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EdgarMay Stingrays take State Championship

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Aug. 5, the Connecticut River Valley Stingrays youth swim team wrapped up their summer season with an outstanding showing at the Vermont State Swim Association State Championship at Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction, Vt. The Stingrays came in first place in Division 4. For the first time, every single team member entered to swim in the meet and qualified scored points for the Stingrays. This is an incredible feat.

Ruby Kiefer of Londonderry, 14, was this year's top point finisher, with a whopping 72 points for the Stingrays. In addition, Ari Cioffi of Spring-



Senior swimmers Ruby Kiefer, Aubrey Seman, Janie Thompson, and Ari Cioffi with their first-place trophy. PHOTO PROVIDED

field, 18, Rowan Caulkins of Springfield, 16, and Janie Thompson of Springfield, 18, all earned over 50 points. Noah Waterman of

Springfield, 13, and Ashton White of Claremont, N.H., 8, earned over 40 points. Aubrey Seman of Reading, 16, Theresea "TT" Mar-

quise of Bellows Falls, 12, and Mollee Thurston of Bellows Falls, 12, each earned over 20 points.

During the swim meet, Janie Thompson won the Vermont Swim Association Scholarship, to be used toward her college education. Thompson will be heading to the University of Vermont in the fall.

After seven years of coaching the CRVS swim team, Coach Ann Thompson will be stepping down as head coach. "I will certainly miss this wonderful team that we have built, and the many amazing swimmers," she said. "Thanks for all the support over the years."

EdgarMay executive di-



Ice cream

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Landon rocking a Dari Joy shirt, enjoying an ice cream at the Dari Joy.

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rector Christian Craig lauded Coach Thompson's commitment to competitive swimming in our region. "Ann provided an amazing competitive swimming experience for hundreds of children in the greater Springfield region. Her passion and ability to connect with swimmers will be

greatly missed." The Stingrays look forward to welcoming a new coach in the early fall. Stay tuned for more details. For more information about the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

Springfield makes progress on town revitalization projects

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Selectboard meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, was bookended by executive sessions to discuss real estate ventures and review town employee contracts.

Town manager Jeff Mobus addressed the board, requesting they formally appoint Lisa Baker as Springfield's animal control officer. Mobus reported Baker has all the authorities granted by the State of Vermont, and has in fact already been performing the duties of the job. The board unanimously approved the appointment.

The board went on to approve the "major purchase" of almost \$90,000 in MES-Fire gear for the fire department, as recommended by Chief Stagner. Mobus said he'd received an AFG grant for \$91,500 toward the purchase, which includes a match from the town at \$4,357.15.

On Sept. 11, at 6 p.m., at the town hall and via Zoom, the board will hold a public meeting to discuss the Clinton Street Road Diet Scoping Study. The project considers a change in traffic flow on Clinton Street, reducing the street from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction, with a center left turn lane and dedicated bike path.

Mobus stated that the town had received a grant to perform a scoping study to determine the feasibility of the project, and since grant funds are involved, the board is required to hold a public meeting.

Resident Doug Johnson voiced concerns that the reduction of lanes would negatively impact Park Street, Main Street, and Summer

Street. Board Chair Kristi Morris explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to give the community an opportunity to raise concerns and ask questions regarding the proposed project.

Aug. 31 will be proclaimed International Overdose Awareness Day in the Town of Springfield, as part of a global event recognizing those lost to and struggling with opioid addiction. In Vermont, there were 239 reported drug overdose deaths in 2022, the highest ever recorded for a single year. Windsor County experienced 29 fatalities, which was an increase of 38% over 2021.

The town safety update from Police Chief Jeff Burnham, as read by Mobus, updated the board with progress on upgrades to the dispatch center, the newly purchased cruiser, body cameras, and staffing issues.

Crime rates in town have dropped significantly during this past year, specifically more violent crime such as burglary, arson, and aggravated assaults have declined. Burnham attributed that to a more visible police presence, and the department's proactive approach. Unfortunately, Burnham noted that drug related crime has gone unchanged.

Burnham reported he is preparing for a department-wide meeting on Sept. 1, where he will discuss how far they've come, and offer a more detailed direction on where the department is headed.

The board authorized a revolving loan, as requested by Mobus. As in previous years, the loan allows Mobus to enter into an agreement with Springfield On The Move, to provide funds for the purpose of bidding

on properties at the Sept. 7 tax sale. The amount of the loan will not exceed \$30,000.

Additionally, Mobus received approval to transfer the property at 31 Pearl Street to the Springfield Housing Authority, who will be responsible for completing the demolition. The site will be the location of a new, single-family home.

The sale of 33 Park Street, the location of the former Parks and Woolson building, is complete, reported Mobus. Springfield Regional Development Corporation purchased the property for \$68,600. Work at the property will take years, according to Mobus, but is an important part of the revitalization of Springfield. The next phase will be to perform an environmental study, to determine next steps.

On Saturday, Aug. 12, and Monday, Aug. 14 – Friday, Aug. 18, between the hours of 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., the Interstate 91 Northbound Resurfacing Project will have multiple traffic control packages, with lane closures between exit 5 and exit 8.

At the July selectboard meeting, the painting of a mural on the town hall building was approved. Mobus said that project will be completed the week of Aug. 21-27, and he is working out a plan to keep some access to the lot through the exit, but encouraged anyone visiting the town hall during that week to park on the street.

The selectboard is continuing to meet just once per month, the next meeting to be held on Monday, Sept. 11.

The Little Art Supply Store open for business on The Square

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A new art supply store, the Little Art Supply Store, recently opened its doors for business at 3 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, owned and operated by local artist Ashley Cormack. Cormack recently transitioned her art supply shop to Bellows Falls from nearby Chester, where she originally opened the store in 2021.

"I originally opened then store in September of 2021, at the Annex Building in Chester," Cormack said in a recent interview. "It all started in one little room, hence the name, but after a year in that space we expanded to an adjacent room. However, this past winter I realized that I now needed even more room, and started looking around for a larger space in the Chester-Bellows Falls area."

Ashley's ultimate decision to choose downtown Bellows Falls for her new art shop location is two-fold. "I chose Bellows Falls because I really enjoy and am familiar with the area. I am a Bellows Falls Union High School graduate, and have a lot of personal connections with the town. I've always en-

joyed my shopping and dining experiences in downtown Bellows Falls, and I wanted to become a part of that."

The Little Art Supply store offers a wide range of mediums at varying price points, including both student and professional brand lines of fine art supplies such as Windsor & Newton, Gambin, Golden, and Holbein. Additionally, they offer an extensive "kids section," with products for toddlers through teens.

The craft section includes embroidery supplies, Cricut products, Mod Podge, plus a lot of other odds and ends as well. They also carry products made by artists, including tote bags, wash tape, greeting cards, gift bags, and stickers designed by artists all over Vermont, the U.S., and the U.K.

"One big reason I know people will choose to shop with me is convenience. If you're in the middle of a project and you need something fast, we are here to help. If there are particular products that you love and we don't have them, let us know and we can stock them for you," said Cormack. "Or, perhaps you want to try something new...we can look for resources to help you. I was a high school art teacher for 11 years, so helping and



The Little Art Supply Store. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

cheering people on with their art has become pretty engrained in me."

Part of the new space will be designated for art classes and lessons, and Cormack plans to start classes in the very near future, and once the space is set up and settled in, she also wants to have other artists and craftspeople come in to share lessons and demonstrations.

"I want people to feel like this space is just as much theirs as it is mine," Cormack concluded. "Our classes will be aimed towards both teens and adults, and I look forward to all the opportunities moving forward."

You can visit the Little Art Supply Store's website at www.littleartsupplystore.com. The current store hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WRCP T-shirt fundraiser

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The West River Community Project (WRCP) will be hosting a T-shirt drive to fundraise for the WRCP. All the profits go directly towards helping

WRCP fulfill its mission. T-shirt purchases can be made from now through Aug. 23, and all shirts will ship once the campaign is over, with a rough delivery estimate of Sept. 13.

Please consider donating to the WRCP cause by buying yourself a new shirt or hoodie. Your contributions go directly towards helping WRCP feed and clothe the community.

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Rotary earns third bench

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As a reward for Springfield residents collecting more than 500 pounds of thin film plastics within a 10-week period during the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge, the Trex Company provided the Springfield Rotary Club with an outdoor bench that was placed at the Park Street School overlooking the Kingsbury House by the Union Park Neighborhood Association and the Springfield Parks and Recreation Department.

The Rotary Club entered the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge on Jan. 1, on behalf of the Springfield community, placing a Trex Bin in the Springfield Town Li-

brary. In addition, thin film plastic was collected at McGee CDJR of Springfield, Springfield GMC, and the Springfield Food Co-op. Since that time, Springfield residents have been avidly pitching in to recycle their share of thin film plastics, amassing 1,616 pounds of thin film plastics in under six months.

The challenge is part of the Trex Recycling Program, aimed at encouraging the public to recycle their grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, cereal bags, ice bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc and other re-sealable bags, and similar bags and wrap for other

objects. If the sponsoring group's participants collect 500 or more pounds of thin film plastics within a six-month period, Trex will send the group a Trex Outdoor Furniture 48-inch Yacht Club Bench.

This is the third bench that has been donated. The first two can be found at The Common.

Volunteers from the Springfield Rotary Club and from the Springfield Town Library collected and weighed the bags, reported the bags' weight to Trex, and delivered the bags to Trex's closest participating drop-off retailer location, Shaw's Supermarket in Springfield.

The Trex Bin will remain in place at the Springfield Town Library. The Springfield Rotary Club is partnering with the Black River Action Team to launch another challenge and earn an additional outdoor bench for our community.

The benches are dedicated to the 95th anniversary of the Springfield Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in 1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.

Village Square Booksellers events

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt., in welcoming Windsor, Vt., author Joseph Citro on Friday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m., in the debut of his book, "Lake Monsters," during Bellows Falls Third Friday. Call 802-463-9404 for book and event reservations, or order online at www.villagesquare-books.com/product/lake-monsters-joseph-citro.

Folk Horror and Vermont gothic combine in Joseph A. Citro's classic tale of unrelenting terror, "Lake Monsters." Downsized from his job and dumped by his girlfriend, Harrison Allen dreams of a fresh start. He relocates to a remote island in Lake Champlain, where he sets out to prove that a mysterious creature, unknown to science, lurks in the waters surrounding his new home. What could possibly go wrong? "The author blends a potion of cryptozoology, Fortean, and old-fashioned sleep-shattering fear...a kind of sweet poetry of horror!" says Joseph W. Zarzyn-

ski, maritime archaeologist and cryptozoologist. Perfect for longtime fans and a new generation of readers, Bat Books' gorgeous new presentation of Joseph Citro's classic tale of unrelenting terror is the story of a man searching for the Lake Champlain Monster, and what he finds.

This elegant collector's edition contains the original novel's full, unexpurgated text, plus over 60 pages of never-before-seen extras, including illustrations by renowned artist Michael Zulli (Sandman, Puma Blues), an insightful new introduction by gothic scholar Faye Ringel, a revealing in-depth interview by Vermont horror writer Daniel Mills, plus lots of cryptozoological data, Lovecraftian lore, photographs, history, and fascinating new background essays.

Joseph A. Citro is a Vermont author and folklorist. Occasionally referred as the "Bard of the Bizarre" or "the Ghost-Master General," he has extensively researched and documented the folklore, hauntings, ghost stories, paranormal activity, and occult happenings of New England. Then, on Saturday, Aug.

19, at 1 p.m., Village Square Booksellers welcomes Walpole, N.H., author Bill Ranauro to discuss his books on architects Asher Benjamin and William C. Brocklesby. Call 802-463-9404 for book and event reservations.

Both hailing from the Connecticut Valley, these two architects provide a snapshot of American architecture from 1790-1910. Benjamin worked from the 1790s until the 1840s in several classical styles, while William Brocklesby worked in a variety of styles in the Victorian era, from 1880-1910. Both men stand out as talented practitioners of their craft, but also because of their unique contributions to the region and American architecture.

Bill Ranauro worked as a high school history teacher for 37 years in New Hampshire. He has published four previous books, including "Asher Benjamin: American Architect, Author, Artist," and "Frontier Elegance: The Early Architecture of Walpole, New Hampshire 1750-1850." When he isn't writing, Bill enjoys following the Boston Red Sox, traveling with his wife Lisa, and spending time with his family.

New community forest in Athens

ATHENS, Vt. – The town of Athens has gained a community forest, the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) and Bull Creek Common Lands (BCCL), a new nonprofit organization, announced today. The 36-acre Raymond Bemis Community Forest lies along Bull Creek, and can be accessed from a small parking area on the east side of Brookline Road.

After two years of planning and effort, BCCL bought the entirely forested parcel from David Bemis, and conserved it with VLT. The community forest has been named after Bemis' late uncle Raymond Bemis, who was well known in the community, and operated a fish farm on the property in the 1950s and 60s. During the many years the land was privately owned, people in the area used to go there for walks and to enjoy nature. There was a desire among community

members to protect it, and keep it open for public use.

Hannah Regier, Chair of the BCCL Board, said, "It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm amongst the community for having this land, that is already well loved, be permanently protected and accessible."

BCCL expects to open the Raymond Bemis Community Forest to the public in the late summer of 2023, and to have about a mile of walking trails in place by next summer. The community forest will be permanently open to the public for low-impact, non-motorized uses, and available as an outdoor classroom for educational programs. In the future, a section of accessible trail may be developed to open the forest to people with mobility limitations. BCCL plans to seek input from the local community in guiding how the land will be used.

"The community forest will be a good resource for the residents of Athens to enjoy a quiet stroll and the outdoors," said VLT's Jennifer Garrett. "We are gratified to support BCCL in their mission to protect key parcels and create public access in the Bull Creek and Grassy Brook watersheds. Their efforts build on a growing network of over 3,000 acres of conserved recreation lands in the Windmill Ridge and Putney Mountain area."

Bull Creek, which is part of the Saxtons River and Connecticut River watersheds, runs for about a half mile across the new community forest. The creek and a large, picturesque pool provide high quality

habitat for fish and invertebrates. There are also some wetlands, an important vernal pool, and an area of sugar maple floodplain forest, which is uncommon in Vermont. In addition to securing public access, the conservation permanently protects these ecological features from development, along with conservation restrictions for clean water.

The community forest is close to Windmill Ridge, which has an extensive trail system and a nearby trailhead to Paul's Ledges. The community forest will expand on recreational opportunities by offering a more accessible walking experience along gentle, rolling terrain. If circumstances allow in the future, a trail connection may be built to connect the forest to the ridge.

The effort was funded by the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB), Davis Conservation Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation, Windham Foundation, and numerous generous donors.

"VHCB is proud to support the preservation of this land for community use, and the protection of its waters and ecological systems," said VHCB executive director Gus Seelig. "The conservation of these 36 acres is an important step towards safeguarding our environment, enhancing climate resiliency, and ensuring recreational access for generations to come. Our board extends gratitude and congratulations to the Vermont Land Trust and Bull Creek Common Lands for this important community initiative."

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Days gone by

BY RON PATCH

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It was 1985. I was at an estate auction in Weathersfield, an old farmhouse out on a dirt road.

The auctioneer was Bill Smith of Plainfield, N.H. Bill was one of the top auctioneers in New England.

There were three tents set up, each maybe 30 feet by 40 feet. Under two tents were rows of antique furniture. The auction tent had chairs for the bidders' comfort. Many people stood outside the auction tent, leaning in, waving their bidders' number to bid. Excitement was in the air. Baldy was busy dragging the attic.

Smaller antiques were displayed on tops of furniture. Around the perimeter of the tents were tables loaded with early tin, spongeware, painted trenchers, and such.

It was shoulder to shoulder under the tents with people looking over the offerings. I was looking at items on one of the tables. There were always new auction-goers, who pestered us dealers as to what something was or why we paid so much.

We closely guarded our knowledge. We had learned the hard way and didn't share what we knew. If we did, someone would use it against us. By that I mean they would bid against you in the future. No dealer in his right mind wanted more competition.

Well, I'm under a tent. A beginner was watching everything I handled, trying to strike up a conversation. I picked up a World War I German leather spike helmet. The beginner watched as I removed the spike.

Hold a spike helmet in your left hand. With your right hand, take hold of the spike and turn counter-clockwise. This will release the spike.

So, the beginner, now really curious, asked, "What's that for?" referring to the spike. My reply, "It's for night fighting. You remove the spike and put a candle in the socket." "Wow! That's so interesting!" he says. Sometimes it's hard to keep a straight face.

There is a reason for the ease in removing the spike. German leather helmets were issued to both infantry and artillery units. So they could be used in either service, and easily distinguished, infantry had the spike.

Artillery helmets don't have a spike, but instead a ball. Either spike or ball is interchangeable on the helmet.

I have an old auction flag that reads: "GEO. E. PATCH AUCTIONEER, AUCTION TODAY." I bought this flag at this Weathersfield auction. George Patch might have been from Ludlow. To me it doesn't matter. The flag probably dates to the 1920s.

Papa Sol

Papa Sol lived up Rutland way. He was an older man, and a newcomer to the antiques business. Every Monday morning, Sol would stop at my shop in Springfield. He would tell about a Windsor chair or something he had seen over the weekend. He would describe it, and ask if he should buy it. I would say, "Yes, and if you get it I'd be a customer."

This went on for a while when I realized what he was doing. I never saw anything we discussed. Sol was using me as a price guide. Using my sight unseen price of \$250, he would offer it elsewhere, for maybe \$350. I was being used.

One Monday morning, Sol came in and described something just about worthless. As before I told him to buy it – at an inflated price – and if he got it I'd be interested. The following Monday, in Sol came with

the item. I passed. Ouch!

Having fun at auction

Some retail auction-goers used this flawed logic. They thought when they didn't know the value of an item, all they had to do was outbid the dealer. Knowing the dealer was going to resell, all they had to do was increase his bid by one and they would beat the system.

When we realized this, and we did, we would bid well over what we could sell it for knowing Smarty Pants would outbid us.

In 50 years I have seen just about every swindle man can think of.

The Crazy Lady

Crazy Lady was neurotic, obsessive compulsive, inhibited by her intelligence. I once heard, "There's a fine line between genius and insanity." It's true.

Crazy Lady worked for a house painter. She told about the horrific night she had. All night she had relentless dreams of nothing but hard work, without any breaks. "I awoke exhausted," she said.

This week's old saying: "If a deal is difficult in the beginning, walk away. It will only get worse with time."



George Patch auction flag. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

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The Bronx: The Way It Was

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., the Springfield Town Library will host Steve Samtur on Zoom for his presentation of "The Bronx: The Way It Was." Steve Samtur has been the editor and publisher of Back In THE BRONX magazine for over 20 years.

Since the magazine's start, Samtur has had close

to 30,000 subscribers and 30,000 followers on Facebook, as well as a database of over 125,000 former Bronx-ites.

Steve has also written three books, produced several DVDs, and developed a Bronx board game and a Back In THE BRONX chess set.

For the past six years, Samtur has been giving a

PowerPoint presentation, "The Bronx: The Way It Was," locally and throughout the country.

A preview can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rnq-MaAzR1.

This event is free and open to the public. Call the library at 802-885-3108, or visit the calendar of events to sign up at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

OLLI fall programs

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is pleased to announce its fall 2023 programs. Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members, and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and over, who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone is welcome.

The programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m., and last about an hour and a half, at the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street, next to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt.

Following is the listing of programs for the Fall 2023 semester:

Sept. 19 – "Trailblazers: Horse-Drawn Vehicles from Shelburne Museum's Collection," with Kory Rogers, the Francie and John Downing senior curator of American art at Shelburne Museum. From carriages and sleighs to wagons and carts, the Shelburne Museum collection spans the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and includes a variety of styles and designs.

Oct. 3 – "We Are All Being Used! Media Manipulation in the Digital Age," with Ben Boyington, educator, writer, and media literacy scholar.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – Discover Vermont and New Hampshire's roles in the

Underground Railroad with Michelle Arnosky Sherburne, author and Vermont historian.

Oct. 31 – "Werewolves, Vampires & Zombies," with Bobby Farlice-Rubio, educator and state representative.

Nov. 14 – "Songs of Vermont," with "Banjo Dan" Lindner, songwriter and performer.

Nov. 28 – "Trend Setter: The Nature of Weather Patterns," with Mark Breen, senior meteorologist at Fairbanks Museum, who is returning for his 12th annual presentation to our Springfield OLLI Group.

Come join this exciting, educational OLLI group to learn about interesting details on a variety of topics. Thanks go out to our local benefactor, Barbara Sanderson.

You can attend all programs by becoming a member and paying a membership fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a program fee. Pre-registration is highly recommended. OLLI can no longer take any payments onsite at the door. If you do attend and have not pre-registered, we will welcome you, and provide an easy form for you to take to send in payment or pay online after the program.

Registration can easily be done online with a credit card by going to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

You may also register over the phone, using your credit card, by calling 802-656-5817.

If you prefer to register by mail, send your contact information (name, address, phone number, and email address) indicating full series membership, or which specific program or programs you wish to attend. Mail this information and your check made out to "University of Vermont-OLLI" to OLLI at UVM, 23 Mansfield Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

If mailing in the registration, please allow 10-14 days from date of mailing check to receipt and processing.

For weather-related changes to the schedule, you may check the above mentioned website or SAPA TV, 802-885-6248 or call 802-885-3094.

For the latest Covid update from the University of Vermont, you can check the above mentioned website. At the moment, the following health and safety guidelines are in effect. UVM sponsored non-credit functions, activities, and offerings, whether held at UVM or at a non-UVM facility or location, are governed by the same health and safety policies. As such, UVM expects event participants, visitors, and guests will be vaccinated. Masks are optional and welcomed.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

I would like to let your readers know that planning is underway for the Coat and Warm Clothing Drive, in its 16th year this year.

Yes it's already August. Children will be going back to school very soon, and with the change over of seasonal clothing, we would like to ask if you would set aside a bag or tote of your outgrown, clean, usable coats, clothing, bedding,

shoes, and boots of all sizes for this totally free event for the Chester/Andover community.

This event is for all who may need warm clothing, a coat, or bedding. We will have drop boxes and storage closer to the date. It will be held at the Chester Baptist Church, on Main Street in Chester, Vt., on Oct. 20 and 21.

Last year over 427 vol-

unteer hours were accumulated, not to mention those behind the scenes who donated time or goods for this worthy cause.

Please call me at 802-376-4822, or email me at fae12rae@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Carla Rumrill
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

There is a group of amazing people who, every first Friday, sets out to raise money for worthy causes. My family and I are grateful to have our family's scholarship, The Comtois Family Scholarship, be the recipient of such generosity. On Friday, Aug. 4, with the weather looking dark and dreary, many community members

went to the Baptist Church in Bellows Falls and enjoyed a dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, corn on the cob, chips, and various homemade desserts. It was a delicious meal, and a wonderful time to see friends we haven't seen in awhile. My parents would have been overjoyed to know that people thought that much of them that they would want their scholar-

ship to continue for many years. We are overjoyed by generous donations that have come to us, even after the dinner. We thank that special group of people, and hope you know how much you have touched our hearts!

Sincerely,
Jim Comtois and family
Jean Illingworth and family

East Hill Foundation supports Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – New England Kurn Hattin Homes for Children recently received a \$19,500 grant from the East Hill Foundation. The grant will support renovations to the sugar house, green house, and barn, new and refurbished musical instruments, and clothing for the children in our care who have such needs.

Kurn Hattin is thankful for the foundation's thoughtful and caring sup-

port to help maintain the overall quality and upkeep of its campus facilities. The direct support of the clothing needs for the children is wonderfully meaningful. Kurn Hattin has been arranging online and shopping excursions with the children. It is part of teaching life skills and building self-esteem. The children are thrilled to have new clothes that they've picked out themselves. Kurn Hattin's music program is also a

very important program in similar ways, and new instruments are needed annually.

As the grants are by invitation only, Kurn Hattin Homes is deeply grateful for having been selected for the Foundations' support of their Today for Tomorrow Project this year.

Kurn Hattin Homes transforms the lives of children and their families forever. For more information, visit www.kurnhattin.org.

Storm cancels Weston Antiques Show

WESTON, Vt. – When an unprecedented storm inundated the State of Vermont on July 10, Weston, along with the neighboring towns of Londonderry and Ludlow, was among the poster children for flooding damage. Of course, the state capital, Montpelier, and many other communities also suffered in the extreme.

Most buildings in the village suffered mild to very severe damage. The Weston Playhouse, best known as the main stage for the wonderful productions of the Weston Theater Company, is also home to the Weston Antiques Show, among other events, and was badly hit. In spite of shutters, windows were breached, and the rampant West River poured over seven feet of water, mud, and debris into the lower level. The controls for

the fire alarm and sprinkler systems were submerged, and the fire marshal has deemed the building unfit for public gatherings until they are replaced, estimated to take three to four months. Virtually all other contents of the lower level were ruined as well.

Flood waters even entered the lowest levels of the theater itself, damaging the flooring and seats of the front rows, and elements of the stage.

The Board of the Weston Community Association (WCA), owners of the Playhouse, met in special session and, confronted by the inevitable, reluctantly cancelled what would have been the 63rd Weston Antiques Show.

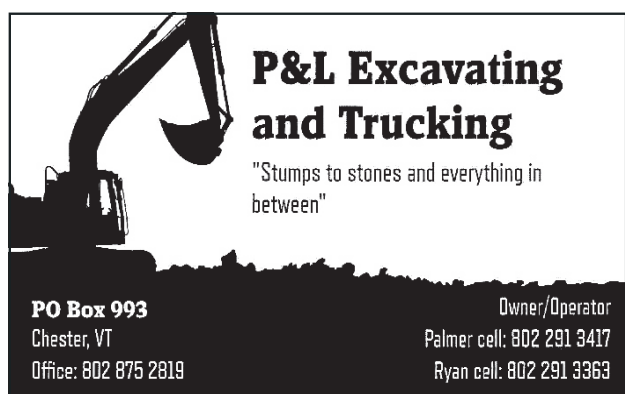
But the board did more than cancel. Plans were set forth to make the Playhouse much more impervious to future weather events. President David Raymond observed, "This

is the second 'storm of the century' in just 12 years. I think we need to change our definitions, our nomenclature. We're looking at a new paradigm – maybe a new normal. And we've got to be prepared."

All electrical and mechanical controls, including the fire systems, are being moved above grade. The heating boilers that were downstairs are also being moved, and will sequentially be replaced by in-wall heat pumps. The windows that admitted the floodwaters will be sealed, and enhanced barriers between the building and the river are being explored.

The following steps had already been taken when the board met: first, the building had been thoroughly and professionally cleaned by the firm of Serv-Pro (after a battalion of determined volunteers removed everything portable from the downstairs). Then, an engineer's assessment confirmed that the building remains structurally solid.

The WCA wants to assure the community that the Playhouse that they have known will be restored, just more secure, as we look to the future.



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Antiques sale

Antique porch rockers, matching armchairs, flax wheel, 3,000 wheat pennies, old photographs, 1855 Doton, Windsor County wall map. The identical map is upstairs Chester Town Hall. Vermont books, Vermont Life magazines, antique rolling library ladder. Idlenot Dairy adverts, framed 1936 Ticonderoga calendar of a nudie, postcards. Many 19th century railroad tickets, timetables, various brochures, old road maps, 19th century playbills.

Antique firearms: Rare circa 1860 percussion over & under, 20-gauge and rifled barrel, by George Leonard of Keene, NH, with original fitted case, Colt 12-gauge double, brass shotgun shells. Western clay pigeon trap. Old tools, woodplanes, etc., military uniforms, Korean War souvenir jacket, early cheese basket, old tinware, 1853 patent Parker, Proctorsville lantern, oil lamps. Expect surprises

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obituaries

Irene E. Wood, 1944-2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Irene E. Wood, 78, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Oct. 22, 1944, in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Ralph and Elva (Wardwell) Davis. She graduated from Black River High School, and later from Rutland Business School.

Irene was employed as a secretary and bookkeeper in the machine tool industry for many years, working at Bryant Grinder, Jones and Lamson, Vermont Research, and LoveJoy Tool Co. She later was town treasurer with the Town of Chester for many years.

Irene raised and showed Sheltie dogs and miniature

horses for many years. She participated in the Christmas Parade in Burlington, Vt., for many years with her miniature horses.

She is survived by one sister Evelyn M. Lockwood, one brother Albert M. Davis, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by one sister Shirley Gray, and one brother Roy Davis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at 10 a.m., at St. James Methodist Church in Proctorsville, Vt. Reverend John Hawkins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

John W. Pennell, 1936-2023



John Pennell, 1936-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

CHESTER, Vt. – John Walton Pennell Jr., 86, of Chester, Vt., entered peacefully into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, surrounded by family. The eldest son of John Walton Pennell Sr. and Caroline Wellendorf Pennell, he was born in Vienna, Ohio, on Aug. 15, 1936. John attended Vienna High School, where he played on the Flyers' record-breaking 1954 varsity basketball team, winning all 22 regular season games and the Trumbull Interscholastic Association championship tournament – perhaps not without a little help from his dutiful mother, who delightedly served as the team's scorekeeper. After graduating in 1954, John attended Bowling Green State University, before joining the United States Navy in 1958, serving four years on the U.S.S. Canberra. John traveled the world during his years of military service, eventually sailing to Sydney, Australia, where he met his wife, the late Margaret Richmond Pennell, whom he married in 1962, and with whom he raised his two adored children, daughter Kelley and son Matthew. After the Navy, John worked in the steel mill until joining his brother's business, Elastomeric Products Inc. He worked at EPI for 30 years, until his retirement at age 52.

By this time John and the family had relocated to Lake Wylie, S.C.

After a brief stint living in Amelia Island, Fla., John moved to Chester, Vt., where he has lived for the past 22 years on the same property as his brother, Hugh, and Hugh's wife, Nancy. Together, John and Hugh spent over 20 years crafting some of the finest wood products available, producing maple syrup, and caring for the land they loved. Although technically retired, he was never idle, and maintained a rarely matched degree of

productivity throughout the course of his life, only breaking from his duties to hunt deer, geese, elk, pheasants, quail, or whatever else was in season. A lifelong outdoorsman, John enjoyed sharing his appreciation of nature with others, and taught many not to overlook the simple delights of the wilderness.

John will always be remembered for his affability, generosity, and love for his large community of family, colleagues, and friends, whom he considered family. Blessed with the gift of gab, and full of tales of adventure and misadventure, John was quick to make friends – and to hold them close for life. He never left home without a few gallons of syrup to offer to any strangers he might befriend that day. John is survived by his two brothers Paul Pennell (Phyllis) and Hugh Pennell (Nancy), with whom he was as close as brothers can be; his two children Kelley Pennell Bozeman and Matthew John Pennell; his four grandchildren John Perry Bozeman, Samuel Pierce Bozeman, Kate McKenzie Pennell, and Jack Walton Pennell; and an abundance of nieces, nephews, and their children, whom he considered all "his own children and grandchildren." John was a legend of a man with a beautiful and kind soul. He will be missed more than any words can convey.

Thomas R. Rutkowski, 1956-2023

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. – Thomas Rutkowski passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 7, surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born on May 27, 1956, in Schenectady, N.Y., the youngest child of Bruno Rutkowski and Ethel (VanWagner) Rutkowski. As a young adult, he moved to Vermont, where he met his wife Lisa (Rounds). Together they were married 37 years.

Tom was employed at UNFI for 27 years as a warehouse distributor, followed by working traffic control throughout Vermont. He enjoyed spending time with his family by the campfire, reading, listening to rock music – especially Bruce Springsteen – playing darts, working around the yard, trips to Lake Willoughby with his best friend Billy Schultz, and watching the Buffalo Bills and TV game shows with his beloved dog Brosco.

He is survived by his brother Mitchell Rutkowski, and sisters Susan Joseph and Grace Rechisky, his loving wife Lisa, and their two sons Roger and Randy Rutkowski. A private graveside service was held at the Burgess Cem-



Thomas Rutkowski, 1956-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

etery in Grafton, Vt., on Aug. 12.

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webinar, Janice Zazinski 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 and the Stratton Community Foundation Flood Relief Fund. Register at www.janicezdogtraining.com/webinars.

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.

inaugural festival will take place in Woodstock and Bridgewater, Vt., in collaboration with Pentangle Arts at the Woodstock Town Hall, and multiple local restaurants. To learn more about the schedule and different ticketing options, please visit www.vermontfilmfestival.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – A basket raffle will be held at Mouth Holly Elementary School, 150 School St., with doors opening at 11 a.m., and drawings to be held at 1 p.m. All funds raised will benefit Beth Chase and family for medical and travel expenses as she undergoes treatment. There will also be a 50-50 raffle and door prizes, and refreshments will be available for purchase.

LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be Bingo at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., from 1-3 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and a door prize will be awarded. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 802-228-7421.

SUNDAYS – BELLOW 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.

SATURDAYS – WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven holds concerts and events 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.

ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION 2S0084-4 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

Application 2S0084-4 from Douglas Paulding 20 Wakeman Road, South Salem, NY 10590 and Brian and Linda Link, 29 Arrowood Drive, St. James, NY 11780 was received on March 2, 2023 and deemed complete on July 31, 2023. The project is generally described as Property was subdivided from a 22 acre parcel into two residential lots: one of 5+ acres and the other of 16+ acres. The project is located at Brookside Drive in Chester, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database: (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=2S0084-4>).

No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, September 6, 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://nr.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 Stephanie Gile at the address or telephone number below.

Dated this August 11, 2023.

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CAVENDISH, Vt. – Gloria Leven's 100th Birthday Party will be held at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, at 5 p.m. There will be a barbecue, cake, live jazz, and a raffle of two quilts made by Gloria. This event was rescheduled from July 11, due to flooding.

AUG. 18 – 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

AUG. 20 – The Charlestown Historical Society will host their annual Picnic Meeting at 2 p.m., at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 1591 Acworth Rd. Please bring chairs and a potluck dish to share. Drinks and watermelon will be provided. Members, friends, and the public are invited to tour the schoolhouse and enjoy the day.

AUG. 23-27 – WOODSTOCK, Vt. – The Vermont Film Festival (VFF) is a five-day festival that will screen short and feature films from all over the country, while hosting networking events for creative minds to come together. The

AUG. 23. – BELLOW FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers, will present the movie “Charlotte’s Web,” at the Bellows Falls Opera House, at 7 p.m. The movie is based on the book by E.B. White, and books will be available for purchase at the event.

AUG. 26 – BELMONT, Vt. – There will be a spaghetti supper at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., beginning at 5 p.m., to benefit Beth Chase and family for medical and travel expenses. The menu will include spaghetti with plain sauce or meat sauce, tossed salad, bread, and desserts. Take out will be available beginning at 4:45 p.m. There is a suggested donation for this event. For more information, call 802-259-2791.

AUG. 28 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary's Church will be hosting a Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale in the St. Mary's Gym on Main Street, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be over 100 tables, and thousands of items including antiques and tools, food, and beverages.

River Valley Technical Center School District Notice of Nondiscrimination

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Derek Williams, Assistant Director
River Valley Technical Center
307 South Street
Springfield, VT 05156
802-885-8302

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS

NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of land in the Town of Springfield, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years indicated are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

16 Furnace Street

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Robert W. Sargent to 16 Furnace Street, LLC by deed dated February 18, 2009 and recorded in Book 439 at Page 277 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

54 Reservoir Road

For the years 2021-22 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Diana Ingles to Zachery Beam and Ariana Davidonis by deed dated May 16, 2017 and recorded in Book 580 at Page 54 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

Mobile Home, 69 Dogwood Lane

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being a Make Commodore, Model Nova, 1987, 14'x70' Mobile Home conveyed by Bean's Mobile Homes, Inc. to Devin Bussino by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale dated May 4, 2019 and recorded in Volume 612 at Page 74 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

100 French Meadow Road

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Daniel E. Millay to Peter M. Cannatta, Jr. and Wendy Cannatta by deed dated January 22, 2016 and recorded in Book 559 at Page 289 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

49 Reservoir Road

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Kermit C. Fullam and Christine M. Fullam to Kelsey C. Christensen by deed dated March 31, 2017 and recorded in Book 578 at Page 52 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

Mobile Home, 137 Dogwood Lane

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being a Make Fleetwood, Model Sun Crist, Serial No. PAF-LY22A47115-SC13 Mobile Home conveyed by The Housing Foundation, Inc. to Kenneth Cooper and Katie Cooper by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale dated August 26, 2013 and recorded in Book 522 at Page 271 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

199 Summer Street

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Springfield School District to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated May 4, 2019 and recorded in Book 563 at Page 214 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

15 Main Street

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Springfield Lodge No. 42, I.O.O.F. to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated March 30, 2015 and recorded in Book 547 at Page 86 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

70 Valley Street

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated August 3, 2015 and recorded in Book 553 at Page 281 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

138 Main Street

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated January 25, 2016 and recorded in Book 559 at Page 319 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

316 South Street

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Kovanna M. Buskey to Sheila Fredyma by deed dated March 12, 2002 and recorded in Book 246 at Page 244 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

158 Fairground Road

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Marion L. Hickey to Patrick O. Kilburn, Sr. and Doris R. Kilburn by deed dated December 22, 1999 and recorded in Book 204 at Page 233 of the Springfield Town Land Records. Excepting the conveyance by Patrick O. Kilburn, Sr. and Doris R. Kilburn to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust, Inc. dated December 22, 1999 and recorded in Book 204, Page 245. Including that certain Lease as identified by Memorandum of Lease between Rockingham Area Community Land Trust, Inc. and Patrick O. Kilburn, Sr. and Doris R. Kilburn dated December 22, 1999 and recorded in Book 204 at Page 249. Lastly, that certain Housing Subsidy Covenant dated December 22, 1999 and recorded in Book 204, Page 265. As conveyed to Windham and Windsor Housing Trust, Inc. by Limited Warranty Deed of Rockingham Area Community Land Trust, Inc. dated May 17, 2011 and recorded in Book 481, Page 214.

134 Harvard Street

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae to Scott Kirkpatrick by deed dated February 13, 2018 and recorded in Book 593 at Page 39 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

30 St. Patricks Street

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to Scott Kirkpatrick by deed dated August 30, 2018 and recorded in Book 601 at Page 110 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

650 Brook Road

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Mark L. Tapper to Guy A. Lariviere by deed dated November 6, 1991 and recorded in Book 102 at Page 74 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

42 Harlow Street

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Virginia M. Gates f/k/a Virginia M. Todd and Stacy M. Gates to Tony M. Garland and Cynthia S. Garland by deed dated October 2, 1998 and recorded in Book 181 at Page 243 of the Springfield Town

Land Records. Reference is made to the deed from Tony M. Garland to Cynthia S. Lucius f/k/a Cynthia S. Garland by deed dated March 27, 2007 and recorded in Book 393, Page 20 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

Mobile Home, 897 Randall Hill

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all the same lands and premises conveyed by Patricia H. Tompkins to Bonnie Maguire by deed dated September 12, 2001 and recorded in Book 233 at Page 280 of the Springfield Land Records, with Mobile Home as conveyed by Patricia H. Tompkins to Bonnie Maguire by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale dated September 12, 2001 and recorded in Book 233 at Page 283 of the Springfield Town Land Records. Contingent remainder interest conveyed to Patrick M. Maguire and Nathan J. Maguire by deed dated May 5, 2011 and recorded in Book 494 at Page 327 of the Springfield Land Records.

15 Baltimore Road

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being the remainder of all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Walter R. Fawcett, Jr. and Susan B. Fawcett to Michael Morabito and Gayle Morabito by deed dated January 26, 1999 and recorded in Book 188 at Page 260 of the Springfield Town Land Records, and also the remainder of all and the same lands and premises conveyed by George E. Stott and Nancy J. Stott to Michael Morabito and Gayle Morabito by deed dated August 3, 1998 and recorded in Book 179 at Page 221 of the Springfield Land Records. Also by deed from Stott dated August 3, 1998 and recorded in Book 179 at Page 224. Being Tax Parcel 01A\1\23-1.

410 Carley Road

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Francis X. Berube, Jr. a/k/a Francis S. Berube and Pamela J. Berube to Leslie Novak by deed dated August 13, 2000 and recorded in Book 469 at Page 311 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

75 White Street

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae to Joanne Paquette by deed dated September 12, 2017 and recorded in Book 586 at Page 194 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

25 Harlow Road

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by William A. Noyes and Rebecca C. Noyes to Robert E. Pelletier (now deceased) and Mary L. Pelletier by deed dated February 28, 1973 and recorded in Book 66 at Page 132 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

11 Buena Vista Street

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by The Bank of New York Mellon to Carleton Sollars Procter by deed dated November 25, 2020 and recorded in Book 637 at Page 162 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

Mobile Home, 18 Oak Lane

For the years 2021-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being a Mobile Home conveyed by Niomi Densmore and Barry Potwin. to Steven Rogers, Jr. and Alesha Rogers by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale dated July 21, 2015 and recorded in Book 552 at Page 12 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

405 Seavers Brook Road

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Charles A. Locke, III and Patricia A. Locke to Dale Squires, Sr. and Dale Squires, Jr. by deed dated August 22, 2014 and recorded in Book 537 at Page 195 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

Mobile Home, 79 Cypress Lane

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being a Make Frontier, Serial No. 045803 10'x45' gray Mobile Home conveyed by Anthony E. Lester to Ashley Stone by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale dated January 9, 2014 and recorded in Book 528 at Page 90 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

Mobile Home, 14 Ash Lane

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being a Castle Model M1402, Serial Number CHPA4674A Mobile Home located at 242 Town Farm Road situated on Lot 32 and may be all and the same conveyed by Stephen Warner and Jean Warner to Aaron Vittum and Michelle Vittum by Mobile Home Bill of Sale dated July 19, 2007 and recorded in Book 401 at Page 223 of the Springfield Town Land Records. Reference is made to the conveyance by Aaron Vittum to Michelle Vittum by deed dated April 19, 2021 and recorded in Book 643 Page 9 of the Springfield Land Records.

0 Connecticut River Road

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by James M. Hatch and Marjorie R. Royce to Justin Wagner by deed dated September 24, 2020 and recorded in Book 631 at Page 335 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

871 French Meadow Road

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Randall L. Susman to Richard Walck and Patricia Walck by deed dated March 15, 2016 and recorded in Book 561 at Page 229 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, a public place in such Town, on the 7th day of September, 2023 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. § 1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156.

Dated at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 19th day of July, 2023.

Barbara A. Courchesne,
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

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SEVCA seeks strategic planning proposals

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) is requesting proposals from consultants experienced in strategic planning and familiar with Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Organizational Standards to lead SEVCA's board of directors and staff through a long-range strategic planning process.

SEVCA was founded on the belief that all people can be empowered to rise out of poverty, and that the strength of our communities is measured by the quality of life of everyone within them.

The agency conducts a community assessment every three years to discern current and emerging community needs. The most recent assessment will be provided to the awarded proposal in draft format. The chosen vendor will work with the interim executive director and the strategic plan committee, who are responsible for the agency's performance management standards, to develop a work plan consistent with federal standards.

The deadline is Sept. 8, and selection of vendor will occur on or about Sept. 15. Email Margaret MacAuslan at mmacauslan@sevca.org for more information, or visit www.sevca.org.

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

A public hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center located at 35 School Drive, Plymouth, VT, to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit for:

Applicant: Ed and Jennifer Gentner

Location: 80 Amherst Road

Proposal: Addition of a covered entry porch

Application: 2023-16

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Mount Holly, in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2022-2023 tax year remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Robert L. Richards, Jr. by Quitclaim Deed of Marie Richards, dated August 30, 2022 and recorded in Book 101 at Page 471 of the Mt. Holly Land Records. [E-911 address: 62 Healdville Rd, Parcel #07H7236.00]

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Mount Holly Office, a public place located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, Vermont, on the 12th day of September, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 7th day of August, 2023

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Mount Holly, in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2022-2023 tax year remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Benjamin M. Black by Warranty Deed of Linda Lucas dated September 28, 2021 and recorded on October 4, 2021 in Book 99 at Page 396 of the Mount Holly Land Records. [E-911 address: 778 Frost Hill Rd, Parcel #10A7019.00]

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Mount Holly Office, a public place located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, Vermont, on the 12th day of September, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 7th day of August, 2023

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Unit PROBATE DIVISION
Windham John Banholzer, IV Docket No.: 23-PR-02925

In re ESTATE of: John Banholzer, IV

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: John Banholzer, IV

Decedent

late of Rockingham, 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:

6/30/2023

Signature of Fiduciary

Executor/Administrator	Mailing Address
Samantha Ransom	P.O. Box 177
Phone Number	City, State, Zip
	Charlestown, NH 03603

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal & The Shopper Newspaper

Publication Date: August 16, 2023

Name of Probate Court:
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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Summer Concert Series w/ Yankee Chank
- Attorney Gen. Charity Clark Visits Ludlow
- Okemo Valley Chamber- Open for Business
- Flood Recovery & Relief Messages from State & Fed. Officials
- Coolidge Centennial Celebration events

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(10/04/23 - 1FN - 13)

arts & events

LEGAL NOTICES

“Extraordinary Wildlife of Our Planet”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to present “Extraordinary Wildlife of Our Planet,” a show of wildlife photography by Tiffany Soukup and Chris Brader, from Aug. 2 – Sept. 6. Come meet the photographers and hear about some of their adventures at a reception on Friday, Aug. 18, from 5-6:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly event.

World travelers and photographers, Tiffany and Christopher have been living and working around the world for nearly two

decades. Traveling to over 50 countries and living on multiple continents, they have an ongoing quest to explore this world. From climbing trees higher than Niagara Falls, hiking to the top of active volcanoes, diving with a dozen bull sharks, or living out of a van in Australia for two years, they seek to capture nature’s wonders.

Since 2009, the married couple has worked seasonally in Vermont State Parks. The slogan of “The Green Mountain State” called to them, and Vermont is

considered home. If not abroad in the winter, they also work at off grid, back country lodges along the edge of the 100-mile wilderness in Maine with the Appalachian Mountain Club. Mostly recently, they spent a month road tripping in South Africa, photographing some elusive wildlife, including the aardvark and the honey badger. Follow along with their journey and continue to learn about wildlife and travel at www.vagabondway.net.

FOLA presents “The Gold Rush” on Aug. 26

LUDLOW, Vt. – Silent film returns to the big screen this month in Ludlow with “The Gold Rush” (1925), a classic comedy starring Charlie Chaplin.

The screening will take place on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m., at Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow.

Presented by the Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA), the screening will feature accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hamp-

shire-based composer who specializes in creating live music for silent film presentations.

Admission is free and all are welcome to this family-friendly event. Donations will go to the Ludlow Recovery Fund, to aid the community following this year’s disastrous flooding.

“The Gold Rush,” a landmark comedy and one of the top-grossing films of the silent era, finds Chaplin’s iconic “Little Tramp” character journeying to the frozen wastelands of the Yukon. There as a prospector, the Tramp’s search for gold turns into a pursuit of romance, but with plenty of laughs along the way.

The film contains several famous scenes, both comic and dramatic, including a starving Chaplin forced to eat his shoe for Thanksgiving dinner, and a heart-breaking New Year’s Eve celebration.

As a comedian, Chaplin emerged as the first superstar in the early days of cinema. From humble beginnings as a musical hall entertainer in England, he came to Hollywood and used his talents to quickly rise to the pinnacle of stardom in the then-new medium of motion pictures. His popularity never waned, and his image remains recognized around the world to this day.

“The Gold Rush,” regarded by many critics as Chaplin’s best film, is a prime example of his unique talent for combining slapstick comedy and intense dramatic emotion.

“‘The Gold Rush’ is still an effective tear-jerker,” wrote critic Eric Kohn of indieWIRE. “In the You-



Charlie Chaplin prepares to eat his shoe in “The Gold Rush.”

PHOTO PROVIDED

Tube era, audiences – myself included – often anoint the latest sneezing panda phenomenon as comedic gold. Unless I’m missing something, however, nothing online has come close to matching the mixture of affectionate fragility and seamless comedic inspiration perfected by the Tramp.”

Rapsis, who uses original themes to improvise silent film scores, said the best silent film comedies often used visual humor to create laughter out of simple situations. Because of this, audiences continue to respond to them in the 21st century, especially if they’re presented as intended – with an audience and live music.

“These comedies were created to be shown on the big screen as a communal experience,” Rapsis said. “With an audience and live music, they still come to life as their creators intended them to. So this summer’s screenings at the Leavitt are a great chance to experience films that first caused people to fall in love with the movies,” he said.

Rapsis achieves a traditional movie score sound for silent film screenings by using a digital synthesizer that reproduces the texture of the full orchestra. For more information on the music, visit www.jeffrapsis.com.

New solo shows at Canal Street Gallery

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents Kim Grall’s “One Artist Bound To Earth,” and Kathleen Zimmerman’s Solo Spotlight, on view from Aug. 18 – Oct. 14. Join the Gallery on Third Friday Gallery Night, Aug. 18, from 5-7 p.m., to celebrate the opening of the shows and meet the artists. All gallery events are free and open to the public.

Kim Grall, in the artist’s first solo exhibition at Canal Street Art Gallery, titled “One Artist Bound to Earth,” shows both two and three-dimensional mixed

media encaustics. Created with foraged and harvested materials, Grall’s work typically uses gourds as a primary form. The artist uses techniques such as pyrography, painting, collage, and cordage making, with materials including vines, leaves, seedpods, handmade pigments, and papers. Through this intimacy with her materials and knowledge of Native American and ancient materials and techniques, Grall’s work presents utilitarian objects, sacred objects, mixed media sculpture, and fine art.

Says Grall, “Color, texture,

and natural images inspire me. When I begin a piece, I have a general idea of subject matter and direction, but am always led on by what is happening as materials get layered and accidents happen. I have consciously moved towards working as much as possible with materials that are natural, making my own encaustic medium with beeswax and damar resin, cordage from plant materials I forage and harvest.”

Kathleen Zimmerman shows new serigraph prints on paper in Canal Street Art Gallery’s Solo Spotlight exhibit. The artist works in series and pairs, creating mythical and surreal characters, both human and animal. These figures interact within harmonious shapes and lines, and explore titles such as “Cosmic Series,” “Global Series,” and “Dance Series.” Zimmerman is currently specializing in the printmaking techniques of serigraph, or silkscreen, which is a stenciling type of

printmaking, and intaglio, or metal plate printmaking techniques.

Says Zimmerman, “My art is the way I explore ideas concerning both day-to-day life, as well as more profound ideas surrounding relationships, the environment, and culture. It is a meditative practice of sorts that helps me stop and think about life. Over the years, I have developed a personal visual language that uses symbolism and surrealism to transform my subject matter into archetypal images.”

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information about the Kim Grall show, the Kathleen Zimmerman show, or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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.

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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.

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 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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JOB OPENING TOWN OFFICE CAVENDISH, VERMONT

The Town of Cavendish has an immediate opening for a part-time Town Office position. This is an exciting opportunity for the right applicant. Must be able to communicate well with staff and the public. Applicants should have excellent computer skills. Must be able to work independently on assigned tasks with the ability to multitask in a busy office setting.

Applications, resumes and inquiries should be directed to:

Town Manager
Town of Cavendish Municipal Building
37 High Street, P.O. Box 126
Cavendish, Vermont 05142
(802) 226-7291

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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.

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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 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Chester is in need of filling one position on the Citizens Advisory Committee. This would be a great way to get involved in your community. The role of the Advisory Committee is to assist in the formation of strategies, help develop community policing concepts, increase public awareness, further engagement and transparency efforts, and help to identify best practices. The Committee is intended to provide a forum for discussions concerning community issues.

All interested parties should send their **letter of interest no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023** to the Town Manager’s Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, via email at Julie.hance@chestertvt.gov, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Julian Materials, LLC has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for properties located at 3643 VT RT 103 North and 137 Chandler Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed use is to make modifications to three stone quarries including the relocation/consolidation of processing operations, implementation of stormwater improvements at the Chandler Road quarry, the construction of a new building for processing at the South Quarry, and a new contractor yard at the North Quarry.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. The application, exhibits, and additional information may be viewed on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestertvt.gov.

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

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

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 4th day of August 2023.

Preston Bristow
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestertvt.gov

arts & entertainment

International String Trio at SOTH in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – Sundays on the Hill concert series is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and is proud to have the talented International String Trio return to the stage on Aug. 20 in the Church on the Hill (Community Church) in Weston, Vt., at 4 p.m. 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 admission is paid at the door. For more information, visit www.sundaysonthehill.org.

The International String Trio (IST) is the most requested group of the Sundays on the Hill concert series, and is composed of Slava Tolstoy (guitar and musical director), Max Rid-

ley (acoustic bass), and Rob Flax (violin). This exceptionally talented group prides itself on its stylistic diversity, delivering Gypsy jazz, Appalachian folk, acoustic world music (Irish, Klezmer, Russian, Italian, French, bluegrass, etc.), virtuosic classical arrangements, and popular songs from movie sound tracks. For more information on IST, visit www.internationalstringtrio.com.

Bill Brink in Cavendish

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association and the Town of Cavendish announce that singer-songwriter Bill Brink will perform the next concert of the 2023 season on Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m., on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This concert had been postponed after the recent floods. Please note the earlier than usual start time.

New to the Proctorsville annual summer concerts, Bill Brink has been playing music for over 20 years. He enjoys playing many different styles of music, using 6 and 12 string acoustic guitars as well as bass, electric guitar, banjo, harmonica, kazoo, mandolin, and washboard. In addition to having an extensive collection of cover songs, he also has

many of his own songs that he has written and produced. Based in Springfield, Bill's music has been heard across the globe. In addition to writing and performing, Bill, along with his wife June, produce music and videos, organize local music events, and host live social media performances.

Cavendish Concerts are a fun way to enjoy the summer weather, and either reconnect with old friends or make new ones. Murdock's and Singleton's each have take-out food options. Bring a blanket or a com-

fortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. Come join your friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green.

This concert is sponsored by The Gassets Group.

As always, the concerts are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, please check the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page for cancellation and rescheduling information. For more information, please email cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com.

Planet Zydeco

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music concludes its 20th Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of outdoor, summer concerts on Sunday, Aug. 20, with an evening of Cajun and Zydeco music by Planet Zydeco. The concert begins at 6 p.m. 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 concert is free to the public, donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.

New England-based Planet Zydeco plays dance music of southwest Louisiana in the Cajun and Zydeco traditions. Featuring accordion, fiddle, and vocals, backed by electric guitar, bass, rubboard, and drums, Cannon Labrie, Mark Trichka, Alan Bradbury, Michelle Kaminsky, Jack Ezikovich, and Bonita Weisman mix up-tempo songs with traditional waltzes.



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Exhibitors wanted for Age Successfully Fair

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A Health and Benefits event is coming soon to Bellows Falls. Come join the fun with Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, the Bellows Falls Senior Center, and Parks Place Community Resource Center for an “Age Successfully” Health and Benefits Fair. The event is being held on Friday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The fair will be at the Waypoint Center, 17 Depot Street in Bellows Falls, Vt., rain or shine.

Organizations that provide wellness-based goods and services to help older Vermonters to age are invited to participate by successfully showcasing themselves. In 2022, close to 200 area seniors visited our event in Ludlow, Vt., to learn about the many ser-

vices available to them in the community.

If you haven't registered your organization yet, don't wait. There is limited space available at the Waypoint Center, it is suggested that you limit your presentation space to a four-foot or six-foot table and seating. Free WiFi will be available, as well as a free barbeque.

Everyone is asked to be onsite between 9-10:30 a.m., to be sure there's plenty of time for set up. Materials to promote the event will be developed in the weeks ahead for distribution.

Exhibitors are encouraged to promote this event through their internal and external social media platforms, newsletters, and other outlets they may have access to. The organizers will be promoting

through these means, as well as in localized publications.

For questions and more information, please contact Suzanne Burge, Senior Solutions, at 802-822-0498 or Sburge@seniorsolutionsvt.org; Teagan Kogut, Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, at 802-463-3907 or bfasc@sover.net; or Julie Cermola, Parks Place Community Resource Center, at 802-463-9927 or Julie@ParksPlaceVermont.com.

Let's enjoy August in Vermont. As we clean up from the storm and make repairs, it gives us the opportunity to lend a hand to friends and neighbors and celebrate how lucky we are to live where we actually care about each other.

“Anxious People” at Rockingham Library

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Pick up a copy of the novel “Anxious People” by Fredrick Backman at Rockingham Library's front desk today. Then join the discussion on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m., on Rockingham Library's main floor.

The scene: a robber takes a group of strangers hostage at an apart-

ment open house. Each person carries a lifetime of secrets, passions, hurts, and grievances that are about to boil over. And all of them – including the robber – desperately crave some sort of rescue. People describes it as “wry, wise, and often laugh-out-loud funny, it's a wholly original story that delivers pure pleasure.”

One does not need to be a

patron of the Rockingham Library in order to borrow a copy of “Anxious People.” The book discussion is free and open to the public. For more information, visit rockinghamlibrary.org, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call the library at 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

Tai Chi in Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Rock Fitness in Bellows Falls will host two new tai chi classes beginning in September.

Tai chi, a group of slow and fluid movements that originated in China, has been shown to boost your vitality and sense of well-being, as well as offering a wide range of health benefits. It can sharpen and maintain your sense of balance and reduces your risk of falling. It also heightens your physical coordination by integrating the mind and body, and helps your movements stay relaxed and fluid. Tai chi strengthens your legs, builds bone

density in the lower body, and maintains or expands your range of motion. For its ability to bring peace to the mind, tai chi is often called “meditation in motion.”

Anyone curious about tai chi is welcome to attend a free introductory session, try a few tai chi moves, and see what it's all about. One class will meet Monday evenings each week from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The introductory session will take place on Sept. 11.

The daytime session will meet Thursday mornings each week from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The introductory session will take place on Sept. 7.

Our groups meet at the Greater Rock Fitness Center on Hospital Court in Bellows Falls. If you continue in the course, we offer a sliding scale of fees. If the full fee is difficult, pay what you can afford. If you're unable to pay, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

The courses are led by Ben Daviss, a certified senior instructor with the nonprofit Oriental Healing Arts Association. Ben also holds a teaching certification from the American Tai Chi & Qi-gong Association.

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Grace Cottage presentation for new clinic

NEWFANE, Vt. – A public forum to unveil plans for a new primary care clinic building at Grace Cottage will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 5 p.m., at the NewBrook Fire House on Route 30 in Newfane. Attendees will learn how Grace Cottage is planning for the future of primary care in southeastern Vermont.

The current clinic operates out of two adjoining houses built in the 1840s. With more than 31,000 patient visits annually (up from 20,000 in 2018), it is essential that Grace Cottage moves forward with this project, in order to meet the access needs of the community. The new building will be adjacent to the existing clinic building, connecting to the hospital building.

During the past year, Grace Cottage has been working diligently on the steps required to begin what the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

and the Bennington County Regional Commission have named a “Vital Project” for the region's vitality and economy.

Grace Cottage has submitted a Certificate of Need application to the Green Mountain Care Board, Vermont's health-care regulatory body, and is preparing to apply for an Act 250 permit.

Grace Cottage is embarking on a capital campaign for the construction of this new clinic building. This project, fulfilling a long-held dream, has been initiated by generous donors, who have pledged \$5 million.

Extensive feedback from employees who work in the clinic has been incorporated into the interior plan. Final exterior and interior designs have been completed for this new 23,000 square foot building, and these will be shared with community members at the Aug. 23 event.



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