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BFOH to raise concession prices, RHM and GMP town projects move ahead

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Rockingham Town Selectboard held its annual meeting at the historic Rockingham Meeting House, at 6 p.m. There was no Zoom attendance option, but the meeting was recorded by FACT TV and can be viewed on their website, www.fact8.com.

Town Manager Scott Pickup reported on paving projects, and announced that Rockingham will begin to share planning and zoning administration with the towns of Weathersfield and Windsor. “It’s a contract we’re going to try, and we’ll let you know as this progresses, how [it] is working.”

Pickup requested the board appoint to the planning commission Dalila Hall, for a term of three years. The motion carried, with Hall to serve through June 30, 2026. Hall introduced herself at the meeting, saying she was a resident of Bellows Falls, and a former zoning administrator for South Burlington.

The board appointed Hayden Smith to the Rockingham Conservation Commission. A northern New England project associate for Trust for Public Land (TPL) and staff member for TPL’s recent initiative, Gen Now, Smith has engaged the community on multiple fronts. Prior to working with TPL, Smith received a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies, with a minor in wildlife biology, from the University of Vermont.

Green Mountain Power’s

Franklin Austin was in attendance to request a pole agreement Right of Way Permit Amendment to tie two circuits together, a continuation of the project connecting Westminster to Chester. “The amendment begins near the post office, and terminates at the intersection of Pleasant Valley and Corey Hill Road,” Austin reported.

The request includes replacing old poles with newer, taller poles that are the current standard, requiring a need for coordinated communication between all service providers (VTel, Comcast, and GMP) getting involved.

Board member Elijah Zimmer reiterated his concerns about the impact that the spacer cables will have within the historic downtown district of Saxtons River. Admitting the new cables create “greater resiliency,” Zimmer went on to call them “intrusive,” and “an eyesore.” He asked GMP to consider using traditional cables along the ¼ mile stretch of Main Street.

Austin explained that the new technology creates a smaller footprint and lowers the risk of tree limbs taking down cabling, since the cables are placed higher.

After some discussion, the amendment passed, and GMP was approved to do the work.

At the request of Selectboard Chair Peter Golec, the board voted to approve the appointment of Gaetano Putignano, Deborah Wright, and Jonathan Wright, to serve on the social services review committee for a one-year term. Golec said the committee’s

role would be to receive and review requests, then present their recommendations to the board for final decisions.

The board approved an amendment to the Closing, Assumption, and Priority Agreement for the Bellows Falls Garage project, to close out the final phase of funding. Pickup stated this was part of the grant pass-through funding, and needed the board’s approval just as an agency who had some financial interest in the project. No additional action or funding from the town was required.

Charlie Hunter from the Bellows Falls Opera House (BFOH) took the floor to report that they’d had a “decent year,” but recommended raising some rates. Pickup mentioned the consensus was that the price of admission would stay the same, as that seems to be an important concern of the community. However, Pickup said, “Charlie [extensively] reviewed the profitability of the concessions stand and [we] determined that it should be more of a profit-generating entity than it is currently. There is a set of recommendations to raise some of our concession prices.”

Pickup also pointed to the recent investments made by the town to the facility, including a new digital lighting package, and other enhancements for live shows and events. “Charlie felt it would be beneficial to raise our rental rates to reflect those investments, now that people are getting a more modern and up-to-date facility.”

“I would suggest that,

across the board, we raise the concession prices by \$1 on each item,” said Hunter. “That is still cheaper, by far, than every other movie theater in the area.” Hunter added he may recommend raising admission prices next year, from \$6 to \$7.

In terms of facility rental, Hunter said BFOH is now a “really good auditorium,” and there is no reason to undercharge outside renters. He recommended raising fees from \$700 to \$750 during the week, and to \$900 for weekend rentals, saying they would still not be close to getting priced out of the market.

Board member Rick Cowan was pleased to announce that the town had received a \$7,500 VTrans Safety Grant, and the walk bike committee was now considering paint color options to paint the sidewalk from the American Legion to Walgreens. However, as Cowan said, “The color remains a big issue. Red, green, yellow, purple...”

Chambers described the green option allowed by the state as “horrendous. That’s the VOT approved color for shared use. It’s pretty awful.”

Zimmer asked that the downtown design committee be given say in the choice.

Coordinator for the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission Walter Wallace expressed his delight at being able to attend a selectboard meeting at the historic meeting house, “a very important part of the community.”

Wallace presented an update on the Save America’s Treasures Grant (SATG) and Historic Preservation

Project (HPP), reporting that they are moving forward with the project information form, which is to be submitted to the National Parks Service. “The purpose is to identify more carefully and thoughtfully the scale and scope of the project in somewhat greater detail than what they have before them,” explained Wallace.

Wallace said they were in the process of taking recommendations from the Historic Structure Report, to outline a three-year timeline for the restoration project. The first year, 2024, Wallace said, “will be the heavy lifting, literally. Literally, lifting up the building,” detailed Wallace. This addresses issues with drainage, and allows for installation of a 5-foot frost wall. Windows will be removed, and the original, 1790s windows will be restored.

During the second year, the building “envelope” would be improved, including sheathing and clapboard restoration on the exterior, and interior plaster and woodwork repairs.

“So,” Wallace stated, “by the third year we’ll have a good strong foundation, good drainage, a good, solid roof. We’ll have a good, sealed envelope for the building, so, [leading] up to the Fourth of July of 2026, anticipating the 250th year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we will be doing touch-up work, the painting, and cleanup of the surfaces and woodwork to the interior.” Some funding is in place, but Wallace said there would be more fundraising as the project moved forward.

Pickup reported on the

Community Recovery & Revitalization Program (CRRP) Grant for Imtec Lane, Spencer Drive, and Industrial Drive repair and improvement. The surrounding steep slopes and ongoing drainage issues have had major impact on the site, where, Pickup noted, Rockingham’s largest employers are located. The town is working on grant funding, and Pickup said the railroad is very interested in any improvements there because tracks had been washed out previously due to a blocked culvert.

An upgraded culvert was installed, which helped improve drainage this year, but a long-term plan needs to be put into place, according to Pickup’s report. Betsy Thurston, who has been working on the grant applications with the town, reported the total project breakdown to be \$1,982,000, with 20% funded through CRRP. If successful with the additional grant request, Pickup said the town could handle “impervious surfaces, steep slope erosion, and storm-water mitigation properly.” Pickup also stated that the Industrial Park employers had been investing heavily in cleanup and repair with their own money, and had been very cooperative. Pickup emphasized that it was in the town’s best interest to keep these companies in Rockingham and support any further expansions.

Golec reminded everyone that taxes are due on Aug. 24.

The selectboard will next meet on Sept. 19, and will return to two meetings per month in October, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Springfield Rotary Butterfly Release

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Rotary Club of Springfield is hosting its second annual live butterfly release fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 25. Donors can purchase a butterfly to release in support of Rotary’s community service projects.

According to Springfield Rotary Club immediate past president Karen Longo, the butterfly release is to remember and celebrate with families those who have passed away. “At last year’s event, we released 175 butterflies while raising \$1,800 for local community projects,” explained Longo, “This fundraiser creates a way to remember and honor our friends and family.”

“We are encouraging donors to release butterflies in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a loved one,” Longo said,



Karen Longo releases butterflies in 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

“All the butterflies that will be released will be of the Painted Lady variety, which is a natural species to the area.”

The butterflies can be purchased each Friday at the Concerts at the Comtu,

or through a Springfield Rotary Club member, until Aug. 25. At that last concert, the butterflies will be released as the names of those being remembered are read. In the event of rain, the butterflies will be released the next day at 12 p.m.

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.

Kurn Hattin receives grant from Hubbard Memorial Fund

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded New England Kurn Hattin Homes for Children a \$10,000 grant from the Ira S. and Gertrude S. Hubbard Memorial Fund.

The grant will help further Kurn Hattin’s mission of transforming the lives of children and their families forever, which is guided by the core values of perseverance, nurturance, hope, and sense of worth.

“These grants are more than just monetary donations. They are the building blocks of a brighter future for our children,” explains Steve Harrison, executive director of Kurn Hattin Homes. “It’s because of this support that we can continue to offer



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children a haven where they can learn, grow, and transform their lives. We are honored to receive this grant from the Ira S. and Gertrude S. Hubbard Memorial Fund, and to have the Hubbard family as part of our journey. The continued faith they place in our work not only empowers us, but also inspires others to support our mission.”

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Can it be recycled?

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Ham Gillett at the Springfield Town Library on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m. for a presentation titled “Recycle it? Yes or No?”

Should it be recycled? This a question to ponder. Are you feeling overwhelmed by recycling and composting? Uncertain about the proper disposal

methods for items such as old paint, hearing aid batteries, computer and telephone cables, unwanted clothing, or inherited appliances?

Meet Ham Gillett, the outreach coordinator for southern Windsor and Windham Counties and Greater Upper Valley solid waste management dis-

tricts. Ham will provide you with a brief overview of Vermont’s Universal Recycling Law (Act 148), and address all of your questions and concerns. Prepare to gain valuable insights, and have an enjoyable experience. This free public event is not to be missed. For inquiries, please call 802-885-3108.

Library Card Sign-up

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Town Library is celebrating “Library Card

Sign-up Month” throughout the month of September. The library has special

opportunities in store. Beside all the wonderful materials and services offered by the library, there will be prizes for some lucky winners. Anyone who is at least 16 years of age that signs up for a new library card during the month of September will be entered in a raffle for a \$25 gift certificate. All students under 16 will have the opportunity to choose a book to take home. The first 10 students under 16 will receive school supplies in addition to the book they’ll be taking home.

For those who do not live in Springfield and do not yet have a card, the library is offering an extra incentive to get in on all that it has. All non-residents who purchase a library card will receive an extra three months free.

Finally, the library will offer Patron Appreciation every Friday, and a guessing jar too. Come in and join the fun, or apply online at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org. The Springfield Town Library, located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt., is the heart of the community and transforms lives.

featured pets



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – These beautiful babies are 11 weeks old and looking for loving homes. We are not sure of their mix, but they are so cute. We have five males left, all handsome brindles of various shades. For the month of August, we are taking \$100 off all large breed

dogs and puppies. Adult cats are \$25 off, and kittens are \$50 off. So if you are thinking about adding a pet to your home, now is the time. We are open Wednesday-Saturday, 12-4 p.m. for walk-ins. If you want to adopt same-day, fill out an application to get pre-approved.

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The Slambovian Circus at Bandwagon Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series and Twilight Music present acoustic-electric, folk-pop, Americana sextet The Slambovian Circus of Dreams on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m., at the SVG Multipurpose Field in Bellows Falls, Vt.



The Slambovian Circus of Dreams.

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For over 25 years, the Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.-based Slambovians have expanded the borders of Americana music with a rootsy rocking psychedelica, fantastic stories, and electrifying live per-

formances – a mix of Washington Irving, Woodstock, and British Invasion that’s “mightily impressive and hugely original rock from the cool end of Americana,” according to Maverick

Magazine.

The music of The Slambovian Circus of Dreams has been described as “hillbilly-Floyd,” “alt-country, roots-rock,” and “surreal Americana” – a clear indicator of its singularly indescribable uniqueness. The sextet’s melodic avant-folk conjures with an exotic instrumental arsenal (accordion, cello, mandolin, Theremin) in addition to standard rock regalia, and a palette of styles ranging from dusty Americana ballads to huge Pink Floyd-esque cinematic anthems. Dancing freely between all existing religious and philosophical mythologies, the music is uplifting, empowering, and a lot of fun.

The Slambovian Circus of Dreams is Joziah Longo, Tink Lloyd, Sharkey McEwen, RJ McCarty, Bob Torsello, and Matthew Abouezk. They have performed around the world, headlining the likes of the Wickham Festival, Fairport’s Cropredy Festival, Glastonbury, and Celtic Connections in the U.K., and Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Strawberry Festival, and Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in the U.S. The Slambovians have released six critically acclaimed studio albums: “A Very Unusual Head” (2022), “A Box of Everything” (2014), “The Grand Slambovians” (2012), “The Great Unravel” (2008), 2004’s double-disc “Flapjacks from the Sky,” and “A Good Thief Tips His Hat” (1998). Bandleader and songwriter Longo – known for tall tales and philosophizing – has written two musicals with Broadway legend Theodore Mann, headlined at Carnegie Hall, and was the first American musician invited to perform in mainland China in the early 90s, ending a decade-long ban on Western music.

The SVG Multipurpose Field is located at 14 Mill Street in downtown Bellows Falls, Vt. Tickets may be purchased online in advance, or at the gate for an additional fee. Kids under 12 enter for free. For advance tickets and more information, visit www.nextstagearts.org, or call 802-387-0102. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar, and food by Crossroads Tacos and Vermont Gelato will be available. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for outdoor seating on the lawn.

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Chester soapstone

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In the 1950s, Ed Kendall had a column in the Springfield Reporter. Below are excerpts from Ed's Jan. 29, 1958, column. It is far too long to include in its entirety.

"On July 10, 1885, the Chester Steam Power Co. leased some land to the Union Soapstone Co., at an annual rental of \$25 for the purpose of erecting a mill for sawing and manufacturing soapstone, the roof of which should be covered with metal or slate..."

Big saws installed
Two up and down saws were installed to cut the large blocks into slabs of various thicknesses. Circular saws for cutting the slabs into the desired sizes were set up just beyond the up and down saws. A large revolving polishing bed, on which, with the aid of water and grits of various degrees of fineness,

a very fine, smooth surface was produced on the pieces used in their manufactured products.

A large room was occupied by the tubmakers. In this room 10 or 12 men were engaged in the manufacture of laundry set tubs and kitchen sinks. It was an interesting sight to observe these men at their labor. The sides and ends of the tubs and sinks were mortised and tenoned and bolted together in a manner similar to one that would have been used if the material had been wood.

The joints were made leak-proof by a cement, the principle ingredient of which was litharge. The soapstone sink, with its high backboard and carved soap dishes, was an ornament in any kitchen. It was much easier for the housewife to keep clean and free from mars and scratches than the enameled ones in use today.

Make-up of Company
T.N. Wheelock was for

many years a resident of Chester. He was at the shop every day, directing the work of the men and looking after the many details connected with the business.

George W. Cummings was connected with the First National Bank of Francess-town, N.H. and he was a cashier. He made weekly trips to Chester, spending two or three days each week at the plant and quarry.

Charles W. Burns of Wilton, N.H., the third member of the firm, used to visit Chester occasionally. He had charge of marketing at Boston. Mr. Burns had a son Charles, who was connected with the Boston end of the business...

First Superintendent
The first superintendent at the shop was a Mr. Phelps. I think he was a son-in-law of T.N. Wheelock. He was brought up from Francess-town where he had become familiar with all phases of the manufactur-

ing of soapstone products in their shops at that place. Mr. Phelps resided on North Street. I think Mr. Phelps died rather suddenly and his job taken over by William O. Davis, a life long resident of the town.

He was an accomplished musician and led the Chester Cornet Band. When the Ladies Aid Society bought a steam fire engine for the South Street Fire District, Will Davis at once took over as its engineer. How well I remember its initial trial! Its operation was a wonderful sight to all of us boys... The sharp staccato noise of the engine's exhaust frightened us...

When the people of South Street reached the conclusion that Steamer Aid No. 1 had reached the end of its usefulness and decided that a reservoir was needed for fire protection and to supply the village with a water supply, W.O. Davis was one of the prime movers in putting



A load of Chester Soapstone weighing 7 tons.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

the proposition over. No man had more to do with locating and building the reservoir and laying the water lines than he. For many years he was Chief Engineer of the Fire District. Chester owes much to the genius of this man, used in the installation of its water system.

40 Men In Quarry
J. Myron Robbins, who I mentioned in a previous article, informs me that at one time he counted 40 men laboring at the quarry. Thus at the quarry and mill nearly fourscore of men were furnished employment. A long,

steep hill had to be negotiated in driving from the mill to the quarry. For many years a six-horse team, with an extra strong wagon was employed to haul the stone to the mill.

The large blocks would weigh from seven to nine tons. The drivers had many hair-raising moments driving down this hill with their heavy loads...

This week's old saying was used when someone had a black eye: "It seems you were talking when you should have been listening."

Preview party for "First Tracks"

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Don't miss the preview party on Friday, Sept. 1, at 5:30 p.m., at the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's (LAHS) headquarters, the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road. This will be your opportunity to get a sneak preview of "First Tracks: Londonderry and the Birth of Burton." Join the LAHS and mountain towns community for an evening of mingling with people who helped make snowboarding happen, sharing stories of the 70s and 80s, delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Go to www.lahsvt.org to make your reservation.

The "First Tracks: Londonderry and the Birth of Burton" exhibit explores how, in a small Vermont town, a dynamic young innovator, the late Jake Burton Carpenter, the founder of Burton Snowboards, created not only an industry, but also a culture and international movement. The Londonderry exhibit celebrates the early days of Burton, where the company was based from 1977-1981, and highlights those who worked alongside Jake and Donna Carpenter, testing and perfecting each snowboard iteration. From roadside hills and hidden trails at Snow Valley, to halfpipes built by local enthusiasts, snowboarding history runs deep in southern Vermont, and this special exhibit pays tribute to many Londonderry locals who played a role in the early days of snowboarding.

The exhibit will include

memorabilia, photos, videos, and storyboards from the late 70s to early 90s, featuring the snowboarding "pioneers," and those who contributed to the development of the Burton board, many of whom still reside in our area today. The exhibit will also highlight local former pro snowboarders hailing from southern Vermont, including Burton U.S. Open competitors Mark Heingartner, Tara Eberhard, Hobie Chittenden, Mike Hayes, Steve Hayes, Olympians Betsy Shaw, Ludlow native and Olympic gold medalist Kelly Clark, and Ross Powers, who won bronze in 1998 and gold in 2002.

If you can't make the preview party, regular exhibit hours will be posted at the website above.

Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush"

LUDLOW, Vt. - In keeping with its annual tradition, FOLA will offer a great silent movie, "The Gold Rush," starring Charlie Chaplin, on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m., at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall.

"The Gold Rush" is a 1925 American silent comedy film written, produced, and directed by Charlie Chaplin. The film also stars Chaplin in his Little Tramp persona.

In this hilarious film, Chaplin, in the role of the Little Tramp, decides he'll go to Alaska and make his fortune in the gold rush.

Chaplin drew inspiration from photographs of the Klondike gold rush, as well as from the story of the Donner party, who, when snowbound in the Sierra Nevada, were driven to cannibalism, or eating leather from their shoes. Chaplin, who believed tragedies and comedies were not far from each other,

decided to combine these stories of deprivation and horror in comedy.

He decided that his famous rogue figure should become a gold-digger, who joins a brave optimist determined to face all the pitfalls associated with the search for gold, such as sickness, hunger, cold, loneliness, or the possibility that he may at any time be attacked by a grizzly bear. In the film, scenes like Chaplin cooking and dreaming of his shoe, or how his starving friend Big Jim sees him as a chicken, could be seen.

Jeff Rapsis will be returning to play his original musical background to the movie. Jeff has been a favorite of audiences for his music, as well as his chats with the audience about the

history behind the silent movie feature.

Also returning will be Glenn Brown. Glenn will be playing the musical background for the short comedy skit that opens the festival.

The silent movie festival

is open to everyone and is free, although donations to support the costs of the productions are appreciated. Water is offered by the United Church of Ludlow. Call 802-855-8883 for information. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

An Ode to the Excavator

Please don't judge, or be a hater
But I think I'm in love with the excavator

A hero, warrior, and true gladiator
This star shows up sooner rather than later

Removing debris and filling in craters
Working alongside trucks, dozers, and graders

In short, I don't think you can debate her
It's time we give thanks for the excavator

Paula Benson, Grafton, Vt.

Rain – July 10 and 11, 2023

The air was very humid and 80 to 90 for days. And we all know that Mother Nature works in very mysterious ways.

It rained and rained and rained and rained. And then it rained some more. And then the floodgates opened up and it began to pour! Stratton, Killington, Okemo, and places way up high, began to feel the wrath of the water from the sky. Water from the rivers where rivers had never been, tore up roads and caused mud slides and then – came down the mountains to the valleys far below. And made it even harder for the traffic there to flow. The river roars on mightily, and right before our eyes go propane tanks and boards and things and trees of every size.

South Londonderry, Londonderry, Weston, Ludlow, towns all in a row. And places all up through Vermont, the news began to show. Of flooding roads and people's cars floating down the streets. The kind of situation we all hope we never meet. Caring people, friends, and kin joined with the rescue crews to help the people from their homes. They all are brave and true. Our son tried to go to work but all the roads were blocked. And people going anywhere were in for quite a shock. Our daughter and granddaughter worked from home that day. They knew that all the problems would not come up their way. Our other daughter lives in Tunbridge way up on a hill. The water did not reach her, but she had problems still. Her daughter, son, their families too said, "Water's deep can we stay with you?" So with his folks, and all their pets it certainly was a crowded mess. But things like this, the push and shove, are always done with so much love.

Ball Mountain and Townsend dams protect the states below, and the workers close the floodgates so the water will not go. So to the states below us, we are glad that we can help. The water here is just the color of dirty chocolate milk. It leaves a coating of mud so rich and thick. It gets inside their homes – they know it won't clean up quick.

The water held back by the dams backs up and blocks our driveway. At times like this, like other times, we know that it won't stay.

We have no way to leave our house, the water it surrounds us. We are happy staying here because we know we must.

Electric, food, and water keeps us in good cheer. And there are lots of little things we can do while we are here. From Monday and through Tuesday was life beyond belief – and then on Wednesday morning, we finally got relief.

The water in our gravel pit is starting to flow out. Which means the flood gates at the dams are letting water out.

There is a very happy note to all that we went through. So many friends and relatives were asking, "How are you?" It's really nice at times like this to know we're not alone. And we appreciate the love and caring that everyone has shown.

Barbara Rowe, South Londonderry, Vt.

Beware of back-to-school scams

REGION – An advertising jingle often heard on TV in August: "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" An office supply vendor is heralding back-to-school sales. It's also one of the most wonderful times of the year for con-artists and criminals, as panic mode sets in for many families. Back-to-school often means last minute shopping for supplies and clothes. For high school and college seniors, it may mean registering for admission test preparation programs. For others, it means shopping for credit cards and apartments.

Online shopping can be overwhelming. While bargains can be found, some sites, particularly those posting on social media, clearly offer deals that are "too good to be true." Double check vendors before providing personal or financial information. It may be easy to identify some scam sites, but criminals are turning to imposter websites to scam shoppers. A network of security bloggers, Blog-Bolster AI, identified over 6,000 fraudulent websites for brand-name vendors and products, including Columbia Sportswear, Converse, Fossil, Guess, North Face, Nike, and Puma. The product or vendor name should appear as the name, immediately followed by ".com." For example, Puma's official website displays "www.puma.com," with nothing appearing between "Puma" and ".com." The imposter websites add words to the address: www.pumashoes.com, www.pumaoutlet.com, etc.

Beware of "free shopping spree" offers. These offers arrive as emails or text messages offering great discounts and opportunities. All you need to do is register by providing your name, email address, physical address, or phone number. Suddenly, you are swamped with marketing emails and phone calls. Before providing any information, conduct an online search of the company name, and include the words "shopping spree." If you find no information, delete the email or text message you received.

Admissions test preparation scams frequently target students entering their senior year of high school or college. The criminals contact students and parents with messages promising high test scores on the ACT, SAT, or GRE admissions tests, which will guarantee admission to select, competitive colleges and universities. In some cases, parents are informed that there is an unpaid bill for test materials ordered by the student, which can be paid by credit card. Never provide credit card information to a company contacting you by phone, text, or email unless you have an existing relationship with the company and are absolutely certain that the contact is legitimate.

Housing scams appear annually for college students seeking apartments. In recent years, students attending schools in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, as well as other states, have lost money and become victims of identity theft. Criminal activity has been reported in locations such as Hanover, N.H., Burlington and Middlebury, Vt., and Northampton and Williamstown, Mass.


As students head to school, there may be a need to obtain a credit card. Credit card offers frequently appear on social media platforms, and should be viewed with skepticism. Research the offer before providing any personal and financial information. Several organizations such as Consumers Union (Consumer Reports) offer detailed reviews of credit cards.

Finally, if you are a victim of a scam, report it to your state watchdog: in Vermont, call 800-649-2424; in New Hampshire, call 888-468-4454.

If you have questions, contact Elliott Greenblatt at egreenblatt@aarp.org. Greenblatt is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network.



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Dear Editor,
My happy thanks to all the lovely friends from Cavendish and nearby, who celebrated my 100th birthday at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library on Aug. 17. The outpouring of love is overwhelming.

Love,
Gloria Leven
Cavendish, Vt.

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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Rescue
5 Ozone, for one
8 Protracted
12 Carolina college
13 Roswell sighting
14 Falco of "The Sopranos"
15 "Game on!"
17 Snitch
18 Service charge
19 Rowing need
20 Road curves
21 Schlep
22 Deity
23 Everglades wader
26 Cure-all
30 Bump into
31 "Terra!"
32 Astronaut
33 Armstrong
34 Tennis tactic
35 Tea biscuit
36 Present location?
37 Expected
38 Thesaurus compiler
41 Drone
42 Airline to Sweden
45 Awestruck
46 "We should discuss this"
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DOWN
1 Narcissist's love
2 Sheltered
3 Cast a ballot
4 Em halves
5 Soviet labor camp
6 Miles away
7 Tofu source
8 #1 hit by

David Bowie
9 Rhyming tributes
10 Egyptian river
11 Hair goops
16 Sulk
20 A billion years
21 Words at the start of a lesson
22 Talk on and on
23 Ambulance VIP
24 Earth (Pref.)
25 Gym unit
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obituaries

ASCUTNEY

Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.

Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS

First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St.

Traditional Baptist Services held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible. 802-463-3220.

CHARLESTOWN

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCONorthCharlestown for more information.

CHESTER

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

GRAFTON

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LONDONDERRY

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

LUDLOW

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.

Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

MOUNT HOLLY

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

We welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at [ChurchofChristSpringfieldVT](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchofChristSpringfieldVT). Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class

on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jkurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.firstchurchspringfield.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.

All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org, or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

WALPOLE

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

Betty L. Frizzell, 1933-2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Betty Louise Frizzell, 89, passed away Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Cedar Hill in Windsor, Vt. She was born on Dec. 4, 1933, in Colebrook, N.H., to Ira Noyes and Bessie (Gould) Noyes, and graduated from Colebrook Academy. She married Burton L. Frizzell on Sept. 6, 1951; they remained together until his passing in January 2021.

Betty was a bookkeeper for Snow Cats, Inc., a business she started with Burton, and worked in support of her husband at Adams Funeral Home in Chester, Vt. She enjoyed fishing, especially with her close friend Trudy Emery, at Willoughby Lake, and was an avid reader. She loved nature, bird-watching in particular, and had a flock of hummingbirds that would visit her each spring and summer. She was a volunteer for the March of Dimes and the National Audubon Society, and was a Girl Scout leader in Chester, Vt.

Betty and Buster split their time between Chester and Lemington, Vt., and relocated to Lemington after retirement in 1992. Her greatest joy was sharing her beautiful home on Sims Hill in Lemington with friends and family, with whom they spent many winters in Florida.

Betty is survived by daughters Karen Hammond, Kathryn Frizzell-DeRosia (Mark DeRosia), and Jennifer Frizzell-Shubelka (Mark Shubelka); grandchildren Burton Thurber (Heather), Mark Thurber, Becky Anderson (Jake), Jessie DeRosia (Christopher Pratt), Alexandra DeRosia (Briland Fisher), Justin Shubelka, and Morrigan Shubelka; great-grandchildren Cody, Keaton, Graham, and Pierce; and many nieces and nephews that often referred to her as their "second mom."

She was predeceased by her husband Burton L. Frizzell; siblings Howard Noyes, Shirley Noyes, Carrie Noyes, Raymond Noyes, Harriet Noyes, Edward Noyes, Evelyn Noyes, Marion Irene Patterson, Kathleen Richard, and Wilfred Noyes; and son-in-law Hugh (Chick) Hammond.

Specials thanks to Cedar Hill Assisted Living and their Memory Care Unit for taking wonderful care of Betty and her entire family over the past year. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the



Betty L. Frizzell, 1933-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

National Audubon Society. There will be a graveside service at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 23, at the Colebrook Village Cemetery, followed by a reception at The Black Bear Tavern in Colebrook, N.H.

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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@chester-vert.gov, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

Springfield Public Meeting Clinton Street Scoping Study Local Concerns Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023
6:00PM

Selectboard Hall
96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont
Third Floor

The Town of Springfield is investigating improvements to Clinton Street from Main Street to Bridge Street. We are hosting a public meeting to gather public input on potential concerns. Please attend to share your thoughts and concerns. We want to hear from you!

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Attention Springfield High School Class of 2015/2016 Alumni

Per state regulations we are only required to keep student records for 7 years. We are notifying the class of 2015 and 2016 that we will be destroying student record unless we hear from you. Please contact Nancy Bovat at 802-885-7914 to coordinate a time to pick up your records if you would like them.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. MARCIA MAYOH, et al.

Civil No. 2:23-cv-00103

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

In obedience to the Judgment Order, Decree of Foreclosure and Order for Judicial Sale dated August 10, 2023, and recorded in the Town of Chester, Vermont, for breach of the mortgage as stated therein, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 19th day of September, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at the land and premises 178 Lovell Road, Chester, VT 05143, now known as 178 Richardson Road, Chester, VT 05143 the said real property and improvements thereon, as further described in said mortgage (the "Property"), will be auctioned, "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no representations or warranties, express or implied, of any kind, subject to all superior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for cash.

The legal description of the property foreclosed upon can be found in the mortgage filed in the Town of Chester Land Records and all deeds and instruments of record. The physical address of the property is 178 Richardson Road, Chester, VT 05143.

The mortgagors are entitled to redeem the property at any time prior to the auction by paying the full amount due under the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure, including the costs and expenses of auction.

An OPEN HOUSE will be held at the property on Thursday, August 31, 2023, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The United States reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction at any time.

For a written copy of the (1) Decree of Foreclosure which contains the terms and conditions of said auction, and (2) the purchase agreement, contact Tyler Hirchak.

Tyler Hirchak, Thomas Hirchak Company, 1-800-634-7653, www.THCAuction.com

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS ROUTES 2023

Route #1 AM - Jerry

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES ON PM ROUTE

6:00 am- Knapp Pond
6:20 Rt 131 and Brook Rd
6:30 Brook Rd & Center Rd
6:40 Mack Molding
6:45 Cavendish Elementary School
CTES AM
6:55 Williams Store
7:10 Gulf Rd
7:20 North end of Twenty Mile Stream Rd
7:30 Greven Street Ext.
7:35 CTES

Route #1 PM - Jerry

ALL STUDENTS ON RT 103 Between Trebo RD and Proctorsville Gulf, and all Cavendish Students will ride this bus.

2:55 Coach Rd
3:00 North Street
3:10 Cavendish Gulf Rd
3:20 CTES
3:30 Greven Rd
3:40 Brook Rd & Center Rd
3:55 Knapp Pond

Route #3 AM - Arrick

6:10 Potash Rd & Andover Rd
6:25 Weston Andover Rd & North Hill Rd
6:30 Weston Andover Rd & Andover Ridge Rd
6:35 Middletown Rd & Weston Andover Rd
6:45 Middleton Rd & Rt 11
6:50 The Planet
6:55 Hidden Heights
7:05 Main Street Chester

Route #3 PM - Arrick

3:10 Hidden Heights
3:15 Potash Rd & Andover Rd
3:25 Weston Andover Rd & North Hill Rd
3:30 Weston Andover Rd & Andover Ridge Rd
3:35 Middletown Rd & Weston Andover Rd
3:45 Middletown Rd & Rt 11
3:50 The Planet

Route #4 AM - Wayne

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES ON PM ROUTE

6:15 Baltimore Rd & Gould Rd (Afternoon drop off will be at Baltimore and Rt 10)
6 30 Gould Rd & Rt 11
6:35 Chandler Rd
6:40 Rt 10 & Rt 103
6:45 Mattson Rd & Rt 10
6:50 Mattson Rd & Mineral Springs Rd
7:00 Trebo Rd & Snell Rd
7:05 Marc's Drive
7:10 Meadow Drive

Route #4 PM - Wayne

PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS IN LUDLOW & MOUNT HOLLY WILL RIDE THIS BUS

3:00 Meadow Drive
3:05 Marc's Drive
3:10 Snell & Trebo Rd

3:20 Chandler Rd & Rt 10
3:30 Baltimore Rd & Rt 10 :
3:40 RT 10 & RT 103
3:50 Ludlow Elementary School
4:10 Mount Holly Elementary School

Route #5 AM - Sue

PLEASE NOTE STUDENTS ON THIS ROUTE WILL BE ON EITHER ROUTE #1 OR ROUTE #4 IN THE AFTER-NOON

6:10 Mount Holly Elementary School
6:25 Alta Tuscan Grill (RT 100)
6:30 Andover ST & Parker Ave
6:35 Ludlow Elementary School
6:45 CTES To pick up GM students
6:55 RT 103 & Cavendish Gulf Rd
7:00 Wyman's Falls Rd
7:05 North Street
7:10 Coach Rd

Route #5 PM ROUTE

Students on Coach RD, Depot St, North Street and north of Trebo Rd, will ride on RT #1- Jerry

Route #6 AM - Etta

6:30 Popple Dungeon & Ethan Allen Rd
6:40 Grafton Street and High Street
6:45 Pleasant Brook
6:50 Roach Road
7:00 Mountain View /Marshall Rd

Route #6 PM - Etta

3:00 Mountain View/Marshall Rd
3:05 Pleasant Brook
3:15 Roach Rd
3:30 Popple Dungeon & Ethan Allen Rd

LATE BUS ROUTES

In Town and Andover - Arrick Bus #3

This route will drop kids off on Rt 103 N. of CAES, Marc's Dr. (approx 4:05) The intersection of Rt 103 & Andover Rd (approx 4:15) , and the Planet. (approx 4:20)

Rt 103 and Rt 10 - Wayne Bus #4

This route will drop kids off along Main St to 103, North Street, Trebo Rd and Rt 103 (approx 4:15), Rt 10 & Matteson Rd (Approx 4:25) Rt 10 & Baltimore Rd (approx 4:30)

Cavendish - Jerry Bus #1

CTES (approx 4:30), Mack Molding approx (approx. 4:35) William's Store, Tarbell Rd and East Rd (approx. 4:45) Late buses will not go to Knapp Pond Rd. Please make arrangements to pick your student up at one of the previous stops.

Ludlow/Mount Holly - Arrick Bus #3

Ludlow Elementary School (approx 4:45), Mount Holly Elementary School (5:00)

calendar

LEGAL NOTICES

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 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 and for different ticketing options, please visit www.vermontfilmfestival.com.

AUG. 25 – WINDSOR, Vt. – “Dinner is served” at Old South

Church. We’ve done the work for you, come and grab a take out pulled pork sandwich with all the fixings from 5-6:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation for this meal.

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.

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 – CHESTER, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange holds a dance and open mic night on the second Sunday of every month, from 1-4 p.m., with live music by Green Mountain Express. Admission and food purchases are by donation. Call Doug or Donna with any questions at 802-591-4290.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Cardio & Sculpt, Thursdays at 9:30

a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

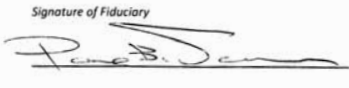
LUDLOW, Vt. – Aqua Sculpt, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church, located at 96 South Main St. in Chester. If you have a problem with alcohol, this is an understanding place to come to.

SATURDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange holds their dance on the first Saturday of every month, from 1-4 p.m., with live music by Green Mountain Express. Admission and food purchases are by donation. Call Doug or Donna with any questions at 802-591-4290.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturdays at 9 a.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

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.

| STATE OF VERMONT | |
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| SUPERIOR COURT | PROBATE DIVISION |
| Windsor Unit | Docket No.: 23-PR-04257 |
| In re ESTATE of: <u>Janet O. Warren</u> | |
| NOTICE TO CREDITORS | |
| To the Creditors of: <u>Janet O. Warren</u> <i>Decedent</i> | |
| late of <u>Belmont</u> <i>Decedent's Town of Residence</i> | |
| I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period. | |
| Dated: <u>8/13/23</u> | Signature of Fiduciary  |
| Executor/Administrator <u>Paul B. Wren</u> | Mailing Address <u>c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., P.O. Box 519</u> |
| Phone Number <u>802-885-2582</u> | City, State, Zip <u>Springfield VT 05156</u> |
| Name of Publication: <u>Vermont Journal - The Shopper</u> | |
| Publication Date: <u>August 23, 2023</u> | |
| Name of Probate Court: <u>Vermont Superior Court, Windsor County, Probate Division</u> | |
| Address of Probate Court: <u>12 The Green</u> <u>Woodstock VT 05091</u> | |

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:

54 Reservoir Road

For the years 2021-22 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Diana Inglesse 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.

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 con-

veyed 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.

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 01A1123-1.

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 2020-2021, 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.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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Full time carpenter, must have drivers license, \$35 per hour, call 603-381-0929.

Author Kat Vellos on adult friendships

PUTNEY, Vt. – Join Next Stage Arts on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m., for an interactive fireside with author Kat Vellos all about friendship in adulthood. What are the biggest challenges of adult friendship, and how can we overcome them? How do we “make new friends and keep the old?” What is social wellness, and how does it factor into our overall health and well-being? We’ll dig into all this and more. The fireside chat will be followed by a Q&A. The discussion will take place at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney. “Cultivating meaningful relationships can be a challenge,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “Kat Vellos’ work focuses on creating meaningful platonic relationships, and fostering a stronger community dynamic.”

Kat Vellos is a trusted expert on the power of cultivating meaningful friendships. She’s a speaker and author of the book “We Should Get Together: The Secret to Cultivating Better Friendships.” She’s also the creator of the Better than Small Talk conversation cards and the Better Conversations Calendar. She’s happy making life more friendly for the thousands of people and work teams who use her guidance to cultivate fulfilling friendships and collegueships. Kat’s writing is read in over 100 countries, and she’s been interviewed by The New York Times, NPR, Communication Arts, The Good Life Project, and many more.

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

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

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

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

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

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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.

The Town of Charlestown is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Proctorsville Fire Department has identified the need for a First Responder Service to operate in Cavendish Fire District #1 (Proctorsville) and is applying for licensure by the Vermont Department of Health. This service proposes to begin operation on October 1st 2023 within the geographical boundaries of Cavendish Fire District #1. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Emergency Medical Services Statute, public comments are invited to be received by the department by September 6, 2023.

Address comments to :
Vermont Department of Health
Office of Public Health Preparedness and EMS
P.O.Box 70
Burlington VT 05402-0070

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 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 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.

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King Crossword

Answers

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Mount Holly Summer Concert- Bunty Station on the Belmont Green
- Mount Holly Community Historical Museum- Old Timers Talk
- Spotlight- USA World Power Status
- Flood Recovery & Relief Messages from State & Fed. Officials
- John Specker Traditional Fiddle Tunes

Okemo Valley TV now has its own app on all of the main streaming platforms! Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Google Play, and mobile (iOS & Android)
(10/04/23 - TFN - 13)

best of vermont

AUGUST 26-27 // SAT 12-7 PM // SUN 10 AM - 4 PM



Mount Holly Beer Co. to be at the festival this year. PHOTO BY IMAGES BY DONALD DILL



2022 festival music. PHOTO BY IMAGES BY DONALD DILL



Alpacas to attend the festival this year! PHOTO BY STONEWALL FIELDS FARM

EVENT SNAPSHOT:

When: August 26 & 27, 2023 (Rain or Shine)

Saturday 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Okemo Field @ Route 103 & Bixby Road, Ludlow, VT

Best of Vermont Summer Festival information and festivities

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is again hosting the third annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27 in Ludlow, Vt. The event will take place at Okemo Field on Route 103.

This festival is another great opportunity for everyone, including locals, new residents, second homeowners, and visitors. Some of the program highlights include live music, craft beverage producers (beer, wine, distilleries), artisan products, specialty foods, fine art, antique tractors and vintage equipment, Kids Zone, and more.

ACTIVITIES:

Throughout the weekend, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the following special family-friendly activities:

- New this year, Dan Moore of Barker Farm will be showcasing his antique tractors and vintage machines. Barker Farm is known for hosting their annual Autumn Roundup show in Ludlow in September. This is a showcase of Vermont-made engines and machinery, including working exhibits from the 1900s.
- Kids Zone, sponsored by Mary W. Davis Realtor and Associates, including Troy Wunderle of Big Top Adventures, offering clowning and circus fun and face painters.
- Food tent, sponsored by Diamond Realty,

featuring Mount Holly Beer, Calcutta's wagyu burgers, Coleman Brook Tavern at Okemo, Crowley Cheese, and more.

- Wine Tasting, sponsored by Meiomni Wines and Constellation Brands.
- Yarn Spinning with Six Loose Ladies.
- Vendor raffle, with prizes generously donated by vendors.

MUSIC SCHEDULE:

There will be live music both days, with the support of lead music sponsor Engel & Volkers. Each day will feature live music, including our headliners. The music schedule is:

SATURDAY, AUG. 26:

- 12-2 p.m. – Ida Mae Specker
- 2-4 p.m. – Eric King & the Rustie Bus Band
- 4-7 p.m. – Jenni Johnson & the Jazz Junketeers

SUNDAY, AUG. 27:

- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Jeb Porter & Friends

1-4 p.m. – Christine Malcolm & the Sugarleaf Band

THE PARTICIPATING VENDORS ARE:

802 Heat Hot Sauce, 802 Vintage Boutique, AJ's Catering, Antiquities, Apsara, A&R Woodworks, Barred Owl Bags, Black Jungle Exotics, Black River Action Team, Botanical Tribe Apothecary, Bunky Glass, Calcutta's/Fox Run Hospitality Group, Coleman Brook Tavern, Crowley Cheese, Curdeous Cow, Diamond Realty, Eat More Pie, Engel & Volkers Real Estate – Okemo, Fireside Commodities, Form & Function Pottery, Frenchy & Balloo's BBQ, Fresh Start (a craft company), Green Mountain Fireplace Specialties, Hangry Hogg, Hulett Farm, Jamaica Cottage Shop, Jeezum Crow Smoked Foods, Karlene's Amazing Blingtastic, Kettle Fresh Fudge, La Chapina, The Lazy Cow, Leash Pet, Mach's Mobile Wood-Fired Pizza, Magnabilities Jewelry, Mad River Distilleries, Maple Lane Collections, Mason House Pottery, Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates, M David Gallery, Meiomni Wine/Constellation Brands, Mettowee Valley Maple, MI-BOX of Vermont, Miracle Mary's (Cooking Essentials), Miranda Kae Jewelry,

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Dan Moore of Barker Farm will showcase his antique tractors at this year's Best of Vermont Summer Festival. PHOTO PROVIDED



Troy Wunderlee of Big Top Adventures will return again this year's festival. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY



The annual Cruise-In will kick off the Best of Vermont Summer Festival on Friday, Aug. 25 at Benson's Chevy. PHOTO PROVIDED

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PARTICIPATING VENDORS CONT.:

Pat Moore Art & Photography, Mount Holly Beer, Natural Kore Laboratories, Northern Vermont Woodturnings, Okemo Mountain/Vail Resorts, Palatial Farm & Confections, Papa John's Sugar Shack, Phoenix Dragon, Pieces by Patricia, pscg studio gallery, Pure Romance, Robert Patterson Woodturning (bowls & cut boards), Rockledge Farm Woodworks, Rustic Effects, Salsa Sisters, Sawdust & Sapwood, Scrumph, Six Loose Ladies, Smokeshire Design, Smokin' Bowls, Soijen (art), Stewart Maple & Marketplace, Stonewall Field Farms, Stunad's Italian Ice, Surell Accessories, Sylamore Tye Dye, Ted's Wicked BBQ Sauce, Trades of Hope, Treeline Terrains, Trinkets From Trees, Vermont Bike & Brew, Vermont Red Barn Studio, Vermont Sensory Store, Vermont Vines, Whimsical Boutique/QuimBeads, Wildebeary Crafts, Wild Hart Distillery, William Raveis Vermont Properties, and Wunderlee's Big Top Adventures.

CRUISE-IN

Come out on Friday, Aug. 25, from 5-8 p.m., to kick off the Best of Vermont Summer Festival with the annual Cruise-In at Benson's Chevrolet. There will be many cars, trucks, and motorcycles from

all around the area. Bring in your treasure and show it off. Admission to this family-friendly event is free. Hangry Hogg will provide food.

The Best of Vermont Summer Festival is being held on Aug. 26-27 at Okemo Field on Route 103 South in Ludlow. It's a fun-filled event that is not to be missed.

For more info regarding the Friday night Cruise-In, call Kim Lampert at Benson's Chevrolet at 802-228-4000.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Okemo Valley Chamber member sponsors, who have helped to make this event possible. The Presenting Sponsor is William Raveis Vermont Properties. Lead Sponsor are Okemo Mountain/Vail Resorts, Engel & Volkers Real Estate, Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates, Diamond Realty, M&T Bank, and Meiom Wine/Constellation Brands. Foundation Sponsors are LaValley's Building Supply, Cape Air, The Vermont Country Store, Brewfest Beverage, and TPW Real Estate. Program Sponsors are Magris Talc and Aubuchon Hardware.

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The Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce also extends its gratitude to the Best of Vermont Festival organizing committee, led by co-chairs Scott Duffy of Rockledge Farm Woodworks and Anna Tumber of Okemo Mountain Resort. Other members include Stephen Plunkard of Q4! Associates, Sarah Sheehan of William Raveis Vermont Properties, and Selina Meisenhelder of One Credit Union.

More festival information can be found at www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BestofVermontSummerFestival, or contact Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce director Carol Lighthall at lighthall@yourplaceinvermont.com.

This year, gate proceeds from the festival will support the Okemo Valley Disaster Relief Program, www.yourplaceinvermont.com/okemo-valley-disaster-resources.



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Diana Alvarez and Olivia Nied at Stage 33 —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter Olivia Nied has been performing since she was nine years old as a soloist, ensemble leader, and side person in styles ranging from edgy pop, to jazz fusion, to hip hop, and straight up rock and roll. Her solo performances often utilize looping and multiple instruments. As a transgender/queer musician, Olivia often incorporates LGBTQ+ lyrical themes in her work, and believes in creating safe spaces at her shows for gender diverse individuals. She was awarded a merit scholarship to Berklee College of Music's Summer Jazz Program, where she received honors. She has also studied at the Vermont Jazz Center, and studied music and film at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., graduating with a bachelor's degree in 2020. While at Hampshire College, Olivia studied music at Goldsmiths University in London, and filmmaking in Paris.

Doctora Xingona Diana Alvarez's ancestors bloom in her/their voice, roaring an otherworldly fire against oppression, exalting queer love and liberation, and creating a gripping atmosphere for healing in poetic songs that live in-between, where borders are a myth. An expansive multimedia artist and educator, Doctora Xingona's music, poetry, performances, films, and gatherings center transcendence, kinship, and the co-liberation and nourishment of queer and trans artists of color. Doctora Xingona is the composer and filmmaker behind the award-winning "Quiero Volver: A Xicanx Ritual Opera," a multimedia performance altar for queer and trans BIPOC artists to convene and manifest futures, described in the press as an "acoustically stunning performance." Doctora Xingona's new album, "Ser Artista," is a roaring, genderqueer, extraterrestrial, Xicanx collection. Dr. Alvarez earned her doctorate in electronic

arts at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, mentored by groundbreaking composer Pauline Oliveros, and is an invited performer, guest lecturer, workshop facilitator, and keynote speaker at venues and schools across the U.S. and worldwide.

Diana Alvarez and Olivia Nied will co-headline Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls, Vt., on Sunday, Aug. 27, in a 3 p.m. matinee. Tickets can be purchased online in advance at www.stage33live.com, or at the door for an additional fee. There is limited seating for this event, and it will be recorded and filmed.

Masks are required at this event, as one of the performers is immunocompromised. The venue will have disposable masks available. The performers will remove their masks while performing. A pair of high-capacity air purifiers will be placed between the stage and the audience. All seating will be a minimum of 10 feet from the stage. Please do not attend if feeling ill.

Murder Mystery Dinner at the Sumner House —

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. — On Aug. 31, at 7 p.m., St. Luke's Mission Theatre is sponsoring a Murder Mystery Dinner, entitled "Charles Hoyt's Lost Manuscript." This original play is written and performed by local artists.

Help Inspector Barnaby Darius, played by David Zucker, identify the murderer of Professor Upton Garrulous, who claims to have discovered

a lost Charles Hoyt play. The play is entitled "Judge Sumner's Revenge," referring to another famous 19th century Charlestown resident, and the namesake of the restaurant. But before he can finish his presentation, he is killed. Whodunit?

The diners are introduced to five suspects — two men and three women — who have a motive for murder. Inspector Barnaby Darius must sort through the clues, and each table

of diners is encouraged to help identify the murderer. The original play, written by Brian Marsh, is orchestrated around a delicious three-course meal at the Sumner House, appropriately enough.

Come and enjoy a delightful evening together, and compete to be the winning table.

Tickets are available online at www.eventbrite.com. The show is almost sold out, so hurry to place your order.

The VAULT welcomes Adam Karle and Aly Nickerson —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Gallery at the VAULT welcomes Adam Karle of Green Mountain Backyard, LLC, with his vintage solar sap buckets, and new "For Such A Time" artist Aly Nickerson, with her hand-stamped vintage silverware.

Adam has a background in fine arts from Castleton State College. He is attracted to galvanized metals, and has experimented with a number of different vessel creations. His passion for sugar making, combined

with his love of art, brought him to create these amazing vintage art sap buckets, which give new life and honor to the past process of sugaring. He also has wired some, to create uniquely wonderful lamps.

For Such A Time Designs began with a lucky find at one of Aly's favorite antique shops in Sterling, Mass. — it was an old metal stamping set in a custom dovetail box. Thinking it would be good for gifts, it was a must have item. Since then, Aly has specialized in carefully designed hand-stamped sil-

verware to serve all of life's moments. When she first began her business journey, she had no idea she would be shipping off her hand-stamped creations to places all around the world.

For more information, please call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield. The gallery is open Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m. — 5 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m. — 7 p.m. The gallery is online at www.galleryvault.org, or on Facebook.

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Sway Wild at Next Stage Arts —

PUTNEY, Vt. — Next Stage Arts presents indie folk-rock duo Sway Wild on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m., at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt.

Sway Wild was born on a small island in the Salish Sea. Following a two-month sailing voyage through the remote anchorages of British Columbia, acclaimed indie-folk duo Dave McGraw

and Mandy Fer returned to their San Juan Island, Wash., home still hungry to explore. The result was nothing short of an artistic epiphany — an evolution of sound that called out loudly for a new name. Sway Wild released its self-titled debut album worldwide in 2019.

Sway Wild's infectious sound explores the corners of rock, pop, funk, and folk, but at its nucleus it is undeniably a music full of joy. It can squeeze the heart in your chest, it can draw tears from your eyes, and it can force you to get up and move your body. Over and over, it somehow manages to do all three at once. Fer and McGraw's gorgeous harmonies, paired with moving lyrics, serve to both process and share their jubilation, grief, and frustration with a complex

and deeply imperfect society.

Perhaps most remarkable is Fer's astonishing electric guitar work. Using her beloved Fender Stratocaster for both lead guitar pyrotechnics and chordal rhythms, often at the same time, Fer challenges the listener to comprehend how she manages to extract so much feeling from six strings and an amplifier.

For Fer and McGraw, the sailing expedition served as a kind of sabbatical from seven years of heavy international touring, sharing stages with the likes of Iron & Wine, Gregory Alan Isakov, and Mandolin Orange.

With Fer refocused on electric guitar, and McGraw behind a drum kit for the first time in over a decade, they allowed themselves to rediscover everything they loved about mak-

ing music. This soon gave birth to a creative torrent of new songs, organically and unexpectedly, with a fresh sense of purpose, the new material was honed on tours across the U.S. and in Europe, performing alongside Lake Street Dive, Rising Appalachia, Charlie Hunter Trio, and others.

Mandy Fer also tours as the lead guitarist for Grammy nominated Allison Russell, and recently performed with Brandi Carlile and Jason Isbell.

Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or at the gate for an additional fee. There is also a livestream option. 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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