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Early Learning Children's Center

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –There is a feasibility plan in place to explore the possibility of putting a new building adjacent to the Bellows Falls Union High School that would house a new superintendent's office and new early education program.

The Windham Northeast Supervisory Union will head an evaluation of a recommendation to utilize up to \$5 million of a federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund to build a new office for the superintendent of schools and the region's early education program.

"While we have devel-

oped the concept of an Early Learning Childhood Center and we have mapped out what we believe could happen financially, we wanted an independent evaluation of the project," said current superintendent Andrew Haas in a recent interview. "The business plan and feasibility study, we believe, will support not only the need for such a project, but show that it can be sustainable and not add to the WNESU budget."

In a recent meeting, the supervisory union did not accept the recommendation of superintendent Haas to hire an architectural firm to create plans for the building, after Haas had collected three plan bids from two Vermont



Bellow Falls Union High School.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

firms and one from Massachusetts. The supervisory union agreed that it needs to do more about the project and the ESSER federal funds program before making such a commitment.

The ESSER committee

in the Rockingham district is made up of teachers, administrators, school directors, and local parents, and have recommended that a new building be constructed, possibly adjacent to the Bellows Falls Union High

School building. However, the school board is also looking at the possibility of housing the two offices in an existing district building. The plan is to first do a thorough "walk through" of all existing buildings next month, in order to determine if it is feasible to find existing building space for both or either of the offices. There is also a concern about the cost of the construction and the impact on local taxes.

The initial concept is that the early education center would house programs from daycare to Pre-K, and would be a combination of private funding for the daycare and public funding for the Pre-K programs.

"The addition of the central office, which has been

discussed as part of the plan, would save the tax payers a minimum of \$45,000 a year in lease money alone," Andrew Haas added. "We have three years left on our current lease and know that this type of project will take time to construct and finish. The Supervisory Union and Grounds Committee with be walking through all of our buildings on Sept. 7. There has been discussion that because enrollment is down, there may be space within our buildings to house offices."

Haas has also indicated that the Vermont Agency of Education has given conceptual approval to using the ESSER funds for the early education center and new superintendent's office.



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Springfield Rotary Penny Sale

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 68th Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale returns this year on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m., at Riverside Middle School in Springfield. The popular annual event could not be held the past two years because of the pandemic, but will come back this fall bigger and better than ever.

As always, there will be over 300 prizes donated by area businesses and individuals to be won. And, as always, each chance at a prize cost only a penny.

There are three prize series – red, white, and blue – and each series boasts at least 100 prizes. Each one-dollar series ticket is a chance to win any of the more than 100 series prizes – a penny per chance. Of course, to increase chances of winning, most people buy several tickets in each series.

Members of the Springfield Rotary Club will soon be out in the community soliciting prizes. They also will be selling chances for the Penny Sale's Grand Prize drawing for \$5,000 in cash. In addition to the Grand Prize, the tickets give the holder

a chance in the Door Prize drawing for \$500 in cash. Attendees must be present to win the Door Prize. Grand Prize tickets are now available from any Springfield Rotarian, and they will also be available at the Penny Sale.

The Penny Sale is the Springfield Rotary Club's single largest annual fundraiser, raising most of the money that the Club returns to the community through scholarships and financial support to community projects and organizations. The Club currently awards three scholarships totaling \$6,000 to college-bound Springfield High School seniors. Thanks to the success of past Penny Sales and their supporters, the Springfield Rotary Club has raised and given back to the community over \$565,000.

Rotary International is an international service organization with over one million members in over 200 countries. The Springfield Rotary Club is in its 95th year of service to the community. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org/.



Friends For Change students at camp.

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Youth Services expands access at summer camp

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Friends for Change, an after-school program in Bellows Falls, Vt. operated by Youth Services, expanded its summer camp, piloted in 2021, engaging, on average, 30 youth per week between the end of June and mid-August.

It was seven weeks of play-based, restorative, trauma-informed, no-cost day camp for youth ages 11-20. Using Compass School campus as a base, the thirty young people were able to try new things ranging from kayaking to community reciprocity and restorative practices. According to Friends for Change founder and co-director Hailee Galandak-Cochran, the campers focused on how they could give back to outdoor spaces in the community, such as cleaning up trash at Cold River, where they swam regularly during the hot weather.

Galandak-Cochran explained that all youth were welcome, but programming was specifically created for individuals who have experienced trauma associated with poverty, discrimination,

and experiences with foster care or family instability.

A range of activities were offered, including many field trips to lakes, rivers, and hiking spots in the region along with team-building games and art.

"Like its after-school counterpart, the summer-time Friends for Change program is designed for and by youth who have stories of resilience," described Galandak-Cochran. "Friends for Change is about providing the scaffolding and opportunities to build skills to create real systems change."

Now celebrating its 50th year building community, Youth Services prides itself on supporting innovation and being a catalyst for change, according to its Executive Director Russell Bradbury-Carlin.

Supportive adults help the youth lead community-building restorative circles, affectionately called "deep circles" because of the nature of the discussions, a hallmark of the group which was evident in the interactions during camp.

"Healing of trauma occurs through peer support, as youth learn self-compassion, empathy, and the power of their stories," stated Galandak-Cochran. As one youth observed, "Friends For Change is about accepting people. We can show up however we are without being judged."

At camp, young people practice conflict-resolution and peer-support skills. Meghan Licciardi, the other co-director of Friends for Change, described how, as a result of activities like deep circles, the youth became more connected to their peers and positive adults in the community. "Participants report an increase in confidence, leadership, a sense of belonging, community involvement, and less substance use," reflected Licciardi.

A collaboration with Greater Falls Connections, Youth Services' summer camp received federal funding secured by Senator Bernie Sanders through the After-school & Summer Expanding Access Grant program,

administered by Vermont AfterSchool, a statewide nonprofit. The Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and the Vermont Children's Trust Fund all help make this year's program possible.

In addition to covering activities, travel costs, and entrance fees, Friends For Change was able to have four full-time adult staff and a part-time youth camp chef to help run Youth Services' program.

As the grant stated, the goal of the funding is to reduce gaps in Vermont's current summer and afterschool system by addressing affordability, availability, promoting sustainability, and piloting innovative approaches.

While summer camp has now come to an end, the youth and the adult staff are already looking forward to trying new innovations at their after-school Friends for Change which will restart in early September in the Greater Bellows Falls area.

For more information, email info@youthservicesinc.org or call Friends for Change at 802-689-9663.

CORRECTION

In the "Charlestown once again celebrates Old Home Days" article in the Aug. 24, 2022 edition of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper attributed the pastors handing out food to belonging to the "Church of Life." The actual name of this church is "Life on Main." The Vermont Journal & The Shopper would like to apologize for this inaccuracy.

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Sale to benefit Betsy Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There will be a garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 100 River Street (Health Center), Springfield, Vt., to benefit the Betsy Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Betsy Foster of Springfield, Vt. died in April 2022. She was a prolific artisan, always learning new mediums and accumulating a vast array of craft supplies. The Foster family is eager to get these supplies into the hands of other crafters.

Betsy and her husband Ted were foster parents for many years, for many children. The family has set up the Betsy Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund, a nonprofit to raise money to support foster children who want to pursue education in the arts.

A group from the Great Hall Handcrafters has been helping the family organize the supplies and crafts

for sale. There are beads, buttons, embellishments, scrapbooking supplies, yarn, wool, organizers and

storage containers, Red Hat Lady items, tapes, ribbons, crochet thread, and much more. The Handcrafters

are hoping that other people who might have crafts or supplies will join them in the Great Hall garage.

There is no charge. To be sure of space, please contact Warren Foster at casemanager231@gmail.com.

An inspiring year at Central Elementary School

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Central Elementary School (CES) recently closed out a phenomenal year of Farm to School (FTS) programming, wrapping up 12 months of work dedicated to advancing food education at the Bellows Falls area school.

Selected as a participant school for the 2021-2022 Shelburne Farms Northeast Farm to School Institute, CES

won a \$5,000 grant to jumpstart their FTS programming. While the school already had a garden and dedicated food service staff, the funding and coaching provided by the Institute helped to formalize the FTS program and integrate it more fully into the school culture and environment.

A thriving Farm to School program usually involves three key components: the classroom, the cafeteria, and the community. Often, it takes years for a school to be active in these areas, but CES's team has grown its program from the beginning and has a comprehensive program that reaches into

each of these areas.

In the classroom, Farm to School came alive in the second-grade classrooms. Teachers Kate Kane and Judy Verespy worked closely with librarian Jody Hauser to devise monthly programming that included everything from art projects and read-alouds to food preparation and tastings.

In October, students harvested carrots from the garden, painted carrots with watercolors, and made informational posters about carrots before teaching other classrooms what they'd learned. Food Service Director/Garden Coordinator Erica Frank baked delicious

carrot muffins for the entire school. In January, students painted with beet juice and made beet hummus in the classroom. Erica, again tying in the cafeteria, made nutritious and delicious beet brownies for the school food program.

The third "C" of successful FTS programs is community, and CES was able to connect with its community in impressive and innovative ways. In March, when the Harvest of the Month was maple syrup, the students visited a neighborhood home that ran a sugaring operation. They also tasted some "sugar on snow" made by a local teacher's family. In the spring, local farmers John and Teresa Janiszyn of Pete's Farm Stand in Walpole, N.H., visited the classroom. The farmers taught students about soil and composting, and students planted cucumber seeds. Weeks later, they transplanted these same cucumbers into the fields at Pete's. What an amazing circular connection between students and the farmers in their communities. It has been a mutually beneficial relationship between the community and CES this school year, with each gaining and giving benefits to the other. The Rotary Club of Bellows Falls came to help with a Garden Volunteer Day and donated garden supplies. Students received gift cards to buy something at Pete's, funded by the FTS budget.

CES' story is one of success, but it's only the beginning of their journey, and it has been possible through many dedicated staff members and community support. The Institute helped the team shape an action plan for their program. Principal Kerry Kenedy has supported FTS from the beginning and plans to integrate the program more deeply into the school culture over the years. One step in this process is that next year, the third grade will join the second grade in receiving monthly programming. Physical Education teacher Peter Lawry was integral in planning, building, and maintaining the garden. And Erica Frank has worked to connect the summer school program to the FTS activities throughout the summer.

If you're curious about all the amazing things Central has been up to, please check out the inspiring book Librarian Jody Hauser made with the students.

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LOCAL HISTORY

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The Rockingham Meetinghouse.

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The Rockingham Meetinghouse

BY RON PATCH

Below is some history from “The Connecticut River Valley in Southern Vermont and New Hampshire by Lyman Hayes, 1929.” It relates to building the meeting-house:

“Mrs. Ezekiel Weston was the daughter of David Haselton, who was born in 1791. Mrs. Weston says that she distinctly remembers that her grandmother, Jane Haselton, wife of Richard Haselton, related to her that her eldest child, Uriel (Mrs. Weston’s uncle), was born on the 6th day of June, 1787, and that on the 9th day of June of the same year, before departing for the raising of the meeting house, her husband Richard, came into the house and bade her and their baby, who was then only three days old, goodbye, expecting, or fearing, at least, that he might be killed at the raising, but, on the contrary, returned in safety to his family after the house was raised. And further, my brother, E.W. Allbee, says he distinctly remembers hearing our father, Ebenezer Allbee, who was born on the 17th of April, 1768, say that he was at the raising, being then 19 years of age, and that it was in June, 1787, but he does not recollect the day of the month. The statement of Mrs. Weston fixes the precise date as June 9, 1787, of which there can be no doubt.

“An aged man living in Greenfield, Mass., in 1887, in a letter to A.N. Swain of the Belows Falls Times about the old meeting house building says:

“It was my good fortune to have met General Fuller several times during the summer of 1816, who was the master builder of this old house. I was told at that time that when all was



The Rockingham Meetinghouse interior.

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ready Mr. Fuller quietly took his place on the beam and went up with the front broadside, as was customary in those days. At the time I saw him he lived in the Dr. Campbell house, so called, now owned and occupied by Rodney Wiley. I think it must have required three or four extra men to carry Mr. Fuller up, for at the time I saw him he was good for at least 250 pounds.

“A letter written by an old man living in Nashua, N.H., July 7, 1884, gives the following additional details of the ‘raising’:

“I can remember any event told me 70 years ago easier than incidents that took place five years ago. The year I was 16 years old my father died in Rockingham and I was obliged to work out from home. I went to work for old General Fuller. He lived one mile from the middle of the town and was the man who built the meetinghouse. He gave me a full account of the time they had at this raising. After he got everything ready the old General took a bottle of rum in one hand, a tumbler in the other and stood on the plate of the bent on the south side, then he gave the order to put it up in that position. He rode up on the plate, and he was a man weighing 200 pounds. When they had got it up he stood on the plate, drank his health to the crowd below, then threw his bottle and tumbler down and called for the ladder, coming down amid long and loud cheering.

“The Rockingham meeting house is 56 feet long and 44 feet wide. It was built of heavy old growth pine timber, portions of the frame and roof being 14 by 16 inches square, which must have required the combined efforts of a large force of men to raise in sections, or ‘bents.’

“Without doubt serious accidents occurred at times at those ‘raisings’ of olden times, as feared by Richard Haselton, and described below:

“At the raising of the present church building in the village of Langdon, N.H., in June of 1842, a portion of the heavy frame fell killing one man and seriously injuring 15 or 20 others.

“March 15, 1804, Rev. Samuel Whiting posted the following unique, but expressive, notice upon the door:

“Notice – John Parks Finney and Lydia Archer, of Rockingham, came to my house, and having been published agreeably to law, but he was a minor and not having his father’s consent, I refused to marry them. They, however, declared that they took and considered each other as husband and wife, meaning to live and do for each other accordingly.”

This week’s old saying is from Larry Seldom Wright regarding heaven or hell. “It’s doesn’t matter to me. I have friends in both places.”

OLLI Launches Fall 2022 semester

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Katie Wood Kirchoff, Curator from the Shelburne Museum, will launch the Fall 2022 semester of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), with the program “Luigi Lucioni: Modern Light” on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Dubbed Vermont’s “Painter Laureate” by Life magazine in 1937, Luigi Lucioni was a twentieth-century realist painter and printmaker best known for his scenes of Vermont. There is currently an exhibition of his work on

display at Shelburne Museum until Oct. 16. Kirchoff will present a program about his work and life, highlighting details from the new publication about his work that she helped to write in coordination with the current display.

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and over who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. and last about an hour-and-a-half.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. However, if

you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form and an addressed envelope to send in payment after the program.

You may view the entire semester programs by going to the website www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. Registration can be done online. You may also register over the phone by calling 1-802-656-5817 during regular office hours Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The next program on Oct. 4 will be “May Lou Williams: Composer, Pianist, Pioneer!” presented by music historian Erik Nielsen and will highlight her influence on the American jazz world.

LRC hosts Steven Price for lunch

LUDLOW, Vt. – At a recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), Steven D. Price, noted author of many equestrian books, spoke to the members about his varied career in writing about horses.

He indicated that, as a youth attending a summer camp, he was “somewhat accidentally” introduced to horseback riding. Apparently, his instructor thought he was an experienced rider and put him on an aggressive horse. This was the beginning of a long relationship with horses, albeit, a rather “bumpy” start that evolved into a more seasoned and creative experience.

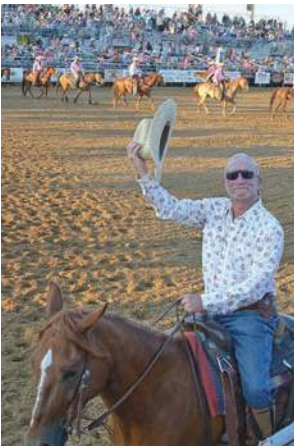
Price said that he rode “in Bermuda, Colombia, Ireland, England, France, Spain, Portugal, and Holland. I’ve ridden on American dude ranches and cattle ranches, fox hunts, and horse shows. Other highlights include galloping a horse on Santa Anita’s main track, and in a Texas rodeo opening parade.”

One of the highlights of Price’s career was watching the 1973 Belmont Stakes in the Jockey’s Room at the Santa Anita track that Secretariat won by 31 lengths, winning the Triple Crown. He said that at the finish of the race, the entire room of experienced jockeys arose and applauded Secretariat.

Price is the author or editor of 44 books dealing both with equestrian and other subjects,

including “1001 Dumbest Things Ever Said,” “The Quotable Horse Lover,” “The Ultimate Fishing Guide,” and “Old As the Hills: The Story of Bluegrass Music.”

The LRC normally meets every Tuesday for lunch and invites all interested persons to attend one of the lunches to learn what Rotary is all about. Contact Kevin Barnes at 802-228-8877 or ask any Rotarian for additional information.



Steven D. Price.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Senior Solutions, Seasonal Fuel Assistance

September is here – which means it is time to sign up for Vermont’s Seasonal Heating Fuel Assistance Program, which can offset winter heating costs by anywhere from a few hundred to even a few thousand dollars. Senior Solutions is launching a two-month campaign to help residents apply for assistance through Vermont’s LIHEAP program, which could help lower

your bills if you heat with oil, kerosene, propane, electric, coal, wood pellets, or cordwood. Half of Vermont seniors who are eligible never even apply, leaving money on the table. Many others wait until the middle of winter, when the temperature, fuel level in the tank, and bank accounts are all running low. But by waiting until after November, even those found eligible

receive only a portion of what they would otherwise be awarded. This program is income and household-size based. If your monthly income is at or below \$2,096 (single person), or \$2,823 (household of two), you may qualify. As household size increases, so do income limits. Benefits are sent directly to your fuel company on your behalf, giving you a

credit for the season. In the case of wood, it will either appear on an EBT card containing a cash amount, or could be directly deposited into your bank account. There are many misconceptions about this program: It doesn’t matter if you own your home, or rent, as long as you are incurring a heating cost. It doesn’t have an “asset test,” so the value of your

vehicles, property, and bank accounts are immaterial. Vermont residents may drop in without an appointment at any of the following locations during September to apply: Thursday, Sept. 8 – Weathersfield Food Pantry, 2–4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Wardsboro Library, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 –

Good Neighbors/Ludlow, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 – Putney Food Shelf, 1–3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 – Reading Town Hall, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 – Hartland Library, 1–3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 – Bellows Falls Senior Center, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 – Windsor Food Shelf/Trinity Church, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Volunteer with SEVCA’s tax assistance program

REGION – Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) will provide free tax preparation for lower wealth taxpayers for the 2022 tax filing season through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. SEVCA is now recruiting volunteers to help as many families as possible to complete tax paperwork and claim the tax credits and refunds available

to them. A volunteer orientation meeting will be held in the fall at our SEVCA’s main office, 91 Buck Drive, Westminster, Vt. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who are low to moderate income, persons with disabilities, elderly, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance preparing their own tax

returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free federal and state income tax return preparation with electronic filing. Don’t know that much about taxes? Don’t worry – you’ll receive specialized training from a certified VITA instructor plus IRS online courses. We are looking for individuals who are willing and able to commit three to four hours per

week, or a full day or more from the last week in January through the April filing deadline. Although prior tax preparation experience is not necessary, a commitment to training and certification is required. Training sessions will be held in Westminster beginning in mid-October and at your convenience using online IRS self-study training materials. Continuing on-site

training and supervision is provided during the tax preparation season by the SEVCA Tax Site Coordinator. To learn how you can make a difference in your community by becoming a VITA volunteer contact Leslie Wood at lwood@sevca.org or 802-722-4575, ext. 1603. Since 1965, SEVCA has worked in Windsor and

Windham Counties “to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty, to provide opportunities to thrive, and to eliminate root causes of poverty.” For information about all of SEVCA’s programs & services, and to get help to navigate and access available resources, visit https://sevca.org/, email sevca@sevca.org, or call 800-464-9951.

How does inflation affect me?

Are you saving for retirement? For your children’s education? For any other long-term goal? If so, you’ll want to know about something that can impact your savings: inflation. Inflation is the increase in the price of products over time. Inflation rates have fluctuated over the years. Sometimes inflation runs high, and other times it is hardly noticeable. The short-term changes aren’t the real issue. The real issue is the effects of long-term inflation. Over the long term, inflation erodes the purchasing power of your income and wealth. That means that even as you save and invest, your

accumulated wealth buys less and less, just with the mere passage of time. And those who put off saving and investing are impacted even more. The effects of inflation can’t be denied – yet there are ways to fight them. You should own at least some investments whose potential return exceeds the inflation rate. A portfolio that earns 2% when inflation is 3% actually loses purchasing power each year. Though past performance is no guarantee of future results, stocks historically have provided higher long-term total returns than cash alternatives or bonds. However, that potential for

greater returns comes with greater risk of volatility and potential for loss. You can lose part or all of the money you invest in a stock. Because of that volatility, stock investments may not be appropriate for money you count on to be available in the short term. You’ll need to think about whether you have the financial and emotional ability to ride out those ups and downs as you try for greater returns. Bonds can also help, but since 1926, their inflation-adjusted return has been less than that of stocks. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS), which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government as to the timely payment of principal and interest, are indexed so that your return should keep pace with inflation. The principal is automatically adjusted every six months to reflect increases or decreases in the CPI; as

long as you hold a TIPS to maturity, you will receive the greater of the original or inflation-adjusted principal. Unless you own TIPS in a tax-deferred account, you must pay federal income tax on the income plus any increase in principal, even though you won’t receive any accrued principal until the bond matures. When interest rates rise, the value of existing bonds will typically fall on the secondary market. However, changing rates and secondary-market values should not affect the principal of bonds held to maturity. Diversifying your portfolio – spreading your assets across a variety of investments that may respond differently to market conditions – is one way to help manage inflation risk. However, diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss. Examples of investments include: U.S. stocks

(growth/value, income-producing, large/midcap/small); U.S. bonds (various maturities, taxable/tax-free); Real estate (U.S. stocks/REITS, international stocks/REITS, land holdings, commercial real estate); Commodities (stocks and commodity futures); Precious metals (stocks and bullion); International stocks (developed/emerging markets); International bonds (varying maturities); Alternative investments (private equity, hedge funds, natural resources, and collectibles); and Cash/cash alternatives (money market funds, CDs, money-market accounts).

All investing involves risk, including the potential loss of principal, and there is no guarantee that any investment will be worth what you paid for it when you sell.

Written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 802-228-5774.

Dear Editor, Music takes many forms. I know, nothing new there. But what is it that you call music? Is it Grunge, Classical, Hip-Hop, or perhaps the soothing sounds of nature? Personally, I enjoy many genres and I find that I can appreciate something from most any form. As in many things, I’ve come to appreciate more as I have matured. I am less apt to prejudge anything. Music, religious affiliation, or non-affiliated, choice of clothing, and our modes of transportation to name a few. Get the picture? Our world is more connected in ways that I could not fathom in my youth. Regardless, this connectivity to influential people of authority, perceived or legitimate, is a growing hazard. Critical thinking will lead you in a disciplined direction. Likely a benevolent one at that. Civilized debate among our peers and our youth should be encouraged. Information is a fraction of the equation as is the thought process itself. Soon prejudice-induced aspirations will fall to infertile ground. This is where the benevolent part takes shape.

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1 Milan's I.a. —

6 Mops the deck

11 First game of the season

12 Fortune-telling decks

14 Gift giver's words

15 Not level

16 Italian "three"

17 Trombone part

19 Coach

20 Parseghian

22 Coup d' —

23 Summer on the Seine

24 Not kosher

26 Hose material

28 —di-dah

30 Pinnacle

31 "Pretty please?"

35 From the area

39 Writer

40 Kingsley

42 Highland hat

43 "Elephant Boy" actor

44 UV ray-blocking stat

46 James —

47 Garfield

48 Stanley Cup org.

DOWN

1 Stylish

2 Breakfast bowlful

3 Whatever amount

4 Late July babies

5 As — (usually)

6 Pupil

7 Diminish

8 "Right now —!"

9 Emma of fiction

10 Sound system

11 Frequently

13 Major mix-up

18 "Am — blame?"

21 Bridge fees

23 Printing errors

25 Aye undoer

27 Texter's chuckle

29 Sites of rapid growth

31 Squander

32 Chevy model

33 Boost

34 Eg. and Syr., once

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41 Taj —

44 Out of the storm

45 Simple

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CHURCH SERVICES

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ALLSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.
Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m., led by Pastor Maureen Adams. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. For more information, email alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com, call 603-835-6358, or go to www.facebook.com/Third-Congregational-UCC-Church-of-Alstead-NH-120645387960916.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

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

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 @ ImmanuelEppiscopalChurch or to our website www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CAVENDISH, VT.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.
Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOfNorthCharlestown for more information.

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

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.
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.

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

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, Tucker Wunderle will deliver a sermon titled, “Divine Droplets: What Can We Learn From Water?” at 10 a.m. at the First Universalist Parish of Chester. The sermon will discuss how water can act as a guiding element in our lives.

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
Join us for our Sunday worship at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. For more information, visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.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.

GRAFTON, VT.

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

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, 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.

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.

Rhoda and Marlo Devarney memorial service

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – There will be a Celebration of Life for Rhoda and Marlo Devarney on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Polish Picnic Grounds, Darby Hill in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Amy Martin, 1972-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday evening, Aug. 30, 2022, Amy B. Martin, 49, of Springfield, Vt., passed away at her home surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 24, 1972 in Waterbury, Conn., the daughter of Edward and Carol (Mudrick) Reznik. Amy graduated from Naugatuck High School in Connecticut in 1990. After graduating, she spent many years in full time volunteer ministry as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. In 2002, she married her husband Joseph R. Martin of Springfield, Vt., where she lived for the remainder of her life. Amy and Joe welcomed their son Luke Joseph Martin in 2006. Amy had great love for her family, excelled in making her home beautiful, and created a warm atmosphere where she loved to entertain her many close friends and family. She continued to spend as much time as possible teaching others about the Bible, while managing her husband’s plumbing business. She was deeply devoted to her son “Bunny.” Amy was generous and selfless with her time and affections. She had many varied interests, including cultivating roses, spending time at the beach, arts and literature, traveling, interior design, riding her motorcycle, reading, crafting handmade cards, and entertaining. Her laugh was as large as her zest for life. Above all, Amy’s faith in Jehovah God was her main priority in life. Amy is survived by her husband Joe, her son Luke, father Edward Reznik and his wife Roberta, her sister Natasha (Reznik) Doherty and husband Michael and their children Liam and Scarlett, her grandmother Pearl Reznik, and her uncle Russell Reznik and wife Gail. Amy is predeceased by her mother Carol (Mudrick) Reznik, her aunt Cheryl Mudrick, her maternal grandparents Leonard and Sophie Mudrick, and her paternal grandfather Edward Reznik. A memorial discourse will be held on Sept. 10, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Rockingham, Vt., followed by a graveside service at Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.



Amy Martin, 1972-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Shirley June Sabey, 1937-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Shirley June Sabey, 85, of Naples, Fla., passed away on Aug. 19, 2022 with her loving family by her side. June was born on June 29, 1937 in Asheville, N.C. She was a daughter of the late Richard and Kathleen (Terrell) Bryson. Elegant. Feisty. Warm. People always gravitated to Miss June. Her native intelligence and deep kindness were quick to elicit many confessions. June the Confessor. The Savannah and Vermont porches, where she reigned, were the place for great conversations and laughter. She was a world-class mom to her two sons and a soulmate to her husband Jack. “I loved her more than any person on the planet.” June and Jack met in Vermont and spent close to 30 years in Proctorsville, Mount Holly, and most recently in Ludlow. They never missed a Tuesday night at DJ’s Restaurant. June is survived by her beloved husband, John “Jack” Sabey; sons, Bradley Boyle and Sean Boyle; step-daughters, Sharon (Lawrence) Bossidy and Jill (Keith) Waters; grandchildren, Tim, Kendall, John, and Erika; and great-grandson, Rory. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Kathleen Bryson, and sister, Sandra Parks. A memorial Mass will be held at Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot St., Ludlow, Vt. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 12:30 p.m.



Shirley June Sabey, 1937-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

James Thurber, 1950-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – James Arthur Thurber, 72, of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Aug. 28, 2022 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center following a brief illness. He was born in Springfield on April 26, 1950 the son of John Sr. and Pauline (Tarbell) Thurber. He was married to Karen (Frizzell) Hammond from 1971 until 1980, and together they raised two sons. Jim graduated from Springfield High School in 1968 and then attended Franklin Institute in Boston, Mass. He returned to Springfield and worked at the family business (Thurber Audio Video) from 1971 until the early 2000s. He then started Thurber Auto Sales which he owned and operated for many years. Jim also founded Springfield Paving in 1990, which he later sold in 1991 to his brother David. Over the years, Jim owned and operated approximately 45 apartment units throughout Southern Vermont. Jim will be remembered as a loving father, brother, and grandfather. He was extremely proud of his two sons and grandsons, and he was happiest when spending time with his family. His favorite hobbies were automotive repair, woodworking, carpentry, and golf. Jim was a longtime member of the St. John’s Masonic Lodge # 41 in Springfield, Vt. Jim is survived by his two sons Burton (BJ) Thurber and his wife Heather of Perkinsville, Vt., Mark Thurber of Baltimore, Vt, his brother David Thurber and his wife Kathleen of North Springfield, Vt, two grandsons Cody Thurber and Keaton Thurber, and several nieces and nephews, including his special niece, Penny Laflamme. Jim was predeceased by his parents, his brother John (Jack) Thurber Jr., and his two sisters MaryLou (Thurber) Shumski and Sandra Thurber. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Michael Mario will officiate. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.



James Thurber, 1950-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Municipal Benefit Package includes health & dental insurance, retirement plan and paid vacations PLUS a \$2,000.00 Sign-On Bonus. Employment applications are available at the Ludlow Municipal Office or on-line at www.ludlow.vt.us . Please submit completed applications to the Ludlow Municipal Office PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841 or email to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Send resume and cover letter to:
Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager
Two Rivers Supervisory Union
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, VT 05149
cheryl.hammond@trsuo.org
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Please submit a completed application, resume, and cover letter to: Chief Patrick Connors, Charlestown Police Department, PO Box 1465, Charlestown, NH 03603.

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT
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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 GRAFTON
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Grafton is seeking a professional, enthusiastic and organized Town Administrator to assist the five-member Selectboard in serving the needs of the Town.. The TA implements Town policies, facilitates communication among members of the Selectboard and other employees, government entities and citizens, and serves as the Selectboard's representative. The TA performs complex clerical, research, and administrative duties requiring considerable decision making, a knowledge of and capacity to learn VT State Laws governing municipalities and officers and a thorough understanding of the needs and responsibilities of the Town and its departments.

The Town seeks an individual with excellent communication, research, collaboration, customer service, and organizational skills. The TA works a thirty-four (34) hour work week that includes attending night meetings as necessary.

The Town of Grafton offers an excellent array of benefits, including: Retirement with VMERS, 12 paid holidays, ten days' vacation initially, 56 hours sick leave annually, currently 95% of cost of healthcare, and contribution toward dental insurance.

Persons wishing to apply for this position should submit a letter of interest accompanied by their resume'.

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

Applicants may seek further details by contacting Grafton Town Clerk, 802-843-2419 or by email krecord@graffontvt.org or Grafton Administrator, 802-843-2552 townadmin@graffontvt.org or submit their letter of application accompanied by their resume' in person at 117 Main Street Grafton or by mail at PO Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146

Application review will begin upon receipt. Interviews may begin prior to the application deadline of 4:00 P.M., Thursday, September 15, 2022. However, all applications received by this deadline will be given due consideration.

The Town of Grafton is an Equal Opportunity employer.

CALENDAR & CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES

Please have your classifieds and calendar events in by
Friday at 12pm

ads@VermontJournal.com
calendar@VermontJournal.com

LEGAL NOTICES

calendar

SEPT. 9 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Spike Dogtooth will play at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls, Vt. on Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

SEPT. 10 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 1-4 p.m. Look for the “BEE” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road, 18 MacLean Road, first on right, Alstead, N.H. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Register at lindenamel@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056. This is the fourth of four workshops.

WINDHAM, Vt. – Steven Fellows will lead a “Bio-reactor” Workshop on Sept.10, 2022 at 2 p.m. Attendees will build a high temperature composting machine that can handle clean-up of large quantities of organic matter. Please RSVP or direct inquiries to Steven at gardenmaster58@gmail.com or 802-875-2194. This event will take place at the Fourth Corner Foundation at 578 Hitchcock Hill Rd., Windham, Vt. This is a free event.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Westminster West Library Annual Book Sale Sept. 10, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be books of all genres to choose from; books for both kids and adults, fiction and non-fiction. Come stock up on books at 3409 Westminster West Road.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – The Third Congregational Church in Alstead, N.H. will be having a Benefit Auction on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. with a preview at 9 a.m.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary’s will be having a gigantic indoor yard sale at the gym on Main Street in Claremont, N.H. on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be over 100 tables, thousands of items, carry out service, food, and beverages.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The 10th annual Vermont Golden Honey Festival will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Golden Stage Inn, 399 Depot Street, Proctorsville, Vt. The festival is part-food festival, part-craft fair, and all local fun. Admission is free.

SEPT. 10 & 11 – RUTLAND, Vt. – The Rotary Club of Rutland will be hosting a pickleball community tournament and fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. It will take place at Vermont Sport and Fitness and registration is due Wednesday, Sept. 7. Contact www.rutlandcityrotary.org for details.

SEPT. 17 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Come and enjoy a great day of golf with friends at Okemo Mountain School’s 12th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, Vt. Lunch and registration start at 12 p.m. with an 18 hole

shotgun start at 1 p.m. Includes lunch, a drink, and prizes.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Expeditionary School at Black River will hold their third annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at The Roundhouse at Jackson Gore.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Dana Farber Cancer Institute will present a “Magic Mile for Cancer” on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., at Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vt. The “Magic Mile” will be broken down into three categories: A run, for those who would like to run for a competitive time; A walk, for those who would like to hike at a casual pace and enjoy the scenery; and a “Kid’s Mile,” for those age 12 and under. The registration deadline to participate is Friday, Sept.

16, 2022 at 4 p.m.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Annual book, bake, and yard sale, Weathersfield Proctor Library, Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Route 5, Ascutney, Vt. Call 802-674-2863 for book donations and 802-674-5021 for yard sale donations.

SEPT. 18 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The vocal quartet Windborne will perform at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, Vt. on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Windborne is known for the power and innovation of their arrangements, which spans many styles but is deeply rooted in American folk.

SEPT. 17 & 18 – CHESTER, Vt. – The 2022 Chester Festival on the Green will be held rain or shine on Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. both days.

The Chester Festival on the Green is a free outdoor event celebrating Vermont culture, fine art, and authentic craftsmanship.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
WINDHAM UNIT

PROBATE DIVISION
DOCKET NO: 22-PR-00897

In re ESTATE of: KATHLEEN SPENCE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: KATHLEEN SPENCE, late of WINDHAM, VERMONT:
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 date of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented as described above within the four (4) month period.

Dated: August 31, 2022

/s/ **Edward Reynolds**
Executor
c/o Moore Law Offices, LLC
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
(802) 463-4327
rebecca@moorelawvt.com

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal

Publication Date: August 31, 2022

Address of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court
Probate Division – Windham Unit
30 Putney Road, 2nd Floor, Brattleboro, VT 05301

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§4441, 4444, the Selectboard of the Town of Springfield will hold a public hearing on September 26, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall on 56 Main Street in Springfield, VT, to receive comments on proposed amendments to the zoning bylaws. The purpose of these proposed amendments can be summarized as follows:

- The primary reasons for amendments are to merge the subdivision and zoning regulations into one document, clarify the permitting process, update the flood hazard standards and procedures to make them more easily understandable, make changes that encourage downtown revitalization, and clarify standards and address statutory requirements.

The proposed amendments affect the entire jurisdiction of the Town of Springfield.

The table of contents of the proposed zoning bylaws is as follows:

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ARTICLE II. - ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT STANDARDS
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ARTICLE V. - SIGNS
ARTICLE VI. - STREAMS AND SURFACE WATERS
ARTICLE VII. - DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
ARTICLE VIII. - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
ARTICLE IX. - FLOOD HAZARD REVIEW PROCEDURE

The full text of the proposed zoning amendments as well as the written report on the proposal is available to review at the Springfield Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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(09/20/22 - 52)

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• 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

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(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv
(08/10/22 - TFN - 13)

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(08/10/22 - 15)

Scrap Metal Wanted

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SEPT. 22, 24, & 28 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Town Library will present the annual Manhattan Short Film Festival on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m., and Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. All three showing will feature the ten finalists in this year’s competition. Showings will be held at the library at 26 Maple Hill Rd., Belmont Vt. This is a free event.

SEPT. 24 – PITTSFIELD, Vt. – While we certainly don’t want to wish the warm weather away, we are excited to invite you to share your wares with us in a highly visible vendor booth along Scenic Route 100 during Pittsfield at Peak, a tiny town tradition with big dreams, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pittsfield, Vt.

SEPT. 24 & 25 – GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Nature Museum will open their Fairy House Festival the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

SEPT. 30 & OCT. 1 – ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Females Charitable Society will be holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 30 from

2–6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Church on the Hill, Acworth, N.H. This is a nonprofit charity.

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Starting on Monday, Aug. 22, pickleball will be played at Dorsey Park, 41 Andover Street in Ludlow, Vt., every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9–11 a.m., into October. There are no registration fees.

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

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs

at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8–10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

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 – 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.

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

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

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

TUESDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS –

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

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.

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

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

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.

REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

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.

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

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

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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.

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

SATURDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Lori Wright of DG Bodyworks will be holding indoor cycling classes throughout the month of October. Classes will be Saturdays from 7:45–8:30 a.m. at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville, Vt.

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.

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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.



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sports & outdoor

BRAT heads out to clean the rivers

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Spend your morning, Saturday, Sept. 10, helping the Black River Action Team (BRAT) keep the local waterways free of garbage. Stop by the BRAT’s registration table at Riverside Middle School, located at 13 Fairground Road in Springfield, Vt. at or close to 8 a.m. to sign in, pick up supplies, and select a location to tackle. Head out with a buddy to collect trash, return with your “loot” by 11 a.m. to help tally and sort, and then clean up in time for a donated and well-deserved lunch. There will be hot dogs courtesy of the Calvary Baptist Church, and pizza provided by Domino’s Pizza. Don’t forget your collectible complimentary t-shirt.

Done in partnership with the Connecticut River Conservancy’s annual Source to Sea cleanup event, the 23rd Annual River Sweep is the BRAT’s signature project. To clean up on the water, please contact BRAT Director Kelly Stettner for specific locations and instructions



A member of the Black River Action Team. PHOTO BY BRAT DIRECTOR KELLY STETTNER

for launching your own kayak, canoe, or small flat-bottomed boat. Phone messages should be left at 802-738-0456

and emails can be sent to blackrivercleanup@gmail.com for questions and to discuss boating details.

Cavendish Energy Committee talks compost

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District in conjunction with the Cavendish Energy Committee and the Town of Cavendish will host a workshop specifically about composting on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cavendish Town Offices, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vt. Masks will be required for all. State regulations on safety will be adhered to.

Vermont state law has banned food scraps from household trash since July 1, 2020. Residents are required to compost their own food waste, or take their food scraps to a facility for composting. This rule has existed for approximately five years for restaurants, grocery stores, and other large food generators. How

can we as Vermont residents best comply with the new rules? Composting is easy, and beneficial to the soil, whether you create it in your backyard or take it to the Cavendish transfer station.

Ham Gillett of the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District will address the aspects of Vermont Act 148 that relate to composting of food waste and recycling. Peter LaBelle of the Cavendish Energy Committee will join Gillett to discuss the basics of home composting and the other options available in order to comply with the law and to keep food scraps out of your trash. The presentation will last about 45 minutes with plenty of time afterwards for questions about composting and recycling in general.

As a bonus, all attendees will be eligible to win the

door prize of a new Soil Saver composter and may order composters for residential use. While these bins normally retail for \$100 each, they will be available to workshop attendees for \$65. Please bring exact change or a check; there will be no way to process credit cards. A second drawing will be held for a compost pail, good for kitchen use to gather scraps bound for the composter. These pails will also be for sale at the workshop for \$5 each.

Residents of Cavendish, and any other town, are invited to attend. To sign up for the workshop, or for more information, please email cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com. If you’d like to purchase a composter, but cannot attend the workshop, please email your order. While sign-up is encouraged, walk-ins will be welcomed.

Annual cornhole tournament returns to benefit scholarship fund

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 10, the Gomez family will host their annual Cornhole Tourney to raise funds for the Jeremy Gomez Memorial Scholarship.

The tournament is open to enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels. Teams of two players will be sorted into divisions and will compete in round robin play. The two top-ranking teams in each division will win prizes furnished by sponsors Bibens Ace Hardware, Crown Point Country Club, HB Energy, Joe’s Discount Beverage, NAPA Auto Parts, and O’Reilly Auto Parts.

The event will be held at 75 Forrest Drive in Springfield. Registration opens at 12:30 p.m., with gameplay beginning at 1 p.m. Boards and bags will be provided, and competitors are welcome to bring their own bags. A registration fee includes food and nonalcoholic drinks. The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 11.



Jeremy Gomez Memorial Scholarship cornhole tournament.

Participants should pre-register by contacting event organizer Joel Gomez at jjgomez811@hotmail.com.

For Joel, the annual fundraisers are multipurpose: they honor his brother, Jeremy, who passed away in 2010, create opportunity for fellow SHS alumni, and help build community during challenging times.

“When you give people an opportunity to do some-

thing positive, they really step up. Businesses in town really step up,” he says. “With all the negative stuff that’s going on, people want to contribute to something good.”

Established in 2018, the Jeremy Gomez Memorial Scholarship is given by the SHS Alumni Association to a graduating senior who has demonstrated persistence during their time in school.

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“Someone who worked hard and who might have had a hard time getting through high school,” explains Joel.

Donations to the fund can be sent to: SHS Alumni Association c/o Jeremy Gomez Scholarship, 13 Fairground Road Springfield, VT 05156.

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Vocal group Windborne to perform at MSA

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is thrilled to present the vocal group Windborne in concert on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Internationally acclaimed, Windborne is known for the power and innovation of their arrangements, as well as their mastery of polyphonic music from a variety of cultures. Their musical knowledge spans many countries and styles, but they remain deeply rooted in American folk singing traditions.

Cited by BBC Traveling Folk as “the most exciting vocal group in a generation... subverting expectations and redefining the genre,” Lynn Rowan, Will Rowan, Lauren Breunig (daughter of Fred Breunig of Nowell Sing We Clear fame), and Jeremy Carter-Gordon share a vibrant energy onstage, their connection to each other and to the music clearly evident. They

educate as they entertain, telling stories about the music and explaining the characteristics of the traditions in which they sing.

But there’s another, crucial dimension to Windborne. They are adherents to folk music’s longtime association with social activism, labor, civil rights, and other movements that champion the poor, the working class, and the disenfranchised. Drawing on songs from 400 years of these movements, they were launched to new heights in 2017 when a clip of them singing a protest song from the 1840s outside Trump Tower went viral. They continue to center their work around songs of social struggle.

Tickets to Windborne are available in advance online at www.mainstreetarts.org. Main Street Arts’ handicap accessible historic theater is located at 35 Main Street in Saxtons River, Vt.



Windborne will perform at MSA on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

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Spike Dogtooth return to Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Spike Dogtooth will play at Stage 33 Live with Sam Duffy in Bellows Falls, Vt. on Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Seating is limited to 40 people. There will be room for dancing.

Spike Dogtooth plays acoustic music without restriction – bluegrass, Irish,

cowgirl-swing, folk, acoustic rock, country blues. The band’s core players and revolving crew of guest musicians have developed a loyal following over the past 30 years. A camp favorite at music festivals, they’re best known for their legendary all-night jams. This is a rare oppor-

tunity to hear them play on a stage inside of a building. Multi-instrumentalist songwriter Sam Duffy embraces a passionate style of American roots music based on the belief that genres are better left by the wayside. His influences of heartfelt, living music span cultures and eras.

Canal Street Gallery presents Alissa Buffum–

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery, in Bellows Falls, Vt., is pleased to present Alissa Buffum, the first artist to participate in the new Working Artist Program. This program is an artist’s studio and exhibition space within the Gallery, and is open during the Gallery’s regular hours. Beginning in September, the Gallery will now be open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on 3rd Friday Gallery Nights, from 5–7 p.m. The Working Artist Program is located on the canal, behind the front gal-

lery at 23 Canal Street.

A mixed media painter and sculptor, Buffum has been a Bellows Falls resident since childhood. Active in the community, the artist’s mission is “...to bring joy and beauty to a world that needs as much as it can get.” Alissa Buffum’s artwork is inspired by nature, offering a surreal view of a bohemian world. The creative styles of Buffum’s artistic projects are each derived from the artist’s mood and surroundings.

The goal of the Working Artist Program is to provide artists with an affordable

space to complete a project, explore a new body of work, gain exposure and sales, or prepare for a solo show. Visitors to the Gallery now also have a unique chance to engage with an artist as they create their art. The public is welcome to come in to learn about and experience the process of art making. By offering a working and exhibiting space, which is open to the public, with new artists every one to three months, the program contributes opportunities for dialogue, events, and classes to the community.

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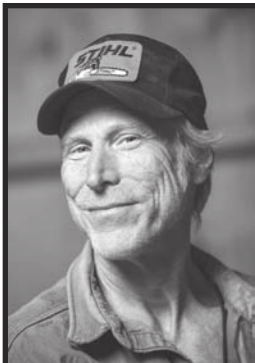


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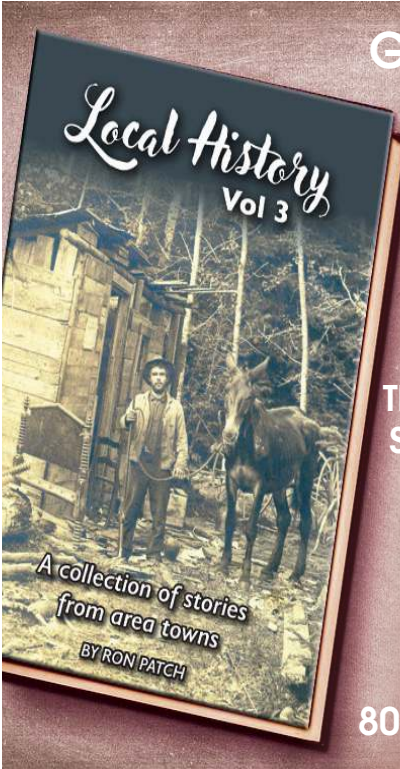
Amy Cann, Interim Director for Springfield Community Chorus.

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in strings and voice from the Crane School of Music at NUNY in Potsdam. She has a lifetime of experience conducting, accompanying, and singing with both children and adults in both classical and traditional ensembles and music theater productions. She is also well known throughout the

Vermont and New Hampshire regions as a traditional fiddler and dance caller.

Amy Cann will conduct the chorus as they start rehearsals on Sept. 19 for the Dec. 3 and 4 concerts. For more details, go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCommunityChorus.



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