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## Laura Billings celebrates 90th birthday —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – In the first week of July, on July 3, Laura Billings turned 90 years old. Her loving family and friends surprised her on a beautiful day, with sunshine to honor her 90 trips around the sun. Her entire family from Connecticut, Georgia, cousins from Maine, and local family, friends, and her

longtime doctor attended the big celebration. Including most of her grandchildren, over 20 great-grandchildren, and her lifelong friends were

Special thanks to her grandchildren who orchestrated the event. The family enjoyed music, good food, and a whole lot of love.



#### **New mural**

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The new mural on the Springfield Town Hall, painted by Phoebe Lo from Burlington, Vt.

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### **Back to school**

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Luke, 12, from Cavendish, won our Back to School activity page giveaway. Congratulations! We hope everyone has a great school year.

PHOTO BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

## Bellows Falls Trustees elect new village moderator

**BY PAULA BENSON** 

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the Bellows Falls Trustees held their regular meeting to discuss a brief agenda that included approvals of several upcoming events, and the appointment of a town moderator.

Town manager Scott Pickup alerted the trustees to the planned removal of the old AT&T tower on Pond Road in September. He explained that the town had attempted to find another company to take over after AT&T vacated the tower approximately two years ago, but could not, and since no one is interested in leasing the facility, Pickup said it would have to be taken down. Crews will be scheduled to come in next month, dates pending.

After a recent review of after-action reports from the most recent crisis events, and the town's emergency management response, Pickup said what stood out the most was the need for better advance

notification. With plans to work with the village trustees, the town selectboard, and in collaboration with Saxtons River, Pickup said they were going to try out a service the state offers as an opt-in for communities, called VT-Alert. The system is used by the state and local responders to notify the public of emergency situations, such as severe weather alerts, evacuation notices, chemical spills, and

In the event of an emergency, "they are able to use Facebook, cellphones, and a variety of ways to contact people," Pickup said. "Hopefully we'll be able to do some publicity, to get more people that might be interested to be able to participate in that."

Pickup will report back on how useful the system is, or isn't, after a trial period. The state does not charge a fee for the service.

The trustees approved a request from resident Marta Deacon to relocate the Rosie the Riveter Garden from its current location near the Adams Grist Mill Museum,

to Hettie Green Park. An homage to Vermont native "Rosie" Margaret Tidd, the heart-shaped stone carving was an effort initiated by Tidd's daughter, lifelong Bellows Falls resident Ellen Jones, after Tidd's death in

Pickup said the town would take care of moving the stone, and Deacon offered to tend to the rose bushes that flank the marker until they could be replanted.

Village President Paul Obuchowski announced the names of the two candidates for village moderator, Deb Wright and Dennis Hardy, and said he had distributed letters from each candidate as well as their qualifications.

James McAuliffe nominated Deb Wright, commenting, "I've seen Deb contribute a huge amount of time and effort in caring for this village, and town over the last 10-15 years." McAuliffe also noted, "Both of the people who submitted applications are qualified and

would do an excellent job." When the motion did not receive a second, Jeff Dunbar made the motion to appoint Dennis Hardy to the position. Wade Masure seconded, and the board voted unanimously to appoint Dennis Hardy as the new village moderator for a term of one year.

A handful of event permits were approved, including one for the Bellows Falls Community Bike Project. On Sept. 16, an anticipated 20-50 bike riders will ride solar and electric bicycles at the corner of Henry and Atkinson streets. Also, the annual Parade of Lights through downtown Bellows Falls will once again showcase floats, trucks, cars, and other vehicles decorated with festive lights, on Dec. 9, from 5-7 p.m.

Pickup gave an update to the proposed Fire Feasibility Study, saying that after receiving \$15,000 in government funds, and an additional \$5,000 from Saxtons River, he was requesting \$5,000 from the village before going to the town for the remaining balance. Pickup explained that the costs came in higher than

the initial estimate, and the town's request for additional funds had been denied.

Wyoming-based consulting firm AP Triton was the company recommended to conduct the study, and Pickup mentioned they were recently hired by Brattleboro to help determine the best and most efficient way to move forward after the town terminated the contract with their former EMS provider last year.

"The baseline information that comes through that we can use for analysis, comes from a national database," stated Pickup. "They look at standards, how many pieces of fire equipment do [we] have, how many firehouses, and what is their condition. They look at our training, and our standard operating procedures, [to determine] if we are up-to-date, or behind, or if there are things we're not doing right. Then, they look at affordability, and items that will be required going into the future, [like our] equipment replacement schedule. It's a good opportunity for everybody to take a hard look at

these things."

The trio of boards -Rockingham Selectboard, Bellows Falls Trustees, and Saxtons River Trustees will have time to review the findings of the study, and will "have some serious conversations and some decisions to make," according to Pickup.

Pickup updated the trustees on ARPA fund allocation, remarking that the plan was to leverage the funds and apply for grants to aid with the expense of the repair and improvement projects in consideration. Included on the project list is a new boiler for Greater Rockingham Area Services (GRAS), renovations to the historic Rockingham Meeting House, the old Bellows Falls train station, and a new roof for the town hall

The trustees will next meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. Pickup told the board that they would have "the full set of financials" by

The joint board's next meeting will be Sept. 26, where they will review tax

## JT Strength Training helps athletes reach potential

**BY JOE MILLIKEN** 

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -JT Strength Training, a new sports training and fitness endeavor launched by local athletic trainer Seamus Tully, is now looking to help train local athletes of all ages, to help them achieve their personal goals in strength training, speed, and conditioning.

"JT Strength Training LLC became official back in June," Seamus Tully said in a recent interview. "I am currently developing my programs to meet the needs of my clients, and I'm looking forward to working with local athletes of all ages and skill levels." Tully played high school

football at the private New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H., where he played tight end, linebacker, and both offensive and defensive line. He also played a couple seasons of baseball as well.

After high school, Tully

attended Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C., before transferring to Carroll College in Helena, Mont., which offered him a football scholarship. He played on the offensive line and as a long snapper, before injuring his knee as a

sophomore. Tully's biggest fan and supporter was his father Jim Tully, who Seamus' business venture is both named for and inspired by. Mr. Tully was a wellknown and knowledgeable football coach who unfortunately passed away in 2015. "I've always loved training, since the first day I was sent to the weight room," Tully said. "My father trained me for years, and it's how we spent a lot of our time together."

Jim Tully grew up in Jersey City, N.J., and was an all-city offensive lineman in high school. He attended Western Colorado, then transferred to Culver Stockton in Canton, Mo., where he was an NAIA



Seamus Tully with the BFUHS varsity field hockey team.

All-American lineman. Tully also competed in strong man competitions and Highland Games, right around the same time he started training his son.

"When I first attended college, I wanted to major in exercise science," Tully said. "However, my father passed away just a week

before I left for summer college workouts. Then, the first few days I was in camp, I tore my knee for the third time. So, I kind of had a rough start to college, and admittedly lost sight of some of my goals."

However, and much to his credit, Tully regained his focus and after college,

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN started training a couple of local high school students

who were just getting start-

ed with football and learning how to work out and properly lift weights. 'When I moved back to Vermont, I started training with one of my younger cousins, who was getting

ready for his senior year of

cal college football player came home and joined us as well. All of a sudden, I was training nine players in all, and with more wanting to join the group. This is how it all came together and led me to launching this new training endeav-

football. Then, another lo-

Tully offers strength, speed, and conditioning coaching for athletes ranging from middle school, high school, and college athletes and beyond. "Most of the athletes I train are football players, but I also work with basketball players and most recently, the BFUHS varsity field hockey team, working on speed and agility.

"However, I am certainly willing to work with any type of athlete who is looking for that extra push in order to achieve their goals. I can work one-on-one, or in a team or group setting." To learn more about Tully's services, he can be reached at Tull.4281@gmail.com.

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## Southern Vermont Decathlon results —

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Brian Lashway's hopes of a fourth straight Southern Vermont Decathlon championship went out the window as soon as a couple of recent Bates College graduates arrived. While competing for Bates, Liam Evans was the decathlon champion at the 2022 New England Division 3 Championships. However, it was his former teammate Evan Koch who overtook Evans on the final two events, to win the 13th annual Southern Vermont Decathlon.

Koch, who became the youngest Southern Vermont Decathlon champion in 2017 at 16 years old, won all six of the running and jumping events, and set the total score record of 8,805 points. He broke the old scoring mark of 8,755 points set by former Uni-



Liam Evans, Evan Koch, and Brian Lashway.

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versity of Vermont decathlete D.J. Snide in 2019.

Evans nearly broke Snide's scoring record as well, by finishing with 8,705 points. He set an event record in discus, with a throw of 149 feet, 5 inches, and also won shot put and the vorfootball tex throw.

Lashway, a resident of Charlestown, N.H., joined Evans and Koch on the podium by finishing in third overall. Lashway, a 2022 Southern Vermont Decathlon Hall of Fame inductee, finished in the top three for twelfth the time.

On the women's side, Jess Curtis of Springfield, Vt., went unopposed on her way to winning her third championship. She also broke her own record in discus with a throw of 89 feet, 9

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## Springfield to receive new Little Libraries

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Springfield Town Library is excited to announce that two of three new "Little Libraries" will very soon be available for people to take a book, leave a book when they cannot get to the library to borrow one. The library is committed to increasing literacy in the community, and sought out grant funding to ensure more reading material is freely available in Springfield. Both of these two new book boxes will be installed at Springfield Housing Authority properties. One will be at Westview, and the other will be at Mountain View. The third one, which will be ready next month, will be installed at the future North Springfield location of the Springfield Family Center.

Community partners and school children were involved in the design

SEVCA seeks tax volunteers

and creation of the little libraries. Much thanks to Dan Keirns for his building expertise. Students from Elm Hill School's Student Council designed the one with clouds, flowers, trees, and a pathway. Many thanks to their advisor and school librarian Lora Cokolat, and the student council members: Paisley Crowley, Julian Danforth, Toby Farnsworth, Adelaide Peck, and Cecilia Allen. Springfield Art Gym took their design and made it a reality. Shouts of gratitude go out to Mona Frye, Jess Willis, Ava, Sara, Kenadi, Angel, and Caleb for their artistic talents. Local artist Sarah Oaks designed and decorated the Little Library, encouraging all to "Get their cool books here!" The final one is being designed and created by Karen Longo of Dragonfly Designs. All are looking forward to seeing what it will look like when it is installed at the Family Center.

The Little Library project is funded by a Sustainability and Resiliency in New England Libraries Grant through the continued generosity of an anonymous private foundation, and the Association for Rural & Small Libraries, This project is one facet of the library's quest to achieve certification as a Sustainable Library. The Sustainable Libraries Certification Program (SLCP) provides library leaders with a tested, structured path forward to increase our library's commitment to environmental stewardship, economic feasibility, and social equity.

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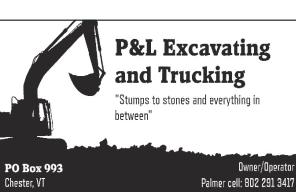
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will be held in Westminster, beginning in early November, and at your convenience using online IRS self-study training materials, as well as on-site training and supervision once or twice a week is provided during the tax preparation season by the SEVCA tax site coordinator. If you do not wish to prepare taxes, there are other VITA volunteer roles available as well.

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The fair is an opportunity for visitors to learn about wellness-based goods and services, to help older Vermonters age successfully.

Exhibitors include teams from Senior Solutions, 3SquaresVT food program,

tions, council on aging for Place Community Resource Center, the Bellows partnership with Bellows Falls Senior Center, AARP The Gathering Place and Springfield Adult Day Care Services, Brattleboro Area Hospice, Dartmouth Cancer Center community outreach and engagement, fire safety with the State of Vermont Fire Marshal's Office, Green Mountain RSVP, HCRS, Lifeline Phones and services, Main Street Arts, The MOOver transportation services, NorthStar Health, the Rockingham Free Library, SEVCA, Tai Chi Vermont demonstrations, Valley Health Connections, Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, and WOOL-FM, who will be broadcasting a portion of the fair.

For questions and more information, please contact Suzanne Burge at Senior Solutions, at 802-822-0498; Teagen Kosut at the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, at 802-463-3907; or Julie Cermola at Parks Place Community Resource Center, at 802-463-9927.



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## Artemas Leonard and Son

BY RON PATCH

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In the early to mid-19th century, here in New England, many firearms were individually built by highly skilled craftsman. Artemas Leonard of Saxtons River was one such craftsman.

His shop was on North Street in Saxtons River. He produced percussion firearms, including pistols, shotguns, target rifles, and over and under guns with combination rifle and shotgun

Over the years, I have seen a few of his firearms. He is known for his excellent rifling of barrels, creating very accurate rifles. He died in

The subject of this article is Artemas' son George. He was born in 1829 in Sax-



Cased percussion 12-gauge shotgun.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

tons River. Growing up, he worked in his father's shop learning the trade. When his father died in 1859, George moved to Keene, N.H., to set

I have seen firearms marked George O. Leonard, Saxtons River. The over and under pictured with this article is marked "Geo O. Leonard, Keene N.H." If he moved to Keene in 1859, and had left Keene by 1869, as he had, this firearm dates between 1859 and 1869.

This gun is an over and under. The top barrel is rifled, and approximately .477 caliber. The bottom barrel is a 20-gauge shotgun. The wooden stock is cherry or walnut, with a cheek rest. The old original finish makes it difficult to determine the wood, but I lean towards cherry.

It has a crescent butt plate,

brass furniture and patchbox, lollipop tang sight, and a German silver inlay of a hunter and his dog. It's a very attractive firearm.

Leonard firearms have always been desirable. This gun is from a private home, where it has been for over 150 years. I can't imagine there are many left today with this pedigree.

From the same home is a percussion 12-gauge double in original fitted case. The fitted compartments are lined with green felt. The case is walnut with dovetailed corners. While a few compartments are empty, there is a powder flask, what I think is a vise for installing the spring, nipple wrench, and screwdriver. It is impres-

This Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., I am having an antiques tag



George Leonard over and under showing lollipop sight and set trigger.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

sale at my place, at 2739 Vermont Route 11 East, Springfield-Chester Road.

These firearms and others will be offered for sale that day. All predate 1898, so they are legal to buy and sell. I will offer duplicate old Vermont books I have, some hard to find today. Early railroad tickets, playbills from area towns, an 1855 Doton Windsor County map, and

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across the nation and repa-

We live in a new world today. Most people today are content to have scans of an item, or maybe look up something online, and print it out. But old time collectors like myself prefer to own the original. If you fall into this category, I might just have something for you.

This week's old saying refers to someone uptight: "He is just full of stiff and starch."

## Lyman Orton and Anita Rafael at Walker Farm

**WESTON, Vt.** – Prepare to be transported back in time as Lyman Orton – Vermont Country Store proprietor presents a slide show of his extraordinary collection of 20th century Vermont art on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m., at Walker Farm theater in Weston. Anita Rafael, author of their new book, "For the Love of Vermont," will join

Their slide show is entertaining, educational, irreverent, and can wander into uncharted territory.

The event is hosted in partnership with the Weston Historical Society, Londonderry Arts and Historical Society, and Manchester Historical Society, and will be followed by a reception in the lobby, where curator Donnel Barnum will have signed copies of the book for purchase.

Says Weston Theater Company executive artistic director Susanna Gellert, "We're thrilled to be hosting this event at Weston's Walker Farm. Lyman and the Orton family are truly a part of our town, and have always been central to making it such a welcoming and beautiful place. It's an honor to welcome him, his wonderful new book, and his stories to a space he played a fundamental role in creating. We hope you'll join us for an evening



Lyman Orton. PHOTO PROVIDED

full of art, history, storytelling, and hometown pride."

The collection features artists who lived in or painted Weston and its surrounding towns. Bernadine Custer and Constance Heffron lived in Londonderry, and Hazel Kitts Wires - one of the many artists to paint the historic Vermont Country Store – had a primary studio in Peru. Other artists, like Palmer Hayden of the Harlem Renaissance, were based in New York, but made trips to Weston to paint the Vermont Country Store. Artists like James Hope migrated from Europe to settle in and paint the Clarendon-Rutland area. Churchill Ettinger, whose work can be seen in museums across the country, made a home out of Weston itself.

In the Fall of 2021, Orton and Rafael began collabo-

the Stand Up Shakespeare

Company, contact Kate Ko-

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triate them to their home rating on their book about Orton's 45-year endeavor – a state. fervor kindled over four de-The pair released the book cades that became Orton's in May of 2023, and Yankee mission to find 20th century

Magazine celebrated Orton's collection in their 2023 summer issue.

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#### Shakespeare at the Calvin Coolidge site tion about the show and

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gratefully accepted). Stand Up Shakespeare is a collective of New York City-based actors who have become a veritable Vermont institution over a 23-year period. The beloved troupe travels to Killington and Plymouth each Labor Day weekend to present a new one-hour show made up of romance, tragedy, history, and comedy, all based on the works of William Shake-

The show will take place on Sept. 2, at Union Christian Church, 43 Messer Hill Road, located on the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100 A in Plymouth Notch, Vt., at 12 p.m.

Stand Up Shakespeare is proud to be a part of celebrating the 100th anniver-

sary of Calvin Coolidge's presidency.

Stay for the 18th annual Plymouth Folk and Blues Festival, from 2-5 p.m. the same day, and continuing during the same times Sunday, Sept 3. This event is free, with donations appreciated.

For more informa-

kkonig@aol.com. For media inquiries, contact Joan Pelzer at 917-670-7071 or joan@ joanpelzersocial.com.

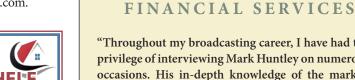


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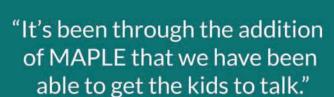


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## arts & entertainment

## "Abundance" at DaVallia

## Gallery

CHESTER, Vt. - DaVallia invites you to a special fine art exhibition. "Abundance" is the third exhibition in their new "Curated Collection" series. The show will be Sept. 1 – Oct. 27. The gallery will open on Friday, Sept. 1, at 4 p.m., with an opening reception from 4-7 p.m. to launch the show.

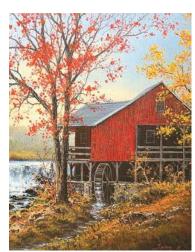
DaVallia Gallery is taking a new approach to their events this year. They are pleased to introduce "Curated Collections," which will be a series of exhibitions focused on a selected theme. Every six weeks, the gallery will feature a new body of artwork that will be curated in conjunction with their furniture and décor collection. The new collection will be available starting at 4 p.m. on opening day. The opening reception will be a wonderful evening, and an opportunity to get first dibs on great new pieces and meet the artists. The series is designed to provide inspiration and a new experience upon each visit. It will also

allow the gallery to showcase more work, and support a larger network of regional artists.

The third exhibition, "Abundance," is about how Fall is upon us, and it feels as if abundance is everywhere. Everything feels a little surreal. The light is different, as if it pours through the fallen

leaves in dappled light. Fields are full and ready for the last harvests. Even the smell is different, as dead leaves below our feet return once again to the soil. In a spiritual context, the notion of abundance is an appreciation of life in its fullness, joy, and strength of mind, body, and soul. This is the cultivation of respect for the creative energy of the universe.

Established in 2009, Da-Vallia has been a five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village



A painting of the Weston Mill.

of Chester, their gallery and sculpture gardens provide an inspiring atmosphere to experience a diverse array of art. To preview the show, purchase works, or to learn more about DaVallia's art collection, visit them online at www.artfulvt. com. Detailed information about the artist reception is also available online, or via DaVallia's e-newsletter. To schedule an appointment for a private viewing, call Michael Alon at 802-875-

## Counterpoint Chorus returns –

WESTON, Vt. - Sundays on the Hill concert series is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and is proud to be able to reschedule the Counterpoint Chorus concert, which had to be postponed

due to the flood, for Sept. 10 in the Old Parish Church, Route 100 in Weston, Vt., at 4 p.m. The doors open at 3:30 p.m., and there are no reserved seats, no advance tickets, and admission is

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The Sept. 10 concert celebrates Turn the World Around," a celebration of a cappella folksongs and the Great American Songbook, featuring both new works and classic Robert De Cormier arrangements from Counterpoint's early years. For more information on Counterpoint Chorus, visit www.counterpointchorus.org.

## Springfield Community Players present "Puffs"—

By now I am sure everyone is familiar with the story about a certain boy wizard, but this show isn't about that boy. This tale is about a certain school of magic, and what really happened – but from the Puffs point of view. Join the Springfield Community Players as the Puffs lead you through the Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at this Certain School of Magic and Magic, where each year the Puffs show you that, well, they were there, too.

"Puffs" is a comedy written by Matthew Cox, to run as five performances at The Peoples Improv Theater in New York City. Now, many years later, this show has been produced off-Broadway for more than 600 performances. It was also filmed and shown in movie theaters nationwide. In the foreword from the author, Matthew Cox says, "This thing with words on it you hold is a culmination of lots of love, care, friendship, and oh-so-much work..."

"Puffs" is the next performance for the Springfield Community Players 2023 season, and also the first show to be directed by Kallah Turner. Turner's first performance with the Players was as Marcy Park in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," in November of 2021.

"I moved to Vermont from Maine in early 2020, and attended the 2020 season auditions before the season was canceled. It was really hard to leave the Community Theatre family I built back home, but I could tell that the Players would be so welcoming, and I couldn't wait to work with everyone," says Turner.

When the show was unfortunately canceled last May due to a Covid outbreak among the cast, Turner was devastated. "It's rough to wake up the morning of opening night and know exactly how sick you are, but also to know what this means in regards to the show. So when we decided to put the show on again this fall, I was thrilled."

When the original director unfortunately had to step down, Turner decided to take the risk and direct the show herself. "This show really came to mean a lot to me, and I couldn't bear to see it not take the stage again. A few of us are returning for the second time around, and I wanted us all to have the chance to make this show happen. So why not reprise my role and also direct? I loved directing in college, so I'm really excited to have the opportunity to do it again."

In addition to Kallah Turner returning from last year, Laura Carbonneau, Xzavior Fitzwater, and Julian Leon are also coming back, with new castmates Jim Fog, Ezra Leonard, Tera Murray, Janet Trimboli-Gage, Josie Munroe, Tristian DeZaine, and Garrett Corliss, so they can bring this quirky, hysterical show to life.

"Puffs" will run at the Springfield Community Theater for two weekends, Sept. 9 and 16, with a 7:30 p.m. start time, and Sept. 10 and 17, with a 2 p.m. start time. Tickets can be purchased online at www. springfieldcommunityplayers.org, or by calling the theater at 802-885-4098 to make reservations. This show is rated for mature audiences due to language and sexual innuendo.

## Gypsy Reel comes to Weston Green

WESTON, Vt. - The Weston Community Association is proud and happy to announce that Gypsy Reel, the wonderful "Celtic Band that Rocks," will be back for their annual Labor Day

concert in the band-

stand on Weston's Green on Monday, Sept. 4, at 4 p.m. With the mountain towns still reeling (no pun intended) from the effects of the July 10 floods, let's get together for a muchneeded afternoon of relaxation and community with our neighbors. Bring family, bring friends, bring a picnic, and enjoy.

Gypsy Reel's repertoire runs the gamut, from the music of the seventeenth century Irish bard Turlough O'Carolan, to the rock sounds of Jefferson Airplane, but centers on more contemporary Celtic tunes from the British Isles and Eastern Canada.

The concert is hosted and

sponsored by the Weston Community Association, stewards of the Weston Playhouse building, the museums of Weston, and Cold Spring Memorial Park. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to Old Parish Church, located south of the Green on Route 100.

There is no cost to attend; voluntary donations will be accepted on behalf of the Farrar Park Association, an organization of nine ladies which has owned and maintained the idvllic Weston Green since 1886, and who make the lovely green available for community events such as

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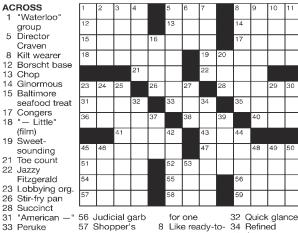
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## **CHURCH SERVICES**

## obituaries

#### James S. Chickering, 1948-2023

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. -James (Jim) S. Chickering, 74, of Saxtons River, Vt., passed away peacefully on Aug. 21, 2023, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

Jim was born Sept. 19, 1948, to Leslie and Marion (Smith) Chickering, was raised in North Walpole, N.H., and attended schools in Bellows Falls, Vt. Jim went on to work for J&L and Ruger through his adult

James loved fishing, tending to his yard, playing card games, and telling stories about his adventures. Jim was also a trustee and faithful member of the Community Christian Church in Athens.

James is survived by his son Patrick (Michelle) and their children Liam and Max Parker and Alanna (Benjamin) Cox, greatgrandson Caleb Cox; his daughter Tracie Shaughnessy and her children Ryan and Jordan Newcomb; and his beloved step-children Shawn Bartlett (Maryann) and their children Elizabeth and Maddox; Shane (Nicole) Bartlett their children Conner and McKenna; Joshua (Sheena) Bartlett and their children Caitlin, Alex, Ashley, Gracie, Waylon and Jenna; Jennifer (Alphonso) Chambers and their children Elizabeth and Kaleb; Jessica (Tim) Akusis and



James Chickering, 1948-2023.

their children Briana and Kylee; and Gracie and Rachel Greenburg. James also is survived by his siblings Robert Chickering, Kath-leen Aldrich, and Patricia Paulhus.

James was predeceased by his parents, his first wife Anita and second wife Donna, as well as his son-in-law Michael Shaughnessy, and siblings Elizabeth Lawlor and Ann Robinson.

There will be no calling hours. A funeral service will take place Sunday, Aug. 27, at 3 p.m., at the Community Christian Church in Athens, with burial to follow at the Saxtons River Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Norris Cotton Cancer Cen-

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

#### **BELLOWS FALLS, VT.**

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd. Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Fellowship Facebook page, and Living Hope Fellowship Youtube. Services can also be found at www.sapatv.org and www.fact8tv.com.

#### **CAVENDISH, VT.**

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St. Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to www.facebook.com/ stjamesumcproctorsville.

#### CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.

#### **GRAFTON, VT.**

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.

#### LUDLOW, VT.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48

Sunday services are held in person and streamed online at 10 a.m. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive updates on services and meetings.

#### PERKINSVILLE, VT.

#### First Congregational Church of Weathersfield, 79 Yewell Ln.

Services will begin at 10 a.m., and will be followed by a social gathering with refreshments. Services will be held indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Rev. Will Hunter will lead services with inspiring topics, along with group discussion. All are welcome. Join the church in their beautiful setting in the Weathersfield Center Maple Grove. Services will run through Sunday, Sept. 3. For more information, call 802-263-9394.

#### **OBITUARIES:**

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#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

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#### David Hoisington, 1961-2023

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. -David Hoisington, a skilled carpenter and a lifelong resident of Mount Holly, Vt., died unexpectedly on Aug. 9, 2023, at the age of 62, while undergoing treatment for pneumonia at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

David is survived by his wife Donna Ehmann Hoisington; his children Jeremy and Corey and their mother Diana; his grandson Ransom; his stepfather Glenn Lynds; his half brothers Lawrence, Michael, and Arthur Lynds, and Tony Hoisington; and his half sisters Mary Lynds and Lisa Hoisington. He is predeceased by his stepdaughter Jaime, his father Reginold Hoisington, his mother Ruth Bellimer, and his grandparents Anna Mae and Lawrence Bellimer.

David was born on July 11, 1961, to Ruth and Regi. He grew up in Bridgewater, Vt., and attended Woodstock Union High School. He married Diana and had two children, and moved to Washington State. David moved back to Vermont, where he enjoyed spending time with his grandparents and family in Mount Holly. David enjoyed riding his



David Hoisington, 1961-2023.

Harley Davidson motorcycle, and camping with his family. David married Donna Ehmann in 2001, and they built their home together on his grandparents' property. They adopted their grandson, Ransom, who also enjoyed growing up in rural Vermont. David owned his own business, "David's Home Repair," and serviced the central Vermont area.

David will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations locally to Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont, VT 05730, or to The American Lung Association.

#### Richard Judd, 1962-2023

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Richard "Buddy" Judd passed away on Aug. 22, 2023, at Maplewood Nursing Home.

Buddy was born May 6,1962, in Marlboro, Mass., to Paul and Patricia (Martin) Judd. Richard graduated from Keene High School in 1983. Buddy was a long standing and active member of the community in both the Keene and Walpole areas, where he worked as well as participated in activities at New Hope New Horizons, TRAIL, which taught Bud to downhill ski, and Special Olympics. Buddy was a multi-medalist in bowling for local, state, national, and international Special Olympic competitions, including competing and medaling in Ireland in 2002. He held a variety of jobs over the years through New Hope New Horizons, including the Keene Parks and Recreation Department, Keene School District, and Hannafords. Buddy retired in 2018.

Buddy loved spending time with his family playing games. He also loved traveling, whether in the U.S. to New York, Virginia, Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington, or internationally to Dublin, Ireland. A lifelong New York Yankees fan (despite the Red Sox household he grew up in), his dream came true when he went to a game at Yankee Stadium and got to step onto the field before

the game. Buddy is survived by his mother Patricia, and siblings Paul (Donna) Judd, Tracy (Ron) Dean, Holly (Brad) Piccirillo, and James (Heather) Judd. He was predeceased by his father

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Richard Judd, 1962-2023.

Paul. Uncle Bud, as he was known lovingly, had 13 nieces and nephews, and 13 great-nieces and greatnephews. Buddy also had a multitude of friends and acquaintances, whose lives were forever enlightened by his enthusiasm, energy, and joy for life. Hugs were always available when Buddy was around.

Calling hours will take place at Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt., on Sept. 8, from 4-8 p.m. A funeral service will take place on Sept. 9, at Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, at 10 a.m., with burial to follow at the Walpole, N.H., Village Cemetery. A celebration of Buddy will follow at 45 Watkins Hill Road in Walpole, N.H.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to one of the following organizations which were important in his life: New Hope New Horizons, www.scshelps.org/ new-hope-new-horizons, or New Hampshire Special Olympics, www.sonh.org.

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#### David Yesman, 1941-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -David Yesman, 81, passed away Wednesday evening, Aug. 23, after a four-anda-half-year struggle against bladder cancer and kidney failure. He was able to be at home with his family near, enjoyed friends stopping by, and keeping abreast of happenings in Springfield. He was born Dec. 10, 1941, in Springfield, Vt., the son of Joseph and Gertrude (Peterson) Yesman.

Dave was a proud member of the Class of 1959, completing the Coop course, playing football, working at Whelan's Drug Store, and polishing his work ethic. For Dave, work was play.

Dave was employed in sales with Jones & Lamson Machine Tool for 24 years, followed by Bryant Grinder Co. and Fellows Gear Shaper. His work took him around the globe, and many customers became friends. In 1971, he obtained his real estate license and continued selling properties until 2022.

Dave had unbelievable drive. Among his other endeavors, he served the Town of Springfield as a selectboard member, was president of Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity, notary public and justice of the peace, performing several marriages. He was also a blood drive volunteer for years, hanging banners and planting signs with Richie Wyman in all kinds of weather.

In 1978, Dave drafted a clever parenting scheme and opened Dave's Bicycle Shop. Son Dave was launched into bicycle sales and service, the shop later included son Derek. Even though he sold the shop in 1993, people in the area still fondly recall their visits to Dave's Bicycle Shop.

Dave was a Past Exalted Ruler and life member of BPOE 1560, where he and Sharon held their wedding reception in 1963. They continued as active participants for many year joying many happy times.

In his younger years, Dave enjoyed skiing and bowling with his J&L buddies, and was an active member and actor with the Springfield Community Players.

He enjoyed keeping up with friends, working on



David Yesman, 1941-2023.

fix-it projects, visiting with neighbors and passersby while relaxing at the cottage at Lake Bomoseen with Sharon, the many visitors, and the dogs.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Sharon (Luoma) Yesman of Springfield; sons David Yesman II of Norwich, Vt., and Derek Yesman of Massachusetts; sister Joan Mason of Hamilton, Mass.; grandchildren Rain Yesman, Star Yesman, and Lacey Russell; greatgrandchild Makaila Brown; three nieces Karynn Mason and Rhonda Donovan of Massachusetts, and Courtney Fugere of New Hamp-

He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Dorothy, and his brother Larry.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10, at Davis Memorial Chapel, from 1-3 p.m. Please join us after for a gathering at the Elks Club, 49 Park Street, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

A graveside service for friends and family will be held Monday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m., at the Oakland Cem-

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Greater Springfield Area Habitat for Humanity (GSAHfH), P.O. Box 147, Springfield, VT 05156, or to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156, or a charity of your choice.



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## calendar

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., will be serving their First Friday Supper on Sept. 1, from 6-6:30 p.m. The menu will include grilled chicken, potato salad, green salad, corn on the cob, a beverage, and a dessert. Vegan and glutenfree options are available. For take out, please call 802-463-3220. There is a suggested donation for this event, with proceeds to benefit relief efforts for Maui fire victims.

#### **SEPT 2. -**

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - St. James Methodist Church will host a yard sale on Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. - 2p.m., featuring a Granny's Kitchen bake sale and a raffle.

#### **SEPT. 8 -**

CLAREMONT, N.H. - A ballroom dance will be held on at the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, on Sept. 8, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance instruction this night. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsey Child at 603-504-6671.

#### **SEPT. 9 -**

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Charles F. Andros, former apiary inspector for Vermont and New Hampshire, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Sept. 9, from 1-4 p.m., at 18 McLean Road in Alstead, N.H. Topics of discussion will include treatment of nosema and mites, winter preparations, winter protein and carbohydrate supplements, and making beeswax and creams. Bring a veil if you have one. Registration is required. To register, call 603-756-9056, or email lindenamel@gmail.com.

#### SEPT. 11 -

LUDLOW, Vt. - Trio Community Meals will be serving barbecued chicken breast sandwiches at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., on Sept. 11 at 12 p.m. The mėnu will also include potato salad, cole slaw, lettuce, tomato and onion, and a fresh fruit salad. Reservations are required, as seating is limited. There is no to-go option. For more information, call 802-228-7421.

#### **SUNDAYS** -

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

#### **MONDAYS** –

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

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

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

#### TUESDAYS -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Come check out TOPS -Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

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

#### WEDNESDAYS -

CHESTER, Vt. - Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays,

from 10 a.m. to noon.

#### THURSDAYS -

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### FRIDAYS -

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

#### SATURDAYS -

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Farmers' Market will be held on Clinton St. by the head of the Toonerville Trail from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., rain or

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba

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

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

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

#### **SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**

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

#### DAILY -

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

### Acworth FUNdraiser event –

**ACWORTH, N.H.** - The Acworth Village Store invites you to join in a night of music, dancing, and community spirit at the End of Summer Dance on Sept. 2. This highly anticipated event will take place from 7-10 p.m. at the scenic His and Hers Farm, located at 561 NH Route 123A, Alstead, N.H. Many thanks to Wendy and Dean Gowen for providing their gorgeous venue for this event.

This year's event will fea-

ture a live performance by the locally renowned Blue Collar Band, whose energetic tunes and captivating melodies are sure to keep everyone on their feet.

The Acworth Village Store, managed by the nonprofit organization The Acworth Community Project, serves as the heart of the community. This fundraiser event aims to raise essential funds to sustain the store's ongoing operations, and ensure

it remains a cornerstone of

On behalf of the Town of Springfield, the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission seeks proposals from qualified engineering firms to prepare a scoping study for a new municipal salt shed. For more information, the Request for Proposals can be found at https://marcvt.org/grants-and-rfps

#### 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

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

Acworth's identity. The Acworth Community Project is dedicated to preserving the spirit of the village, and fostering connections among its

"This event not only irks the end of the summer season, but also represents a collective effort to support the Acworth Village Store. We encourage everyone to join us for an evening of lively music, dancing, and camaraderie," said Jim Neidert, president of The Acworth Community Project.

Admission to the End of Summer Dance is open to all, and the event operates on a donation basis for entrance, beverages, and snacks.

Join us for a memorable night of music and community spirit. For further information and updates, please visit www.acworthvillagestore.com, or follow them on Facebook.

## Balla Kouyaté and Mike Block Band play Bandwagon

Summer Series presents Balla Kouyaté and Mike Block Band on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m., at Coo-Road in Putney, Vt.

Balla Kouyaté and Mike Block have been collaborating for over a decade, bonding over their shared interest in music from across the world, and their commitment to innovating on their instruments. Balla Kouyaté, a balafon player and singer coming out of the Djeli tradition of Mali, was awarded a National Heritage Fellowship from the NEA. Mike Block is an American cellist, singer, and composer, and a Grammy Award-winning musician with the Silkroad Ensemble originally trained in Western Classical music. They have

PUTNEY, Vt. - The teamed up with friends Next Stage Bandwagon from America and West Africa to create an exciting fusion of musical styles in a six-piece band that features Sekou Dembele (djembe, per Field, 41 Sand Hill vocals), Idrissa Kone (talking drum, calabash, percussion, vocals), Luke Okerlund (electric guitar) and Mike Rivard (bass, sintir).

To say that Balla Kouyaté was born into a musical family is an understatement. His family lineage goes back over 800 years to Balla Faséké, the first of an unbroken line of djelis in the Kouyaté clan. Djelis are the oral historians, musicians, and performers who keep alive and celebrate the history of the Mandé people of Mali, Guinea, and other West African countries. The Kouyaté family is regarded as the original praise-singers of the Malinké people, one of the ethnic groups found across much of West Africa.

Mike Block is a pioneering cello player, singer, composer, and educator, hailed by Yo-Yo Ma as the "ideal musician of the 21st century." Mike is a member of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road En semble (SRE), having joined in 2005 while a student at The Juilliard School. As an innovator, Mike is among the first wave of cellists to adopt a strap in order to stand and move while playing. As an educator, Mike is passionate about creativity and collaboration, and is the founding director of Silk Road's Global Musician Workshop, and the Mike Block String Camp.

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

#### **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.

#### 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 Col-

#### **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

#### **Activity Director Opening**

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Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149 Contact Theresa Southworth, 802-228-6863, oddmain@gofhvt.net

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#### **ESTATE SALE**

LUDLOW, Vt. - Estate sale at 59 Andover St. on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### **FOR SALE**

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#### **HELP WANTED**

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Sincerely,

David Utiger

Dear Editor,

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Londonderry, South Londonderry, Weston, and Peru Fire Departments would like to thank everyone who came out to the First Responders Flood Relief concert at Pingree Park on Aug. 14. Thanks to you, \$25,000 were raised.

Special thanks to Saints and Liars, Pete Bernhard, Reed Foehl, Erin Cassells-Brown, Melanie Alanna Glenn, and Ida Mae Specker, for their outstanding perfomances. More thanks to Honeypie, New American Grill, and Taqueria el Chepe for the excellent food they donated. Jesse Lundberg created the excellent poster, and donated the proceeds from the sales. And thanks to everyone who donated items for the raffle and auction. We appreciate all the folks who helped with the parking and the shuttlebus. And last, but not least, thanks to everyone else who donated

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monthly. Contact: Krey Kellington, Black River Good Neighbor Services, 802-228-3663, Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **SNOW PLOWING**

LUDLOW, Vt. - Snowplowing and sanding, Ludlow area, residential only. Reasonable rates. Contact SK Logging at 802-384-0313.

#### YARD SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Huge garage sale, many items from old estate,

#### **TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD**

The Town of Springfield Development Review Board will hold their public hearings at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, to review the following development proposals: (1) Home business to grow indoor cannabis located at 181 Parker Hill Road; (2) Converting a childcare facility into a residential apartment at 33 Pleasant Street and (3) Lincoln Street Inc. building addition at 374 River Street. Individuals wishing to participate in the public hearing may do so in person, via zoom video conferencing, or by submitting written comments. Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom video conference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please contact the Town Planner (802-376-6102 /toszoning@vermontel.net) for copies of meeting agenda and zoning applications.

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#### TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT PUBLIC NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD HEARINGS

BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT 10 MAIN ST SAXTONS RIVER - SUBDIVISION REVIEW CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION FOR 115 ROCKINGHAM ST RETAIL - SITE REVIEW DEMOLITION ACCESSORY STRUCTURE TO HOUSE ON THE NATIONAL REGISTOR 24 HENRY ST - SITE REVIEW

Pursuant to the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rockingham, enacted in accordance with Vermont State Statute 24 V.S.A. § 4464 Chapter 117, Section 4464 of the Vermont Planning and Development Act,

The Development Review Board (DRB) shall meet at 24 Henry St - 5:30 pm on Wednesday September 13, 2023, to conduct a site inspection. The DRB shall reconvene in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of Town Hall at 7 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT at 6:30 pm for persons interested in the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Subdivision Review or the Retail Change of Use Review or the Demolition Review, to collect testimony from Town of Rockingham staff, the Property Owner/Tenant, interested persons and to review the zoning applications and supporting materials. The Notice of Decision, along with the application and materials, is filed with the Town Clerk's office and Planning & Zoning's digital records.

Participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent

The full permit applications are available on the Town website, DRB page: https://www.rockinghamvt.org/planning-zoning

This site visit and DRB hearings are open to the public. If you plan to participate, and/or have questions, please contact Gary Fox (802.376.5425 / development@rockbf.org) for more information or to get copies of the application paperwork.

antiques, glassware, collectibles, lots of unusual items. Sept. 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday. 130 Summer Street, Springfield, VT.

Huge yard/garage sale at 160 South Street, Springfield, VT on Sept. 1, 2, and 3, from 8:30-4:30. Estate cleanout, lots of furniture and collectibles, and as usual donuts, whoopee pies, and baked beans.

#### **Rockingham Meeting House Owner's Project Management Services Request for Qualifications**

Town of Rockingham, Vermont requests qualifications for Owner's Project Management Services related to preservation work at the Rockingham Meeting House, located at 11 Meeting House Road, Rockingham, Vermont. The Owner's Representative will assist the town implementing a 24-36 month historic preservation project. Full RFQ is posted at the Development Office, 3rd Floor, Town Hall, 7 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT, or viewed at www.rockbf.org under Public Notices, or obtained by email executiveassistant@rockbf.org.

Submission deadline is Friday, September 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m. The Town of Rockingham reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or accept the bid deemed most favorable to the Town.

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

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

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

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN 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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#### Okemo Valley TV

#### **LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK** • Update from Expeditionary School at Black River- August 2023

• CCCA History of CCC Camps with Marty Podskoch

- The Best of Vermont Summer Festival
- Flood Recovery & Relief Messages from State & Fed. Officials 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)

Dear Editor,

Masks are dangerous for democracy and health. After reading about the next Stage 33 concert in the Aug. 23 edition of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper, I was about to purchase my ticket. But as I continued reading, I discovered that "masks are required at this event, as one of the performers is immunocompromised." I put my credit card

Here are my objections to this mask requirement:

1) In a democracy, masks must be voluntary only, never required.

2) I cannot be responsible for my neighbor's immune system. My immune system is compromised by many Lyme co-infections. I take full responsibility for keeping myself active and functional, without a mask and without vaccination, which would compromise my already hard-working immune system.

3) Surgical masks do not prevent microbe migration. I was taught this in respiratory therapy school 30 years ago. N95 masks are to be used only for 20 minutes or so when a health professional enters the room of a person with a contagious disease like tuberculosis. Dr. Fauci's first masking statement said masks don't work. Two weeks later, he fudged and said masks do work. What are your thoughts?

4) While a mask actually does not corral microbes, it does collect carbon dioxide. The wearer then rebreathes carbon dioxide instead of air. This can cause fatigue, sleepiness, headaches, and long-term physical and mental effects.

5) Children and athletes should never wear masks. Their breathing rate is too fast to clear carbon dioxide and allow oxygen to enter.

For more information about the dangers of masking, go to www.vtmasksurvey.com.

Sincerely, Betsy Thomason West Townshend, Vt. Dear Editor,

I want to express my sincerest thanks to the those individuals with FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA) who are supporting those of us affected by the recent floods. A couple of weeks ago, when I met with FEMA and SBA staff in Ludlow and Rutland, I experienced them to be exceedingly responsive, engaged, and helpful beyond expectations. They provided important information regarding the damage at the house, and also for New Thought Vermont, the nonprofit organization

Over the years, many of us have read about FEMA and SBA in the news, and how individuals and communities had requested more as-

in Weston.

sistance than was apparently delivered. That was not the case in our situations. I wanted to give a "shout out" to these remarkable individuals, who have been and are continuing to serve us so admirably in Vermont following the devastating damage due to the floods. In particular, staff at FEMA also provided expert consultation regarding flood mitigation. I urge any of us affected by the floods to seek their assistance at locations throughout the region.

Again, words do not suffice for the gratitude I have for these individuals at FEMA and the SBA here in Vermont. When a disaster strikes, they are given very short notice to be on location within 24 hours to be of immediate support, providing information and helping those of us apply for assistance. When I met staff in Rutland and Ludlow.

I learned that these folks come from all over the United States, many from areas which have experienced the kind of disasters that we have faced here.

The Disaster Center staff in Rutland and Ludlow from FEMA, SBA, and USDA came from the following places: Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, and Washington state. They leave their husbands, wives, children, parents, pets, friends, gardens, and homes, to come help disaster survivors.

If you are in need of support and assistance, or have any questions, I encourage you to visit the Disaster Centers nearby.

With appreciation, William Freeman Weston, Vt.

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

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