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Fletcher Farm hosts local crafters

BY PAULA BENSON
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LUDLOW, Vt. – The late summer sun made an appearance on Saturday, Aug. 12, for the Art & Craft Festival at the rustic Fletcher Farm School campus in Ludlow. Entrance to the event was free, and about 20 vendors gathered to sell handmade crafts and artwork.

The festival featured a sampling of locally produced specialty foods, ceramics, paintings, photography, woodworks, and jewelry. A small, steady crowd filtered through the gates and circled the fair, stopping by each booth, while music from Michael

Kelley & Friends provided the soundtrack.

The truck-mounted, wood-fire pizza oven from Goodman's American Pie was parked in the center of the action, serving their consistently tasty slices.

Tyson Ladies Aid sold barbecued chicken and baked goods, with proceeds going toward scholarships for local high school seniors, and support for the Tyson Public Library.

Artisans included the family-run Highland Ledge Farm from Savoy, Mass., displaying a variety of their jams, simple syrups, vinegars, and country-style mustards. Mount Holly sugar maker Adam Karle showcased his repurposed



Fletcher Farm hosted the Arts & Crafts festival. PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

sap buckets, which he sells through Green Mountain Backyard. Karle turns gal-

vanized buckets, no longer used in commercial-level maple sugar production, into eclectic light fixtures. Designs such as maple leaves or snowflakes are cut into the buckets, then illuminated with candles or LED lights. Artist Abby Klein was set up inside the barn with a handful of other sellers, to present her delightful ceramic pieces, decorated with pop-art flowers and other whimsical designs.

Art demonstrations were presented throughout the day, and raffle winners were announced on the hour, with sales benefiting the

Fletcher Farm Young Artist Scholarship program.

Visitors were overheard sharing stories from last month's flood, and taking time to catch up with neighbors they hadn't seen since. The mellow atmosphere was a welcome relief from the chaos of the recent disaster.

The Fletcher Farm School offers workshops through the fall, with classes on metalworking, silver fabrication, quilting, and printmaking on the schedule. Visit www.fletcherfarm.org/ for more information.

Plymouth talks private roads, \$3 million recovery loan

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Selectboard discussed inquiries from homeowners about converting some private roads to town roads at the Aug. 7 meeting. Chair Jay Kullman said that the roads would have to be brought up to Class 3, with specific grade, width, and tree clearing requirements. Board member Rick Kaminski added there would be other state and town requirements, and the Town Road Standards document is posted on the town website with more information.

Kullman added that they would have to discuss the workload with the highway foreman to see if it's feasible, also noting that converting would increase pedestrians and traffic.

Kullman suggested that anyone who wants to convert their road should talk with their neighbors and be in agreement, consult an engineer, get an estimate to bring the road to Class 3, and present the estimate and information to the selectboard. Member Keith Cappellini also suggested people attend the planning commission meetings and talk with chair Mike Coleman.

Jeffery Berselli asked if there was a road and mileage count of private roads that were washed out by the recent flood. Kaminski didn't have a number, but did note later in the meeting that the town has to plow and maintain 42 miles of roads. Kaminski reported the town is focusing on repairing town roads, and also upsizing culverts in the process.

The board moved to review the \$3 million loan for town repairs and recovery funding. Elaine Pauley sent the documents for the line of credit to the town's attorney. Pauley reported the

loan would have a 6.30% interest rate with Mascoma, and a variable rate of SOFR +1.65% with M&T Bank. She is continuing to gather information to find a loan that best fits the needs of the town at the best rate.

Rick Martin asked if FEMA will reimburse the town for interest paid on the loan, but the board was unsure. Kaminski noted that FEMA does not reimburse 100%; they may pay up to 75%, however the dollar amount remains to be seen.

Kaminski added they came up with the amount of \$3 million as the Vermont Agency of Transportation estimated the road repairs to cost approximately \$3.4 million, though he felt that was a little high. Pauley and Cherry Nicoll estimated a cost of \$2.968 million.

Resident Carol Goodwin mentioned the town would be receiving the \$800,000 bond on Aug. 10, which was approved by voters for the town building project, and she thought the town had a fair amount of cash. Kullman responded they want to be ready when it's time to pay the bills. He reported they had to borrow funds for hurricane Irene recovery as well. Pauley reported that as of Aug. 3, the total expenses amounted to \$194,190.

Kullman updated the board on FEMA guidelines, stating there were some initial complications with the guidance the town had received. There is a general repairs phase, and things need to be broken down individually, such as time spent and equipment used. They are working with the town's general contractors as to not undermine them in the process. Any repair project under \$250,000 can be completed at the town's discretion by using one of three contractors. Kullman recommended setting up a reserve fund for road repairs.

Kaminski reported that

roads are getting repaired, prioritizing the main roads and by the number of people that are affected. Traffic has slowed the progress, so there was some discussion on posting where work will be done and getting the sheriff to sit out to help reroute traffic. Town clerk Angela Kissel noted that Kingdom Road is still closed, and has updated Google Maps and is contacting the 511 website. It was discussed that Billings Road had pavement curling under in some spots, and Frog City Road also needed work but is passable.

Kaminski also updated the board on the town building renovation project, stating he hoped to get the staff back in the building by the end of October. The project is being done in phases, with the entire project to be completed by the end of summer 2024.

The short-term rental special meeting was held Tuesday, Aug. 15, and the results of the vote to approve or disapprove the amendments will be posted online and in next week's Aug. 23 edition. The next selectboard meeting will be Monday, Aug. 21.

Ludlow Rotary flood recovery contributions

LUDLOW, Vt. – On learning of the massive flooding in central Vermont, David Sarlitto, executive director of the Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation, contacted Rotary International district governor David Saturley, offering to donate disinfecting supplies to assist in the disaster response. Early on Friday, July 28, Sarlitto and his wife Sally arrived to welcome his colleague, Rob Delemaico, as he pulled into the Ludlow Community Center with a semi-truck load of disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. These supplies are available to be picked up at the Ludlow Community Center. Other communities affected by the recent flooding are also welcome to obtain some of these supplies, as there are plenty to share. Ludlow Rotary wishes to thank all the local volunteers who helped unload the trailer.

"Unsurprisingly, many of our fellow Rotarians in the area have jumped in to help some of the many people and organizations in our communities adversely affected by the recent flooding." With this simple, yet heartfelt summary, Tom Ray, Ludlow Rotary Club president, indicated what the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) had done to date to assist in the vast recovery effort.

Thus far, the LRC has

donated \$8,000 for dehumidifiers that were immediately needed by residents and businesses in the area. Following this, the LRC donated \$5,000 to the Black River Action Team (BRAT) to assist that group in its recovery program cleaning the river of debris.

In addition to checking that all of its members were safe and offering assistance to those who suffered from the ravages of the flood and mudslides, the club members participated in a "clean up" at the Timber Inn Motel.

At the request of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the LRC offered to use its charitable fund so that the Chamber's fundraising drive would be tax-deductible to donors. The LRC's Facebook site became a source of helpful information.

A number of other Rotary Clubs throughout New England have already sent contributions to the LRC, as well as several area businesses and organizations, in support of recovery relief.

Ray indicated that much more needed to be done,



Volunteers unload cleanup materials for distribution at the Community Center. PHOTO PROVIDED

noting, "While substantial aid in the form of food, supplies, money, and recovery assistance has been arriving, much more will be needed to restore the many homes, businesses, and the landscape devastated by this storm. The Rotary Club of Ludlow, Vt., has been coordinating with other civic organizations to provide relief and assistance."

LRC treasurer Kim Lampert indicated that tax-deductible donations could be sent to the LRC's 501(c)(3) foundation. The address is: Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund (LARCF), P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

All contributions will be directed to specific agencies providing relief to this devastating flood.

Londonderry thanks volunteers

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Now that recovery is underway, it's time to thank the volunteers, businesses, and organizations who helped Londonderry and the tri-mountain towns through the disasters and emergencies following the July flooding. Response from FEMA, The Red Cross, the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and Brattleboro

Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) was fast and immediate to address the devastation.

Regional businesses also responded. Thanks to the Home Depot's Rutland Store Manager Seth Ziegler, Londonderry and the tri-mountain towns received a donation of 25 dehumidifiers from the Home Depot Foundation, to help business and home owners mitigate mold that results from flooding. Mold is a

hidden culprit that leads to health issues and costly renovation. In addition, the Salvation Army and Lowe's delivered cleaning supplies to address the critical needs in cleaning and mitigating flood damage in buildings and homes.

Food donations topped the charts in helping flood victims and feeding volunteers through the two weeks of intense clean up. The New American Grill delivered sandwiches, sal-

ads, and drinks to everyone on North Main Street, in addition to hosting nights of music to raise funds for flood victims. Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain Lions prepared 60 meals for the Meal Distribution for Londonderry Flood Recovery Efforts. And the Vermont Food Bank was there every day to provide fresh produce and staples.

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Sixth annual Benson's Chevy Cruise-In

LUDLOW, Vt. – Benson's Chevrolet and Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce (OVRCC) invite participants for the 6th annual Benson's Chevy Cruise-In on Friday, Aug. 25, from 5-8 p.m., at 25 Pond Street in Ludlow Village. The event will be held the night before, to kick off the second annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Okemo Field on Route 103 in Ludlow. Learn more about the festival at www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival.

The Cruise-In on Friday, Aug. 25, is an opportunity to showcase your classic car or truck. Refreshments will also be available. Each vehicle owner will get a commemorative Cruise-In T-shirt. This event is hosted and sponsored annually by Benson's Chevrolet.

If participants will be needing lodging that week-end, please consider one of the fine Okemo Valley establishments listed at www.yourplaceinvermont.com/where-to-stay.

The festival, presented by



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William Raveis Vermont Properties, will have approximately 100 vendors. The vendor application deadline is Monday, Aug. 14. Discounts will be given to participating OVRCC member vendors. The chamber has a special festival web page where vendor forms are also available, www.yourplaceinvermont.com/vendors.

This festival is a great opportunity for everyone, including locals, new residents, second homeowners, and visitors to enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits and brew tastings; artisan products; fine art; awesome live music; agricultural demos; children's activities; antique tractors, and more. This year, gate proceeds will be designated for the Okemo Valley Disaster Relief Fund. The Best of Vermont Summer Festival is promoted throughout the Okemo Valley region, the state of Vermont, New England, and the Northeast.

Whiting Library seeks donations for annual sale

CHESTER, Vt. – Got books? Pay it forward and donate a book. The Whiting Library, 117 Main Street in Chester, is seeking donations for its annual book sale, held dur-

ing the Chester Fall Festival on Sept. 16 and 17.

Drop off your donations at the Whiting Library during library hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturdays,

from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., until Sept. 9. The library is looking for books in clean, good condition. Donate your fiction, nonfiction, audiobooks, DVDs, cookbooks, vinyl records, and more.

Flood Brook welcomes new principal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – As fate would have it, Johanna Liskowsky-Doak's first week as the Flood Brook School (FBS) principal featured record setting levels of rain, and devastating floods in the school's four mountain towns.

"I saw how neighbors and strangers pulled together to donate time, resources, and moral support, to help our community get back on its feet," says Liskowsky-Doak. "Their commitment to help each other in a time of need was a clear sign to me that I was working in a special place. What an incredible opportunity for an educator."

Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) Superintendent Randi Lowe saw an opportunity as well. "When the Flood Brook principal position became open, we were fortunate to have someone like Johanna on deck as assistant principal, ready to move up to the next level," says Lowe. "She's only been with us for one year, but she already has the confidence of the staff and the kids love her."

Born and educated in Vermont and New England, Liskowsky-Doak seemed destined for a career in education. "Both of my parents were educators, and I always loved working with young people," she says. "I feed off their energy."

Between earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in journalism, environmental science, and education at Keene State and Antioch University in New Hampshire, Liskowsky-Doak traveled across the continent to Alaska. She worked for the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife, conducting outreach programs to public schools – like 'adopt a

stream' – to help preserve the salmon industry. "I know much more about Pacific salmon than I ever thought I would."

Her experience in the land of the midnight sun helped Liskowsky-Doak secure her first teaching position in Vermont. "The chief administrator at Bellows Falls told me that if I could move to Alaska alone and be successful, I could handle being a special educator at their school."

Liskowsky-Doak's career path included a stop at Shelburne Farms as the field trip coordinator for their school program, before accepting a spot as a special educator and science teacher in Hinsdale, N.H., and then as the seventh grade science teacher at Leland and Gray Union Middle School and High School in Townshend, Vt. The urge to take the next step into school administration took some time.

"I have this tendency to look for better ways to do things," Liskowsky-Doak says. "When I see a problem or obstacle in the classroom or in the school, I start to wonder, 'How can we fix this? How can this be more effective?' At first I thought everyone felt this way, but over time I realized that's not always the case. I began to recognize that my way of thinking was not as common as I thought." When it was suggested to her that she think about this move, she decided to give it a try.

After seven years in the classroom, Liskowsky-Doak was first an instructional coach at Leland and Gray, and then moved into the dean of students position, followed by the assistant principal position. In the AP role, Liskowsky-Doak served as the school's primary discipline coordinator for students in both middle and high school, and was the lead administrator for the middle school. After a few years on the job and her own two young sons entering middle school, she began to look for other opportunities. "I wanted to keep my role as a

parent and life in Newfane separate from my career. My husband and I want to be able to fully enjoy their school experience with no added distractions."

When an assistant principal position opened up at nearby Flood Brook in 2022, Liskowsky-Doak jumped at the chance. Not only did she relish the job's primary attention on special education, she also loved the prospect of moving from a middle/high school focus, to one directed towards elementary/middle school kids.

"The young children are adorable, fun, and excited to learn – they want love, care, and a dependable routine," she says. "And middle schoolers are so goofy, I love their silliness. They are going through a dramatic stage of development and trying to figure out just who they are. I love the challenge."

Liskowsky-Doak's newest opportunity at the Flood Brook position is already underway. "I see myself primarily as a facilitator," she says. "My role is to draw out the best ideas from students, parents, and the community. If we can come together on the common core set of values we want for our school, we have the capacity to deliver on that promise."

Early discussions with parents and staff already point to some broad agreement on paths to pursue: rigorous academics, exposure to the arts and culture, a safe and supporting school environment, and time spent learning outdoors.

The environmental offerings at Flood Brook present a unique opportunity. With its 25 acres of land filled with trails, athletic fields, hills, and forest, the Flood Brook campus has a rich natural landscape at its doors. "As a Vermonter who loves to ski, camp, and hike, the outdoors is like one large classroom," Liskowsky-Doak says. "We need to take full advantage of that gift. I can't wait to get started."

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organizations that donated and supported the Mountain Towns Flood Recovery include Cota and Cota, El Banditos Grill, Express Copy, Rutland Home Depot, HoneyPie, Jamaica Gardens, Magic Mountain, Raleigh Thiel's Catering, Revival Kitchen, Rugg Valley, Stratton/Alterra, The

Corner Market, The Londonderry Market, The New American Grill, The Queen City Saints, and Workhorse Café.

The Londonderry community continues to support recovery efforts and needs through GoFundMe fundraising, and the pouring out of encouragement and help. The floods were devastating but, at the same time, have brought a stronger sense of unity.

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Days gone by

BY RON PATCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Papa Sol

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

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

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

the item. I passed. Ouch!

Having fun at auction

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

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

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

The Crazy Lady

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

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

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



George Patch auction flag. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

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The Bronx: The Way It Was

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

Since the magazine's start, Samtur has had close

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

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

For the past six years, Samtur has been giving a

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

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

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

OLLI fall programs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

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

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

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

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

Last year over 427 vol-

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

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

Thank you,
Carla Rumrill
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Jim Comtois and family
Jean Illingworth and family

East Hill Foundation supports Kurn Hattin

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

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

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

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

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

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

Storm cancels Weston Antiques Show

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

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

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

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

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

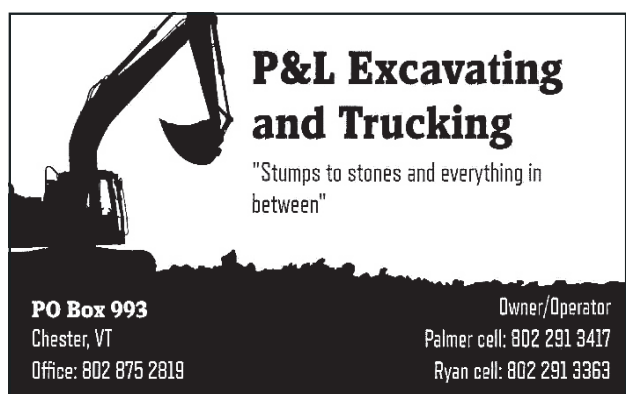
But the board did more than cancel. Plans were set forth to make the Playhouse much more impervious to future weather events. President David Raymond observed, "This

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

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

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

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Antiques sale

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

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

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Irene E. Wood, 1944-2023

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

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

Irene raised and showed Sheltie dogs and miniature

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

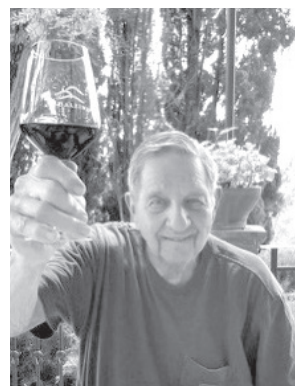
She is survived by one sister Evelyn M. Lockwood, one brother Albert M. Davis, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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

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

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

John W. Pennell, 1936-2023



John Pennell, 1936-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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

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

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

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

Thomas R. Rutkowski, 1956-2023

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

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

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



Thomas Rutkowski, 1956-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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webinar, Janice Zazinski will discuss why dogs behave the way they do, cover common behavior issues, debunk some dog behavior myths, give ideas for immediate help, and recommend when

to consult a professional. The registration fee will be shared equally with the Windham County Humane Society and the Stratton Community Foundation Flood Relief Fund. Register at www.janicezdogtraining.com/webinars.

instruction this night. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsey Child at 603-504-6671.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, September 6, 2023, a party notifies the District 2 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nr.vt.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 2 Office at: NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact Stephanie Gile at the address or telephone number below.

Dated this August 11, 2023.

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

AUG. 18 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – A ballroom dance will be held at the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance

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

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

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STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS

NOTICE OF SALE

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

16 Furnace Street

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

54 Reservoir Road

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

Mobile Home, 69 Dogwood Lane

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

100 French Meadow Road

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

49 Reservoir Road

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

Mobile Home, 137 Dogwood Lane

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

199 Summer Street

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

15 Main Street

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

70 Valley Street

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

138 Main Street

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

316 South Street

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

158 Fairground Road

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

134 Harvard Street

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

30 St. Patricks Street

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

650 Brook Road

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

42 Harlow Street

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

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

Mobile Home, 897 Randall Hill

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

15 Baltimore Road

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

410 Carley Road

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

75 White Street

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

25 Harlow Road

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

11 Buena Vista Street

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

Mobile Home, 18 Oak Lane

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

405 Seavers Brook Road

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

Mobile Home, 79 Cypress Lane

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

Mobile Home, 14 Ash Lane

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

0 Connecticut River Road

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

871 French Meadow Road

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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SEVCA seeks strategic planning proposals

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

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

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

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

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

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

Applicant: Ed and Jennifer Gentner

Location: 80 Amherst Road

Proposal: Addition of a covered entry porch

Application: 2023-16

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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

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

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

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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

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

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

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windham Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 23-PR-02925

In re ESTATE of: John Banholzer, IV

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: John Banholzer, IV

Decedent

late of Rockingham, Vermont

Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 6/30/2023

Signature of Fiduciary

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

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal & The Shopper Newspaper

Publication Date: August 16, 2023

Name of Probate Court:
Address of Probate Court:

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

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

arts & events

LEGAL NOTICES

“Extraordinary Wildlife of Our Planet”

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

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

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

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

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

FOLA presents “The Gold Rush” on Aug. 26

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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

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

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

New solo shows at Canal Street Gallery

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

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

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

Says Grall, “Color, texture,

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

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

printmaking, and intaglio, or metal plate printmaking techniques.

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

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

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN ASSISTANT WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

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

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

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

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

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

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

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN FIRE FIGHTER AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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JOB OPENING TOWN OFFICE CAVENDISH, VERMONT

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

Applications, resumes and inquiries should be directed to:

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

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

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

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

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN OF CHESTER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

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

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

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

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

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

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

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

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

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

arts & entertainment

International String Trio at SOTH in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – Sundays on the Hill concert series is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and is proud to have the talented International String Trio return to the stage on Aug. 20 in the Church on the Hill (Community Church) in Weston, Vt., at 4 p.m. Admission is still minimal, thanks to generous support from Patrons of Sundays on the Hill concert series and other anonymous donors.

Children 12 and under may attend at no charge. Please be aware that the doors open at 3:30 p.m., and admission is paid at the door. For more information, visit www.sundaysonthehill.org.

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

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

Bill Brink in Cavendish

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

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

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

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

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

This concert is sponsored by The Gassets Group.

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

Planet Zydeco

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music concludes its 20th Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of outdoor, summer concerts on Sunday, Aug. 20, with an evening of Cajun and Zydeco music by Planet Zydeco. The concert begins at 6 p.m. on the Putney Tavern lawn – bring a lawn chair or blanket – or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Co-presented with Next Stage Arts Project, the series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, Green Mountain Well, Soundview Paper Company, Rod's, and many other Putney area businesses and organizations. The concert is free to the public, donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.

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



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Exhibitors wanted for Age Successfully Fair

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

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

vices available to them in the community.

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

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

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

through these means, as well as in localized publications.

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

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

“Anxious People” at Rockingham Library

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

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

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

One does not need to be a

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

Tai Chi in Bellows Falls

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Grace Cottage presentation for new clinic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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