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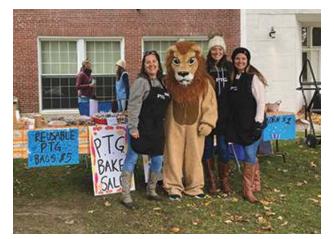
LUDLOW, Vt. - The air was crisp and filled with music at the 38th Annual Ludlow Harvest Fair, which took place on Saturday, Oct. 1 on the front lawn of the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR).

Courtney McGuire, the secretary of the Ludlow Elementary School Parent Teacher Group (PTG), said the Harvest Fair's primary purpose was to raise funds for various student activities at the school. These include the winter program, in which students ski, snowboard, snowshoe, and skate at Okemo. The fundraiser also helps pay for playground renovations,

tary school, and artist in residence programs. All the proceeds from the Harvest Fair go back to Ludlow Elementary School.

McGuire noted that the Harvest Fair has gotten bigger every year since its inception, and that the fair's biggest draw is Doo Doo Bingo, which raised approximately \$5,000 for the school. In this event, participants buy a bingo square on a life-sized, outdoor bingo board for \$20 and wherever a miniature pony deposits its "doo" is the winning square. This year's winner, Sharon Godfrey, won \$1,000.

The fair had about forty vendors selling everything from baked goods to crafts, such as jewelry and wooden



Ludlow Harvest Fair.

PHOTO BY SHALINI TRIPATHI

cutting boards. Another popular spot at the fair was a goat petting zoo.

Oliviah Eliott, a sixthgrader at Ludlow Elemen-School, circulated around the festival dressed up as a lion, the school's

One of the more unusual booths at the fair belonged to Peter Hadeka, a beekeeper in the business for about 20 years. As several onlookers swarmed around his booth, Hadeka, who was Vermont's Co-Beekeeper of the Year in 2018, said, "I come to about six of these events per year so I can explain and promote beekeeping to people. I have the observation hive to drive customers in and have the queen bee marked so kids can identify it easily. People get really thrilled about it because they've never seen a queen bee before."

Trey Walker, a festival attendee, said he was most interested in the unique crafts for sale. "Some of the things on sale here are really cool. For instance, I've never seen lamps made out of old sap buckets." Walker, who was visiting Rutland from Cape Cod for leaf-peeping season, came to the fair to check out the local flavor and called it "a wonderful pastiche of Vermont community."

Walker's sentiment was echoed by Marissa Selleck, the secretary for the ESBR Committee, who was manning an activities and crafts table for the children in attendance. Although she was not raising money for her school, Selleck - who was born and raised in Ludlow said she was at the fair because she wanted to help the Ludlow Elementary School PTG. "I'm here to support the local elementary school PTG. I remember growing up and going to school here, and the Harvest Fair was always a big deal."

Ludlow postpones rental registry decision

BY KYLE LAURITA BONOMETTI

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Monday, Oct. 3 Ludlow Selectboard meeting was again dominated by discussion of a potential short-term rental (STR) registry, an increasingly fraught topic in a town that caters to both a year-round local population and a seasonal, visiting one. As discussions on whether to adopt the rental registry continue, more and more citizens have come forward to raise their voices in support of and opposition towards what could be a turning point in the Ludlow rental market.

In a town with a popula-

tion of roughly 750 people, Ludlow has over 500 Airbnb's alone, according to data collected on airdna.co. With the number of long-term rentals dwindling, this has sparked debate amongst Ludlow citizens as to the role of the Town - should Ludlow regulate the number of

STR's in some fashion? Earlier this year, the town created a Rental Registry Committee (RRC) to determine whether or not Ludlow was in need of a registry. At the previous, Sept. 12, meeting, Ryan Silvestri, on behalf of the RRC, told the selectboard that the committee had deemed a rental registry necessary for the town. Silvestri was also present at the Oct. 3 meeting, and stated that "We [the RRC] feel that we've done all we can do," putting the decision before the board. A great deal of discussion from both the board and the citizens present ensued as the selectboard tried to come to a decision.

Also present at the meeting was a representative of the company Granicus, which the RRC has been working with and which may be subcontracted by the town to develop the registry, should the selectboard decide to proceed. Granicus has worked with several towns and cities in the U.S. to develop rental registries, and the representative was able to provide information regarding potential costs of STR permits, which could

range from \$250-\$600 a year, as well as the amount of money that would be generated for the town, which she said was in excess of \$215,000. Some citizens, however, are less enthused by the idea of a rental registry. "Who decides what the town does with the information?" commented one resident, who identified as an Airbnb host. "This really doesn't sit well with me as a

citizen." A member of the selectboard also made comments stating that they were uncomfortable with the idea of a registry. Robert Brandt of the selectboard said during the meeting, "We shouldn't be telling people what to do with their homes." However,

Justin Hyjek, a board member who is also on the RRC, made the point that "We're not here to debate, especially tonight, regulation. This is only about gathering information."

No decision was made at the meeting regarding whether or not to proceed with the registry. The selectboard ultimately postponed the decision, as it was a "big subject," and "very emotional." "I don't want to table it, but I don't think we're ready," said Chairman Bruce

Schmidt. Despite its prominence at the meeting, the rental registry was not the only topic that saw discussion. The selectboard passed a motion to proceed with the demolition of Dorsey Skate Park, assigning the bid to Crown Point Excavation, LLC, for a sum of \$14,000. Reconstruction of the skate park will most likely begin this fall. Also on the agenda was the lowering of the speed limit on Buttermilk Falls Road from 35 mph to 25 mph, which passed.

The selectboard decided to award the \$2,437.83 Opioid Settlement given to Ludlow by the State of Vermont to the Community Ambulance Service. Some discussion was given to the idea of splitting the sum between the ambulance service and the Divided Sky and Turning Point foundations, but

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Plymouth discusses budget, Tyson Library, and town offices —

BY PAULA BENSON

The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Monday night's, Oct. 3 Plymouth Selectboard meeting was brief, covering only a handful of topics. Board Chair Jay Kullman's first agenda item was the board's response to a grant request from the Tyson Library, presented at the Sept. 19 meeting by the Ladies Aid for the Library Association. Kullman said the board had reviewed the request for \$3,100 in funds for repairs and refurbishment to the library and found it met all requirements. Kullman put the funding approval to motion, and Rick Kaminski seconded the mo-

The board produced two packets, each detailing the annual town budget. The members discussed the overlap in the two proposals, what items were included, and what was omitted. Board member Keith Cappellini mentioned that compensation for health insurance had recently passed, which was not included in the budgets. The board members agreed to

review the packets, and Kullman said he would create a shared document combining both budgets, to be viewed and edited by Kaminski and Cappellini. Once they complete the revisions, the document will be shared with the public. No timeframe was decided upon in the meeting.

Kaminski invited those in attendance to a Tuesday, Oct. 4 meeting regarding the new cellphone tower, which would detail its placement, cost, and installation schedule.

Kaminski then gave an update on some recent projects that were wrapping up, including the repair of the roof at the annex building, which would potentially be finished by the weekend of Oct. 8. Also, the boiler at the Town Hall, which stopped working last month, was replaced over the weekend. Kaminski said they planned to incorporate the new boiler into the upgraded system of heat pumps expected in the new year, which will be covered by ARPA funds, and mentioned he'd been speaking with an engineer about the potential for the boiler to be used as a back up. This would be especially useful in case of a power loss, or when temperatures go below freezing. Additional engineering and design work would need to happen for the system to be compatible with the upgrades, and Kaminski asked for approval to move forward on that. The board agreed.

The final item was an update on the additional requested bond proposal. Kaminiski said they plan to meet with an attorney on Oct. 5, who will write up an opinion letter to accompany the application. The letter will state that all procedural requirements were met and that the application is complete. The outcome of this meeting might change the date of the special meeting, which had been set for Oct. 17. In that case, the board assured that the special meeting would be rescheduled for some time before the November election.

The next Plymouth Selectboard meeting will be Monday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

New owners keep family traditions at The Loft ——

BY PAULA BENSON

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - For more than two decades, the large, red barn near the base of Okemo Mountain has been known as The Loft Tavern, a storied après-ski and sports bar. Visitors rave about its "cozy atmosphere," "old school vibes," "quirky, great beer list," and "huge portions." During ski season, the place gets jam-packed with tourists, seasonal employees from the mountain, and area

residents. In May 2022, Tom Koch, The Loft's self-proclaimed, "grumpy owner," was ready to retire. Koch knew that after over 20 years of back-breaking work, it would be important to leave the restaurant in capable hands. He made an offer to three of his employees: Rebecca Holland, Dorothy Josselyn, and Marie O'Hare. O'Hare had been at The Loft for seven years, Holland and Josselyn each worked there for five. The women were already friends and collaborative co-workers, and admit they didn't need much

convincing before inking

"Now," Josselyn says with a smile. "It's five months later, and bam. Here

we are." Speaking with the new proprietors last week, it was obvious the trio was motivated and excited to assume their new roles. Also clear was that

it's their regular customers, especially the locals, who are the heart of the place and the motivation to keep traditions going.

"We're like a big family," Holland claims. Josselyn and O'Hare quickly agreed.

The women will still serve customers and tend the bar, and they don't seem too worried about added challenges. Being veterans of the restaurant industry with varied experience, they plan to split responsibilities, leaning into their individual strengths. "When you own a restaurant, you're really married to it," Holland points out. "But, with three of us, we'll be able to cover for each other and still, you know, have a life."

O'Hare worked as Gen-



Left to right, Marie O'Hare, Dorothy Josselyn, and Rebecca Holland.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

eral Manager for an Irish pub company for years and is the most familiar with all the paperwork required to operate a restaurant, so she's handling much of the administrative duties. "But, it's been great," she asserts. "No one feels like they're doing more than anyone else."

There are no plans to make any big changes to the current menu. Known for their chicken wings, pulled pork, and brisket, as well as long-time favorites like poutine fries and a servingtray-sized helping of loaded nachos, the co-owners admit to adopting a "if it ain't broke don't fix it," philosophy. Koch handed over his

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Patrick Cody receives LRC community service award —

LUDLOW, Vt. - Patrick Cody, Executive Director of Okemo Valley TV (OVTV), had the cameras turned on him this past Tuesday, Sept. 27, when, as the guest speaker to the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), he was honored with the presentation of the LRC's annual Ludlow Community Service Award.

Rotarian Art Randolph, in presenting the award to Cody, cited the many years of coverage of area town meetings presented by OVTV, along with the local programming promoted by the local public TV station. "Patrick has been a leader in ensuring that area folks have an opportunity to display their talents in addition



Ludlow Rotarian Art Randolph (left) presents the Ludlow Community Service Award to Patrick Cody of Okemo Valley TV.

to the informative area town committee meetings they presented," Randolph noted.

In accepting the award, Cody said, "It takes a village to make all the things necessary for a public TV station to succeed. The people in Ludlow and the area were

wonderful in helping us get off the ground when we started this station 20 years ago."

Cody admitted that when he heard of the job opening, he didn't even "know where Ludlow was." He soon readied the station to open in part of the old home economics room at Ludlow Elementary School where the station spent its

first ten years. This was followed by a year in a trailer as they awaited their section of the old tank barn of the National Guard Armory to be converted for station use, where it has been for the last nine years.

Blessing of the Animals

CHESTER, Vt. - On Sunday, Oct. 9, at 9:30 a.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church the gray church at 313 Main Street, a few doors west of the Fullerton Inn, in Chester, Vt. - will hold a Blessing of the Animals on its back lawn. Members of the public are

invited to bring an animal or the photo of an animal. Participants should come a bit early to the service, which will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 10 a.m., and bring a small lawn chair, if they need to sit, as well as a leash or restraint for their

The pet blessing ceremony is in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, who was famous for preaching to a wolf which then spared the lives of those who would feed him, and for leading a simple life of poverty and charity that honored all creatures - a lifestyle still honored in the monastic orders that bear the Saint's

After the blessing, there will be a regular Eucharistic service of thanksgiving for creation inside the church sanctuary. All are welcome to attend the communion service and, since the weather will likely be cool, participants may safely house their animals in their vehicles. However, animals are also welcome to be with their owners inside the church to celebrate God's love for all creation, if the animals are well-behaved and on leash or in a carrier.

Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., the Chester-Andover Family Center (CAFC) will hold their seventh annual Christmas Under the Tent sale. Holiday items for decorating, entertaining, and gift giving will be available. There will be toys, gifts, items for

holiday tables, artificial

CHESTER, Vt. – On trees, and Christmas cards. After shopping, attendees

Christmas Under the Tent sale

are invited to enjoy a free hot dog lunch as a thank you to loyal CAFC shoppers and guests. As always, the Thrift Shop will also be open for business.

The Family Center is a nonprofit, volunteer run organization. Proceeds from the Thrift Shop and this special sale support Food Shelf and Financial Assistance Programs for Chester and Andover residents struggling to make ends meet.

The Chester-Andover Family Center is located at 908 VT Route 103 South, Chester, Vt. For more information, visit www.chesterandoverfamilycenter.org or follow the organization on Facebook.

Francophone dinner, silent auction

CHESTER, Vt. Friends of the GMUHS French Travel Cohort are invited to a Francophone dinner and silent auction to take place Friday, Oct. 7 in the GMUHS cafete-

ria. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

A dinner buffet will begin at 6:30 p.m., with Chef Andy serving tourtiere and market vegetables.

The GMUHS French

Travel Cohort would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the area artisans and businesses who contributed to the event. To RSVP, email Liz Filskov at Elizabeth.filskov@trsu.org.

Okemo Valley Women's Club

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), opened their 2022-23 season with a potluck supper meeting at the United Church of Ludlow, Vt. The guest was State GFWC President, Beverly Palmerine. President Palmerine spoke to the membership about GFWC, its history, and its advocacy throughout the

GFWC was recognized on the floor of the United States Senate as "a gem among our midst" by then-Senator Joseph Biden for its work in bringing hope to victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse, and its early

support for the Violence Against Women Act.

This year's community projects and fundraising efforts for the club's scholarships and many civic contributions were reviewed.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Contact President Penny Trick at 860-305-6558 or any member for information.

Warm Hands Warm Hearts Coat Drive

CHESTER, Vt. - The Warm Hands Warm Hearts Annual Coat Drive will be held Oct. 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. both days, at the Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Main St. This is a free "shopping" event for the Chester-Andover community.

If you need warm clothing, coats, bedding, etc., Warm Hands Warm Hearts is here to help. If you want to donate the above items, we will gladly take them of your hands. There are drop boxes around town from late September until the Oct. 20. Call the number below for drop sites. Please do not leave coats or clothing at the church unless you call the number ahead. The first major drop at the church will be Oct. 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Warm Hands Warm Hearts is also looking for those who may like to help the week of Oct. 17 through Oct. 22 for set up, putting out clothing, and take down. Call Carla Rumrill at 802-376-4822 or email at fae12rae@gmail.com for more information.

Masks are not required, but are strongly suggested. Please remember to respect one another's space while shopping. There are those among us with compromised immune health.

RENTAL

the board ultimately elected not to do so.

Finally, after a good deal of input from the citizens present at the meet-

famous recipes and trained

'Tom made the transition

The women say they

very smooth," said O'Hare

especially appreciate the

encouragement they've re-

ceived from their regulars

and the other employees.

"We really do all take care

the new kitchen staff.

gratefully.

ing, the Ludlow Selectboard chose not to grant Okemo Mountain the two contract amendments the Mountain had requested. The first was to change their standard one-year lease to a five-year lease, and the second was to

grant Okemo the Right of First Refusal to Stearns Pit, should the town decide to sell it.

The next Ludlow Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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of each other, and have they try to spot a customer states. "I mean, we fight like brothers and sisters, but then we make up, and it's

There is a large window next to the front entrance of The Loft, which customers will pass if they're walking up from the parking lot. One example of this spirit of family and community is a friendly competition between the women where

fine!"

each other's backs." Holland through the window and grab their usual drink order before they get to the bar. It's one way they make people feel welcome and comfortable, and adds to the casually friendly atmosphere.

The 2022–2023 ski season is expected to be another busy one, and the three, newly minted business owners appear more than ready to lead The Loft into a new, less grumpy era.



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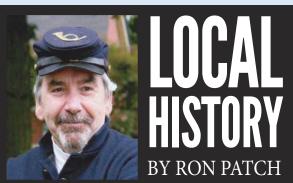


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Antique clock restoration

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

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

I took the doorframe and tablet to the Framery of Vermont to see if they would cut it. John De-Benedetti, 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

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

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 postwar 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.

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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.

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.

Volunteers needed for Gill Home Halloween Walk

LUDLOW, Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. is calling volunfor teers to help host their Haunted Halloween Walk, which will take place on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, from

5–7 p.m. help set up the Halloween Walk, dress up in costume to help scare, and donate decorations and costumes



Help out at the Halloween Walk.

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

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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

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, as we were champions or placed high in area tournaments. That same year we placed second in Vermont 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

Feel free to contact me with any questions or con-

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

years, I taught the DARE

It was sweet to see "oldtimers" 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

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.

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

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Jamie Townsend mural

Dear Editor,

Let me start by saying

that although not a na-

tive, 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

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 every-

Hoyt's Landing, the Toonerville Trail, Hartness Park, Muckross, 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 opportuni-

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 timeoff 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 improve-

ments to the downtown will

be for naught if we don't ex-

pect and plan for the neces-

sary 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 ablebodied 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

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

Sincerely, Corky Bond Springfield, Vt.

want to visit.

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 voli-

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.

Sincerely, Coppice Thicket Alstead, N.H.



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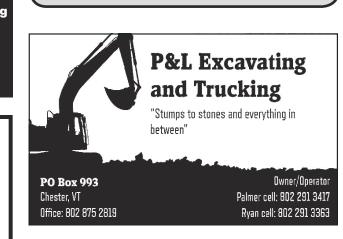
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by Linda Thistle



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obituaries

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 Marion (Bigelow) Massucco.

Ray is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ginny; their three children, Neil Massucco, 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 Bartonsville; his grandson, Ben Kleiner; four nieces; two nephews and two grandnephews; many cousins; and his law office partners and employees. He is predeceased by his parents and brother, Johnny Massucco.

Ray graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1965, the University of Vermont in 1970, and Suffolk 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 Windham County Bar Association, 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 National Board of Bar Examiners.

Ray loved his hometown and its history, promoting it enthusiastically at every opportunity while also working to bolster its future. He volunteered and served on many boards and committees throughout his life; the Downtown Townscape project, the YMCA board, the Connecticut River Watershed Council, Rockingham'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 Massucco, 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-

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 Orchestra, folk musicians, comedians, 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,

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 Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home 55 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. A Funeral Mass took place on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Cherry Hill in Bellows

Burial followed the service in St. Charles Cemetery in Westminster, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, memoto Our Place Drop-In Center or a charitable organization of your choosing.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, www.fentonandhennessey.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 Raymond Everett Wordell Sr. in Lakeville, Mass., and attended schools in Lakeville, Mass. before moving to Jamaica, Vt, and then living in Athens, Grafton, Chester, Bellows Falls, and Westminster, Vt.

Robert married Cheryl Almeida, divorced, was a significant other to Shirley Smith for 13 years, later married Jean (Roby) Wordell, and was a caring father to his children Tammy Wordell, Michele Almeida, Robert Henry Smith, Rebecca Henrietta Smith, Victoria Roberta (Smith) Brown, Heidi Louise (Smith) Chase, and Harold 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, playing 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 rial donations may be made Falls, Vt. throughout the vears, where most weekends 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

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11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting

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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

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster

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Robert Henry 1950-2022.

his sisters, Diana (Wordell) Obin, Uncle Gene Bowden, one stillborn sister, sisters, Susan and Deborah, a daughter, Rebecca Henrietta Smith, a grandson, Shane Brown of Jamaica, Vt., his Aunt Viola Bowden, Aunt Rita Standish, Uncle Warren 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 children Tammy Wordell and her daughters Tianna and Talyn of Massachusetts, Michelle Almeida of Massachusetts, Robert Henry Smith (Heather) and their child Keagan Smith of Jamaica, Vt., Heidi Chase (Michael), and their children 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 Jamaica, 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.

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 service 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

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 Conditional 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

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.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover

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.

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calendar

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To see the entire job description, please visit www.chestervt. gov/employment-opportunities. Interested parties should submit a resume to Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 or julie.hance@chestervt.gov.

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

TOWN OF CHESTER FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION

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

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

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- 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

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Application

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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**

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Shall the Town of Plymouth permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers pursuant to Title 7 V.S.A

municipality, the municipality shall affirmatively permit the operation of such cannabis establishments

Voting will take place at the municipal building in the Town of Plymouth on Tuesday November 8, 2022,

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING

BEFORE THE PALLNING COMMISSION

AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

To consider change of occupancy of Salt Ash Inn from lodging to retail sales.

STATE OF VERMONT

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

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

"Prior to a cannabis retailer or the retail portion of an integrated licensee operating within a

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

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

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Name of Probate Court:

Address of Probate Court:

SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION Unit Docket No.: 22-PR-05265 Windsor In re ESTATE of : Valarie J. Tufts NOTICE TO CREDITORS To the Creditors of: Valarie J. Tufts 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. 9/23/2002 c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519 Cynthia Tufts, Administrator Springfield, VT 05156 802-885-2582 Vermont Journal-The Shopper Name of Publication: **Publication Date:** Vermont Superior Court-Windsor County Probate Division Name of Probate Court: 12 The Green Address of Probate Court: Woodstock, VT 05091

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STATE OF VERMONT

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

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SAPA TV 2022 Annual Meeting

Join SAPA TV for their annual meeting on Thursday,

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

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Town of Cavendish, Vermont

The Town of Cavendish is currently accepting applications

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Cavendish, Vermont, 05142

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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: Parttime 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.

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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

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.

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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
- 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.

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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/employ-

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

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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 - TFN - 13)

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Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv "Gavel-to-Gavel" coverage of local meetings (playing daily

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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 -

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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

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.

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

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ARTICLE VI. - STREAMS AND SURFACE WATERS ARTICLE VII. - DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

ARTICLE VIII. - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE IX. - FLOOD HAZARD REVIEW PROCEDURE

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

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-caneat 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 loriwright 163@ gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS -

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

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,

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 Satruday 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.

DAILY -

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





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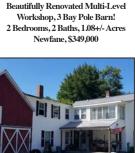


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Camaraderie at the Diaper Bank —

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 childcare 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.



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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

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.

We hope to see you and learn more about you, and we pray that you get to know

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 recov-

ery. 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/.

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River Valley, 4 p.m.

Boys Football

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Girls Soccer

field, 7 p.m. **Boys Soccer**

Friday, Oct. 14 -

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Thursday, Oct. 6 -**Boys Soccer**

GMUHS at Otter Valley Union, 4 p.m. Leland and Gray at Strat-

ton Mountain, 4 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 7** – **Girls Soccer**

Rivendell Academy at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m. Windsor at Springfield, 4

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lows 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,

Tuesday, Oct. 11 -**Girls Soccer** Bellows Falls at Windsor,

4 p.m. Conant at Fall Mountain,

GMUHS at Sharon Acad-

emy, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Sports schedule 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-inone, 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:

First, Gross - Chris Gautreau, Todd Lagrow, John Casavant, Dan Houghton.

Second, Gross - Rick Marasa, Christina Graves, Chris Garvey, Brian Perkins. First, Net - Chris Ca-

pello/Eric Bernardin, Daniel Smith, Ian Swihart, Jay Second, Net -Ray Grant, Dave Allbee, Max Zur-

muhlen, 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 Hor-

sky, Jim Rugg, Kevin Kamky,

John Pickelnok.

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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The Birdie Sponsors at \$100 were Dubois & King, Leader Distribution, Peplau's Happy Acres Farm, and Twin State Psychological

"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 eve-

Prior to joining the senior

team, swimmers must be advanced by their swim coach or have met with the coach for a skills assessment. The senior swim team will meet Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

"We're eager to welcome back our returning swim team members," adds coach Rick Matthews, "and we encourage new participants to join us for these exciting fall and winter sessions!"

Registration is available at www.edgarmay.org or by calling the front desk at 802-885-2568. Swim team participants must be active members at the EdgarMay for the duration of the swim team session.

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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, pickup trucks, and boats with all manner of trash and junk they collected from the bed and banks of the Black River in Springfield, Vt.

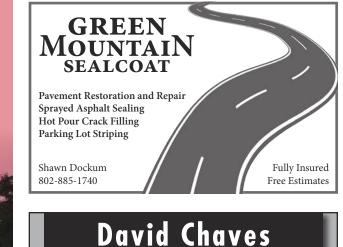
A special crew, dubbed "The Tire Brigade," was working hard to locate and extract larger items from the lowest two miles of the river. After pulling up several tires, a couple of rusted bicycles, and an extremely heavy railroad tie, out plopped the largest salamander volunteer Lenard Barber had ever seen. Gently cradling it for a quick photo by fellow volunteer Jeff Semprebon, he carefully released it back into the water to watch it swim away.

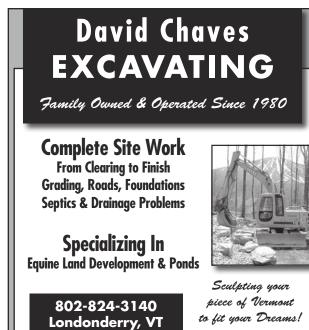
According to herpetologist Jim Andrews, the common mudpuppy is a "pretty unusual" sight in Vermont, only found in Lake Champlain and the Connecticut River as well as the lower reaches of the tributaries to both. Yet the two populations are distinct from each other. Mark Ferguson of the

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.







arts & entertainment

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 maybe 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

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.rickymceachernartist.com. He is also the producer of the podcast Eager to Know, which engages conversations with creative-leaning people.

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 artis-

tic 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

Townshend Harvest Music and Dessert

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

TOWNHEND, Vt. - On 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 wrvthrives@gmail.

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

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.

Contact: 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit the web page at www.galleryvault.org or on Face-

"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.

Alyxander is a wonderful teacher, with lots of jewelry making expertise. This will be a fun, creative experience. There is a members and non-members cost for this class.

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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

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.

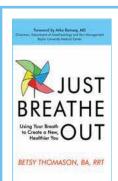
Ed will be performing as Bronco Brad, hosting "The Dang Tootin' Good Time Show" that airs from fictional WEXL-TV every Thursday afternoon – a throwback to the TV cowboys of the past, but quirky. There's a "Science Corner" with a talking neutrino. Learn how to draw a flying kielbasa in "Art Corner" and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

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.

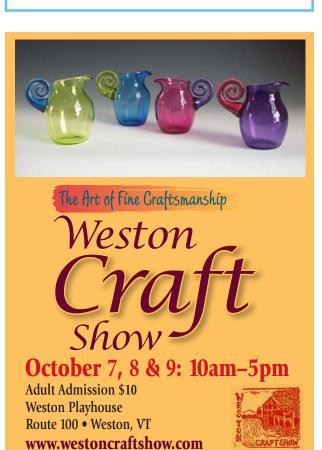
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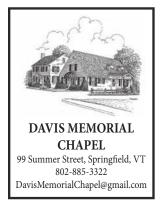
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