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Public discussion on Clinton Street “road diet” proposal

BY PAULA BENSON
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Selectboard conducted a public meeting on the Clinton Street road diet proposal on Monday, Sept. 11. “This is a preliminary discussion,” explained Board Chair Kristi Morris, before asking Israel Maynard from engineering firm Stantec to go through the proposed plan.

Maynard was in attendance to present the purpose of the proposal, review the existing conditions, and define the scope of the project. The idea was first presented within the 2017 town master plan, and at the time, the recommendation was to implement a road diet – a reduction in the number of lanes, a solution that has been proven to significantly reduce the amount of accidents once implemented.

Maynard explained that a road diet, in an area that sees less than 20,000 cars per day, “works very well.” The statistics for this section of Clinton Street, between Main and Bridge streets, has an average daily traffic flow of around 10,000 vehicles. “We will dig deeper into that with our study, as this progresses,” Maynard said. “Traffic analysis will come into play more in the next phase. We don’t want to spend the money on something if people don’t want it.”

Maynard invited the residents attending the meeting to voice any concerns regarding safety, pedestrian accessibility, and bicycle travel.

Scott Darrell, Springfield resident, brought up the issue of traffic backing up. “Right now we have two lanes going through there, but if you close that up, you don’t think that will be an issue?”

Maynard assured, “There is plenty of room for traffic growth, even with a road diet on Clinton Street.”

Jessica Martin from Springfield on the Move, who lives in North Springfield, said she loves the idea of a two left turning lane proposal, but doesn’t agree that the bike lane should share space with a pedestrian walkway. “How do we make that smoother, a safer intersection?” Martin asked. “There seemed to be quite a few crashes there, at South Street and Clinton Street... Traffic backs up, particularly during school let-out.”

Town manager Jeff Mobus explained that this project’s scope does not include the intersection of South and Clinton streets, so revising the traffic pattern at that intersection would fall under a separate project.

Morris reported that the Mount Ascutney Planning

Commission is also studying traffic flow, along with 11 other towns which are collecting data on crash sites, including the intersection of South and Clinton in Springfield. He mentioned that at one point there had been a rotary in that location, and that might be something to consider again. Morris said that the Transportation Advisory Board had been looking into that option for a number of years.

Library director Sue Dowdell asked, “Do you guys have any studies on what the actual speed is in that area? Hoping this road diet will help reduce the speeding.”

Maynard said that this plan would reduce speeding, since the installation of two-way left turn lanes will provide the opportunity to create an island for pedestrian crossing and cause “traffic calming.”

Springfield resident and publisher of the Vermont Journal & the Shopper Newspaper Shawntae Webb asked, “I’m curious, do you have the accident report? They say you don’t need to fix what’s not broken, and I tend to lean toward the two-lanes in each direction. The flow of traffic seems to be working.”

Citing the VTrans Public Crash Data Query Tool, Maynard said studying the data will provide the analysis used to determine if the road diet will solve these issues. “Generally speaking,” Maynard explained, “the road diet results in a 17-47% reduction in crashes after the implementation, and the severity of the crashes is being reduced.”

“People don’t like change,” Webb remarked. “Recently the town repainted turn lanes incorrectly on Summer Street, and it almost caused more accidents because people were familiar with how [the lanes] used to be, [which has since been corrected]. Some may not transition well to that change.”

Maynard said that with a road diet, it is “pretty easy to do pilot projects. So, if this was a solution that the town wanted to move forward on, we could do it with temporary paint, try it for 6 months to a year, without moving any curbs, and if it doesn’t work, and people hate it, you put the paint back the way it was. If people do like it, then we can move the curbs, build the pedestrian path, bike lanes, landscaping, and make the changes permanent.”

Morris asked Maynard if he had data from other towns that have tried this approach.

Maynard said there had been a number of case studies done, and he would make those available for analysis. “Every situation is

a bit unique,” Maynard commented, “but this has definitely been implemented in other areas with good results.”

Discussion continued on how and where the bike lane would connect with the Toonerville Trail, without making cyclists cross the busy street, how this could improve pedestrian traffic between the businesses in the area, and ultimately the temporary paint solution was mentioned again, with board member Everett Hammond reiterating that that might be the best way forward. “Paint the changes first, and see how it works, before committing money to move sidewalks, etcetera.”

Jessica Martin reiterated, “Doing the temp painting pilot project would be fantastic. Flesh out the issues before greater expense is taken on.”

The cost of the project will be primarily covered by grants, but as Mobus said, most grants require the town to cover about 20% of the funding, so that would impact tax payers.

As part of the cost-benefit analysis, they would evaluate any adverse affects on snow removal, emergency vehicle access, and storm drainage. Fire Chief Paul Stagner mentioned that area has been known to flood, which could be more of a problem with fewer lanes for traffic.

“It’s been my experience that things of this level move at a glacial pace,” stated vice chair Michael Martin. “That’s why we’re talking about this now, this process, and the funding can take months or years, to accomplish that.”

Maynard said he appreciated the town’s interest and involvement in the project. “We will review, regroup with team members, and get back to the town and the selectboard with the next steps,” Maynard concluded.

Efficiency study examines three local fire departments

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A first-ever efficiency study of three local fire departments – Bellows Falls, Rockingham, and Saxtons River – is currently being conducted to evaluate such aspects of the facilities as location, equipment, training, response time, and how the town and village can better maintain fire services moving forward.

The study is being conducted by AP Triton LLC, a Wyoming-based firm which is also conducting a municipal ambulance service study for the Town of Brattleboro, as well as recently completing a fire study for Town of Stowe, Vt.

“The idea for the study grew out of discussions at the fire equipment committee and ultimately the tri-board meetings as we reviewed future equipment replacement costs,” Bellows Falls municipal manager Scott Pickup said in a recent interview.

“The scope then grew to include facilities, operations, training, and future needs for the community.

The process was originally estimated to cost \$30,000, however, an additional \$5,000 increase was unanimously approved by the Bellows Falls Village Trustees in a recent board meeting, bringing the total cost of the study to \$52,000. The Town of Rockingham has now contributed \$20,000 to the cost of the study.

“The overall costs increased as we developed a more comprehensive scope,” Pickup added, “but we are hopeful that the study and the recommendations will act as an additional tool for the elected officials to invest wisely in the fire services.”

The original concept of conducting the efficiency study came about when the Saxtons River Village Trustees were considering building a new fire station to support the village’s small department. That is when it was decided to create a joint effort in conjunction with the Town of Rockingham and the Village of Bellows

Falls. Bellows Falls also received and contributed a \$15,000 U. S. Department of Agriculture grant to help with the costs of the project.

In other local fire department news, the Bellows Falls Fire Department recently completed some upgrades, including additional parking and a new access door on the south end of the building. “We also replaced rotted trim boards and some gutters around the perimeter of the building,” Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis said in a recent interview.

“On the police department side of the building, some excavating was done along the foundation, the wall was sealed, and the fill sloped away from the building to help prevent water from seeping into the basement. We also had additional snow breaks added to the roof to prevent excessive snow from dumping into the parking lot, and we are also continuing to work with the State of Vermont in order to get our elevator functioning properly, as to re-open our third floor to the public,” McGinnis added.

Overflow the Opera House food drive

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It will be food instead of films when the Bellows Falls Opera House (BFOH) becomes the stage for the annual Overflow the Opera House food drive to benefit Our Place Drop-in Center on Thursday, Sept. 21.

From 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., board members and other volunteers will be on hand curbside to accept donations of food and funds to stock the food pantry at Our Place.

Employees of Chroma Technology and Sonnax are also playing a role in making the drive a big hit by holding in-house drives and providing on-site help, and the BFOH is also a sponsor. KOOL-FM radio will be broad-

casting live to encourage listeners to support the effort.

Also taking part are members of the Bellows Falls Rotary Club and the Bellows Falls Woman’s Club, which are both holding in-house food drives.

Donors can visit an online site that allows anyone to “buy” a seat at the Opera House with a \$20 donation.

“We’re hoping to fill all 500 plus seats in the theater with either a bag of groceries, or a \$20 donation,” said Our Place executive director David Billings. “That \$20 represents a food box for a family.”

Donations can be made at www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com/special-events anytime, or by stopping by the Opera house during the drive.

Billings said monetary

donations are more important than ever because so many of the people Our Place helps are the employed poor, who are facing increases in the cost of housing, transportation, and food, and don’t qualify for other assistance programs.

“We have better leverage with our food dollars than the average shopper,” he said, “so donating money stretches the dollars even further.”

“That’s very important in Vermont,” he said, “because food costs here are 25% more than the national average.”

Information about Our Place and the drive can be found at www.ourplacevermont.org, on Facebook, or by contacting Our Place at 802-463-2217.

Senior Solutions Age Successfully Fair

REGION – Senior Solutions, council on aging for southeastern Vermont, in partnership with Bellows Falls Area Senior Center and Parks Place Community Resource Center, will be holding an “Age Successfully” health and benefits fair at the Waypoint Center, 17 Depot Street in Bellows Falls, on Friday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., rain or shine. A free barbecue

will be available from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

Exhibitors include teams from Senior Solutions, 3SquaresVT food program, Meals on Wheels, Parks Place Community Resource Center, the Bellows Falls Senior Center, AARP Fraud Watch Network, The Gathering Place and

Springfield Adult Day Care Services, Brattleboro Area Hospice, Dartmouth Cancer Center community outreach and engagement, fire safety with the State of Vermont Fire Marshal’s Office, Green Mountain RSVP, HCRS, Lifeline Phones and services, Main Street Arts, The MOOver transportation services, NorthStar Health, the Rockingham Free Library, SEVCA, Tai Chi Vermont demonstrations, Valley Health Con-

nections, Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, and WOOL-FM, who will be broadcasting a portion of the fair.

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

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Upcoming Bellows Falls Pride events

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Pride has been planning upcoming events through the end of the year.

On Friday, Sept. 22, there will be a community dance at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge. DJ Uncle Thicc returns to the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street, once again for a night of dancing tunes. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic or order in. A full bar is available. This is a family friendly event. Special meet and greet with Roger Barraby, running for Pride at the November 2023 Gay Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. Inspire your young adults

with his story. Barraby is sponsored by the LGBT National Help Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 – For National Coming Out Day, attend a special public event to honor the people who made a difference to the LGBTQ+ community, past and present. The historic marker for the Andrews Inn is now visible to all since it's been moved in front of the Windham Hotel building. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge at Ciao Popolo, the former home of the Andrews Inn, to recognize their accomplishments. Bar and full dinner menu will be available for purchase; reservations appreciated by Ciao Popolo. A Queer Youth Performance in the style of Commedia del Arte will be presented by Sean Roberts as part of the event. Afterward, stay for "Tales From the Lounge," a chance to share remembrances of the years when the Andrews Inn was, for many, the only place where the LGBTQ+ community could feel safe and accepted.

Saturday, Oct. 14 – The

first annual Tweed Ride and Picnic, in honor of Andrews Inn founder and Bellows Falls resident John Moisis. A tweed ride is a casual, slow, communal ride, where bike riders dress in vintage attire. John Moises, proprietor of the Andrews Inn (the first LGBT bar in Vermont) was known for his fabulous outfits, his fur coat notwithstanding. Gather in the Square near the Andrews Inn historic marker at 11 a.m. Ride commences at 11:30 a.m. All styles and families are welcome. We'll end in Hetty Green Park for a Bring Your Own Picnic (BYOP). Bring something from home or grab something from one of the local shops.

Friday, Dec. 8 – Cap off the year with a Holiday Drag Show at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street, on Friday, Dec. 8, featuring queens from the north with Anita Cocktail and Friends. Doors open at 8:30, show starts at 9 p.m. Stay tuned for more information about ticket purchase and other festive fun.

Need a bike? Check out the Bellows Falls Community Bike Project. For information about tweed outings, check out the New England Tweed Club and Greater Boston Vintage Society on Facebook.

Visiting nurse information

REGION – Learn about the variety of services that Visiting Nurse and Hospice (VNH) for Vermont and New Hampshire offer at the Rockingham Library on Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m., or at Springfield Town Library on Sept. 21, at 1 p.m.

Anthony Kox of VNH

states, "Our mission is to deliver outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve. We will discuss our home health and hospice programs, which are the most recognized services, but we will also talk about our long-term care service and our

maternal child health services. The VNH provides support for individuals from before a child is born until the end of life, and everything in between." The VNH is active in over 100 towns across Vermont and New Hampshire. These events are free and open to the public.

Michael Tougias at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m., at the Rockingham Library, New York Times bestselling author Michael Tougias offers a narrated slide presentation about the rich history of New England's longest river. He takes the viewer down the entire 410 miles of the river, discussing history from the days of loggers, Indian Wars, steamships, and canals. Suggestions for day trips and weekend outings are included.

Tougias is a graduate of St. Michael's College,

and has received several awards for his writing, including the Editor's Choice Award from the American Library Association for his book about a sea rescue in the Blizzard of 1978 titled "Ten Hours Until Dawn." His book "There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse: The Vermont Misadventures of a Mountain Man Wannabe" won the Best Nature Book of the Year from the Independent Publishers. Tougias is a frequent guest on ABC's "20/20," NPR, and other national TV and radio programs.

"400 Miles Down the Connecticut River" is a

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Dear Editor,

My name is Scott McManus, and I am a resident of Springfield and am also employed by the Springfield School District as a special educator at the high school. I am writing to bring awareness to our cause. Over a

year and a half ago, we lost a beloved member of our community named Brendon Snide. Brendon was a brother and son to his family, and a friend to many in the community. Moreover, he was a valued member of our local skate community that spreads across Vermont and abroad. It was when he passed that we decided to start raising money to fix up the Springfield Skate Park in his honor. To leave him a legacy would never take away the pain of losing him, but would allow us to make meaning of this horrific situation.

A year and a few months later, we found ourselves to have reached our goal

of \$5,000 for the improvements. Contracting with a local skater who owns his own concrete company named Scotty Dixon of Tail Block Concrete LLC, and a couple weeks of hard work and dedication, we found ourselves staring down Brendon Snide's memorial feature at the skatepark that he grew up skating. It was a beautiful sight to see. We are hoping to go before the selectboard to change the name of the park to "Brendon Snide Memorial Park." Thank you for your time.

Best,
Scott McManus
Springfield, Vt.

Terrier Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The 2023 Terrier Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at the American Legion, 42 Rockingham Road on Sept. 29, starting at 6 p.m. Come celebrate the 2023 inductees: Stanley Budzik, William Burton, Brent Lisai, Mary Lou Massucco, and Edward Vancor. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot now by emailing kim.wilkinson@wnesu.com.

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Very personal correspondence

BY RON PATCH

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In the past I have written about mourning covers. They are a black-bordered envelope announcing someone close had died. Below are two mourning notecards I found interesting. Ira Colby was an attorney in Claremont.

Dec. 29, 1926 postmark
“372 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

December 25th, 1926
Private

My dear Mr. Colby,
The health of my dear husband had not been good for a long time previous to his death, but we never spoke of what was to be done when the end came. Sometimes in the evening when we were sitting quietly together, he talked a good deal about all the dear ones he used to live with at Claremont, + it made me

wonder if he wished to rest with them, – but he said not a word about that.

I remember that you wrote (before the death of Mrs. Kelsey) that there were still places for three in the Claremont lot.

Everything was so sudden at the end, + I was greatly distressed, + in great doubt as to what I ought to do. I bought a lot at Mount Auburn Cemetery where Jewett now rests, + there were plans to make final preparations in the ground, after the frost goes away.

Jewett had three desks, and in one of them, I found today, a little paper in his own hand-writing, rather conspicuously placed in a drawer which perhaps he thought I would open it at once, but I did not.

It just says: Claremont, N.H. George D. Stiles Supt. Of Cemetery, George H. Stoughton, Undertaker and Funeral Director.

The finding of this little

paper has caused me some anxiety, as I would do anything in the world to carry out Jewett's every wish. I now write to ask you if he ever said or wrote anything about it to you.

Please tell me very frankly what you think about it, – and might I have the third place in the family-lot, if Jewett were taken there – as I would wish to rest with my dearly loved husband.

All in good time, you will hear about Jewett's addition to the Way Memorial Fund. He was so interested in getting this done, + it is just a matter of time now. His affairs are in the hands of The Old Colony Trust Company + they move cautiously, slowly but wisely, + in the end, I assure you, all will be well.

With kindest messages to you and Mrs. Colby,

Yours very sincerely,
Emma B. Moore.”

The second mourning cover postmarked Feb. 3, 1927

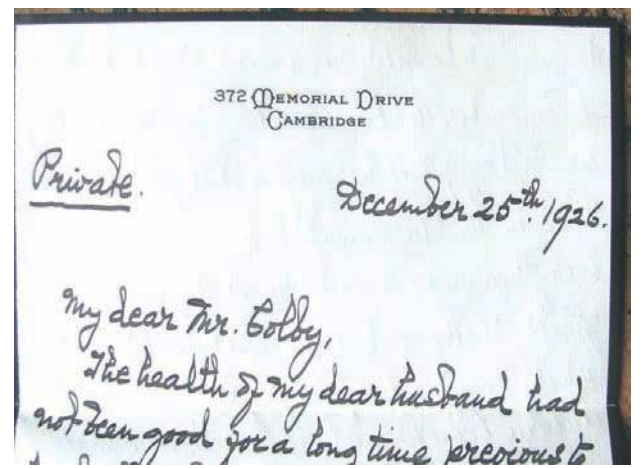
“February 3rd, 1927

My dear Mr. Colby, I send you my sincere thanks for your kind letter of the 2nd inst., and also for the three notes from Dr. Smith, Mr. Stoughton and Mr. Stiles, which touched me very deeply, and I am grateful to you for letting me have them.

Jewett and I were great believers in the happiness of the married life, and one of our chief pleasures was in sending wedding-gifts to the dear young people in whom we were interested. I love to think of Carolyn + and her happy plans for her marriage to Mr. Chellis. I am glad for you and Mrs. Colby that they are to be so near you.

With kindest messages to all, Yours very sincerely,
Emma B. Moore.”

Danny Clemons found



Emma Moore mourning notecard. Notice black borders. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Forris Jewett and Emma Baker Tod Moore are buried in Pleasant Street Cemetery in Claremont. When it cools down, Danny and I will go to Claremont to say hello. They don't get many visitors.

Forris Jewett Moore was born in 1867, in Pittsfield, Mass. Emma Baker Tod was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1860. Emma and Jewett were married in 1892.

Moore began his career as an assistant at Amherst College in 1889. In 1893,

he took a position of an instructor in chemistry at Cornell. In 1894, he was appointed an assistant in chemistry, and instructor in 1895 at Cornell. By 1902 he was assistant professor, and made associate professor in 1910 at Cornell.

I wonder what Jewett's connection to Claremont was.

This week's old saying would apply to Jewett: "He has more degrees than a thermometer."

Diner historian Richard J.S. Gutman to present —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Born during World War II, a beloved hometown Vermont institution, Worcester Lunch Car #771, a.k.a. the Miss Bellows Falls Diner, is coming back to life. Celebrate the history of the diner, listed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation National Register, on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Rockingham Free Public Library. Diner historian Richard J. S. Gutman will be the guest speaker.

Gutman is the author of “American Diner Then and Now.” In an illustrated lecture, Gutman will trace the evolution of these everyday eateries built by the Worcester Lunch Car Company, of which the Miss Bellows Falls is a prime example.

The forebears of diners were horse-drawn lunch wagons that first plied the streets 150 years ago in the industrial towns of the northeast, very much the food trucks of their day. As factories emerged to produce the restaurants-on-wheels, the Worcester Lunch Car and Carriage Manufacturing Co. was founded in 1906, and became our region's preeminent builder.

In the words of Charles P. Gemme, designer of all 651 of their diners, “Why, you couldn't go into a town in New England without seeing a Worcester Lunch Car!”

Charlie Hunter, Bellows Falls resident, artist, and board member of Rockingham For Progress, contacted Gutman for advice on the Miss Bellows Falls diner restoration project. “I was first introduced to Richard Gutman when I was a teenager and a fan of photo-realist diner painter John Baeder in the 1970s. Baeder often referenced Gutman's book, “American



The interior of the Miss Bellows Falls Diner. PHOTO PROVIDED

Diner,” and when it was reprinted, I snapped up a copy. A few years ago, when I started to post to Instagram for my art business, I saw that Richard Gutman had a vigorous presence there, and started following him. When Rockingham For Progress started working on the Miss Bellows Falls project, we knew we needed a diner expert in our corner, and I reached out to him.”

A succession of owners kept the diner alive until the pandemic began. In 2020, the building was shuttered, and three years later, had fallen into disrepair. Rockingham For Progress, a nonprofit formed in 2016 to promote progressive economic development and appreciation of the historic and cultural value of Bellows Falls, undertook

the challenge of restoring The Miss Bellows Falls Diner to its original working condition. This is the second of three informational programs about the project. The 7 p.m. public events are free, and will be held in the third-floor function room at 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls. Registration is not necessary, and the room is accessible via elevator. Programs will be recorded and made available for later viewing. For more information, visit www.rockinghamforprogress.org.

FOLA presents “Green Book”

LUDLOW, Vt. – “Green Book” is FOLA's next movie on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., in the Heald Auditorium of Ludlow Town Hall.

Released in 2018, “Green Book” is a heartwarming and thought-provoking film directed by Peter Farrelly, starring Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali in the principal roles. Set against the backdrop of the racially segregated Deep South in the 1960s, the movie tells the true story of a remarkable friendship that transcends prejudice and societal norms.

The film centers on Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), an Italian-American bouncer with a rough exterior, who finds himself employed as the chauffeur and bodyguard for Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a talented African-American pianist embarking on a concert tour through the racially turbulent South. As they journey together through a series of hotels, restaurants, and concert halls, their unlikely bond deepens, challenging their preconceptions and prejudices, while provid-

ing a poignant and humorous exploration of cultural differences.

“Green Book” received widespread critical acclaim for its touching portrayal of friendship and its examination of race relations in America. Critics praised the outstanding performances of Mortensen and Ali, who brought their characters to life with depth and authenticity. The film's humor, compassion, and ultimately uplifting message resonated with audiences and critics alike, making it a standout in the genre of feel-good cinema.


The film's critical acclaim translated into numerous awards and accolades, including the prestigious Academy Award for Best Picture in 2019. Mahershala Ali earned an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of Dr. Don Shirley, while the film also received Oscars for Best Original Screenplay. In the

end, “Green Book” stands as a testament to the enduring power of friendship and the potential for change, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

The movie is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. For more information, call 802-228-3238, or visit www.fola.us.

Blue Flames concert postponed

WESTON, Vt. – The Blue Flames steel drum concert has been postponed due to forecasted storms. The concert will now take place Saturday, Sept. 16, at 4 p.m., on the Weston Town Green.



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Music on the Mountain

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 17, from 2-5 p.m., “Music on the Mountain” welcomes Carlos Ocasio and the FryDaddy band to the Belmont Village Green.

The FryDaddy Band has been serving up a fiery blend of classic rock ‘n’ roll and blues, with a peppering of Latin soul, for over 30 years here in Vermont. Their front man Carlos Ocasio is a premier singer and guitarist, who prepares the spiciest licks in the Green Mountains. Once you’ve heard Carlos, you always

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So get ready to “dance your grass off!” Bring a blanket, bring a chair, and stay hydrated, because you’re going to be moving the entire time. Local Belmont singer-songwriter Jenny Porter will open things up with tunes from her new album “Into the Waves,” then jazzy, rockin’ Mr. Pianoman Jamie Ward takes over to get things jamming.

Our sponsors for this event are Mary Davis Real Estate, the Mount Holly Beer Co., the Belmont Gen-

eral store, VTel, and Vermont Landscaping and Stonework. We are so grateful for their support.

Belmont Village Green is located on Belmont Road in Mount Holly, two miles from the intersection with Route 103.

Come and enjoy classic rock ‘n’ roll and the blues. All your donations for this concert will go to the Mount Holly Community Association. Bring your friends and family to “Music On The Mountain,” Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m.

Swing and tango lessons at Main Street Arts

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Pivot into autumn with swing and tango dance lessons with Matt Peake and Friends at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, Vt. The lessons will be held on the following Thursday evenings: Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14, starting at 6:30 p.m.

There is a small fee per lesson. No experience is necessary, and a partner is

not required. Bring dance shoes or wear clean shoes you can pivot in.

“Because the interest continues to be high for swing dancing and tango dancing, Matt Peake and Friends will be offering another series of back to back lessons in East Coast swing and Argentine tango on Thursday evenings,” said Peake. “We hope to use the same format of a short lesson to begin

each hour, then continue dancing for the rest of each hour,” he continued.

This will be a mixed levels series, so for those who have no swing or tango experience, we will meet with new swing dancers from 6:30-7 p.m. to learn some basics ahead of the swing lesson. Likewise, for tango, we are doing the lesson at 8 p.m., and then can help catch up new tango dancers afterwards and from 9 p.m. to whenever for those who want to stay longer.

Main Street Arts’ mission is to be a catalyst for arts and community, fostering creative expression through artistic experiences, accessible to all.

For more information or questions, please contact Main Street Arts at 802-869-2960 or info@mainstreetarts.org.

Ray Massucco Concert Series continues Sept. 23 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m., Chris Smither returns to the Bellows Falls Opera House as part of the 2023 Ray Massucco Concert Series.

Chris Smither, the towering figure in American acoustic blues, burst onto the singer-songwriter scene in the late 1960s with a unique finger-picking style and a ragged world-weary voice. Along the way he amassed major fans, folks like the late founder of Little Feat, Lowell George, and Townes Van Zandt, who, amongst other things, always credited Smither with saving his life in a Florida swimming pool one hazy night, and Bonnie

Raitt, whose recording of Smither’s “Love You Like A Man” entered the pantheon of stone-cold classics any number of years ago. With eighteen albums under his belt and one of the most stellar reputations a living guitar god could hope to have, Smither returns to Vermont.

Opening the show is Windham County’s favorite son Matt Lorenz, a.k.a. The Suitcase Junket, who builds his own instruments from scrap and salvage, and homesteads in western Massachusetts. Lorenz has collaborated with Smither, originally from New Orleans but now a Bay State resident as well, on several albums, laying down backing rhythms behind Smither’s steadily tapping toe and

intricate, Mississippi John Hurt guitar figures.

Ray Massucco, for whom the series is named, was a beloved local lawyer and indefatigable music supporter, and passed away unexpectedly in September 2022. Next Stage Arts of Putney is co-presenting the series with Ray’s The Roof Productions. Media sponsor is Great Eastern Radio. The final concert of the 2023 series is scheduled for Nov. 5, featuring the Vermont Symphony Orchestra with vocalist Kat Wright.

The Bellows Falls Opera House is located at 7 Village Square. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information online at www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com, or call 802-387-0102.

Canal Street Gallery shows glass and pastel

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents “Glass | Pastel,” a group show exhibiting blown and sculpted glass with pastel paintings from local artists. “Glass | Pastel” opens Sept. 15, and is on view through Nov. 4. Join the Gallery on Third Friday Gallery Night on Sept. 15, from 5-7 p.m., to celebrate and meet the artists. All gallery events are free and open to the public, and fully accessible. For wheelchair accessibility call 802-289-0104 upon arrival.

Artists in the show include Clare Adams, Robert Burch, Deedee Jones, Nicholas Kekic, Marcie Maynard, Patricia McPike, Melissa Rubin, Chris Sherwin,

and Maggie F. Smith. Clare Adams, based in Cambridgeport, Vt., shows new reverse painted glass. Robert Burch, based in Putney, Vt., creates a new series of ocean and beach inspired blown glass. Deedee Jones, based in Brattleboro, Vt., makes pastel paintings of the Vermont landscape and water from the artist’s travels. Nicholas Kekic, based in Bellows Falls, Vt., blows glass vessels using traditional venetian techniques with modern designs. Marcie Maynard, based in Bellows Falls, Vt., displays a collection of pastel paintings of boats, marshes, and still lifes. Patricia McPike, based in Brattleboro, Vt., offers a selection of pastel paintings focused on vibrant colors from the places the artist spends time. Melissa Rubin,

based in Cambridgeport, Vt., brings a series of pastel paintings of seabirds to the show. Chris Sherwin, based in Bellows Falls, Vt., is making new series such as underwater themed glass paperweights with lily pads and frogs. Maggie F. Smith, based in Putney, Vt., exhibits pastel paintings of landscapes and architecture.

Pastel paintings are known for saturated colors and layered textures. Fine art glass is known for its intricate layers, detailed patterns, bold colors, and unmistakable forms and shapes.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.



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Jazz duo to perform at MSA

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – West Coast guitarist John Stowell joins New England guitarist Draa Hobbs for a jazz performance on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Main Street Arts (MSA) in Saxtons River, Vt.

Tickets are available from the MSA website at www.mainstreetarts.org.

The duo has been performing together for more than a dozen years, and has developed an intimate conversational style that leaves

audiences amazed and asking for more.

Stowell is an internationally recognized jazz guitarist and educator who has performed throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and South America.

Hobbs performs in concerts and clubs throughout New England, and has performed in France and toured Germany. Having apprenticed with Hungarian guitarist Attila Zoller, Hobbs went on to perform in concerts

with some of the top names in jazz, including Don Friedman, Ron McClure, Eliot Zigmund, Peter Bernstein, Steve Cardenas, David Amram, and numerous other world class musicians.

In addition to original compositions from a recent recording project by Hobbs, the duo will be performing a wide variety of music from the classic jazz repertoire featuring compositions by Duke Ellington, Dave Brubeck, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Billy Strayhorn, Kenny Wheeler, and familiar standards from the Great American Songbook.

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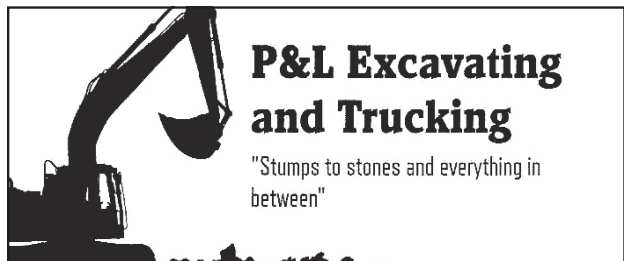
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- 10:30 a.m.: Ventriloquist (Chester Baptist Church)
- 11 a.m.: Sheepherding Demo (Ag. area)
- 11 a.m.: Cemetery Tour (by Cannon)
- 12 p.m.: Ventriloquist (Chester Baptist Church)
- 12:30–2:30 p.m.: Pete Downing (Music, Info Booth)
- 1 p.m.: Cemetery Tour (by Cannon)
- 1:30 p.m.: Ventriloquist (Chester Baptist Church)
- 3 p.m.: Cemetery Tour (by Cannon)

SUNDAY, 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

- 9–11 a.m.: Johnny O. (Ag. area)
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Brooks Hubbard (Music, Info Booth)
- 11 a.m.: Cemetery Tour (by Cannon)
- 12 p.m.: Animal presentation from The Vermont Natural History Museum
- 12:15–1 p.m.: Chris Pallutto (Music, Info Booth)
- 1 p.m.: Cemetery Tour (by Cannon)
- 1 p.m.: Ventriloquist (Chester Baptist Church)
- 3 p.m.: Sheepherding Demo (Ag. area)
- 3 p.m.: Cemetery Tour (by Cannon)
- 2:15–4 p.m.: Red River North (Music, Info Booth)



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Republican Town Caucus

All Republican voters of the town/city of Weathersfield,

County of Windsor

are hereby notified, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2303, to meet in caucus on **Tuesday, SEPT. 19th, 2023** at the **Martin Memorial Hall** at **6:00 pm.**
(Day of week) (Month/Date) (Time)
(Place of Caucus)

The Agenda for this Caucus is as follows:
I. Election of Town Committee
II. Election of Officers by the Town Committee
III. Election of County Committee Members
IV. New Business

Inquiries should be directed to:
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The Town of Londonderry is hiring for a newly created Mountain Towns Recreation Director position. The MTRD will be responsible for administering youth sports programs, overseeing Londonderry's four town parks, and expanding recreational opportunities for all residents of the Mountain Towns. This position manages, directs, and provides leadership for the administration, finances, and efficient operation of all aspects of current and future recreation programs and Londonderry's Parks. We are seeking an individual who is highly motivated, detail oriented, has initiative, excellent communication skills, is able to effectively collaborate and coordinate with other agencies and programs. Previous job experience or educational background preferred. Full time, salary with benefits. The application period will be 9/10/23-10/1/23. Background check and fingerprinting is required if hired. To apply, please submit a cover letter and job application (resume is optional) to townclerk@londonderryvt.org or in person/by mail to Londonderry Town Clerk 100 Old School Street South Londonderry, VT 05155. Job description and application can be found at www.londonderryvt.org.

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 Hirschak.

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Answers

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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.

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CHESTER HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROJECT FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER BO 1442 (39)

On September 13, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), cooperating with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and the Town of Chester (Town), will release for public review a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed Town of Chester Highway Bridge Project (Project). The Public comment period will be open from September 13, 2023, until October 13, 2023.

The purpose of the Project is to address the structural and functional deficiencies of two Town-owned bridges spanning the Williams River in Chester (the Thompson Road Bridge and the Jewett Road Bridge, respectively); and to address safety concerns at the intersections of these two roads with Vermont Route 103 (VT 103).

The Project proposes the construction of one new bridge situated between the current Thompson Road Bridge (TH 18, Bridge 62) and Jewett Road Bridge (TH 78, Bridge 72), both of which are undersized and do not comply with current design codes. The new bridge will be a two-lane structure measuring approximately 75 feet long and 30 feet wide.

The Project is being funded by the FHWA through its Federal-aid highway Program. As a Federally-funded Project, the EA is being made available pursuant to FHWA regulations implementing NEPA, which can be found at 23 CFR 771.

The EA contains information on the purpose and need for the proposed project; the range of alternatives considered; and an evaluation of the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, including its direct effects, indirect effects, and cumulative impacts. The EA and its associated exhibits may be viewed at the Vermont Agency of Transportation webpage: <https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/12j616>

A hard copy is available for review at the Chester Town Clerk's Office at 556 Elm St, Chester, VT.

A public hearing on the EA is scheduled for September 28, 2023, at the Town Hall Second Floor Meeting Room, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT. A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference is available on the Town of Chester website home page at <https://www.chestervt.gov/>. An informational session will be held before the start of the formal hearing from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with the hearing called to order at 6:30 PM. The hearing will conclude at 8:00 PM. At the informational session, Project plans and information will be available for viewing and the project team will be available to answer questions. Written and verbal comments will be accepted at the public hearing.

Your feedback and support are vital as we move forward with this project. The FHWA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the EA. Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts, the adequacy of the Proposed Action or merits of alternatives, and the mitigation being considered. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the Agency aware of the reviewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the EA and related documents. Comments may be presented verbally at the public hearing, or may be submitted in writing until October 13, 2023, to:

Elizabeth Shipley
Environmental and ROW Program Manager
Federal Highway Administration, Vermont Division
Federal Building, Suite 216
87 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
Elizabeth.Shipley@DOT.gov

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) of South Burlington, VT is the engineering and environmental services firm working with VTrans and the Town of Chester on the environmental permitting and design development for the Project. An overview of the Project will be provided at the hearing and representatives from VTrans will be present to receive public comments.

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- John Specker in studio
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- Pres. Coolidge Response to 1923 Japan Earthquake

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calendar

CHURCH SERVICES

SEPT. 16 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield United Methodist Church is having its Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 10 Valley Street. There will be many great items available, as well as coffee and donuts for sale. Everyone is welcome.

SEPT. 17 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Lynne Fisk will present “The History of the Congregational Church” on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m., at the Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St. This will be an informative historical

tour of the church, with refreshments to be served in the Pine Room following the tour.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Community members are invited to a gather for a free covered dish supper on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m., at the community building at 24 Main St. The supper is sponsored by 24 Main, Inc., the nonprofit formed after the closing of Christ’s Church. A variety of casseroles, breads, and desserts will be available for all diets. Entrance to the building is through the rear door off River Street.

SEPT. 23 –
WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – There will be a Community Contra Dance and Social held at the Weathersfield Center Meetinghouse, 2579 Weathersfield Center Rd., on Sept. 23, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Parking is in the field across from the meetinghouse. Caller Mary Wesley will guide everyone through the dances, and live music will be provided by Naomi Morse (fiddle) and Amy Englesberg (piano). No special clothing, footwear, or experience is required. There will be potluck snacks and dessert after the dancing. Feel free to bring simple finger food to share, as well as beer, wine, seltzer, or other beverage. Children and family tickets are discounted.

SEPT. 25 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., will host Bingo on Sept. 25, from 1-3 p.m. This event is free, and cash prizes will be awarded, as well as a door prize. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 802-228-7421.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Monday, Sept. 25, from 12-5:30 p.m., at the Ludlow American Legion. Call 100-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

SEPT. 29 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The 2023 Terrier Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at the American Legion, 42 Rockingham Road on Sept. 29, starting at 6 p.m. Come celebrate the 2023 inductees: Stanley Budzik, William Burton, Brent Lisai, Mary Lou Massucco, and Edward Vancor. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot now by emailing kim.wilkinson@wnesu.com.

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.aa.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 –
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.

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.

BELLOWS FALLS

Rockingham Meeting House, 11 Meeting House Rd.
 Pastor Rich O’Donnell of the First Congregational Church of Westminster, and Pastor Matthew Nelson-Rogalski of the United Church in Bellows Falls, along with their congregations, invite all to a combined Sunday Service at the Rockingham Meeting House on Sept 17, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
 On Sunday, Sept. 17, come hear about a man of faith, and one who was searching in a sermon titled “Music and Faith.” In these difficult and scary times, our faith might be buried deep, hard to reach. Let’s hear how others do it. Rev. Lisa Kirk comes from a Roman Catholic Background, and is ever grateful for her learning about faith through the devotion of her elders regarding their religious convictions. Although those convictions were never shared, strength in faith was. She serves as pulpit supply in several pulpits in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Vermont, and as a prison chaplain for a man she’s been seeing for seven years. She works as a part-time hospice chaplain. Lisa has volunteered in ministry for the homeless, and as a soup kitchen cook. She lives in Townsend, Mass., with her housemate and friend, and their three cats Sam, Elly, and Brady. Join in person, or contact chestervtu@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

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 by Linda Thistle

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ACROSS

1 Stetson, e.g.
 4 Big gulp
 8 Miles away
 12 Boxing legend
 13 Galileo’s birthplace
 14 Tubular pasta
 15 Comedy club
 17 Streetcar
 18 Attack
 19 Poem of praise
 21 Old Ford model
 22 Frenzied
 26 Stupefies
 29 AAA job
 30 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
 31 Sacred bird of Egypt
 32 Sushi fish
 33 Nile queen, familiarly
 34 Capitol Hill VIP
 35 Passing craze
 36 Sacred song
 37 Browbeat
 39 Indent key
 40 Gallery display
 41 High-flying battle
 45 Rotate
 48 Large land measures
 50 Out of control

DOWN

1 “Funny!”
 2 Hearty quaffs
 3 Twitches
 4 Divides
 5 Brandish
 6 Medit. nation
 7 Hybrid fuel
 8 Ancient

Mexican
 9 Tail tree
 10 — loss
 11 Brink
 16 Curly-leaf cabbages
 20 Morning moisture
 23 Lean to one side
 24 “Got it”
 25 Coagulate
 26 Plate
 27 “... sting like ...”
 28 Galvanizing matter
 29 Media mogul
 32 Terrestrial
 33 Hooded snake
 35 Supporting
 36 Rum cocktail
 38 Armored vehicles
 39 Unspoken
 42 Legal document
 43 Aviation prefix
 44 Answer an invite
 45 Make lace
 46 Hollywood’s Thurman
 47 Aussie hopper
 49 Shoe width

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obituaries

Mary M. Barber, 1947-2023

CONCORD, N.H. – Mary Barber, 76, died on Aug. 31, 2023, at her home in Concord, N.H., after a courageous battle with a terminal illness. She had the love of her life, Clark, by her side. Mary was born on Aug. 15, 1947, and raised in Bellows Falls, Vt. She lived in the Bellows Falls area until she moved to Concord, N.H., at the age of 68. She is survived by her husband of 42 years Clark Barber. After having their first date when she was 16 years old, they were reunited later in life, and married in 1981. Mary is also survived by her daughters Cheryl Reed Niyangoda (Sujith) of Norwell, Mass., and Tammy Armstrong (Jon) of Rockingham, Vt.; step daughters Heidi Barber of Marshfield, Mass., and Shelly Barber of Greensboro, N.C.; grandchildren Daniel Armstrong (Samantha), Christopher Armstrong (Olivia), Ethan and Emilia Niyangoda, and Garrett Walker; and many nieces and nephews. She was also blessed to have spent time with her two great-granddaughters Elanor and Lydia, and learned of a great grandson to be.



Mary Barber, 1947-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

walk,” for the local FACT TV station.

Along with her fierce love of, and dedication to, her family, Mary was a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox. She also committed countless hours to her community. Some examples of her service include her many years as a Vermont Justice of the Peace in Rockingham, her membership in the Elks Post 1619, volunteering as a poll worker for many elections, and serving on the Rockingham School Board and Windham Northeast Supervisory Union School Board.

Mary was predeceased by her parents Emma (Baldasaro) and Stanley Marino Sr., her sister Rosemarie Shaughnessy, her brother Joseph Marino, and an older brother who died at birth. She is survived by Stanley Marino Jr. of Keene, N.H.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge at 59 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt., on Saturday, Nov. 25, where people can drop in from 1-4 p.m., to remember and honor Mary with family and friends. A Facebook invite will follow, and R.S.V.P.s will be much appreciated.

Contributions in honor of Mary's memory can be made through a children's book donation in her name to the Rockingham Children's Library, or a local children's library of your choice, or to Grace Episcopal Church, 30 Eastman Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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

Kassandra A. Beebe, 1989-2023

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. – Kassandra Ann Beebe, 34, passed away on July 15, 2023, in Atlantic City, N.J.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1989, in Lebanon, N.H., to Robert L. Beebe and Irene (Crate) Leonard.

She is survived by her parents Robert and Irene; her two children Kayanna Kelley and Broly Johnson; her siblings Sarah Danek, Duane Beebe, and Kendra Renzede; her grandmother Ann Cook; her aunts and uncles on her father's side Jean and Bill Holt, Shirley Beebe, Pauline and Dale Rheume, and Loreen Parker; her aunts and uncles on her mother's side Eric Crate, Roberta Laclair, Lyle Edwards, Louis Edwards, and Anita Towne.



Kassandra Beebe, 1989-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents Robert and Elizabeth Beebe, and by her maternal grandfather Alexander Crate.

A celebration of Kassandra's life will be held on Sept. 24, at Knapp Pond in Cavendish, Vt., at 2 p.m.

Robert J. Hewitt, 1961-2023

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Robert J. Hewitt, 84, of Saxtons River, Vt., passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was born on April 20, 1939, in Luzerne, Pa., to Ernest and Geraldine (Grabsky) Hewitt. He married Jacqueline Jenkins on August 25, 1961, in Luzerne, and they remained together until her passing in May 2017.

Bob graduated from Luzerne High School, and went on to receive his teaching degree from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. After earning his degree, he taught high school in New Jersey, while also performing research at the pharmaceutical company Squibb, with the team that developed synthetic penicillin.

In 1968, he moved to Vermont, where he continued teaching science and photography at Vermont Academy, retiring in 2001. Bob spent his retirement years perfecting his self-taught woodworking skills, attending craft fairs in southern Vermont, and was always willing to strike up a conversation.

Affectionately known as “Doc,” he is survived by his three children and their fami-



Robert Hewitt, 1961-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

lies: Robert (Pamela) Hewitt of North Haven, Conn., Charles (Laura) Hewitt of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Patricia (James) Rumrill of Ludlow, Vt. He is also survived by six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and three nieces and nephews.

Bob was predeceased by his parents and his wife of 56 years, Jacqueline. A private service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt., 05101.

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

Christopher T. Coburn, 1966-2023

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – With his beloved “grand dog” Cash by his side, Chris was called home to be reunited with his father and many other loved ones on Sept. 1, 2023.

Chris was the kind of man you'd meet and instantly love. He had a way with animals that absolutely no one understood. He enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors, especially hunting in the woods of the Northeast Kingdom. He was a jack-of-all-trades, and was always there to give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

Chris was just shy of reaching 30 years of employment at Temple Plumbing and Heating in Putney.

Above all, his three children were his pride and joy.

Chris is survived by his mother Gail Coburn; sister Deb (John) Davey; daughters Kayla Coburn and Kori Coburn (Eric Laurendeau); son Colton Coburn; stepchildren Kori (Alex) Jameson, Erelyn Griffin, and Sean Griffin; expected grandson Griffin Jameson; grand-



Christopher Coburn, 1966-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

dogs Cash, Bane, Harper, and Jasper; as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-nephews.

Chris was predeceased by his father David Coburn

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, and burial will be private in Houghtonville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Coburn Memorial Fund at any 802 Credit Union.

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

Nora M. Hunter, 1946-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Nora Mae (Breen) Hunter of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Sept. 7, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She was born on Nov. 30, 1946, in Bennington, Vt., the daughter of Charles and Luella (Young) Breen. She spent her youth at the family home in Shaftsbury, Vt., and attended North Bennington High School (Class of 1965), and St. Joseph's Business College in Bennington.

On Jan. 28, 1967, she married John Hunter of North Bennington, and moved to Springfield to start a family. Nora worked briefly in the public sector, but decided to start her own business as a child daycare provider. Her location on a dead-end dirt road in North Springfield was ideal for this enterprise. She has “raised” many local youths over her 35 years in business, and has received heartfelt greetings from her former charges whenever a chance meeting took place.

Her great love of motorcycling with her husband took her far and wide, including rallies at Americade, Laconia, Mid-Ohio, Daytona Beach, and Sturgis. Their travels took them to destinations to the east like Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; to the west



Nora Hunter, 1946-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

to Yellowstone National Park, and Custer's Battlefield; south to Georgia and Alabama; north to Quebec and Ontario. In all, probably 500,000 miles over her riding career.

She leaves behind two brothers Paul and Michael; sister Valerie; her husband John; her three children, Janine of Springfield, Vt., Jean of Wilbraham, Mass. and Jon of Tiverton, R.I.; and six grandchildren.

The family would like to acknowledge the excellent love and care Nora received at the Gill Home in Ludlow. Their staff is first rate and appreciated.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 1-3 p.m. A Celebration of Life for Nora will be held from 4-6 at The Fullerton Inn in Chester, Vt.

Phyllis Kathan, 1928-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Phyllis Kenerson Kathan, 95, died peacefully in Springfield, Vt., on Aug. 26, 2023. Born on June 2, 1928, in Lynn, Mass., Phyllis was the daughter of the late Myron and Nellie (Stockwell) Kenerson, and sister of the late Muriel Kenerson Cassidy.



Phyllis Kathan, 1928-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Phyllis married the late Robert E. Kathan in 1947, and they had four children. After 22 years of marriage, they divorced, and Phyllis rose to the challenge of being a single mom.

Phyllis was a staunch Vermonter who spoke of the complexities of winter and the beauty of nature. She loved living in the country, and lived on South Hill in Ludlow for over 30 years. After a fall, she moved to an apartment at Christopher Heights Assisted Living Community in Belchertown, Mass. Three years later, when she needed nursing care, she returned to Ludlow to live at Gill Odd Fellows Home.

Phyllis loved spending time with family and friends, as well as her rescue dogs. She enjoyed nature, country music, playing the piano, reading, and doing crafts. She also enjoyed going to soccer and hockey games, as well as school events and dance recitals. Phyllis loved to travel with family and long-time friend Albert Surrette of Westerville, Ohio, enjoying such places as Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, Nova Scotia, Maine, Cape Cod, and the Adirondacks.

Phyllis was a member of the United Church of Ludlow, and also attended Hope United Methodist Church in Belchertown, Mass. She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mizpah Chapter #40, as well as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 36.

Phyllis worked for the State of Vermont as a secretary at the Department of Social Services and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in Springfield, Vt. Upon retirement, she dedicated her time to enjoying her grandchildren.

Phyllis is the loving mother of the late Robert (Buster) Kathan of Ludlow, Vt., Gregory Kathan

Paul W. Martel, 1935-2023

CONCORD, N.H. – Paul W. Martel, 87, of Concord, N.H., and formerly of Marblehead and Boston, Mass., passed away peacefully on Sept. 7, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Paul was born in Winoski, Vt., in 1935, to the late Marie Lawrence and Armand J. Martel.



Paul Martel, 1935-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Paul was raised in Ludlow, Vt., and was a proud graduate of Boston College. After commissioning, he served in the U.S. Navy, where he travelled the world. He returned to Boston, where he began a life-long career in financial services.

Paul is survived by his partner Sally S. Hatch, his daughter Joanna Spicer Marvin and husband James Marvin of Brookline, Mass., and daughter Marie Lawrence Martel and wife Erika Eberhart of Honolulu, Hawaii. He is also survived by his loving granddaughter Charlotte Marie Marvin.

He was preceded in death by his sister Ann Marie Diamond of Cheshire, Conn. Paul also leaves his nieces Kelly Diamond, Kerrin Diamond Cole (Robert Cole), and Shannon

Spicer; nephews Bruce Diamond, Jack Diamond (Margot Diamond), Sean Spicer (Rebecca Spicer), and Ryan Spicer (Emma Spicer); and several great nieces and nephews, as well as many loving friends and relatives in Ludlow, Vt., and Lake Placid, N.Y.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, from 6-8 p.m., at Davis Memorial Chapel, 99 Summer Street, Springfield, Vt. A Catholic Mass will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at 11 a.m., at the Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot Street, Ludlow, Vt. Burial to follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Reception to follow.

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Wesley Nies, 1929-2023



BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Wesley “Wes” Nies passed away on Sept. 2, 2023, at Morning Glory Manor in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Wes was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., on Nov. 29, 1929, the son of Frederick and Pearl (Lamphe) Nies.

Wesley attended school in Bellows Falls, and graduated

in 1948 and post-grad in 1949. He joined Company E, the 172nd Infantry in Bellows Falls in November 1947, and Federalized in September 1950, and later discharged from the 2nd Army in November 1951 as a master sergeant. Wes signed up again in the National Guard in Bellows Falls, and received

his commission as second lieutenant in August 1953, first lieutenant in 1956, and captain in September of 1959. He took command of Company B in Bellows Falls in June of 1960. He ended his service on Aug. 3, 1965.

Wes worked as a machine operator, draftsman, quality control, and general foreman, and fondly remembers working at Bryant Grinder Co. in Springfield, where he gained much of his experience.

Wes married Jane E. on June 16, 1950, and had a son Dale and a daughter Deborah who gave them four grandchildren. Wes was predeceased by his parents, brother Frederick “Pep” Nies, and sister Carolyn Toussaint.

Wes is survived by his loving wife Jane E. (Bryant), son Dale, daughter Deborah J. Hiltz, sister Marion Aiken of Naples, Fla., and many cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Wes says good bye to all his friends. Services will be private at his request.

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

Julian T. Northup, 1939-2023



ATHENS, Vt. – Julian Taft Northup, 84, of Athens, Vt., passed away on Aug. 16, 2023, at the Thompson House in Brattleboro, Vt. Julian, also known as Jay to some, was born on June 3, 1939, and was a loving husband and a caring father and friend.

Julian grew up in Townshend, Vt., where he spent many hours exploring the woods and hills with his dog Silky, and skiing, snowshoeing, and ski jumping. At 17, he joined the Air Force, and ended up stationed in Japan, where he met and married his wife of 64 years, Michiko. After being honorably discharged, he started his career as a master builder, applying his skills and expertise to various projects throughout his career, including building two homes for his family. Jay passed on his love for the

outdoors by taking his children camping, hiking, and canoeing, pursuits that he continued enjoying, along with hunting, fishing, and reading.

As one of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Jay enjoyed learning from the Bible and talking to others about God’s Kingdom and the hope he had of a resurrection to a paradise Earth, where his family look forward to being reunited with him.

Jay’s wife Michiko survived just 23 days beyond his passing. He is survived by his children Linda Crowson (Rob), James Northup, Robert Northup, Michelle Diggs (Brandon), Emily Abare (Reg), Jason Northup, 12 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Michael Northup (Thuy), and several



Julian Northup, 1939-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

nieces and nephews. Jay was predeceased by his mother Elizabeth Pouliot Laurie.

Special thanks to the staff of The Thompson House for taking such wonderful care of Julian and his entire family over the past few months.

At this time, there will be no services held to honor Jay’s life. His family appreciates the love and support they have received during this difficult time.

Michiko Northup, 1938-2023

ATHENS, Vt. – Michiko Northup, 85, of Athens, Vt., passed away on Sept. 8, 2023, at The Thompson House in Brattleboro, Vt. She was born Michiko Furukawa on Jan. 5, 1938, in Japan. Michiko was a kind, generous, creative, hospitable, caring, fearless, talented, and beautiful woman, who deeply loved her family and was loved immensely by them.

Growing up in World War II Japan, Michiko learned to be frugal and creative, she learned to make do. In 1959, she met and married her husband of 64 years while he was stationed with the Air Force in Japan. A year later, with an infant and limited English skills, she flew alone to join her husband at his next duty station in North Dakota. She was naturalized in 1987, which was one of her proudest achieve-

ments.

She was a wonderful, caring mother who went out of her way to put her children first and made sure they were well taken care of. She loved babies, and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Michiko sewed clothes and quilts for many in the family. She cooked and baked treats especially well. These are just some of the many ways she showed her love and thoughtfulness.

Throughout her life, Michiko pursued various careers. Some may remember that, in the 1970s, she was the proud owner of Michi’s Pizza in Bellows Falls, Vt. Later, she dedicated 25 years of service to Vermont Medical in Rockingham, Vt.

In her free time, Michiko enjoyed hobbies, including quilting, sewing, knitting and crocheting, cooking, baking, gardening, and



Michiko Northup, 1938-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

passionately following the Red Sox.

Michiko is survived by her loving children Linda Crowson (Rob), James Northup, Robert Northup, Michelle Diggs (Brandon), Emily Abare (Reg), Jason Northup, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Julian T. Northup, as well as her father and mother, Kenjiro and Fude Furukawa.

Michiko Northup will be remembered for her warm heart, creative spirit, and unwavering dedication to her family. Her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The family would like to thank the Thompson House staff for their kindness and caring while taking care of Michiko for the past 16 months. Their tireless commitment to elder care has truly been a great help and relief to the family, and very much appreciated.

As per her wishes, no services are planned. Her family appreciates the love and support they have received during this difficult time.

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