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Quilting time at Seams Sew Together

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Heather Allen and Shelley Wasklewicz, who have been business partners since the summer of 2021, are located in the Times Building in Bellows Falls and have been open for retail customers since May.

The Seams Sew Together team currently offers a variety of handmade products for your home, including custom wall hangings to bed-sized quilts, table runners, placemats, and pillows. Their services include providing longarm quilting and binding services to quilters, as well as selling batting, notions, patterns, and fabric.

Allen and Wasklewicz are also adding a lineup of classes for the fall season, including a “Beginner’s Class” in which students will learn to create a quilt from start to finish over a series of Tuesday evenings. There will also be a “Pop-pins Bag Class,” which is a heavy duty, versatile bag, and for the more experienced sewers, and “Starline” will use a template with suede-like backing which



The interior of Seams Sew Together.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

“sticks” to your fabric, allowing much more accuracy.

Another “Small Gift-Making Demo Class” will offer ideas to create quick gifts for the upcoming holiday season. The business will also host an “Open Sew” workshop once a month, during which participants can come and work on whatever projects they like

and work with, and receive guidance, from others. Additionally, a once-a-month “Sunday Best Quilts” will offer a time and space for those working at their own pace on quilts from the “Sunday Best Quilts” book.

The Seams Sew Together open hours have recently changed with the season. Through Sept. 25, 2022, the shop will be open Mondays

from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 12–8 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3–5 p.m.

“We understand that these hours will not work for everyone,” said Shelly Wasklewicz in a recent interview. “Therefore, we do invite everyone to reach out to us either by email or through our website, to see if we can make an alternate

time that will work when needed.

“Heather and I also both work part-time jobs as well, but promise to do everything we can to help accommodate everyone.

“We also encourage everyone to visit our Facebook page and website for more information on future activities and possible shop hour adjustments,” added

Wasklewicz. “We are really looking forward to the upcoming classes, workshops, and activities.”

To learn more, or to set up a time to visit Seams Sew Together, visit www.seams-sewtogether.com, or email seamssewtogether@gmail.com. The shop is located at 18 Bridge Street, just off The Square in Downtown Bellows Falls.

Second Little Library erected in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – One of the six little libraries auctioned off by the Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) has been erected at 51 Route 106 in North Springfield. The little library, titled “Purple Coneflowers,” was built by Springfield Vermont Rotarian Rod Arnold, designed by local Springfield artist Becky Tucker, and purchased by Prim-erica Regional Vice President Debbie Cox. Springfield Rotary created this project as a way to support FOSTL and further its goal of increasing literacy in the community. The auction raised close to \$2,800 for FOSTL. The Little Library is stocked with books for exchange by the public.



Pictured left to right, builder Rod Arnold, artist Becky Tucker, and owner Debbie Cox.

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Springfield Apple Festival calls for vendors

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Vermont Apple Festival and Craft Show is return-

ing on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022. This will be the Festival’s 38th year.

There is still room avail-able for craft and food

vendors. Information and applications are available at www.springfieldvt.com, or by emailing taylor@springfieldvt.com.

Selectboard attends to Rockingham Meeting House

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, the Rockingham Selectboard met for their regular meeting at the Rockingham Meeting House (RMH).

Built in 1787, the Rockingham Meeting House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has hosted church services, meetings, and concerts through the centuries. Walter Wallace, Coordinator of the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), gave a tour of the RMH grounds before the meeting was called to order.

Wallace highlighted the work completed by local republican committee volunteers in exchange for hosting their candidate forums in the RMH. He said the volunteers had saved the RMH Association upwards of \$18,000 by clearing brush and repairing fences and the hearse shed.

School Board member and organizer Bill Morse showed the repaired hinge to the hearse shed door. Wallace said it was the “first time in five years” they could close the door and fasten it for the winter to protect the hearse and prevent future rodent damage. He mentioned that some of the artifacts stored in the shed were historic clapboards, painted in original red.

Wallace quoted the late Paul Bruhn, a leader in Vermont Preservation who said, “Historic preservation is a team sport.”

Charlie Jarras has been working with Marsha Divoll, a descendant of George Divoll, who died in Minnesota in 1882, and has agreed to fund the nearly \$23,000 project to restore the Divoll plot and stones. At the Pilgrimage on Sunday, Aug. 7, Jarras met with the Lovell and Severance families, who were also interested in getting involved with the restoration of their family plots.

At 6:22 p.m., Chair Peter Golec called the meeting to order, and roughly twenty attendees found their seats in the pipped pews. Two items on the agenda were to Award the Historic Structures Report contract and an update to the Cemetery Committee proposal. Wallace explained that of the thirteen Requests for Proposals sent, four firms bid. One of those bids came from professionals that had restored both the White House and Monticello. Fox, Pickup, Leppman, and Wallace recommended the team of Lyssa Papazian, Lazarus Scangas, and Robert Neeld for \$56,096. The selectboard voted unanimously to award the contract.

Wallace said that five years ago, on Memorial Day, a veteran had complained of the fallen and leaning

headstones. He said he had been working since then to find solutions and secure the funding. Wallace and the HPC requested that the selectboard approve the Graveyard & Historic Landscape Advisory Committee, naming Jarras, Karen Jarret, Jim Mullen, Cass Wright, Stan Telstra, and Diana Jones as members.

Chair Peter Golec suggested that the committee first hold a meeting to establish, in writing, what they plan on doing and how they will accomplish those tasks.

As twilight descended, signaling the end of the meeting, Board member Elijah Zimmer suggested the board consider hosting all summer meetings at the Meeting House. This would encourage increased participation in a place that emanates the spirit of a true town meeting. The RMH offers free tours and is open daily from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. through Indigenous People’s Day. Visit www.rockinghamvt.org/historic-preservation-commission for more details.

The next regular meeting of the Rockingham Select Board is Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House where Vanasse Hangen Brustlin will present the preliminary final design of the Depot Street Bridge. All residents and property owners are invited to attend.

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New board members at Greater Falls Connections

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Connections (GFC) announces the addition of two new Advisory Board members: Lama Tomas O’Flaherty and Josh Morelli. Returning to the board are Alex Stradling and Doreen Stoodley, Katrina Bostwick, and Shelby Bixler. These community members have shown a commitment to furthering the coalition’s vision of a healthy, nurturing and supportive community. All of the board members were unanimously elected during GFC’s Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 27.

O’Flaherty is a volunteer with Turning Point Recovery of Springfield – TP South. As a representative of the faith community within our coalition, he is honored to serve on our advisory board and help support youth and adults on their journey to recovery.

Morelli is an actor and writer who recently joined the staff of FACT-TV. He has been writing for over ten years, and developed a love for the cinema at a young age. Morelli looks forward to helping promote all the great work that GFC does in the community.

Stradling is a native of Bellows Falls and the Executive Director of Falls Area Community Television (FACTV). With 20 years of experience in film and TV production, he looks forward to helping GFC tell its story. This is his fifth term.

Stoodley is the Branch Office Administrator for Edward Jones Investments in Bellows Falls. A Vermont native, she lives with her husband, Lee Stoodley, in Westminster. Stoodley looks to help promote GFC, not only in the Bellows Falls Area, but to the surrounding areas as well. This is her third term.

Bixler is a graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) and a youth adult leader with Friends for Change (FFC). They serve on the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services Youth Advisory Board. This is their second term.

Bostwick is a 2020 recipient of the Active Community Engagement Award. She graduated from BFUHS and is an FFC youth leader. This is her second term.

GFC is always seeking new members for the advisory board. The coalition is run by and for the community, and we seek to include anyone who wants to see a positive future for youth and families in the Bellows Falls area. To learn more about Greater Falls Connections or serving on the GFC Advisory Board, contact Laura Schairbaum at 802-463-9927, or laura@greatfallsconnections.org.

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Silsby Library hosts potluck—

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –The Silsby Free Library invites everyone to a community potluck, to take place on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, from 12–2 p.m.

Bring a dish, sweet or savory, or just a loaf of bread. Food will be put in the community room under the library, and then brought to the front lawn at 12 p.m. for all to enjoy. There will be music, face painting, karaoke, goats, a magician, and more. There will also be a cupcake contest to vote on.

Springfield Library lifts mask requirement

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library has wrapped up its Summer Reading Program. Thanks to all those who returned to the library, including volunteers. We welcome additional adults who want to help us complete some important projects or youth who need community service.

The library has been increasingly busy with people who spend time putting together a puzzle, working in the cooler space, or coming in to get materials for their reading, listening, and viewing pleasure. Over 100 people signed up for summer reading and approximately 1000 curbside meals were given out to children. We are so glad to welcome everyone back.

Due to recent lower local levels of Covid-19, masks are no longer be universally required in all areas of the library. Masks, however, will still be required for unvaccinated users of the children’s room. The library has ordered free Covid-19 test kits from the Vermont Department of Health. We hope to be able to make an announcement about their arrival and distribution very soon.

Library staff and the Friends of Springfield Town Library thank all who came to the July book sale. Plans are in the works for a one-day sale in October. Stay tuned for more news.

Finally, as you plan your end-of-summer picnics, pick up a lawn game or two from our “Library of Things” collection. Having a game of horseshoes or croquet is a great way for some fun with family and friends.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Panthers, a black-and-white, and chicks

BY RON PATCH

I know my property well. My beech trees are dying of disease. Many of the birds and critters living here know me. I feed crows and ravens, gray squirrels, foxes, stonewall panthers (A.K.A. chipmunks), and others.

Last week I bought some antiques out of an old barn. In the barn I saw a very small Havahart trap, and thought, “I might need this someday,” so I bought it.

The next day, Lee Decatur called and asked if I had a small Havahart he could borrow. When he came to pick it up, I offered some advice. Bring it in every day before dark or you might catch a woods pussy (A.K.A. skunk).

The next day Lee called to tell me he caught a panther. I asked what he was going to do with it. Lee said, “You like panthers, so I thought I’d bring him to you.”

“Fine with me, but I’ll have to buy more peanuts.” Lee emailed the next morning saying he forgot to bring the trap in the night before, and caught a black and white. Ha, ha!

I put out table scraps for ravens and crows in the morning. Just before sunset, I put out scraps for the foxes. Everyone gets something.

One evening, a week ago, I had sketti for supper. I cooked too much pasta. I used what I could and left the unused portion in the colander, on the counter. The next morning I put the sticky, tangled mess out for the ravens. I have four young ravens I feed. They have learned the schedule and are often waiting for me.

There’s no doubt they recognize me. How they carry on cawing in their immature, crackly call. I watched as the



Panthers, a black-and-white, and chicks PHOTO PROVIDED

four ravens argued over who gets what. One would peck the pasta and come up with a clump, closely pursued by another raven who would try to steal it. How they hop around and squawk at one another! They are fun to watch.

I have a stonewall about 30 feet long. It’s overgrown with lilacs and black caps. There’s a good crop of berries this year. I looked out recently to see a hen turkey with her brood of four chicks. She was reaching up, pecking black caps. The chicks, not being as tall, didn’t get many berries.

About a half-hour later I went to the garden to get a zucchini. I had forgotten about the turkeys. As I walked around the overgrown stonewall, mom came out of the overgrowth, clucking loudly, and charged at me with outspread wings! I immediately backed off. She then tried to lead me away from her chicks, who she had hiding in the overgrowth.

I have a number of deer who feed on apples under the Macintosh tree. One doe is easy to tell from the others. She’s a tannish color, not brown. I see her out there several times a day.

As I walk to the garden or barn, I look for her. She’s often under the apple tree. At first she would run off into the woods. Now she’s getting to know me. I stop in my tracks. She watches me with her ears erect. I talk to her in a calm voice.

“How are you my lovely?” I say. This can go on

for several minutes. She’ll reach down for a dropped apple, and look up at me while she chews the apple. She’s a beautiful animal. A lady friend stopped by recently and witnessed this.

Does anyone remember Winslow Hale up in Wyman’s Falls? Winslow had managed the town dump on the Dump Road. The Dump Road was part of Green Mountain Turnpike.

Winslow picked up some interesting antiques in this position. One winter day, years ago, I was buying antiques from Winslow. The ground was snow covered. Winslow looked out at the edge of the field and spotted a couple deer. “Watch this,” he said. He opened the side door and called to the deer. I was amazed when they started toward us. They came right up to the side door and took an apple from his hand!

I feel fortunate to live where I live. Why do you live here?

The next meeting of Chester Historical Society is Thursday, Aug. 25 (four months to Christmas,) at the Academy Building at 7 p.m. The monthly slideshow will be old Vermont covered bridges, steam locomotives, and a few Vermont train stations. All are welcome.

This week’s old saying: “Some people are born to lose. Others have to work at it.”

“The Gilded Cage” photo exhibit at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – View photos and listen to audio stories of “The Gilded Cage: Mexican Migrant Workers on Vermont Dairy Farms,” on display now at the Rockingham Free Public Library until Thursday, Sept. 22.

It has been nearly a decade since migrant Mexican farm workers began arriving on Vermont dairy farms where they continue to work today. Through intimate photographs and interviews, this project strives to create a revealing portrait of dairy farmers and their Mexican employees and a glimpse into their interdependent lives – exploring who they are and what they hope for. “The Gilded Cage,” made possible through Vermont Folklife Center’s funding and support, showcases the healing power of sharing one’s experience and the deep impact of making visible the personal journeys of a population often hidden from view.

This exhibit is being presented in conjunction with Vermont Reads, a program of Vermont Humanities Council. The 2022 title, “The Most Costly Journey (El Viaje Más Caro),” tells the stories of 19 migrant workers in their own words. Illustrated by New England cartoonists in a variety of styles, each short



"The Gilded Cage." PHOTO PROVIDED

chapter describes aspects of life as an immigrant farm worker in Vermont: Crossing the southern border, struggling with English, adapting to winter, growing gardens, raising children, dealing with health crises, and working long hours. Free copies of the book will be available at the library soon.

For more information, contact the Library at 802-463-4270, programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt.



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opinion

COMMUNITY NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have always been impressed by the access to quality reproductive health care in Vermont, but in the past year the struggle to access that quality care has become even more obvious. I am a well-educated and connected community member that makes a good salary, but despite my connections and experience in reproductive health care, I was still denied access to contraception and family planning support by my doctors because they did not agree with my decisions around trying to conceive. If Vermont has such great access to care, why couldn't I access it? And if a well-educated, active community member couldn't access adequate care, what was happening to those more vulnerable members of our population?

The more research I have done on the gaps in reproductive health care, the more I have come to realize how fixable they truly are. The amount of residents in their reproductive years has increased throughout the pandemic. Waitlists are longer, and it is much harder to get an appointment, especially with the amount of providers that have retired.

The pandemic really fast-tracked the reproductive health field burnout. Many doulas, midwives, and other vital members of a family's fertility journey are no longer working. I believe this is because of stresses caused by the pandemic, providers who have views that do not align with CDC recommendations, and hospital visitation policies.

In order to reduce some of the gaps I have noticed, I created a nonprofit with other reproductive health advocates in my family. My mother birthed seven babies, one in the car and one at home! She raised multiple children who are actively working in roles that support new families. She is also working in that type of role herself. Our board is made up of trustees who are lactation counselors, doulas, peer parent supports, and a personal trainer.

We offer families free of charge services such as: birth and postpartum doula services, pre and postnatal fitness classes, new parent education courses, cloth diaper starter kits, a lending library with over 40 baby carriers, and limited scholarships to work with any doula in the community (for families who want to work with a certain pro-

vider, but need help covering the cost).

Our volunteers are expanding their education through Postpartum Support International's PMH-C program and through various trainings leading to credentials such as CLC (certified lactation counselor) in order to offer lactation support and education as well as screening for PMADs.

Increasing access to care and support for new families is one of the biggest investments we can make in our community. It leads to lower rates of domestic violence and child abuse and more active and present parents (both moms and dads).

Research shows that doula care leads to:

1) Fewer cesarean births, fewer adverse maternal outcomes, and improved quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) in the woman's first and subsequent births.

2) People are more likely to have spontaneous vaginal births and less likely to have any pain medication, epidurals, negative feelings about childbirth, vacuum or forceps-assisted births, and Cesareans. In addition, their labors were shorter by about 40 minutes and their babies were less likely to have low Apgar scores at birth.

3) Lower rates of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMADS).

4) Birthing parent is more active in the decision making process when it comes to health care.

5) Baby is less likely to have a low five minute Apgar score.

6) Both birthing parents and babies are statistically more likely to have better outcomes!

The purpose of the Kimball Wellness Association, Inc. is to further access to doula care and educational resources by offering community-based doula care and a variety of doula-led groups and classes. KWA aims to reduce disparities in birth outcomes especially for low income, LGBTQIA+, and BIPOC birthing people.

We are currently raising funds to build a mobile clinic that will function as our office and classroom, as well as a location for pop up clinics providing STD testing, PAP smears, and other reproductive health services all over Vermont.

Sincerely,
Jess Kimball,
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

When I count my blessings, Springfield Hospital is a great one. I think they call it North Star Health or something now – but what I am so thankful for is the times when Springfield Hospital has helped our family.

To think of it, it wouldn't sound fun. Springfield Hospital was there when I foolishly shattered my leg skiing off-trail at Okemo; there for my first colonoscopy; there when I needed to have blood tests; when my car was crushed from behind; and when my mother was dying. At the worst moments of my life, the doctors, nurses, technicians, and administrators of Springfield Hospital have helped me and my family.

Dear Editor,

Having lived in New England all my life, I've taken ownership of my roots so to speak. One does not choose their place of birth or the locale they are raised, but does choose their lifelong residence. I chose New Hampshire!

Here, the seasons are pronounced literally as well as figuratively. As we know, winter in northern New England is no trivial matter. It's literal, to the law, and, well, pronounced. A figurative approach is its flow and ebbing well into April; not at all unlike my love affair with all things

They have also been with us in the very best of times, when our three children were born. Those were the best days of all. And in the office of Dr. Barbara Dalton, you could admire the hundreds, maybe thousands, of photographs on the wall of children who were born in Springfield, delivered by Dr. Dalton and Dr. Yolanda Lawrence. So many good days; so many hopes for today and the future.

So, I thank those doctors, and nurses, and receptionists, and all of the good people at North Star who have helped us. Springfield Hospital means a lot to us.

Sincerely,
Sean Whalen
Weathersfield, Vt.

modern. Not too surprisingly, sooner or later I tire of the over abundant choices and interest ebbs like the tidal shift of snow below my driveway.

I am not a philosopher of the caliber of Plato, or my grandmothers for that matter, but I do know right from wrong. I also know what truly matters in life; hard work pays, a kind word goes a long way, and luck is a product of the two. Is this an outdated concept?

Ah heck, it's probably just me.

Sincerely,
Coppice Thicket
Alstead, N.H.

Fraud Watch Network: Phone scams, Part II –

It's time to renew your car warranty! Want to consolidate your credit card debt with a lower interest rate? Want to get rid of pesky viruses on your computer? These are just a few of the "offers"

received by almost everyone, and the volume of these calls amount to several billion reports to various authorities over the past three years. That call count rises significantly since the vast majority of the calls go unreported.

Are the scams effective? The answer is "yes." Even if only one-hundredth of one percent of these calls result in the criminal stealing money, that means 100,000 thefts per billion calls. So why are these calls effective?

Phones are the easiest means of contacting anyone. In general, people are hard-wired to pick up the phone,

and, when doing so, to behave in a polite manner. In addition, criminals are adept in the use of social engineering; scammer techniques that play on emotion result in victims complying with criminal requests.

When examining the motivations involved with the crime, it becomes clear that this is a two-way street; both the criminal and the victim are motivated. While some are seeking to commit mayhem, most phone scammers are driven by money through either direct payments or the sale of collected information. For the victim, motivations

include the following: greed – the opportunity to get goods or services at no or very little cost; submission to authority – if we believe that the caller is authentic and official, we are more likely to comply; social consensus – if people I know, or even don't know, think this is a good deal, I am more likely to comply (why are home shopping programs so successful?); fear – possibly the strongest emotion to which people respond without the use of common sense or reason; love – this emotion is the root of why romance scams are successful.

The top phone scams reported to authorities are clearly linked to the motivations identified: Free offers of prizes, products, and vacations (if something is offered to you free of charge by someone you don't know, you are not the consumer; you are the product); Extended car warranties; credit card interest reduction; computer tech support (Microsoft, Apple, and Intel do not monitor your devices to

identify problems such as viruses); law enforcement or government agency imposters (government agencies do not call, text, or threaten, nor do they accept payment by gift card, Venmo, Zelle, or crypto currency, and law enforcement will not call you to warn you of an arrest); charities – scammers play on our emotional need to help those in need such as flood victims and war victims (beware of scammers impersonating well known organizations); politics – in an election year you can expect numerous calls from candidates and parties requesting support. Criminals realize this and will impersonate campaigns to either obtain money or credit card information.

There are several tips to consider when dealing with phone calls: 1) Never provide personal information to a caller unless you can independently verify identity; 2) Never allow strangers access to your connected devices unless you are absolutely certain that the caller is legitimate; 3) If asked to donate to a cause, request a

pledge card. Be cautious of calls made by professional fundraisers. Always ask if the caller is a professional fundraiser or volunteer, and how much of a donation goes to the beneficiary of the donation; 4) Do not provide credit card data to someone on the phone unless you can independently verify the identity of the caller; 5) Do not call a number back unless you are able to verify that the call is legitimate; 6) Do not press any key to be placed on a do not call list. That action will result in more calls; and 7) Register your phone with www.donot-call.gov.

Finally, if you lose money to a scam, file a police report and report the scam to www.ftc.gov. If critical information is compromised, report to the appropriate agency or company (e.g. credit card company, Social Security Administration, Medicare).

Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. Questions or concerns? Contact egreenblott@aarp.org.




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ASCUTNEY, VT.

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 and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

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.

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. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to 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.

CLAREMONT, N.H.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St.
Worship is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in person. Masks are optional. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

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.

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.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

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

LUDLOW, VT.

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 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.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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

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

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.
Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. in person. Masks optional. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org.

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 or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106
Join our worship service every Sunday at 10 a.m. Women's Study group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and Mens Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

Charles Bodo memorial service

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There will be a graveside burial for Charles (Chuck) Bodo at Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Marlo Devarney, 1966-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – “She shoots, she scores, the Terriers win!” Having held records for the most points scored in a number of basketball and field hockey games, Marlo Devarney was a varsity player and captain of the field hockey, basketball, and softball teams. She was quite an athlete in her time – awarded “Most Athletic” and “Most Spirited” by her classmates.

Marlo Jean Devarney passed away July 30, 2022. She was born Oct. 27, 1966, in Bellows Falls. She battled cancer for the past four years and struggled with mental illness for over thirty years.

You couldn't miss this Out and Proud girl in her Subaru with the rainbow bumper sticker cruising around Bellows Falls! She had a spirited passion for dancing, music, and singing (just like her mother, Rhoda!). Melissa Etheridge and Tina Turner were a few of her favorites. She often accompanied her dance floor moves with her own dramatic interpretation of the song being played. As far as fashion goes, Marlo could rock a mullet like nobody's business! Quite often her wardrobe consisted of a long, red, leather coat over a dress shirt and high-top sneakers! Usually, she was styling tie-dye T-shirts and college hoodie sweat-shirts.



Marlo Devarney, 1966-2022

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Marlo was a good and kind friend to many. She was fond of cats, having Moonlight and Sparky forever! An avid “Snoopy” collector who enjoyed drawing, sketching, and painting. She was always up for making and eating pumpkin donuts (recipe, thanks to Irene!). Fishing was a way Marlo relaxed along with beachcombing in Maine.

She is survived by her father, Bruce; her brothers, Ken and Chris; sister, Alison; nieces, Kristen, Aria, Kenzie, and Hattie; and nephew, Thayne. Marlo was predeceased in May by her mother, Rhoda.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sept. 17, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Polish Picnic Grounds in Bellows Falls for Marlo and her mother, Rhoda.

Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home will be assisting with the arrangements.

Kathleen Stankevich, 1953-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Kathleen Stankevich, 69, of Springfield, Vt., died at home on Aug. 9, 2022. She was born on April 13, 1953, in Springfield, the youngest daughter of Leslie and Florence Stankevich. She graduated from Springfield High School in 1971 and from American University in Washington, DC in 1975.

Kathy remained in Washington following graduation and was hired by the newly elected senator from Vermont, Patrick Leahy, and served as office manager in the DC office. In 1978, when Madeleine Kunin was running for Lt. Governor of Vermont, Kathy traveled with Madeline as she campaigned across the state. Later, Kathy served as staff assistant to Madeline responsible for all gubernatorial appointment recommendations. She had the same position during Howard Dean's terms as governor.

She was the first director of the Vermont Bar Foundation at the time the Vermont Karelia Rule of Law Project was developed. At that time, the project focused on the Russian state of Karelia but later was expanded to include other states in Russia. Subsequently, she was staff person for the Russian American Rule of Law Consortium hosting Russian state delegations to Vermont and other U.S. states.

After retiring, Kathy returned to Springfield to care for her mother who lived to the week before her 97th birthday. Kathy was a very caring person who also provided assistance to two uncles and an aunt.

In Springfield, she became a very active member

of the Executive Committee of the Springfield Town Democratic Committee. She was also a delegate for many years to the Windsor County Democratic Committee. She was presently serving as a member of the Springfield Board of Civil Authority. Kathy was a long-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Kathy is survived by her sister Joan Golding of Tustin, Calif. and sister Pat Palmer and husband Fred of Freeport, Maine. She is also survived by her niece Sara Palmer Perfetti (Mike) of Cumberland, Maine and nephew Ben Palmer (Meghan) of South Freeport, Maine. She is also survived by great-nieces and great-nephews Madeline, Hannah, and Andrew Perfetti and Fred and Graham Palmer, all of Maine.

She was predeceased by her parents and many aunts and uncles and her former husband, Paul Bruhn.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, officiated by Reverend James Shea. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield.

Following the burial, a reception will be held at the Nolan Murray Center (St. Mary's Parish Hall).

Contributions may be made to the Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156 in recognition of Kathy's love of reading, or to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

John Jasinski, 1975-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – John Jasinski, 47, passed away on Aug. 1, 2022 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. after a long and hard battle with cancer.

He was born on April 22, 1975 in Springfield, Vt. to Michael and Carol (Seale) Jasinski. He attended and graduated from Springfield High School in 1994.

John started working at Jake's South Street Market, and later became the store manager for the Park Street Market, which he later purchased and named Jasinski's Park Street Market. He was known for his meat cutting skills and his amazing array of meats; especially his signature polish kielbasa. He won awards for his sausage stuffed mushroom caps.

From the closure of his store, John spent his remaining years working as a meat cutter at Shaw's. He always had a smile on his face, and was eager to help customers.

John loved food, whether it was making it for himself or his family. He enjoyed motorcycle riding, comic books, and coin collecting. John had a very kind heart, was good, generous, and always willing to help others when asked. He



John Jasinski, 1975-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

also enjoyed playing shuffleboard, and chess.

He is survived by his girlfriend of over ten years, Allison O'Connor, his children; John Jasinski Jr. and Cadence Jasinski, who he loved more than anything. His parents, Michael and Carol Jasinski; his siblings, James Jasinski and his wife Michelle, Brian Jasinski and his wife Amanda, Mary Ann Jasinski, and Michael Jasinski Jr. and his wife Daryl. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt.

A celebration of John's Life will be held at the Elks Lodge in Springfield, Vt. on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, starting at 1 p.m.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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LEGAL NOTICES

AUG. 20 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Roast Pork Supper to benefit the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont, starting at 5 p.m. until gone. Roast pork, mashed potato, vegetables, rolls, and homemade pies. All you can eat, family style. For more information, call 802-259-3445.

AUG. 20 & 21– LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will host the second annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival Saturday, 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.

AUG. 31 – LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be a fundraiser to benefit Reinbow Riding Center on Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 6–9 p.m. at the Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt. Music by Krishna Guthrie and food by Celebrity Chef Andrew Mollen will be at the event, along with drinks by Mount Holly Beer. Tickets can be purchased at www.reinbowridingcenter.org/donations.

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.

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

CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are

holding a Non-Open-Mic Jam on the second Sunday of every month, from 1–4 p.m. at the Gassetts Grange, 5 Miles North of Chester. Donation per person requested at the door. We will have snacks, bottled water, and some sodas on sale. You can call Donna at 802-591-4290 or the Grange building at 802-875-1051 for details.

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

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

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.

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.

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 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.

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

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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.

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

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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, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange will host a Round and Square Dance on the first Saturday of every month, from 7–10 p.m. Refreshments are on sale in the kitchen. Donation at door. Gassetts Grange can be found on Route 103 in Chester, Vt.

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange will be hosting a Buffet Breakfast on the second Saturday of every month, from 8–9:30 a.m. There will be a fee at the door. The meal will consist of sausage, home fries, pancakes, eggs, and more. Gassetts Grange can be found on Route 103 in Chester, Vt.

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.

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

TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION 2022-2023 Child Find Notice

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act to locate, evaluate, and identify persons with disabilities from birth through age 21, who may be in need of special education, related services or accommodations in order to access a free appropriate public education and provide such needed services for those ages 3 through 21.

Services for eligible children ages' birth through 3 years are proved through the Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention program. Services for eligible children ages 3 to 21 are provided by your local supervisory union.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union serves the towns of Mount Holly, Ludlow, Cavendish, Baltimore, Andover and Chester.

If you know a child residing in the towns within the TRSU that you believe may have such needs and are not currently receiving services, please contact the Director of Student Support Services at Two Rivers Supervisory Union, 609 VT Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT 05149 or call the Special Education Office at 802-875-3365.

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, place of birth, disability, age, marital status, and gender identity. Information obtained during Child Find remains confidential as required by Vermont Special Education Regulations and the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act.

Students with a disability who live in one of the towns listed above and who attend an approved private school or attend an approved private school in one of the towns listed above may be eligible for limited special education services. Contact Mary Barton, Director of Student Support Services for TRSU at 802-875-3365 for more information.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a Deputy Building Inspector. This position is a part-time position with no benefits.

This position is responsible for inspection of commercial and residential buildings during various stages of construction and remodeling to ensure compliance with applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.

Inspect foundation, concrete, steel, masonry, wood construction, framing, plastering, routine plumbing, heating and electrical installations and a large variety of other complex and routine building system elements.

Respond to citizen complaints and concerns; serve due process letters to violators as necessary.

Issue notices to comply on violations; maintain records of history of facts for possible legal actions.

Signing and issuing of permits and certificates of occupancy.

- REQUIREMENTS:
1. High School Diploma or Equivalent.
 2. Proven work experience as a Building Inspector - Specialized training in the building trades and/or code enforcement desirable.
 3. Possession of an appropriate, valid building inspector certificate – or ascertain within the first year of employment with the NH Building Officials Association
 4. Knowledge of construction design techniques
 5. Advanced mathematical skills
 6. Ability to make difficult decisions
 7. Ability to read and understand blueprints and construction designs
 8. Ability to travel and work irregular hours

Interested candidates should complete an application and/or resume and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email it to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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 or Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 by August 12, 2022.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Rockingham is considering making application to the State of Vermont for a VCDP Implementation Grant 2022 under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at 06:00 PM on 9/6/2022 at 7 The Square to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program, the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds.

The proposal is to apply for \$500,000 in VCDP funds which will be used to accomplish the following activities: Sub-grant to GRAS for Replacement of GRAS antiquated oil burning boilers with a biomass wood chip system per recommendation from Dubois and King in a 2020 Mechanical Systems Assessment Report. The system will include installation of a biomass boiler, an LP boiler backup and an exterior wood chip silo. The entire project will include the project management, engineering, boiler installation, piping installation, demolition of the existing boiler system and piping, a light remodel of the boiler room, remediation of the underground oil tank, electrical and control work for boilers. The proposed cost the entire system is \$1,770,850 with a suggested \$100,000 fund for contingencies. Total proposed cost is \$1,870,850.

Copies of the proposed application are available at 7 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 and may be viewed during the hours of 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon to Thu. Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Gary Fox at 802-376-5425 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) #1-800-253-0191.

Legislative Body for the Town of Rockingham Copy submitted by: Gary Fox
Phone: 802-376-5425

Plymouth VT – Request Roofing Bids

The Town of Plymouth is soliciting roofing bids for the Annex Building. The Project will include removing the existing shingles and felt paper, with all waste being removed from site. Purchase and install Grace Ice and Water shield, IKO Dynasty Lifetime Shingles, ventilated ridge cap, castle grey color with a new aluminum drip edge. There are approximately 10 sq. Insurance certificate required. The project should be completed in 2022.

Deliver all bids to the Town Clerk's office by 3PM on September 19th ,2022. Bids will be opened by the Selectmen at the 6PM regular meeting that same day.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Rockingham is considering making application to the State of Vermont for a VCDP Planning Grant 2022 under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at 06:00 PM on 9/6/2022 at 7 The Square to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program, the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds.

The proposal is to apply for \$60,000 in VCDP funds which will be used to accomplish the following activities: The Town or Rockingham is applying for \$60,000 towards predevelopment work totaling \$250,000 and will contract with a consulting firm(s) to create construction documents and RFP/ RFP Process for Bellows Falls Intermodal Transportation Center Repairs, Rehabilitation and Restoration activities

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

INSPECTIONS

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

YARD SALE

Garage sale, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19 and 20, 8:30 am – 4 pm. Variety of household items and woodworking tools, including 1960 Craftsman table saw. 289 Wentworth Road, Walpole, NH.

BOOKS WANTED

Looking to purchase whole collections or small personal libraries. History, Philosophy, art, adult, vintage paperbacks, etc. No mass market books or encyclopedias. Call Jim at 443-858-6636.

FOR SALE

For Sale: 2007 Grey BMW 328i, 90,600, new brakes, battery, and tires, and four snow tires. Navigation system, air conditioning, and radio and CD. Asking price \$4,500. Cash preferred. Email fireworld168@gmail.com or call 917-714-0291.

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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

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

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-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

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

BOOKKEEPER
Payroll and Accounts Receivable

Two Rivers Supervisory Union in Ludlow, VT has an immediate opening for a full time Bookkeeper whose primary focus will be payroll and accounts receivable. The ideal candidate for this year round position should have 3 years of experience working in payroll, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. Thorough comprehension of the general ledger and account reconciliation is essential. Prior work experience in a school environment is helpful but not required. The candidate should be able to work independently as well as with a team and be detail oriented. Experience required for payroll software, Microsoft Excel and online reporting for payroll taxes and benefits.

Send resume and cover letter to:
Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager
Two Rivers Supervisory Union
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, VT 05149
cheryl.hammond@trsu.org

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TOWN OF GRAFTON
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Grafton Vermont is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Equipment Operator/Truck Driver.

This position is full time and a CDL License is required.

Duties include but not limited to snowplowing, with plow and wing, routine maintenance of highways and roads, minor bridge and equipment repairs and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance preferred. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker, and a team player.

Starting wage for the position is based on experience and includes an excellent benefit package.

For complete job description and application form see Grafton website, Announcements page at https://grafftonvt.org/?page_id=164

Applicants may seek further details or submit a resume/application by contacting Grafton Town Clerk, 802-843-2419 or by email krescord@grafftonvt.org or Grafton Administrator, 802-843-2552 townadmin@grafftonvt.org or in person at 117 Main Street Grafton or by mail at PO Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146

Deadline for applications is 4:00 P.M., Thursday, August 25, 2022

The Town of Grafton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT
OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer.

This position is full-time, year-round. A CDL License is required. Duties include but not limited to snow plowing with plow and wing, and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Must pass a physical, and a drug & alcohol test.

Applications can be dropped off at our Selectman’s Office located at 233 Main Street Charlestown, NH or mailed to P.O. Box 385 Charlestown, NH 03603, or emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MECHANIC

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a Qualified Mechanic to work for the Highway Dept.

Must have a CDL Class B license. This position is full time, year-round reporting directly to the Highway Superintendent.

Previous mechanic experience a plus, as well as any combination of education and experience which demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skill and ability. Must pass a physical and a drug & alcohol test. High School diploma or equivalent is required.

Applications can be dropped off at our Selectman’s Office located at 233 Main Street Charlestown, or mailed to Selectmen’s Office, P.O. Box 385 Charlestown, NH 03603 or emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
FULL-TIME and PART-TIME
POLICE OFFICER OPENINGS

Full time/Part time certified in New Hampshire and/or eligible for certification through the New Hampshire Police Standard and Training Council.

The Town of Charlestown Police Department is seeking a motivated, team oriented person who possesses good problem solving and communication skills that is interested in working in a tight knit community where community policing is a priority. The candidate selected will perform criminal investigations, crime prevention and community involvement assignments along with traffic enforcement.

Minimum Requirements: Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen; must be 21 years old by the anticipated date of the agility test. Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Candidates must meet the Physical Fitness Testing minimums and will be re-tested once every three years if hired. Must be a full time certified police officer in New Hampshire, or if certified in another state, must be eligible for certification with law package through the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. The hiring process consists of a medical screening, physical agility test, Police Oral Board, polygraph examination, in depth background investigation, psychological evaluation, and drug screening. Salary is based on experience and your time in law enforcement is transferable.

Full time positions are benefit eligible.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Chief Patrick Connors at 603-826-5747.

To Apply: An application can be found on the Charlestown Town Website at <https://www.charlestown-nh.gov/employment>.

Please submit a completed application, resume, and cover letter to: Chief Patrick Connors, Charlestown Police Department, PO Box 1465, Charlestown, NH 03603.

~The Charlestown Police Department is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer~

TOWN OF CHESTER
FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION

The Town of Chester Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Full-Time Police Officer. The department is seeking an enthusiastic professional individual who possesses a strong desire to provide the highest quality police services to the community. The Chester Police Department serves a community of approximately 3,144 residents and covers an area of approximately 56 square miles.

Chester offers a competitive starting wage for full-time officers with shift differential, as well as an excellent benefit’s package including participation in VMERS Group C retirement, MVP health insurance, paid sick time, vacation time, and personal time. Uniforms and police equipment are provided.

The successful candidate will possess the following minimum requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age.
- Have a high school diploma.
- Be certified or certifiable as a police officer by the VT Criminal Justice Training Council (VCJTC).
- Possess a valid VT driver’s license.
- Must be able to perform all essential functions of the job.

Preference will be given to those applicants who are currently certified through the VCJTC. However, those without certification are also encouraged to apply. Police testing, including a physical fitness examination, polygraph, oral board, medical exam, fingerprint check and extensive background check will be required of applicants selected for hire. Preference shall be given to VT-certified officers.

Those wishing to apply should send a letter of interest and resume to:
Chester Police Department
ATTN: Chief Richard Cloud
P.O. Box 370
Chester, VT 05143

Interested applicants can also contact the Chester Police Department at (802) 875-2035 for more information.

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Charlestown Old Home Days

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – For the first time since 2015, Charlestown will be hosting their Old Home Days on Friday, Aug. 19, Saturday, Aug. 20, and Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022. There are a huge host of activities and events planned, including fireworks, a fishing derby, a parade, food vendors, live music, carriage tours, and historical open houses. The festival will begin Friday afternoon and run until Sunday night.

FRIDAY –

Flight Park Events – Ziplining and Laser Tag will run from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Call to make a reservation and mention the OHD discount at 603-542-4416.

Morningside Flight Park Tours at 4, 5, 6, and 7 p.m.

Games –

7 p.m. – Water pistol fun, giant Yahtzee, and cornhole.

Music –

7:30–9 p.m. – Rebecca Mae and Jamey Live Band Music.

Kids Events –

5–6 p.m. – 13 and under Fishing Derby. Bring a pole.

6–8 p.m. – Touch-a-Truck at the Recreation Department.

8 p.m. – Kids free prize drawing.

Food –

5–7 p.m. – Rescue Dawgs, Winnie’s Wagon, AJ’s Fried Dough, and free root beer floats at Life Fellowship from 6–8 p.m.

Side Events –

2–3:30 p.m. – Open Basketball Shoot at the Middle School Gym.

4–8 p.m. – Reunion of Classes at the Senior Center.

6–8 p.m. – Misting Tent at the Fire Department.

8 p.m. – Campfire Smoers.

Atlas Fireworks, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY –

Flight Park Events – Ziplining and Laser Tag will run from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Call to make a reservation and mention the OHD discount at 603-542-4416.

Parade –

9 a.m. – Line up (primary).

9:30 a.m. – Kids parade line up (middle school).

10 a.m. – Parade starts, moving from Main Street through Sullivan Street and ending on East Street.

Food –

12–3 p.m. – Rescue Dawgs, Winnie’s Wagon, AJ’s Fried Dough, grilled sausages, free waffle cones with ice cream, and ice cream cones BOGO.

Music –

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Firehouse Six, Hills Bandwagon, Karen Bays, and All Country Band will play at the library.

Main Street Events –

11 a.m. – 2p.m. – Historical Society Open House at the Bakery Building; St. Luke’s Mission Open House; Anglican Church of the Good Shepard, tours of the vault and story of the 1850 Bungled Burglary; Lawn games; Face painting.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Free train rides; Craft fair; Charlestown Art Show; Charlestown Conservation Commission Booth; Inflatable axe throwing; free rock wall and bungee trampoline.

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Kids Corner on the library lawn. Dr. Seuss.

12–3 p.m. – Charlestown Historical Society Carriage Tours at 12, 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

12:30–1:10 p.m. – Hocus Pocus Magic Show at Silsby Library.

1–2 p.m. – Wildlife Encounters at St. Luke’s Church.

3–6 p.m. – Drop off decorated cupcakes in Community Room.

6–9 p.m. – Town Youth Dance at the Gazebo Court.

SUNDAY –

Food –

7–10 a.m. – Pancake breakfast at the Town Hall.

12–2 p.m. – Community pot luck with free watermelon at the Library/Community Room. Bring your own dish to share.

Music –

9–10:30 a.m. – Gospel Music Concert at the library.

12–3 p.m. – Open karaoke.

Main Street Events –

7 a.m. – 5K race. Meet at the pool. No pre-registration required.

8–9 a.m. – Drop off decorated cupcakes in Community Room.

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Public voting for Best Cupcake.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Baby goats at the library.

11:15 a.m. – Family Magician Dylan Tenny at the library.

11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Open House Fort #4.

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Open pool day with children’s activities.

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Okemo Valley TV
LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK
• Plymouth Old Home Days
• Ludlow Rental Registry Committee
• Vermont Media Exchange ("VMX") Showcase- feat. programs from around VT
• Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting coverage
• Talk w/ Paula- Mental Health Awareness
Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 / Vtel 166 Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / Vtel 167
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Ludlow Fest



Best of Vermont Festival debuts in Ludlow.
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Learning to Square Dance.
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Night Owl Earrings booth.
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Stemwinders and Wine & Cheese Depot.
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Troy Wunderlee of Big Top Adventures.
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The Best of Vermont Summer Festival

UDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will host the second annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival on Saturday, Aug. 20, and Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, in Ludlow, Vt. at Okemo Field on Route 103.

This year, the festival will include hot air balloons, a home design tent, live music, agricultural demonstrations, craft beverage producers, artisan products, specialty foods, fine art, barn dances, a classic car show, antique tractors, and more. Gate proceeds from the festival will support the creative economy sector in Okemo Valley.

The festival has also created a collectable Commemorative Poster made by Dan O'Donnell of O'Donnell Design. He will

be selling these at his booth at the festival.

There will be a "Cruise-In" at Benson's Chevrolet in Ludlow, Vt. on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 from 5–7 p.m.

The following programs will be offered at the Festival:

Hot Air Balloon: Balloons of Vermont will be offering tethered rides on Saturday from 4–7 p.m. for a fee per person with a max of five riders at a time. The rides will be first come, first serve, and weather permitting. Sponsored by Cape Air.

Classic Car Show: with trophies for first, second, and third place and a cash prize for the first-place winner. Showcase your classic, antique, and vintage cars. Registration for vehicle

participation is free. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker Lifestyles Real Estate.

Fifth Annual Benson's Chevy Cruise-In: the evening before the festival on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 from 5–8 p.m. Showcase your classic car or truck. Refreshments available.

Children's Programming: sponsored by Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates including Troy Wunderle of Big Top Adventures offering clowning, circus fun, and face painters from Springfield Art Gym.

Wine Tasting: from 12–2 p.m. both days sponsored by Meiomi Wines and Constellation Brands. Each participant will get to keep their wine glasses and receive a Meiomi bag to store them.

Design Tent: sponsored

by LaValley's Building Supply who is also offering a gift card prize.

Food Tent: sponsored by Diamond Realty featuring Mount Holly Beer, Mr. Darcy's (Wagyu Burgers), Coleman Brook Tavern at Okemo and more.

Agricultural Exhibits: sheep shearing with Farmer Fred DePaul and yarn spinning with Six Loose Ladies.

Radio Remote Broadcasting: with Catamount Radio WDEV Rock 94.5.

Vendor Raffle: vendors generously donate prizes.

Live Music: both days with the support of lead music sponsor Engel & Volkers. Featuring a Barn Dance on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with Ida Mae Specker.

Saturday, from 12–7 p.m.:

12–2 p.m.: Jeb Porter and Friends
2–4 p.m.: Eric King and the Rustie Bus Band
4–7 p.m.: Jenni Johnson and the Jazz Junketeers
Sunday, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.:

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Ida Mae Specker
1–4 p.m.: Christine Malcolm and the Sugarleaf Band

The following vendors will be offering foods, goods, and/or services at the Festival:

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Shakespeare in the Woods-

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Experience the splendor of three Shakespearean plays this August when theater returns to the woods of Vermont. Modernized stagings of three Shakespearean classics will take place weekly from Aug. 24 to Sept. 11. Week one, Aug. 24 to Aug. 28, will showcase “Coriolanus.” Asylum seeking survivors reconstruct the story of their empire on the brink of collapse, subject to political machinations and a decorated war hero wary of compromise. When all is said and done, can a mother and wife’s defiant vulnerability pierce the shield of toxic masculinity and save Rome from burning? Week two, Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, will showcase the timeless tale “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Oppressed lovers searching for freedom escape into the woods where they encounter a mischievous cast of characters. Reality dissolves as the comedy ensues. Lastly, week three, Sept. 7 to Sept. 11, will close with “Ti-



Shakespeare in the Woods poster. PHOTO PROVIDED

tus Andronicus,” which the director describes as a “warning.” This tragedy questions the value we place on human life and how themes of violence and revenge continue to impact society today. The festival’s goal is to explore the complex themes presented in Shakespeare’s plays through a modern context. A talented group of diverse actors bring these classical characters to life and into the 21st Century through an unconventional play space that works with the natural beauty of the Vermont Woods.

The Festival will take place on the lawn at the Northshire Civic Center, Riley Rink, at Hunter Park, 410 Hunter Park Rd., Manchester Center, Vt.

New Open Wall show at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is proud to present a new Open Wall show, “Nature’s Wonders and Springfield Yesteryears.” This show includes beautiful paintings, photographs, ink paintings, fiber art, paper sculpture, wrapped stones, needle felting, jewelry, and calligraphy as well as a display of Springfield photography from any of the people in the photo above the mantle. Lots to see. There is something for everyone.

We are amazed at the talent of our neighbors and

friends around Springfield. This is a wonderful show. Thank you to all the participants. The works will be on display until Oct. 12, 2022. There is even a collection of wooden stamps for the crafter.

Open Wall is a non-injured show for any artists living in a 30 mile radius of Springfield. For more information please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield. We are open Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contact at 802-



"Turning Birch," by Emma Erwin.

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885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit our Facebook or webpage, www.galleryvault.org.

13th Annual Blue Flames Concert

WESTON, Vt. – On Friday Aug. 19, from 4–6 p.m., everyone is invited to come to Weston’s Town Green for the 13th Annual Blue Flames Steel Band Concert. Come listen to a free concert by the enchanting Blue Flames Steel

Band who, for the 13th year, are donating their talent and time to a festive community celebration. Bring a picnic, family, and friends.

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pond and muddy swamp into what is now called the most beautiful Town Green in Vermont.

Most of all, come for the fun of celebration and sharing spirit of community. The “Ladies of the Green” in the

spirit of their ancestors, welcome all to join in the fun, and especially thank the Blue Flames for their participation, amazing good will, and support.

The rain date will be Friday, Aug. 26.

Hitchcock movie at FOLA’s annual Silent Movie Festival

LUDLOW, Vt. – Alfred Hitchcock’s greatest silent movie thriller, “The

Lodger,” will be the feature silent movie at Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium’s

(FOLA) annual Silent Movie Festival on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall’s Heald Auditorium.

“The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog,” is a 1927 British silent thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring Marie Ault, Arthur Chesney, June Tripp, Malcolm Keen, and Ivor Novello. The film is based on the novel “The Lodger” by Marie Belloc Lowndes and the play “Who Is He?” co-written by Belloc Lowndes. Its plot concerns the hunt for a Jack the Ripper-like serial killer in London.

Hitchcock’s finest silent thriller, the film established him as a name director. Upon its release, the trade journal Bioscope wrote, “It is possible that this film is the finest British production ever made.” It also saw Hitchcock make his first cameo appearances in a film.

Jeff Rapsis will return to Ludlow to provide his original musical background support for the movie.

The movie is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Information is available at 802-855-8883.

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