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## GFC presents this year’s ACE awards

BY **BILL LOCKWOOD**  
*The Shopper*

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Last Wednesday night, July 28, 2022, Greater Falls Connections (GFC) held their ninth annual gathering in the pavilion at the Recreation Center in Bellows Falls. The event started with a barbecue dinner, a great spread of food with burgers and hot dogs, grilled, as in recent years, by Board member Alex Stradling. Stradling said, “We do this barbecue every year, and it’s a great opportunity for the organization to honor people who make a big impact.” There was also a brief annual meeting of the organization, but the highlight of the event was the revealing of the winners and the awarding of the organization’s Active Community Engagement (ACE) awards for this year.

The adult award went to a couple this year. Laurel Green and Steve Crofter of Bellows Falls were recognized for all the improvements they have made in the community over the years, especially, and most recently, Steve’s leadership



**Adult category winners Steve Crofter and Laurel Green, flanked by Deb Witkus, left, and Director Laura Schairbaum, right, of Greater Falls Connections.**

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of the group that assisted the resettlement of an Afghan family and Laurel’s tireless environmental work. The Youth Award went to Grace Waryas, 17-year-old student at Bellows Falls Union High School for her willingness to stand up and advocate for sometimes controversial causes.

The ACE award recognizes local individuals or businesses that are notably active in community engagement in the Greater Falls Area. This recognition, often of the “unsung

heroes” of our community, has been awarded since 2013. Nominations were recently solicited from the general public. Director Laura Schairbaum said that this year they received the typical number of submissions, but heard of several people they “didn’t know at all.” She said, “The ability to recognize neighbors and see themselves shine is, both personally and for the community, a good thing.” Three of those nominated but not awarded were mentioned at the ceremony:



**Youth category winner Graces Waryas flanked by Deb Witkus, left, and Director Laura Schairbaum, right, of Greater Falls Connections.**

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Tony Falzo, Cass Wright, and Tessa Lynch.

Last year’s adult winner, Julie Cermola, said, “It’s meant a lot to me, just getting that award and being recognized for turning my life around has been humbling and given me more confidence in doing other things for other people.”

The 2014 adult award winner, Samantha Maskell, who is a Rockingham Youth Services Librarian, nominated the winner of the youth award. Maskell said, “Grace Waryas impressed

me with her dedication to diversity, equity, inclusion, and safety by speaking up, which facilitated community conversations. I nominated Grace because, despite facing angry opposition, she has continued to speak up and expressed an ongoing commitment to creating a safe and supportive community.” Waryas said, “I think this is really amazing how it’s brought the community together. I am being recognized for my work, and it makes me feel good.”

Schairbaum noted that this was the first time a couple were given an award together. Crofter said, “There’s lots of people who deserve the award, so many who helped each other. Everybody should pat themselves on the back.” Green said, “I hope the award helps make more people step up.”

Greater Falls Connections is based at Parks Place in Bellows Falls, and pairs people in need with agencies and organizations that can help, as well as helping coordinate helping efforts. Board member Doreen Stoodley said, “It’s a great organization. It brings community members together. It’s a great place for people to go, because they can get connected.”

State Representatives Leslie Goldman and Michelle Bos-Lun were there. Bos-Lun presented the awards. Goldman said, “Greater Falls Connections is a really important part of supporting our community.”

You may find Greater Falls Connections on their Facebook page, at [www.greaterfallsconnections.org](http://www.greaterfallsconnections.org), or by calling 802-463-9927.

## SAPCC’s Duck Run and Wellness Fair a success –

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield Area Parent Child Center held its annual “Fit ‘n Fun Duck Run” on July 16 at SAPCC’s North Springfield, Vt., campus, and it was a great success. The Black River was very low this year and the tiny rubber ducks entered in both the children’s race and the main race needed an occasional homemade wave made by the volunteer kayakers to help them along towards the finish line, but the weather was sunny and hot, which made for a perfect day to enjoy all of the family fun.



**Ducks float down the Black River for SAPCC’s Duck Run.**

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More than 300 people attended the event. Parents and their children and those who are just young at heart flocked to SAPCC at 80 Jack and Jill Lane (formerly 6 Main Street) to enjoy Cliffhanger’s rock-climbing wall, the dunk tank sponsored by The Space, an obstacle course coordinated by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, and food prepared by Devin Lewis’ BBQ and Cakes by Maddy. Attendees visited booths by SAPCC, Uplift Acrobatics, Windsor County Mentors, Chester Dental, Talking is Teaching in Springfield, Strong Families, Black River Acupuncture, SAPCC, and Black River Produce, who donated free produce to anyone who wanted it. We were also fortunate to have coverage by our local TV station, WCAX.

This year, we introduced our first annual Children’s Duck Race with 40 entries. Children entered in

the race for free and got to keep their tiny ducks as a souvenir. SAPCC sold 546 tickets at \$5 each to sponsor the tiny ducks in the main race. The winners of big cash prizes up to \$250 were: First place Lyndsie Perkins, second place Kar-ey Waters, and third place Carolyn Tourville.

By popular demand, the Decorate a Duck contest was brought back again this year, and in three categories the winners were Edgar May’s “Dash” for Healthiest Duck, Kayla Bapp’s “Jerry the Highland Cow” for Best Decorated Duck, and the Nestervich Family’s “Daphne Duck” for People’s Choice. Each winner won \$100. The Lucky Duck 50/50 raffle gave \$130 to one lucky anonymous winner.

We wish to thank our sponsors: McGee Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Springfield; Willow Farm Pet; North Star Health; Building Bright Futures; JCS Landscaping; Black River

Produce; Shaw’s Supermarket; KJ’S Place; and Red House Press Corporation. Without you, events like this would not happen. We appreciate your generosity in continuing to help us support our community.

We also would like to wholeheartedly thank our volunteers for doing everything asked of them to make this event successful. They are Dave Holmes, Benjamin Holmes, Theresa Battista, Oliver Kelley, Bradley Gallant, Destiny Cornell, Steven Young, Connor Battista, Scott Kelley, Mike Pinney, and Stephen Lawrence.

Over \$3,400 was raised to help SAPCC continue providing concrete supports and wraparound services to families in the greater Springfield region. We are overwhelmed with gratitude to our community for making this year such a wonderful success.

## Grand Opening of Uplift Acrobatics

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce was thrilled to perform a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the Grand Opening of Uplift Acrobatics, located at 37 Main St., Springfield, Vt., in the historic Woolson Block.

Uplift Acrobatics is an acrobatics studio owned by Kaitlyn Knapp. It is committed to enhancing the lives of students and their families by providing high-quality acrobatics training, performance opportunities, and a sense of community that is uplifting, inclusive, and supportive. Their comprehensive classes focus on a variety of acrobatic topics. These include flexibility, strength, limbering, tumbling, balancing, contortion, hand-balancing, acro-dance, and partner acrobatics. Time is spent moving through thoughtful acrobatic progressions presented in the Acrobatic Arts curriculum. These progressions safely take the beginner-level student from log rolls and somersaults to the advanced-level performer tumbling across the stage. They also offer lyra (aerial hoop) training and a variety of other workshops, camps, and intensives.

The seeds were planted for Uplift Acrobatics 11 years ago when Kaitlyn decided to start her own business bringing high-quality acrobatics and dance training to Vermont. She has spent over a decade offering her



**Uplift Acrobatics kids hold the ribbon with Jerry Farnum, Chamber President, Sue Dana, Chamber Treasurer, Apprentice Sophie Noel, Owner Kaitlyn Knapp, Taylor Drinker, Chamber Membership and Events Director, Tim Knapp, and Caleb Knapp.**

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acrobatics and acro-dance classes at various facilities and locations throughout Vermont. In 2019, Kaitlyn decided it was time to begin offering her classes and programming closer to home. The Springfield community was very receptive to having acrobatics training introduced and Uplift Acrobatics thrived. This past year marked the introduction of aerial acrobatics in Springfield when she began offering lyra classes alongside their renowned ground acrobatics program. Kaitlyn is excited and encouraged to see the growth and evolution of Uplift Acrobatics and is thrilled to be in downtown Springfield.

Kaitlyn chose to open Uplift Acrobatics in Springfield because she wanted to share her gifts and passion for the acrobatic arts with the children in her own community. Between her daily trips to the Springfield Co-op, which is her favorite store, and her husband working downtown at Dufresne Group, Kaitlyn

jumped on the opportunity to become even more involved with the downtown community by opening her own studio located in the Woolson Block. She looks forward to many visits to the Black River Coffee Bar and getting to know fellow business owners downtown and throughout town.

What is truly special about Uplift Acrobatics is their dedication to offering classes based on skill level, from beginner all the way through to pre-professional. The same teacher who is instructing the pre-professional level acrobats is also teaching every level that comes before that, all the way down to the Pre-K program. Students are learning from a teacher who sees the bigger picture and knows how to help them achieve their highest acrobatic potential.

Future goals for Uplift Acrobatics include continuing to expand class offerings to eventually teach all of the different acrobatic arts such as aerial silks and tight wire.

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# Cold River Materials donates sandbox to Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Do you remember playing in a sandbox when you were a child? It was a wonderful, creative time. The Kurn Hattin Homes' children now have that opportunity. A big thank you to Gary Patch, Area Manager for Cold River Materials in Walpole, N.H. for donating and, along with his team, installing a large sandbox for the children. Also, thank you to Annette Wilson, who was a long-term substitute teacher last fall at Kurn Hattin Homes,



The team from Cold River Materials who installed the sandbox at Kurn Hattin.

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The new sandbox.

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for initiating this donation. A sandbox is one of the best nature-made toys for children. They practice collaboration and social skills, such as ask-

ing for objects and sharing. Math and science are all integrated during sandbox play. The Kurn Hattin children are loving creating in their new sandbox.

## First Baptist Friday Supper –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – There will be a First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., Bellows Falls, Vt., on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022. The menu will be BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, green salad, corn on the cob, dessert, and a beverage. Vegan and gluten free options are available. Serving will be from 5–6:30 p.m., with a suggested donation. Net proceeds from the meal will go to the Diaper Bank at Parks Place.

# The Bellows Falls area Senior Center

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Our dining room is open. We serve a hot lunch Monday through Friday starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch includes an entrée, starch, vegetable, roll and butter, dessert, and beverage for a suggested donation for seniors over 60, and a fixed price for those under 60. Check out our menu on Facebook.

Cynthia Stadler of BAYADA Hospice will be here on Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m. to present “Ordering Your Affairs, How To Be Prepared.” This introduction to planning will help us explore how to best prepare for the inevitable challenges that occur as we age. Topics include: Cleaning up your “mess,” that is, dealing with your stuff so your loved ones don’t have to; addressing emotional “messes;” clarifying your goals; ad-

vance care planning and advanced directives; gathering necessary paperwork; and creating a “When I Die File.” For More information, contact Cynthia Stadler at 802-210-5485 or email cstadler@bayda.com. Presented by BAYADA Hospice.

Our beginner level Tai Chi class for fall prevention on Tuesdays will now start 12 p.m. Learn fundamental exercises and skills while improving balance. The class is for those new to Tai Chi or to review at a beginning or slow pace. This class is sponsored by Senior Solutions. The advanced Tai Chi course is offered on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. We also offer multiple Bone Builders programs (six classes a week). Our new Line Dancing class is on Fridays at 11:15 a.m., great fun and terrific exercise.

The Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays and

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item, and even accommodate special orders such as baby blankets and gifts. Nickle Bingo is held every Tuesday starting at 12:30 p.m. with 20 games played.

The Bridge Club meets Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m., and we are always looking for more players so please stop in. Cribbage, board games, and card games are open to all on Thursdays starting at 12:15 p.m.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is open to local seniors aged 50 and over. We do not charge membership fees so feel free to drop in and check us out.

The Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle Street in Bellows Falls. We offer accessibility in the forms of a lift and ramps, and we have plenty of free parking. Contact us for further information at 802-463-3907.

## Womens’ Fellowship “August Fling”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Womens’ Fellowship of the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School Street, will hold an indoor “August Fling”

on Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The event will feature a tag sale, including jewelry, a food and bake sale, and a hot dog lunch from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Fellow-

ship Hall is accessible to all; enter from the back door. Proceeds are earmarked for the Fellowship’s support of the church and its outreach to community.

## Ashleigh McFarlin represents CFS at LPL conference

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Ashleigh McFarlin, CFP, LPL Investment Advisor Representative to Claremont Financial Services (CFS), recently attended LPL Financial’s Focus 2022 conference, one of the independent financial advice industry’s premier events and the largest annual conference hosted by LPL. McFarlin joined a select group of LPL Financial Institution Program Managers invited to

present at the conference, which was held this year in Denver, Colo.

In McFarlin’s session, “Utilizing LPL Marketing Resources to Increase Your Client Outreach,” she shared convenient and innovative marketing resources to help other LPL advisors build their brand and relationships with clients and prospects.

“I was thrilled to be able to present at the Focus Conference this year,” said McFarlin. “The value

of LPL’s flagship event is immeasurable because it connects its community of financial professionals with top experts in the industry and arms them with the latest technologies and tools they need to operate more efficiently. Everything we do at Claremont Financial Services is centered on enhancing the value we provide our clients, and this conference gives us access to the practices needed to do exactly that.”

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Chester’s early Fire District



1931 American LaFrance Yosemite fire truck mentioned in this article. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

By Donald E. Mitchell  
(Dictated to his daughter, Donna LeClair, July 2002)

Probably the first motorized vehicle with a pump the Chester Fire District #2 had was an old Buick. It was donated to the Fire District by a man of some means who owned the building currently known as Raspberries & Thyme, a restaurant. I believe the time period was right around 1930. This generous individual donated his personal car to be used as a fire truck. Earl Horton was Fire Chief at that time and held that position for at least twenty years. Earl had a front-end pump mounted on the Buick. There were two lengths of suction hose, each about 10 feet long and 4 to 4.5 inches in diameter, which were mounted on the fenders on one side of the vehicle. I believe the Buick was more or less made into a truck eventually. Originally, it probably was a two-seat touring car.

The truck that we used most of the time was referred to as the Number One truck. Gordie Hart, of Chester Depot, who lived in the house to the right of the present day Family Center, was selling trucks at the time and Earl Horton bought the truck through Gordie. It had a 500-gallon per minute midship pump. The truck was purchased new, had all the equipment on it, and replaced the Buick as far as the first vehicle to be used, though we still had the Buick with the front-end pump to use as a backup vehicle if it was needed.

During this time, Earl Horton had spoken to a salesman with American LaFrance and asked him to keep his eyes open for a reasonable buy to replace our old original Buick. The truck the salesman came up with was a 1931

American LaFrance Rotary Gear Pump, which a fire company in Conway, Mass. was replacing with a new truck he had sold them. Earl Horton and I made a trip to Conway to look at the truck and advised the salesman we would buy it. I think the price quoted was \$750, and Earl asked me if I could go for half of it in order to buy it and then we would see if the Fire District would buy it from us! I don't remember if any money changed hands until after the District voted to buy it or whether it was just a paper deal. Had the District not voted to buy it, Earl Horton and I would have had to cough up the money and we would have owned it.

There were no interstate highways from Chester, Vt. to Conway, Mass., so it was a lengthy trip down and back to see the truck and make our decision to buy it. The roads were single lanes north and south and sometimes there were very few places to pass. On the way back, we got behind a funeral procession and followed along behind that for miles and miles, not making much time. As we approached Brattleboro, I told Earl I knew the town well enough to know some cutoffs and "we'll get rid of this funeral procession." (I grew up in Brattleboro and delivered newspapers over several years on a good many of Brattleboro's streets.) This maneuver worked and put us ahead of the funeral procession and then we made better time.

I believe the month was September when Earl Horton, Pember Hazen, and I went to Conway, Mass. to get the truck. Pember was Chester's pharmacist who owned and operated the Chester Drug Store. This trip was during hurricane season and one was forecast. It was raining. There was no cover over the front seat. It was open. The windshield wiper was hand-operated by reaching up

and swinging it back and forth. There were two of us in the truck as we headed back to Chester, and someone of us drove the car back that we had gone down in – or perhaps we took turns driving back the car.

During a fire, the truck was operated from the passenger side, but it had a discharge and suction line on both sides. In the event that a hose nozzle was shut off with this truck, you immediately had to have a discharge line open or the truck would stall. Whenever I operated it, I made it a habit to take the discharge hose off from the driver's side and uncapped the discharge on the passenger side. Then, when a hose nozzle was shut off, you immediately opened the gate valve on the discharge that was uncapped to spill whatever water was being put into the truck on the opposite side...

*This week's out old saying: "I'd rather owe it to you than cheat you out of it."*

## The Hearse House comes alive —

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Community friends and members of the Rockingham Republican Town Committee spent four to five hours this past Saturday, July 30 doing some much needed carpentry work on the 1849 Hearse House, located just east of the Rockingham Meeting House. In exchange for the Town Committee use of the meeting house for candidate forums, eight volunteers meet monthly



Volunteers who helped revitalize the Hearse House. PHOTO PROVIDED



Volunteers inspect the 1816 horse-drawn hearse. PHOTO PROVIDED

The Meeting House opens at 11 a.m., the food tent at 11:30 a.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 9, the Rockingham Board of Selectmen will be meeting at the Meeting House at 6 p.m., and, with the public, be given a walk-through on the current status and plans for the property. All are welcome.

to address carpentry and masonry issues facing the property. On Saturday they were Mike and Michele, Ryan, Wichie, Steve, Don, Walter and Bill. Charlie, a neighbor from down the road, took the photos. The House is used to shelter an 1816 horse-drawn hearse made by Osgood of Saxtons River.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, Bill Mares will be appearing at the 116th Annual Pilgrimage starting at 1 p.m. Bill is a former lawmaker, humorist, journalist, and brewer.



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# community

## Senior Solutions news

### Extra 3Square farmers market benefits in August

Exciting news! The allotment of Crop Cash that SNAP/EBT customers can get per market visit this summer is doubling. Starting Aug. 1, we can get double the amount of Crop Cash, up to \$20 of Crop Cash per visit. This means, for example, when customers spend \$10 of SNAP/EBT at participating markets, they can get \$20 more in Crop Cash to purchase fruits and vegetables. If they spend \$5 in SNAP, they get \$10 in Crop Cash. So head to your local participating farmers market this August and scoop up fresh fruits and vegetables to enjoy.

### Age Successfully fair on Aug. 5

It looks like a great week to enjoy outdoor activities. Check with your local senior center for walking groups, tai chi classes, and other ways to gently get moving. Also, on Friday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Senior Solutions and Black River Good Neighbors Services will co-host an Age Successfully Health & Benefits Fair on the grounds of Good Neighbors at 37B Main Street, Ludlow, rain or shine. Come enjoy activities, a free barbecue, practical information, and lively entertainment.

### New outreach location in

### Wilmington, Vt.

The Town of Wilmington and Senior Solutions have worked together to provide information and assistance to the residents of Deerfield Valley. Events in the Old Firehouse at 18 Beaver Street in Wilmington will provide older community members with access to Meals on Wheels intakes, 3Squares food benefits, seasonal heating fuel assistance, and electricity discounts.

Beginning Aug. 11, our Outreach Specialist will be there every second and fourth Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. We are excited to be one of the first organizations to able to establish a presence in Wilmington at the Old Firehouse. Thank you to the Town of Wilmington for helping us serve the aging population.

### Grants for caregivers

The Dementia Respite Grant provides up to \$1,500 per year to allow unpaid caregivers to hire someone to care for family members living with dementia. Caregivers can hire a Registered Nurse, a Personal Attendant, or others. This program requires a doctor's diagnosis or verification of Alzheimer's or dementia-related conditions, and is restricted to moderate to low-income persons. Income limits are \$44,770/year for a single person, and \$54,930/

year for a couple. Applicants may not be participating in another respite grant program.

The National Family Caregiver Support Grant provides up to \$1,000 per year, but has fewer restrictions. It is available to those caring for anyone with a "health condition that requires assistance," such as Parkinson's, loss of mobility, etc. There are no income restrictions and a doctor's note is not required.

For questions about either of these grants, please contact the HelpLine at 802-885-2669.

### Call for volunteers

The Senior Companion Program is looking to recruit additional volunteer visitors. As our older population grows, we need more people who enjoy helping and spending quality time making someone's day brighter. The Senior Companion program is a federal program that offers older adults the opportunity to remain important members of their community by visiting and engaging in activities with other less mobile adults who have a hard time getting out. Whether you are reading to your companion, taking them shopping, or going out for lunch, these activities bring joy to both parties. Check our website at [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org) for more information on this and other volunteer opportunities.

**Senior Solutions is heading to fairs and festivals in August**

From Aug. 12–14, Senior Solutions will have a booth at the Deerfield Farmers' Day Fair in Wilmington. It opens at on Friday 10 a.m. and closes on Sunday at 4 p.m. On Aug. 20 and 21 we will have a booth at the Best of Vermont Festival in Ludlow. So please stop by, say hello, and find out what new health and wellness benefits are available to all our aging community members in southeastern Vermont. We don't stop guarding our health and having fun just because we are getting older!

### How do you find us?

As the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Senior Solutions is serving our friends and neighbors. If you are 60 or older and need to apply for Medicaid, Fuel Assistance, VPharm, a Vet to Vet Visitor, Caregiver Respite, access to Covid Vaccine information, and so much more, please call the HelpLine at 1-802-885-2669 and check our website at [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org) for services and resources.

## Grace Cottage hosts Hospital Fair Day

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – The Townshend Common will be buzzing with activity on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day.

Described by the Boston Globe as "New England at its Finest," this annual fair features activities for the whole family, including a live all-day auction, bingo, a Hole-in-One putting contest, face painting, live entertainment, books, plants, art, toys, jewelry, and the ever-popular "White Elephant" booth for household goods.

In addition, classic, fair-style food booths sell burgers-n-fries, cotton candy, fried dough, baked goods and pies, fresh-squeezed lemonade, watermelon and corn on the cob, ice cream, and homemade gourmet dishes.

The auction begins at 9:30 a.m. A highlight

of this year's auction is a rare, restored 1942 Chevy pickup, which will be up for auction at 2 p.m. Proxy bids will be accepted until midnight, Aug. 5, at [auction-proxybid@gracecottage.org](mailto:auction-proxybid@gracecottage.org). The minimum bid is \$30,000.

The traditional Birthday Parade, for those born at Grace Cottage and in the West River Valley, will be led by the Taconic Bagpipers at 10 a.m. Raffle drawings are at 3 p.m.

All proceeds from this year's Hospital Fair Day will be used for an expansion of the Emergency Department. All activities are run by volunteers.

There is no admission fee, and parking is free. The event is held rain or shine. No dogs allowed. For more information, call 802-365-9109 or visit [www.gracecottage.org/fairday](http://www.gracecottage.org/fairday).

Volunteers are welcome on Friday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., on the Townshend Common, to help with set up.


## Public health

## AmeriCorps grant

**REGION** – By Sept. 1, Senior Solutions, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, will be kicking off a new and exciting project. As the first organization to be granted the Public Health AmeriCorps Grant we will be establishing a strong squad of volunteers of all ages here in the Southeastern Vermont region. These volunteers will receive training, support, and will enhance their career opportunities. Our AmeriCorp members will also receive a generous tax-free stipend as they work with families of individuals

who suffer from debilitating conditions such as Parkinson's and dementia.

By giving a few hours each week, individuals can make a huge difference in the lives of family caregivers and their loved ones. We are building a strong team so contact Victoria at [Valleman@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:Valleman@seniorsolutionsvt.org) for more information and to let us know that you want to be part of this first wave of important AmeriCorps Members. You will be bringing relief to the many Vermonters who give so much to their loved ones.



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**Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.**  
Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at [www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch](http://www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch) and [www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org](http://www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org).

**Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor**  
The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.**  
Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in-person. Masks are optional. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch or to our website [www.immanuelepiscopal.org](http://www.immanuelepiscopal.org).

CAVENDISH, VT.

**St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.**  
Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to [www.facebook.com/stjamesumcproctorsville](http://www.facebook.com/stjamesumcproctorsville).

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

**Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.**  
Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

**Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.**  
Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to [www.chesterbaptist.org](http://www.chesterbaptist.org).

**Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.**  
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to [www.andovercommunitychurch.org](http://www.andovercommunitychurch.org).

LUDLOW, VT.

**Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.**  
Mass services are Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. Masks are recommended, but not required, for those who are fully vaccinated. Social distancing in every other pew will continue. For more information, go to [www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com](http://www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com) or call 802-228-3451.

**Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.**  
Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday’s prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to [www.ludlowbaptist.org](http://www.ludlowbaptist.org).

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.**  
Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and to meet our Interim Pastor, Joanne Thomas. Masks are encouraged, and we have ample space for social distancing. Our hope is to make Jesus known in our church and community. For more information, please email the church office at [office@nsbcvt.org](mailto:office@nsbcvt.org) or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

**Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106**  
In-person Sunday services start at 10 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. Live streaming is also available. For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

**Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.**  
Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. All services and in-church activities have resumed. Masks are available and social distancing is encouraged. The sanctuary seating is arranged to promote distancing. Go to [www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910](http://www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910) for links and more information.

**St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.**  
Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to [www.stmaryjoseph.com](http://www.stmaryjoseph.com).

WALPOLE, N.H.

**St. John’s Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.**  
Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to [www.stjohnswalpole.org](http://www.stjohnswalpole.org), email [pastor@stjohnswalpole.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnswalpole.org), or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

**First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.**  
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary – masks required – or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to [www.walpolenhucc.org](http://www.walpolenhucc.org) or [www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH](http://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH).

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Constance Bixby, 1926-2022



Constance Bixby, 1926-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

LUDLOW, Vt. – Constance Bixby, 95, of Ludlow passed away quietly in her favorite chair at home, looking out her window, early in the morning of July 23, 2022. She was born on Nov. 20, 1926, the daughter of Richard and Dorothy (Rice) Howard.  
Connie was an avid reader and funneled her love of books into a 43-year career as Head Librarian at Fletcher Memorial Library. During her many years there, she inspired young people to learn, and made many lifelong connections with multiple generations of Ludlow residents. In her free time she enjoyed reading, watching birds, gardening, and her pet cats. She was a proud member of the Vermont Chapter of Eastern Stars.  
In 2001, Connie’s beloved husband of 58 years, Francis M. Bixby passed away. Being a strong, independent woman, she could still be found raking leaves or mowing her lawn while in her 80s.  
Connie is survived by her daughter Sandra Merrill, her grandchildren Beth Merrill and Raymond Merrill (wife Lisa), her great-grandchildren

Ryan and Aaron Merrill, and her great-great-granddaughters, Kinlee and Kennedy Merrill. She is also survived by nephews Mark Butler (Mary Ann) and Kevin Butler (Amanda). Besides being predeceased by her husband Francis, Connie was predeceased by her parents, her sister Gloria H. Butler, and great-grandson Jonathan Merrill. She leaves behind many friends and family members. After a long life, she closes this chapter of her great book.  
Graveside services will be held at the convenience of her family at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Arrangements are under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.

Jacqueline Stankevich, 1933-2022



Jacquelin Stankevich, 1933-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jacqueline Stankevich, 89, passed away on Thursday morning, July 28, 2022 at the Springfield Hospital. She was born July 23, 1933 in New Haven, Conn., the daughter of William T. and Julia ( Pascale ) Moore. She graduated from Springfield High School class of 1952.  
On Jan. 31, 1953, She married Walter Stankevich at St. Mary’s in Springfield, Vt. She worked as a receptionist in many offices in Springfield over the years, retiring from Young’s in 1996.  
She enjoyed spending time with family, summers in Maine, the Red Sox, bowling, cooking, knitting, playing cards, square dancing, and activities at the Senior Center. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
She is survived by her husband, Walter Stankevich, her three children Kathy (Brien) Ravlin, Bill ( Karen ) Stankevich, and Karen ( Don ) Nelson. One sister, Barbara Murphy Lyman, six grandchildren; Julia Ravlin, William J. Stankevich, Danielle

Stankevich, Amanda Rennie, and Chelsea Nelson, and five great-grandchildren; Zoey McIntyre, Parker Stankevich, Alex, Gracie, and Ryan Rennie.  
She was predeceased by her parents and one sister, Marlene Murphy.  
A memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Springfield on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, at 11 a.m. Rev. James Shea will officiate. Burial will follow at the St. Mary’s Cemetery with a reception to follow the burial at the Nolin-Murray Center.  
Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Phylis Savage, 1922-2022



Phylis Savage, 1922-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

CHESTER, Vt. – Phylis Mae Wilmoth Henry Savage, a quick-witted woman with a charm that lit up the room, died July 25 at her home in Chester at age 99 years, seven months, and 17 days. She made all the difference in the lives of so many and her work here is done.  
Phylis lived through the Great Depression and five wars. She would tell you she avoided walking to school in the 1930s by hitching a ride on the back of a milk truck. She’d tell you about her one-room schoolhouse in Grahamsville (Ludlow), which she attended with her older sister Roxana. The highlight of her school years, she’d say, was getting out of class to watch the hearse carrying Calvin Coolidge make its way to Plymouth Notch Cemetery in 1933. Phylis would tell you she was old while showing you she never really grew up. She sat at the kids’ table at Thanksgiving, she liked celebrity gossip and inappropriate jokes, she spoke her mind and never did what the adults told her. She had a heart for the less fortunate and a way of making everyone feel special.  
Phylis was born Dec. 8, 1922 in Ludlow, the daughter of John C. and Helen (Pollard) Wilmoth. She graduated from the former Black River Academy in 1940 before attending Rutland Business School. Phylis then returned to Ludlow and commuted on train from Ludlow to Chester to work as a bookkeeper at Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, where she met her first husband Arnold B. Henry, a lineman. After Arnold died in 1957, Phylis met her late husband Hanson M. Savage Sr., a truck driver and dairy farmer. Phylis spent most of her adult life as a farmer’s wife in Chester, where she prepared lunch every day for the farm help and barn cats.  
Phylis’ life was made full by her children. She raised six kids and devoted herself to her grandchildren. To her grandkids, she was Grami, a special woman with endless fun and no rules who could fill your day with ice cream, swimming, crafting, shopping, sledding, and shenanigans. Phylis was also a mentor through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, providing friendship, advice, and love to kids who didn’t have anyone else.  
Phylis gave you her heart and, when you weren’t looking, she gave you her belongings. It was a good idea to check your car after a visit because she likely snuck a yard sale treasure in there.

Phylis was proudly independent until the day she died – too stubborn for it to be any other way. A tough Vermonter, Phylis showed you there’s no such thing as being too old. She raked leaves in the fall and shoveled snow in the winter until her final days. If she saw another senior with a cane, she challenged that person to a race.  
Phylis spent her later years laughing with friends and neighbors on her front porch on Church Street and striking up conversations with friends and prospective friends (strangers) who walked by. She was grateful to her nurse practitioner Patricia “Trish” Brown for her care, companionship, and, especially, the colorful scarves, which Trish gifted Phylis at each doctor’s visit. The family would also like to thank neighbors Tom and Victoria Elgan, who always kept a watchful eye over Phylis.  
While everyone wants to know the secret to a long life, Phylis had at least three – be flexible enough to bend over and touch your toes, go for a walk every day, and never skip dessert.  
Phylis leaves behind her daughter, Roberta H. (Henry) Vorhis, and her late husband, Russell “Al” of Jefferson, Maine; sons Dale A. Henry and his wife Linda of Greer, South Carolina; John P. Henry and his wife Sandra of Venice, Fla.; Richard D. Savage and his wife Laurel of Chester; and Justin P. Savage and his wife Maureen of Cavendish. She also leaves her grandchildren, Jonathan, Jennifer, Kriston, Allison, Luke, Michelle, Jessica, Katy, Alaina, Kori, Casey, and Chris, as well as several great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her sister Roxana (Wilmoth) Tofferi.  
A graveside service will be held at North Street Cemetery in Chester on Aug. 6, 2022, at 1 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at the American Legion in Chester. In lieu of flowers, make someone else feel special.  
Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

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**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. 5 & 6 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield United Methodist Church will be having a Bake and Pie Sale on Aug. 5 from 5–7 p.m. and Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pies are available for pickup if you order ahead

of time as well. The Church is located at 10 Valley St., Springfield, Vt.

**AUG. 6 – BELLOW FALLS, Vt. –** The Womens’ Fellowship of the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School Street, will hold an indoor “August Fling” on Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The event will feature a tag sale, including jewelry, a food and bake sale, and a hot dog lunch from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**AUG. 7 – SEXTONS RIVER, Vt. –** Main Street Arts will host Trois Amis on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. in their theater in Saxtons River, Vt. Trois Amis is a musical

trio composed of Mary Cay Brass, Andy Davis, and Laurie Indenbaum, who play music from the tradition of Quebec.

**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.

**AUG. 14 – WINDSOR, Vt. –** On Sunday, Aug. 14, from 2–3:30 p.m., Folk Fusion will play at St. Francis of Assisi, 28 Union St., Windsor, Vt. Folk Fusion performs Celtic, contemporary, and traditional folk music.

Aug. 20, from noon - 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Ludlow. The event will take place at Okemo Field on Route 103. Enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits, and brew tastings; artisan products; fine art; awesome music; hot air balloons; agricultural demos; children’s activities; and more. For details, visit [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com).

**SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. –** Chester American Legion Post 67 hosts Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12 p.m., and games start at 1 p.m.

of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, Walpole.

**TUESDAYS – 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 – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Join us at Fletcher Memorial Library every Wednesday from 10:30–11 a.m. for Summer Outdoor Story Time. Bring a blanket, a snack, and your kid and come to the library side lawn for a relaxed summer story time.

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](http://www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden).

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 [dominiquier@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:dominiquier@sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

**TOWN OF CHESTER**

Looking for an opportunity to serve your community? The Local Cannabis Control Commission has a three year volunteer position open for appointment. This commission was formed to assess and control the sale and distribution of retail cannabis in Chester. Interested parties should submit a letter to [julie.hance@chestervt.gov](mailto:julie.hance@chestervt.gov) or Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 by August 12, 2022.

**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 8/17/22 at the Londonderry Town Offices 100 Old School St. to hold a public hearing on application #2022-39 from Michelle Perri for an accessory dwelling at 1303 Goodaleville Rd, application #2022-46 from Flood Brook School for a pavilion at 91 Rt 11, application #2022-36 from Benjamin Sargent for a subdivision and accessory dwellings at 1720 Under the Mountain Rd., application #2022-48 from Taylor Farm for an outdoor recreational use (an outdoor concert area) at 825 Rt 11, and application from Kirk and Kelly Kehoe 2022-49 for an electrical business on Stoney Brook 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.

Application materials and information on how to attend are available by emailing the town’s Zoning Administrator at [zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org) or calling (802)824-3356 ex.102.

**Wastewater Treatment Utility Operator**

The Village of Bellows Falls, Vermont, is accepting applications for the following position: Wastewater Treatment Utility Operator. The successful candidate must hold a Grade 1 Wastewater Certificate and must have a CDL Class B driver’s license. However, applicants meeting other requirements will be considered providing a certificate or licenses are obtained within two years. Pay range for this position is \$19.68 to \$23.39 depending on experience. High School diploma or equivalency is required. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. A full job description is available in the Municipal Manager’s Office in the Town Offices.

Apply to: Scott Pickup, Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. The Bellows Falls Village Corporation is an equal opportunity employer.

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM**

Request for Proposals  
Stream bank Stabilization Project 10 Imtec Lane

Monday, July 25, 2022

The Town of Rockingham is soliciting bidders interested in a USDA reimbursable stream bank stabilization stormwater project at 10 Imtec Lane.

A pre-submission walk-through for interested bidders will take place on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10 Imtec Lane, with submission to the Municipal Manager, Town of Rockingham VT PO Box 370, Bellows Falls VT 05101 by mail August 29th.

A copy of additional specifications will be available on the town website.

Scott D. Pickup  
Municipal Manager  
Town of Rockingham

BELLOW 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 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –** Lori Wright of DG Bodyworks will be holding yoga classes on the Proctorsville Green on Mondays through the month of August, excluding Monday, Aug. 8. Classes are for all levels and will be held from 10–11 a.m. This is a drop-in class with a fee. Attendees are reminded to bring their own yoga mat and a towel, as well as bug spray and sunglasses. Classes will be held inside the DG Bodyworks Studio in inclement weather.

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at [bwquilter1778@gmail.com](mailto:bwquilter1778@gmail.com).

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

**THURSDAYS – 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

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women’s meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

**FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. –** Bone Builders Class in Chester every Friday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at [bwquilter1778@gmail.com](mailto:bwquilter1778@gmail.com).

**SATURDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –** Lori Wright of DG Bodyworks will be holding yoga classes on the Proctorsville Green on Saturdays through the month of August. Classes are for all levels and will be held from 9–10 a.m. This is a drop-in class with a fee. Attendees are reminded to bring their own yoga mat and a towel, as well as bug spray and sunglasses.

**TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY NOTICE OF TAX SALE**

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Mount Holly, in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2021-2022 tax year remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Casey Hodge by Warranty Deed of Dola Holland and John Holland, dated September 3, 2013 and recorded on September 9, 2013 in Book 84 at Page 322 of the Mount Holly Land Records. (E911 address: 49 Belmont Road; SPAN #417-130-10577.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Mount Holly Office, a public place located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, Vermont, on the 31st day of August, 2022, at 10:00 am, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 25th day of July, 2022.

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email [info@edgarmay.org](mailto:info@edgarmay.org), or visit [www.edgarmay.org](http://www.edgarmay.org).

**SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS LUDLOW, Vt. –** Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com).

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
Windsor

Unit

PROBATE DIVISION  
Docket No.: 22-PR-04183

In re ESTATE of: 

GEORGE R. HEATH

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: GEORGE R. HEATH

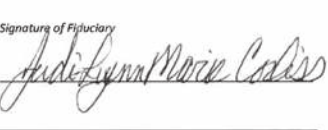
Decedent

late of NORTH SPRINGFIELD, VT

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: 07/22/2022

Signature of Fiduciary  


Executor/Administrator  
JUDI-LYNN M. CORLUSS  
Phone Number 802-463-3303 Email RAY@MASSUCCOLAW.COM

Mailing Address  
C/O MASSUCCO & STERN, P.C.  
City, State, Zip 90 WESTMINSTER STREET, BELLOW FALLS, VT 05101

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal

Publication Date: August 3, 2022

Name of Probate Court: VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT - PROBATE DIVISION  
Address of Probate Court: Windsor Unit - 12 The Green  
Woodstock, VT 05091

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
Windsor

Unit

PROBATE DIVISION  
Docket No.: 22-PR- 03689

In re ESTATE of: 

Virginia Dow

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Virginia Dow

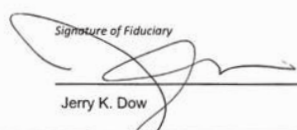
Decedent

late of Hartland, VT

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: 7-29-2022

Signature of Fiduciary  


Executor/Administrator  
Jerry K. Dow, Fiduciary  
Phone Number 802-885-2582 Email

Mailing Address  
c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519  
City, State, Zip Springfield, VT 05156

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal - The Shopper - Windsor County

Publication Date: August 3, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Probate Division  
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Greene  
Woodstock, VT 05031



LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

Fraud Watch Network:  
Summertime phone scams

**REGION** – Summertime, and the scamming’s easy! The temperature rises; so does the volume of scam phone calls and text messages. Staying safe is challenging, but not complicated. Here are some tips for self-defense against phone scams: 1) Obtain a caller ID device if you do not have one and never answer calls unless you recognize the caller’s number (a legitimate caller will leave a message if it is important). Criminals are capable of masking phone numbers or even using numbers assigned to others. Typically, these calls display your area code and possibly the three-digit prefix. That makes the scam number appear to be someone local. If there is no response to your “hello” when answering the phone, hang up. Sadly, by answering the phone your number is added to a call list as an active number. Be prepared to receive more calls. If you answer the call and the party calling is a automated call (ROBOCALL) hang up unless the call is from a know source, such as a medical professional or school. It often is difficult to recognize a robocall. Criminals employ “smart” or artificial intelligence software to make calls. These calls use a neutral “Ameri-

can” voice that will pose a question such as “Hi. This is Sarah calling from Visa, Discover, Mastercard. Are you interested in lowering your credit card interest rate?” The voice activation now kicks in waiting for you to respond with yes or no. If you don’t use the words expected by the system, “Sarah” will probably say, “I didn’t quite catch your response,” and then repeat the message. Once again, if you find yourself on the receiving end of one of these calls, hang up. If the voice offers to place you on the do not call list by pressing “9,” don’t; that guarantees you will receive more calls. (Tip: sign up for the Do Not Call list at 888-382-1222 or [www.donot-call.gov](http://www.donot-call.gov). The Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission put providers on notice; they must act to block these calls or provide warnings to consumers. That is happening on cellular phones where incoming calls may display a message such as “Likely Scam.” Sadly, the technology on landline phones does not provide this service. Alert... Prepare for a barrage of what I refer to as “Gimme Calls” and emails. Whether the call is from a charity, political candidate,

or party, or even an organization claiming to raise money for first responders, the message is the same: Gimme money! Clearly, you can’t make donations to everyone calling, regardless of how much good the donation can achieve. You have choices: donate or decline. If you want to donate, request a pledge card and ignore any pleas to provide a credit card number to someone you don’t know. If you decline the plea, simply and quickly say, “NO,” and hang up.

*Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. Questions or concerns? Contact [egreenblott@aarp.org](mailto:egreenblott@aarp.org).*

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REGION – Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Grace’s General Contractor seeking lead carpenter, experience building garages, decks, and porches. Pay

\$28 and up. Call 802-674-5892.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Grace’s General Contractor seeking experienced sheetrock/painter. Pay \$25 and up. Call 802-674-5892.

LUDLOW, Vt. – NEW PAY RATES Nursing, LNAs, Dietary, Housekeeping. Call to hear our openings and our new pay rates. Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149. 802-228-6862 Joan, HR. 802-228-6860 January, Nursing. EOE.

**INSPECTIONS**

CHESTER, Vt. – Kim’s Car Care is offering Trailer and Motorcycle State Inspections on Wednesdays. Call 802-875-4971.

**YARD SALE**

BALTIMORE, Vt. – Town-Wide Yard Sale Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain or Shine. Start at the intersection of Route 10 and Baltimore Rd. and come on up!

BALTIMORE, Vt. – Look for Frank Kendall’s Yard Sale 720 Harris Road Aug. 6, from dawn till dark.

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Aug. 5 & 6, after over 50 years, selling out. Antiques, tools, furniture, toys, dolls, linen, household goods, yards and lawn furniture, you name it, everything must go. 141 & 192 N. Runway Rd.

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Part Time School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Part 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: Part-timePay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at [Michael.Ripley@trsu.org](mailto:Michael.Ripley@trsu.org).

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
60 PARK ST.  
SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT 05156  
(802) 885-5121

CHILD FIND NOTICE

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Springfield, Vermont School District is committed to providing all educationally disabled children who live within the district a free, appropriate public education. A disabled student who does not qualify for services under the IDEA, may qualify for accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

To make a referral or for further information please contact Kelly Ryan, Director of Special Services for the Springfield School District, 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 or by calling (802) 885-5121. You may also contact Kelly Ryan by email @ [kryan@ssdvt.org](mailto:kryan@ssdvt.org)

For children 3-5 years of age, you may also contact Courtney Dextraze-Wiese, Coordinator of ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) services for the Springfield School District, 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 or by calling (802) 885-5121. Courtney Dextraze-Wiese can also be reached by email at [cdextrazewiese@ssdvt.org](mailto:cdextrazewiese@ssdvt.org)

For children 0-3 years of age, please contact Rachel Hunter, Early Education Coordinator for the Springfield School District, 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 or by calling (802) 885-5011. You may also contact Rachel Hunter by email @ [rhunter@ssdvt.org](mailto:rhunter@ssdvt.org)

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH  
Administrative Assistant

The Town of Plymouth, VT seeks Administrative Assistant whose duties will be to take notes and type up minutes for the Select Board meetings which are held twice a month on Mondays at 6:00 PM. The qualified candidate would also maintain and update the Town Web Site. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to Town of Plymouth, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 05056. Letters of interest will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Plymouth is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Plymouth Town Clerk 802-672-3655

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attention Springfield High School Class of 2015 Alumni  
Per state regulations we are only required to keep student records for 7 years.

We are notifying the class of 2015 that we will be destroying student records on August 20, 2022, unless we hear from you. These must be physically picked up by you or provide written permission for someone else to come in and pick them up.

Please contact Nancy Bovat at 802-885-7914 to coordinate a time to pick up your records if you would like them.

DESTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

SPRINGFIELD VERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
60 Park St.  
Springfield, Vermont 05156  
(802) 885-5121

The Springfield School District (Vermont) will be conducting a “Destruction of Records”. These are special educational records and personally identifiable information used within the Individuals With Disability Education Act, but are no longer needed to provide educational services to students. The aforementioned records for students with a birth year of 1997 or earlier, will be available for pick up or will be destroyed if arrangements are not made for pick up before 9/2/2022. Any person desiring their records must put that request in writing or, in an email to the Special Services Department (Kelly Ryan, Director of Special Services). Please send your request before September 2nd, 2022 to:

Kelly Ryan, Director of Special Services  
Springfield School District  
60 Park St.  
Springfield, Vermont 05156  
(802) 885-5121  
(email requests to: [tslade@ssdvt.org](mailto:tslade@ssdvt.org))

Other instructions will be provided after making initial contact.

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(10/26/22 - 1FN - 13)

**Builders/Contractors**

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Booking exterior painting for the Summer and Fall in the Ludlow area. Houses, decks, porches, garages and/or barns. Email: [adam@apexventures.one](mailto:adam@apexventures.one) for free quotes.  
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(09/14/22 - 13)

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Dr. Denise Natalie 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.  
(08/16/22 - 1FN - 52)

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Houses, offices, apartments, and auto. We clean everything! References on request, fully insured, free estimates. Contact Verina Field at 802-289-9188 or [stoneart49@gmail.com](mailto:stoneart49@gmail.com).  
(08/10/22 - 13)

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(09/20/22 - 52)

Okemo Valley TV

**LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK**  
• Plumb Bobs Concert in Mount Holly  
• Sammy B on the Proctorsville Greeb  
• Lake Rescue Association Annual Meeting  
• Sustainable Woodstock’s “Green Drinks” series  
• Yoga with Liza Eaton

**Watch on TV:** Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166 Education / Gov’t Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167  
(TV Schedules available at [okemovalley.tv/schedules](http://okemovalley.tv/schedules) & on cable TV program guide)  
**Watch Online:** [okemovalley.tv](http://okemovalley.tv) & [youtube.com/okemovalleytv](http://youtube.com/okemovalleytv)  
(08/10/22 - 1FN - 13)

**Pawn**

**BRISTOL PAWN SHOP**  
Currently buying vintage US currency and coins, also WWI and WWII memorabilia, etc. Also gold, silver, and platinum. Give us a call with any questions on what you want to sell. Call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 857-233-1887 or 603-217-0033.  
(10/26/22 - 13)

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(08/10/22 - 15)

**Scrap Metal Wanted**

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(09/14/22 - 13)



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## Vermont Open Farm Week celebrates 8 years

REGION – For the eighth consecutive year, farmers across Vermont will once again open their barn doors and garden gates to welcome the public for a behind-the-scenes look at Vermont’s vibrant working landscapes. Vermont Open Farm Week 2022 will be held Sunday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 14, and feature over 105 events at over 53 farms across the state. Events are live and sorted by day and location on [www.DigInVT.com](http://www.DigInVT.com). Open Farm Week is a celebration of Vermont farms offering visitors a backstage pass to learn more about local food origins, authentic agritourism experiences, and the chance to build relationships with local farmers. Farm visitors can look forward to maple and honey tastings, kids yoga on the farm, ice cream socials, behind-the-scenes tours, on-farm dinners, 5k races, pie contests, and more. Each Open Farm Week event is created by a farmer and focused on highlighting the unique character of the host farm. “Open Farm week is

Vermont at its finest. Visitors get an authentic experience while touring and talking with farmers and producers,” said Vermont Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbetts. “These visits highlight how our food is produced and how farmers care for their animals and land. We are grateful for these businesses that open up their daily lives to hundreds of visitors during

Open Farm Week.” Open Farm Week events are now live online. Many events are free and some require pre-registration. Not all farms are open every day, so be sure to visit [www.DigInVT.com](http://www.DigInVT.com) to explore the diverse event schedule and plan a visit. Everyone is invited to join the Open Farm Week conversation on social media using the hashtag #VTOpenFarm.



Check out a local farm. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Featured pets: Puppies and Kittens

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – If you are looking to add a dog, puppy, cat, or kitten to your home, we may have what you want. We have several dogs, cats, and kit-

tens right now looking for loving homes and we will have puppies and more kittens after Aug. 9. To see who we have, visit [www.Petfinder.com](http://www.Petfinder.com) or our Face-



book page. To come adopt, fill out an application on our website. We are currently open by appointment only. For more information call 802-885-3997.

Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, Vt. 802-885-3997. [www.spfldhumane.org](http://www.spfldhumane.org).

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# concerts

## The Gully Boys to perform

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.** – The Town of Cavendish will present The Gully Boys as their next concert in its 2022 summer music series on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, Vt.

The Gully Boys are a professional, Green Mountains rock and jam band. They present an amalgam of style, sound, and personal-

ity that makes them unique, but with a comfortable familiarity. They like to mix up the playlist with originals and cover tunes from all genres. As Vermonters, they feel that music helps bring us all together, and helps to sustain our communities. M&M Excavating is sponsoring this concert.

The Cavendish Community and Conservation

Association coordinates the series on behalf of the town. All concerts are free and open to the public. In case of rain, alternative plans will be announced on the CCCA Facebook page. If you would like to help, CCCA would like to hear from you. Call Robin at 802-259-2327 for more information.

## Springfield Community Band free concert

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Vermont Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a free concert on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the bandstand in Springfield, located at 13 Fairgrounds

Road.

The evening will feature the band's Jazz Combo in its first outing of the concert season. The Combo will swing with "Lady Bird" by Tadd Damerow, "Blue Bossa" by Kenny Dorham, and more. The

full band will complete the program, offering up fun music that's been chosen to appeal to everyone.

The public is reminded to bring a chair.

This program is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

## Baroque music at SOTH

**WESTON, Vt.** – The Amphion Baroque Ensemble, consisting of Jesse Lepkoff on baroque flute and recorders, Owen Watkins on baroque oboe and recorders, Frances Fitch on harpsichord, and Andrew Schwartz on baroque bassoon, is made up of world class musicians who specialize in music of the baroque.

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The Sundays On The Hill Concert Series is delighted to host this talented quartet on Aug. 7 in the Church on the Hill, that is,

the Community Church, in Weston, Vt. at 4 p.m. Children 12 and under may attend at no charge. Please be aware that the doors open at 3:30 p.m. and there are no reserved seats, no advance tickets, and admission is paid at the door. The concert series requires proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 72 hours and masks are required when inside. For more information see [www.SundaysOnTheHill.org](http://www.SundaysOnTheHill.org).

## VT Bluegrass Pioneers

**CHESTER, Vt.** – The Chester Summer Music Series is proud to present The VT Bluegrass Pioneers on Thursday, Aug. 4, from 6:30–8 p.m. on the Academy Lawn across from the Green in Chester. The rain location will be the American Legion Post 67 on VT Route 103 South.

The VT Bluegrass Pioneers are led by two legendary central Vermont musicians: Banjo Dan

Lindner from Banjo Dan and the Midnight Plowboys, and Danny Coane from the Starline Rhythm Boys. The band is rounded out by Dan's brother Willy Lind-

ner and former Plowboy Sam Blagden. The Pioneers share lead and harmony vocals and, in a unique twist, Dan and Danny alternate on banjo and rhythm guitar.

## UU Meetinghouse free concert series

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Acoustic musicians take the stage this summer for a series of free public concerts hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse in Springfield. The family-friendly performances will be held outdoors (weather permitting) on Saturdays from 5–7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

The series opens on Aug. 6 with guitarist and vocalist Bill Brink and pianist and vocalist Matt Meserve. Pulling from their extensive repertoire of material, the pair will perform popular covers and heartfelt originals.

On Aug. 13, husband and wife duo The Milkhouse Heaters will showcase their original Americana songs. The Milkhouse Heaters are veterans of the Boston music scene who have shared the stage with notable acts such as The Black Crowes and Fuel.

The Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse is located at 21 Fairground Road. Visit [www.uuspringfieldvt.org](http://www.uuspringfieldvt.org). Limited seating. Light refreshments for purchase. For more information, contact June Brink at [billbrinkmusic@gmail.com](mailto:billbrinkmusic@gmail.com).

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# rockingham

## The 45th Rockingham Old Home Days

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The 45th annual Rockingham Old Home Days will commence on Friday, Aug. 5 and run through Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7, offering live music, food vendors, community events, and a firework show. This event celebrates and commemorates the 116th annual pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 5 – Farmers Market**  
From 4–7 p.m., visit the local farmers market, offering an assortment of produce and artisan goods, at Hetty Green Park in Bellows Falls.

**Community Cookout**  
From 5–6:30 p.m., there will be a hot dog and hamburger cookout at the First Baptist Church with Busy Bee's in Bellows Falls.

**Family Carnival**  
You can find food, games, and fun for the entire family at the Family Carnival. Stop by Rockingham Recreation in Bellows Falls from 6–8:30 p.m.

**Bellows Falls Opera House**

Starting at 7 p.m., you can watch “Paws of Fury” at the Bellows Falls Opera House, with a Triple-Up deal on soda, popcorn, and candy.

**DJ Party at PK's Irish Pub**  
Rounding off the night, at 9 p.m. you can dance the

night away at PK's Irish Pub with DJ Wade.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 6 – Bring It Home 5K**

At 8 a.m., walk or run the Bring It Home 5K, beginning at Rockingham Recreation in Bellows Falls. Registration will be available from 7–7:45 a.m.

**Launch Party**

From 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., the Rich Earth Institute is launching a party for their new “Peecycling” urine recycling hub at The Fish Ladder, 17 Bridge St., in Bellows Falls. Join to learn how your waste will be providing local farms with vital nutrients.

**Flat Iron Jazz**

Enjoy live music with the Vermont Moonlighters at Flat Iron Cooperative in Bellows Falls from 2–5 p.m.

**Bellows Falls Opera House**

If you didn't catch it on Friday, “Paws of Fury” will be showing at the Bellows Falls Opera House on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be more Triple-Up deals on soda,



Fireworks at Rockingham Old Home Days 2021.

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popcorn, and candy to boot.

**Intercept at PK's Irish Pub**

At 9 p.m., Intercept will be rocking the house at PK's Irish Pub before the fireworks.

**At the Waypoint Center**

The Waypoint Center will be hosting live music, hot food, vendors, rides, and contests all day, starting at 12 p.m. The Moose Club, Chesley's Fried Dough, Rescue Dawgs BBQ, Lemonade

& Popcorn, Ivy Rawlings Specials, and Athens Pizza special menu will all be available to satisfy your food cravings. Inflatable rides, a 50/50 raffle, hoola-hoop contests, games, and a Touch-A-Truck event from 2–6 p.m. will all be there to hold your attention.

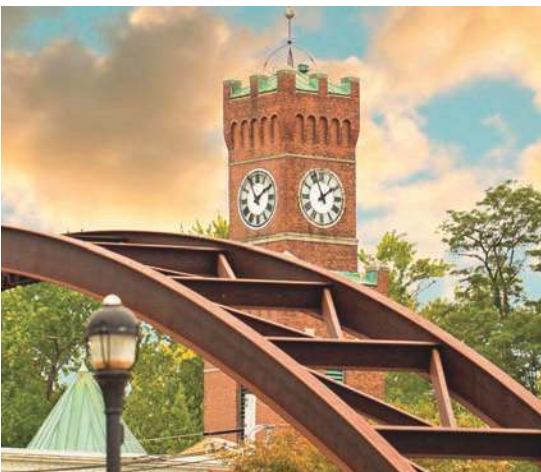
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**Trash Band Fireworks**

Don't miss the explosive culmination of the day's activities. There will be a fantastic fireworks show over the Connecticut River at 9:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 7 – 116th Rockingham Meeting House Pilgrimage**

Celebrating the 116th pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House, Humorist Bill Mares will present his book, “I Could Hardly Keep from Laughing” at 1 p.m., a work detailing how humor has evolved in Vermont over the years. Doors to the Meeting House will open

at 11 a.m., with a food tent to follow at 11:30 a.m. The Rockingham Meeting House is located at 11 Meeting House Rd., in Bellows Falls.

**MSA Outdoor Concert**

At 7 p.m., Trois Amis will bring the music of Quebec to Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. Get ready to end the weekend with a diverse concert of toe-tapping jigs and swaying romantic waltzes.

A special thanks to this years sponsors of Rockingham Old Home Days: Savings Bank of Walpole, Bellows Falls Loyal Order Of Moose Family Center, Halladay's Harvest Barn, The Richards Group, Walpole Creamery, Massucco & Stern, P.C., FW Whitcomb, Whitney Blake, Berkley & Veller Greenwood Realtors, Temple Chiropractic, Windham & Windsor Housing Trust, Roots Property Management, Simone's Styling Salon, Silver Forest, Hennessey Electric, Best Septic Services, LLC, Penquin Market, Bellows Falls Rotary Club, Ruggiero Trash Removal, and Village Square Booksellers.

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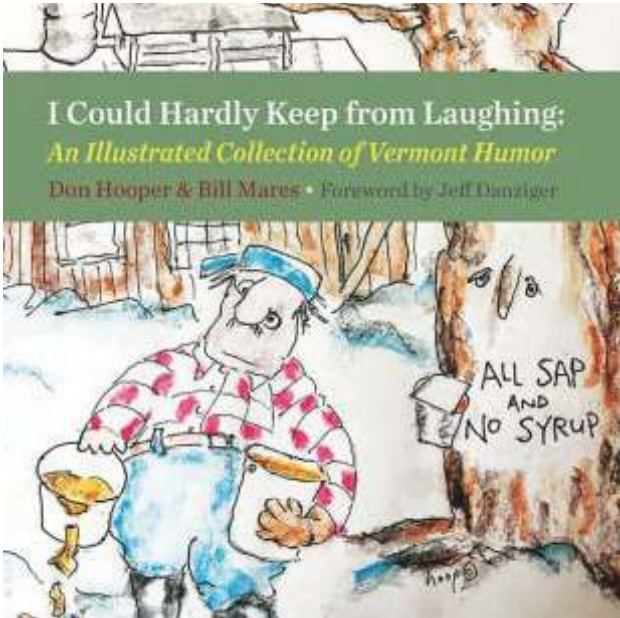
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## Rockingham Meeting House pilgrimage Aug. 7

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The 116th annual pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, beginning with food and a gathering at 11:30 a.m. The talk and slide presen-



“I Could Hardly Keep from Laughing.”

PHOTO PROVIDED

tation this year, at 1 p.m., will be, “I Could Hardly Keep from Laughing,” by Bill Mares. He co-authored the book by the same title along with Don Hooper. Copies will be available for sale.

The new book draws from the works of over a dozen Vermont humorists, detailing how humor in the Green Mountain State has evolved over the years. It features new cartoons by Hooper, and a foreword by award-winning political cartoonist Jeff Danziger.

Raised in Texas and educated at Harvard, Mares has been a journalist, a state legislator, and a high school teacher. He has authored or co-authored 18 books on a variety of subjects including the U.S. Marines and beekeeping, from workplace democracy to Vermont humor.

He has been a beekeeper for 50 years and was the co-founder of a Vermont brewery. He serves on the boards of VT Digger, the Vermont Brewers Association, and Food4Farmers.

He lives in Burlington with his wife of 50 years, Chris Hadsel. They have two sons.

Refreshments will be available prior to the pilgrimage, so plan to come early, stroll through the cemetery, and sample some light snacks. There is plenty of room in the building for social distancing, and masks are requested if you are not vaccinated.

Built in 1787, the building was used for both town and church events. The church services ceased in 1839; and by 1839 it was no longer used by the town for official gatherings.

The building was restored in 1906 and is currently going through another extensive renovation to repair the plaster.

Designated a landmark in 2000, it is open all season for tours and for special events such as weddings and concerts.

Traditionally, the pilgrimage is the final event of Rockingham Old Home Days and is held in commemoration of the first pilgrimage to the building after it was restored. With the exception of 2020 and the Covid pandemic, the pilgrimage has been held every year.

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# old home days

## Rockingham Old House Awards 2022 Silver Jubilee

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Kicking off with the Aug. 6 and 7 Old Home Days and the Meeting House Pilgrimage weekend, nominations are now open for Rockingham Old House Awards 2022.

“During our Awards Silver Jubilee year, we want to celebrate with property owners their on-going restoration and renewal of historic homes and commercial buildings,” said John Leppman, Chair of the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission (RHPC). The awards program is sponsored by the commission.

There are multiple award categories with multiple awardees. Categories include awards for best private residence, commercial building, and apartment building.

“Since the first Old Home Awards program organized by the Our Town group in 1997, owners of over 160 homes and commercial buildings have been honored for conservation of their properties,” noted RHPC coordinator Walter Wallace.

Eligible properties are older homes that have been renovated, painted, or otherwise enhanced on the exterior, usually in the past five years. Properties must be located within the Town of Rockingham, including the Villages of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River, the hamlets of Bartonville, Cambridgeport, Brockways Mills, and the town’s rural areas. To qualify, properties must be at least fifty years old and may be residential or commercial.

Nominations may be



A sample “Old Home” in Rockingham. PHOTO PROVIDED

made by calling the Rockingham Development Office at 802-463-3964 Ext. 1112, by sending an email to [clg@rockbf.org](mailto:clg@rockbf.org), or writing to Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission Coordinator, Town of Rockingham, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. All nominations should include the property’s address and, if possible, the owner’s name.

Deadline for nominations will close over the Labor Day weekend, Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, at 5 p.m.

The Awards will be announced Sept. 30, with a presentation ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Meeting House in Old Rockingham Village during the Southern Vermont Flannel Festival.

The Old House Awards program is supported in part through funding from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service through the Certified Local Government program.

## Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – About 40-square-miles in area, Rockingham consists of smaller villages, Bellows Falls and Saxtons River, and the small hamlets of Bartonville, Brockways Mills, and Cambridgeport.

Until about 1825, the now quiet hamlet near the Meeting House was the principal village of the town in business and inhabitants, and the town offices were located there. Development in Bellows Falls in the 19th century shifted the focus of the town, and a fire in 1909 destroyed the stores and post office. The Rockingham Meeting House, constructed 1787-1801, is now operated by the town as a museum. It has been declared a National Historic Landmark.

It is believed that for several thousand years Indigenous people gathered at the Great Falls on the Connecticut River. The first European settlers tried to establish homesteads in this area during the 1700s, when the land was still occupied by Native Americans, the Abenaki, who joined the French in conducting a war against English intruders. Bedrock near the Great Falls retain stone carvings known as petroglyphs that are believed to have been created by Abenaki at least 300 years ago, during a period when their villages and burial grounds were set out here on the banks of the Connecticut.

Rockingham was chartered in 1753 by Benning Wentworth, the colonial governor sitting in Portsmouth, N.H. After the conclusion of the French and Indian War in 1763, settlement began in earnest. Many new inhabitants came from Massachusetts and Connecticut. They cleared land and established homesteads scattered throughout the town. The Rockingham Meeting House was erected in roughly the geographic center of the town in the hamlet that still bears the name of Rockingham. However, industrial and commercial development after the Civil War produced a concentration of population and activity in Bellows Falls, where it remains today.

## Old Home Days “Bring It Home” 5K

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – A road race has been part of Rockingham’s Old Home Days since the very beginning. For many years, it was hosted by the Rockingham Recreation Department. It started as a 4.2-mile race that included a daunting climb up Pond Road and a harrowing descent on North Ridge Road. In the 1980s, it was shortened and flattened to the more common 5KM distance. With construction on Canal Street we have moved the start and finish to the Rockingham Recreation Center on Playground Road for 2022. This 5KM course, which was used for many years in the 1990s and 2000s, features a downhill first half mile, a couple of pretty flat miles in the middle, and a climb back to the Rec Center in the last half mile.

The race will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022 at 8 a.m. at 10 Playground Rd., Bellows Falls, Vt. Registration will be from 7-7:45 a.m. at the Rockingham Recreation Center. There is an entrance fee.

Interested parties can help save time on race day by preregistering.

## Firefighter’s cookout, clinic, and boot drive

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Firefighter’s Association will have their annual boot drive and cookout on Rockingham Old Home Days, Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, in front of the firehouse in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Recue, Inc. will join the event in the afternoon for a vaccination clinic from 2-8 p.m. on the day in question. No appointment is needed.

The clinic will have the following vaccines: Moderna, ages 6 months – 4 years; Pfizer, ages 5-11; Pfizer, ages 12 and up. This includes Pfizer boosters for those 12 and up, as well as Moderna boosters. To be eligible for the booster, it must have been at least five months since your second shot. The Rescue, Inc. vaccination trailers will be behind the firehouse.

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## “Hair” comes to stage at Weston Playhouse —

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Theater Company presents the American tribal love-rock musical, “Hair,” playing now through Aug. 13 at the Weston Playhouse.

Celebrate the summer of love with a group of young Americans ready to create a world of harmony and understanding. For the first time ever, this legendary rock musical with books and lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Rado bursts onto the Playhouse stage. Its Grammy award-winning score, with music by Galt MacDermot, includes celebratory hits such as “Good Morning, Starshine,” “Manchester, England,” and “Aquarius.”

Director Susanna Gellert 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? What if we all connected with each other a little bit better? What if we all treasured each other and took care of each other’s lives as much as possible?’”

As Weston’s own Executive Artistic Director, Susanna Gellert has taken on the exciting task of bringing this legendary musical to life. Her directing work on Weston stages includes the “The Fantasticks” (2019) and “Ring of Fire” (2021). Prior to leading Weston, Gellert was Associate Producer and Director of the Studio at New York’s acclaimed Theatre for a New Audience, producing award-winning productions of Thornton Wilder’s “The Skin of Our Teeth,” and Branden Jacobs-Jenkins’s “An Octoroon.”

“Hair” plays at the Weston Playhouse, located

at 703 Main St., Weston, Vt. Discounts are available for students, veterans, and Vermont residents.

Weston Theater Company builds on and enhances the unique assets of its Vermont village campus to produce a diverse, entertaining, and challenging season of live professional theater and high impact events; enrich the theater-going experience with education and outreach programs for all ages; and make significant contributions to the American theater through training programs, play development, and retreats. It is a nonprofit organization supported in part by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and an ever-growing family of individuals and organizations who believe in the impact the performing arts make on its community. Learn more at [www.westontheater.org](http://www.westontheater.org).

## “Sacred Geometry” opens with yoga in the gallery —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents: John van der Does’ “Sacred Geometry,” the artist’s first solo show. It features paintings of brightly colored abstract mathematical designs inspired by the yoga tradition of the yantra. The solo show is on view from Aug. 3 through Sept. 10.

The public is invited to Yoga With The Artist, on Friday, Aug. 5, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. for a unique gallery event. The event is free and space is limited. Participants may use the gallery to practice their yoga postures together with the artist. Van der Does will share his practice, which includes studies in Sanskrit, the use of mantras, and yantras, in meditation. Please bring your own yoga mat.

In this exhibit, van der Does explores the use of sacred geometry as meditation and a personal spiritual path. The show also includes

sketchbook drawings and the artist’s newest work with zen circles. A yantra is a precise geometrical design that visually expresses the yoga practice. Mantras are sounds that verbally express the vibrations of a yantra pattern. There are many mantras and yantras in Hinduism and each is associated with a personified deity, as well as possessing its own significance and usage.

Van der Does’ work is similar to the colors and patterns of Hilma af Klimt’s abstract paintings, which garnered much attention at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City in 2018–19.

John van der Does, based in Andover, Vt., is a lifelong yoga practitioner and teacher. Van der Does completed yoga teacher training at Sivinanda Yoga Camp in Val Morin, Quebec. He has studied Sanskrit at the American Sanskrit Institute. Most recently, he has taught at Studio Time and Space, in Springfield, Vt. Van der Does’ yoga practice includes study of the Hindu liturgical language of Sanskrit, the physical discipline of asanas, or, postures, the verbal use of mantras, and the visual practice of drawing yantras.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in the Historic Downtown Village of Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information about the John van der Does Sacred Geometry solo show, or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to [www.canalstreetartgallery.com](http://www.canalstreetartgallery.com), call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email [artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com](mailto:artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com).

## Walpole Players hold auditions for “Hansel and Gretel”

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Players of Walpole, N.H. will be holding open auditions on Aug. 28 and 30 for the classic Grimm’s Fairy Tale, “Hansel and Gretel,” to be directed by Mike Wright. Based on the story first published by the Brothers Grimm in 1812, “Hansel and Gretel” tells the tale of a young brother and sister who must use their courage and wits to

outsmart an evil witch. This play has roles for adults and children.

Auditions for “Hansel and Gretel” will take place on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 4–5 p.m. and on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 6–7 p.m. at the Helen Miller Theater upstairs at the Walpole Town Hall. Come and try out for a part in this dramatic and exciting retelling of the classic Grimm’s Fairy Tale. Performances are the last two weekends in October.

We are also always looking for volunteers who love theater and community events but don’t want to appear on stage. There are lots of opportunities to get involved – set construction, props, costumes, production assistants, advertising, concessions, and more. Remember, you can’t have Community Theater without the community.

For more information visit [www.thewalpoleplayers.org](http://www.thewalpoleplayers.org) or email [WalpolePlayers@gmail.com](mailto:WalpolePlayers@gmail.com).

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