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Plans for new Depot Street Bridge in place

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Back in August of 2019, the Rockingham Selectboard voted to support the Vermont Agency of Transportation in demolishing and reconstructing the deteriorating Depot Street Bridge in Bellows Falls. The concrete structure is one of two bridges that access the Bellows Falls Waypoint Center and the train station located at the Island Street location, just off The Square.

Built in 1909, the existing bridge crosses over the Bellows Falls canal and spans some 96 feet and is 32 feet wide. Owned by the local Great River Hydro facility, the failing bridge has a poor culvert rating and the concrete arch has spalling concrete and exposed rebar. There is also exposed reinforcement along the

waterline at the arch foundation. The demolition of the old bridge will take place in 2027, after the construction of the new bridge and the pedestrian bridge.

The building of the new bridge and pedestrian bridge will begin in 2026, and the new bridge will be constructed roughly 200 feet from the current one, costing the town roughly \$700,000 of the \$15 million in overall costs. However, the Rockingham Selectboard was recently informed that it would also have to pay approximately \$370,000 for the cleaning up of contaminated soil at the building site.

The board has questioned as to why the town has to absorb the cost of the contaminated land when they have leased the prop-



The Depot Street Bridge in Bellows Falls, Vt.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

erty from the state since the mid-70s (when the park was built) and don't own the land. Additionally, the property had been contaminated by the railroad for many years, before the town's lease deal with the state, which is \$1 per year.

"We are reaching out to some DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) contacts," said Bellows Falls Town Manager Scott Pickup in a recent interview. "We are investigating to

see if the brownfield program may be able to assist in covering some of the contamination costs."

Another issue is that the Agency of Transportation plans require the canal to be de-watered during the demolition of the old bridge, keeping any possible bridge debris from falling into the canal, which could cause serious damage to the turbines. However, when the canal is de-watered, the power station cannot generate power, meaning the state and town have to pay Green River Hydro for the loss of revenue.

"Another potentially large cost exposure involves the operation of the hydro, and the ability to supply the grid when requested during demand periods," Pickup said. "We have had

preliminary conversations with Great River Hydro to potentially coordinate some [repair] work that they are pursuing with the canal walls, and we could limit the cost exposure."

Currently, the estimated total share coming from the Town of Rockingham to complete the project is \$684,000, which includes an estimated \$164,000 for engineering and planning costs, \$150,000 in right of way costs, and 100% of the contaminated soil cleanup costs.

"A big thanks goes out to our federal elected officials who have provided the additional funds to help offset the local share of construction on the bridge replacement," Pickup added. "Our local share would have been 10% of the current estimated \$11 million in construction costs, which would have required a long term bond."

Rockingham Tri-board meeting discusses housing data

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Tri-board meeting, the Rockingham Selectboard and Bellows Falls and Saxtons River Village Trustees heard a presentation from the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA).

The Rockingham Incremental Development Working Group (RIDWG) invited VHFA to present their findings from the 2020 VT Housing Needs Assessment. John Dunbar, Planning Commissioner and RIDWG member, facilitated and introduced VHFA Director's

Mia Watson and Seth Leonard.

RIDWG was formed after the Take Action Rockingham meetings in 2020 and technical assistance was provided by the Incremental Development Alliance (IncDev) in late 2021. RIDWG is made up of property stakeholders, residents and homeowners and continues the work of the IncDev focus on small incremental improvements through a low investment alternative development model.

VHFA operates as a bank for affordable housing, and is currently working with Windham and Windsor Housing Trust on the Bel-

lows Falls Garage Project. They offer affordable home loans, tax credits, and serve as a data and information hub for the State.

Watson presented data for the Town of Rockingham and Windham County, specifying that half of Rockingham households live within the Village of Bellows Falls and 45% are renters, while Windham County has 33% renters. The average household size is 2.16 people and 27% of heads of household are aged 65 or older in Rockingham. Findings for Rockingham from 2010–2020 showed 46 new renter households with a decrease of homeowners.

Median home prices rose from \$100,000 to \$260,000. Rockingham homes cost less than Windham County and the state as a whole. Rockingham incomes are lower than both county and state, and 40% of households spend over one third of their income on housing. Rockingham has some of the oldest homes in the state; 58% were built before 1940.

Watson said home construction fails to keep pace with demand. Rockingham records building permits for an average of ten new homes per year. Leonard added that construction costs grew 30% and they

are seeing a statewide average of \$400,000 per unit to develop multi-family units. She concluded with the questions, "What types of homes does Rockingham need and where do we want to build new ones?"

The findings show that 38% of Rockingham's households are one-person households, but only 17% of the homes are studio and one-bedroom units. The town costs associated with rural and suburban homes compared to Downtown Center ones are three times the cost, \$3,462 compared to \$1,416 per home. The estimated tax value per acre is \$460,000 for a single fam-

ily rural home, compared to \$8.9 million for a mixed-use multi-family in the village.

For resources and more information from VHFA, visit www.housingdata.org/toolbox.

For RIDWG information, email Administrator Sarah Lang at rockinghamidwg@gmail.com.

The next Tri-board meeting is in December. Saxtons River Trustees meet monthly on Mondays, Bellows Falls Trustees on the second and fourth Tuesday, and the Rockingham Selectboard on the first and third Tuesdays. Visit www.rockinghamvt.org for Agenda and Zoom links.

Westminster Cares honors eldest citizens

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 17, Westminster Cares and town residents recognized Westminster's 90-plus-year-old citizens during the annual Celebration of Aging. The event was held outdoors, on the back lawn of the Institute. Guests of honor, their families, and members of the community were in attendance. The weather cooperated for a beautiful, sunny day to honor our oldest community residents with lunch and a presentation.

The ceremony included a presentation by Pete Harrison, vice president, addressing each of the honored guests. Interesting family history, places they've lived, companies they've worked for, and stories about their lives in the community were presented. This year, the audience got to hear each guest of honor's favorite song.

Westminster currently has ten residents who are 90 years of age or older. All ten still live independently in the area: Bob Gay, Char-



The crowd at Westminster Care's Celebration of Aging. PHOTO PROVIDED

lotte Kurkul, Lois Woodard, Libby Mills, Natalie Patrick, Jo Crocker, Lee MacDuffie, Bill Smidutz, Paulie Kissell, and Randy Major. Although there weren't any "newcomers" this year, eight residents were able to attend the event. Of the ten, one is 91, two are 92, two are 93, two are 94, one is 96, one is 98, and one will turn 100 in December of 2022.

Many attendees had not seen one another in several years. Bob Gay, Charlotte Kurkul, and Lois Woodard all attended grade school

together. They enjoyed reminiscing and catching up on their lives.

Westminster Cares board and committee members decorated tables with mums and gourds; made and served food and refreshments; and thanked honorees for their contributions to the community. Next fall we will include anyone born in 1933 or earlier – if that's you or someone you know, please give a call 802-722-3607 to let us know.

Springfield Rotary Penny Sale on its way

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 68th Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt. starting at 6 p.m. As always, there will be over 300 prizes available with values over \$500 and many in the \$25 to \$50 range.

The culmination of the annual Penny Sale is the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$5,000 in cash. In addition, there will be a Door Prize winner selected, from the Grand Prize tickets, for \$500 in cash, to someone who is present at the Penny Sale. You can purchase your Grand Prize tickets now, in advance of the Penny Sale, from any Springfield Rotarian.

Over 300 prizes will be available, and it still costs just a penny per prize to participate in the Penny Sale. The penny-per-chance has always remained the same, even though the value of the



Springfield Rotary Club President Karen Longo with some of the stuffed animals that will be at the 2022 Rotary Penny Sale. PHOTO PROVIDED

prizes increases each year. You may donate as many pennies as you wish; for each dollar donation you receive 100 chances. All the Penny Sale proceeds are given back to worthy community projects and organizations. Springfield Rotarians volunteer all their work on the Penny Sale and greatly appreciate the many donations of products and services from area businesses.

The Springfield Rotary Club has raised over \$565,000 since the inception of the Penny Sale. The

club annually awards scholarships to Springfield High School seniors who are going to college. The total scholarships donations resulting from the Penny Sale is now over \$205,000.

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-2022 Rotary Penny Sale.

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Springfield Library digital literacy workshops

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library is among over 160 public libraries nationwide awarded funding by the Public Library Association (PLA) to conduct digital literacy workshops using www.Digitallearn.org resources. The PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, supported by AT&T, provides support to libraries of all sizes to conduct digital literacy training in their communities and help close the digital divide.

The grant funding provides equipment to assist in hosting the classes including a small stipend for each presenter, tables, and laptops for participants to use, and a large screen television that will be able to cast information from mobile devices to show exactly how to perform the important tasks.

Library Director Sue Dowdell said, “I am extremely excited to have the library provide these

important services to our community members. It is especially important to give students the opportunity to teach what they have learned in the classroom.”

“The mission of libraries has always been about equitable access to information, literacy, learning, and culture. In the age of Covid-19, this mission has only become vital as libraries have played a critical role in keeping communities connected and online,” said PLA President Maria McCauley.

The Springfield Town Library has scheduled the first two classes in its “Computers Made Simple” series for Thursday, Oct. 13, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 20, at 5:30 p.m. These classes are designed to help community members better understand how to use their computers and digital devices.

The first class, Oct. 13, will focus on how to best use Windows-based computers. Information Technol-

ogy (IT) students from River Valley Technical Center will teach how to use Windows, manage applications, find and manage files and folders, save and delete files, and more. Computers will be provided. This class is limited to no more than six people.

The second class, Oct. 20, will focus on cybersecurity. Jason Black, Program Manager at the Black River Innovation Campus, will teach how to identify a secure website, how to create a strong password, and how to identify key factors in scam emails. Black’s experiences include acting as a senior web content specialist and teaching university-level IT classes.

Classes will be held at the library, 43 Main Street. Call 802-885-3108 or visit www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar to register.

Audubon Photography Awards exhibit

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society Chapter is hosting the 2022 Audubon Photography Awards Traveling Exhibition at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. from Oct. 7 through Oct. 26. There will be a special opening of the exhibit on Friday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m.

In the thirteenth year

of the contest, winning photos, videos, and honorable mentions were selected from 2,416 entrants from all 50 states, Washington D.C., and seven Canadian provinces and territories to appreciate the wonder of birds and the places they inhabit. With their stunning looks and captivating behaviors, birds often enthrall us when they cross our path. Many people spend hours or years

seeking them out. But just as often, we stumble upon unique moments in a stroke of luck. Sometimes all it takes is simply stopping to appreciate an everyday scene with fresh eyes.

For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminister St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Two more Little Libraries

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Two more little libraries, auctioned by the Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL), have been installed in Springfield.

One, called “Gnome Place Like a Library,” can be found at The Common, towards the back, near the playground. It was built by Karl Riotte, designed by Donna Cummings, and bought and installed by Lisa and Jeff Mobus.

The other can be found in the Black River

fee Bar. Rotarian president Karen Longo created the Steampunk-themed library; her husband, Chip Longo built it, and Black River Coffee Bar owner Mike Schmidt bought it.

Springfield Rotary Club purchased the materials to build six little librar-

ies, which were donated to FOTSL to raise money for its programs. Springfield Rotary Club created this project as a way of supporting FOSTL and furthering the goal of increasing literacy in the community. The auction rose close to \$2,800.



“Gnome Place Like a Library.” PHOTO PROVIDED



Steampunk-themed library. PHOTO PROVIDED

Speak Out event

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m., VINE Sanctuary and Springfield Town Library

will host a Speak Out at the Comtu Cascade Park. Speak Out’s are events in which LGBTQ+ communities share their coming out stories on National Coming Out Day.

National Coming Out Day began in 1988 as a celebration of the LGBTQ community and the act of coming out of the closet. Coming out is an important moment for many and can be met with hostility, even by those closest to the individual. A Speak Out is a chance for people to share their stories with others, support one another, and be met with support and love.

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Westminster fall cookout

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 8, from 12:30–6 p.m. The First Congregational Church of Westminster will be holding their fall cookout on the church lawn, 3470 US Route 5, Westminster, Vt.

Choose from this a

la carte menu of hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, pepper and onion grinders, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. There will be outdoor and indoor seating or you can take your meal home. Also on sale will be raffle tickets for the Gas Card raffle and the

quilt raffle. Some of the proceeds will go toward the painting of the church.

The library will be holding their book sale the same day, behind the Westminster Institute. They are accepting donations during library hours until Oct. 6.

BF Woman’s Club meeting

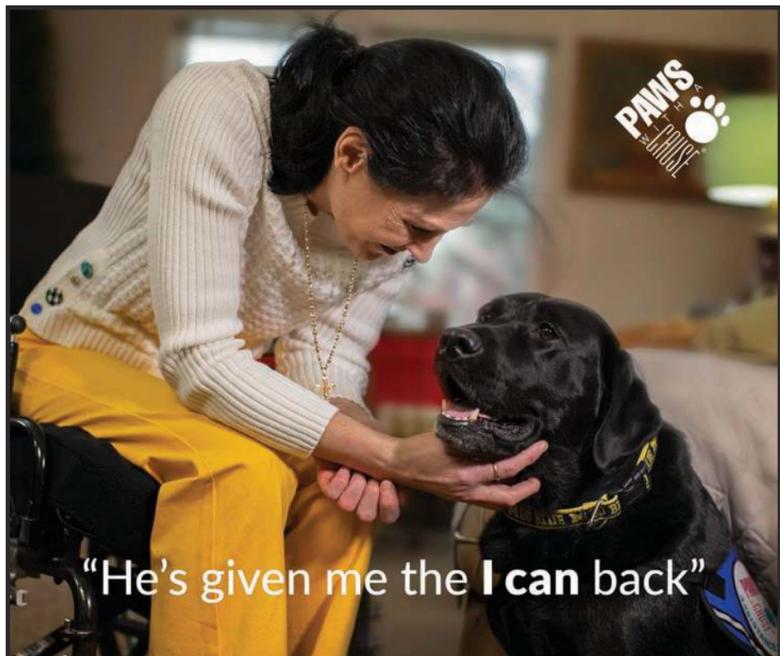
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Bellows Falls Woman’s Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School St., at 1:30 p.m. Speakers will be Bellows Falls Police Chief David Bemis, presenting on gun safety, and a representative of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, speaking on mental health. Plans for the Oct. 29 fundraiser, a food and bake sale held in conjunction with the Walpole Library’s book sale, will be discussed.

At the Sept. 13 meeting, Club President Nancy McAuliffe welcomed all members, including the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Vermont (GFWC-VT) President Beverley Pallmerine. Pallmerine spoke on the fall meeting of GFWC-VT. The afternoon program was devoted to explaining the club’s inner workings, including its purpose and mission. Members broke into working committee groups to formulate plans for the club year. Upon payment of dues, members

received a program book. Members adopted the a budget for the year.

The Bellows Falls club hosted the GFWC-VT fall meeting at the United Church of Bellows Falls on Oct. 1. This local club is a member of the GFWC, an international women’s organization, dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Women interested in joining the Bellows Falls Woman’s Club can contact Betty Haggerty at hubett@hotmail.com.



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SAHA annual meeting talks “Vermont Eats”

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art and Historical Society (SAHS) will be holding its annual meeting at on Oct. 15, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the society, located at 65 Route 106, North Springfield, Vt. The public is invited to the meeting and program, but only members can vote at the meeting. There will be a short business meeting at 1 p.m. and the program will begin at 2 p.m.

The program speaker will be Steve Perkins, President of the Vermont Historical Society, who will present “Vermont Eats.” This will be a tasty jaunt down memory lane discussing the traditional foods served up in homes here in Vermont during the challenging times of the Great Depression, when so many food products were rationed. Do you recall meals served post-

war that may have been a carryover from those lean days? As one old-timer later said, “A depression? Us folks in Vermont didn’t know there was a depression.” The society will prepare some Depression recipes so we can all have a taste. Room is limited, so be sure to come early. This program is free and open to all. For more information call 802-886-7935 or email sahs@vermontel.net.

Senior Solutions news

REGION – Senior Solutions announces upcoming programs for enrollment.

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Do you remember when Medicare Open Enrollment Begins?

This is the window during which you can select

or change Medicare plans. It starts on Oct. 15 and runs to Dec. 7. Make sure you decide what plan suits you and what plan matches your budget. We can help you find answers before the rush starts. Check our website for this and other important information at www.seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Genealogy Group meets at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you

own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it’s hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

Volunteers needed for Gill Home Halloween Walk

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. is calling for volunteers to help host their Haunted Halloween Walk, which will take place on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, from 5-7 p.m.



Help out at the Halloween Walk. STOCK PHOTO

Volunteers are needed to help set up the Halloween Walk, dress up in costume to help scare, and donate decorations and costumes

for the Walk. Please call Aggie at 802-228-6858 if interested. Donations are

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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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Antique clock restoration

Steve Green asked if I would look at his wife’s family clock. Steve married Michelle Wade. The clock had been Michelle’s grandparent’s clock, Carroll and Edna Wade of Plymouth. It had resided in a closet for 30 years, awaiting resurrection.

This Ansonia clock was manufactured circa 1890 to 1900, and referred to as a “Kitchen clock,” at that time. Today in the trade, they are known as gingerbread clocks, and are often made of oak. Earlier examples were made of walnut.

Of interest to me, this clock is an oak case with a nickel-plated dial pan and nickel pendulum. The silver stencil on the tablet had been erased by years of aggressive cleaning. Usually, oak case gingerbreads have a brass dial pan, with gold stencil on the reverse side of the door tablet, and a brass pendulum.

Walnut case gingerbreads had a nickel-plated dial pan, silver stencil on the door tablet, and a nickel-plated pendulum. Why my interest? You might wonder. I think Ansonia made this oak case clock during their transition from walnut case to less expensive oak case clocks, using up their remaining supply of nickel-plated parts on a few oak gingerbreads. It is also possible it was a special order. Either way, it’s of interest to me.

Kerosene
Years ago, I met an old timer, who told me about using kerosene as an evaporative lubricant. He used a tin, screw top cover from a tin can. He placed the cover in the bottom of the clock case, containing kerosene, and closed the door. As the kerosene evaporated, it collected on the dial, movement, and pendulum. I don’t recommend this.

Over many years and refillings, the kerosene attracted the dust that gummed up the movement. The first thing I did was give the move-

ment a good bath in clock cleaner. Then I dried and oiled the movement, greased the springs, and set it up in the test stand. It ran fine, with just minor tweaking needed.

Finish
When the clock was brought to me, it had been painted over twice, each time a different color. Using paint remover and hours of scrubbing and picking, I removed the paint as best I could. In the end grain the paint was very stubborn. In some places, I was able to hide the paint in the end grain with a colored pen. It was impossible to get it all.

The pendulum was heavily corroded from the kerosene. I went through my collection of clock parts and found the exact pendulum in mint condition. So I switched pendulums. I’m always looking for clock parts. Now you know why.

The Tablet
I called Lindy Larson down in Westminster to see if he had a gingerbread tablet with silver stencil. Lindy is a nationally known clock dealer. “Yes, come on down,” he said. Lee Decatur and I drove down to Lindy’s in Lee’s 1953 MG. It was an enjoyable ride in Precious. Lindy had several tablets out for me to choose from. I selected a beautiful new old stock tablet. This tablet was not a stencil. The design you see is etched right into the glass. The tablet needed to be cut to size. Neither Lee nor I felt competent to cut the glass. One mistake and it’s over.

I took the doorframe and tablet to the Framery of Vermont to see if they would cut it. John DeBenedetti, using his wall mounted glasscutter, first cut the glass to size. Then he cut the angles at the top of the door. Perfect. I was holding my breath!

Refinish
After I was finished with paint remover, I



Restored Ansonia Gingerbread clock. Notice the silver tablet. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

went over the entire case with a fine steel wool. Now it was ready for a new finish. I used a golden oak stain. The wood was dry and thirsty, so it took three applications.

Restoring this clock required Lindy, John, and Lee’s help. The paper dial had yellowed from the kerosene and needed to be replaced. Lee cut a new dial and glued it to the dial pan.

This team effort resulted in a beautiful clock the family will enjoy for years to come. Like your car, antique clocks require periodic maintenance. I don’t do much clock repair anymore. I’ve always had a soft spot for Ansonia clocks and woodworks grandfather clocks.

This week’s old saying I heard years ago: “When you’re on a dirt road and come to a fork in the road, keep to the right if you don’t know which way to go. You’ll be right more times than wrong.”



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opinion

Dear Editor,

I would like to introduce myself to the citizens of Windsor County who may not know me. My name is Claude Weyant. I am running for the High Bailiff position in Windsor County.

The High Bailiff is an unpaid position. The High Bailiff has two responsibilities: The High Bailiff has the authority to arrest the Sheriff, if that ever becomes necessary; and the second responsibility is to take over the Sheriff's Department, in the event that the elected Sheriff can not continue to be the Sheriff, for whatever reason. In reality, that is the most important concern to keep in mind when you cast your vote for High Bailiff. The High Bailiff keeps the Sheriff's Department running, until the Governor chooses a new Sheriff.

I feel that I am the best person to become the High Bailiff for the following reasons: I have been a Full Time Law Enforcement Officer for 36 years, and I have been a member of the Windsor County Sheriff's Department for the past 21 years.

With my prior experience, I joined the department as a Sergeant. Through the years, I climbed up the ranks at the Sheriff's Department. For the past 12 years, I have been second in command at the Sheriff's Department, as Captain. There are many challenges and unique understandings to running the Sheriff's Department. With limited tax base funding, the Sheriff's Department has to operate under contracts with everything from Town Patrols, Traffic Details (such as construction projects), deputies working the two courts in our County, etc. I currently do all of the scheduling. I work with all the different people we work with on these contracts. And, I attend Selectboard meetings with Sheriff Chamberlain. Besides doing my assignments as Captain, I am responsible to serve all the civil process that comes into the Sheriff's Office throughout the County. I work with many area attorneys and the courts doing the civil process. For several years, I taught the DARE

program at elementary schools throughout Windsor County.

From 1996 to 2014, I was the high school wrestling coach at Bellows Falls High School. For the last several years, a co-op team was formed with both Bellows Falls and Hartford High Schools. During my last season in 2014, our Bellows Falls-Hartford team won fame throughout New England, and I had the honor to be nominated as the State of Vermont Coach of the Year.

I live in Windsor. My wife of 45 years, Carol, and I have six adult children, and eight grandchildren. I ask for and would very much appreciate your support and vote.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Claude Weyant
claudeweyant@gmail.com
Windsor County, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Let me start by saying that although not a native, I have lived, worked, and raised a family in Springfield, Vt. since 1976. This is my home; I love it, and never wish to live elsewhere. It has been very exciting to see the changes in the past few years – the renovation of the Woolson block, the Springfield Food Co-op moving downtown, the razing of the VNA and Bakery buildings, the new Comtu Cascade Park, the Black River Innovation Campus (BRIC), the bump out in the square, and the removal of the J&L plant to name a few outstanding examples. It's wonderful to see the Park Street falls lit up at night, the climbing wall at the Edgar May Recreational Center, the enhanced pedestrian crosswalks, the Jamie Townsend mural on the theatre building, the lighted alleyways, new benches and plantings on the Toonerville Trail, and to run into the Simpsons around town. Evidence of our enthusiasm is everywhere.

Hoyt's Landing, the Toonerville Trail, Hartness Park, Muckcross, the Crown Point Road, and the gorgeous Black River (that runs the entire length of town) provide some spectacular views and countless venues for outdoor recreation, as well as being a gold mine of economic opportunities.

That being said, I would like to make a few suggestions that I think are necessary for the positive evolution of Springfield:

1. MAINTENANCE.

When driving into town, you pass by many areas where basic maintenance has not been done. Grass needs more frequent cutting, weeds have grown up through sidewalks, shrubs are not trimmed, places that should be maintained are left overgrown, etc. First impressions are long lasting. Our public works department is short staffed and often absent in the summer months due to vacations and time-off for hours spent plowing. I get it. But we need to make it a priority and do better, whatever that takes. I believe we need a separate department or budget dedicated to maintenance, to include mulching and watering the many little garden areas around town. Any improvements to the downtown will be for naught if we don't expect and plan for the necessary upkeep.

2. VOLUNTEERS. Springfield On The Move (SOM) is "a nonprofit that partners with business, citizens, property owners, and the town government to make Springfield's downtown an attractive, desirable, and economically sustainable destination for residents and visitors." With a very small budget from the town, SOM has one salaried employee, the Executive Director. There are also about 15 board members, and another 8-10 regular volunteers. The average age of these folks is approximately 70. SOM and the Garden Club are made up of a population of mostly retired citizens. As we get older and unable to do the work involved in making the town look better, we are not being replaced by more able-

bodied volunteers. SOM and the Springfield Garden Club do the planting, weeding, mulching, and watering of all the garden spaces and flower boxes around town, as well as the holiday decorating. The concerts in the park last year and this year were sponsored by SOM. More volunteers are needed. Younger volunteers are needed.

3. TOWN BUDGET. The town of Springfield has a "Main Street Master Plan," which was published in June 2017, more than five years ago. In it, there are 22 specific projects to be started or accomplished by this time. Only three have been completed and three others begun. As stated in the plan, downtowns are no longer used as the main shopping centers, but rather as places to enjoy theater, dining, and strolling around. Visitors need to be attracted to the setting. The potential is there. The projects in the "Master Plan" haven't happened because of a lack of funds, however, there are many sources of revenue that could be tapped. The Town's governing body has neither the time nor the skills for marketing and fundraising. It is my opinion and my hope that the town of Springfield will hire a marketing professional and a grant writer to help us take advantage of our many assets and resources. We can all do so much more to make Springfield the kind of place we can be proud of, and to make it a place that others want to visit.

Sincerely,
Corky Bond
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

36 residents of the Old Terrace Neighborhood in Bellows Falls, Vt. enjoyed three hours of good food and good company on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022. It was the idea of Sustainable Rockingham and an action step of the recently revised Rockingham Hazard Mitigation Plan. Four people came together to organize the event.

Pop-up tents, tables, and chairs set the stage for a lavish potluck meal and conversations. A hand drawn map of the neighborhood, roughly enclosed by Prospect, Blake, Gove, and Taylor Streets helped new friends show each other where they live. A voluntary sign-up sheet will be the start of a neighborhood communication system.

One person who has lived

on Brown Street since 1972 said they couldn't remember any event that brought the neighborhood together as this party did.

It was sweet to see "old-timers" getting to know people who have only moved there a short time ago, or in one case, a family who is about to move there.

Because our neighborhood is geographically isolated and relatively easy to define, pulling our neighborhood together might be easier than it would be in other parts of town, but we'd like to encourage other neighborhoods to try. We believe the community spirit engendered by events such as our party will help our town be more resilient, sustainable, and welcoming.

There was general agreement that we will do this

again. Some of the ideas placed in a suggestion box included door-to-door caroling in December, a summer pool party, and a cooperative springtime neighborhood tag sale.

Thanks so much to our co-organizers Jim Malley and Tarra Neff; thanks to everyone who brought food to share; and a big thank you to the Rockingham Highway Department and Chuck Wise for arranging for safety by blocking off Brown Street for the duration of the black party.

Our lives are better today knowing we are part of a caring community.

Sincerely,
Laurel Green and Steve Crofter
Sustainable Rockingham and local residents
Rockingham, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Now that autumn is here, the decorated porches and front yards remind us that Halloween is just around the bend of the community pumpkin patch. Decorating for the season is one tradition many citizens partake of and a spirited one at that. Pun intended.

Perhaps the readers' have familial traditions, such as gathering for the

football game on Thanksgiving day. How about the holiday party in December or a New Year's Day dinner?

All are great events and all can be administered in a personal way. After all, traditions are typically passed along and hopefully continue for generations to come. They can be influenced by holidays, historical events, or simply of one's own volition.

I have a tradition of writing a short story and sending it along with each Christmas card. Oh, and it

rhymes too (it makes the writing process more challenging). I wouldn't refer to it as poetry in the philosophical sense, but as an entertaining tidbit in acknowledgment of the approaching holiday.

What are your traditions leading into autumn and winter? I just bet there are some unique ones the public would be interested in learning of.

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Coppice Thicket
Alstead, N.H.

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1 Black, in verse
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31 Mom's mate
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33 "Gosh!"
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38 Small change
40 Rocky
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42 Words to live by
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47 Grazing land
48 Period before one's golden years

51 "Life of Pi" director Lee
52 "Dream on!"
53 "East of Eden" son
54 Born abroad?
55 Feet, slangily
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3 Slender
4 "Broadway Joe"
5 Charlie Brown's psychiatrist

6 Italian article
7 Showbiz job
8 Rose parts
9 Prehistoric period
10 Canal of song
11 Poet Whitman
16 "As I see it," in a text
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Lawrence Raymond Massucco, 1947-2022

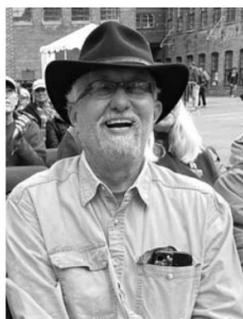
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Lawrence Raymond “Ray” Massucco, 75, died at home Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 in Bellows Falls, Vt.

He was born in 1947, in Waterbury, Conn. and grew up in Bellows Falls, the son of Dr. Lawrence and Mari- on (Bigelow) Massucco.

Ray is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ginny; their three children, Neil Mas- succo, Julie (Mike) Kleiner, and Kate (Matt Slocum) Massucco of Seattle; two sisters, Mary Lou Massucco of Saxtons River and Sarah Jane (Stephen Chipman) Massucco of Bartonville; his grandson, Ben Kleiner; four nieces; two nephews and two grandnephews; many cousins; and his law office partners and em- ployees. He is predeceased by his parents and brother, Johnny Massucco.

Ray graduated from Bel- lows Falls High School in 1965, the University of Vermont in 1970, and Suf- folk Law School in 1973. Following graduation from law school he returned to Bellows Falls to practice law with Tony Kissell and began a career he genuinely loved, which spanned 50 years. Ray enjoyed gathering with his colleagues of the Wind- ham County Bar Associa- tion, and rarely missed the annual meeting. He was also active in the Vermont Bar Association, served on the Vermont Board of Bar Examiners, and the Nation- al Board of Bar Examiners.

Ray loved his hometown and its history, promoting it enthusiastically at every op- portunity while also work- ing to bolster its future. He volunteered and served on many boards and com- mittees throughout his life; the Downtown Townscape project, the YMCA board, the Connecticut River Wa- tershed Council, Rocking- ham’s 250th anniversary celebration, was active with class of ’65 BFHS alumni, acted as Village and Town Moderator, and served on the Rockingham Free Public Library Board and Greater Area Rockingham Services Board. Ray was a prolific blood donor, and recently gave his 183rd pint. He and his office looked forward to the Windham



Lawrence Raymond Mas- succo, 1947-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

County Big Brothers and Big Sisters “Bowl for Kids’ Sake” fundraiser each year, and raised thousands of dollars for that organiza- tion.

As a life-long music lover, Ray was never happier than when bringing the next live music event to Bellows Falls. The Roots on the River festival was a passion for him. He worked tirelessly and joyfully for nearly 20 years to make it happen. In 2006 he founded Vermont Festivals. He presented the Vermont Symphony Or- chestra, folk musicians, co- medians, and drew visitors from all over New England and beyond. Ray’s gift of gab allowed him to form lasting bonds of friendship with these musicians, artist, and fans.

Of all his many passions and commitments, Ray most loved his family and creating special memories to spin into tales he could share with everyone he met.

Visiting hours took place on Monday, Oct. 3, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. at the Fen- ton and Hennessy Funeral Home 55 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. A Funeral Mass took place on Tues- day, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Burial followed the ser- vice in St. Charles Cem- etery in Westminster, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, memo- rial donations may be made to Our Place Drop-In Cen- ter or a charitable organiza- tion of your choosing.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessy Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, www.fentonandhen- nessey.com.

John Follett memorial service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for John Follett, who passed away June 14, 2022, will be held

on Oct. 15, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Michael Mario will officiate.

Robert Henry Wordell, 1950-2022

ATHENS, Vt. – On Sept. 26, 2022, Robert Henry Wordell (Bob) passed away peacefully, surrounded by his daughter Heidi Chase, (also his devoted caregiver) and her family after a battle with bladder cancer. Bob was born March 26, 1950 to Beatrice (Standish) Wordell and Raymond Everett Wordell Sr. in Lakeville, Mass., and attended schools in Lakeville, Mass. before moving to Jamaica, Vt, and then living in Athens, Graf- ton, Chester, Bellows Falls, and Westminster, Vt.

Robert married Cheryl Almeida, divorced, was a significant other to Shir- ley Smith for 13 years, later married Jean (Roby) Wordell, and was a car- ing father to his children Tammy Wordell, Michele Almeida, Robert Henry Smith, Rebecca Henrietta (Smith) Brown, Heidi Lou- ise (Smith) Chase, and Har- old Scott Smith.

Bob was a hard worker all his life; seldom without a job, working for various private individuals doing odd jobs and holding jobs with the town of Newfane, Vt., maple sugaring for Norman Knight for years, Gurney Brothers, Grafton Village Garage, Wilson and Lawrence, and Bazin Brothers, before retiring. Bob loved country music, his dog (Tilly), hunting, play- ing cribbage, chess, poker, and golfing for children’s charities, going to fairs, animal parks, potluck picnics, and spending birthdays and holidays with friends and family. He was a member of the Elks, Moose Lodge, VFW Lodge, and Polish American Club in Bellows Falls, Vt. throughout the years, where most week- ends were spent socializing with his many friends.

Bob was predeceased by his mother, Beatrice (Standish) Wordell, his father, Raymond Everett Wordell, brothers, William and Dennis Wordell, and



Robert Henry Wordell, 1950-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

his sisters, Diana (Wordell) Obin, Uncle Gene Bowden, one stillborn sister, sis- ters, Susan and Deborah, a daughter, Rebecca Henri- eta Smith, a grandson, Shane Brown of Jamaica, Vt., his Aunt Viola Bowden, Aunt Rita Standish, Uncle War- ren Standish, and Uncle Orin Standish, as well as many other aunts, uncles, and other family members.

Bob is survived by his brother Raymond Everett Wordell Jr. and wife Mary of Lakeville, Mass. His chil- dren Tammy Wordell and her daughters Tianna and Tallyn of Massachusetts, Michelle Almeida of Mas- sachusetts, Robert Henry Smith (Heather) and their child Keagan Smith of Ja- maica, Vt., Heidi Chase (Michael), and their chil- dren Teagan and Curtis of Bellows Falls, Vt., Victoria Brown (Timothy) and their children Nolan and Taylor of Jamaica, Vt., and Harold Smith and his children Jace and Elijah Smith of Jama- ica, Vt. Also, grandchildren Anna Brown of Chester, Vt., and Aiden Brown of Brattleboro, Vt., as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bob’s wishes were to not have a burial or services. There will be a potluck and Celebration of Life at the Legion in Bellows Falls on Oct. 15, 2022 from 2-5 p.m. All who knew him are welcome. Bring a dish and celebrate with us Bob style.

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.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.

Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. In-person and via Zoom. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome. The United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 10 Valley Street, Springfield, Vt. There will be many great items available, as well as coffee and donuts for sale. Everyone is welcome.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John’s Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

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

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TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on October 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:
Applicant: Russ Hurlburt (Russ Hurlburt Photography)

Application No: 51-92 PUD, Amendment no. 12
Property Location: 1 Lamere Square, Building # 2
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 220433.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to change the use from a cleaning ser- vice store to a Photography retail store. The project is in Village Residential Commercial.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow’s Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk, DRB

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on October 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:
Applicant: Gerard McGuinness

Application No: 492-23-CU
SUB23-005
Property Location: Route 100 South
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 090149.200

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for an eight (8) lot subdivision in the Aquifer Protection zoning district.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow’s Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk, DRB

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on October 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:
Applicant: Shon & Alexandra Racicot

Application No: 467-18-CU, Amendment no. 1
Property Location: 44 Pond Street
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 220306.003

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Condition- al Use Permit to expand the existing ski shop, The Boot Pro, into additional unit that was previously permitted for a restaurant (bakery). The project is in Village Residential Commercial District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow’s Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

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BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

United Church of Bellows Falls, UCC, 8 School St.

The United Church of Bellows Falls, UCC, will be installing Rev. Matthew Nelson-Rogalski as their settled pastor and teacher. The ceremony will take place at the Church as part of a special worship service on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m. Pastor Matt has served the church since June 2021. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall following the installation.

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.

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.

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.

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

calendar

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**TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR SUBDIVISION PERMIT**

Walter Kangas and Donna Dearborn have applied for a Subdivision Permit for a property located at 3514 Flamstead Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed minor subdivision will divide an existing lot (parcel #31-20-17.2) of 16.49 acres into two lots of 3.97 acres and 12.52 acres.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 3514 Flamstead Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 28th day of September 2022.
Preston Bristow
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestervt.gov

**TOWN OF CHESTER
FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

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- 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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OCT. 6 –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Wetlands Ecologist Rebecca Chalmers will discuss all things wetland on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Visit www.tinyurl.com/Zoom-LCC for details.

OCT. 8 –
WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Butterfield Library will be having a book sale on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. behind the Institute Building on Route 5 in Westminster, Vt. They are accepting donations during

library hours.
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 38th annual Vermont Apple Festival and Craft Show will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt.

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 8, there will be a free performance of Mario the Maker Magician from 3–4 p.m. at Okemo's Jackson Gore Inn. This performance is sponsored by William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties

and is a part of Okemo's Fall Into Winter seasonal celebration.

PUTNEY, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., the Grammar School in Putney, Vt. will host their annual Medieval Faire. Knights from Vermont Armored Combat will put on a live performance at 2 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will be holding an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1–5 p.m. at

90 Park St., Springfield, Vt. There will be free food, music, and games.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Friends of the Springfield Town Library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Fairground Rd. at the old Armory. All children's books are free. Other books are by donation.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., the North School Preservation Society will host a fundraising tag sale to benefit the School, located at 5 School St., N. Springfield, Vt.

OCT. 8 & 9 –
GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Firefighters' 41st annual Tag Sale will take place at the Grafton Firehouse, 711 Route 121, east of Grafton Village on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – This year's Cider Days festival will take place on the Belmont Village Green on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9, from 12–4 p.m.

OCT. 9 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Tiffany Williams, Sara Trunzo, and Bethanie Yeakle will perform at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls, Vt. on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m.

OCT. 22 –
ALSTEAD, N.H. – On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Third Congregational Church in Alstead, N.H. will be hosting a take-out turkey dinner. Pre-order your dinner by Oct. 12 and pick up your order on Oct. 22 between 4–6 p.m. Call 1-603-477-0001 to place your order.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2–6:30 p.m., the South Parish Church of Charlestown, N.H. will host a free Mad About Marriage seminar led by Mike Tucker.

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.

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.

CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding a Non-Open-Mic Jam on the second Sunday of October, 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

**WARNING FOR VOTERS
IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH**

Shall the Town of Plymouth permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers pursuant to Title 7 V.S.A. §863 which states:
"Prior to a cannabis retailer or the retail portion of an integrated licensee operating within a municipality, the municipality shall affirmatively permit the operation of such cannabis establishments by majority vote of those present and voting by Australian ballot at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose. A municipality may place retailers or integrated licensees, or both, on the ballot for approval."
Voting will take place at the municipal building in the Town of Plymouth on Tuesday November 8, 2022, by Australian ballot.

**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING
BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

A public hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to consider an application for Conditional Use and Permit and Variance for:

Applicant: Salt Ash Land LLC
Location: 4738 RT100A Plymouth, VT 05056
Proposal: To consider change of occupancy of Salt Ash Inn from lodging to retail sales.
Application # 2022-22

Dated September 29, 2022

Michael Coleman, Chair

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-05265

In re ESTATE of: Valarie J. Tufts

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Valarie J. Tufts Decedent
late of North Springfield Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 9/23/2022 Signature of Fiduciary Cynthia R. Tufts
Cynthia Tufts

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
Cynthia Tufts, Administrator		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal-The Shopper
Publication Date: _____

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court-Windsor County Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green
Woodstock, VT 05091

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Rutland Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-04395

In re ESTATE of: George Robert Arooth, Jr.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: George Robert Arooth, Jr. Decedent
late of Belmont Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 9-16-22 Signature of Fiduciary Dianne A. Arooth
Dianne A. Arooth

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
Dianne A. Arooth, Administrator		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156

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LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

BUYING/SELLING

BUYING-SELLING Coins, Paper Money, Vintage Sports-Postcards, Comics. See our displays at ANTIQUE CENTERS in Chester and Quechee. Open 7 Days. 802-379-2353. House calls available.

FOR SALE

Little of Beagle puppies, shots and vaccinations. \$250 each. Call 603-543-3840.

GUNS WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

NEW PAY RATES - Start at \$15 for Housekeeping, Dietary Aide; \$18 for LNA; much higher for Nurses. Second shift and week-end differentials. Call to hear our openings. Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow VT; 802-228-6862 Joan, HR; 802-228-6860 January, Director of Nursing; EOE.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Assisted Living Community seeks Direct Care Aide. No experience necessary, paid training. \$15.00 hr. Call Ann, 603-826-0840

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Wanted: Part-time driver. Must be flexible with hours. Car provided. \$13/hour. Passengers include 12-year-old and legally blind parents. Duties include: groceries and errands. Female preferred. Must be personable. 802-226-8131.

YARD/ESTATE SALE

ESTATE/YARD SALE - Saturday &

Sunday, Oct. 8 & 9, 10am - 4pm. Weather Permitting. Furniture, housewares, antiques, collectibles, and much more! 3712 Rt. 5 in Westminster.



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TOWN OF WESTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Weston Development Review Board will meet at 5:00 PM on Wednesday Nov 2, 2022 at the Weston Town Offices at 12 Lawrence Hill Road to hold a public hearing on an application for a preliminary plat review from Little Pond Partners LLC for a major subdivision of land they own in Weston and Andover. Major Subdivisions are reviewed under the Weston Major Subdivision Regulations. Attendance is subject to then current COVID guidelines at the Town office. There is an option of remote attendance.

Those interested in seeing the applications, submitting written comments, or attending the hearings remotely should contact the town's Zoning Administrator at: Town of Weston P.O Box 98, Weston Vt. 05161, or by calling (802) 824-4669, or emailing to Zoning@westonvt.org.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

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 LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Equipment Operator/Truck Driver. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Must possess a valid VT Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, sander, loader and excavator, backhoe and/or grader. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, and equipment operation are a plus.

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.

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~

SAPA TV 2022 Annual Meeting

Join SAPA TV for their annual meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM at 335 River St Ste. 1, Springfield, VT 05156. The SAPA TV board and staff will update community members on operations during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. There will be a potluck dinner to follow the meeting. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing info@sapatv.org.

Municipal Assistant Water and Wastewater Operator Town of Cavendish, Vermont

The Town of Cavendish is currently accepting applications for an Assistant Water and Wastewater Operator. This is a full-time position with a competitive wage and excellent benefits package.

A current Water and Wastewater Operator License in the State of Vermont is preferred but not required. Applications should be highly organized and motivated, have a background in mechanical/construction work with a solid knowledge of computers. This is a permanent position with retirement plan. A comprehensive job description is available to serious applicants.

Applications, resumes and inquires to be directed to:
Brendan McNamara, Town Manager
Town of Cavendish Municipal Building
37 High Street, P.O. Box 126
Cavendish, Vermont, 05142
802-226-7291

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

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Art Crafts Gifts

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Fabric Bowl Making Demo by Beth Ezold 10/1 2-4:40

Register for classes & shop online:
<https://galleryvault.org/>

10/1 & 10/8 Raku Pottery Classes Andrew Berends
10/15 Folk Art Bracelet with Thomasin Alyxander
10/29 Paint the Vibrant Colors of Fall in Watercolor with Robert J. O'Brien

Exhibits: *Echoes of Light and Beauty*, Works by Robert Carston
Open Wall Show *Nature's Splendor*
Photo Collages of Springfield by Joe Tantillo
(10/26/22 - 1FN - 13)

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Chiropractor

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Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.
(08/11/23 - 1FN - 52)

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(11/23/22 - 13)

Okemo Valley TV

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166 Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167
(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv

"Gavel-to-Gavel" coverage of local meetings (playing daily on Ed. / Gov. channel)
(Meeting Playback Guide available at bottom of okemovalley.tv/schedule)
(11/09/22 - 1FN - 13)

Pawn

BRISTOL PAWN SHOP

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

Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chef for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.
(12/14/22 - 13)

calendar

REAL ESTATE/AUTO/LEGAL

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Town of Rockingham is soliciting contracting services for the demolition of two buildings located at 9 Barker Street in Bellows Falls, VT and 2128 Brockways Mills Road in Rockingham, VT. A full copy of the solicitation can be downloaded at the Town of Rockingham website or by contacting Charles Wise (planning@rockbf.org / 802.376.5241). Bids are due October 28, 2022.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD Notice To Voters

Absentee Ballots for the Vermont General Election being held Tuesday, November 8, 2022, have been mailed by the Secretary of State's Office to all active voters in the Town of Springfield. If you do not receive an absentee ballot from the Secretary of State's Office by October 7, 2022, please contact the Town Clerk. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot, if you did not receive one, is Monday, November 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Absentee ballots may be returned: through regular mail, prior to October 28, 2022, using the postage pre-paid envelope that arrived with your ballot; by hand delivery to the Town Clerk's Office; when Town Hall is closed by depositing into the mail slots located in the lower level door that faces Main Street or in the door at the top of the outside stairs; at the polls on November 8th. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by the close of polls at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The polls are located at Riverside Middle School in the gymnasium and will open on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office will not be open on November 8, 2022. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote any time at the Town Clerk's Office or online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC - 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 (802) 885-2104 tosclerk@vermontel.net

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280 River Street • Springfield, VT
Tel: 802-885-4963 • 802-885-6200

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.

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

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.

CHALRESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center is playing horseshoes every Thursday at 1 p.m., weather dependent, and we are looking for more people to join us. It's just for fun. If

you don't play, come watch us and laugh with us.

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.

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.

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange will host a Round and Square Dance on the first Saturday of October, 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 October, 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.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUOTES PRINTING OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Springfield is seeking sealed competitive quotes from printing firms for the printing of the Annual Report for the 2022 fiscal year. Sealed competitive quotes will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, 05156, on or before 4:30 pm on Friday, October 28, 2022. Quotes shall include the price per page and a guarantee that a stringent deadline will be met. Specifications and quote forms for the printing of the Annual Report can be obtained by contacting Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, at 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, or by calling 802-885-2104. Sealed quotes should be clearly labeled "Annual Report Printing Quote." The Town of Springfield reserves the right to reject any and all quotes, to accept the quote most acceptable to the Town of Springfield, and to waive any informality.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk, CVC
Town of Springfield, Vermont
tosclerk@vermontel.net

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD 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 October 24, 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. This is the second, and possibly final, public hearing on these proposed amendments. 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.

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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.

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Camaraderie at the Diaper Bank

REGION – Every couple of months something magical happens in Vermont that most people are not aware of. The Vermont Diaper Bank Program shows up at The Family Place in Norwich with a U-Haul full of disposable diapers for the communities in the southern region. Representatives from about 60 organizations including food pantries, nonprofits, doctor's offices, and child-care centers show up at the drop-site and form an assembly line to unload the diapers and wipes from the truck, hand them down the line to the designated recipients who fill their cars with thousands of diapers, and head off down the road to their facilities.

Kayla Bapp, one of the Springfield Area Parent Child Center's (SAPCC) PCC specialists, makes this trip to stand in line to receive SAPCC's allocation. During the last drop, Kayla managed to cram 4,000 diapers and wipes into her small Kia sedan. With the Kia packed to the limit, she then drove to SAPCC's North Springfield Campus and unloaded diapers, size zero to six, to give out free to families of the Center's southern Windsor and northern Windham county service area.

Times are hard, costs are sky high, and providing this service to the community helps take a little bit of pressure off of these struggling families. They can receive a package of diapers and wipes once per week for as long as the supply lasts

and they are passionately grateful. This service has made a difference in their lives. These are a couple of quotes from families who have benefited from the diaper bank program:

"The program for diapers has been a Godsend for us as CCO's of my granddaughter. There are so many expenses that are not reimbursed and diapers help tremendously." And, "The diapers are very helpful, especially when I couldn't afford to pay the bills and buy diapers at the same time."

Although Northern Vermont is serviced in a similar fashion with a drop-site in Burlington, it's the camaraderie that has evolved in Norwich that is special. The assembly line process developed one day when the two individuals who typically unload the truck didn't show up. From that day forward, this group of unsung heroes, connected only by the services they provide, formed a line to unload the U-Haul and load thousands of diapers and wipes into their vehicles. The families served by the Diaper Bank may not be aware of how all this unfolds, but they are keenly aware of how fortunate they are to get this free service.



Everyone Eats extends program –

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Vermont Everyone Eats (VEE) program, providing Covid relief support for Vermont restaurants, farmers, and meal recipients since Aug. 1, 2020, is confirmed to continue beyond Sept. 30, 2022. To date, this program has provided over 3.2 million meals to Vermont eaters in need,

along with \$32 million to the local restaurants who make the meals, and over \$3 million to Vermont farmers and food producers whose ingredients are used in the meals

Everyone Eats is an innovative, multi-sector Covid relief program providing economic support to local restaurants, economic benefit to farmers, and

restaurant-prepared meals for food-insecure Vermonters negatively impacted by Covid. All three pillars of the program – restaurants, farmers, and eaters – continue to benefit significantly from the relief this program provides.

The contract is being extended to allow VEE to continue providing meals through the holiday season and the coldest months, using the remaining available balance of state funds which the legislature allocated to the program as a component of the Covid-19 emergency response and recovery.

The Vermont Everyone Eats program is currently 90% funded by FEMA and 10% funded by a special allocation from the Vermont State Legislature.

This program, which currently distributes approximately 29,000 meals per week to eaters across Vermont, engages nearly 700 restaurants, farms, food producers, hubs, and distribution partners throughout the state's 14 counties.

For more information on the program or how to receive a meal, visit the Vermont Everyone Eats website at www.vteveryoneeats.org/.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Open House —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Those at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church would like to invite the public to their Open House on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1–5 p.m. There will be free food, music, and games, including activities for children. At 3 p.m. there will be a Thanksgiving Prayer service, and at 5 p.m., the Vespers Service.

It is our hope at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church that we can open our doors to the community we wish to serve, so that we can better get to know all of you, and you, us. We believe it is important to

make ourselves available and to seek understanding with our neighbors, something which is so important in today's world.

Our doors are open to everyone, and all are welcome. We hope that this experience will help show the Orthodox Faith to the greater Springfield area. There will be tours of our parish and explanations of our Iconography, as well as the above mentioned prayer services so those who wish can experience Orthodox worship.

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 Leland and Gray at Stratton Mountain, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7 – Girls Soccer
 Rivendell Academy at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.
 Windsor at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey
 Burr and Burton at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Boys Football
 Stevens High School at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8 – Boys Football
 Spaulding High School at Bellows Falls, 1 p.m.

Boys Soccer
 Rivendell Academy at Bellows Falls, 10:30 a.m.
 White River Valley at Leland and Gray, 11 a.m.

Girls Soccer
 White River Valley at Leland and Gray, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 10 – Boys Soccer
 Conant at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
 Fair Haven at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 – Girls Soccer
 Bellows Falls at Windsor, 4 p.m.
 Conant at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.
 GMUHS at Sharon Academy, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Bellows Falls at Otter Valley Union, 4 p.m.
 Woodstock Union at GMUHS, 4 p.m.
 Leland and Gray at White River Valley, 4 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey
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Cross Country
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Wednesday, Oct. 12 – Boys Soccer
 Conant at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13 – Boys Soccer
 White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

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Friday, Oct. 14 – Boys Football
 Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer
 Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.
 GMUHS at Stevens, 4 p.m.

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 Girls Soccer
 Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 4 p.m.

Annual Golf Challenge raises funds for Springfield Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital hosted its 22nd Annual Golf Challenge on Sept. 28 at the Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt. Proceeds from this year's fundraising event go to the annual giving campaign to support the Infusion Pump Campaign.

Ninety-two tournament participants enjoyed a variety of competitions on the course in addition to 18 holes of scramble golf tournament play. A new GMC truck was up for grabs for a hole-in-one on hole eight, thanks to Springfield Buick GMC Cadillac; and ten thousand dollars was available on hole 14 for a hole-in-one, thanks to the Ludlow Insurance Agency. Those two prizes were not awarded, but the players enjoyed a good round of

golf in favorable weather.

Winners in each category for A Flight were:
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 Second, Net – Ray Grant, Dave Allbee, Max Zurmuhlen, Don Garrow.

Winners in each category for B flight were:
 First, Gross – Tim Mello, Guy Alderdice, Greg White, Bryan Lantz.
 Second, Gross – Eric Warren, Stu Currie, Bob O'Brien, Dan Frost.
 First, Net – Mike Pinney, Collin Pinney, Gary Stearns, Vic Baskevitch.
 Second, Net – Steve Horsky, Jim Rugg, Kevin Kamky,

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The straightest drive was won by Tracy Johnson, and longest putt went to Guy Alderdice.

The sponsors and raffle prize donors made this year's tournament a fundraising success. The tournament sponsors this year at the \$1,000 level were: BlueWater Health, Ellen Lander/Renaissance Benefit Advisors, Kinney Drugs Foundation, NFP, QHR Health, Splendid Splinter Vacation Rental, and The Richards Group.

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"Many thanks go to our sponsors and participants for their generous support; and to the staff and volunteers that organized this event. I am grateful to all who made this event a fundraising success," commented Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital.

Connecticut River Valley Stingrays 2022-23 swim team

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is excited to announce that registration is open for the Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 sessions of the Connecticut River Valley Stingrays youth swim team. The fall session will begin Oct. 17, 2022 and continue through Dec. 16, 2022. The winter session will take place Jan. 2, 2023 through March 17, 2023.

Children ages 6 to 18 are invited to join our developmental, junior, or senior swim teams. Swimmers at all levels will have the chance to compete in swim meets throughout the region. "When your child joins our swim team, they will be joining a fun, friendly, and supportive environment. Our goal is to improve their athletic performance at all stages of swimming and focus on team building and sportsmanship," says coach Ann Thompson.

To join the developmental swim team, children ages 6 to 10 must be able to swim 25 yards in either freestyle or backstroke. Coaches will work in and out of the water to teach each swimmer proper swimming skills with a focus on strokes. The participants will also progress to longer lengths of swimming to give them the endurance they need for shorter races. Developmental swim team will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

To join the junior team, swimmers must be 8 years or older and be able to swim 50 yards of each stroke as well as a 100-yard IM with minimal corrections. The junior team will work on improving proper swimming technique. These swimmers will swim longer yards and multiple sets. Junior swim team meets Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

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A Vermont salamander

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It was a typical river cleanup – volunteers with the Black River Action Team (BRAT) were filling trash bags, pick-up trucks, and boats with all manner of trash and junk they collected from the bed and banks of the Black River in Springfield, Vt.

A special crew, dubbed "The Tire Brigade," was working hard to locate and extract larger items from the lowest two miles of the river.

After pulling up several tires, a couple of rusted bicycles, and an extremely heavy railroad tie, out plopped the largest salamander volunteer Lenard Barber had ever seen. Gently cradling it for a quick photo by fellow volunteer Jeff Semprebson, he carefully released it back into the water to watch it swim away.

According to herpetologist Jim Andrews, the common mudpuppy is a "pretty unusual" sight in Vermont, only found in Lake Champlain and the Connecticut River as well as the lower reaches of the tributaries to both. Yet the two populations are distinct from each other. Mark Ferguson of the

VT ANR's Wildlife Diversity Program explains: "Interestingly, mudpuppies in the Connecticut River system have long been thought to be an introduced population... related to mudpuppies from the upper Mississippi drainage or nearby. Mudpuppies in the Lake Champlain basin are native."

Andrews, director of the Vermont Herp Atlas, says that the biggest threat to mudpuppies in Vermont is the use of lampricide chemicals. If you spot one, send a couple of photos to the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas at www.VtHerpAtlas.org, or email jandrews@vtherpatlas.org.

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Local artist brings new eyes to old buildings

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Artist Ricky McEachern will feature a half-dozen buildings from his new hometown of Saxtons River, Vt. in his new, oil painting exhibit, which will be on display for a month in one of those very buildings. There will be an opening reception Friday, Oct. 7 from 6–9 p.m. at 26a Main Street, a.k.a. “The Cute Red Building.”

McEachern has titled the show “Wood & Light” and calls it a celebration of the many interesting manmade structures found in New England and their play with natural light.

“I think of this work as a series of portraits. I am hoping I can show each one’s unique personality and may-be capture a glimpse of its past glory,” he said.

The selection of paintings

includes buildings that were once part of the village’s busy economy, including the wool pullery, the former hardware store, the one-time grocery store where the show is mounted, as well as repurposed buildings, including a house now used for costume storage and the former Christ’s Church, which has become a community center known as 24 Main.

McEachern is sprinkling the show with tantalizing bits of entertainment, including Ken Rokicki on Latin guitar at the opening, guitarist and singer Jonny O of Pizza Stone on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15, and an Art, Poetry, and Open Mic event for poets to read works inspired by wood and light and emceed by poet Rebecca Cross Sunday, Oct. 23 from 2–4 p.m.

In collaboration with the

Saxtons River Historical Society, McEachern has scheduled a Saxtons River Memory Circle Sunday, Oct. 16 from 2–4 p.m. for folks to share stories about the buildings depicted in the paintings. The historical society has also created a pamphlet with information about the buildings and a map for a self-guided walking tour.

The gallery will be open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. through Oct. 29, or by request.

Examples of McEachern’s work can be seen at www.rickymeachern-artist.com. He is also the producer of the podcast Eager to Know, which engages conversations with creative-leaning people.

VAULT inviting all local artists

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great way for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time, as well as for seasoned artists.

The next show’s theme is “A Festival of Color.” You can bring

in two works if they are 18 inches by 20 inches or smaller, or one work if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc., are appreciated just as much as wall art. The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages.

The time to bring your creations in is Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., or Saturday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The show

will be on display from Oct. 19 through Dec. 28.

For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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“Make a Folk Art Bracelet” at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is very pleased to offer “Making A Folk Art Bracelet” with Thomasin Alyxander on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Explore bead weaving with multi-hole beads by stitching a charming bracelet. You will have a choice of style and color.

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For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT at 802-885-7111, or visit www.galleryvault.org. You can also email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit the gallery at 68 Main Street, Springfield, Vt.

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Zentangle workshop at BRVSC

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, from 1–3 p.m., the Black River Valley Senior Center (BRVSC) will host a Zentangle workshop at 10 High St., Ludlow, Vt. Wendi Germain will instruct the class on the artistic

method of Zentangle, an easy-to-learn and relaxing way to create beautiful images through drawing structured patterns. Zentangle art is non-representational and unplanned, so the artist can focus on each stroke and not

worry about the result. Reservations are required for this workshop. Call BRVSC at 802-228-7421 to reserve a spot. This class is open to all ages and there is no charge.

Townshend Harvest Music and Dessert

TOWNHEND, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 from 6:30–8 p.m. at the Townshend Town Hall, Community Hope & Action will be hosting a free, all ages Harvest Music and Dessert event to celebrate fall. The mission of Community Hope & Action is to instill hope by creating opportunities to support and connect everyone within the community. Bard Owl, who

will be performing, is made up of Breeze Verdant on guitar, vocals, and stomp box, and Annie Landenberger on vocals and percussion. Bard Owl has been making music since 2016, honing their sweet harmonies, driving rhythms, and several Verdant originals. Desserts and beverages will be served. If possible, please bring a dessert to share. This event is

substance free and open to people of all ages, from all towns. For more information, call 802-365-4700 or email wrwthrives@gmail.com.

Black River Academy Players’ “Greater Tuna”

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Players are rehearsing “Greater Tuna,” to be presented Oct. 21 and 22, 2022. The wacky inhabitants of the tiny Texas town, the third smallest in the state, consist of men, women, children, and animals – all played by just two skillful actors, Tom Field of Springfield, and Tuckerman Wunderle of Chester. They change parts and costumes at breakneck speed, and invent a different voice

for each character. Watch for an announcement of where you will be able to enjoy an evening of belly laughs at this irresistibly funny mix of humor and pathos.

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Comedian Ed Smyth

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Comedian Ed Smyth will perform on Oct. 30, 2022 at 3 p.m. at Stage 33 Live. This show is for adults and kids, as Smyth hosts a fictional television show on stage.

Ed will be performing as Bronco Brad, hosting “The Dang Tootin’ Good Time Show” that airs from fictional WEXL-TV every Thursday afternoon – a throwback to the TV cowboys of the past, but quirky. There’s a “Science Corner” with a talking neutrino. Learn how to draw a flying kielbasa in “Art Corner” and memorize the square root of pi with mnemonics in “Math Nook”.

Audience members are encouraged to show up in cowboy hats, boots, or similar western gear to receive a Bronco Brad deputy sheriff badge and an authentic Bronco Brad Deputy Sheriff Certificate.

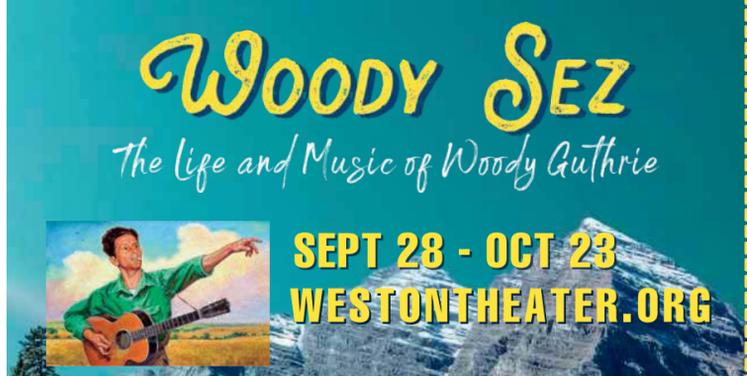


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