moment.

The set of metal scaffolding, ladders, and stairs is timeless, fluid, and provides a distinct urban vibe. The eye-catching costumes completely capture the era. Lighting and other effects, especially in the scenes of the cast escaping into their "stoned" stage, are appropriately first rate.

Covid protocols will continue in place. Masks and proof of vaccination are required for the audience for all performances. For more details, a schedule of the remaining performances, and the rest of this season's offerings, visit www.westontheater.org.

Sharon's on the Common hosts PopUP Sundays

BY **PAULA BENSON**
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The occasional light breeze brought minimal relief mid-morning on July 24, another hot day in Chester, Vt. The heat may have been what kept some of the regular vendors away, but "PopUP Sunday," hosted by Sharon Baker, owner of Sharon's on the Common, was up and running. The weekly event runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. each Sunday and boasts "unique vendors every week."

There were three distinct artisans who'd set up under tents in the newly created space behind the Chester Annex, next to Baker's shop. A young artist and baker, Cora Mae Churchill, of Cakes by Cora, displayed her fun, handmade jewelry designs. KitKat's Embroidery showcased designs by Kathleen Barnett on children's clothing and tote bags. And Nate Brown of North Wind Farms in Bellows Falls was selling fresh garlic, gorgeous beets and greens, the farm's own processed chickens, and bottles of homemade habanero hot sauce. The number of booths has averaged between three and eight over this summer.

Sharon's on the Common is a popular, eclectic clothing and gift boutique that has been in its current Chester location for 12 years. Baker



PopUP Sundays in Chester.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

admits she always had the dream of owning this type of shop, and loves doing what she does. Baker has also consistently held a passion to help emerging artists and entrepreneurs establish and thrive in their own ventures.

Last year, Baker converted what once was a singular store into The Chester Annex, which can host up to four separate businesses. Her continuing efforts to diversify and expand the retail community in Chester have been especially important during the pandemic, for the vendors as well as their clientele. Splitting up the space allowed for craftspeople to incur less overhead costs and increase their potential customer

base. And, maybe most importantly, to become part of a larger, collaborative, local artistic community.

That creative, cooperative energy was evident while talking with the sellers participating in the market. Baker first started PopUP Sundays over a year ago, welcoming any makers with products grown, created, or constructed in Vermont. Unlike other markets, Baker doesn't charge a booth fee, and she is always interested in meeting with new vendors. Local craftspeople looking to join a friendly, supportive community can contact Sharon at popup-sundays@vermontel.net.

PopUP Sundays will continue to run every Sunday through Oct. 9, 2022.

BRAT is the August "Give Back" nonprofit

LUDLOW, Vt. – Reduce single-use plastic in the environment and give back to a worthy cause in the local community, all while running routine weekly errands at the Ludlow Shaw's. The all-volunteer Black River Action Team (BRAT) has been selected by local Shaw's store leadership as the benefiting nonprofit in the "Give Back Where It Counts" Reusable Bag Program for the month of August.

The Shaw's Give Back Where It Counts Reusable Bag Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to the local community and the environment as part of the regular shopping routine. Every reusable Give Back Where It Counts Bag sends a donation to a nonprofit local to the Shaw's in which it was purchased.



Ludlow Elementary students participating in the annual RiverSweep cleanup.

PHOTO BY LISA MARKS

"As focused as BRAT is on healthy, trash-free waterways, it's more important than ever to help keep plastic out of the environment," says Kelly Stettner, Founder and Director of the Black River Action Team. "Nonprofits at the local level, like BRAT, are

in need of community support. This program offers the perfect solution to multiple issues of the world today. We hope you'll support us in August by purchasing one – or two! – Give Back Where It Counts bags at the

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Ludlow Rotarians discuss drones

LUDLOW, Vt. – Drones – those little remote-controlled helicopters with the all-seeing camera – are ideal for solving the mystery of a lost hiker. But finding out what's behind a neighbor's fence or, God forbid, your bedroom window, is off limits, according to Gene Jakominich of Ludlow, featured speaker at the Ludlow Rotary Club's (LRC) Tuesday, July 19, 2022 meeting. He described the capabilities of drones, detailing how the photographs taken by these flying devices were able to define details that ordinary cameras can't.

A retired U.S. Navy Op-



Left to right, Jim Rumrill, LRC President, Reid Hychiewicz, Mackenzie Martin, and Grace Tyrell, LRC scholarship winners.

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erations Specialist and veteran of the First Gulf War, Jakominich says drones are useful for disaster relief. But, they must never take off from private property without permission from the property owner.

In discussing the flight management of drones, Jakominich indicated that most drone users followed basic rules as to elevation and area

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Chester doll artist Bonnie Watters returns

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Doll Artist Bonnie Watters has reopened her doll shop and gallery in Chester's historic Stone Village. It began with an invitation to return to the Vermont Welcome Center in Guilford, Vt. to display her unique hand crafted dolls.

During July, visitors will see eight dolls, half with real eyes and half with her signature motif eyes. Her personal 40-year-old Monogram doll, seated in an antique rocking chair, narrates the display through conversation clouds. Also, there is a visual presentation of how her legendary Ruth Bader Ginsburg Doll was created, including a hand embroidered face. Historical items from her 54 years of doll artistry include a timeline, sewing patterns, photographs, and a promotional calendar with poetry. The



Bonnie and Saylor.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Watters were blessed with help from Saylor, a neighbor's adult granddaughter, who volunteered to help setup.

Visitors coming to Bonnie's Bundles Dolls gallery on Route 103N will see and

can purchase just seven remaining dolls, since she is retiring. Shop hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily. Bonnie is planning and hoping to publish a book based on her blog.

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad updates

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – In the year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) responded to 698 calls, up from 466 calls the previous year. This was a 50% increase.

The numbers by town are as follows: Andover –

3, Landgrove – 14, Londonderry – 210, South Londonderry – 98, Peru – 88, Stratton – 41, Weston – 98, and Winhall/Bondville – 88. 45 of these calls were to ski areas. In addition, there were 17 out of area mutual aid calls.

In the same period, Londonderry Technical Rescue

responded to 56 calls.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is on call 24/7, 365 days a year, and never out of service.

To learn more about LVRS, or to donate or volunteer, go to www.londonderryrescuevt.org.

“Age Successfully” health and benefits fair –

LUDLOW, Vt. – In what promises to be a fun and informative day, Senior Solutions and Black River Good Neighbors Services will be hosting a fair on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the grounds of Good Neighbors at 37B Main Street, Ludlow, Vt., rain or shine. The fair will include free health screenings by North Star Health, food and nutritional program information such as 3SquaresVT and

Meals on Wheels, Seasonal Heating Fuel applications for this upcoming winter, a free barbecue prepared by Trio Community Meals, arts programming, a Tai Chi demonstration, Anti-Scam information from the Sheriff's Department, volunteer opportunities for seniors, Veteran support, and more. Representatives from Cricket phones will be on hand to distribute free phones. There will also be a raffle available for a basket donated by Willow Farm Pet Supplies to

support the Foxy Fund, a Senior Solutions program that assists clients with veterinarian and pet food costs.

While these kinds of benefits fairs have been held in the larger river towns in the past, this is the first of its kind in Ludlow. For more information, please contact Suzanne Burge, Senior Solutions at 802-822-0498, or at Sburge@seniorsolutionsvt.org, or Krey Kellington, BRGNS, 802-228-3663, or at kkellingtonbrgns@gmail.com.

The Nature Museum Fairy House Festival

GRAFTON, Vt. – On Sept. 24 and 25, 2022, The Nature Museum in Grafton, Vt. will be hosting its annual Fairy House Festival from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on both days.

The Fairy House Festival is The Nature Museum's annual fundraiser and draws visitors from far and wide to Grafton each September. Volunteers create a fairyland of small structures built out of natural materials, opening a portal to the incredible world around us through deep observation of nature's gifts.

The funds raised at the Fairy House Festival go to support the museum's natural science programs in schools and libraries, wilderness days for tweens, wild foods workshops, summer camps



Fairy House from the Fairy House Festival.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE NATURE MUSEUM

for kids, mushroom talks, birding walks, and so much more.

Builders and Volunteers will receive free admissions. Teen Volunteers will receive community service hours. Tickets go on sale mid-August.

The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend

Rd., Grafton Vt.

BRAT

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Ludlow Shaw's!"

The Black River Action Team is a nonprofit based in Windsor County, Vt. Founded in 2000, BRAT volunteers collect water quality data, perform annual river cleanups, teach about aquatic ecosystems, and plant native stream-banks and shorelines to protect water quality as well as property values. Learn more about the Black River Action Team by visiting www.blackrivercleanup.wixsite.com/blackriveractionteam, leave a message at 802-738-0456, or send an email to blackrivercleanup@gmail.com.

For more information about the Shaw's "Give Back Where It Counts" Reusable Bag Program, please visit www.shaws.bags4mycause.com.

DRONE

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covered during drone operations.

Two factors he stressed concerned drone flight over private property. He cited the current legal status of a drone as being similar to that of a commercial aircraft, saying, "Don't shoot it down. That's a federal crime. Call the police instead," since this would be considered the same as attacking conventional aircraft based on the current laws.

He also noted that most users will not take photos of private property without first getting the consent of the owner.

Jim Rumrill, LRC President, introduced three recently graduated students from area high schools. All three were recent recipients of scholarship awards from the LRC. Each of the students described their continuing plan of studies in college.

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Windham County Genealogy Interest Group —

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The August meeting of the Windham County Genealogy Interest Group will be held as a hybrid meeting: in person at the Rockingham Free Public Library Meeting Room, Second Floor, in Bellows Falls and via Zoom on Saturday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m., EDT, free and open to the public. The topics addressed at this meeting will be using Revolutionary War Pension Applications and using Fold3, a military records database.

Pre-register for the meeting at www.bit.ly/WCGIG-REGISTRATION. A link to join the Zoom session will be sent to you 24 hours before the event. Attendees in person are encouraged to wear masks.

Using Revolutionary War Pension Applications: This collection at the National Archives includes over ten million records on about 80,000 veterans. The records include the entire pension files for soldiers and sailors who served in the Revolutionary War. They reveal details about each veteran's history and service, as well as information about his family, health, and life after the war. A widow's application can be even more helpful for genealogy, since she also had to provide information about their marriage. We will show how to find the records online, and we will give examples of what kinds of family history information might be found.

Using Fold3, a Military Records Database: A database to find military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. The Fold3 name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world. There are more than 590 million images with two million added monthly. Records include all military conflicts from the American Revolution through Afghanistan conflicts as well as, but also including, records from Australian, British and Irish, Canadian, and New Zealand Forces.

We are going to try something new for this meeting: Put your genealogy research skills to work and try to answer this: Who were the husbands of Regina Holler, and when and where did they get married? Some clues to the case at www.bit.ly/WCGIG-QUESTION.

The Windham County, Vt. Genealogy Interest Group is an informal organization whose members are dedicated to genealogy education, research, and best practices. Meetings are held every other month on Zoom. Many of these sessions were recorded and are available on the WCGIG YouTube Channel, which cover topics such as improving your search results in www.FamilySearch.org and www.Ancestry.com; using family tree software; navigating the crowd sources cemetery database, Find A Grave; using land records for genealogy research; using www.AmericanAncestors.org, the database of the New England Historic Genealogical Society; finding people in the newly released 1950 U.S. Census.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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A history of Landgrove

The following history is written by Robert Badger. Rob is president of Landgrove Historical Society.



Close-up of Gen. Stark's tablet. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH



Monument to Gen. Stark's encampment. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

This article is about the founding of Landgrove, and how it was carved out of the wilderness by an enterprising family.

The first settler was Captain William Utley, who was originally from Connecticut, where he had numerous land holdings. We believe that he was in the French and Indian War between 1756 and 1763, likely leading a group of Connecticut soldiers in the battles at Montreal and Quebec, thus earning him the title of Captain. These military campaigns would have introduced him to the wilderness between the Connecticut River to the east and the Hudson River to the west, north of Massachusetts and south of Canada.

In the 1760s, both New Hampshire and New York were issuing conflicting and overlapping land grants in this wilderness area, and New Englanders, eager to acquire new land, began to move into these grants.

In the spring of 1767, Captain Utley and his 16-year-old son, Asa, traveled up the Connecticut River to what is now Springfield, across a newly created road to the frontier town of Chester, and then spent the rest of the year cutting a road from Chester to the West River about halfway between Weston and Londonderry. Come winter, they returned to their home in Connecticut. In the spring of 1768, Captain Utley and Asa returned to their spot on the West River, cleared a parcel of land, planted corn and potatoes, and then continued cutting the road west from the West River, over the hills between Weston and Landgrove to what we know as Landgrove Flats. This road still exists – in Land-

grove it is known as Old County Road East and Old County Road West, passing between the Meeting House and Town Hall, and continuing as Haggood Pond Road.

The spot Captain Utley chose for his farm was on a knoll sitting above Landgrove Flats. And that was as far as he and Asa cut the road. This was to be their farm.

In 1769, Captain Utley returned with his family, which consisted of his wife and six kids, including Asa, built a cabin to live in, and started clearing fields to farm. They thought they were in the town of Bromley, what is now known as Peru.

In 1776 and 1777 Captain Utley was a delegate to several regional conventions that resulted in the declaration of Vermont as an independent republic, and not a part of New York or of New Hampshire. Thus, in 1777, the Republic of Vermont was born, an independent state that did not join the union until 1791.

In the summer of 1777, during the American Revolution, General John Stark was camped with a company of men in Charlestown, N.H. with plans to cross the Connecticut River to aid Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys in their fight against the British. General Stark was advised by Ira Allen, Ethan's brother, to cross the river, take the road to Chester, and then through the wilderness along the newly carved road to Captain Utley's home. So this was a well-known location. The captain and his family fed the troops a lunch of hasty pudding, a porridge made primarily of crushed corn and milk or water. After lunch, the men cut the road from the Utley Farm to Bromley, where they camped for the night and a monument now stands to

commemorate the encampment. From there, the troops marched to Manchester and on to Bennington, where they fought in the Battle of Bennington. This was Landgrove's small role in the American Revolution.

As stated above, the Utleys thought they were in the town of Bromley, now Peru. As new towns were laid out, there were numerous conflicting claims and surveys, along with conflicting grants by New Hampshire and New York, but after a while it became obvious to Captain Utley that his farm was not in Bromley. He petitioned the Land Office Committee, run by his friend Ira Allen, for a new town. On Nov. 6, 1780, the Vermont General Assembly, recognizing Utley's role in working for Vermont independence, quickly authorized the grant of the land between Bromley, Londonderry, and what is now known as Weston, to Captain Utley and his fellow settlers, of which there were now 22, ten of whom were in Utley's family (Asa was now married with a child of his own). Each was granted the sum of 320 acres. Three days later, on Nov. 9, 1780, a charter was granted and the town of Landgrove officially came into existence.

Springfield Players auditions —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Players will hold auditions for The Sweet Delilah Swim Club on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 4-6 p.m., and again on Monday Aug. 8, from 6-7:30 p.m.

This show is a comedy written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. Performances for this show will happen in November with opening weekend on Nov. 4 and 5, and closing out on Nov. 11 and 12.

The cast of this show is five women whose friendship began on their col-

lege swim team. Since their time in college they meet for a long weekend every August at the same beach cottage on South Carolina's Outer Banks to catch up and reconnect. The show focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of 33 years. The show is a touching and hilarious

comedy about the strength of friendship.

This show will be directed by Don Gray, a longtime Springfield Community Players director, actor, and member. If anyone has any questions about the auditions, Don can be reached at 802-885-4048 or dgray1@vermontel.net.



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Sincerely,
Dennis Devereux
Mount Holly, Vt.

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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.
Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Facebook page and YouTube. Services can also be found at www.sapatv.org and www.fact8tv.com.

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. If you attend in-person, please wear a mask and practice physical distancing. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. To request a Zoom link, email chestervtu@gmail.com. Sunday services run from September to early June.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.
Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry
Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Masks are suggested. Services will still be live streamed at www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.
Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

LUDLOW, VT.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.
Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. In-person and via Zoom. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
Masks recommended, but we welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Please wear a mask, socially distance, and stay home if you're unwell. Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovespringfield.com.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.
Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jckurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670. Because state restrictions have been lifted, masks are not obligatory.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.
Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. The church is now at full capacity with state restrictions lifted. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
Summer services, in-person and online, on the following four summer Sundays will all be at 10 a.m.: July 10, July 24, Aug. 14, and Aug. 28. Weekly services will resume on Sept. 11, 2022 at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact uspringfieldvt@gmail.com. Join the Springfield UU Meetinghouse in-person or online on Sunday, July 10, at 10 a.m. for "Earth Gratitude as a Meditative Practice," with Julane Deener and the Worship and Arts team. Join us in person at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853>. All welcome!

WALPOLE, N.H.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.
Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Vaccinated folks are welcome to attend service in person. Those who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WEATHERSFIELD, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Weathersfield, 146 High St., Perkinsville
Services will be held every Sunday at 10 a.m. through Sept. 4. Will Hunter will lead the congregation with invited guest speakers to join at various times during the summer. All are welcome to join in. Daycare will be provided for children at the church. Services will be held outside in the Maple Grove weather permitting. In case of rain services will be held indoors with masks required. The church is located in Weathersfield Center.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminstercongoline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.
A diverse, informal, and welcoming congregation. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Jon Bliss, minister, at 802-824-4452 or email easthillfarm@vermontel.net.

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We will not be publishing any political letters in our August 3, 2022 edition per our publishing guidelines. Other letters regarding community news will still be considered. We reserve the right to publish at our discretion.

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12 — bind
13 Put on
14 Tow
15 Up to
16 Taj Mahal city
17 Canadian gas brand
18 Gorgonzola, for one
21 Hairy Addams cousin
22 Bit of advice
23 Forgeries
26 Clear the deck?
27 Melancholy
30 Incursion
31 Ruin the veneer
32 Robust
33 Thanksgiving veggie
34 Prom rental
35 Washer phase
36 Droop
37 Abysmal
38 Brunch entree
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obituaries

Ronald Berry, 1968-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Ronald Berry, 54, of Springfield, Vt., passed away unexpectedly on July 6, 2022. He was born on May 23, 1968 to Ronald Berry and Shirley Daniels.

He attended school in Charlestown, N.H. and Bellows Falls, Vt., earning his GED in the early 1990s.

Ron worked as a jack-of-all-trades before his declining health.

In 1986 he met his soul mate, Kimberly Denno.

Ron enjoyed his family and friends, motorcycles, watching UFC, playing poker, watching football, and was an avid Buffalo Bills fan. He enjoyed music and attended many concerts with his spouse and nephew, Eric. Ron was also very proud of his recovery and that he changed his life around. He also liked mentoring other addicts.

Ron leaves behind his soul mate of 36 years, Kimberly Denno; daughters, Jennifer Smith and her husband Jason of Mississippi, Ronni Rose Daniels and grand-dog Chewy; mother, Shirley Daniels; brothers, Raymond Berry and Thomas Daniels; sister, Julianna Hinds; grandchildren, Dante Nichols, Brianna Ide, Hannah Smith, Cayden, Carter, and Chloe Gay, Alexis Daniels, and Carson Corbosiero. He was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his stepfather, Lawrence Daniels; daughter, Alicia Daniels, and best friend, Shawn Tyler.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Charles Bodo, 1955-2022

CHESTER, Vt. – Charles W. Bodo, 67, of Chester, Vt., passed away at the Jack Burnes Center in Lebanon, N.H. (hospice) on July 14, 2022 after a period of failing health. He was born in Manchester, Conn. on May 2, 1955 to Robert and Eleanor Bodo. Chuck grew up in Connecticut and moved to Vermont when he was in his 40s to live closer to family. Chuck enjoyed music, family, friends, and loved his sports; football, baseball, and basketball.

Chuck worked for Manchester Memorial Hospital for seventeen years prior to moving up to Vermont. He was married to Celia Belski Bodo of Manchester, Conn. for 14 years. They divorced.

Chuck celebrated his sobriety and had 28 years in recovery.

He is predeceased by



Charles Bodo, 1955-2022.
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his parents and a brother, Robert J. Bodo Jr.

Chuck is survived by his sisters, Laurie Curran and Dan Curran of N. Springfield, Vt., and Linda Bodo of Springfield, Vt. He is also survived by his niece, Candace Alberti, and a nephew, Fred Bodo.

There will be a graveside burial at a future date to be announced.

James Casell, 1935-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – James Charles Casell, 86, of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away suddenly on March 14, 2022. Jim was born in Buffalo, N.Y. on Aug. 22, 1935, to Alfred and Lillian Casell. He graduated high school with a vocational degree in painting. Jim moved to just outside Rochester, N.Y. where he ran a fruit and vegetable stand for a year. This was both a challenging and learning experience, which he later reflected on as one of his fondest memories. He eventually worked for a master carpenter and learned the building skills he would employ throughout his life. After moving to Westminster, Vt., he worked carpentry jobs in the summer and pruned apple trees in the winter. Jim ultimately started his own construction business and was a skilled and talented builder in the southern Vermont area for many years.

Jim's Christian faith was an integral part of his life and he was always involved with Church. He was a longtime member of the Christian Family Circle Church, serving as an elder and deacon, as well as leading Sunday school. He put his construction skills to good use for many projects at the Church, as well as Camp Blessing, a ministry of CFCC.

"Jimbo," as he was called



James Casell, 1935-2022.
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by many, will be remembered for his profound love for his family, master carpentry skills, vivacious song service leadership, rigorous research of scripture, passionate discussion of anything from religion to politics to TV shows, and his culinary love and aptitude.

He is predeceased by his father and mother, and his siblings Beatrice, Bob, and Alfred. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, his children Janson Casell and Lily (Jerry) Massey, his stepchildren Reina Anderson and Glorie Anderson, and five grandchildren, Clay, Cecilia, Kate, Will, and Aiden.

A memorial service for Jim will be conducted at Christian Family Circle Church, now the Redemption Church, Back Westminster Rd., Westminster, Vt., on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Ralph Jacobs, 1932-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Ralph (Jake) Jacobs passed away on July 18, 2022 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home. He was born on Nov. 14, 1932 to Ralph H. and Hazel (Kingston) Jacobs in Bellows Falls, Vt. He was raised in Alstead, N.H. and graduated from Vilas High. He enlisted in the Air Force in December 1953. He was stationed in Korea right after the war ended. He joked that they heard he was coming, so they signed the peace treaty. He worked a variety of jobs, but found his calling when he went to Ascutney Forge and learned the art of custom iron work. He combined his skill with his artistic talent, making creative weather vanes, fireplace tools, and art pieces, along with railings, spiral staircases, etc. He worked at Springfield Fence for many years, and retired from there. He was a member of the VT Art Council for a time, and participated in their "Pallettes and Puzzle Piece" programs. He also participated in Springfield, Vt. art projects, which raised money for the town, such as painting chairs, picnic baskets, and bird houses.

He was an active member of the Springfield Assembly of God Church and served as Sunday School bus driver, teacher, deacon, and helped with lawn mowing, snow plowing and wherever he was needed. He married Glenice Moore at the Weathersfield Center Church in 1964. After 13 years, they were blessed to welcome their only child, Camilla "Cammie."

He was predeceased by his parents, brother David and wife Shirley, and sister Elizabeth and husband David Perry, and by his in-laws; Clifton and Alicia Moore, Reg and June, Stan, Jim and Tommy, and



Ralph Jacobs, 1932-2022.
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Lawrence and Ruth, and brother-in-law, Eugene Gramling.

He is survived by his wife Glenice, his daughter Camilla Gamp, her husband John, and grandchildren; Hailie, Emily, Kelly, Leslie, Sally, and Jacob, who brought him much pride and joy. He loved spending time with them and watching them grow. He is also survived by his niece, Kathy (Tom) Taylor, Wendy Coyle, and nephew Paul (Gloria) Perry, along with many nieces and nephews from the Moore side of the family, and in-laws; Francis and Eleanor Moore, and Mary Gramling.

A memorial service will be held at the Springfield Assembly of God Church in Springfield, Vt. at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, with Pastor Marc Aube officiating. Visiting hour will be one hour prior to the service.

Burial will follow with military honors in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, and a reception will follow at the Assembly of God Church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ralph's memory to the Springfield Assembly of God Church; 269 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Francis Kelly, 1939-2022

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Francis Jerome Kelly, 82, of Rockingham, Vt. died Saturday, July 9, 2022. He was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., Nov. 21, 1939. He attended St. Charles Catholic School and was a graduate of BFUHS class of 1957. Afterwards, he joined the Vermont National Guard then enlisted in the U.S. Army. His military career brought him and his family to many U.S. states, including Alaska, and an overseas stay in Germany. He was also stationed in South Korea for two tours. He retired Sergeant Major from Fort Lee, Va. in 1988 and returned home.

A true Vermonter, he was raised in the local woods, rivers, and lakes, hunting, fishing, and enjoying all the natural world had to offer. A man of adventure, he instilled a love of the natural world to all his family and friends. Always outside, he was an unofficial steward of the village forest. He loved spending time in the woods cutting, splitting, and stacking wood for the winter. A character like no other, he would always have something witty to say and had many stories to share about his adventures in Alaska, Germany, and growing up in Vermont.

Francis is predeceased by his parents, Maurice Kelly Sr. and Hortense Baraby, brother Maurice Kelly Jr., and sister Shirley Howard. He is survived by his sister, Patricia Ann Ray of Jacksonville, Fla., his son Timo-



Francis Kelly, 1939-2022.
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thy Kelly of South Hadley, Mass., daughters Joanne Kelly and son-in-law Tom Fuschetto of Marlow, N.H., Christine Kelly-Terena of Bellows Falls, Michelle Kelly of Savannah, Ga., and Mary Kelly and son-in-law Greg Kaiser of Menlo Park, Calif. His beloved grandchildren are Apoma Terena, Amyra Terena, Emöke North, and Meroe Kaiser. He was loved by many nieces, nephews, and life-long friends. In lieu of flowers, you may choose to make a donation to the Vermont Veterans Fund at www.veterans.vermont.gov/office-veterans-affairs/programs-administered-office-veterans-affairs/vermont-veterans-fund.

There will be call in hours at Fenton & Hennessy Funeral home on Aug. 10, from 5-7 p.m. His wishes are to be buried at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, Vt. A military ceremony and burial are planned for Aug. 11 at 11 a.m. in Randolph, Vt.

Roland Edward Scott, 2022

From The Other Side of the Desk

KEENE, N.H. – Married on Oct. 2, 1965, to Mary Nims from S. Londonderry, Vt. (a blind date set up by a mutual friend Roland was living with). Irish Twins (good news and bad news: penned by a neighbor) arrived quickly thereafter; this would become Roland's longest owned investment to finally pay a dividend.

Roland had the perfect match in Mary; they would go on to host many all-day cookouts and late-night dinner parties.

Not an athlete or a standout in the academic community, Roland enjoyed the friendships made trying to become a better golfer. He loved to ski during the winter months, however, it took a long time for him to realize that there was more to skiing than just two turns – one to get on the lift and one to get off.

After he served his country for two years in the Army, he returned home to become a self-proclaimed accomplished water skier and rat rod boat builder to pull himself and friends around a small hometown lake during the summer and fall months. He claimed there was proof of his summertime accolades but could never get the super 8 film projector to work to prove it.

Time spent on Lake Sunapee through the '80s and '90s saw the sinking of more than one motorboat, but it also gave Roland the opportunity to pursue another hobby – catamaran sailing. To say there was a lot of reading and a significant amount of pre-sail preparation involved would be an understatement.

Suffice to say that sailing with Roland turned out to be a much better spectator sport from the shore than an actual participant on the boat. Despite all its folly, Roland enjoyed it immensely and could always find a willing first mate not named Mary.

Water, whether on it, in it, or near it, the Dynamic Duo flourished around it. Didn't matter if it was in the form of a pool, lake, ocean, or sea, it was the one constant that brought instant relaxation and calmness to a hectic schedule and busy life.

Dancing – No one was safe, be it weddings, graduations, summer parties, or special functions such as the Okemo Ball. Being female

and watching him cross the dance floor searching for a (victim) partner was as terrifying as being called up to the head of a calculus class to solve a problem in front of a lecture hall full of fellow classmates. It didn't matter – someone was oblivious and had their back turned to his strutting approach. In an instant they were literally thrown, pushed, dragged, spun, and twirled before you knew what was happening. Inevitably you'd end up on floor, under or on top of the table, just praying for the music to end and to be followed up by a much slower tempo song. I believe they made a movie in the '70s based some of these moves, not sure though.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that his work life was a top priority for Roland. Many success stories along the way and with many risks taken comes more than a few failures for sure. Roland's true passion was being an accountant bar none, knowing him, you knew this from the onset. Coming in a very close second was the stock market. The Wall Street Journal was always somewhere on his person, and a daily time slot was devoted to reading it. When I say reading it – I mean dissecting it like Bobby Fisher played a game of chess. Roland played this game of chess every day, slowing only recently to a few matches a month when able. As all chess players know, time wins the final match.

Becoming a snowbird may have been the one time the two of them fooled us all, convinced they would opt for the Tradewinds and sunny beaches of the Caribbean, they chose the ever-popular villages of central Florida. Roland and Mary enjoyed it but did not love it. Enter Covid and moving back.

Roland thanks "everyone" for their well wishes at the end, as well as times spent during his life. Without all your support all that I had accomplished would not have been as much fun or worthwhile. I'd have still done it – it just would not have been the same.

Going forward Roland would want all of you to contribute to your own 401(k) or IRA because you can never have enough money to retire on. He would go on to say, it's all up to you, no one is going to do it for you.

Check Mate.

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JULY 28 – CHESTER, Vt. – On Thursday, July 28, from 6:30–8 p.m., The Larkspurs and American Roots band will perform on the Academy Lawn, opposite the Chester Green in Chester, Vt. The American Legion Post 67 will be the rain venue.

LUDLOW, Vt. – John Murphy and Friends will present a BBQ Chicken Dinner at the Black River Valley Senior Center on Thursday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. There will also be salads and dessert. The Senior Center is located at 10 High St., Ludlow, Vt. Reservations are required,

and there is a suggested donation. Call 802-228-7421 for details.

JULY 30 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., there will be a Birds and Bloom Market on the Proctorsville Green. Come find birdhouses, planters, garden books, and more. Presented by the Cavendish Streetscape Committee.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Eleanor & The Pretty Things will be playing on Saturday, July 30 from 7–9 p.m. at Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge St., Bellows Falls, Vt. Eleanor & The Pretty Things

is a dynamic, atmospheric, emotionally charged alt-indie band from the Boston area known for powerful live performances that range from shimmering to screamo, always tastefully, often within the same song.

AUG. 4 – CHESTER, Vt. – On Thursday, Aug. 4, from 6:30–8 p.m., The VT Bluegrass Pioneers will perform on the Academy Lawn, opposite the Chester Green in Chester, Vt. Attendees are reminded to bring a folding chair or blanket, as the concert will be outdoor. The American Legion Post 67 will be the rain venue.

AUG. 11 – CHESTER, Vt. – On Thursday, Aug. 11, from 6:30–8 p.m., The Better Days Band, a classic rock, blues, and funk band, will perform on the Academy Lawn, opposite the Chester Green in Chester, Vt. Attendees are reminded to bring a folding chair or blanket, as the concert will be outdoor. The American Legion Post 67 will be the rain venue.

SUNDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8–10

a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at the old St. Charles Catholic School building, 25 Cherry Street in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

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.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Tracy Blanchard from The National Council on Aging will be at the Black River Valley Senior Center on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to help Medicare recipients find and apply for eligible assistance programs, services and support. Located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. For details, call 802-773-7917.

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 lorwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Thursday 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.

FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Farmers Market is happening Fridays from 4-7 p.m., through September. Featuring live entertainment, take-out food, children's activities, and many vendors. For more information or becoming a vendor, visit them on Facebook at Greater Falls Farmers' Market or email greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers Market will take place every Saturday on Clinton Street, by the entrance to the Toonerville Trail from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Find locally-produced foods and crafts of all kinds.

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.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Summer Reading 2022 will run through Aug. 5. As always, the program is open to all kids and teens ages 2–18 and includes activities such as Wednesday Morning Outdoor Story Times, Tuesday Morning Crafts, Thursday afternoon Family Programs, and other fun activities and events such as movie matinees and Teen Time programs. Sign up at www.fmlnews.org/youth.html.

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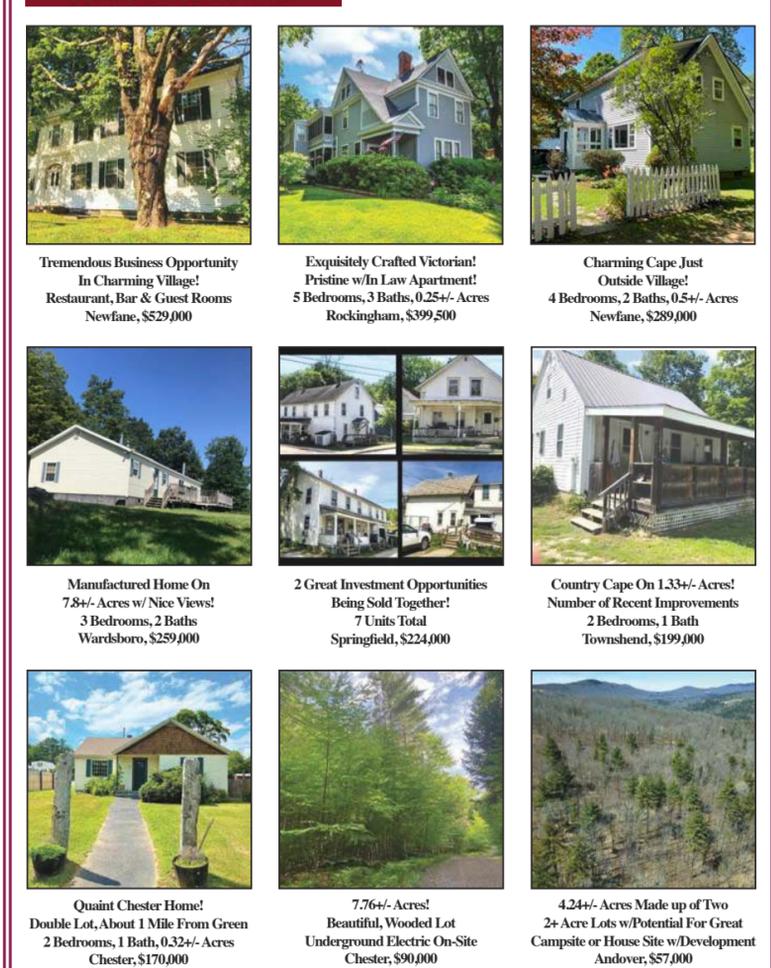
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REGION – Vermont kids can continue to eat free summer meals across the state. All Vermont children 18 and under can just show up and enjoy a delicious and nutritious meal with friends, no sign-up required. Meals are served in places where kids already spend time in the summer, including public parks and pools, libraries, and schools. Meals are often paired with either enrichment or physical activities to keep kids moving and learning.

This summer, many sites are also allowing families to pick up meals to bring home with them. From Bennington and Brattleboro to the Northeast Kingdom and Champlain Islands, towns all around the state are operating summer meal sites and making sure kids in their communities are fed.

Summer months can be a difficult time for families once school lets out and children lose access to the nutritious meals they were getting at school. The Summer Food Service Program is a universal meal program where every child 18 and under can receive free meals at open sites regardless of where they live, no

questions asked. Vermont summer meal programs served 30,000 meals to kids per day last summer.

Summer meals play a critical role in the health and well-being of Vermont's youth. Without proper nutrition, students are at risk of losing two months of both reading and math skills over summer break. The nutrition, structure, stability, and socialization of summer meal programs can help to close this achievement gap and ensure that children return to school healthy and ready to learn.

Hunger Free Vermont is proud to be promoting and supporting summer meal programs around the state to ensure that as many people know about the summer meals sites that are currently serving kids around the state. All children, regardless of household income, are encouraged to attend. Site information can be found by visiting www.hungerfreevt.org/summer-meals-site-lists/ or by calling 2-1-1. Texting "FOOD" to 304-304 will also provide information on nearby meal sites.

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

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LRC hears from Pure Water for the World director

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Tuesday, July 12, 2022 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) featured Matt Korn, Executive Director of Pure Water for the World, who gave a talk concerning the lack of clean drinking water and adequate sanitation for over two billion people worldwide. Because of this, he said, 300,000 children die every year.

Pure Water for the World partners with underserved communities in Central America and Haiti, providing the tools and education to establish sustainable safe water, sanitation, and hygiene education programs. It is supported by Rotary clubs around the world and was started by the Brattleboro Rotary Club in 1994.

According to Korn, for every \$1 spent on equipment, clean water and sanitation facilities contribute

\$4 to these local economies. This is based on the fact that people don't need to travel expansive distances for safe drinking water and thus can stay in school, remain at their jobs, produce safer environments, and develop healthier habits.

In other business, the LRC inducted Sue Starr-Adams as its newest member. Starr-Adams is an agent with Kelley Real Estate in Ludlow.



Kevin Barnes welcomes Sue Starr-Adams as the newest member of Ludlow Rotary. PHOTO BY BRIGID SULLIVAN

Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary is encouraged to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman, at 802-228-8877 to receive a meeting invitation.

OVRCC names David Waldman as Member of the Month

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce (OVRCC) has presented David Waldman of Vermont Hardwoods in Chester as their July 2022 Member of the Month, celebrating his 40th anniversary with the company.

Waldman has been with Vermont Hardwoods since 1982, becoming the owner and vice president in 1988 and president in 2010. He and Rebecca, his wife and business partner, have two grown children, one of whom works at

Vermont Hardwoods.

Vermont Hardwoods produces picture frame moulding, solid wide plank pine and hardwood flooring, architectural moulding, stairs, and more. Vermont Hardwoods operates with 14 employees and serves a market area primarily in the Northeast U.S., with some accounts throughout the country and Canada.



Presentation of award to David Waldman of Vermont Hardwoods. PHOTO PROVIDED

Windham Fire Company benefit auction, BBQ

N. WINDHAM, Vt. – On Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, the Windham Volunteer Fire Company will hold their annual benefit auction and barbecue dinner at 290 White Rd., N. Windham, Vt., rain or shine. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with a basket party, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a high-end raffle

for a Weber grill, Yeti cooler, and a selection of meats. The basket party will end at 2:30 p.m. Seating for the barbecue dinner begins at 5 p.m., with a Pie Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Winners of the silent auction and raffles will be announced after the Pie Auction, and hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and soda will be offered throughout the day

previous to the barbecue. There is a cost to attend the dinner, with a reduced cost for children 12 and under. Donations are appreciated to support the Fire Company. The Fire Company would like to include that they would not be able to survive if it were not for the generosity of friends and neighbors.

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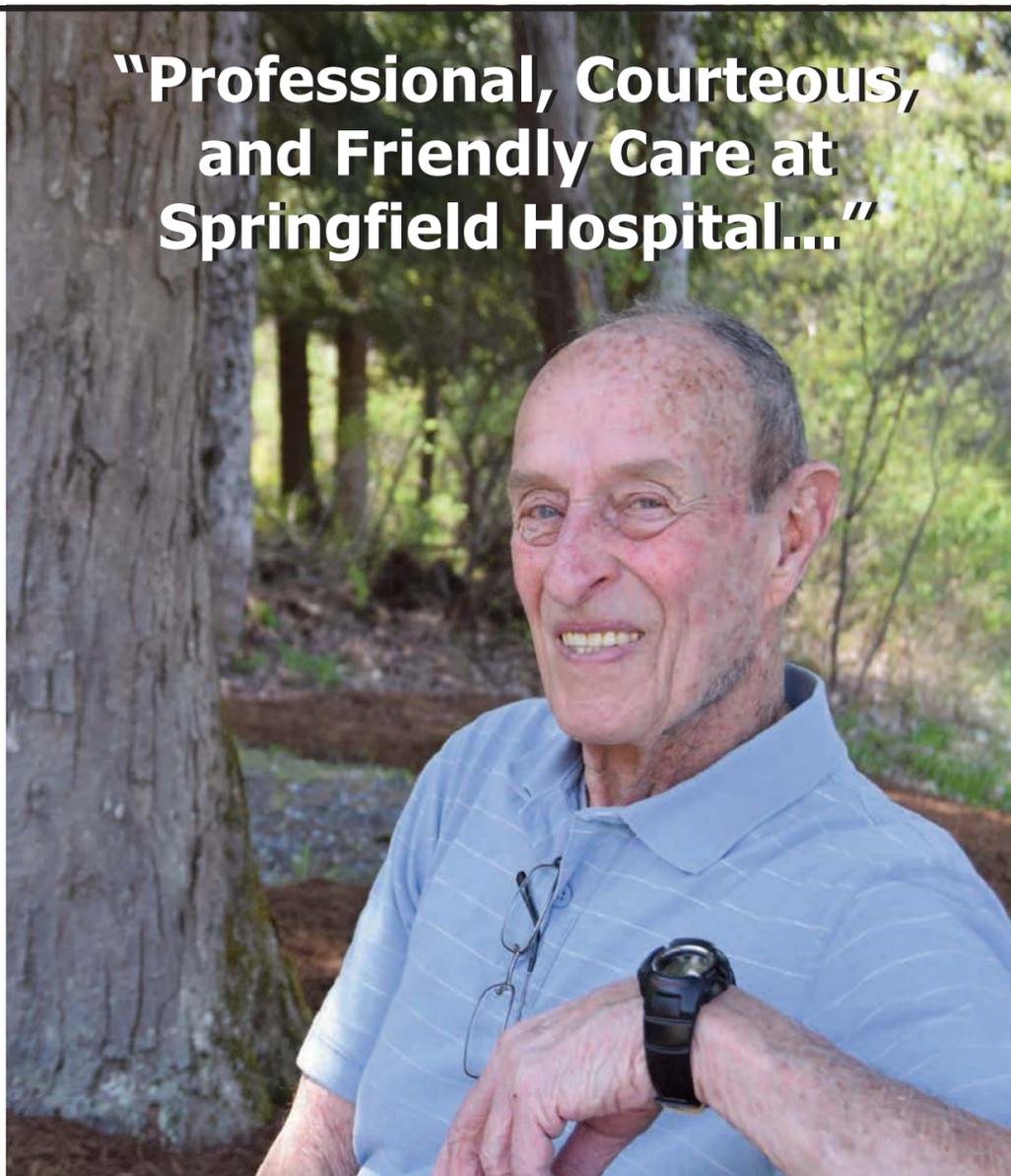
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Springfield Chamber's 50th Annual Hackers Tournament recap

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – What a fantastic day on the fairway for the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's 50th Hackers Golf Tournament held on July 14, 2022 at Crown Point Country Club. After a two-year hiatus, we hit the course with 20 teams for a total of 80 players this year. A great time was had by all, and the weather was, thankfully, overall comfortable. There was a brief down-pour during registration, but the rest of the day was gorgeous. The field was split into two divisions allowing for four first-place winning teams:

Flight A: Gross – Team, The Richards Group. Paul Kendall, Jeff Perkins, Kelen Beardsley, and Cole Lewis.

Net – Team, Ultimate Auto Body. Craig Streeter, Aaron Streeter, Zack Kirkwood, and Randy Parker.

Flight B: Gross – Team, BeMobile. Stacey Tash, JP Laugelle, Brett Sorter, and Cliff Roberge.

Net – Team, Black River Produce. Justin Lewis, Cody Duckless, Kyle Price, and Jay Kerner.

A big thank you to Springfield Buick GMC Cadillac, our Hole-in-One Contest sponsor – alas, nobody sank a hole-in-one on the 18th hole to win a vehicle this year, but everyone had



Flight A Gross Team.

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a lot of fun trying. Thanks to Jerry Farnum State Farm for sponsoring the Putting Contest – Elijah Daniels came close to winning the big bucks. A shout out and thanks also to our Banquet Sponsor – Mascoma Bank, our Scorecard Sponsor – WCFR Your Hometown Classic Hits, our Cart Sponsor – Springfield Housing Authority, and our Beer Cart Sponsor – Black River Coffee Bar.

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HB Energy Solutions, Hill Top Grooming, LLC, Parker & Ankuda, P.C, PRIMERICA Financial Services, The Richards Group, Ultimate Auto Body, and Vermont Beer Makers.

As always, Crown Point Country Club was a gorgeous setting for the tournament, with some delicious food from the pub afterward. Many thanks to Andy Bladyka, Jim Remy, Kristin Cook, and the staff at Crown Point Country Club for helping us to put on another great event.

View all first-place team photos online at www.vermontjournal.com.

Hardy Hill trail walk

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Association of Trails will hold a guided nature trail walk on the Hardy Hill trail in Cavendish on Sunday, July 31, at 10 a.m.

This trail is the gift of Pieter Van Schaik to the community, and his intention is for it to be handicap accessible. The trail is not yet open to the public, but Pieter will be offering guided walks during the year. Along the trail there's a large beaver pond hosting several Great Blue Heron nests, specimens of wild orchid and lady's slipper, porcupine nests, and vernal pools. Binoculars, tick protection, and boots are recommended.

Meet at the trailhead, which can be found at the intersection of Susannah Johnson Lane and East Road in Cavendish, just west of Caton Place campground. All are invited to attend, no matter the town or city of residence. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Eric Krasnauskas at erickrasnauskas@protonmail.com to let him know that you are



Guided nature trail walk on Hardy Hill trail.

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coming, and how many are in your party. For more information, call 802-259-2327.

The Cavendish Association of Trails is part of the Cavendish Community

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The Larkspurs swoop in to Chester Concerts –

CHESTER, Vt. – Burlington and Montpelier based artists, The Larkspurs, will perform on Thursday, July 28, from 6:30–8 p.m. on the Academy Lawn, across from the Chester Common in Chester, Vt. The Larkspurs are an eclectic American Roots group featuring D. Davis and Django Soulo

on guitar and vocals, Liz Beatty on vocals, and Seamus Hannan on percussion.

The group spontaneously came together in August 2018, performing impromptu harmonies, emotional vocals, and otherworldly guitar solos. They have since honed

their sound, bringing originals and creative covers to the stage with a blend of folk, rock, blues, and country.

The American Legion Post 67 will be the rain venue for this concert. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket, and a picnic if you wish.

Eleanor & The Pretty Things to play at Stage 33 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Eleanor & The Pretty Things will perform at Stage 33 in Bellows Falls, Vt. on Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m. Eleanor & The Pretty Things is a dynamic, atmospheric, emotionally charged alt-indie band from the Boston area known for powerful live performances that range from shimmering to screamo, always tastefully, often within the same song.

The members' diverse

tastes merge to create "music that helps us sort out the great big mess that is life" with lyrics obliquely addressing themes like isolation, detachment, heartache, and anxiety... but not in anger. These are friendly, somewhat geeky people, who love effects pedals and aren't afraid to be heartfelt and awkward.

Slow Pony from Brattleboro will open, an accordi-

on-centric revolving cast of anywhere from one to many, performing deep-sea outer-space music from the far corners of the globe, some of which don't exist.

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The Saturday, July 30 performance begins at 7 p.m. and will be recorded and filmed. Capacity is limited.

Beecharmer to perform in Cavendish

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m., weather permitting, Vermont based troubadours, Beecharmer, will perform at the Cavendish summer music series on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, Vt.

Beecharmer is Jes Raymond and Ben Kogan, an acoustic duo from Wilder, Vt. They have distilled ten years of international touring into a sound that is part-festival and part-mountain top, combining skillful flatpicking, clawhammer banjo, virtuosic fiddle, and

upright bass. Their time polished harmonies and award-winning songwriting presents bluegrass, old time jazz, and pop that draws from the deep well of American Roots music.

This is another in the continuing series of Wednesday evening public concerts that the town of Cavendish produces for all to enjoy. Relax in the grass on your blanket on favorite lawn chair – have a picnic, or just listen to the music. Help keep the tradition alive and come to Proctorsville to enjoy a warm summer evening with your neighbors and friends in front of the gazebo.

As always, the concerts are free and open to everyone. Rain dates will be announced on the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page. For more information, email cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com.

Springfield Community Band plays more favorites

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Vermont Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present two free concerts locally in the upcoming days. The first will be in Ludlow on Sunday, July 31, at 7 p.m., and the second will be in Springfield on Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Filling the air at the Ludlow venue, which will take place at the

bandstand on Main Street, will be music from the stage and screen, including selections from "Chicago," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Aladdin," "Moana" and more. Of note will be a rousing rendition of "Carnival of Venice," featuring flutist Danielle St. Amand.

On Aug. 2, at the bandstand in Springfield at 13 Fairgrounds Road, the band will play music geared to all ages, rang-

ing from selections from "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Star Wars" to medleys from "West Side Story," "Jersey Boys" and other musicals. The saxophone section will be featured in the haunting "A Night in Tunisia."

Please bring a chair. Neither venue has seating available.

Programs are subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Fletcher Farm offers summer classes and raffle –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Farm is offering a host of classes throughout the rest of July and early August, as well as a second Arts and Crafts Festival, which will take place on Aug. 13, 2022. There is still time to sign up for a booth for anyone interested in selling crafts at the festival.

July 25–28 Silver Fabrication Open Studio – This workshop is for people who already have some experience in silver fabrication.

July 30–Aug. 1 Adult Glazing, Painting, and Embellishing Bisque Pieces – This is a follow up to the July 23–25 Hand Building and Wheel Throwing Clay class.

Aug. 1–5 Silver Fabrication (All Ages) – Our popular silver fabrication class is being offered for all ages in this workshop. There is plenty of time to learn the basics, get your questions answered, and make a number of pieces to take home with you.

Aug. 3–5 Theorem Painting – A theorem painting is an oil and watercolor painting on paper, or creamy velveteen, created by applying paint through the aid of a series of stencils. The concept of Early American Reproduction and history of this technique that was popular in the 1800s will



A Mokok.

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a new class to their summer schedule, White Pine Bark Mokok, to be held on Aug. 19. A Mokok is a Native American container. Visit www.fletcherfarm.org for more information.

The Fletcher Farm annual raffle tickets are now on sale. There are three, soon to be four, wonderful raffle prizes this year, and tickets are available on the website.

- Spring Beauty Quilt, by Susan Damone Balch, quilted by Coleen O'Neill. This happy, bright quilt is 80-inches square.

- Art Deco Swans Rug, hand punched by Layne Herschel. The rug is 30-inches by 40-inches and is made out of New Zealand wool.

- Hand-wrought Royston Turquoise Pendant, by Debi Orton. Royston Turquoise comes from the Royston mining district located near Tonopah, Nev. and has been mined since the early 1900s. Royston turquoise is prized because of its attractive matrix inclusions.

All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets goes toward the Young Artist Scholarship Program, which gives local children who might otherwise attend a chance to attend summer art camp.

For more information on classes, to register for classes, to donate, buy raffle tickets, or to become a member, visit the website at www.fletcherfarm.org, or call the office at 802-228-8770.

be included in this class.

Aug. 4–5 Weave a Necktie Chair Seat – Country classic meets contemporary chic in this class. Students will learn to weave a strong, colorful seat of upcycled neckties onto a ladder-back style chair. All participants will leave class with at least one unique chair for their home, or to use as a gift. A chair with a necktie seat makes a great conversation piece.

Aug. 6–7 Creating Custom Cabochon Settings – Ideally, students will have taken one of our basic silversmithing courses, or have other experience working with stones and metal. Stones with rounded domes are referred to as "cabochons."

Aug. 11–12 Carve a Wooden Gnome – Because this is a beginner's class, the gnome design chosen has no eyes or hands showing. The class will start with a 2-inch by 2-inch by 5-inch piece of basswood that has already been roughed out.

Fletcher Farm has added

Trois Amis comes to Main Street Arts

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. –

Main Street Arts presents the trio, Trois Amis, on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. in the historic theater in Saxtons River, Vt. Trois Amis is a trio composed of three well-known local musicians; Mary Cay Brass, Andy Davis, and Laurie Indenbaum, all of whom love the music of Quebec and have delved deeply into this rich musical tradition. On

accordions, fiddle, and piano, the group plays lovely toe-tapping jigs and reels, gorgeous romantic waltzes, humorous songs, and more.

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