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## Rockingham adjusts tax rate

BY PAULA BENSON  
*The Shopper*

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Rockingham Select-board held a special meeting at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023, to set the town tax rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal

year. Peter Golec, board chair, motioned to rescind the decision made on Jan. 3, 2023, that set the tax rate at \$1.16. Seconded by Vice Chair Susan Hammond, the motion passed. Board member Elijah Zim-

mer then presented a motion to set the Rockingham tax rate for the 2023-2024 tax year at \$1.15. Golec seconded, and the motion was passed. Concluding their business, the board adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

## Cason's Corner celebrates second year

BY JOE MILLIKEN  
*The Shopper*

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Boccaccio's & Cason's Corner Hair Salon, located at 56 Green Street in Bellows Falls, is this month celebrating the two-year anniversary of the successful Cason's Corner addition to the longtime local business.

Originally opened in 1989 by Lori Brown, who still operates her Boccaccio's Hair Salon in nearby Springfield, the Bellows Falls location was in danger of closing a couple of years ago, after the pandemic had hit the local community hard. However, Brown's first-ever employee, Sheila Quelch, who had worked alongside Lori since the very beginning of her business, eagerly agreed to take over the Bellows Falls location.

Quelch then remodeled the entire workspace, and in mid-July of 2021, re-opened the salon as Boccaccio's & Cason's Corner.

"I started working at Boccaccio's from the beginning, and other than co-owning another salon for a four-year stretch, I've worked alongside Lori for 28 years," Sheila Quelch said in a previous interview. "I have a great emotional attachment to this salon, and was determined to find a way to keep the Bellows Falls salon open."

This writer also recalls Sheila discussing the possibilities of how "every girl has her own idea for a dream salon." She envisioned her salon to feature



Sheila Quelch and her grandson Cason at Cason's Corner. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOE MILLIKEN

a fun area for children to get their haircut, and additionally, to especially help children with special needs such as autism, ADHD, or brain injuries, and for a very special reason.

Some five years ago, Sheila's grandson, Cason, suffered a severe brain injury that affected his ability to sit still for long periods of time and to tolerate a lot of noise. "I was motivated to look for equipment to accommodate Cason and other children with disabilities," Quelch said. "I found some quieter clippers and blow dryers, things that might help make the experience easier for kids."

The remodeled salon was transformed into an open space divided between the main salon and the "Cason's Corner" children's area, with an additional room to be utilized as a nail salon moving forward. The kid's area currently features

a special Mickey Mouse "roadster racing chair" and colorful wall murals.

"Kids have come to us from all over the local area to get their haircut...from as far away as Rutland," Sheila added. "Our goal was to simply help kids who have a hard time getting their hair cut, and because of Cason's Corner, we have created a lot of great clientele relationships over the last two years."

One happy customer said, "Both of my kids love getting their hair cut at Cason's Corner – they ask to go get a haircut nearly every week. The hair dressers are great with them, and I am so thankful that we found this wonderful place!"

Boccaccio's & Cason's Corner is located at 56 Green Street in Bellows Falls. The salon can be reached at 802-463-4495.

## Nominations open for GFC's ACE Awards

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Greater Falls Connections (GFC) invites community members to make nominations for the 2024 Active Community Engagement (ACE) Awards. The 2023 ACE Awards presentation will take place at the GFC Chamber Mixer on Thursday, Aug. 17, from 5:30-7 p.m.

Now is your chance to recognize the diligent and deserving unsung heroes who quietly affect positive change. These true-life heroes can be found throughout the community and are wonderful examples of

making a difference.

The ACE Awards are presented to an individual or organization and a youth who is active in community engagement in the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union catchment area. The nominee should work tirelessly to make a difference. They may coach teams, inspire others, organize fundraisers, volunteer in the community, and much more. They consistently and selflessly devote their time and efforts to go above and beyond without thought of reward or recognition.

You can submit a nomi-

nation via the online nomination form, which is located at [www.greaterfallsconnections.com/ace-awards](http://www.greaterfallsconnections.com/ace-awards). You can pick up and drop off a form at Parks Place Community Resource Center at 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls, or mail it to the same address.

Nominations should be made by Monday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m.

For more information about the award, please call Ginger at 802-463-9927 ext. 212, or e-mail [ginger@greaterfallsconnections.org](mailto:ginger@greaterfallsconnections.org).

## Springfield Duck Run a success



Kids play in foam at the Springfield Duck Run. PHOTO PROVIDED

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) held its annual Fit n' Fun Duck Run from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, and it was a great success, raising over \$3,000 to benefit the work of SAPCC, where building bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers is the mission.

The timing this year is notable because, three days later, Vermont suffered record flooding, and the Black River, where more than 500 tiny rubber ducks had just raced to the finish line, rose to the brim and became dangerous rapids. The decision to hold the race one week earlier this year turned out to be a good one.

Three cash prizes were given to the sponsors of the first three ducks to reach the finish line. Higher-than-usual water took a few over the line and through the hands of the duck catchers, and the children in the audience got a good laugh out of that. The Decorate-a-Duck contest also produced cash prizes in

two categories: Best Disguised Duck, and Best Children's Book/Movie Themed Duck.

This year, SAPCC welcomed Granite State Foam Frenzy & Bounce House. The high heat and humidity provided a perfect excuse for parents and their children to spend a lot of time covered in cool foam shot from the foam cannon. Cliffhangers brought back the popular rock-climbing wall, and food was available by Munchie-Rollz, Goodman's American Pie Pizza Truck, and JC's Market ice cream. PlayWorks Child Center gave out free smoothie samples with fruit donated by Black River Produce.

Many thanks to the community partners that set up booths to provide people with information about available resources – Talking is Teaching, The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, North Star Health, Greater Falls Connection, and Girls Scouts of Green and White Mountains. The SAPCC Board of Directors presented the "Lucky Duck Raffle," and created assorted baskets loaded with lots of local goodies that were auctioned off.

SAPCC is grateful for the event sponsor, McGee Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram of Springfield. Without their generosity, this event would not have been possible.

## RAMP Arts supports Bellows Falls Pride

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Throughout the month of June, Bellows Falls was a destination for LGBTQ+ persons in New England to celebrate Pride, a dedicated opportunity to recognize the queer community and bring attention to the struggle for equality and justice.

The success of Pride events has led the Bellows Falls Pride planning committee to become an initiative of the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1995 by Bellows Falls resident Robert McBride, with a mission of integrating arts and public interest. Partnering the work of Bellows Falls Pride with RAMP provides support

and strengthens ties with the LGBTQ+ community. Future Bellows Falls Pride events will be presented under the RAMP umbrella.

McBride has long been involved in the intersection of art, social engagement, and creating opportunities for collaboration at local and state levels. "After almost 30 years, it's important for RAMP to remain current and offer a lynchpin for new endeavors. Witnessing the incredible community engagement in Bellows Falls during the month of June acknowledged the desire of individuals, businesses, and the town to ensure that Bellows Falls/Rockingham is a place where everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation, feels safe and appreciated."

Local events included sponsored films at the Bellows Falls Opera House, a photography exhibit to honor the founders of the historic Andrews Inn, the 10-town Amtrak Whistlestop Tour, a community dance at the Moose Lodge, and relocating the Andrews Inn historic marker to make it more visible to the public. Partnerships that have been developed with the town, local and state historic commissions, Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, M&T Bank, and merchants will be continued.

A monthly events calendar is being developed through December 2023, and will be posted soon. For more information about Bellows Falls Pride, visit [www.bellowsfallspride.com](http://www.bellowsfallspride.com).

## Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football, Flag Football signups

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – The Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football League (CVPWFL) is entering its 55th year of football, and will have their yearly signups and try-outs on Thursday, Aug. 10, and Tuesday, Aug. 15, both at 5:30 p.m., at the Bellows Falls Union High School. Also, equipment issue will be on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 5:30pm. Please wear shorts, T-shirts, and sneakers to try-outs, which will take place af-

ter registration. It is open to children entering third grade through eighth grade throughout the Connecticut Valley, including Vermont and New Hampshire residents.

There is now a third grade team. Grades four through six participate in Pee Wee Football, and grades seven and eight participate in our Junior High Program.

You must attend one of the signup nights to register, and players already in the league must attend one of

these dates as well or make arrangements by calling Jeff Potter at 802-376-5266, or Ed Vancor at 802-376-5902. Cheerleaders, ages 4-14, must also sign up on one of these dates, or contact Laura Lockerby at 802-376-4305.

There are no weight limits. Every kid is welcome.

Again this year, we will be offering flag football for the younger players. The age groups are 4-7 years old. Signups will be at the same time as Pee Wee Football dates.

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# Author Doug Wilhelm at Rockingham Library —

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Rockingham Free Public Library is thrilled to announce a Summer Readers event featuring Vermont author Doug Wilhelm, and a book on Monday, July 31, at 5 p.m.

Wilhelm is the author of 14 books for middle-grade readers, including “The Revealers” and nine books in the “Choose Your Own Adventure” series. During the visit, Wilhelm will captivate the audience with fascinating tales behind his books,

offer insights into his creative process, and inspire young minds to cultivate a love for reading and storytelling.

As part of the celebration, the Rockingham Free Public Library is delighted to host a book giveaway. All youth who attend will be able to select two new books to keep from a wide selection of options.

Don't miss the chance to meet Doug Wilhelm in person and discover the magic of his stories. Mark your

calendars for this unforgettable event.

This free and open to the public Summer Readers program is made possible by a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF). For more information, contact the library at 802-463-4270, visit [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), email [youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

# Chamber's 51st annual Hackers Tournament recap —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – What a fantastic day on the fairway for the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's 51st Hackers Golf Tournament, held on July 13 at Crown Point Country Club. 18 teams hit the course, for a total of 72 players this year.

Winners in Flight A were: gross, Team Sigl, consisting of David Sigl, Bay Wheeler, Jeremy Sigl, and Tony Moriglioni; and net, Team Claremont Savings Bank, consisting of Justin Provost, Jake St. Pierre, Greg Soho, and Sean Long.

For Flight B, the winners were: gross, Team Black River Produce, consisting of Matt Elssesser, Kyle Price, Rich Cutia, and Justin Lewis; and net, Team Senior Solutions, consisting of Lori Lintner, Moira Ennen, Susan Daigneault, and Linden Ide.

A big thank you to Ford of Claremont, the hole-in-one

contest sponsor – alas, nobody sank a hole-in-one on the 18th hole to win a vehicle this year, but everyone had a lot of fun trying. Thanks to Jerry Farnum State Farm for sponsoring the putting contest. A shoutout and thanks also to the banquet sponsor, Mascoma Bank; scorecard sponsor, WCFR Your Hometown Classic Hits; cart sponsor, Springfield Housing Authority; beer cart sponsor, Black River Coffee Bar; longest drive sponsor, Black River Innovation Campus; and player gifts sponsor, Pearl Street Creative Studio.

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Primerica, Debra Cox Investment Advisor, The Richards Group, Servpro of Windham & Windsor Counties, Springfield Cadillac GMC, and VTel.

As always, Crown Point Country Club was a gorgeous setting for the tournament, with delicious food from the pub before and after the tournament. Many thanks to Andy Bladyka, George Heslin, Jim Remy, Kristin Cook, and the staff at Crown Point Country Club for helping to put on another great event.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the volunteers, and to the planning committee that organized this fun-filled Hacker's Day tournament: Chairman Cas Krupinsky of Pearl Street Creative Studio; Michael Schmitt of Black River Coffee Bar; Noah Vittum of HB Energy Solutions; Marlo Mora and Dave of Mascoma Bank; April of Pearl Street Creative Studio; Sue Dana of Senior Solutions; Jerry Farnum, State Farm agent; Taylor Drinker, membership and events director; and Alice Page, administrative director

Visit [www.springfieldvt.com](http://www.springfieldvt.com) for photos.

# Clean up buckets come to Springfield —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Over 200 clean up buckets were delivered by Church World Service (CWS) to First Congregational Church United Church of Christ (FCCUCC) in Springfield, to be used to help neighbors clean up their homes and businesses after the massive flooding the region has experienced. These buckets contain sponges, scouring pads, soap and detergent, clothes pins, clothesline, dust masks, work gloves, trash bags,

and insect repellent, to name a few of the items.

Church World Service is a faith-based organization that was founded in 1946. It is a cooperative ministry of 37 Christian denominations, providing sustainable self-help, development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world. Churches all around our nation complete disaster relief kits, one of which is the emergency clean up bucket, to be collected in regional warehouses and sent out to areas in need.

100 buckets were taken by members of FCCUCC to Ludlow on Saturday, and contact has been made with organizations in Londonderry. Anyone who needs a clean up bucket or knows of someone, please contact Pastor Michael Mario at [pastor.fccucc@vermontel.net](mailto:pastor.fccucc@vermontel.net), or call FCC at 802-885-5728 and leave a message. Check us out at [www.firstchurchspringfield.org](http://www.firstchurchspringfield.org).

The road to recovery and safety may be a long one, but no one should walk it alone.

# All-ages programming at Springfield Town Library —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Two very special Vermont storytellers are coming to the Springfield Town Library in August.

Springfield Town Library welcomes John Steven Gurney, children's book author and illustrator, on Thursday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m.

John is the author and illustrator of the “Fuzzy Baseball” series of graphic novels, and the picture books “Dinosaur Train” and “The Bossy Pirate.” He has illustrated over 140 chapter books, including the “A to Z Mysteries,” the “Bailey School Kids,” and “The Calendar Mysteries” series. He has illustrated board games, advertisements, posters, puzzles, and even a shopping bag for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

There will be a book giveaway too. Each youth attending will be given the

chance to choose two books to keep. Many thanks to the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) for providing Springfield with this opportunity. Whether you're a fan of John Steven Gurney's books, or want to learn more about his process, this event promises to be a treat for all ages. Get ready to be inspired and entertained.

Do you or your family like singing and stories? Master storyteller, singer, songwriter, and award-winning au-

thor Michael Caduto shares story, song, and dance from around the world, bringing adventure tales to life at the library on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 1 p.m.

Michael will share traditional tales of friendship drawn from a rich and exciting diversity of people from many lands. We are all here together, and stories show what we can accomplish by cooperating and appreciating those around us. All ages are invited.



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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Chester's Parrott gun

If there was just one photo of old Chester that everyone would recognize, this would be it. I have seen dozens of photos of this landmark, taken from many different angles, over many decades.

I was looking at the photo with this article and noticed something different. Go ahead and study the photo and see if you can spot what it is. Once you identify it, read on.



Chester pre 1899, Parrott gun not yet installed. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

In this photo, you can see the Civil War monument, the Public Tomb, and the old wood-frame hearse house on the left. The cemetery is visible in the background, but where is the cannon?

While we refer to it as a cannon today, it's really known as a Parrott gun, named for its inventor, Robert Parrott. Patented in 1861, it was an important piece of artillery for the Union during the Civil War.

I have a real photo postcard of this location that shows the gun and monument. That postcard is postmarked 1907. So, sometime before 1907, the gun was installed at this location. Read on.

I went down to look at our gun. In looking the gun over, I noticed it has U.S. Navy markings at the breech. It also has a series of numbers and letters that indicate the foundry of the gun and date of manufacture.

First, I'll give a little ballistic data for the gun. It has 3.67-inch rifled bore and weighs 1,795 pounds. It required a two-pound powder charge, and accurately fired a 19-pound projectile 4,400 yards. This distance was covered in 17 seconds. A crew of up to seven was required to man the gun.

It was invented by Robert Parrott in 1860. Parrott was a West Point graduate and superintendent of the West Point Foundry. Cast iron

barrels were prone to fractures and exploding when fired. Parrott solved this problem by wrapping the cast iron breech with a thick layer of wrought iron. This innovation not only solved the problem of fractures, but was an inexpensive alternative for the more expensive brass barrels.

Jim Bender, of The National Registry of Known Civil War Artillery, provided me with a lot of information. Jim is trying to document all of the existing Parrott guns in this country. Currently he has registered 5,755 guns. Our Chester gun has already been registered.

Chester's gun was produced at the West Point Foundry in 1865. Because of its late date of manufacture, it didn't see service in the Civil War. It became army surplus.

Parrott guns were used by the U.S. Army as well as the Navy. Army guns were mounted on a wooden carriage with wooden wheels, and drawn by horses. Navy guns were mounted on a wooden carriage, onboard ships. When used as a coastal defense, they were mounted on a base somewhat like what our Chester gun is mounted on today.

Even before the Civil War ended in 1865, several Euro-

pean countries as well as the U.S. were experimenting with breech-loading artillery. It wasn't long before the breechloaders were perfected, which made these muzzleloaders obsolete.

An Act of Congress in the late 1800s made the obsolete guns available to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). This Act of Congress loaned or donated the Navy guns to the GAR. Our gun is a Navy gun. It is unknown to me whether it was loaned or donated to Henry Post #27 GAR of Chester. In either case, it was installed at its current location in 1899.

In the 1990s, a Civil War museum in Pennsylvania tried to buy Chester's Parrott gun. They offered the Town of Chester \$10,000 for the gun. Thankfully, our town fathers declined this offer. Dave Walker of Chester was instrumental in making the case for the gun not to be sold.

*This week's old saying is from Winston Churchill: "Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions."*

## Tunes for our Towns a success

CHESTER, Vt. - The Tunes for our Towns fundraiser held Sunday evening, July 23, on the green in Chester was a great success. Event organizer Scott Blair extended a "huge thanks to Stone Hearth Inn & Eatery for providing the food, Landscapes Solutions for the trailer for the stage, neighbors in the alleyway, and everyone that came to support the flood victims of our communities."

Music was performed by Sammy Blanchette, Nick Bredice, and Red



Left to right are the performers Jeremia and Rick from Red River North, Nick Bredice, and Sammy Blanchette. PHOTO PROVIDED

River North. Food was available for purchase and donations were collected in the alleyway and at the food tent.

The event raised \$2,383,

which will be dispersed to surrounding communities, local flood relief organizations, and local businesses that have been affected by the flood.

## Operation Ludlow updates

LUDLOW, Vt. - Operation Ludlow will continue to provide supplies at the Ludlow Community Center until it is no longer necessary. Hours of operation going

forward will be weekdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., and closed on Sundays. These hours will be updated week to week.

## Churches of Christ provide disaster relief



A Churches of Christ Disaster Relief truck being loaded in Nashville. PHOTO PROVIDED

REGION - Once again disaster recently struck Vermont and New Hampshire, flooding and destroying many parts of both states, with more rain in a three-day period than documented in the last 129 years. The massive destruction resulted in many roads becoming impassable, and homes and businesses being completely destroyed.

After hearing about the need for aid in both states and within a very short period of time,

more than 300 volunteers gathered at the massive and well-supplied headquarters of Disaster Relief in Nashville, Tenn. They loaded trucks with food, cleaning supplies, infant care packages, water, window fans, various specialized relief boxes, and other necessary care items too numerous to mention. Then the mostly volunteer drivers were on their way with much-needed aid for both states.

Disaster Relief is one of the many benevolent programs Churches of Christ

are well known for, not only in the U.S.A., but all over the world. Always prepared for the next disaster and delivery to any area needing immediate help is what this benevolent organization is all about. Last year 52 towns or cities in the United States were the recipients of much needed aid. One of the mottos of Disaster Relief is "People needing help, get help."

If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call 802-885-5414.

## Senior Solutions updates

REGION - Hot weather requires extra hydration. Let's remember to take several breaks during these warm days of summer. Often, we don't notice the effects of dehydration until it reaches a dangerous point, resulting in dizziness, fatigue, or confusion. There are lots of good reasons to drink water throughout the day. Water keeps our skin healthy. It helps regulate our body temperature, and it also keeps our brains more alert and our organs functioning.

Does it seem too boring and uninteresting? Why not add a few wedges of lemon or your favorite fruit? By adding a sliced cucumber to your pitcher of water, you can give yourself a DIY "spa treatment." Have fun with the colors and flavor combinations of blueberries, watermelon, strawberries, pineapples, and other tasty fruits. Why not top your beverage off with a few sprigs of mint? You can

even add some of these colorful ingredients as you fill ice cube trays, for a doubly cool, healthy, and inexpensive treat.

### NESHCo award for Vaccine Campaigns


Tenth Crow Creative and Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging (V4A) are pleased to announce that they recently received a Lamplighter Award of Excellence from the New England Society for Healthcare Communications (NESHCo) in the health promotion campaign category for V4A's Covid vaccine campaigns for older Vermonters. NESHCo's annual Lamplighter Awards recognize outstanding achievements and campaigns produced in health care communications across New England. The 2023 competition totaled 274 entries.

"We are so grateful to have worked on this important campaign with an organization, through its

members, that does such tremendous work helping older Vermonters age well," Mark Crow, president of Tenth Crow Creative, said. "It's truly an honor just to be able to do this work, but to be recognized for it as well is a nice plus."

"This was such a collaborative effort among our five different organizations," said Mary H. Hayden, executive director of V4A. "Partnering with Tenth Crow on the Covid vaccine campaign was such a great experience, and created a positive impact among those we support

and their families. Winning an award on top of that is so exciting." Senior Solutions is pleased to have been a participating organization, and congratulates Tenth Crow Creative for helping us achieve such a positive statewide marketing campaign.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the members of the Greater Falls Connections' (GFC) Advisory Board for all that they do to support our substance use and abuse prevention and community building work by helping with events, coming to the monthly meetings, and providing guidance to the staff. At our recent annual meeting, coalition members re-elected advisory board

members Doreen Stoodley, Lama Tomas O'Flaherty, Sam Maskell, and Michelle Bos-Lun. Alex Stradling is returning to the Advisory Board as well. Joining them is new community member Santana Stone. Thank you for all you do and for your support. It is greatly appreciated. We are currently looking for youth and young adult board members, ages 14-25

years old. If you would like to gain important workplace meeting skills, learn more about what we do, and help guide GFC's work, please email [info@greaterfallsconnections.org](mailto:info@greaterfallsconnections.org), or call 802-463-9927. Sincerely, Neil Allen, Director, Greater Falls Connections

Dear Editor,

The Town of Mount Holly would like to thank the generous individuals and organizations who provided immediate aid, food, and expertise in the aftermath of the recent flooding. For road work and excavation: Norton Property Management, Hawkins Excavation & Property Management, Gary Norton, Billy Aus-

tin, Craig Smith, Keith Hawkins, Michael Bushey, Eric Brewer, John Stewart, Tim Poczobut, Austin Turco, Chad Farrar, and Wayne Taylor. For meals delivered to workers: Lori and Tiffany Norton, Amy Turco, and Carol Garrow-Woolley. For traffic control and safety: Mount Holly Fire Department, Billy Austin, Cash Woods, Shane Pear-

son, Neil Jones, Jim Seward, Steve Howlett, Bob Beardmore. For meal donations: Little Caesars Rutland, Dunkin Donuts Ludlow, Gamebird, Troy Caruso, Calcutta's, and Off The Rails. Sincerely, Caitlin Boyle, Clerk, Mount Holly Select Board, Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear friends and supporters,

Thank you for your patience and generosity this past week. As you have likely heard, the impact of the July flood has far eclipsed that of Hurricane Irene. The damage to the Weston Playhouse, our offices, and our residences in town is extensive. What's more, the flooding occurred at the height of the summer when "Buddy: the Buddy Holly Story," "What the Constitution Means to Me," and "Singin' in the Rain" were all underway. The extremity of the damage combined with the difficulty of the timing requires us to make some essential changes to the remainder of our season. Know that we are heartbroken and do not make these decisions lightly. Here is an update for you about how the show will go on in Weston for the remainder of the season:

- "What the Constitution Means to Me" will continue

its successful run of performances at Walker Farm as scheduled.

- "Singin' in the Rain" will perform its much-anticipated run, as scheduled, from Aug. 3-20. The Playhouse needs extensive repairs before it can reopen to audiences, so "Singin'" will move to our intimate Walker Farm theater, bringing you close to the heart of the show. Expect a vibrant musical experience that embraces all the spirit and magic of this beloved story. The talents of our cast and the songs you love will take center stage, accompanied by costumes and props that will transport you back to the Golden Age of Hollywood. And, rest assured, we'll have tap-dancing sequences that will dazzle and delight. If you are a current ticket holder for "Singin' in the Rain," the box office team is preemptively reassigning your

current Playhouse seats to as similar seating as possible at Walker Farm. Based on seating capacity at our smaller venue, some flexibility around the date of your performance may be necessary. These tickets will be processed in the order they were purchased. The box office team has taken great care to ensure that your seat at Walker Farm will provide an excellent view of the show aligned with your seat choice at The Playhouse. You will receive a confirmation email with your updated tickets and information. If we determine we need to reset you on a different date, we will reach out directly to accommodate your preferences. For any additional needs or questions, please contact [tickets@westontheater.org](mailto:tickets@westontheater.org) for the quickest response.

- "The Porch on Windy Hill" will be postponed until the summer of 2024.

Current ticket holders have the option to retain their tickets to use next year, receive a refund, or donate the tickets and re-purchase in 2024.

- "Let there be Love" will be canceled. Stay tuned for future plans for this wonderful play. Current ticket holders have the option to receive a refund, ticket credit for future use, or donate the ticket value.

Road access to Weston is available from all directions. While construction crews continue to improve the condition of roads throughout Vermont, the

access points can change quickly across the region. Please allow for a few extra minutes of travel to your scheduled performance. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility. The story of Weston Theater Company and its community of friends near and far has always been one of resilience. Together with your support and friendship, we will overcome these challenges. Know that we will keep you updated regularly through email, our website, and social media platforms. If you have any questions or concerns,

please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated box office team, who are working tirelessly to support you. At this moment, emailing them at [tickets@westontheater.org](mailto:tickets@westontheater.org) is more effective than phone calls and will get you prompter service. Your support means the world to us. Thank you for being an integral part of Weston Theater Company. Stay safe, and we look forward to sharing the stage with you soon.

With Gratitude,  
Susanna and the Weston Playhouse Team


## Family Vacation Bible School in Weathersfield

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Bow Baptist Church, at 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow, Vt., is presenting Family Vacation Bible School, a unique and dynamic six-day program for

all youth in the area and their families. The Family Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, Aug. 6, and will continue through Friday, Aug. 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., with registration at 6 p.m. each night.

Pastor Daniel Anderson extends a cordial invitation to young people of all ages and their families. The Webb family will be helping with Family Vacation Bible School. The Webbs have a variety of talents. First, they are accomplished musicians. In their meetings, they sing solos and duets. Cheryl is an excellent pianist. Barry plays the trombone, as well as the euphonium, bass trumpet, and flugabone horns. Barry is also a ventriloquist, and has

over 40 years of experience in the field of puppetry. He does all of the voices for the 20 puppets that travel with the team in their puppet castle stage. Some nights, Barry will draw a chalk art picture, complete with background music, a dramatized story, and colored and black light effects. Mrs. Webb conducts a nightly children's Bible hour during the preaching time. There the children enjoy learning about the Bible through songs, verses, Bible stories, and puppets. There is certainly something for everyone. Free transportation can be provided to and from the Vacation Bible School. For a ride or for more information, please call 802-546-4902.



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11 Laugh-a-minute  
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# CHURCH SERVICES

# obituaries

## Henry H. Rounds Sr., 1938-2023

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Henry H. Rounds Sr. passed away peacefully at his home on July 16, 2023, after a brave battle with cancer. He was born April 6, 1938, in Grafton, Vt., son of Harland and Catherine (Walsh) Rounds. He was one of 18 children. He is survived by his brother Joe Rounds, and his sisters Inez Brooks and Jean Wright. He had fond memories of growing up on the farm in Grafton, and was always willing to share his stories.



Henry H. Rounds Sr., 1938-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

On Dec. 26, 1958, he married the love of his life Betty (Johnson).

Henry is survived by his wife of 64 years, and his children Hank and Cindy Rounds, Delilah and Dennis Haskell, Lisa and Tom Rutkowski, and Deborah and Rodney Lique.

Henry was a log home builder for many years, and was delighted to say he built over 101 homes. The proudest accomplishments of his life are his grandchildren Andrea, Adam, Nathan, Nick, Henry, Roger, Randy, Parker, and Ashley. Henry could always be seen

at their sporting events, enthusiastically cheering them on. Henry is also survived by his 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will take place on Aug. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Grafton Community Church, with burial in the Burgess Cemetery. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt., [www.fentonandhennessey.com](http://www.fentonandhennessey.com).

## Roberta Hurlburt, 1929-2023

**WINDSOR, Vt.** – Roberta Jean Sloatman Hurlburt, 94, passed away peacefully at home, on July 18, 2023, with the love of her family surrounding her.

Roberta was born on April 12, 1929, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the middle of three children of David and Esther (Hughes) Sloatman. Being the daughter of a Methodist minister, Roberta and her family moved to a new town on Long Island or in Connecticut nearly every two years while she was young.

Roberta was married to Thomas L. Hurlburt in 1961, and together they shared 62 years of marriage. They lived in Orange, Conn., while raising their family, and moved to Windsor, Vt., for their retirement years. Roberta was a longtime elementary school teacher and substitute in Connecticut. Her love of children and teaching continued even after she retired. She delighted in sharing her interest in nature – especially birds and plants – with neighborhood children over the years, as well as with three generations of family members.

Roberta's favorite place was Echo Lake in Plymouth, Vt., where she began spending yearly vacations with her family when she was 12 years old. She continued this tradition with Tom and their children. During her eight decades as a part of the lake community, she developed many lifelong friendships.

Skiing with her family was something that Roberta greatly enjoyed, and even into her later years, she continued to ski downhill and cross-country as well as to waterski. Roberta loved spending time with



Roberta Hurlburt, 1929-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

her grandchildren, and was a great supporter of their interests, attending sports events, plays, and concerts as they grew up.

Roberta will be remembered most for her youthful spirit and her sweet, sunny smile, which made everyone feel loved and appreciated. She had great pride and love for her immediate and extended family.

Roberta is survived by her husband Thomas Hurlburt of Windsor; children Cynthia Hurlburt Hale (David) of Hartland, Jeffrey Hurlburt of Plymouth, and Russell Hurlburt (Abigail) of Plymouth; grandchildren Cal and Silvia Hale; and her siblings Charles Sloatman of South Portland, Maine, and Esther (Sloatman) Barto, of Clinton, Conn.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Hartland, Vt., 10 Station Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to The First Congregational Church of Hartland, or to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, Vt.

Knight Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. A full obituary is available at [www.knightfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knightfuneralhomes.com).

## Maureen A. Caskin, 1940-2023

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Maureen A. Caskin, 83, of Walpole, N.H., died June 12, 2023, at Dartmouth Medical Center. She was born June 2, 1940, in Bellows Falls, the daughter of Joseph and Irene (McClary) Diggins. She is survived by her four children Kelly, Tracy, Kenny, and Jody; her husband of 50 years Roland; 10 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her grandson Matthew, and her son-in-law Lance.

Maureen was known for her quick wit and Irish humor. She could make any-

one smile or laugh. She was a kind soul that always was willing to help someone out when needed. She loved traveling, laughing with friends, a drive through Vermont, all things Irish, Frank Sinatra, a good crossword or game of cards, her family, and most of all her grandchildren. A Graveside Service will take place on Friday, July 28, at 11 a.m., at St. Peter Cemetery in Drewsville, N.H. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

## George "Joe" Hinkley, 1927-2023



**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – George "Joe" Hinkley, 96, passed away on Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born June 2, 1927, in Greenfield, Mass., the son of Harland and Maybelle (Danforth) Hinkley. He graduated Class of 1945 from Windsor High School and served in the United States Army from March 1946 – June 1947, spending time in Germany.

On Sept. 4, 1948, Joe married Marjorie "Mardy" Houghton in Weathersfield Bow, Vt. She predeceased him on Feb. 22, 2012.

Joe was employed with the Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield, Vt., as assembly supervisor and inspector from 1951 to 1986.

He loved cars, and enjoyed restoring and rebuilding VW bugs. He enjoyed NASCAR, and was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. He loved reading and gardening, and enjoyed hunting Mt. Ascutney with his son.

He was a 58-year Member of St. John's Lodge #41 F. & A.M. in Springfield, Vt., serving as Lodge Master from 1973-1974. He was a member of the American Legion Post #67 in Chester, Vt., and a longtime member of the First Congregational Church in Springfield.

He loved his family and was kind, gentle, and respectful to everyone he met.

He is survived by his three children Barbara Bernier (Peter) of Brunswick, Maine, Janice Stearns (Ray-



George Hinkley, 1927-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

mond) of Chester, Vt., and Douglas Hinkley (Lesa) of Springfield, Vt.; his two sisters Beverly Thomas and Barbara Green; seven grandchildren Allison, Joel, Ashlee, Leah, Ian, Cody, and Shane; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Mardy, one grandchild Jordan, and by his siblings Larry, Arthur, Dorothy, Robert, Stanley, Richard, Roger, and Evered.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Michael Mario, Pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ascutneyville Cemetery in Ascutney, Vt.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel on Saturday evening, July 29, from 5-7 p.m. A Masonic service will be conducted at 6:30 p.m.

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

Worship service starts at 10 A.M. every Sunday. All are welcome to attend – no matter who you are or where you come from. Following the service, there will be a time of refreshments where you can get to know other members of the community. Many other services are offered throughout the week, so there's something for everyone. If you have any questions or want to learn more, call 802-463-4323, visit the church, or find them on Facebook. The Church is always happy to meet new people and welcome them into the church family.

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### Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.

Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

## CHESTER, VT.

### Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to [www.chesterbaptist.org](http://www.chesterbaptist.org).

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Services will still be live streamed at [www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html](http://www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html). For more information, visit [www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org](http://www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org) or call 802-856-7266.

## LUDLOW, VT.

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Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 9 a.m. For further information, see our website at [churchoftheannunciation.org](http://churchoftheannunciation.org), or call us at 802-228-3451.

### United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Sunday services are held in person and streamed online at 10 a.m. Email [unitedchurch@ids.net](mailto:unitedchurch@ids.net) for more information. Visit [www.unitedchurch.us](http://www.unitedchurch.us) to receive updates on services and meetings.

## PERKINSVILLE, VT.

### Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

### Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org).

## Lois M. Woodard, 1926-2023

**N. WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Lois Mary Woodard, 97, of Alden Street, died at her home Saturday, July 22, 2023. She was born May 21, 1926, in Saxtons River, the daughter of George Raymond and Helen Mary (Troy) Davidson. She attended schools in Westminster and Bellows Falls. Lois worked at many area nursing homes, the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, and the Highlands.

She is survived by two sons Howard Kenneth Reed Jr. and Richard Reed (Gerri), two step-sisters Shirley Dunn and Dorothy Parker, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Clarence A. Woodard, one daughter Marilyn Crawford, and two grandchildren Emily Gleason and Shannon Reed Brownell.

Lois was a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed gar-



Lois Woodard, 1926-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

dening, flowers, watching the birds, and doing puzzle search.

A Graveside Service will be held at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls on Sunday, July 30, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Bayada Hospice, 1222 Putney Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### 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 29 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – American Legion Post 18 will be sponsoring a Christmas in July event, to be held at Springfield VFW Post 771, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., to support the Springfield Santa Claus Club. They will be collecting toys, gifts, and shelf-stable food items for Christmas meal boxes. Vendor and crafter tables are available, please contact James Harris

at harris.james66@aol.com.

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – The Weathersfield Proctor Library is proud to be hosting the 11th annual Summer Evening Event, at the Weathersfield Center Meetinghouse, from 6-9 p.m. This year the library is pleased to have the Unreel band performing a blend of Celtic traditional songs and classic Americana music. Unreel will break your heart while raising your spirits.

### 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.

### AUG. 4 –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will hold a cartoon workshop for people of all ages with cartoonist Marek Bennett, beginning at 2 p.m. Bennett is one of the creatives of the Vermont Reads graphic novel "The Most Costly Journey," and other Vermont-focused comics. Go to his website, www.marekbennett.com, to learn more about his work.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terr., will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., to benefit their Activity Fund. There will also be a raffle for \$100 cash and \$100 worth of scratch tickets, for which only 100 tickets will be sold.

### AUG. 13 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Rod and Gun Club will hold their annual Field Day on Rod and Gun Club Road, off of Route 100 North, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be trap shooting, a "Let's Go Fishing" workshop with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, a tracking dog demonstration, and a raffle. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, barbecued chicken, and more will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call president Nils at 802-236-3470.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole will host a Community Cookout beginning at 5:30 p.m., on the Walpole Green. This will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the final show in their Concerts on the Green series, featuring The Residential Band. There will be free hot dogs, chips, and drinks served.

### SUNDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order

of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

### 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.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:30 p.m. there will be Pub Trivia Night at Vermont Beer Makers on River Street in Springfield. Up to five people per team. Free entry.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Library hosts a chess club each Monday from 3-5:30 p.m. led by Mike Sola. Drop-ins and all levels of player are welcome. This program is free and open to the public.

### TUESDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All

are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Tuesday, 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.

### WEDNESDAYS –

CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

### THURSDAYS –

TYSON, Vt. – The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

### 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 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers' Market will be held on Clinton St. by the head of the Toonerville Trail from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or shine. There will be a selection of natural meats, fresh local greens, handcrafted jewelry, authentic, locally created batik clothing and accessories, artisan breads, local honey, unique art designs and gifts, candles, maple products, jams, jellies, pickles, and relishes. There will also be an abundant range of locally-grown and produced lavender products for personal use and home care, guidance on and samples of health and wellness products, hand-turned wooden items made from locally-sourced and native woods, and fresh local eggs every other week.

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.

WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven holds concerts and events during the summer each weekend throughout the months of June, July, and August, on campus in our concert hall. Featuring world-class classical musicians, these concert are offered free to the public. Join us at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday for a complimentary wine and cheese before the 7:30 p.m. concert. More information at www.kinhaven.org.

### SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit www.okemo.com.

### DAILY –

REGION – If you want to drink that's your business, but if you want to stop, that's ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-802-2288 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

#### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN ASSISTANT WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator – The Town of Charlestown is seeking applicants for a full-time position in its Water & Wastewater department. Previous experience in municipal water and/or wastewater operations is highly desirable but the Town is willing to train the right applicant. Wages commensurate with qualifications and experience. Full Benefit package including paid vacations and holidays.

Interested candidates may obtain an employment application in the Selectboard office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH or on the Town Website. Applications and Resumes should be emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### 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 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer.

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

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#### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN FIRE FIGHTER AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

The Charlestown Fire Department is seeking candidates for the positions of on call Fire Fighter and Rescue Department Members. The Charlestown Fire Department is a multi-hazard department providing fire prevention, fire suppression, basic hazardous materials response, vehicle rescue and extrication, basic rescue, and first response EMS services for the citizens of Charlestown New Hampshire.

The ideal candidate is a team player, self-motivated, honest, trustworthy, and dedicated. They will be committed to lifelong learning, will be safety conscious, and able to take constructive feedback and incorporate it into future activities.

All candidates will need to have a valid driver's license and will undergo a background check.

There is a particular need for candidates that have the ability to respond to calls for service during daytime hours Monday through Friday.

There is a preference for candidates interested in obtaining both Firefighting and EMS certifications. Candidates will be expected to be enrolled in either a Firefighter 1 course or an EMS course leading to certification within 18 months of hire.

Interested parties are encouraged to stop by the station to meet with members of the department and ask questions. Applications for employment are available at the town office and on the Town Website at www.charlestown-nh.gov.

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#### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

The Town of Springfield Development Review Board will hold their public hearings at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 8, 2023, to review the following development proposals: (1) Home business to grow indoor cannabis located at 181 Parker Hill Road and (2) Relocation of the Springfield Family Center from 365 Summer Street to 56 VT Route 106. Individuals wishing to participate in the public hearing may do so in person, via zoom video conferencing, or by submitting written comments. Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom video conference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please contact the Town Planner (802-376-6102 /toszoning@vermontel.net) for copies of the meeting agenda and zoning applications.

#### WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby warned to meet at the Plymouth Community Center located at 35 School Drive in Plymouth at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 to transact at that time: to see if the voters will approve or disapprove of the May 15, 2023 Select Board amendments to the Town Short-term Rental Ordinance.

Dated at Plymouth, Vermont, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023

Jay Kullman, Chair

Rick Kaminski

Keith Cappellini

#### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN RECORDING SECRETARY

The Town of Charlestown is seeking an individual to be the Recording Secretary for the Selectboard. The Board meets every Wednesday night anywhere from 5:00 to possibly 9:30 p.m.

This part-time position is to attend and take minutes of all Selectboard meetings/workshops and produce and deliver meeting minutes within legal time frames. Knowledge of how to take and prepare minutes and the ability to attend weekly meetings each month required. Accuracy is very important. Minutes must be completed within 5 days of the meeting.

Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or GED and strong typing/keyboarding and note taking or shorthand skills. Experience with municipal record keeping preferred, but not required.

Job Type: Part-time  
Hours per week: Less than 10  
Rate of pay per meeting: \$100.00 (this would include your time at the meeting and producing and delivering the minutes)

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

#### TOWN OF CHESTER AMBULANCE FULL-TIME EMT/AEMT

Chester ambulance is excited to announce a new full-time AEMT position. The ideal candidate will be an AEMT or be certified as an EMT with the ability to become an AEMT within one year. Candidate will also have a strong passion for community-oriented health care.

Candidate should possess the following knowledge and skills:

1. Possess a valid Vermont AEMT/EMT license.
2. Possess a Highschool diploma or GED.
3. Ability to pass a background check.
4. US Citizen.
5. 18 Years of age or older.
6. 2 years of healthcare experience.
7. Ability to lift 50 pounds.
8. Possess VT drivers license

Inquire by sending your resume with a Town of Chester Application to:  
Town of Chester, VT  
PO Box 370  
Chester, VT 05143



# COMMUNITY NEWS

# classifieds

## SAPCC welcomes new executive director

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – SAPCC is happy to announce that after a six-month search process, Danna Bare was offered and accepted the position of executive director. Before joining SAPCC, Danna worked for Lund for 10 years, serving families formed by adoption and guardianship throughout Windsor and Windham Counties. In 2020, Danna was awarded the Congressional Angel in Adoption award for Vermont for her direct service and leadership work in the field. In her 15 years of human services work, she also provided family support to families in Sullivan County, N.H., and implemented a grant to create a



Danna Bare. PHOTO PROVIDED

family resource center at Lebanon, N.H.'s Waypoint office. Before Danna found her passion for family support work, she owned and managed two well-loved restaurants.

Danna is passionate about the strengthening

families approach that benefits all families by building on family strengths and promoting healthy child development. She is excited to continue her work of empowering families and strengthening communities by supporting and leading the incredible staff at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, as the organization continues to build bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers in southern Windsor and northern Windham counties of Vermont. To connect with Danna, please email [sapcc@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:sapcc@sapcc-vt.org), or call 802-886-5242.

## Warren Sergeant promoted to chief information officer

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental health agency, is pleased to announce the promotion of Warren Sergeant to chief information officer.



Warren Sergeant. PHOTO PROVIDED

delighted to be able to recognize Warren's significant efforts to advance HCRS' computer systems, online security, detailed reporting, and dedicated staff support through this promotion."

Sergeant has a master's degree in information tech-

nology management, and bachelor's degrees in computer science and industrial technology. He began his information technology career writing financial accounting and motor vehicle registration software. He gained further experience in the manufacturing industry, and wrote the operator interface for industrial grinders before moving into network administration.

When Sergeant is not working, he enjoys spending time with his 12-year-old son, working on projects for his home in Charlestown, and hiking in the natural beauty that is bountiful in the area.

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 23-PR-03596

In re ESTATE of: Erna Abrahamovich

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Estate Of Erna Abrahamovich Decedent

late of Windsor 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: 7/13/23 Signature of Fiduciary Paul J. Abrahamovich

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| Executor/Administrator Paul J. Abrahamovich | Mailing Address c/o Parker & Ankuda, Esq. - PO Box 519 |
| Phone Number 802-885-2582                   | City, State, Zip Springfield VT 05156                  |

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal

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Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Probate Division

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

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### Okemo Valley TV

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(10/04/23 - TPN - 13)



# arts & entertainment

## Sammy Blanchette to play in Proctorsville

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Sammy Blanchette will return to the gazebo on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville for the Cavendish summer concert series on Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. Sammy is a New England based singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, who has been playing the Okemo Valley area for several years. His style forms a broad mix of rock, blues, reggae, jazz, and jam band. Also known as Sammy B, he uses acoustic and electric instruments.



Sammy Blanchette to perform. PHOTO PROVIDED

This concert is sponsored by Outer Limits Brewing and is coordinated by the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association

on behalf of the Town of Cavendish. All concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a blanket or a chair and a picnic dinner. Join with friends or make new ones. Murdock's Restaurant

and Singleton's are handy for dinner on the green, and have take-out options, so please support Proctorsville local businesses and please help continue this Wednesday evening tradition in Cavendish.

For more information, please email cavendish-communityconservation@gmail.com. In case of rain, please check the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page for postponement and rescheduling information.

## Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day will be held this year on Saturday, Aug. 5, on the Townshend Common.

This free, family-friendly event, now in its 73rd year, runs from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

Hospital Fair Day offers fun and fanfare, with the traditional birthday parade, an all-day auction, bingo, kids' games, pony rides, homemade pies, jewelry, T-shirts, bargain booths, fried dough, food booths, live music, and more. Two special items to be auc-



This antique Chevy truck will be auctioned off at Grace Cottage's 73rd Hospital Fair Day.

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tioned at 2 p.m. are a beautiful 1940 Chevy truck, and an exquisite, one-of-a-kind, queen-size quilt dis-

playing every Fair Day T-shirt from 1999-2022.

For more information, call 802-365-9109 or visit www.gracecottage.org.

## "Leading Ladies" at Claremont Opera House

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont Repertory Theater (The Rep) will perform Ken Ludwig's "Leading Ladies" at the historic Claremont Opera House for two evening shows during the first weekend of August.

Directed by Larissa Cahill, the eight-character comedy/farce features a cast of talented, local actors. Hilarious scheming abounds in this play set in 1950s rural Pennsylvania, with main characters Leo Clark (played by

Craig Woodbury) and Jack Gable (played by Raymond Clough) circulating tired acts to earn a buck. Local gossip then travels about a dying woman who plans to leave a portion of her impressive fortune to her long-lost nephews. With a tactful plan of familial impersonation, the future looks toward the up-and-up for the unlucky fellows, until an absurd and zany twist – the long-lost relatives are actually nieces. Things get complicated when Leo falls in love with the dying woman's vivacious niece Meg (played by Catherine Gessner). Bad behavior, high heels, and a world of laughter await in this screwball comedy.

"Larissa has been a part of The Rep and the Claremont community for a long

time, and we are very excited for 'Leading Ladies' as her first show in our Interim Artistic Director role," says Scott Hagar, Executive Director of the Claremont Opera House. "We encourage everyone to come out, support our great venue, and see the familiar faces of the show's local acting talent."

Performances will be on both Friday, Aug. 4, and Saturday, Aug. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets online at www.cohnh.org, or contact the box office at 603-542-4433 or pr@cohn.org. An additional convenience fee will be applied for tickets purchased through the box office.

The show is recommended for audiences over 13 years of age. Free tickets are available for students aged 18 and under, thanks to generous grant funding from the Couch Family Foundation.

## Glen David Andrews at Bandwagon Summer Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents native son and a beloved musician of New Orleans Glen David Andrews and his band on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m., at The Putney Inn, 57 Putney Landing Road in Putney, Vt.

Glen David Andrews, the prodigious trombonist and vocalist, returns to the Bandwagon Summer Series. Andrews, touring in celebration of his highly anticipated new album "Le Trème Carnaval," is known for his electrifying performances and soulful compositions.

"The horns, the funk, the dancing...Glen David Andrews brings the soul of New Orleans, with its storied musical traditions and its fun," says Keith Marks, Executive Director of Next Stage Arts. "When we hosted him last time, it was immediately obvious that we would be bringing him back. It's one of the most anticipated shows we're presenting this summer."

Andrews comes from a storied and extended

family of musicians. He was born in New Orleans' historic Tremé neighborhood, which many consider to be the oldest Black community in the United States. Transfixed by the magic and mystery of the city's second-line parades, Andrews and his older brother, Derrick Tabb of the Rebirth Brass Band, along with their younger cousin Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, learned the history of the brass band tradition firsthand from iconic figures like Tuba Fats.

Andrews has been touring since the age of 14, performing in cities around the world. He has played in New Birth, Lil Rascals, and Tremé brass bands, bringing equal measures of musicianship and showmanship to each. He now fronts his own high-powered ensemble that expertly fuses traditions ranging from jazz, to gospel, to rock, to blues, and to funk, all in the same show, sometimes in the same song.

In recent years, Andrews has earned headliner status at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, considered the world's biggest block party. He has also made notable appearances at the Voodoo Music Experience, Chicago Folk and Roots Festival, Houston International Festival, The Lincoln Center, Joe's Pub, House of Blues Nola,

Tipitina's, and Kansas City's American Jazz Museum.

Vermont Gelato will be selling their wares at this concert. This concert is sponsored in part by The Richards Group.

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 on site, including the return of the hugely popular Barr Hill cocktails. Bring a picnic and a blanket or fold-up chair to enjoy our 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. 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.

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## Springfield Community Band variety concert

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Even if it rains, the Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a concert on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hartness House, 109 Front Street (formerly 30 Orchard Street), Springfield, Vt.

The scope of the evening's program will be

wide, including samples from a variety of musical styles and vintages. Ranging from a French horn composition by Mozart, to selections from the musicals "Phantom of the Opera" and "Mary Poppins," to the rousing Spanish march "Amparito Roca," to compositions by George Gershwin and Glenn Miller, there will be music in

the air for every taste and preference.

The "Rondo" from Mozart's "Horn Concerto #4" will feature Cindy Hughes on French horn.

In the event of rain, the concert will be indoors at the Hartness House. Program selections are subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

## Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival summer schedule

**JAMAICA, Vt.** – Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival (PFCM) is returning to celebrate the 2023 summer season with an admission-free concert series. Concerts begin on Tuesday, Aug. 8 in Jamaica, and run through Saturday, Aug. 12.

In the summer of 2012, Susanna Loewy founded a summer festival emphasizing music and visual art. In the foothills of the Green Mountains, Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival was born. Since then, PFCM has performed 59 concerts in southern Vermont, commissioned 13

world premieres, and has shown 13 works of visual art.

This year will add three concerts with a stronger focus on celebrating the community. The Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival highlights musicians from the Grammy-nominated Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Washington, D.C., as well as musicians from in and around Vermont. As is PFCM's tradition, a piece by the festival's performer-in-residence will be performed at the concluding concert.

Performances that are

open to the public will be held at the Jamaica Town Hall on Aug. 8 and 12, and at the Grafton Community Church on Aug. 10. Throughout the week, PFCM also performs for southern Vermont assisted living facilities in Manchester and Townshend. Additionally, PFCM will celebrate and join the community in hosting a garden party on Aug. 9.

For more information on the Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival, visit [www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com](http://www.pikesfallschambermusicfestival.com).

## Northeast Men's Summer Chorus performances

**REGION** – The Northeast Men's Summer Chorus (NMSC) is a group of singers that meets the second week of August each year and performs a wide variety of music, which includes musical theater, pop, patriotic, glee club, and spiritual selections in three concerts – two concerts in Vermont, and one in New Hampshire. The men and their families come from a variety of different states, including South Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Conductor Walt Sayre is from Keene, N.H. Concerts this year are Aug.

10 at West Brattleboro First Congregational Church, Aug. 11 at Walpole First Congregational Church, and Aug. 12 at Grafton Community Church. All concerts start at 7 p.m. Concerts are free and open to the public. A donation is collected at each venue to be used by the local church.

Thursday includes greeting old friends and meeting new singers at a rehearsal, a church sponsored dinner, and concert. Friday provides a day to explore local areas, a church sponsored dinner, evening concert, and party for the chorus families and friends. Saturday again allows explo-

ration of local areas or relaxation, followed by a church sponsored dinner, concert, and afterglow party for chorus families and friends. The group is always looking for new singers. More information is available at [www.singingvacation.com](http://www.singingvacation.com), or on Facebook.

The NMSC offers a stipend/scholarship of at least \$250 to local high school juniors and seniors who would like to sing with them. Information is available through Dave and Priscilla Lambert, who can be reached at 802-463-2271, or [lambert323@gmail.com](mailto:lambert323@gmail.com).

## Local filmmaker to screen debut film in Springfield

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Filmmaker Matt Munroe was raised in Tunbridge, Vt. After 15 years in Los Angeles, he returns home to share his debut feature film, titled "Dead English," on Aug. 19, at 4 p.m., at Springfield Cinemas 3. The film is a satirical, dark comedy that follows two friends as they blunder their way through the aftermath of a robbery gone wrong. The crew behind the feature was comprised of only a director of photography doubling as a camera operator, and a sound mixer doubling as everything else. The two actors rehearsed the scenes much like actors in

a play would, in an effort to restrict themselves to a tight four-day filming schedule. The film runs roughly one hour and 25 minutes, after which the two actors are excited to field questions and speak with attendees.

Munroe is an avid filmmaker. His deep desire is to film his third feature here in Springfield, Vt. He will aim to utilize surrounding locations and local support. Those who are interested in learning the ins and outs of working on a film are encouraged to reserve a ticket for "Dead English." At the screening, there will be a registration form to sign up for

a slot on the next production, which will begin in the fall. All departments of filmmaking are open to interested parties, and include camera department, locations, catering, production assistants, script supervisor, makeup, wardrobe, producers, and more. The production is also looking for those willing to contribute equipment, set pieces, transportation, and anything else a film production might need. More information about his third feature can be found in person at the screening.

Your free ticket for "Dead English" can be reserved at [www.deadenglish.com](http://www.deadenglish.com).

## "You, Me, & Harry" at Stage 33

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – In a departure from Stage 33 Live's "no covers" rule, Lou Antonucci will perform "You, Me, & Harry," his newly developed celebration of the story-songs of Harry Chapin – "Cat's in the Cradle," "Taxi," "Story of a Life," "W.O.L.D.," "A Better Place to Be," and many more – on Sunday, Aug. 6, in a 3 p.m. matinee, at Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be limited seating for this show, and the event will be recorded and filmed.

With a musical career spanning several decades, Antonucci has always been inspired by Chapin's music and spirit. He created "You, Me, & Harry" with the permission of Harry Chapin Music, and this will be one of the first public run-throughs of the program before booking into larger venues.

In response to Lou's original song "A Message From Harry," Vincent J. Kelly – staff writer at Stallman Records, songwriter, and author of

"Northern Oz: Beyond the Yellow Brick Road" – said, "I wrote with Harry Chapin the last two years of his life and you did an excellent, and I mean superb, job of making Harry proud."

Advance-sale tickets for this preview event are a steeply discounted through [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com). Tickets will be available at the door for an extra fee. Alternately, admission will be free by donating five non-perishable food items, or three personal-care items, or \$10 cash for Our Place Drop-In Center at the door on show day. Our Place offers community meals, a food pantry, and social service resources for the Bellows Falls area. Harry Chapin held a fundamental belief that access to nutritious food is a human right, and that hunger is a solvable problem in a world of abundance. He co-founded the global nonprofit WhyHunger in 1975, to support social movements and grassroots innovations to change the systems, policies, and institutions that perpetuate hunger and poverty in the world.

Masks continue to be optional but welcome at Stage 33 Live events. A pair of high-capacity air purifiers will be running during shows.

Stage 33 Live is a casual and intimate industrial-rustic listening room in a former factory hosting local, regional, and national performances and presentations of original material. No bar or kitchen, the stage is the mission. Coffee, soda, juice, water, and a variety of snacks are available by donation. More info about the nonprofit, all-volunteer project, and this and other upcoming events, online at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com)

Stage 33 Live gratefully acknowledges the help of so many individuals without whom none of this would be happening, and institutional support this season from The Island Corporation, the Vermont Arts Council, the Bellows Falls Opera House, the Rockingham Arts & Museum Project, and WOOL-FM, that helped fund improvements and maintenance, and generally smooth out a lot of the rough edges.

## "The Song of Achilles" at Rockingham Library

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Pick up a copy of the novel "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller at Rockingham Library's front desk today. Then join the discussion on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m., on Rockingham Library's main floor.

This thrilling, profoundly moving, and utterly unique retelling of the legend of Achilles and the Trojan War is a dazzling literary feat that brilliantly reimagines Homer's enduring masterwork, The Iliad. An action-packed adventure, an epic love story, a marvelously conceived and executed page-turner, Miller's monumental novel has earned resounding acclaim from some of contemporary fiction's brightest lights.

One does not need to be a patron of the Rockingham Library in order to borrow a copy of The Song of Achilles. The book discussion is free and open to the public. For more information, visit

[www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), call the library at 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

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