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2023 Best of Vermont Summer Festival a success

BY PAULA BENSON
The Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – For the third consecutive year, the Best of Vermont Summer Festival, hosted by the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Okemo Field in Ludlow, over the weekend of Aug. 26-27. Presented with sponsorship from William Raveis Real Estate, and lead sponsors Okemo Mountain Resort, Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates, Meiomni Wines, M&T



Benson's Cruise-In event Aug. 25.
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Troy Wunderle on stilts.
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with big, puffy clouds that resembled the maple cotton candy made by Papa John's Sugar Shack out of Mount Holly.

A returning festival favorite, Troy Wunderle from Wunderle's Big Top Adventures, had his head in the clouds, literally, towering above the crowd on stilts. He exchanged high-fives with the kids, juggled pins, and offered instruction on circus performance art.

Two adorable alpacas from Stonewall Fields Alpaca Farm calmly chewed hay and agreed to an occasional pat on the head from a festival visitor.

Artists from Vermont and New England showcased



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 SHAWN TAE WEBB

Bank, Engel & Volkers, and Diamond Realty, over 100 vendors were set up across the field. Food from the Hangry Hog, Mach's Mobile Wood Fired Pizza, Smokin' Bowls, and more, a display of antique tractors, demonstrations, activities

for children, and a bandstand featuring live music throughout the day, gave visitors a lot to be excited about.

It was just over a month ago that the town of Ludlow, and many communities in and around the

Okemo Valley, experienced severe storms and flooding, and many homes and businesses are still recovering. Thankfully, the rain predicted for much of the weekend held off for the most part. The bright blue skies were a cheery sight,

their unique creations, such as handmade jewelry, pottery, woodworking, art, crafts, and specialty foods from local makers like Ted's Wicked BBQ Sauces, 802 Heat Hot Sauce Co., Crowley Cheese, Salsa Sisters, and Stewart's Maple. Beer

was on tap at the Mount Holly Beer stand, and Meiomni Wines hosted wine tastings.

This year, the proceeds from the gate donations and raffle will go to support the Okemo Valley Disaster Relief Program.

Electric ratepayer concerns

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Aug. 24 meeting of the Ludlow Electric Light Department Board of Commissioners began with a presentation from Ken Nolan, general manager of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA), explaining to the board and those present what VPPSA is, and what Ludlow gains from its membership in VPPSA. There had been concern from ratepayers at the previous board meeting in July, where it was discussed that Ludlow had been paying VPPSA to implement a geographic information system (GIS) project for several years, apparently without usable results.

Nolan explained that VPPSA is a collection of small utilities throughout the State of Vermont, which provides services via aggregation of resources that would otherwise be difficult for small utilities to implement independently. For example, VPPSA monitors legislation and lobbies on behalf of its member utilities, constructs power plants of which member utilities may own shares, and provides IT support to its members. Ludlow is one of 11 current member utilities of VPPSA, the majority of which are in the northern portion of the state. Ownership of VPPSA is vested in its member utilities. "Ludlow is actually a partial owner [of VPPSA]," Nolan told those present.

Nolan acknowledged that Ludlow had opted out of the VPPSA GIS project, though he said in response to questioning that there had not been a contract between VPPSA and Ludlow Electric, explaining that the VPPSA Board of Directors – which is composed of one representative from each of its member utilities – had initiated the project with the consent of all 11 members,

as a joint effort. Nolan asserted that some aspects of the project, for which Ludlow has paid over \$75,000 to date, were usable. "Part of that [cost] was for licenses for software that you were able to use. I acknowledge... that we did not move in designing the system the way Ludlow wanted it to be designed quickly enough, but the data was there," Nolan stated. Though ratepayers in attendance wanted to know if and how the cost of the GIS project could be recouped, Nolan explained that any refunding of the cost of the project would have to be taken up with the VPPSA board, of which Ludlow Electric Department manager Thomas Petraska is a member.

Concern was raised that Ludlow is currently contracted with VPPSA for its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project, with those present wanting assurances that it would not turn out the same way as the GIS project. The AMI project is being done in response to a multitude of state requirements. When completed, it would allow metering to be done remotely, without the need for manual meter reading, among other advanced functionality. Nolan told the assembled ratepayers that the GIS project is one of "30 or 40" projects for which VPPSA is responsible, the others of which he claimed have been successful, and that the GIS project is currently being brought back on track.

Responding to a question from foreman Brian Benoit about the repercussions of failing to implement AMI, Nolan stated that "Ludlow Electric only exists because it was given a franchise territory by the State of Vermont...if they ever make a determination that you're not keeping up with what they want you to do policy-wise...your franchise [can

be] revoked," though he noted that this is a rare occurrence. Nonetheless, he said that increased scrutiny by the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC) could result, making things such as necessary rate increases more difficult.

The board then went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, after which they returned and authorized a motion allowing the chair to issue a written reprimand to an employee regarding the matters discussed.

Other issues raised by those present were those of job descriptions and duties, safety and supervision, and the hierarchy of the electric department, specifically the removal of the position of superintendent. Several of these issues had been raised at the previous meeting, with Petraska telling those present that the department's handbook was currently undergoing revision to reflect the changes in the department's structure, and clarify the duties of its employees. Concern was also raised that Benoit was not himself a lineman, though he is responsible for supervising linemen, leading to what some saw as potential safety concerns. Commissioner Robert Brandt responded that this is also the case at Green Mountain Power (GMP). Ludlow ratepayer Steven Stariknok countered that GMP employees have access to greater resources when they are unsure of something, given the size of GMP's staff compared to Ludlow's. "If someone in a supervisory position doesn't have electrical experience, they can go to someone that does before a decision is made,"

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Londonderry talks recovery and Spring Hill culvert

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Selectboard gave updates on the storm damage at the Aug. 21 meeting. Town administrator Shane O'Keefe noted that he would be having a phone discussion with FEMA, and has scheduled an in-person meeting for Aug. 30 to go over the requirements for the town. The board also designated Bill Kearns as their FEMA representative, stating he "jumped right in" to the work.

Board member Martha Dale wanted to go over matters that are urgent beyond FEMA and road and bridge repair. She said this is the time for the town to "take advantage of this unfortunate situation to think about how we might rebuild better." Dale noted there was a Main Street study done previously by Stevens & Associates, an architecture, civil and structural engineering, and landscape architecture consulting firm in Brattleboro. Dale suggested using the study and research as a basis for new plans and redesigns.

Dale urged that the status quo isn't working in terms of business locations and their safety and protection against future floods and damages. "Not doing anything isn't an option at this point," Dale stated. The town needs to guarantee lower flood risks, stating local businesses help generate a robust tax base for the town, and they need to keep their business owners in mind.

Dale suggested the town is going to need

outside help, in addition to FEMA funding, and suggested getting a consultant who knows where the money is and where to apply it. She wants to see the town explore more possibilities for funding, and construct a better 100-year flood plan.

The board was then updated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Vermont paid for the pickup and disposal of hazardous waste from the flood, 75% EPA and 25% state funding. The town won't be collecting any more waste until the Oct. 7 hazardous waste collection.

The town had slated a flood recovery day for Aug. 26, but pushed for another date, suggesting Sept. 16 might be more suitable.

Londonderry received a VTrans structures grant, and hired HGA as the engineer for the Spring Hill Road culvert replacement project. The scope of the project and preliminary plans are in place to construct a temporary culvert, and later get a permanent structure in place. The replacement requires historical and archaeological assessments, addressing the footprint and impacts, cam revisions in spring of 2024, with the final temporary design completed in the summer of 2024. The town would then accept bids in the winter for the long-term design, and the construction and completion of the permanent replacement would take place during the summer of 2025.

O'Keefe said there would be a two or three month closure in the summer of 2025, and also noted that although the town received grants, they will likely need more funding to complete the project, though they

won't know final costs until they get bids. They reviewed bids for the temporary replacement project; Hunter Excavation at \$70,000 and Ameden Construction at \$55,000. The board accepted the bid from Ameden Construction.

The board also reviewed construction firms to contract for assistance with engineering and road repairs, and accepted Hammond Engineer. They said Everett Hammond has done right by the town, and has the experience. He is close by, a member of the Springfield Selectboard, always available, familiar with the town, and the least expensive.

Residents Bill Sinsigalli and Jennifer Ogden of Under The Mountain Road were in attendance, seeking information on the town's short-term rental (STR) ordinance. They were concerned that there is a loophole in the ordinance on the limitations of STRs being owner or non-owner occupied, as well as how many STR dwellings one person could operate. They don't want to see the rural area become overwhelmed with short-term tourists. The board agreed the couple had raised a good question about numbers and regulations, and put it on the next agenda in order to have the full board in attendance.

The town plans to have an inspection and plan for the repairs of Williams Dam for the safety of the community. They have to show FEMA the plan and get it approved before moving forward with any repairs.

The town clerks and treasurers office will be closed Sept. 12 and 13 for training, and the board will not be meeting on Labor Day. The next selectboard meeting will be Monday, Sept. 18.

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“Managing the Rain,” a free stormwater expo

LUDLOW, Vt. – Submerged bridges. Ravaged roads. Mud-filled basements. Capsized culverts. Heavy storms impact us all, but what can we do? While we can't control how much rain falls, or how quickly, we can help water slow down, spread out, and soak in before it reaches a storm-swollen stream. The Black River Action Team invites everyone to join the stormwater conversation on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m., at 111 Jackson Gore Road in Ludlow, Vt. Please pre-register at www.managetherain.eventbrite.com.

Featured speakers will be Black River Action Team (BRAT) Director Kelly Stettner, explaining some basics of how rivers

work; Ron Rhodes of the Connecticut River Conservancy, discussing several successful streambank stabilization projects he's worked on; and Mike Everhart of EJ Prescott, sharing some of the products and procedures his company uses to manage stormwater in ways that reduce maintenance and long-term costs.

Remote participants can join live via zoom, which will be managed by the Connecticut River Conservancy; email Stettner@blackrivercleanup@gmail.com. The event will also be recorded by Okemo Valley TV for later viewing.

Thank you to Operation Ludlow volunteers

LUDLOW, Vt. – A big shout-out to several amazing merchants, businesses, volunteers, friends and family, our locals, and our second homeowners and visitors, who stepped in and stepped up during our catastrophic flood that hit Ludlow on July 10.

It started by a text early morning July 11, from Bridgette Willis from our local Shaw's that was already under water, "We have food here and other stores want to share!" from Bridgette and Amanda.

The start of the Operation Ludlow grocery store was created up on West Hill outside of our local emergency services building, which houses the Ludlow Police Department and Ludlow Rescue. Thank you, Ludlow PD and Rescue that put up their emergency services tent.

Trucks started coming in from surrounding Shaw's, donating items from diapers, perishables, non-perishables, water, soda, juice boxes, and cleaning supplies. As it continued to grow, it needed to be moved to the local community center, where it became the main hub for almost the next four weeks.

From there, we had a back office which was needed for calls, an area for massages, which were donated by Irene and Robin from Calm

Moments for all the volunteers and local workers. Thank you again so much ladies, you came to our rescue.

Thank you to Troy Caruso and his organization for assisting one family that needed a medical chair that was lost in the flood, and a new ramp for the temporary housing. Thank you Cindy and her husband for helping out with this.

A large donation of 500 cases of milk, orange juice, and yogurt from Hood Milk was donated from the main hub in Massachusetts, and was delivered to the Community Center. Black River Produce was kind enough to act as our large refrigerator on wheels. We had an abundance of milk, cottage cheese, yogurt, chocolate milk and orange juice.

That same evening, the Recreation Department of Ludlow, Cota and Cota, Kamuda Market, and volunteers, put on a fantastic barbeque for volunteers and members of the community. Free milk products were distributed at the same time.

Patrick Ross from Tygarts gave us a huge donation of Home Depot gift cards, gas cards, and boots; this was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to L'iveresse Lingerie, GE, Ocean State, Vermont 101, Amy Newell with over 650 items from Amazon, William Raveis, Hood, Coca-Cola, Dunkin Donuts, McDonald's, Ocean State, Seventh

Generation, the Ludlow Rotary, Commando, Lyndsay O'Brien, Burlington Full Moon Catering, Black River Produce, OMS, and Marty Harrison for her recent donation of Wal-Mart and Home Depot Gift Cards and fresh cut up peaches every day.

Every morning, we were greeted with a text from a few different eateries in town, "how many volunteers?" "What do you need?" or "I am heading with sandwiches." Michelle from Vermont Eatery, Troy with Calcutta's, Fox Run, Off the Rails, and Dunkin Donuts who all kept us fueled with java and food.

A huge shout out and thank you to everyone that made this a great success and helped so many in need. Most of all lots of love and support.

Bridgette Willis, Lynda Jelly, Nancy Carle, Karen Carle, Susie Buswell, Hailey and Jim, Hailey, Angie, Morgan, Donny Gates, Beth Oldenberg, Geri Baitz, Cass Baitz, Otis Nelson, Charity Swan, Linda and John Martel, Hailey and Jay Messing, Fran and Angela Kissell, Judy and Jay Lushinks, April Taylor Dunich and Tomieka the two P sisters and our daily laugh that was needed, Jay

Francoeur, Lisa Schmidt, Kevin McPherson, Jeremiah Duchaine, Jarrod VanGuilder, Connor VanGuilder, Hailey VanGuilder, Brynlee Farmer, Ashlynn Farmer, Rick Suydam, Shannon Barton, Michelle Suker, Amanda Taylor, June Brink, Rick Kimball, Patrick Gray, Hunter and Austin Fricken (Austin even showed up on the same day having his wisdom teeth pulled, talk about dedication), Ludlow Recreation Department, Nick and Mark, Ludlow Town Garage, Curtis Marechaux, Sherriff Ryan Palmer, Bill Cummings, Dave and Cindy Galuska, Alton, Amanda Chierier, Carol and Ellie, Diane Knight, and Teri Spaulding and Dominica. Please forgive me if I forgot a name.

Thank you to each one of you. Your time, effort, generosity, love, and support made this an amazing place along with Red Cross, FEMA, and the state to assist all in need.

When you have Red Cross and FEMA say this is the best operation they have ever seen, it speaks volumes.

Written by Paula and Dave VanGuilder, Ludlow, Vt.

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Stariknok said.

The continuing issue of staff retention was also discussed. The idea of contracts obligating a certain length of service with Ludlow in exchange for training was again suggested, though Brandt responded that he was against this idea. "Do you want somebody working here who's not happy?" Brandt asked. Several people wondered out loud why employees would be unhappy.

Some suggested that Ludlow Electric begin to deplete its \$3 million reserve in order to pay its staff more and, hopefully, retain employees. This would, it was thought, have the added effect of causing the PUC to approve rate increases more readily, as the large reserve of cash makes the PUC hesitant to approve rate increases, despite the fact that Ludlow is currently operating at around an \$800,000 deficit, according to the board. Petraska explained that the PUC does not consider future expenditure plans when considering approval of rate increases, but looks only at actual expenditures and reserves for the previous year.

The board eventually

moved on to the remainder of its agenda. Benoit gave his foreman's report, which resulted in the approval of the purchase of new fuel tanks to replace rusting older ones at the end of their lifespan. The tanks will cost around \$24,000 in total, and have a 30-year warranty.

Petraska gave his manager's report, noting that Ludlow Electric is participating in a voluntary two-month moratorium on disconnections in response to the recent floods. He also told the board that, on Aug. 22, the electric department had a closing conference with the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSH), regarding an "accident" which happened on April 21. He told the board that citations would be mailed to the electric department.

In discussing business for their next agenda, Brandt suggested to the board that they discuss pay raises for Ludlow Electric employees. "We did our raises last December, assuming that the town was doing 5%," Brandt said. "However, the town has done 10%, so I'd like to bring that up next meeting and vote on [increasing our pay raises to 10%]." Brandt noted that, while that still will not see Ludlow Electric employees being paid similarly to their counterparts at GMP, it would make the pay competitive with other small utilities.

The Ludlow Electric Light Department Board of Commissioners meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, at 4:30 p.m. Currently, the board is in talks to move the meetings to the Ludlow Town Hall.

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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 craftsmen. Artemas Leonard of Saxtons River was one such craftsman.

His shop was on North Street in Saxtons River. He produced percussion fire-

arms, including pistols, shotguns, target rifles, and over and under guns with combination rifle and shotgun barrels.

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 1859.

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

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 up shop.

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 patch-box, 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 dove-tailed 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 impressive.

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.

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Cased percussion 12-gauge shotgun.

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 much more.

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 him.

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-

rating on their book about Orton's 45-year endeavor - a fervor kindled over four decades that became Orton's mission to find 20th century Vermont artworks scattered across the nation and repa-

triate them to their home state.

The pair released the book in May of 2023, and Yankee Magazine celebrated Orton's collection in their 2023 summer issue.

Shakespeare at the Calvin Coolidge site

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - The 2023 annual "Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show" returns for an all-new, free performance. It's a delightful mélange of Bard-based entertainment for all ages. The Stand Up Shakespeare troupe of professional actors and singers from New York City will share its talent, passion, and creativity to amuse and amaze with the best of Shakespeare's canon, as well as Bard-based skits and songs. And, lo, verily, the show is always free (although donations are 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-

speare.

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 anniversary

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-

tion about the show and the Stand Up Shakespeare Company, contact Kate Konigisor at 917-406-1456 or kkonig@aol.com. For media inquiries, contact Joan Pelzer at 917-670-7071 or joan@joanpelzersocial.com.

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“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, DaVallia has been a five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village



A painting of the Weston Mill. PHOTO PROVIDED

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 802-875-8900.

Springfield Community Players present “Puffs”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 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 Spring-

field 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.

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

paid at the door. For more information, visit www.sundaysonthehill.org.

The Sept. 10 concert celebrates “Turn the World Around,” a celebration of a cappella folk songs 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.

Gypsy Reel comes to Weston Green

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Community Association is proud 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 much-needed 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 idyllic Weston Green since 1886, and who make the lovely green available for community events such as this.

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- 23 Lobbying org.
- 26 Stir-fry pan
- 28 Succinct
- 31 "American —"
- 33 Peruke
- 35 June 6, 1944
- 36 Casual shirts
- 38 Ran into
- 40 Fr. holy woman
- 41 Unhappy destiny
- 43 Arrel
- 45 Yell, "You're not funny!"
- 47 Believes (in)
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- 56 Judicial garb
- 57 Shopper's delight
- 58 Be sick
- 59 "Closer" actor Clive
- for one
- 8 Like ready-to-eat walnuts
- 9 Actor's visual aids
- 10 Leer at
- 11 Try out
- 16 Ship's staff
- 20 Last (Abbr.)
- 23 "Great Expectations"
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- 24 Fuzz
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- 32 Quick glance
- 34 Refined
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- 39 O'Hara estate
- 42 Pilgrimage
- 44 Small pack
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- 46 Director
- 48 Garbage barge
- 49 Toothpaste holder
- 50 British gun
- 53 Floral neck-lace

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- 3 Boyfriend
- 4 Facing the pitcher
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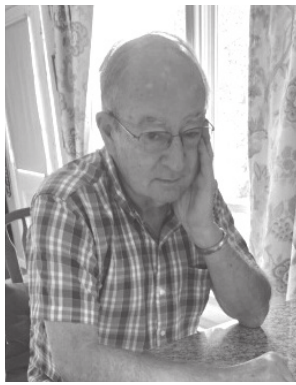
James S. Chickering, 1948-2023

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 and 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 years.

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, great-grandson 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. PHOTO PROVIDED

their children Briana and Kylee; and Gracie and Rachel Greenburg. James also is survived by his siblings Robert Chickering, Kathleen 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 Center.

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

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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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



Richard Judd, 1962-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Paul. Uncle Bud, as he was known lovingly, had 13 nieces and nephews, and 13 great-nieces and great-nephews. 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.scshehelps.org/ new-hope-new-horizons, or New Hampshire Special Olympics, www.sonh.org.

David Yesman, 1941-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – David Yesman, 81, passed away Wednesday evening, Aug. 23, after a four-and-a-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.

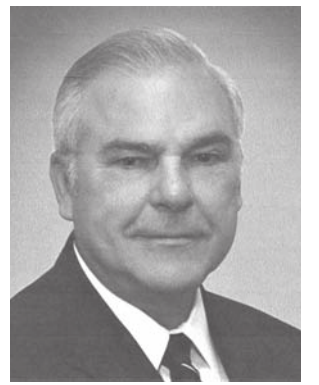
Dave was employed in sales with Jones & Lamson Machine Tool for 24 years, followed by Bryant Grinder Co. and Fellows Gear Shaper. His work took him around the globe, and many customers became friends. In 1971, he obtained his real estate license and continued selling properties until 2022.

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 years, enjoying 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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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; great-grandchild Makaila Brown; three nieces Karynn Mason and Rhonda Donovan of Massachusetts, and Courtney Fugere of New Hampshire.

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 Cemetery.

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.

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/sjamesumcproctorsville.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St. Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

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 Pleasant St. 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.

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SEPT. 1.
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 gluten-free 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. – 2 p.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 Betsy 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 noseema 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 lindename@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 menu 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.oa.org.

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. 258.

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

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

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 shine.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"This event not only marks 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

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents Balla Kouyaté and Mike Block Band on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill 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

teamed up with friends from America and West Africa to create an exciting fusion of musical styles in a six-piece band that features Sekou Dembele (djembe, 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 Ensemble (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.

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://marcv.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 05143.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Collector

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

Must love the elderly, and creating activities that enrich their lives. Must love having fun, socializing, arts and crafts, picnics.

Plans a calendar of activities for individuals and groups. Salary, full time, participates in care plan meetings, some computer work. Supervises activity staff. Coordinates with other departments.

Must be willing to become certified. LNA licensed is preferred.

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

EOE

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

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

ESTATE SALE

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

FOR SALE

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Queen size bed with mattress and box spring, beauru, and two night

stands, \$400. Full size pineapple bed with mattress and box spring, \$150. Call 802-886-4336, leave message.

GUNS WANTED

REGION – Guns wanted. Hand-guns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

Full Time Nurse Opening at Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149. Contact January Reichert at 802-228-6860 or jreichert@gofvt.net. EOE.

Full time carpenter, must have drivers license, \$35 per hour, call

603-381-0929.

Laborer wanted, starting at \$19-\$23 per hour, or up to \$25, based on skills and experience. Call Matt at 802-885-5737 and leave message.

Seeking an individual to assist with prep and cooking a wide variety of food for bi-monthly Community Meal luncheons. Qualifications: Pride in cooking healthy and appetizing meals. Assist with menu planning, maintain hygiene standards, follow food sanitation practices and willing to become ServSafe certified. Ability to work in a team environment and possess good communication skills. Position is part time/or as needed. Average 8-10 hours

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,

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.

The Town of Charlestown is an equal opportunity employer.

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 performances. 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

their time and labor to make this event a success. And it didn't rain!

Sincerely,
David Utiger
LVRS Public Relations Officer

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.

Licensed Dental Hygienists Needed!

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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 appeal.

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.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Flowers in Texture and Color with Julie Crabtree 10/7, 11-4
Raku Pottery with Andrew Berends 10/7 & 10/14, 1-5
Pet Portrait Workshop with Mindy Fisher 10/18, 2:30-5
Still Life in Oil with David Gordon 10/21, 11-4:30

Extraordinary Wildlife of Our Planet Photographs by Tiffany Soukup and Chris Brader

Dance of Color Open Wall Show
(10/25/23 - TFN - 13)

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(11/22/23 - 52)

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(11/22/23 - 13)

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 away.

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 profes-

sional 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 in Weston.

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

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. **EFFECTIVE 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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