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Chester sends bylaws back to planning commission

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CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard meeting on May 3 centered around the public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the town's unified development bylaws, drafted and proposed by the Chester Planning Commission.

Lack of housing has been a topic of recent concern in Chester, as in many towns in Vermont, and the proposed updates to the bylaws were largely intended to create more opportunities for housing and development in the town. The first of these proposals to be addressed was the proposal to allow the development review board (DRB) to determine if a parcel of land is part of the town's flood plain zone.

Zoning Administrator Preston Bristow explained

to the selectboard that, while some parts of the town's flood plain were mapped with "boots on the ground," others, called "Zone A" were not. "Basically, back in the 1970s, there were some people in a basement in Texas who just kind of put magic markers over maps, so they're very, very imprecise." This means that areas such as "hummocks and hills," which are not prone to flooding, are nonetheless included in the flood plain. The proposal would allow the DRB to exclude these areas from the flood plain zoning regulations, allowing for easier development. However, for the time being, this would only apply to "exempt structures" which would not otherwise require a permit, though Bristow noted that in other towns, bylaws similar to this one permit structures "like a two-stall

garage."

Following this, much conversation was focused on a provision which would ban living in "self contained travel trailers," or campers, in Chester. Bristow noted that, despite the prohibition under state water quality rules, there are Chester residents who nonetheless live in campers. The state's environmental enforcement officer for the area typically does not enforce the regulation, Bristow said, provided that the residents are adequately dealing with their waste.

Taking issue with this provision, Selectboard Member Arianna Knapp observed that, "At a time where...the biggest crisis we're facing is affordable places for people to live, it feels tone deaf for this to be the moment where we add a regulation eliminating a current housing situation for current residents."

Speaking in defense of the provision, Planning Commission Member Barry Pinske told the board, "We're trying to get people to live at a certain standard of living." "I think if we have a number of campers in public view," Pinske continued, "people that are coming through...if they get the impression of our town that's not what we want, that could have an effect on business."

"Telling people how they need to live [is] not our job," Knapp responded. Board Members Lee Gustafson and Peter Hudkins concurred with Knapp that the provision was, at this point in time, not in line with the larger goal of increasing housing in the town, and gave the impression of being out of touch with the difficulty many residents already face in finding housing.

Another proposed

amendment which generated significant debate would allow two principal buildings on a single lot. Gustafson expressed concern that, while the intention may be to allow individual residents to build extra housing on their own property which they could then rent out, there was nothing to stop large companies from buying lots to turn them into short-term rentals or for-profit housing. "My concern is that the law of unintended consequences may come to bear here," Gustafson said. "We want affordable housing in town, but if it gets bought up by some corporation and turned into... something we don't want, how do we deal with that?"

"If this was not in the bylaws," inquired Knapp, "is the DRB and the zoning unable to accommodate [more than one primary structure on a lot]?" Ulti-

mately, Bristow conceded, there is a "planned unit development" (PUD) process in place which allows for more than one structure on a lot. However, "The PUD process is a higher barrier for entry," remarked Planning Commission Chair Hugh Quinn. "We were trying to make things easier," he continued, "that doesn't make things easier."

The selectboard is unable to make major changes to the proposed bylaws without returning them to the planning commission. As such, the board instructed the commission to review the amendments previously discussed, as well as several others, and return to them with a revised version in the future.

The Chester Selectboard meets twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Ludlow Rotary hears from a Vermont 911 dispatcher

LUDLOW, Vt. – Nick Sheehan addressed the Ludlow Rotary Club at their May 2 meeting at DJ's Restaurant. As a Vermont 911 Dispatch Call Center Operator, he is responsible for taking emergency calls from around the state and correctly routing them to the state police, local police, fire departments, and emergency medical services (EMS). All dispatch centers in the state are capable of communicating statewide.

Nick does have a reference book to follow protocol and guide him on any call he might receive. After six years on the job, he no longer needs to use the reference manual. After routing a call to the appropriate entity, dispatchers stay on the phone with the caller to try to get more information for the responding agency, calm the caller down, and give appropriate emergency instructions. When asked whether he had ever had to deliver a baby on a call, Nick replied that is one thing he has not done yet in his 13 years as a public servant. He originally trained as a state police officer prior to mov-



911 dispatcher Nick Sheehan addressed a recent Ludlow Rotary Club meeting.

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ing to dispatch.

Ludlow Rotarians found the 911 protocols to be interesting. Nick reported the 911 recording starts before a call is answered and keeps recording until after hang up. There are about 3,000 calls per month in Westminster, where Nick is stationed. The location of cell towers directs the calls to the appropriate dispatch center. All calls are queued to be distributed to the next available dispatcher statewide. The caller location is determined by mobile phone or landline location, with landline being the most accurate. Voice over internet (VOIT)

calls are the most inaccurate, and therefore a problem. Modem service in Vermont is an issue. Dispatchers can connect to other agencies in 30 seconds. Since Ludlow has its own dispatch, they transfer calls directly to Ludlow.

Nick's most memorable call was for a lost child who the parents found under the ice in their swimming pool. He was able to talk them through life saving CPR. The most frequent calls are from the elderly, calling in a non-emergency situation. Often, they are lonely with no family. He

transfers them to 211, Vermont community resource specialists ready to connect people with a wide variety of help.

In response to a question, Nick feels artificial intelligence may have a positive impact on dispatch if it could show live video of the scene, which would help first responders prepare before they arrive on site.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman, at 802-228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

Water bottle filling station



LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Parks and Recreation Department applied for a water bottle filling station through a grant from Green Up Vermont. After we reviewed all of our possible parks, we believed Dorsey Park would be the perfect location. The goal of the grant was to reduce plastic water bottle waste and with the number of visitors using the field, tennis courts, and skate park, this was a no brainer. The grant covered the unit and the installation cost.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

Mountain Towns Housing Project homeowner applications

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Mountain Towns Housing Project (MTHP) is excited to announce that they are now accepting applications from prospective homeowners for the Bob Perry Lane house, located in Londonderry, Vt. The house is a modest three-bedroom, two-bath, Cape style home, currently under construction,



Applications are being accepted for the Bob Perry Lane house in Londonderry.

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which will be sold to a local family meeting certain need and income criteria.

Martha Dale, MTHP Family Selection Committee Member, commented, "We are very excited to offer the opportunity of home ownership to a family that lives or works in the Londonderry area, and is willing to partner with us and commit sweat equity to the construction of the Bob Perry Lane house. If you have a

steady source of income, a history of managing money responsibly, and a pre-tax household income between 80% and 120% of the area median income, you are invited to apply to our homeownership program."

When the house is completed and a family has been selected, the new homeowners will get assistance with a down payment grant through the Windham and Windsor Housing Trust, and take on a low-interest mortgage. The house will remain affordable in per-

petuity through a partnership with Windham and Windsor Housing Trust. Prospective homeowners are encouraged to request an application by sending an inquiry to mountaintownshousing@gmail.com.

The Mountain Towns Housing Project is a non-profit housing initiative focused on providing affordable housing options one home at a time. The Project is financed through donations, grants, and the use of volunteer labor. We build homes with and for families and sell the home at no profit to families who could not otherwise afford a home. Neither race nor religion determines who will receive a MTHP home, and the homeowner accrues shared equity in the

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Weston Fire Department Operation Mayday

WESTON, Vt. – Please join Weston Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) members on Saturday, May 13, for "Operation Mayday." As part of our continuing recruitment efforts, the fire station will be staffed with friendly, knowledgeable personnel providing information and snacks from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Learn what it means to volunteer in the fire and emergency services in a variety of roles. In addition to firefighter, many auxiliary positions are available, including: op-

erations support, administration, public education, community engagement, and resilience building. No experience is necessary, free training is provided. With our growing population, requests for assistance continue to increase. We need to meet that need. In addition to responding to 911 emergency calls, the WVFD supports many community activities, from visits to our local schools to helping coordinate special events, such as Christmas in Weston.

Located at 734 Route

100, on the north side of Weston, our business meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Training occurs on the other Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., with occasional weekend opportunities available. For more information, stop by the station or call our non-emergency number, 802-824-3539, and leave a message.

Will you answer the call? Be part of your community, join in the proud fire service tradition.

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Chester Community Garden registration

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens, in conjunction with Chester Parks and Recreation, is taking reservations for garden plots in the community garden.

Anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Chester can sign up. There is a yearly donation for a 10-

foot by 10-foot plot, and need-based scholarships are available. A one-time, refundable deposit is required. All levels of gardening experience are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer for a gardening experience, there are plots for produce donation to the Chester Andover Food

Shelf that need tending and care. For more information or to reserve a plot or two contact us at chestergreenhouse@gmail.com or call 802-875-8191. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and will be taken until May 26, or whenever all plots are taken.

OMARA Scholarships

REGION – Calling all graduating seniors in the Okemo Valley, OMARA is awarding two \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors that have participated in winter snow sports throughout their aca-

demical career.

To apply, email omarascholarships@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name, email, high school from which you are graduating, and a response to the

question, “How has your participation in winter snow sports helped better prepare you for what is to come after high school?” Applications are due by June 9.

Stefanie Schaffer to speak at Benson’s Chevrolet

LUDLOW, Vt. – On the “Finding New Roads” Tour, author Stefanie Schaffer will speak about her recovery, and share how the North Country Chevy Dealers and Benson’s Chevrolet helped her explore life on the road again with a fully adaptive Chevy Equinox.

In 2018, Stefanie Schaffer’s life changed forever.

After surviving a horrific boat accident, Schaffer became a bilateral amputee. Schaffer’s memoir, “Without any Warning – Casualties of a Caribbean Vacation,” is a first-hand account of the accident that forever changed her life. Schaffer will be on-site at North Country Chevy dealerships throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, and northern New York in early June to speak about her life-altering experience, and how she overcame the odds to “Find New Roads.” Stephanie will be speaking

at Benson’s Chevrolet, located at 25 Pond Street in Ludlow, on June 14, from 9–11 a.m.

“I’m excited to visit my Chevrolet family and to see everyone who has been part of my recovery journey,” Schaffer said. “I look forward to sharing my story with the community.”



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Dump Daze Flea Market returns

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church is pleased to announce the return of the “Dump Daze” Flea Market starting Saturday, May 27. This popular event will occur every Saturday until the “snow flies”. There are no set-up or entry fees. The event is entirely free.

Vendors may arrive and set up at 8 a.m. Closing is at the vendor’s discretion.

Restroom facilities are available. Vendors must furnish their own tables, etc.,

BRACC community art night May 17

LUDLOW, Vt. – BRACC invites families and kids of all ages to come celebrate Vermont’s Youth Appreciation Month with a community art night. Come to the Ludlow

Fletcher Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 17, any time from 4-7 p.m. for some creative fun and free pizza. You can make vision board collages with scrap paper, paint markers, glitter, stickers, and more. Art sup-

plies, snacks, and refreshers will all be provided, and everyone is encouraged to bring some of their own old magazines and newspapers. This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to info@braccvt.org.

Beekeeping with Julie Wood, Golden Stage Inn

LUDLOW, Vt. – Julie Wood, co-innkeeper of the Golden Stage Inn in Proctorsville, will be sharing her knowledge and expertise in beekeeping with our community on Tuesday, May 16, at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Julie

has been a beekeeper for 16 years. She will bring parts of a hive, and speak about introductory bee keeping. Julie will also focus on how bees affect our gardens, and the importance of bees as pollinators. Please use the rear library entrance and parking lot for this

event. Julie created and hosts the Vermont Golden Honey Festival at the Golden Stage Inn on the second Saturday of September. 2023 will be the 11th year of this event. Local foods and crafts with a mild emphasis on bees fills the day.

Kurn Hattin Homes is Impact Award finalist

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – New England Kurn Hattin Homes is honored to once again be selected as one of the 2023 Vermont finalists of the Red Sox Foundation IMPACT Awards/Ruderman Family Foundation contest.

The IMPACT Awards focus on organizations

that have demonstrated deep impact in raising awareness and improving mental health outcomes in their community. Since 1894, Kurn Hattin Homes has positively transformed thousands of children and their families’ lives.

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“I have a better perspective on how to handle and look at things.” – Annaleeza.

“Kurn Hattin turned my life around and put me on the right track.” – Peter.

“If it weren’t for Kurn Hat-

tin, I don’t know where I’d be right now.” – Meranda.

Now, Kurn Hattin needs your daily votes to win. Please vote for New England Kurn Hattin Homes. You have until May 31 to get in as many votes as possible. You may vote every day, regardless of your state of residence. All you have to do is visit www.redsox.com/IMPACT, enter your contact information, scroll down to “IMPACT Awards Finalists,” select New England Kurn Hattin Homes from the Vermont dropdown menu, and then click “submit.”

The three organizations with the most votes in each state will win a grant: \$10,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place, and \$2,000 for third place.

Thank you for your support in transforming the lives of children and their families. For more information on Kurn Hattin Homes, visit www.kurnhattin.org.

HOUSING

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home over the lifetime of ownership, in partnership with the Windsor Housing Trust, an affordable housing nonprofit developer serving Windham and Windsor counties.

MTHP continues to work hard at fundraising in tandem with the anticipated delivery of the home shell, due to arrive in mid-May. Fundraising efforts are currently focused on covering the cost of materials needed to complete the interior of the house, and to finish the exterior with clapboards and trim.

If you would like to make a gift to support this project, please make your check payable to Mountain Towns

Housing Project, and mail it to P.O. Box 538, Londonderry, VT 05148. If you prefer, you can make a gift online by visiting the website of the Second Congregational Church at www.secure.myvanco.com/YGY2/home, then select the “Bob Perry Lane Project”. You can also donate to this project through the Community Fund for Londonderry; make your check payable to Community Fund for Londonderry, note that it is for the “Bob Perry Lane Project”, and mail it to P.O. Box 399, Londonderry, VT 05148. To sign up to volunteer to work on the site starting in the spring, visit the website and fill out the form, or send an inquiry to mountaintownshousing@gmail.com.

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So long, Frank Kendall

BY RON PATCH

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Frank Kendall has joined his ancestors.

Frank was born in 1936, living his entire life in the area. Frank was well known. At 17, he and his mother began raising Toy Fox Terriers to sell. For 70 years, Frank raised Australian and German Shepherds, Beagles, or other breeds. There are dozens of customers around today who bought dogs from Frank.

Frank was no saint. He was loud and crude. He would initiate an argument with someone just so he could argue. He liked to yell, holler, and swear.

Whatever Frank was, he was a Vermonter. As coarse as 60 grit sandpaper, Frank was the last of his type of Vermonter. No, we didn't all grow up the same way, or with the same morals

or ethics, but we did grow up together. Frank grew up under the influence of early 20th century parents and grandparents, in a very rural and isolated Baltimore, Vt. This is not an excuse, but more of an explanation why he was the way he was.

For those of us who grew up here, Frank's behavior wasn't unfamiliar. We went to school with kids like Frank. Some of these remote farm kids were different. It doesn't make them bad.

Frank had his good points. Kim told me when he was laid up in a hospital in Virginia, Frank had a raffle to raise money to outfit Kim's first handicap car. He said it was \$800 or more – no small amount of money in 1970.

It's easy for newcomers to Vermont to dismiss someone with a thick Vermont drawl as ignorant. Frank certainly had a heavy drawl, but he wasn't stupid. He

needed to be the center of attention wherever he went. This could and did cause problems in the family.

Sometimes he angered his cousins. They didn't always approve his ways, but "he's family," they would say. Never have I experienced this feeling of family.

Kim's father was Nelson. Frank's father was Slayton and brother to Nelson. Lee Kendall told me his father, Nelson, once said, "Slayton and I both married educated women to improve Kendall stock."

Kendall's Barn

Many will remember Kendall's Barn with all the signs on the barns. For 30 years or more, Kendall's Barn was a busy place. Tourists and locals loved this place.

Kim ran the business. Frank traveled around looking for yard sales or an auction to buy antiques or stuff. I remember Frank sitting in the front row under

a tent at Bob Farnsworth auctions. Sometimes, if the stuff was going cheap, Frank would be surrounded with piles of stuff he'd bought. He always had a helper with him. If you had a yard sale, you probably met Frank.

Frank's mother, Alice, was a school teacher. Alice did have an influence on Frank, as you can see in this handwritten poem by Frank. Subtle as it may be, Alice speaks to us.

"New Hope"

When I was just a little boy
Playing on the farm
I never thought of dying
or coming to any harm.
And then one day I realized
the happiness would end
I went running to my mother
my best and dearest friend.
I showed all my emotions
She soothed my worried brow
the very words she spoke
I don't remember now



Kendall's Barn showing gasoline signs.

PHOTO BY KIM KENDALL

but we talked about our dying day
and about the wordly strife
How glad I was to hear about everlasting life.
I went back to playing
New happiness I found
It need not be the end
when they lay you in the ground
Later we talked about how God will judge you fair,
and about the do's and don'ts
that we might enter there.

And now when loved ones go beyond
I think some how we find our sad heart do some weeping
because we're left behind
Oh yes, I guess I've had my doubts
But never will forget
The kind words of my mother
And example she set."

Again from my mother is another superstition she held: "It is bad luck to turn over a calendar before the new month begins."

Celebrating aging

REGION – May being Older Americans Month, Senior Solutions is delighted to showcase the many programs they offer to make it possible to age successfully in Vermont. Yes, there are issues like higher prices at the grocery stores, taxes to pay on our social security incomes, and concerns about inflation. However, here in southeastern Vermont we have many wonderful friends, organizations, and neighbors who work with us to help support our aging population. As the area agency on aging that was founded in 1973 under the Older Americans Act, we offer our services to those who are 60 and older, or younger and

physically disabled. Neighborhood Cares groups, the Alzheimer's Association of Vermont, RSVP, Adult Day Facilities, SEVCA, area hospitals, and many other organizations are just some of the local resources which assist older Vermonters as they age.

There are many wonderful Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers who consistently deliver food to those who are unable to prepare meals. There are exercise classes, both in person and online, to help keep older people in shape. Do take time to enjoy engaging and educational programs at area senior centers as you travel along life's road. You can socialize at congregat-

lunch meals, play bridge, enjoy crafts and lectures on a variety of topics, meet new friends, and connect with old ones. If you are a family caregiver of a loved one suffering from cognitive decline, consider attending the Memory Café nearest your home. These are free areas where both caregivers and loved ones enjoy a couple of hours of social interaction. Celebrate all the opportunities to stay connected to our communities. Growing older need not be a burden – it is a gift. Call the HelpLine at 802-885-2669 and offer to volunteer. You will be glad you did.

SAHS hosts "Who was Marcia Brown?"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art & Historical Society will host "Who was Marcia Brown?" On Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m., at SAHS, 65 Route 106, North Springfield, Vt.

Daniel Ladue of Plattsburgh, N.Y., author of "Bold and Courageous: 25 North Country Women and Their Exceptional Contributions," will tell us about this remarkable local woman, whose life spanned two continents and, up until now, was mostly unknown.

Marcia Brown was born in Springfield in 1835, the granddaughter of Elisha Brown, who came to Vermont in 1790. Her "North Mow-

ing" Brown family includes the painter Horace Brown, and educator Dr. Jeremy Brown, who left land for the sports fields at Riverside. Her education began in the local schools, and she eventually became a certified teacher. Through the 1870s, she taught in Springfield, Rutland, and Burlington, Vt.; Plattsburgh, N.Y.; and Malden, Mass.

In 1888, the government of Brazil decided to overhaul their entire educational system. Due to her impressive background, she was invited to join a team of other Americans and Brazilians on this project. The program was a success, and resulted in two schools being named after her: one in Malden, Mass., and one

in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Marcia Brown died on April 6, 1923. Her estate left \$2,000 to the Springfield Town Library, in memory of her grandfather, and two female scholarships to the University of Vermont. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-886-7935 or email sahs@vermontel.net.

RON PATCH

Buying Antiques

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Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship now accepting applicants

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital is now accepting applications for the 18th annual Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship, worth \$1,000. This scholarship is open to any student who has been accepted into a nursing program of study. Applicants will be judged on interest in and commitment to the field of nursing. Determination will be based on merit and need.

Eileen Austin Neal was a registered nurse at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, retiring in 2005. She was the first recipient of Springfield Hospital's Community Health Award in 2003. In 2004, the Hospital established the Spirit of Nursing Award in recognition of her

many years of dedicated service.

Upon her death in February 2006, at the request of Eileen's family, Springfield Hospital established a nursing scholarship fund in her name with the gifts received in her memory.

The application deadline is June 2. Scholarship

applications are available by visiting www.springfieldhospital.org. If you would like more information, please contact Sandy Peplau in the marketing and development office by email at speplau@springfieldhospital.org, or call 802-885-7686.

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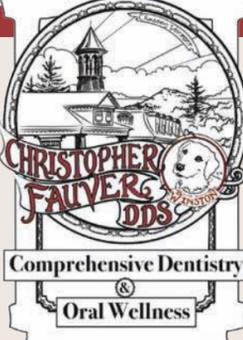
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Dear Editor,

Another year has come and gone. Remembering the past while walking forward, with renewed vigor, into the future. Leaving behind the remaining cobwebs of Covid, we knit our new garment of connectedness from the things we have learned in hardship. With fresh eyes on our community of Bellows Falls, we view public safety, finding the dropped stitches of those who are not technologically connected. We remind ourselves that the tools of our forebears worked for many generations to keep us all safe. A renewed lens of inclusion for all residents, both existing and new, reminds us our future kindnesses pay dividends that carry us beyond ourselves.

Plans were made last year for new trails to be forged in 2023, to create opportunities for all to explore the beauty of our village and beyond. There will be improved operations of the sludge dryer program, very successfully operated, to better distribute biosolids and reduce production time for our operators. I have hopes for many projects to lighten our carbon footprint. A schedule of improvement has been

slated for the police department by way of recruitment of staff and technology upgrades, to allow staff to perform optimally. So many other projects, large and small, were planned in 2022 that will benefit us all. I greatly appreciate the hard work of all village departments.

We are continually learning how better to use our resources and care for our community. Community outreach last year on our gift of ARPA funding, the return of the Bellows Falls Trustees Annual Barbeque, and the continuance of hybrid regular meetings increase opportunities for Bellows Falls residents to weigh in, listen, and stay abreast of community changes. I personally appreciate the additional transparency on municipal affairs. It keeps me sharp and on top of my game. I welcome all input.

Thank you for your love of Bellows Falls.

Sincerely,
Deborah Wright
Bellows Falls Village President

Leonard M. Bartley, 1930-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Leonard Maurice Bartley, son of M. Kenneth and Bernice M. (Seems) Bartley, was born in Rockingham, Vt. on Jan. 26, 1930, and died in Springfield, Vt., on April 28, 2023. He married Marjorie J. Lamphere in 1953.

Leonard started as a co-op student at Springfield High School in 1946, working at the Fellows Gear Shaper. When he graduated from SHS in 1949 – on the state champion football team – he started working full-time at Fellows.

He volunteered for the Marines in October 1950, for the Korean Conflict. He trained at Parris Island, S.C., where he won a medal for his marksmanship. He served for a year in Japan repairing the airplanes flying over Korea. He returned to Quantico, Va., where he served out the rest of his military career living in Fredericksburg, Va., with his wife.

They returned to North Springfield, where he spent the rest of his life. He also returned to Fellows and worked there for 48 years. He was known for his work in the heat treat and as a toolmaker. He even learned the skill of scraping from one of the last craftsmen in town with that ability.

Leonard loved building things, hunting, and fishing. He and his family lived in five apartments in North Springfield before settling in at the Olney homestead. He was known for his gunsmithing, especially for his ornate checkering of the stock. He coached North Springfield Little League baseball and the Babe Ruth league in town with a friend. He and Marge were active members of the Advent Christian Church for many years. They were ac-



Leonard Bartley, 1930-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

tive in the youth ministry there together.

Family and other gatherings were common events wherever they lived. They liked to travel, and drove all over the United States and Canada. They traveled to Europe several times, made it to the pyramids of Egypt, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Iceland.

Leonard is survived by his two sons Larry M. of Springfield, and Scott Andrew ("Drew") and his husband Christopher T. Norris of Tunbridge, Vt.; his grandson Ty-Alec Corliss of Weathersfield; sister-in-law Eloise G. Bartley of Bow, N.H.; brother-in-law Ernest (Puggy) Lamphere of Springfield; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, wife, son Alan, and his two brothers Richard and Warren.

The family would like to thank Springfield Rehab for all their help and care for our family over the years. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude's in his honor, or to the Resident Council Fund at Springfield Rehab. There will be a graveside service on June 3 at 10 a.m. in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Rodger L. Capron, 1944-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Rodger L. Capron, age 79, on April 28 in Springfield, Vt. Rodger was a respected member of the community, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Rodger was born on Jan. 25, 1944, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the son of Ronald C. and Natalie (Rodger) Capron. After graduating from Springfield High School in 1962, he went on to study at Wentworth Institute in Boston, Mass., before serving his country in the Vermont Army National Guard. He later worked for over 30 years as an electrician for Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield, Vt., where he dedicated himself to his work and excelled in his field.

Rodger's passion for photography was a highlight of his life. He had a deep love of nature, and was often found at the reservoir in Springfield, Vt., where he enjoyed capturing the beauty of the sunsets, the bald eagle, and other wildlife there through his photography skills. He enjoyed volunteering as a "river dipper" with the Black River Action Team, where he helped by collecting water samples from the power dam in Perkinsville for several years. He took an active interest in community events in Springfield, and enjoyed photographing them to share with others. He also enjoyed



Rodger Capron, 1944-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

hiking, cooking, spending time with his cat Trixie, and keeping in touch with friends and family.

Rodger is survived by his former wife Mary Thompson, the mother of his daughters Alison Kennett and Christi Martin, his son-in-law Dominic Martin, his granddaughter Kayla Kennett, and his sisters Cathy Capron and Ronna Liberty. He was preceded in death by his parents Ronald and Natalie Capron, his brother Dennis Capron, and his long-time partner Marie Umfleet.

Rodger will always be remembered for his kind heart, his love of nature, his desire to help others, and his dedication to his family and community.

We invite all those who knew and loved Rodger to join us in a celebration of his life, which will be held at the Great Hall at 100 River Street, Springfield, Vt., the former Fellows Gear Shaper building, on Saturday, June 17, from 2-4 p.m.

Carl F. Hammerle Jr. 1932-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Carl F. Hammerle Jr. quietly slipped from this mortal coil during the day on Friday, April 28, in Springfield, Vt. Born on July 5, 1932, he lived a long and full life. He was 90 years old when he passed.

His parents Carl and Virginia; siblings Virginia, Kenneth, and Susan; wife Catherine (Forbes); son George (survived by Anne); and grandson CJ are among those already passed to receive him into God's grace. His memory is lovingly grieved by his remaining children Carl (Margaret) Hammerle of Tampa, Fla., Donna Scala of Attleboro, Mass., Linda (George) Benoit of Springfield, Vt., David Hammerle of Springfield, Vt., Michael Hammerle of Attleboro, Mass.; and by his 23 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Over the course of his life, Carl wore many hats: son, husband, father, real estate agent, construction worker, lobsterman, and ironworker. Among his most favorite hats though was his USS Oriskany hat, which he wore with pride many years after his service as boiler operator in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.



Carl Hammerle Jr., 1932-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

A true New Englander, Carl loved the coast where he grew up in Quincy, Mass., and where he raised his children, as strongly as he loved the mountains of Vermont where he later settled. Carl also enjoyed sharing his extensive knowledge and skills, especially if he could show you the correct way – his way – to get a job done!

Well known for cooking a hearty breakfast for visitors, one of Carl's great joys was food. He was often seen with second and third servings at family holiday gatherings, and would always try each and every dessert.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Charles M. Racicot Celebration of Life

LUDLOW, Vt. – A Celebration of Life Service for Charles M. Racicot, who passed away Nov. 30, 2022, will be held in

The Toll Gate Garden at Jackson Gore at Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow, Vt. on May 20 at 1 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Subject to space. May be edited for clarity, grammatical errors, and libelous statements. Must be kept under 400 words. Must include name and town for publication. **EFFECTIVE MARCH, 2023, we will be charging for POLITICAL LETTERS.** Viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper.

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Joan Lake Celebration of Life

GRAFTON, Vt. – The family of Joan Lake ex-

tends a warm invitation to her many friends and communities for a Celebration of Life Service on May 27 at 2 p.m. It will be held at Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center, formerly Grafton Ponds. A community gathering will follow the service at the same location. Everybody is invited to remain and to share their personal memories of Joan. Interment will be private, at a time of the family's choosing.

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Elliott C. Bearse, 1934-2023

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Elliott C. Bearse, 88, passed away on Tuesday, May 2, at the Southwestern Medical Center in Bennington, Vt. He was born Sept. 27, 1934, in Stoughton, Mass., the son of John S. and Janet R. (Cairns) Bearse. He attended school in Massachusetts.

On Jan. 1, 1954, he married Pauline L. Nystrom.

He was employed with the National Dairy Herd Improvement Association for 25 years. He drove trucks in Massachusetts for several years, and worked on dairy farms and farm equipment for several years. He also worked at Idlenot Dairy and

owned and operated his own mechanic shop.

Elliott enjoyed mechanics and restoration projects, and working outdoors.

He is survived by his wife Pauline Bearse, one son David Bearse, one daughter Denise Fekete, one brother Harvey Bearse, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Burial services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Martha K. Quinlan, 2023

LUDLOW, Vt. – Martha Kennedy Quinlan, longtime resident of Ludlow, passed away on Friday, April 28, at Woodstock Terrace at the age of 93. She grew up in Lynn, Mass., where her mother Marie had been a teacher, and her father Jack was an attorney. As a child, she spent summers at camp at Lake Bomoseen. She loved Vermont, and she made this her home for the past 50 years.

Marty was a devoted member of Holy Name of Mary parish in Proctorsville and Annunciation Church in Ludlow. She served as Eucharistic minister in both churches, and for several years brought Holy Communion to residents of the Gill Home and to shut-ins at their homes.

Ludlow residents will remember her for the many community activities in which she participated, including The Race for the Cure and Black River Good Neighbors, where she served a term as president. She also volunteered in a state program as an ombudsman, visiting nursing homes to advocate for the residents.

Marty graduated from Lynn Classical High School in 1947, and from Boston University in 1951. At BU she met Charlie Quinlan, a navy veteran, part of the huge G.I. student body in those years. They were married in July 1952, and moved to Connecticut. While there, he became an IRS attorney and she worked for Allstate, advancing to supervisor in the claims department.

They loved sports, especially skiing, and traveled from the Catskills to a primitive Jay Peak and all over New England on winter weekends. They both became ski patrolers.

After a couple of transfers, including a stretch in Los Angeles, Charlie was assigned to Boston. They were thrilled to join the Okemo ski patrol and built a home on the mountain just minutes from the base lodge. Charlie retired early to enjoy more time in Vermont, and sadly passed away within two years.

Marty always had the energy and determination to



Martha Quinlan, 2023.
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tackle many interests. She learned to navigate a cabin cruiser, and even had a tenpot lobster fishing license, much to the delight of her friends. She loved animals, had some wonderful dogs, and began driving horses when she was 60 or so. She joined GMHA and drove her Fjord named Andy in competitive events, often winning or placing in the ribbons. She also drove Andy in the Woodstock Wassail Parades and local ones. She travelled extensively in the U.S.A. and Europe, especially enjoying her religious experiences in the Holy Land, Medjugorje, and Ephesus.

She married Stanley Johnson in the late eighties. He predeceased her and is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery where Marty will also be laid to rest.

When Marty eventually decided to downsize, she moved to an apartment in Cavendish on the Green, where she loved having parties during the regular summer concerts. Her last visits to Boston were to use the Red Sox tickets she bought at the Fletcher Library fundraiser, and to once again enjoy a Tall Ships visit to the harbor.

She was unique and feisty, impatient and generous, and had a quick wit. She will be remembered as "Marty being Marty".

A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Wednesday, May 17, at 1 p.m., at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Proctorsville, with burial to follow at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. There will be a luncheon served after the burial. Davis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Olive P. Reinhart, 1924-2023

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Olive Pauline (Duffy) Reinhart, 98, formerly of Charlestown, N.H., passed away on April 18 at Sullivan County Health Care after her family said their goodbyes.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1924, the daughter of Irving and Katherine (Moore) Duffy.

Olive graduated high school in Bridgewater, Mass. in 1942, and Brockton Business School in 1943. She married the love of her life, Albert Reinhart, in September of 1948.

She was a lifetime member of the Charlestown Congregational Church. She enjoyed reading, gardening, playing piano, cooking, traveling, and flying with Albert in his small plane.

Olive was predeceased by her husband Albert; her parents; her sister Jeanne; her brother Irving Duffy; her parents-in-law Albert and Helen (Bachmann) Re-

inhart; her sons-in-law Orville Bailey, Brian Trombly, and Stuart LaValley; and her brother-in-law Robert Reinhart.

She is survived by her daughters Nancy Clark and her husband Steven, Barbara Reinhart, and Linda Bailey; her sons David Reinhart, and Kenneth Reinhart and his wife Rachel; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren, with one more on his way, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Charlestown Congregational Church in Charlestown, N.H. on July 29 at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

Barbara G. Fossi, 1924-2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Barbara G. Fossi, 99, passed away on Friday evening, May 5, at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt., with her children by her side. She was born February 5, 1924, in Perkinsville, Vt., the daughter of Wilbur and Hattie (Heald) Gould. She attended Springfield Schools, graduating from Springfield High School with the class of 1942.

She married Thomas E. Fossi. He predeceased her in 1987.

Barbara worked in the offices at Bryant Grinder in Springfield for several years.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, playing cards, gardening, going to yard sales, and was a Red Sox fan.

She is survived by her son Daniel Fossi and his wife Karen; and her daughter Cheryl Carrara and her husband Chet; six grandchildren Sarah Roth, Daniel Fossi, Laura Michael, Heather Fossi, Jason Carrara, and Justin Carrara; six great-grandchildren Matthew Roth, Kyle Roth, Emma Roth, Ivan Carrara, Landynn Carrara,



Barbara Fossi, 1924-2023.
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and Adrianna Carrara. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, and her seven siblings Helen, Winifred, Eleanor, Marjorie, Frank, Maurice, and Raymond.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Mark Newton will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gill Odd Fellows Home Activities Fund, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Anne S. Matulonis, 1937-2023

LUDLOW, Vt. – Anne S. Matulonis, 86, died Thursday morning, May 4, at home surrounded by her family. She was born Feb. 7, 1937, in Rutland, Vt.

The daughter of Allyn and Helen (Rounds) Seward, she graduated from Wallingford High School and Castleton State College. On July 11, 1959, Anne married Ignatius C. Matulonis in Wallingford.

She started her teaching career in Proctorsville and Cavendish before she became the kindergarten teacher at Ludlow Elementary School in 1976 until she retired in 1990. After retirement, she continued to be a substitute teacher. She was involved in the Junior Women's Club and the Women's Club for 60 years in Ludlow. She also was involved in Eastern Star for many years. Anne enjoyed doing arts and crafts during her lifetime at the Fletcher Farm Craft School.

After retiring, Anne and her husband bought a second property in Bradenton, Fla., where they would spend winters. This allowed them to be involved in their grandchildren's lives in Vermont and Florida.

Anne was predeceased by her husband Ignatius. Survivors include her two sons Mark (and wife Donna), of Fleming Island, Fla., and Michael, of Lakewood, Colo.; her daughter Mi-



Anne Matulonis, 1937-2023.
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chele (and husband Kermit) Twombly, of Ludlow; her three siblings Judy Lidstone, of Wallingford, Vt., Chuck Seward, of Swanton, Vt., and Mike Seward, of Wallingford, Vt.; four grandchildren Bryan, Renee, Brittany and Brandon; and great-grandchildren Asher and Carol.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Anne's memory to Senior Solutions in Springfield or the United Church of Christ in Ludlow.

Visiting hours will be held Thursday, May 11, from 6-8 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

A funeral service will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 12, at the United Church of Ludlow, officiated by Pastor Michelle Fountain.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt.

Shirlee Smith, 2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Shirlee Smith passed away on Dec. 10, 2022. An hour of visitation will take place on Tuesday, May 16, from 1-2 p.m., with a service

starting at 2 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will follow and be private.

Grace M. White, 1932-2023

GRAFTON, Vt. – Grace M. White, 90, of Grafton, Vt. passed away peacefully at home on March 29. Grace was born April 25, 1932, in Springfield, to Raymond and Evelyn (Rolfe) Davis. A devout Christian, Grace was a member of the Community Christian Church in Athens.

Grace was predeceased by her parents, and her

husband Frederick White. Grace is survived by her sons George, LeeRoy, and Raymond White.

A graveside service will take place on May 12, at 5 p.m., at the Houghtonville Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

Frank L. Kendall, 1935-2023



BALTIMORE, Vt. – Frank L. Kendall, 87, passed away at his home in Baltimore, Vt. on Friday, May 4, 2023. He was born September 6, 1935, in Springfield, Vt., the son of Slayton and Alice (Minch) Kendall. He attended Springfield schools, graduated from Springfield High School, and later graduated from Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vt.

Frank served in the Army National Guard.

He was employed with the Idlenot Dairy in Springfield, Vt. for 25 years. He owned and operated Kendall's Barn Antiques in Chester, Vt. for over 30 years, and he raised dogs for many years.

Frank enjoyed yard sales and searching for antiques.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine Kendall, his daughter Laurie Kendall, two adopted daughters Karen and Lori, three grandchildren, his sister Louise



Frank Kendall, 1935-2023.
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Peale, and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, his son Randy Kendall, and by his two sisters Dorothy Pingree and Florence Gomez.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 15, at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Friends may call at the chapel from 10-11 a.m.

Burial will follow in the Plain Cemetery in Perkinsville, Vt.

Byron J. Parry, 1929-2023

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Byron J. Parry, 93, of Perkinsville, Vt., passed away on Monday, April 24, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born on June 6, 1929 in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Byron Sr. and Elda (Putt) Parry.

Byron's family moved to Westminster, Vt. when he was a young child. He attended school in Bellows Falls and graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1947. He recently celebrated 75 years from graduating high school and was the only living graduate.

He married Rosie Griswold on March 30, 1949.

Byron worked at Bryant's Chuck and Grinder for 38 years as a machine operator and a machine setup man. He traveled all over the world setting up machines. After retiring from Bryant's, he worked at Power Ray in Claremont, N.H., with his son James Parry.

Byron was an avid bowler. He started bowling at Springfield Bowling Alley when it opened in 1964 until he was 91 years old. He bowled in Claremont, N.H., Rutland, Vt., and White River Junction, Vt. He was a captain in many bowling leagues, and traveled to many local and national tournaments representing Vermont. He was never happy if he did not bowl a 550-600 game. When he would bowl below a 500, he would place his bowling ball in the oven for a short time, clean it, and buff it.

He loved fixing lawn mowers and other electrical machines, and had a photographic memory about them. He also enjoyed hunting, skiing, snowshoeing, going to their camp in Sheffield, Vt., and especially fishing. He loved looking for those big ones in Lake Willoughby with his wife Rosie. Byron was always fixing something for someone or himself. He would help anyone whenever they needed it.

Byron is survived by his



Byron Parry, 1929-2023.
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daughter Elizabeth Landon and her husband William; his daughter-in-law Shirley Parry; his grandchildren Heath Stevens and his wife Terri, Craig Landon and his wife Ali, Jeff Parry and his wife Becki, Dan Landon and his wife Cindy, Lynn Towne and her husband Everett, Jody Lee and her husband Don Reynolds, Frances Short and her husband James Stark, Wendy Norrell, and Missie Cutting; and many great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Richard Parry and his wife Carol, and his sister Judy Gray.

He was predeceased by his parents, his children James Parry and Jane Parry; his brother Bud Parry; and his three sisters Helen, Esther, and Gladys.

The family would like to thank the Bayada Hospice nurses for their care.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 21, from 1-4 p.m. at the Springfield VFW.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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MAY 1-31 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Edward Jones branch office in Bellows Falls, located at 16 The Square, will be accepting donations for Parks Place Community Center's "Time for a Change" diaper bank, from May 1-31. The branch is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The items needed for the diaper drive include diapers size 4, 5, and 6, pull ups of all sizes, and baby wipes. Diapers of any size will be accepted. Please note that monetary donations cannot be accepted.

MAY 12 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – With a tip of our hat to Dave Brubeck's famous ground-breaking hit, "Take Five," Sarasa brings the lush sound of the cello to the fore in music arranged and written for four cellos. Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Brattleboro Music Center, located at 72 Blanche Moyses Way in Brattleboro, a wide range of eras and styles of music will be performed, from Josquin des Prez, to J.S. Bach, to Beethoven, to Wagner, to Fauré and Brubeck, arranged by Eugene Friesen.

MAY 13 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Community Closet at Immanuel Episcopal Church is holding a bag sale from 9 a.m. – 12

p.m. The Closet is full of winter clothing, such as new children's jackets, long sleeve jerseys and blouses, fleece vests and jackets, and sweaters. Stock up now for next winter.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd., will host a Spring Fling Dance from 3-5 p.m. There will be light refreshments, and lots of singing and dancing. Come and enjoy the music and singing of Charlestown's very own Silvertones. After you purchase your ticket at the door, hold on to it, as there will also be a door prize.

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Rod and Gun Club will sponsor the annual Children's Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 13, from 9-11 a.m. at the Chester reservoir. Children up to the age of 12 may participate in the event, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Prizes will be awarded to the lucky anglers who catch the first fish, the longest fish, and the first to catch their five fish limit. For additional information, please contact George Wilson at 802-236-1746.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Beginning at 7 p.m., Springfield Community Players present "9 to 5," a musical comedy based on the movie that featured Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, and Lilly Tomlin, at the

Springfield Community Players Studio, 165 South St. in Springfield. In this comedy adaptation, three women take over the office from an overbearing boss and make it better for all employees. Tickets can be reserved by calling 802-885-4098.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment will be performing classic rock and modern country music at VFW Post 771, located at 191 River St. in Springfield, Vt., beginning at 7:30 p.m. This event is open to the public.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield United Methodist Church will hold a bake sale at 10 Valley Street during the farmer's market, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Calvary Baptist Church will hold a Blessing of the Bikers at 10 a.m., with a ride to follow at 11 a.m. A meal will be served at the church at 12 p.m., after the ride.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will hold its first yard sale of the season on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the school in the North School Recreation Park in North Springfield. The entrance to the school is at 5 School St. in North Springfield.

MAY 20 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles F. Andros, former apiary inspector for Vermont and New Hampshire, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-4 p.m., at 18 McLean Rd. in Alstead, N.H. Topics of discussion will include finding queens, re-queening colonies,

pollen collection, swarm control, and bee venom therapy. Bring a veil if you have one. Registration is required. To register, call 603-756-9056, or email lindenamel@gmail.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Moose Lodge, 39 South St. in Springfield, will be hosting a roast pork dinner from 3-5 p.m. This event is free to all people 65 years old and up. If you wish to attend, please sign up at the Springfield Senior Center, local senior housing lobbies, or by calling 802-885-5370. Delivery is also available for those unable to attend.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will hold their Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This sale will be focused on clothing for all seasons. Their bag sale will be held from 12-1 p.m. Fill a large or small bag for a nominal fee. There will also be a bake sale.

MAY 22 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, located at 10 High Street in Ludlow, will be serving BBQ chicken, salad, and cookies at 12 p.m., for a small donation. Reservations are required. Takeout is not available.

JUNE 17 – BENNINGTON, Vt. – The date has been set for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Bennington County. The annual event will be June 17, and work is beginning now to build the celebration that will bring together passionate supporters who embody the American Cancer Society mission. To learn

more about Relay For Life, visit www.relayforlife.org.

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.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School St Ext. in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.aa.org.

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aquatic Aerobics, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1-2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

THURSDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Cardio & Sculpt, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more

information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aqua Sculpt, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

GRAFTON, Vt. – A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach Tai Chi and Qi Gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga, Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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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.

The Commissioner's Office
NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE DISTRICT
P O Box 266
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
603-445-2453

**HYDRANT FLUSHING
NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE
SATURDAY, May 13, 2023
STARTING AT 9:00 AM
ANY PROBLEMS CALL
ROBERT MCGUIRK
TEL: 603- 313-5422**

**TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
2 POSITIONS 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 LUDLOW PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Ludlow to purchase and demolish vulnerable structures to eliminate the flood risk and improve flood water storage capacity within the floodplain.

The action is located on Route 103S in Ludlow, VT. The project is to acquire and demolish an inn, as well as a private residence, outbuilding, and in-ground pool on the same parcel. Lead/asbestos abatement would occur if necessary. Impervious surfaces would be removed, such as the driveway and crawl spaces. Oil/propane storage tanks would be removed and native vegetation would be planted.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (regulatory floodway/Zone AE). Project construction could potentially adversely affect the floodplain temporarily; however, the floodplain functions would be restored at the site in the long-term. A map of the area of available upon request.

Work must take place in the regulatory floodway in order to remove the structures. Alternatives included no action and elevation; however, the demolition provided a permanent and cost-effective solution to the continued flood risk. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

Karen Vale, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Boston, MA
karen.vale@fema.dhs.gov; (202) 699-0650

Ludlow Elementary School

FALL 2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

May 24th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM, by appointment. Call the main office (802) 875-5151 about registering your child for the fall. Children must be five years old on or before August 31, 2023. Please bring a birth certificate and immunization records.

Town of Plymouth, Vermont Highway Department Position Available

The Town of Plymouth has an opening for a Town employee in its Highway Department. This is a full-time, year-round position. Duties will include snow plowing, sanding and salting roads, road construction, maintenance and other related duties. Applicant must hold a valid VT CDL and have experience operating a dump truck with a plow and sander.

Competitive salary as well as a great Municipal Benefit Package to include health & dental insurance, retirement plan, paid holidays, and paid vacation. Overtime is required in the winter for storm events and compensation is 1.5 times the hourly rate.

Please submit a completed application to the Plymouth Town Clerk's Office at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont 05056 or email clerk@plymouthvt.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Plymouth is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF JAMAICA – TOWN TREASURER

The Town of Jamaica is looking for an organized and motivated candidate to serve as its Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector.

The treasurer is responsible for keeping the town's funds, including receipt, investment, and disbursement; keeping a record of taxes voted, billed, and collected; collecting other funds receivable by the town, and paying orders drawn on town accounts. The treasurer additionally serves as the delinquent tax collector and the Assistant Town Clerk as needed.

A bachelor's degree in accounting, public administration, or similarly applicable discipline is preferred (although not required), or a course of study in equivalent subjects. At least three years' experience in the area of accounting including experience managing payroll, employee benefits, and accounts payable and receivable is desirable.

A detailed job description is provided on the town website. The position is a 30 hour (4 days in office) per week position and includes benefits. Salary is commensurate with education, experience, and the ability to carry out assigned work.

To apply please submit a cover letter and resume including contact information for three professional references via email to townclerk@jamaicavermont.org or mailed to Town Clerk, PO Box 173, Jamaica, Vermont 05343. Questions can be directed to the town clerk at (802) 874-4681.

TOWN OF GRAFTON INVITATION TO BID SANDING

The Town of Grafton, Vermont is accepting bids for approximately 3,000 yards of 9/16 sand, to be delivered to the Town Garage at 220 Bell Road by November 3, 2023. Please contact Morgan Wilbur, Town Administrator, at (802) 843-2552 or townadmin@graffontvt.org to receive the bid instructions and specification sheet. Returned sealed bids must be received by the Town Administrator by 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The Town of Grafton reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and has the right to accept any other than the lowest bid if determined to be in the best interest of the town.

TOWN OF GRAFTON INVITATION TO BID PAVING

The Town of Grafton, Vermont is accepting bids for the paving of a portion of TH#3 – Route 35 in the Town of Grafton, Vermont. Please contact Morgan Wilbur, Town Administrator, at (802) 843-2552 or townadmin@graffontvt.org to receive the bid instructions and specification sheet. Returned sealed bids must be received by the Town Administrator by 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The Town of Grafton reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and has the right to accept any other than the lowest bid if determined to be in the best interest of the town.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD TAXPAYER NOTICE

The fourth and final installment of the 2022-2023 Town & Town School District Taxes is due and payable May 15, 2023. Payments can be made as follows:

- In person or through the mail.
 - Dropped into our mail slot located in the white door that faces Main Street or into the mail slot located in the door on the second floor at the top of the outside stairs.
 - Electronically on the town's website at <https://springfieldvt.gov>. A fee is charged for this method of payment.
- Payment receipts available in person or by including a stamped self-addressed return envelope or an email address. Town Hall is open M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

BUYING/SELLING

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

FOR SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 17 foot Chesapeake Bay wooden kayak, handmade, \$300. Call 802-591-3144, leave message.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 1975 Corvette, needs work, \$3,500. Call 802-591-3144, leave message.

GUNS WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

CHESTER, Vt. - Search reopened; busy dental office seeks part-time

receptionist to join our team. Must have outstanding telephone and interpersonal skills and basic computer literacy. This is a flexible position 20-30 hours per week. Previous medical/dental office experience preferred. Please send letter of interest and resume to: info@drchristopherfauver.com attn: hiring manager.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Wanted: Part-time driver. Must be flexible with hours. Car provided. \$15/hour. Duties include transporting passenger to work and other errands. Female preferred. Must be personable. Call 802-226-8131 or email jmaclean488@comcast.net.

JP TRUCKING & HODGKINS & SONS IS HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS: Class A CDL driver for dump truck and lowboy. SKILLED laborers. Must be dependable and able to

follow through with the required paperwork. MUST have good work ethic. Hourly rate depends on experience. Great benefits, uniforms, vacation pay, sick pay, medical insurance, retirement, boot stipend. Equipment use discount. Please stop in the office at 485 Old Drewsville Road, Walpole, N.H.

FENCE INSTALLER - Min. age 21 w/driver's license. Benefits after qualifying period. Season generally runs into December. Apply Springfield Fence, 50 Route 106, N. Springfield. 802-886-2221.

ALL-AROUND Fabricator/Welder/Installer/ Mechanic at full-line fence company and custom ornamental metal shop - Min. age 21 w/driver's license. Full-time year-round w/benefits. Apply Springfield Fence/Hawks Mtn Ironworks, 50 Route 106, N. Springfield. 802-886-2221.

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Crissy Webster Counseling Services, LLC is expanding and hiring. Seeking a dynamic and flexible Clinician I or II to work in a small private practice in the Springfield, VT area. This person must have a Master's Degree in a related counseling field, must be on the roster or eligible to be on the roster for non-licensure or licensure in the State of Vermont, pass a background check with

fingerprints, and be able to work with all ages across the spectrum, including children and families. This position offers supervision towards licensure, group supervision, medical / dental benefits, 401K options, and paid time off. Job Type: Full-time. Salary: \$50,960.00 - \$58,240.00 per year. Benefits: 401(k), Dental insurance, Health insurance, Life insurance, Paid time off, Vision insurance, Flexible schedule. 156 Wall St., Suite 12 Springfield, VT 05156. Reliably commute or planning to relocate before starting work (Required). Work Location: In person and telehealth.

"Defiant Hope - Our Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis" church service

FIRST UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF CHESTER, ROUTE 103 NORTH

On May 28 Jim Antal will be delivering a talk entitled "Defiant Hope - Our Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis." Inspired by love for the gift of creation, now is the time for people of faith to join with others - especially young people - to address the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. May our generation distinguish itself by the defiant hope that drives us to address the climate crisis. Jim Antal serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. From 2006-2018, Antal led the 350 UCC churches in Massachusetts as their conference minister and president. He has preached on climate change since 1988 in over 400 settings, and has engaged in non-violent civil disobedience on numerous occasions. His book, "Climate Church, Climate World," just released in a revised and updated second edition, is being read by hundreds of churches. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.

TOWN OF CHESTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

WATER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

The Town of Chester has a full-time employment opportunity available in its Water/Wastewater Department. This job is specific to the position of Operator of the Wastewater Plant and Municipal Water System.

Minimum requirements are:

- * High School Diploma or equivalent
- * Minimum of a VT GD 2 Domestic WW Operator Certification preferred but will train the right applicant
- * Minimum of a Grade 3 Water Certification or the ability to obtain the Grade 3 Certification within 2 years
- * Two years applicable experience in all phases of water/wastewater system operation and maintenance preferred
- * Significant knowledge of Vermont regulatory and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with all conditions of water and wastewater permits preferred.
- * Ability to deal with the public in a positive manner
- * General contracting and basic maintenance skills a plus
- * Willingness to work alongside other departments

Starting salary will be determined based on experience with a competitive benefits package. The position will remain open until filled. Please submit Employment Application and Resume to the Chester Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT, 05143.

TOWN OF CHESTER POLICE LIEUTENANT

The Town of Chester is seeking an experienced law enforcement individual to serve as Police Lieutenant. This person will have a strong desire to provide the highest quality police services to the department and to the community. The Chester Police Department serves a population of approximately 3,144 residents and covers an area of approximately 56 square miles.

The Lieutenant is responsible for immediate supervision and control of all Department personnel and is personally responsible for their efficiency and effectiveness. The Lieutenant is second in command of the Department and is subject to the direction and control of the Chief. The applicant must possess strong leadership and administrative abilities with ten (10) years minimum full time law enforcement experience. Consideration will be given to total years of service in as much as they translate into evident knowledge and experience. Preference will be given to having previously held the rank of Sergeant.

Chester offers a competitive starting wage 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. Visit www.chestervt.gov/employment-opportunities for full requirements and a more detailed job description. Submit a resume to: Town of Chester

ATTN: Chief Thomas Williams
P.O. Box 370
Chester, VT 05143
Interested applicants can also contact the Chester Police Department at (802) 875-2035 for more information. The Town of Chester is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on **Monday, June 5, 2023** to consider the following:

<p>Application # 23-33</p>	<p>Application # 23-33 APPEAL of Permit (Norman Beam/Buck Adams) issued for a Lot Line Adjustment at 99 Beakins Hill. This Appeal will be reviewed under Section 217 Appeals; Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District Zone; of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.</p>
<p>Application # 23-38</p>	<p>Application # 23-38 Cynthia Fine (Owner & Applicant) property located 3293 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting a Small Screen Room Extension on an Existing Hemlock Fence. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Historic Village District; and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.</p>

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT	PROBATE DIVISION
Windsor	Unit
Docket No.: 23-PR-01799	

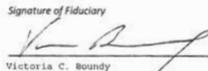
In re ESTATE of: R. Keith Boundy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: R. Keith Boundy
Decedent

late of Springfield
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: <u>4/18/23</u>	Signature of Fiduciary  Victoria C. Boundy
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<small>Executor/Administrator</small> Victoria C. Boundy	<small>Mailing Address</small> c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., P.O. Box 519
<small>Phone Number</small> 802-885-2582	<small>City, State, Zip</small> Springfield VT 05156

Name of Publication:	Vermont Journal - The Shopper
Publication Date:	May 10, 2023
Name of Probate Court:	Vermont Superior Court, Windsor County, Probate Division
Address of Probate Court:	12 The Green Woodstock VT 05091

Art Crafts Gifts

GALLERY AT THE VAULT

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OPEN Wed. 11-5, Fri. 11-7, Sat. 11-5

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All invited-Claymation Demo, Refreshments

Vermont Open Studio Weekend May 27 & 28, 10-5
<http://vermontcrafts.com>. Maps and info at VAULT Free
May 27 noon-2 Origami Demo with Gloria Dufield
May 28 12-1:30 Artist & Frame Maker Richard Emery

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Fishing for catfish with VT Master Anglers
- VNH "Let's Talk"
- Yoga with Liza
- Divided Sky Fun(d) Run
- VT Legislative & Gov't Programming

Okemo Valley TV now has its own app on all of the main streaming platforms! Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Google Play, and mobile (iOS & Android) (07/05/23 - TFN - 13)

arts & events

HELP WANTED

Walpole Players' "Grumpy Old Men, The Musical"

WALPOLE, N.H. – This May, The Walpole Players will bring "Grumpy Old Men, The Musical" – set in chilly Wabasha, Minn. – to the Walpole Town Hall. Loaded with heartwarming humor and unexpected energy, "Grumpy Old Men, The Musical" is an unforgettable show that will remind viewers that "life is all about livin'!" This is a show you won't want to miss.

Do you remember the 1993 film "Grumpy Old Men," starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon? It features two childhood friends who became aging neighbors who loved to fish. Then a mysterious woman moves in next door, an old grudge resurfaces, and the feud is on. Dan Remmes, Neil Berg, and Nick Meg-

lin brought an adaptation of this film to the Canadian stage in 2011; it premiered in 2018 at the Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine, with Sally Struthers playing the newly added character of "Punky." Now it's the Walpole Players turn, directed by Barbara Kasper, with Walt Sayre as music director.

The large cast includes Walpole Players Jim Bacon, Becky Pearson, Judy Epstein, Chuck Lessard, Ben Robison, Travis Gay, Rebecca Robison, Tom Winmill, Sarah Manning, Jenny Plante, and Meg Kupiec. They are joined by some talented members of Small Pond Productions in Marlborough: Rene Doyle, PJ Cooke, Dave Chase, Cassie Schmitt, Ray Ma-

honey, Rob Gray, Kevin Royce, and Traci Booth.

Bring a friend and join us at The Helen Miller Theater on May 12, 13, 19, or 20 at 8 p.m. for a fun night of music and laughter. Tickets are available at Galloway Real Estate and Mascoma Savings Bank, both Walpole and Keene locations. This show is rated PG-13 for language and content.

Peru Church 2023 Concert Series

PERU, Vt. – The Peru Church is launching its 2023 Concert Series with legendary singer/songwriter Happy Traum.

Happy has impeccable taste in choosing a program of great traditional folk and blues songs, or contemporary songs written in the tradition, and even better taste in the way he arranges them with both rever-

ence for his sources and the originality of his always creative fingerpicking guitar and warm singing.

Traum, performing on May 25, is one of four incredible performers that The Peru Church will host this season. White Mountain harp and singer Dominique Dodge will perform on June 17, the genre-bending singer/songwriter trio Mad Agnes

will play on July 29, and enchanting folk/American trio Wildwoods will make their appearance Oct. 28.

Tickets for all performances are available now through www.eventbrite.com, or our church website at www.theperuchurch.org.

The Peru Church is an amazing, intimate venue for all types of music. Secure your tickets early.

Big Woods Voices in Saxtons River

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is pleased to announce a concert by Big Woods Voices (BWV) on Sunday, May 21, at 4 p.m., on the historic MSA stage in Saxtons River. Tickets are available either at the door, or online at www.mainstreetarts.org.

This concert celebrates the release of BWV's new CD, "Big Woods Voices: Poetry in Harmony," featuring Will Danforth's beautiful musical arrangements of poems. BWV revels in a cappella vocal harmony through arrangements grown from American roots genres, world



Big Woods Voices will play at the Main Street Arts stage. PHOTO PROVIDED

folk styles, poets old and new, and Danforth's deep creative well. From heart-stopping to foot-stomping, prayerful to fun-filled,

dissonant to dulcet, Big Woods Voices brings the spirit of southern Vermont to life through rich harmonies and soulful interpreta-

tions.

The Voices are, from high to low, Amanda Witman, founder of the Brattleboro Pub Sing; Becky Graber, director of the Brattleboro Women's Chorus; Will Danforth, an award-winning, multi-instrumental solo acoustic artist; and Alan Blood, long-time member of area groups such as the Blanche Moyse Chorale, I Cantori, Blue Moon, and House Blend.

More information is available at www.bigwoodsvoices.com, or contact BWV at bigwoodsvoices@gmail.com. To order digital and print CDs, go to www.bigwoodsvoices.bandcamp.com.

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Claremont Savings Bank awards Vermont Film Showcase grant to RED

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – awarded to Rockingham Entertainment Develop-

ment, LLC (RED) by the Claremont Savings Bank, a regional, one-day film festival will occur at the Bellows Falls Opera House on Saturday, Oct. 21. The Bellows Falls Vermont (BFVT) Film Showcase will feature filmmakers whose work includes a focus on Vermont topics and locations, or whose actors, director, and team members are from Vermont.

RED will partner with FACT TV in Bellows Falls to produce the festival. Ten

years ago, FACT TV offered the No Film Film Festival at the Opera House, and since then, aspiring filmmakers associated with the cable public access station have gone on to produce a number of independent films including a recent documentary, "Called to Duty," about the 1981 Star Hotel fire, in which two firefighters lost their lives.

The BFVT Film Showcase will offer three categories of filmmaking: seven to 15 minute micro film, all genres; 30-45 minute shorts, all genres; and 60-90 minute feature, narrative or documentary. Submissions will be accepted beginning Aug. 1, and details will be uploaded to Film Freeway and the Bellows Falls Opera House website. Entry fees are not required, and anyone is welcome to submit a micro or short film, which will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis until available time slots are filled. Feature films will be juried in advance, and the selected feature will be shown at 7 p.m.

Audience members will be able to come and go throughout the day, to enjoy local offerings and remain downtown for shopping and dining. Audience voting for best micro and short films will end at 6 p.m. The winning feature filmmaker will receive a \$200 cash prize, and the opportunity to have their film screened in the 500-seat Bellows Falls Opera House at 7 p.m. that evening.

Musicians will also have an opportunity to participate. Organizers will accept submissions for a two minute festival theme song that focuses on the importance of village life, with the tagline: "The BFVT Film Showcase... right in your own backyard." Files can be uploaded beginning Aug. 1, 2023. For all details, watch the Bellows Falls Opera House website, www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com.

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Springfield May Festival brings vendors and food

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mark your calendars for May 20, and head to the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse in Springfield from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. for the 12th Annual May Festival. Some 16 new and returning vendors have reserved spots, including Cathy Treble, who sells crocheted dragons, unicorns, mermaids, and crocheted game accessories; and Beverly DeCamp, who makes baby quilts, American Girl doll clothes, and other sewn items. This is the place to shop vintage and flea market items from Jill Connors, Rich Cofrancesco, Jill and Doug Tanner, Vicki Hingston, and others.

Enhance your spring with jewelry from Diane Holden, Julie Lannon, or Iris Fashion Jewelry. Take home some hot sauce from 802 Heat or Ted's Wicked BBQ, jams and jellies from Deb Griswold, or home-



The May Festival.

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made pasta from Imperfect Pasta. Little Feet Farmstead will be selling goat milk soap, and the Nigerian dwarf goat Peanut Brittle returns for a visit. VINE also returns with books and information about their animal sanctuary. Short reiki sessions will be available.

Live Music will be provided by the Springfield Stringers – George Ainley,

Julie Levy, Steve Matush, Barbara Schultz, Eric Taylor, and friends – followed by Bill Brink and Tom Ghent. Homemade food will be available, including our famous chili, quiche, baked goods, and beverages. Join us for this free outdoor event at 21 Fairground Road in Springfield. For more information, see www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

“The Trophy Hunters”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt. welcomes New Hampshire author Maureen Clancy Thibodeau on Friday, May 19 at 6 p.m. Maureen will read from and discuss her book “The Trophy Hunters.” This is a Bellows Falls Third Friday event.

A monstrous evil is lurking in the backcountry of Pittsburg, N.H. Born of the hatred he feels toward his dad for forcing him along on hunting trips, Thomas Nagazona begins to slowly go insane at the tender young age of 5. Sinister creativity leads Thomas on a course that will culminate in horrific changes for the Nagazona family

16 years later. Thomas spirals down a dark, complete collapse of his mental condition, which will set him off on a violent killing spree. Kammy Jones is the tenacious FBI agent pursuing Thomas. She has a personal stake in finding the perpetrator. Witness Thomas' journey into madness in this spine-tingling tale of revenge and reparation. Follow Kammy on her harrowing search for truth and justice. Join them both as they are brought together by desperation, paranormal communication, and madness for a gruesome showdown.

Maureen Clancy Thibodeau lives in southwestern New Hampshire

with her husband, dog, and cats in a very small town. She enjoys many outdoor activities, sports, and hobbies. Maureen is also a certified aromatherapist, and an estate sale planner. The idea for “The Trophy Hunter” came to Maureen in a dream. She spent two years formulating the plot, characters, and other book details in her head before writing a single word.

Books will be available at the event. Call 802-463-9404 for event reservations and to reserve a book. Books can also be reserved online at www.villagesquarebooks.com/book/9798987125403.

Underground System performing

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts is pleased to announce that the Bandwagon Summer Series will kick off on Friday, May 19 at 6 p.m. with a performance by the Brooklyn-based Afrobeat band Underground System. The concert will be co-presented with the Stone Church.

“Dancing has become one of the major draws of the Bandwagon Series, and there isn't a better opportunity to dance than Underground System,” says Keith Marks, Executive Director of Next Stage Arts. “It was intentional that we chose them to kick off the entire series. The New York City-based group has a reputation for setting a party vibe. It was natural to start the series with a bang.”

Underground System is a Brooklyn-based band that draws on a diverse array of influences, including afrobeat, funk, and dance music.

The concert will take place at Cooper Field, located on Sand Hill Road in

Putney. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, and picnic baskets. Beer, wine, and Barr Hill cocktails will be sold on site.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at

www.nextstagearts.org. Children under 12 get in for free. Series passes and discounted ticket bundles are also available – purchase early in the season for best value.

The Dance Factory presents spring recital —



The Dance Factory presents their 39th annual recital.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Dance Factory is pleased to present their 39th annual recital at Springfield High School in Springfield, Vt. on May 13 and 14. Students aged 3 and up will be showcasing ballet, modern, acrodance, jazz, hip hop, tap, and aerial yoga routines, with original choreography by The Dance Factory's four resident teachers.

“The 2023 recital feels like a return to normalcy after the last three years of uncertainty,” said owner Kate Frizzell-DeRosia. “The dancers are very excited – and have been for weeks – and we are all

looking forward to presenting a year of accomplished work.”

“I have so much gratitude to all of our supportive parents, dancers, and teachers, and Springfield High School and their staff for letting us rent their space for this presentation,” Kate added.

Due to the large number of participating dancers, the event will be spread across three performances. The Junior Recital will feature the studio's youngest students, aged preschool to second grade, and is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m., with tickets by donation. Students in grades two and up will perform

on Saturday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m.

Advance tickets for the Saturday evening and Sunday shows are available at Tina's Hallmark and Woodbury Florist in Springfield, Sage Jewelry and Gifts in Chester, and online through Eventbrite at www.bit.ly/3Hf8jDK. Tickets subsidize the increased costs of rental space and SHS personnel fees. Day-of tickets will be available at the door.

For more information on The Dance Factory's spring recital, please visit www.dancefactoryvt.com or contact owner Kate Frizzell-DeRosia at dancefactoryvt@gmail.com.

Smells Like Nirvana at BFOH

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Celebrate the legendary sounds of Nirvana and Kurt Cobain with Smells Like Nirvana, as they will perform songs from “Nevermind,” “In Utero,” “Bleach,” and B-sides, with support from Dead Original.

Dead Original's first album, “Bought and Sold,” is available now on all streaming platforms, or via www.deadoriginal.com.

Dead Original is supporting the show with a 30-minute set of songs from their first album.

The band features ex member of the Grammy-nominated metal band Trivium, and hit musical “Rock of Ages” vocalist Paul Wandtke, with bassist Mike Petrasek and drummer Christopher Scheutz. Dead Original has toured and supported the legendary rock band Candlebox,

and has even supported bands such as Seether, Jonathan Davis of Korn, 10 Years, and more.

Audiences are invited to make this show special by submitting a song request via www.smellslikenirvana-tribute.com in advance.

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Forests and Health

REGION – On Tuesday, May 30, at 6 p.m., Join Cheryl Joy Lipton on Zoom for a discussion about forests and health.

Lipton will discuss current Vermont legislation and its relation to the health of forests, and of people.

The Affordable Heating Act strives for Vermonters to pursue cleaner energy options. The Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Proj-

ect offers multiple resource management to implement the forest plan across a large landscape area. How can we all work together?

Cheryl Joy Lipton is an ecologist, landscape designer, and sustainable living consultant in Chester. She specializes in native plants and invasive non-natives, served on the Chester Planning Commission, and is a founding leader

of Mountain Valley Climate Action 350VT, the new nonprofit organization Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens, and Victory Gardening in the 21st Century, an online support group. This event is free and open to the public. Contact the library at 802-885-3108 if you have any questions or need help signing up.

Main Street Arts Garden Tour

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Three gardens in the Saxtons River and Rockingham area are open for the Main Street Arts Garden Tour, June 10 and 11. The garden tour is part of a larger program on the art of gardening and gardens that MSA is launching this year.

Enjoy different arts as you tour the gardens – live music, a plein air painting demonstration, and sculpture.

You can learn how to make a garden arch from saplings, and peruse a flea market of used garden tools, books, and accessories at the Main Street Arts building, where refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased in advance, or on the day of the tour for an additional fee. The garden tour ticket includes one raffle ticket for gift certificates generously

donated by Gardeners Supply Company and local nurseries, including Harlow's, Allen Brothers, Walker's, and Morningstar Nurseries. Additional tickets will increase your odds, and are available online and at MSA on the tour days.

For more information about the garden tour visit www.mainstreetarts.org.

Springfield Farmers' Market

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Come out for the Springfield Farmers' Market second indoor Spring Market on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Unit-

ed Methodist Church in downtown Springfield.

Vendors will offer natural meats, artisan breads, free-range eggs, honey, authentic hand-crafted batik clothing

and accessories, fabric arts, an abundant range of maple products, beeswax candles, pies and baked goods, jams, jellies, pickles, and relishes.

The farmers' market is always looking for new vendors and participants. If interested, please reach out to sfog@vermont.net.

Fox Run Golf Course to host tournament

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fox Run Golf Course in Ludlow will host the 7th annual Crown Point Board of Realtors CPBR "Golf for a Cause" Tournament on June 12, beginning at 1 p.m. This is one of Vermont's most beautiful courses. If you have not yet had the opportunity to play this course, this is your chance.

This tournament is CPBR's largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds support the Crown Point Board of Realtors Community Fund benefiting local families in need. Aiding hundreds of people each year by contributing to local food banks, schools, fire victims, and helping to make homes more accessible for people with health issues.

This year's event is a Margaritaville theme

scramble format, and big fun is the goal. There will be prizes for the best outfit, and various games on the course. After golf, there will be a silent auction, "Cheeseburger in Paradise BBQ" on the patio, and awards.

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Woods and water safety

REGION – It's the time of year to start thinking of getting back into the woods and onto ponds and lakes. Here are some common-sense safety tips for springtime hiking and boating.

Before hiking, check the weather forecast – weather conditions can change very quickly this time of year. In addition, be aware that the weather can be different on the summits of mountains.

Snow, freezing rain, and disorienting fog can occur quickly at higher elevations.

Wearing layers is important, as this makes it easy to add and remove clothing as conditions change. As always, proper footwear is important. Boots should be waterproof, have good tread, and provide protection for your ankles.

An essential spring hiking daypack should include a quality rain jacket, an extra pair of wool socks, and the pack should be water resistant or have a rain cover. Carry water, some food, matches, and a small first aid kit in case you get lost or injured in the woods. As with hiking in any season, be sure to let someone know what your plans are and when you will be re-

turning.

Kayaking and boating on lakes and ponds in springtime can be dangerous too. Again, as in all seasons, it is important to tell someone where you are going and when you are returning.

The main thing to keep in mind in springtime is that the water will still be cold. For instance, 55 degree water may not sound cold, but it can be very dangerous if you are not prepared for what sudden immersion will do to your body and brain. Water this temperature will draw out body heat four times faster than cold air will. Cold shock can cause drastic changes to blood pressure, heart rate, and your breathing. Cold shock and the rapid onset of hypothermia can quickly impact your ability to think and act. A life jacket should be worn, not just stowed in your craft. It will allow you to preserve energy while also keeping you afloat, thus creating time to get out of danger or allow help to arrive.

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