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Rockingham softball team completes second undefeated season

BY JOE MILLIKEN

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The excellence continued for a group of fourth, fifth, and sixth grade softball players who recently completed the remarkable achievement of back-to-back undefeated seasons, after recently clinching their title with a win at Springfield’s Robinson Park.

Around this time last year, Rockingham head coach Steve Bostwick’s team was completing an impressive, 12-0 season – including two playoff wins – to clinch the championship, after a victory against an always-worthy Springfield team.

This reporter remem-

bers (after interviewing the coach) how proud Bostwick was of the team, coming together on the heels of the pandemic situation that hadn’t allowed the young athletes to play ball in over a year.

Coming into this season, the goals remained the same for Coach Bostwick and his team. “Making it fun is important,” Bostwick said in a recent interview. “But if you don’t know what you’re doing on the field, that takes away from the fun. So, we try to find that balance between teaching the girls to play the right way, while also having fun. I also want to make sure that each player is ready for middle school softball, if they decide to

continue playing.”

However, the last thing any coach would probably expect from their team after a season like that, is to actually repeat the undefeated season, right?

“We started the season with 20 players for our ‘under age 12’ team, with several of the girls also being new to softball,” Bostwick said. “But with the help of our great assistant coaches [Derek Weir, Mickey Rentas, Megan Applegate, and Jason Tostrup], we concentrated on fundamentals, positivity, and building teamwork. We practiced a lot in between games during the 10-week season, and before we knew it, the playoffs were here!”

After a first-round win against a good Ludlow-Cavendish team, the Lady Terriers found themselves in the championship game for the second consecutive year, against a very good Springfield squad. It was a well-played title game, and with the tying run at the plate for Springfield in their final at-bat, a ground out to third base ended the rally for a 7-3 Rockingham victory.

“The game started out as a pitcher’s duel, but we cracked it open with five runs in the third inning and then hung on for the win,” Bostwick concluded. “Our pitchers, Karlie Weir and Johanna Kissell, pitched great and our catcher, Riley Applegate, did a great job



Coach Steve Bostwick’s under-12 softball team. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOE MILLIKEN

behind the plate for all six innings of the title game.”

The win completed an incredible two-year-plus run for this team, that has seen them complete back-to-back undefeated seasons, surely an amazing feat for any level of team sports. In

fact, going back to the final two games of the 2021 season, Coach Bostwick’s team has won an incredible 24 straight games. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, parents, and umpires who contributed to this run of excellence.

Springfield approves downtown mural, first dispensary

BY PAULA BENSON

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Selectboard Chair Kristi Morris opened the July 10 meeting promptly at 7 p.m., and quickly moved into a public hearing to review the proposed change to the residency ordinance for the town fire chief and deputy fire chief.

Board member Crissy Webster expressed concern over the change, which replaces the ordinance requiring residency within Springfield, with “must live within a 30-minute response time.” Webster said she felt 30 minutes seemed “excessive.” Board member Walter Martone countered, saying that parts of Springfield were even further away from the fire station than some neighboring towns. “If the town of Springfield were a perfect radius, around the downtown area, or the fire department let’s say, this would be a different story,” Martone said. “But our town boundaries are irregular.”

Morris said he had spoken with some residents about the issue who were worried about the 30-minute response time. He wondered if the board could find a dif-

ferent way to delineate the area more effectively, perhaps by determining an acceptable radius around the fire station.

Webster agreed, and asked, “Can we literally pick a pinpoint in Springfield, such as the fire station, and draw a circle around that?”

Town Manager Jeff Mobus replied, “We’d have to start the process all over again.”

“That would be a major change, I’m assuming,” added Morris. “We’d have to go back for another public hearing, I would imagine.”

“Which can happen,” said Mobus.

“Which can happen,” reiterated Morris.

The discussion continued, until, with a vote of 3-2, the board approved the motion to remove the residency requirement and implement the 30-minute response time adjustment.

Mobus reported that a retail cannabis establishment called TMM Dispensary had opened Monday, July 3 on Chester Road, after receiving a license issued by the state of Vermont. As Mobus explained, the state cannabis control board did not forward their report to the local cannabis control commission as they should

have, and signed off on the application without local approval. The state board issued an apology for their error and corresponded that, “they are hopeful that our local commission will issue and administer a local control license through our usual process despite their error.”

TMM Dispensary’s owner Leanna Lebaron was in attendance, and told the board that the entire application process had been “a nightmare.” There was a breakdown in communication between the state cannabis control board and the local commission, resulting in many delays and lack of shared information.

Selectboard member Mike Martin asked town clerk Barbara Courchesne to inform the state board on everything that had gone wrong, and ensure they are up to date on local guidelines and procedure moving forward.

Martone told the meeting he had visited the newly renovated TMM space, in the former location of The Magic Mushroom retail shop, and that it was “very nice, and very secure. Leanna did everything right,” Martone emphasized. “She

followed the rules. And we followed the rules. All the mistakes were made at the state level.”

The board unanimously approved the license, and Lebaron and TMM Dispensary were given full approval to operate the first, legal retail cannabis shop in Springfield.

A downtown mural project was presented to the board by Bettina McCrady, Barbara Sanderson, a longtime Springfield resident and philanthropist, and mural artist Phoebe Lo. The mural would be located at the Springfield Town Office, on the wall facing the parking lot.

Lo lives in Burlington, and has painted murals across Vermont. She told the board she was a family friend of the Sandersons, and had “visited Springfield on many occasions” and was “inspired by all of its natural beauty.”

McCrady added, “We feel this is a plus for the revitalization of downtown Springfield.”

Lo presented the board with three mock-ups, and Sanderson said her choice was design number one.

Martin addressed Sanderson. “I like it,” he said, “but

I have a personal preference. Am I allowed to have an opinion on that?”

“Yes, you are,” Sanderson replied.

Martin described why he favored design number three, even going into detail about the color palette. “If we’re going to paint the side of our building, we should let it pop!”

Board member Crissy Webster agreed.

The vote passed 4-1, with the one dissenting vote coming from Everett Hammond, who ultimately favored design number one.

The mural project will be funded by a private donation from the Barbara Sanderson family.

Lisa Baker was named the town animal control officer. She told the board she has more than a decade of experience training dogs, but admitted she is also learning and overcoming some challenges with the new position.

Data terminals for police department vehicles were approved for purchase, with the project to be partially funded by grant money, and Police Chief Burnham presented the board with his research on purchasing body camera technology.

He reported to the board that his officers are currently testing a system from Reveal Body Camera, and are pleased with the results. Coming in as the lowest bid by far, at an initial cost of \$14,729, the equipment package will then have an annual fee of \$2,709. Currently, the town has reserves of \$15,000 to purchase the system, and Mobus told Burnham he would do his best to encumber funds at the end of the fiscal year to cover the annual cost. Burnham addressed the board’s questions regarding the price difference, other concerns, and audience remarks.

“This was extremely well thought out and very cost effective. I absolutely support it,” Martone stated, before the board unanimously approved the purchase.

The chief was given the go-ahead to buy a Chevy Tahoe for the department, at a price of \$42,566.55. The cost was included in the town budget for fiscal year 2024.

Mobus reported that town paving projects had begun on South Street and Seavers Brook Road, and the culvert

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Bellows Falls Walk the Rock

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Town of Rockingham and Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA) announce the launch of the “Walk the Rock” trail map and retail passport on Friday, July 21, at the Greater Falls Farmers Market at Hetty Green Park, at the corner of School Street and Church Street in Bellows Falls, from 4-7 p.m. The map includes five trails around downtown Bellows Falls highlighting some of the town’s most treasured views, secrets, surprises, and beloved retailers, which hikers and urban explorers will visit to earn prizes.

A “selfie” snapped at the appropriate spot on each trail and presented to one of 21 participating retailers

will garner a custom sticker for that trail. Once all five stickers are collected, folks will earn a branded “Walk the Rock” stainless steel water bottle. In addition, when explorers gain a signature from all businesses listed on the passport portion of the map, they will earn a \$10 gift certificate to the participating business of their choice. Trail seekers are also encouraged to post photos on social media with a #WalkTheRock tag to qualify for a drawing for additional special prizes.

“Rockingham Development and Bellows Falls Downtown are proud to present the ‘Walk the Rock’ program, which adds wayfinding in Bellows Falls while integrating our trails

system to connect with our downtown merchants who offer everything from food and drink for both two and four-legged creatures, gems, gifts, clothing, antiques, books, and arcade games,” said Betsy Thurston, executive director of BFDDA.

The project is funded by a Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) community grant to develop connectivity among trails in and around the town of Rockingham, and develop an economic development plan that will support local businesses while promoting the quality of life that comes with outdoor recreational opportunities. It also highlights numerous

efforts by organizations like Windham County Trail Alliance (WCoTA), Windham Hill Pinnacle Association, Saxtons River Valley Trails Initiative (SVTI), and Bellows Falls Historical Society, among others, who have planned, built, worked to fund, promote, and maintain the trails.

“Every trail has its own treasures, but we are excited to introduce places like the Riverfront Trail to visitors and residents who are still discovering the Labyrinth and Poet’s Seat. And the Island Trail, which offers a reflection on the past giving us an appreciation of who came before us,” Thurston said. “The trails will continue to evolve as new bridges, a town-owned train station,



Walk the Rock event July 21. PHOTO PROVIDED

and the Area Wide Plan supports and encourages new development.”

In addition to the launch event, maps will be available at Town Hall, Rockingham Free Public Library,

Welcome Center, and all participating businesses. Prizes available while supplies last. For more information about “Walk the Rock,” visit www.rockinghamvt.org/walktherock.

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CVPWFL youth football and cheerleader camp

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – From Aug. 7-11 the Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football League (CVP-WFL) will be hosting the four-day Jim Tully Football & Cheerleader Camp, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Hadley Field Complex at Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) in Westminster, Vt., for kids entering grades three through eight, and cheerleaders 4-14 years of age.

Football players attending must wear shorts, T-shirts, and sneakers, and cheerleaders must wear shorts or sweatpants, T-shirts, and

sneakers. Instruction at the camp will be by coaches that have coached at different levels of football and cheerleading from Pee Wee to college.

Thursday, Aug. 10, there will be signups for the CVP-WFL season at BFUHS, at 5:30 p.m., with no camp that day.

There is a small cost per camper to participate. All campers will receive a camp T-shirt, and Friday night there will be pizza provided by Athens Pizza.

Camp registration will be Monday, Aug. 7, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Children from anywhere may attend this camp, and are encouraged to do so, as the upcoming football season is close.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Casey Cota at 802-463-9850, Ed Vancor at 802-376-5902, or Laura Lockerby at 802-376-4305.

Great instruction and fun for all at the 12th annual Jim Tully Football & Cheerleader Camp.

All four nights there will be a guest speaker to talk about Pee Wee, high school, college, and NFL football experiences.

SEVCA seeks members for board of directors

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) is actively seeking community members to work with the agency. Residents in Windsor or Windham Counties are asked to consider joining their board of directors – invest your time and talent, and work to ensure that people in local communities have the resources needed to thrive.

Your life experiences can support SEVCA's work.

Have you experienced poverty? Are you a member of an under-represented or historically excluded group? Do you have insight about the hardships people face today, or have a job serving people experiencing hardship? Do you have any of the following skills: legal, fundraising, governance, financial or multi-year budget planning, human resources, assessment and strategic planning, early childhood education,

social work, diversity and inclusion, or other assets essential to a strong and resilient business? Are you an elected official who has a heart for effective and accountable social services? Are you committed to alleviating, and, ultimately, to eliminating poverty in your community?

Board service supports low and moderate wealth community members, and it can be an excellent way to gain professional development skills while meeting other community members who share your commitment to social justice. You will attend one board meeting per month, and one or two committee meetings monthly or bi-monthly. Meetings are conducted primarily via Zoom. Together, the team cultivates an even more effective and accountable SEVCA.

Terrier Hall of Fame inductees

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Congratulations to the 2023 Terrier Hall of Fame inductees – Stanley Budzik, William Burton, Brent Lisai, Mary Lou Masuccio, and Edward Vancor. The tentative date for the induction ceremony is the weekend of Sept. 29.

Welcome to the Community! A Meet & Greet #2

Rockingham Free Public Library
Saturday, July 22
10:30am - 12pm

If you recently moved to Rockingham, we want to meet you! Join us to meet other residents and learn about local resources.

Hosted by the Rockingham Incremental Development Working Group (RIDWG) and underwritten by Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP)

Please call in advance with any questions
802-463-4270

Please RSVP to: RockinghamIDWG@gmail.com

The Wonderful World of Bats at the library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library's summer program events continue with "The Wonderful World of Bats," a presentation by bat enthusiast Jerry Schneider, at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26.

Visitors will enter the exotic world of bats using amazing photos by Merlin D. Tuttle, former president of Bat Conservation International. This program features the echolocation calls of bats and the science surrounding them. The bat program introduces audiences to local and tropical bats, the vampire bat, and many more of the only flying mammals. Via slides and taped bat calls, audiences move beyond stereotypes to



Jerry Schneider. PHOTO PROVIDED

dren may purchase heavy cotton shirts, or bring their own.

Jerry Schneider, inventor of the award-winning Butterfly Game, has presented nature programs in schools and libraries for the past 13 years throughout the eastern U.S. His programs help inspire youth and adults alike to pay more attention to our friends – the butterflies, bees, bats, and other pollinators.

This all-ages program is free and open to the public. For more information call 802-463-4270, email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

Raymond Bemis Community Forest

ATHENS, Vt. – In collaboration with the Vermont Land Trust, Bull Creek Common Lands (BCCL), a new nonprofit organization, will conserve 36 acres along the Bull Creek to be used as a community forest. After two years of planning, the land is being acquired this August from David Bemis, and will be named after his late uncle Raymond Bemis, who served his community in many roles during his long lifetime, and operated a fish farm on the property in the 1950s and 60s.

BCCL intends to maintain the network of trails that are on the property, and to protect the diverse landscape and ecological communities along the brook, including wetlands, a vernal pool, glacial fluvial landforms, rock ledges, and a floodplain forest. The community forest will be permanently open to the public for various low-impact, non-motorized uses. A section of trail may be developed to be accessible for people with mobility limitations. Additional input from the local community will guide how the land is used.

Currently, the organization is fundraising for the final \$15,000 needed to acquire and manage the community forest land. A public event to introduce the Raymond Bemis Community Forest will be held at the Athens Community Center on Saturday, July 22, at 2 p.m. There will be a presentation including stories from members of the community about the land's natural and human history, and a discussion about the community's current interests, followed by carpooling to the trail-

head site and taking a short walk. More information can be found at www.bullcreekcommonlands.org, and email inquiries can be directed to hello@bullcreekcommonlands.org.

BCCL is a community-based nonprofit organization that promotes the protection of wild spaces and wilderness restoration, emphasizing relationship with the land and long-term benefits for ecosystems and human communities. Its primary mission is to conserve land in and adjacent to the Bull Creek and Grassy Brook watersheds of southeastern Vermont.

Major funders of the acquisition and conservation of the Raymond Bemis Community Forest property are The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), Davis Conservation Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation, and Windham Foundation.

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replacement on Eureka Road will be scheduled for September. That work will involve a full road closure, and Mobus mentioned the detour routes will be posted on the town website.

Chief Burnham gave a report on the huge storm

and flooding event that was causing major damage to much of the state. Burnham said the police had been called to Giddings Street by reports of flooding around the bridge, so they shut down the road. He said they had evacuated five residents north of the bridge, "further up Giddings [where] basements were being flooded and houses were becoming

submerged."

Burnham also said that one of the bridges on Route 106 heading toward Chester had water cresting on either side, and flowing over the road, while another flooding situation involving propane required response from the fire department.

The selectboard will next meet on Monday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Floodtide of 1927

Nov. 3-4, 1927, the State of Vermont was visited by a drastic flood. In late 1927, "Floodtide of 1927" was published. Below is the Springfield section. From the introduction



Standard Oil Co and foundry in Springfield in the aftermath of the flood of 1927.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

"Nature never smiled more kindly on good little old Vermont than she did during the autumn of 1927. The outdoors was glorious....

...With but two or three frosts coming late in October, and only one of these a killing freeze, the harvest season, favored by plenty of clear weather, was long and propitious...The barns, silos, storehouses and cellars of the hard-working Vermont farmer were full of products of the field and orchard...

...During the evening of Wednesday, November 2d, a warm rain began to fall...It appeared like a mere shower - the more so as, almost from the start, it rained hard. When morning came, the rain continued right along without diminution in volume... Hour after hour the rain fell without slackening or giving any sign that it was about over...

And then word spread that the streams were very high and rising fast—higher than in '25...The familiar brooklet or river, leaving its usual low channel, had swollen in angry flood... If there was a dam or protecting wall in its way it pounded with the force of ten thousand demons at it, crying, "Let me through, let me through!"...

...And still the rain fell as hard as before, feeding these already gorged streams with ever-growing flood force. Would it never stop?"

Springfield
"With the waters in the Black River abated, Springfield faced a heavy property loss. Factories inundated, houses swept away, bridges carried out, streets and highways gullied, and stores submerged was the story.

Although practically all of Springfield's industrial plants suffered some damage, the Fellows Gear Shaper [100 River Street] and Vermont Snahe Company [near Edgar May Center] experienced the heaviest losses.

The first floor of the Fellows Gear Shaper factory was submerged to a depth of eight feet and receding waters Saturday left a badly damaged, mud-caked plant. Two corner walls of the Vermont Snahe Company's plant were washed away by the high water which did damage in other

sections of the buildings.

Six houses were swept away by the swift current and many more were damaged. Families were taken from flooded homes in boats.

The water swept through the business section of the town, flooding at least seven of the principal retail establishments on main street.

Water washed across the Main street in several places. Clinton street was under water to a depth of eight feet and a new stretch of macadam laid last year was gutted and carried away.

The large iron bridge over the Black River near the plant of the Vermont Snahe Company went out Saturday and the lower Clinton Street Bridge was wrecked beyond repair. A dozen smaller bridges within the confines of the town were carried away.

All highways out of Springfield, with the exception of the road to Chester, were blocked by heavy washouts or submerged under several feet of water and the town was without outside communication until late Saturday night.

The Springfield Terminal Railway was a heavy loser. The flume at the power house near Gould's Mills, as well as the gate at the dam, were swept away by the flood, and heavy damage was done to the track when the waters, breaking through after the gate had gone, gullied out the highway and roadbed for a distance of more than a 100 yards near the power house, leaving the rails suspended in the air.

The same condition existed at Seaver's brook,

where the river broke through the retaining wall and completely swept away the highway for a distance of nearly 100 yards. The tracks at Middle Switch [near the Paddock], below Gould's Mills, also were washed away with a goodly portion of the roadbed. Water stood 20 feet deep over Middle Switch at dark Friday night."

The photo
I asked Hugh Putnam of Springfield Art and Historical Society to describe the photo with this article.

"This picture was taken from somewhere on Hartness Avenue. The building on the right is the foundry building where the Springfield Fire Station is today. The Black River is on the far side of the foundry building. The oil tank and buildings are the Standard Oil Company near where HB Energy is today. You are looking down the Black River behind J&L. The water in the foreground is all floodwater. Bridge Street goes in front of the Oil Company. Two bridges are hidden by the foundry building, one a railroad bridge to the foundry, the other going to Bridge Street. This bridge was destroyed by the flood."

Vermont Lt. Governor Hollister Jackson lost his life in this flood.

This week's old saying: "He can resist anything except temptation."

Seaver's Brook Bridge

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The bridge in this photo was on the Charlestown Road at Seaver's Brook below Jones & Lamson. It crossed the Black River to the brass foundry and connected with the lower end of Commonwealth Avenue. The brass foundry, in a field, was vacant at the time of the flood, and was destroyed.



Flood of 1927, car bridge over to Commonwealth Street. PHOTO PROVIDED BY HUGH PUTNAM

Frank Corliss had just built cabins for tourists across the bridge, and a gas station and oil business on the Charlestown Road side.

The bridge was badly damaged, removed, and never replaced. The debris you see is what was left of the gas business, note the Tydol tank at the far right. This picture also shows just

some of the damage to the Springfield Terminal Railroad.

Written by Hugh Putnam, Springfield Historical Society.

The Ludlow Mill

RIGHT: The Ludlow Mill during the 1927 flood.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

BOTTOM: The Mill in Ludlow, July 10, 2023.

PHOTO BY NICK GIBERTI



North Springfield Dam

RIGHT: The North Springfield Dam July 10, 2023.


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BOTTOM: The dam after hurricane Irene, Aug. 29, 2011.

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opinion

Op-Ed: We are a community

As I finally got back into Ludlow Thursday morning, July 13, I was devastated to see the impacts that the flooding had on this town, and so many other surrounding areas. Bridges and roadways completely destroyed, homes and businesses in distress.

But it warmed my heart to see our community coming together, crews working to rebuild, neighbors helping neighbors, communities donating to other communities.

It was troubling to hear we were expecting more storms Thursday evening, July 13, with "confidence that many storms [would]

contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornadoes," according to the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center, and more flood watches through the weekend. It was very relieving that the storm wasn't as hard hitting as they anticipated.

Shelters are still available to those in need, along with donation locations with food and supplies. We will continue to keep those resources up to date as they become available to us. All of the information is ever changing, however, so what we print will be the most current information as of our press deadline.

We are posting the resources online at www.vermontjournal.com and on our Facebook page as well.

We are all in this together, and we will get through the impacts of this storm like we made it through hurricane Irene. Please continue to be patient as crews work on our roadways and town centers. We will continue to rebuild our homes, businesses, roads, towns, and communities.

Yours truly,
Shawntae Webb
Publisher

Dear Editor,

Despite the devastation, we're back with good news. Thanks to the unwavering perseverance of the cast, crew, and creatives behind "What the Constitution Means to Me," and the sup-

port of our community, the show still opened on Monday, July 17, at Walker Farm. The "Constitution" team has been in the trenches with us while continuing to prepare for the

performance all week, and we are so grateful for their steadfast spirit.

Sincerely,
Weston Theater Company

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Dear Editor,

As a 2019 transplant from Connecticut to Ludlow, I did not witness the local devastation from Hurricane Irene in 2011. From all accounts that I recall hearing about and discussion with many residents who did bear witness to Irene's wrath, the Ludlow community was hit hard. It is, then, rather extraordinary to have experienced the storm of July 10, and hear the consistent observation that its power and fury far exceeded that of Irene. Thus, it is

within the context of this comparison that I laud and profoundly thank Ludlow's town employees and the numerous contractors – local and from afar – who, without hesitation, mobilized remediation efforts before the rain even stopped falling. The volume and pace of work performed by these tireless heroes would be beyond comprehension if it weren't so readily obvious to everyone. These men and women are warriors, and they deserve every accolade that can be bestowed upon them. Equal praise

and thanks must go to the leaders and employees of our numerous area businesses and charities who, first and foremost, stepped in and up to provide aid and comfort to those who lost so much.

In short, it has been an extraordinary effort from ordinary people who just care about each other and their community. What a pleasure and honor to behold.

Sincerely,
Timothy R. Hertweck
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Board of Trustees for the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) is pleased to report that after a long arduous process, ESBR is now an Approved Independent School by the Department of Education of Vermont. This means that students who come from a choice or sending town can have their tuition paid for by the state education taxes. This will allow us to expand our teaching staff and student enrollment. This approval was completed on June 29, one day ahead of the July 1 moratorium on further independent school approvals. Although grateful we passed, the late timing delayed decisions for previous staff and students for the upcoming year. It also delayed our reaching out to prospective students,

until we had the approval and funding to know we could increase our staff.

Therefore, we are hustling to acquire new staff and are excited about the future of ESBR.

With that being said, we are announcing that we are opening our enrollment to interested seventh through 12th grade students for the 2023-2024 school year. If students live in a choice or sending community, such as Ludlow and Mount Holly, then as was said, their tuition will be covered by the state's educational tax dollars. If a student is not from a sending community, they can still apply. The doors will open Aug. 30.

As you are aware, ESBR is a small independent school that provides a hands-on, project-based education utilizing many local and state resources, with many outdoor activities. It is an important local option for middle and high school students in the area, and is important for the health of our community, especially now as the area rebuilds from the sudden flash flooding destruction

on July 10. People have come together near and far to help neighbors clean up, as well as restore local business establishments.

An innovative and flexible school option offers much stability for the families of this community.

We want to especially thank all of our supporters that have helped us get to this stage. We could not have reached this goal without you. We are interested in hearing from you with questions or comments at gblodgett@esblackriver.org or 802-558-3147, and you can also visit our website at www.esblackriver.org.

Also, please share our information with any prospective students or anyone interested in joining the ESBR Board, which we are eager to expand as well.

With much thanks,
Gary Blodgett
ESBR Board Chairperson
And the ESBR Board of Trustees
Suzy Buckley, Patrick Pulinen, Julie Abraham, Stephen Messina, and Marissa Selleck

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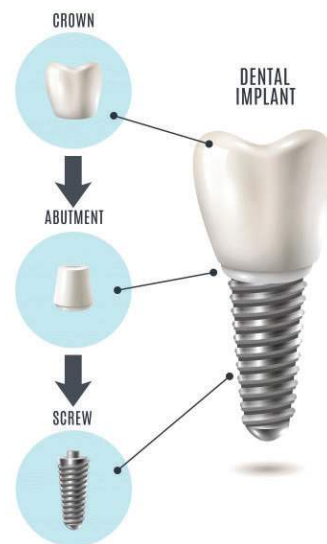


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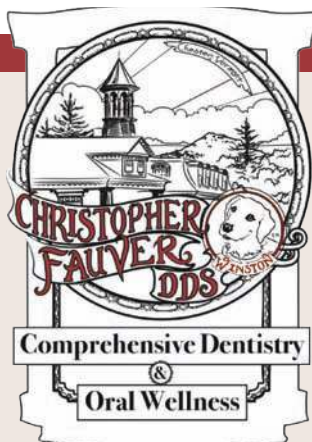


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ALSTEAD, N.H.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St.
Traditional Baptist Services held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Masks are optional. Handicap accessible. 802-463-3220.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

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

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

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person. Sunday services run from September to early June.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

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

LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.
Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.
Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

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Sandra Jerome, 1948-2023

ANDOVER, Vt. – Sandra Jerome, 74, formerly of Andover, Vt., passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at her granddaughter's home in Bristol, Vt. She was born Nov. 5, 1948, in Burlington, Vt., the daughter of Elliot and Thelma (Beaudwin) Lahoue.

Sandra attended and graduated school in South Burlington, Vt.

She married Charles H. Jerome on Jan. 24, 1970, at the First Congregational Church in Burlington.

Sandra is predeceased by her husband, her parents, and her brother Bruce Lahoue.

Sandra held many different jobs during her life, mainly working in customer service. She had a passion for human connection, and would do anything in her power to help someone. She loved volunteering at

several churches, and that's where you would find her most days after the loss of her husband. Like her father, she loved art, drawing, painting, and crocheting, which were a few ways she passed time. She adored her animals and enjoyed shopping.

She is survived by two sons Justin Jerome and fiancé Jessica Coleman, along with Jessica's two children of Rutland Vt., and Jason Jerome and wife Jaime Jerome and their four children of Bristol, Vt.; five grandchildren Darian, Traven, Autumn, Austin, and Layla Jerome; along with four great-grandchildren (soon to be five); and many other family members who loved and cherished Sandra.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Sandra's honor on July 23, at 1 p.m., at 1103 Carlstrom Road in Bristol, Vt.

Susan Kneebone, 1943-2023

LUDLOW, Vt. – Susan Miller Kneebone of Ludlow, Vt., died peacefully on June 29, 2023, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Her loving husband Bill was by her side.

Susan was born on March 5, 1943, in Galesburg, Ill., daughter to Robert Miller and Jean Miller. As the daughter of a colonel in the army, Susan spent her childhood living in various places including Texas, Maryland, and Germany, before heading back to Illinois to attend MacMurray College, where she met the love of her life, Bill Kneebone.

Susan and Bill married on Oct. 26, 1963, and raised their two sons in Illinois, Colorado, and Kansas, before settling down in New Providence, N.J., which was their home for more than twenty years, before retiring to Steamboat, Colo., and finally Ludlow, Vt.

They spent the years following Bill's early retirement traveling the world and enjoying precious ski time on the mountains of both Colorado and Vermont. Susan was an incredibly gifted artist, earning a fine arts degree from Kean University and designing greeting cards for the Fravessi Greeting Card Company. She spent many hours sharing her talent with her five grandchildren, overseeing their numerous arts and crafts projects while serving up a batch of her own special recipe, "Grammy's Famous Cocoa." Her creativity also led to her passion for gardening, and Susan Kneebone's garden bloomed in full force every spring. She was very active in her community of Ludlow, organizing numerous programs and events, including the community art project "Llamas



Susan Kneebone, 1943-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

of Ludlow," and serving as president of the Ludlow Garden Club. She was also involved in many programs at The United Church of Ludlow.

Susan is survived by her husband Bill Kneebone; son Robb and his wife Kerry (Mattapoisett, Mass.), and son John and his wife Beth (Chatham, N.J.); and her grandchildren Jake, Tess, Cate, Grace and Emma. Susan also leaves behind a sister Karen (Kay) Rothman (Knoxville, Tenn.) and brother Craig Miller (Salt Lake City, Utah).

A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Church of Ludlow on Saturday, Aug. 19. Friends are invited to stop by the Ladies' Parlor from 10-11 a.m. to visit the family. A service will be held in the sanctuary at 11 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon at D.J.'s in Ludlow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, or the United Church of Ludlow. Condolences may be sent to Bill Kneebone and Family, P.O. Box 12, Ludlow, VT 05149.



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Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.
Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jckurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.
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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Department Laborer.

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

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

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN ASSISTANT WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN RECORDING SECRETARY

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Job Type: Part-time

Hours per week: Less than 10

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JULY 1-31

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – United Ag & Turf and United Construction & Forestry are holding a food drive for the month of July. All donations will be given to Springfield United Methodist Church, to be distributed to those most in need. Donations can be dropped off at 300 Clinton Street.

JULY 20 –

TONWSEND, Vt. – Janice Z Dog Training of Townshend will be hosting an online webinar on Zoom titled "Why Does My Dog Do That?" at 12:30 p.m. In this webinar, Janice Zazinski of Janice Z Dog Training will discuss why dogs behave the way they do, cover common behavior issues, debunk some dog behavior myths, give ideas for immediate help, and recommend when to consult a professional. The registration fee will be shared equally with the Windham County Humane Society. Register at www.janicezdogtraining.com/webinars.

JULY 21 –

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Firehouse 6 Dixieland Band will perform the last free concert of the summer, rain or shine, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Refreshments on sale will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cold and hot beverages, and a dessert.

There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Please bring a lawn chair and join for a fun evening of entertainment. There may even be some dancing.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A ballroom dance will be held at the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance instruction this night. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsey Child at 603-504-6671.

JULY 22 –

BELMONT, Vt. – A baked ham supper will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., beginning at 5 p.m., to benefit the Mt. Moriah Masons. The menu will include roasted potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and dessert. All you can eat for a minimal cost. Takeout will be available starting at 4:45 p.m. For more information, call 802-259-2460.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will host "Sheryl Faye Presents: Ruth Bader Ginsburg," beginning at 1 p.m. This one-woman

show shares the life and achievements of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The actress Sheryl Faye has brought her performances of historical women all over New England, and the library is thrilled to be hosting her. This is a free event.

JULY 25 –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – For the 90th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will host author and historian Marty Podskoch, who will speak about the history of the Cavendish and Proctorsville CCC Camps, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event.

JULY 30 –

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be having their annual Chicken Barbecue, with pick up from 5-6 p.m. The menu will include take out half chicken, and a full meal of half chicken, potato salad, three-bean salad, a roll, and a beverage. Tickets are available at Galloway's Real Estate in Walpole, or call 603-209-7622.

SUNDAYS –

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

MONDAYS –

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

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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 –

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Thursday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at bwquilter1778@gmail.com.

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

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.

SATURDAYS –

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The Town of Chester is currently seeking an experienced and detail-oriented Finance Officer/Staff Accountant to maintain financial records. The Finance Officer's responsibilities include maintaining financial records and reports, performing account reconciliations, assisting with budget processes, conducting internal audits, oversight of payroll and accounts payable. To be successful as a Finance Officer, you should be able to accurately maintain a general ledger and ensure compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Finance Officer should also have excellent communication, organizational and analytical skills.

Responsibilities:

- Maintaining financial reports, records and general ledger accounts.
- Preparing journal entries, analyses, account reconciliations and monthly close processes.
- Performing monthly balance sheet reconciliations
- Responding to information requests, reviewing financial statements and assisting with audits.
- Reconcile bank statements, petty cash funds and other accounts monthly
- Oversees daily report of cash receipts, accounts payable and payroll.
- Assists in preparation of annual budget
- Ensuring compliance with GAAP.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Accounting, Finance or related field and five or more years of progressively responsible accounting experience, preferably in a government setting.
- Proficient in MS Office Suite, with advanced Excel skills and ability to work with accounting software. Experience with NEMRC preferred.
- Detail oriented, accurate, analytical and organized.
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize tasks in order to complete assignments in a timely manner and meet deadlines.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, municipal officials, general public and business partners.

The Town of Chester offers a competitive salary and benefit package. A full job description is available by contacting the Chester Town Office at (802) 875-2173. Please send your letter of interest, resume and salary requirements to the Chester Town Office at 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT, 05143 or via email at amie.obrien@chestervt.gov. This position is open until filled.

TOWN OF CHESTER INVITATION TO BID Severe Storm Repair and Supply

In order to comply with FEMA requirements following the Natural Disaster which occurred on July 9, 2023, the Town of Chester is extending an Invitation to Bid to local contractors and gravel/stone suppliers. Contractors are needed for road rebuilding to include heavy equipment as well as trucks for hauling material. This bid also extends to gravel/stone suppliers for material costs.

Please respond to Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester via email at Julie.hance@chestervt.gov with the following information:

- Equipment Available
- Equipment Rate with Operator
- Trucking Rate
- Gravel price per yard
- Stone price per ton

Please direct all questions to Julie Hance, (802) 875-2173.

NOTICE St. Charles Catholic Cemetery

Neal and Carolyn Hammerschmidt, the parents of Daniel James Hammerschmidt, who was interred in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Westminster, VT, in 2001 working together with the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, VT are placing this notice for the disinterment and the reinterment in the new section of St. Charles Cemetery pursuant to Vermont statutes 18 V.S.A. ~ 5212 (b). This notice must contain this statement that the spouse, child, parent, sibling or descendent of the deceased, or the town cemetery commissioner or other authority responsible for the cemeteries in the municipality, may object to the proposed removal by filing a complaint in Vermont probate court. This notice will run in the Shopper for two consecutive weeks. Following that, the Westminster town clerk will issue a removal permit 45 days after the date on which the notice was last published unless an objection is made in probate court, in which case the clerk must issue the permit upon order of the court 18 V.S.A. ~ 5212 (c).

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Answers

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Town of Mount Holly Seeks Highway Maintenance Worker

The Town of Mount Holly seeks an experienced highway maintenance worker to join its road crew starting August 1, 2023. A detailed description of the position and employment application can be found by visiting www.mounthollyvt.org and navigating to Announcements->Job Openings and Employment. Paper copies of the job description and application can also be picked up in person at the Mount Holly Town Office at 50 School Street in Mount Holly.

Interested candidates should submit questions and letters of application to the Mount Holly Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com or can mail letters to Mount Holly Select Board at PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Applications can also be hand-delivered to the Town Office.

Caitlin Boyle
Clerk, Mount Holly Select Board
Mount Holly, VT
mounthollyvt.org

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-07295

In re ESTATE of: Malcolm Felton

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Malcolm Felton Decedent
late of Chester, Vermont 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: 6/21/23 Signature of Fiduciary: [Signature]

Executor/Administrator Ann F. Fujii, c/o Amanda L. S. George, Esq.	Mailing Address P.O. Box 578
Phone Number 802-875-7777	City, State, Zip Chester, VT 05143

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal & Shopper Newspaper
Publication Date: July 19, 2023
Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court - Probate Division - Windsor Unit
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION 250478-12 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

Application 250478-12 from Chester-Andover Family Center PO Box 302, Chester, VT 05143 was received on June 14, 2023 and deemed complete on July 6, 2023. The project is generally described as the removal of the 8' x 12' attached storage shed on the southeast corner of the Chester-Andover Family Center building and replacement with of a 12' x 35' addition to be used as an enclosed storeroom and an open sided shelter for equipment. The project is located at 908 VT-103 in Chester, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database: (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=250478-12>).

No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**, a party notifies the District 2 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrb.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 2 Office at: NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact Quin Mann at the email address or telephone number below.

Dated this July 13, 2023.

By: [Signature]
Quin Mann
District Coordinator
100 Mineral Street, Suite # 305
Springfield, VT 05156-3168
802-661-8041
Quin.Mann@vermont.gov

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 23-PR-03459

In re ESTATE of: Rodger Capron

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Rodger Capron 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: 7/10/23 Signature of Fiduciary: [Signature]
CHRISTA L. MARTIN

Executor/Administrator Christi L. Martin	Mailing Address c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., P.O. Box 519
Phone Number 802-885-2582	City, State, Zip Springfield VT 05156

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LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Emergency Responses in Ludlow & Cavendish
- Okemo Valle Disaster Relief Fund
- Gov. Scott Administration Flood Relief Press Conferences
- Summer Concert Series- Gypsy Reel
- President Coolidge Essays

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DONATION LOCATIONS

- Shaw's in Springfield is collecting food items for Ludlow flood victims.
- Calcutta's Restaurant in Ludlow is collecting items for food and shelter.
- Gamebird in Ludlow is collecting food donations and giving away food and meal kits. They have also set up a gofundme at www.gofundme.com/69137BB3.
- Cavendish Baptist Church is accepting food and other donations for their shelter. Food and supplies, gift cards, and checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 425, Cavendish, VT 05142.
- Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry is accepting donations at www.secure.givelively.org/donate/neighborhood-connections-inc/flood-relief, to be used in the local community relief efforts.
- Cavendish Baptist Church is accepting food and supplies for their shelter, food containers for meals for delivery, and monetary donations can be made to P.O. Box 425, Cavendish, VT 05142.
- The Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield is accepting donations, 21 Fairground Road.
- The Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department is accepting monetary donations at P.O. Box 81, Proctorsville, VT 05153.
- Springfield Area Parent Child Center requests items for their diaper bank program, in particular diapers size 5 and 6; 2t/3t, 3t/4t, and 4t/5t pullups; and wipes. Purchases can be made via Amazon wishlist. Please email sapcc@sapccvt.org to alert the center of donations.
- Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow is accepting monetary donations via their PayPal at www.brgn.org.
- "Operation Ludlow," a group of volunteers that have come together to be a center point for collecting all physical donations, is accepting donations at 37 Main St. (Ludlow Community Center) from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. every day until further notice.
- The Town of Ludlow's officially-approved monetary donation page can be found at www.yourplaceinvermont.com/accepting-donations-for-flood-relief. This has been set up by the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Ludlow Rotary Club. Also note that you must specifically tag "Ludlow Town and Village" as the donation location.

DAMAGES

- Report your residential property and business damages
- Vermont 211 at www.vermont211.org.
 - FEMA Vermont at www.fema.gov/locations/vermont.

FREE MEALS

- Gamebird in Ludlow is collecting food donations and giving away food and meal kits.
- The Eatery by Vermont Bliss in Ludlow is donating meals to those who can't pay.
- Chester Helping Hands, Southern Pie Café, and the Pizza Stone in Chester set up community meal resources, bag lunches, and free personal pizzas, with donations coming from Black River Produce.

SHELTERS

- Belmont Fire Station, 52 Church Street, Mount Holly
- Mount Holly Town Office, 50 School Street
- Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main Street
- Cavendish Elementary School, 573 Main Street
- Calcutta's Restaurant, 87 Fox Lane, Ludlow
- Londonderry Flood Brook School, 91 VT Route 11
- Londonderry Town Hall, 100 Old School Road
- S. Londonderry First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent Street
- Plymouth Community Shelter, 35 School Drive

SUPPLIES

- Donated supplies (paper products, food, other staples) can be picked up at the Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main Street, Ludlow.
- Snacks, dry goods, and personal care items are set out in the red tub in front of Tacos Tacos in Ludlow. Please take whatever you need, and feel free to add as well.

LUDLOW POST OFFICE UPDATE

The USPS District has deemed the Ludlow Post Office unsafe to open and they are re-routing all Ludlow mail to the Proctorsville Post Office on Depot Street in Proctorsville. By Saturday, July 15, carriers were loading up in Proctorsville and continuing to do their normal route deliveries. Ludlow P.O. Box customers will have to go to Proctorsville to pick up their mail. The lobby is open with parcel lockers for each customer, just ask the clerk at the desk for your mail with your box number. The window is currently open 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on weekdays. Amazon packages will not be delivered through the postal service for a month or more.

STATE ROAD CLOSURES

- 511 road closures at www.newengland511.org.

Tunes for our towns

CHESTER, Vt. – There will be a concert on Sunday, July 23, from 5-7 p.m., on the Chester Green in the Alley of the Annex. Proceeds will go to flood victims for our communities of Ludlow, Cavendish, Londonderry, Weston, Plymouth, Andover, and Chester. There will be food and a few musicians performing. A great time bringing our communities together, take a break from the hard work, and raise some money for the flood victims.

Fundraising to help nonprofits in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – A fundraising effort through GoFundMe has been set up to help nonprofit organizations in Weston, Vt., raise money to assist their cleanup and recovery efforts after the recent catastrophic flooding in town. The effort is sponsored by Friends of the Weston Community, a nonprofit, volunteer organization founded in 2021 to support projects and programs that benefit the Weston Community. Donations will be gathered by Friends and then fully disbursed to needy organizations requesting assistance in the town. The Friends can help carry the burden of fundraising, allowing the organizations to focus on the work of recovery.

Community service, educational, recreational, and cultural organizations in town, many set along the West River, have been devastated. The Weston Volunteer Fire Department, the Weston Community Association that owns the Playhouse and museums, the Weston Theater Company, The Little School, the Weston Recreation Center, and other organizations suffered terrible damage that will take a long time and significant funds to repair.

Interested donors are encouraged to go to www.gofundme.com/a9e70fb3 to make a tax-deductible donation to help these vital organizations in Weston. Nonprofit organizations in Weston wishing to request funding may contact friendsofthewestoncommunity@gmail.com.

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Vermont Community Foundation flood recovery fund

REGION – The Vermont Community Foundation announced that it has created a fund to help the people and communities of the state recover from devastating flooding that constitutes one of the worst natural disasters Vermont has ever seen.

Donations to the Vermont Flood Response & Recovery Fund 2023 will help with immediate and longer-term efforts to assist Vermont people and communities. Flooding caused by torrential rains over the past five days has put downtowns under water, forced residents to evacuate from their homes, washed out roads and bridges, destroyed crops, and threatened dams.

Dan Smith, president and CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation, said the fund will help Vermont rebuild and pull together in a time of great need.

“One of the defining truths about Vermont is that Vermonters look out for one another,” Smith said. “We saw it during the pandemic; we saw it during Tropical Storm Irene. As we watch the updates come in from across the state today, we see it again. Emergency responders, public safety officers, federal and state agencies, businesses,

and volunteers coming together to manage a major crisis as it unfolds.”

Giving to the Flood Response & Recovery Fund will help Vermont respond as nimbly as possible as the full scale of the flood’s impact emerges in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

“Our teams here at the VCF are in conversation with the Red Cross, FEMA, the state’s community action agencies, the Governor’s office, and our partners throughout the state to coordinate a philanthropic response,” Smith said.

Holly Morehouse, vice president for grants and community impact at the Vermont Community Foundation, said the fund will help people join together in Vermont’s recovery efforts.

“I am so proud and appreciative of the way that Vermonters step up to help one another, and the incredible power of collective giving is never more apparent than in challenging times like these. Gifts to the Vermont Flood Response & Recovery Fund will help to cover immediate support as Vermont moves through this crisis, as well as essential and far-reaching recovery efforts that will be needed to build back across our towns and villages, farms

and families, watersheds, and homes.”

This is not the first time the Vermont Community Foundation has coordinated the philanthropic response to a crisis. The Foundation’s Vermont Covid fund put nearly \$11 million to work in Vermont communities, and the foundation also raised substantial funds to rebuild communities after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

Visit www.vermontcf.org/vtfloodresponse to give or learn more about the fund.

Senior Solutions flood updates

REGION – By noon on Tuesday, July 11, it was abundantly clear that the record-breaking rainfall that had washed out roads, kept people stranded in their homes, and flooded our villages, would mean that nearly 250 Meals on Wheels recipients in southeastern Vermont would not receive the food they depend on.

With our highways and many local roads damaged or closed, the prospects of resuming meal deliveries anytime soon seemed extremely doubtful. By just two days later – through the heroic efforts of community organizations, emergency

responders, and town officials – meal deliveries had been restored to all but a handful of recipients.

In the past three days we have heard stories of care and compassion – of pharmacies working to refill prescriptions for evacuees, farmers’ markets and grocery stores donating food to senior centers and other local meal sites, meal sites ramping up production to feed hard-hit areas, and deliveries being made by emergency workers on ATVs. Local healthcare organizations have expedited requests for financial assistance, town offices and fire departments have been collecting donations of cleaning supplies and other needed items, and

neighbors are helping neighbors pump out basements and dig out homes.

Those of us at Senior Solutions, the area agency on aging in southeastern Vermont, extend enormous gratitude to the workers and volunteers who continue to work long hours to ensure that our neighbors are safe and having their needs met during this unprecedented disaster.

We count ourselves as extremely fortunate to be able to work with our community partners for the benefit of Vermonters, particularly those with the greatest needs.

We are in constant communication with our meal site partners, community organizations, and state agencies to receive timely updates on the areas of greatest need, and the resources available.

Our offices in Brattleboro, Springfield, and Windsor are fully staffed, our HelpLine at 866-673-8376 or 802-885-2669 is active as an important resource, and our Springfield office is open for walk-in assistance. Our case managers have reached out to all their clients, and we have been in touch with town officials to confirm that our clients are safe.

We at Senior Solutions will continue to extend support as we work together to reach Vermonters in need.

Flood relief scams

REGION – In the wake of recent storms, criminals are attempting to take advantage of disaster victims.

Be cautious in seeking a home repair contractor. Check references and contact the Better Business Bureau, as well as your Attorney General’s Office regarding complaints filed against the contractor. Do not pay for repairs until they are completed.

Be wary of calls or emails from insurance companies. Do not pro-

vide personal or account information until you can verify identity. If approached by an insurance company representative, reach out to your insurance provider using the information on your policy or invoice to confirm the legitimacy of the contact.

Watch out for scammers impersonating charities. If you donate, begin with local organizations. Don’t provide information or money unless you can verify identity.

Be wary of anyone contacting you who is offering assistance on behalf of


a government agency in person, by phone, or online. Don’t provide personal information unless you have clear proof of identity. Officials visiting homes will have photo IDs; emails, text messages, and phone calls should be confirmed by making contact using an official source, not a number or email address used to contact you.

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Mark Huntley and Friends in Cavendish

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Town of Cavendish will continue its summer music series with a concert by Mark Huntley and Friends on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, Wednesday, July 26, at 6 p.m.

Mark Huntley has been an integral part of the Vermont music scene for many years, on his own and as drummer with a variety of other bands. A resident of Cavendish, Mark brings his unique percussion talents to every gig he plays, anchoring each band with his distinctive and inimitable style.

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) is coordinating the concert series on behalf of the Town of Cavendish. All concerts are free and open to the public, so grab your lawn



Mark Huntley performs at a previous CCCA concert.

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chair, a picnic, and a cold drink, and join your friends and neighbors to enjoy plenty of good music from the gazebo. Singleton's and Murdock's both serve take-out food and drink for your picnic.

The summer concert series has a long history in Proctorsville, and many area

residents reserve Wednesday evenings to listen to the live music. As always, the concerts will be held unless severe weather threatens. In case of rain, alternative plans will be announced on the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page.

This concert is sponsored by The CCCA Trails Committee.

If you would like to help, The CCCA would like to hear from you. Email Cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com to volunteer, or for more information on the concerts.

Springfield Community Band in Walpole

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, at the gazebo on Elm Street in

Walpole, N.H. The band will play “Symphonic Ger-shwin,” “First Suite in E-flat for Military Band” by Gustav Holst, music by Henry Mancini, as well as various jazz pieces. The concert will end with the

“Concerto for Drumset,” featuring percussionist Clay Thompson at his explosive best. Please bring a chair.

Please note that the program could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Gaslight Tinkers on the Tavern Lawn

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music continues its 20th Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of folk, world beat, jazz, Americana, rock, and bluegrass summer concerts on Sunday, July 23, with roots and world music quintet The Gaslight Tinkers. The seven-concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 20. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney, on the Putney Tavern lawn – bring a lawn chair or blanket – or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Co-presented with

Next Stage Arts Project, the series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, Green Mountain Well, Soundview Paper Company, Rod's, and many other Putney area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public, donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772, or visit www.twilightmusic.org.

The Gaslight Tinkers' blend of global rhythms creates a joyous world beat sound around a core of traditional New England old time and Celtic fiddle music, merging boundless positive energy with melo-

dy and song. Drawing from their extensive musical backgrounds in traditional folk, Caribbean, old time, Celtic, and rock, the quintet crafts a sound that brings world traditions together.

Since its formation in 2012, the band has lit up the nation coast to coast, as well as the Caribbean, headlining clubs, dances, and major festivals. The Gaslight Tinkers have performed at Green River Festival, The Iron Horse Music Hall, The Parlor Room, Old Songs Festival, Caffe Lena, Strange Creek, Rock and Roll Resort, Old Songs, Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals, and Wormtown festival.

Springfield Community Band plays movie soundtracks

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m.

on Tuesday, July 25, at the Hartness House, 109 Front St (formerly 30 Orchard Street) in Springfield, Vt.

This concert, a band fa-

vorite, is a collection of soundtracks and theme songs from movies and TV shows.

Among the selections played will be musical numbers from “Moana,” “Wicked,” “Encanto,” and “Aladdin,” as well as theme songs written by Henry Mancini (“Moon River,” “Peter Gunn,” etc.) and Alan Silvestri (“Polar Express,” and “Forrest Gump,” etc.)

The program could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

“An Architecture of Circumstance”

WINDHAM, Vt. – The Fourth Corner Foundation celebrates the life and legacy of its founder Robert Shannon with a retrospective of his work. The exhibit unveils a new gallery space that Shannon was working to com-

plete before he passed away earlier this year.

On view are Shannon's paintings, drawings, furniture, and architectural models for everything from housing developments to spaceships, and even a dollhouse. Visitors will travel up a continuous ramp through walls of wood lattice specially designed to display art. The building's sculptural metalwork, colorful patterning, and layered textures echo the sensibilities of Shannon's painting and drawing to create a uniquely blended work of art both inside and out.

The title, “An Architecture of Circumstance,” was Shannon's description of his own emergent process. A graduate of Yale Architecture School in the early 70s, his work in Vermont exemplifies both the inventive, ecological approach of the design/build movement, as well as a passion for the history of architecture itself. People will find his concern

for the environment and his vision for sustainable housing are as relevant as ever.

No R.S.V.P. is necessary. The opening will be held on July 29, beginning at 5 p.m. The Windham Philharmonic will perform at 7 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

The Fourth Corner Foundation is devoted to the artistic possibilities of designing with nature. The life-work of architect Robert F. Shannon, the property was the site for his ongoing, creative experiments with passive, solar architecture. The foundation features multiple buildings, and three acres of perennial gardens that are open to the public.

The Fourth Corner Foundation is located at 578 Hitchcock Hill Road in Windham, Vt., and is open daily from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. for self-guided tours. Appointments for guided tours can be made by emailing info@4CFoundation.org.

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Len Emery joins Canal Street Art Gallery

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery in Bellows Falls, Vt., is pleased to present Len Emery, the newest artist to participate in the Working Artist Program. Emery is on view from July 7 – Sept. 29. The Working Artist Program now provides two artist studios and exhibition spaces within the Canal Street Art Gallery. Artists process their own sales and curate their own space, all during regular gallery hours.

Join the gallery on thrid Friday Gallery Night from 5-7 p.m. on July 21, to welcome two artists in the Working Artist Program, including Judy Forman. Forman has completed three installments exhibiting as a Working Artist at the Gallery, and is a metal artist creating one-of-a-kind artist jewelry.

Len Emery, based in Springfield, Vt., is an aerial, photojournalism, and fine art photographer. Emery continues his darkroom practice on a small, environmentally friendly scale, and has fully embraced the digital technology available for photography. Emery has built a digital workstation in the Working Artist studio space, including a custom-

built copy stand, and scanner. At his studio in Springfield, Vt., the artist produces and prints all his own work on archival inkjet printers. While in the Working Artist Program, Emery is offering new services – artwork photography and fine art printing. Please email lenemery-photo@gmail.com for more details.

Len Emery began work in the second Working Artist space at Canal Street Art Gallery while photographing and digitizing “Thunder Basin,” a 71 page graphic novel written and illustrated by Charles W. Norris-Brown. This was during the late artist’s first posthumous solo show at the gallery. The show presented the full collection of finished, first draft, and rough draft pages, including a manuscript, created by the artist from 2016-2022 for the “Thunder Basin” project. Produced by Len Emery Photography, The Charles W. Norris-Brown Estate is now offering archival pigment prints on uncoated Arches 100% rag paper of a growing number of artworks from “Thunder Basin.”

During Emery’s time as a Working Artist he is sharing his process of book binding

while continuing to produce hand made copies of his own books. Currently using the relatively straightforward method of stab binding, in development is the much more complex way of case binding. Emery is working to produce more copies of an 89 page, stab bound, 11.5 by 8 inch photo essay, called “Down East Journal, The Fishermen of Washington County Maine.” The second book is “Vermont From One Thousand Feet, an Aerial Photo Essay Volume 1: Orange, Windsor and Windham County,” 2022, 80 pages. There are four more volumes to follow, encompassing the remaining counties in Vermont.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in the historic downtown Village of Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information about the Working Artist Program, or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

Next Stage presents Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents Somerville, Mass.-based Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band on Saturday, July 29, at 6:00 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney, Vt.

“The power of a large Balkan brass band just can’t be denied,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “We’re thrilled to have Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band lead our community in a dancing and fun evening of music.”

Raunchy circus roots. Polished precision performances. A joyful cacophony of Balkan, Klezmer, and funk, with a tasteful thrash of metal thrown in for good measure. No matter the occasion, Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band (ENSMB) has got the brass to get you up and dancing. Some whisper in hushed tones that ENSMB is the ultimate herald of mirthful discord, while others have gone mad at the mere mention of the name. It’s music shrouded in mystery and wicked intrigue. But there’s one thing we know for sure: Dance! Party! Vibes!

Better come see for yourself. Horns will wail. Shoulders will shimmy. Faces will melt.

Food from Crossroads Tacos and Vermont Gelato will be available for purchase at this concert.

This concert is funded in part by the New England States Touring program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program and the six New England state arts agencies. This concert is also funded in part by Vermont Country Deli.

The Bandwagon Summer

Series is a family-friendly outdoor cultural performance series running from early May through mid-October. More than 20 performances ranging from a diverse group of musical styles, circus arts, dance, and theater will take place at ballfields, farms, and parks throughout Windham County. Kids under 12 always get in for free, and a dedicated play area will be available at all shows. Refreshments are sold onsite, including the return of the hugely popular Barr Hill cocktails. Bring a picnic and a blanket or fold-up chair to enjoy the concerts.

Support for the Bandwagon Summer Series is provided by Brattleboro Reformer, Landmark College, Oak Meadow, Barr Hill, Vermont Public, The Porch Café & Catering, and Southern Vermont Solar.

Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or at the gate for an additional fee. Children under 12 enter free. Next Stage will provide a cash bar. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website above.

Áine Minogue at SOTH

WESTON, Vt. – Sundays on the Hill (SOTH) concert series is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and is proud to have the talented Irish harpist Áine Minogue grace the stage on July 23 in the Church on the Hill (Community Church) in Weston, Vt., at 4 p.m. The cost of admission is still minimal, thanks to generous support from Patrons of Sundays on the Hill concert series and other anonymous donors. Children 12 and under may attend at no charge. Please be aware that the doors open at 3:30 p.m., and there are no reserved seats, no advance tickets, and admission is paid at the door. More informa-

tion is available at www.sundaysonthehill.org.

Áine Minogue is an Irish harpist, singer, arranger, and composer, now living in the Boston area. She has recorded 13 solo albums in styles generally categorized as Celtic, world, folk, spiritual, and new age. Her website can be found at www.aineminogue.com.

As traditional Irish music and dance continue to enjoy phenomenal success both here and in Ireland, Áine Minogue is an artist who has long explored its themes and who captures its very essence. Her voice reflects the lyricism and richness to be found in Irish music, mythology, and poetry, with a voice undeniably her own, and a diverse group

of instruments that add to the traditional flavor of her work.

According to Billboard Magazine, “Áine Minogue is close enough to her Celtic sources to be nourished by them, but not so close that they root her to the spot.”

“Ms. Minogue is at home with love songs sung in Gaelic, the foot-tapping rhythms of jigs, reels, and Irish hornpipes, those plucked from Irish history, and the classical music of the masters. She’s at home with Irish music based on the rhythms of Bach, with her own compositions, with the music of contemporary composers, and the music of great Irish composers,” according to South Shore News.

Mount Holly Garden Tour

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The 16th annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 6.

This is a self-guided tour of diverse, high-altitude gardens that display truly creative landscaping ideas. The gardens are designed around Vermont’s natural features, such as huge rock formations, ledges, hills, and valleys. All touch the senses with colorful plants, wonderful scents, and the sounds of birds, bees, and rushing water. Some gardens feature architectural elements such as pergolas, gazebos, and stonework. Antique garden fixtures reflect the passion for collecting of the owners of one garden, while quilts will be displayed among the gardens of another.

Tickets include entry into our garden themed gift raffle, featuring floral pillows, landscaping

plants, and locally created products. Tickets can be purchased the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library/Community Center on The Green in the Belmont section of Mount Holly. Children 12 and un-

der may participate for free.

All proceeds benefit the ongoing restoration of the Mount Holly Library and Community Center.

Come enjoy garden inspiration and community spirit in the town of Mount Holly.

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