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Fairy House Festival celebrates the magic of nature

BY PAULA BENSON

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GRAFTON, Vt. – The Fairy House Festival marked its fifteenth year of celebrating the magic of Vermont's fall season, in the fields and woods behind The Nature Museum on Townshend Road. This year's event was held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24. The gloomy skies did not dampen the festivities, as visitors, some in costumes or fairy wings,

walked along the Fairy House Trail to marvel at the details of each miniature creation.

Each of the installations was crafted by volunteers using natural materials like stones, shells, flowers, moss, and plenty of imagination. Families and local groups look forward to coming up with a new theme every year, and a lot of work goes into executing the concepts.

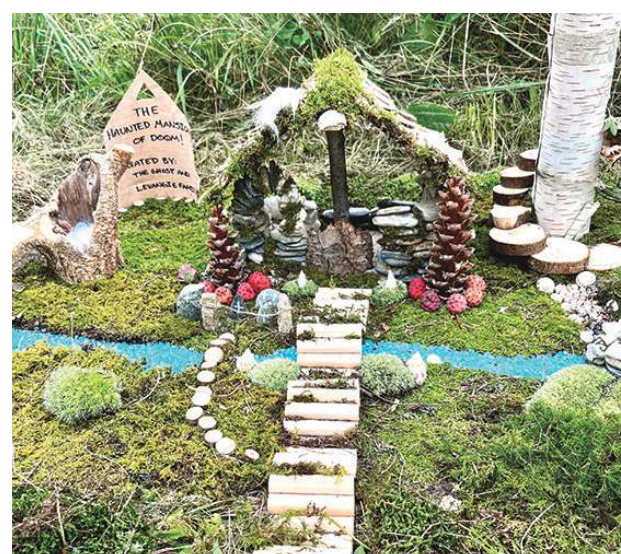
Some of the fairy houses sat within whimsical land-

scapes, with rivers of blue crystals and pine cone trees. There were cottages with hydrangea roofs, with gardens of sunflowers, mums, and feathers. A "magical fairy village" showcased the delicate construction of tiny books and bookshelves from twigs and wood scraps at the "flyberry," an elementary school, park, and a "sweet tooth" fairy bake shop. The "Haunted Mansion of Doom," created by "The Ghost and Levangie Family" featured

a tower made from birch bark and a clam shell. An apothecary called "Nevermore" sold "spells and potions, books, brews, and more," and was crafted out of bark, twigs, and walnut shells by Gemma Morgan, Victoria Whitcomb, and Christy Whitcomb.

The trail through the woods above the museum provided a short fall hike, and children gathered acorns, bark, leaves, and more to create their own fairy house in the craft area. Or, they could choose to make a magic wand or fairy mask instead.

The annual fundraising event helps to support The Nature Museum, as well as



Haunted Mansion Fairy House.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

natural science programs in schools and libraries, wilderness days, workshops, summer camps, mushroom foraging talks, birding walks, and so much more. Since 1989, the museum has encouraged people to connect with, explore, and

protect the natural world, and hosts programs and events throughout the year. The museum is open Friday-Sunday year-round, except for a short period during January when they close for program and exhibit work.

Rockingham considers bike-walk path plan

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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Shortly after selectboard Chair Peter Golec called the Tuesday, Sept. 19, meeting to order, he asked municipal manager Scott Pickup for his report. Pickup's first item of business was regarding some work the railroad had done near the river following the recent storm events. Pickup stated there needed to be some follow up to address the way the site had been left. "I'm not an engineer," Pickup said, "but it certainly looks like they've changed some of the river course."

Board member Susan Hammond emphatically agreed, "Yes, they certainly did."

Hammond said she lives near the site, and the railroad brought in a large excavator after the July flood, and dug a deeper, narrower river course through that section. They also left a massive pile of rocks and gravel where the old riverbed and floodplain were previously. Two properties near the area had flooded during Irene, and the recent storm, Hammond relayed, saying, "and they'll probably flood earlier now that we lost the floodplain."

Ultimately, Pickup said he would contact the railroad directly to try to get them to send out an engineer and explain what they were thinking, and to rectify the situation. Once that's done, Pickup will report back to the board.

Pickup then presented updates on multiple proposed bridge projects. His statement, that the town's bridges would likely be under construction, one after the other for the better part of ten years, was met with groans from board members and citizens alike. Pickup mentioned that the 2025-2034 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan was available to view and comment on, on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation website.

The Vilas Bridge Rehabilitation Project start date has been moved back one year to 2029, with a completion target of 2031. Funding is still in place, Pickup reassured, just the schedule had changed.

Regarding the Bridge Street Bridge Project, Pickup said the town planned to re-apply to VTrans this fall for funds for the rehabilitation and repair of that bridge, currently under a weight restriction due to its deterioration. Pickup stated, "The utility work on Canal Street will probably start in 2025, but the actual bridge work won't begin until 2026."

After Golec restated the aggressive construction schedule, resident, board member, and president of the organization Rockingham for Progress Bonnie North remarked, "We can't be in a situation where there's no access to the island."

Pickup and Golec commented that the timing was tricky, but the projects would ideally proceed consecutively.

The Rockingham Meeting House rehabilitation plan will hopefully go out to bidders in January 2024, and Pickup said he's been trying to pull together engineers and architects this fall, so the town can get started on the project in the spring. "The goal is to have all of that done, with a rededication of the building roughly [scheduled] for July 4, 2026."

An official state effort is underway to review the issues communities across Vermont are experiencing with local EMS response. Called The Vermont Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordination Study of 2023, Pickup explained it is "a lot of verbiage" to say they are collecting information, and will send their recommendations "up to Montpelier," so there can be action taken at a state level to address the issues the Town of Rockingham and the region are facing. Pickup said, as a member of the committee, he is participating in a series of public meetings and will work to complete a full study and compile a complete set of recommendations. "I'll certainly keep the board in the loop," Pickup stated. "I'm hopeful it will give us some good opportunities to work with the state on solutions, because certainly right now we're caught up in a lot of concerns about the way EMS is being delivered, and the

future of EMS as we move forward."

The board considered the 2024 Vermont Historic Preservation Grant for the Rockingham Meeting House. Pickup explained that Walter Wallace, Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission Coordinator, had requested additional funding outside of the Save America's Treasures Grant. Instead, this is Wallace's effort to fund some additional work, primarily to the roof, according to Pickup. Pickup suggested they use the 2025 meeting house maintenance fund to cover the local match portion of the grant application. The board approved the application and appropriation of \$11,800 from the maintenance fund account.

An opportunity to move forward on a municipal planning grant for a bicycle and pedestrian master plan was considered, with Pickup mentioning that the planning commission has reviewed the proposal, and supported it. Rockingham can co-apply with the Town of Westminster for a consortium grant in the amount of \$50,000, and requiring a 10% match from the town, or \$5,000. If Rockingham chose to apply alone, for an individual grant, the available funds would be less, around \$20,000, also with a 10% match. The proposed project is "a comprehensive and thorough plan" with "a huge amount of public engagement" that is looking at building a connected bike-walk trail system between towns, such as Bellows Falls and Saxtons River, while prioritizing safety and efficiency.

The Bellows Falls trustees will hold a singular meeting in October and November, the tri-board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, and the next selectboard meetings will be Oct. 10, and Nov. 7. Pickup said the selectboard would most likely meet twice per month in December and January, as they continued working on the town budget.

BFUHS hires new athletic director

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) recently announced the hiring of a new athletic director (AD), as former 2016 Oxbow High School (Bradford, Vt.) graduate Connor Bean takes over the position after former AD Ian Fraundfelder recently accepted an AD position at Harwood Union High School in Moretown, Vt.

A 2020 graduate of Union College in Barbourville, Ky., Bean studied sports and recreation administration, and first worked at Northeast Sports Network (NSN) in Essex Junction, and then at the Clara Martin Center in White River Junction, before taking a position as the part-time AD at Craftsbury Academy in Craftsbury Common, Vt.

"I was previously the AD at Craftsbury, and I also currently direct the entirety of high school bowling in Vermont and

have done that since 2022. I've also worked as a sports information director at Gameday Manager."

As the part-time AD at Craftsbury Academy for grades K-12, Bean gained some experience at the position, while also teaching for a year. As it turned out, during his stay at Craftsbury, Bean was mentored by Fraundfelder. The two talked a lot at AD meetings, and developed a good rapport.

Bean and Bellows Falls Union High School got thrown a curveball recently when it was discovered that areas of the school contained high levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are toxic chemicals. The levels are so high in the gymnasium and adjoining auditorium that neither will be able to be used for the upcoming school year.

"The issue has affected the sports schedule by not allowing us to use the locker rooms, so we've had to get creative with the tents and other spaces in the building," Bean said. "As for winter, if the gym becomes

totally unusable, we are working on a contingency plan."

Another early task for Bean was having to hire a new girls' soccer coach, Holly King, with interviews taking place a few weeks ago. "Holly is a great addition. She's enthusiastic, fun, and energetic. She really wants to build a strong girls soccer program here, and I believe she has the ability to do so. It will be a multi-year project, but she's in it for the long haul."

"My short-term goal is to stabilize and build up all our programs, doing this through adding and supporting sports at the middle school level, and try to consistently bring in and retain talented coaches to help that process," Bean concluded.

"I'd also love to bring in a student athlete leadership group, as I'd like student athletes to have more of a voice, and keep our student athlete graduation rates high. Long term, I have some visions of an entire renovation of Hadley Field and updating it for future use."

Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge a success

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital hosted its 23rd annual Golf Challenge on Sept. 14, at the Crown Point Country Club, Springfield, Vt. Proceeds from this year's fundraising event go to the annual giving campaign to support diagnostic imaging and other medical equipment.

Ninety-two tournament participants enjoyed a variety of competitions on the course, in addition to 18 holes of scramble golf tournament play. A new GMC truck was up for grabs for a hole-in-one on hole 18,

thanks to Springfield Buick GMC Cadillac, and \$10,000 was available on hole five for a hole-in-one, thanks to the Ludlow Insurance Agency. Those two prizes were not awarded, but the weather, course conditions, and work by the staff and volunteers made for a fantastic day of golf.

Winners in the A Flight were: First Gross – Eric Abel, Bob Kay, Maki Kobayashi, and Bob McPhee; Second Gross – Max Zurmuhlen, David Laplante, Ray Grant, and Scott Armstrong; First Net – Ian Swihart, Jay Stone, Ryan Smith, and Dan Smith; and Second

Net – Jeff Perkins, Paul Kendall, and Tracy Johnson.

Winners in the B flight were: First Gross – Brandon LaBlanc, Brad Walker, Warren Larocque, and Cory Bergeron; Second Gross – Eric Warren, Ed Dunk, Robert O'Brien, and Stuart Currie; First Net – Mike Pinney, Collin Pinney, Gary Stearns, and Walter Oaks; and Second Net – Jenna Young, Crissy Webster, Sarah Flore, and Jessica Flore.

The straightest drive was won by Rick Marasa, and the closest to the pin was Bob Kay.

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River Artisans Cooperative Open Studio

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Open Studio Days on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 are a favorite weekend for Vermonters and visitors who want to experience the best of the wonderful art and crafts this state has to offer. River Artisans Cooperative in Bellows Falls has a huge range of art and unique handcrafted articles on offer. As one of

the oldest cooperatives in the state, we are proud to represent over 25 members. This year on Open Studio weekend, we invite you to stop in and enjoy refreshments, and browse all the many items – beautiful jewelry, knitwear, paintings and photography, handmade journals, soaps and candles, leather and wood items, and

much more. If you make a purchase and mention that you saw this article, we invite you to take a free unique bookmark as well. You can find us at 28 Village Square in Bellows Falls from Thursday-Monday, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.riverartisanscooperative.com.

Springfield Library events

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – For those feeling challenged with changes in technology, individual tech help sessions will be held on Monday, Oct. 2, 9, 23, and 30, at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. A small group class, “An Introduction to Keeping Safe Online,” will be held on Monday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. This class will focus on basic precautions to take with your devices and data. Sign up by calling the library at 802-885-3108.

“Freedom to Read” also means “Freedom to View.” The library will be showing movies from Monday, Oct. 2, to Friday, Oct. 5, that are based on books that were targeted for censorship as part of Banned Books Week. Movies will be shown on the 85-inch screen TV. While the movie license does not allow publicizing the titles in the newspaper, they are listed on the events page of the library’s website, www.springfieldtownlibrary.org.

Children’s Preschool Story Time will start up again at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m., with the theme “playing with food.” Themes for other Tuesdays in October can be found on the library’s website, or by calling the library. Registration is not required for story time. Activities for school-aged youth are also being held. “Spoon Catapults” will be on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 3 p.m., and “Share a Spooky Story” will be on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. Library staff is interested in determining the best dates and times to host youth programs.

Readers and writers have opportunities to gather. Scribble Society meets on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m. There are book clubs on Friday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 12 p.m. Short story readers gather for the Page Turners group on the second

and fourth Fridays each month, at 10:30 a.m., unless preempted by a holiday.

Library staff will be joining in the fun at the Apple Festival on Saturday, Oct. 7, in the cafeteria at Riverside Middle School. Youth Services Librarian Jeni Clary will present a story time at 10 a.m. Opportunities to create an apple-themed craft, make a button, or sign up for a library card will be available.

Ben, from Claremont Spice & Dry Goods, will be at the library on Monday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m., to speak about “Culinary Herbs and Spices from Thyme Immemorial to the Present.” Expect to hear about the cultural evolution of a selection of culinary herbs and sample goat cheese. Sign up is required, as seating is limited.

Springfield Lions fishing tournament

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 10, the Springfield Lions Club held their 8th annual fishing tournament at Hoyt’s Landing in Springfield. This year’s event featured a live “catch and release” style tournament, with prizes award for bass, perch, and northern pike. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Lions’ many philanthropic endeavors in the Springfield community and surrounding area. The Springfield Lions would like to acknowledge the many anglers who participated in the tournament, marking a successful day out on the Connecticut River.

Winners in the perch category included Dale Squires, taking home first prize with a 13 ounce catch. Maureen Martin brought in the second place catch at 11 ounces.

In the bass competition, Louis White took home first prize with his catch of 4 pounds, 4 ounces. Don Randall took second prize with his bass weighing 3 pounds, 12 ounces. The third place fish, weighing 3 pounds, 18 ounces, was brought in by Ryan Roy. No pike meeting the minimum requirements were brought in.

The Springfield Lions Club would also like to thank the following generous local sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible: Stanley Patch, Chroma Technologies, Ken Millay, HB Energy Solutions, Alva Waste Services, Mascoma Bank, Cota & Cota, Vermont Dry & Cure Technologies, Davis Memorial Chapel, Imagetek, Willow Farm Pet Services, Wolfe Family Dental, Vermont Timber Works, Green Mountain Classics, Pat & Debbie Ankuda, Gurney



Louis White with his first-place bass.

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Bros. Construction, Bibens Home Center, Red House Press, One Credit Union, Brady & Donahue, Beardsley Inc., Springfield Co-op, Mike Martin, and Woody Stoddard.

For more information about the Springfield Lions Club programs, donating to the Springfield Lions Club or Vermont Lions Charities, or becoming a Lion, please email springfieldvermontlions@gmail.com, or visit the Springfield Lion’s Club Facebook page.

Firefighters 42nd Tag Sale

GRAFTON, Vt. – Among the many traditional fall events that people look forward to is the Grafton Firefighters’ Tag Sale. Now in its 42nd year benefitting the local volunteer fire department, this sale has become well known in southern Vermont for its variety and quality, as well as the many bargains it offers. This year’s sale will be on Saturday,

Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., under the tents near the firehouse at 711 Route 121, just east of Grafton Village.

Locals and visitors alike line up early waiting for the fire engine air horn to signal the opening of the sale, in order to search through the well organized displays of furniture, housewares, tools, toys, linens, small appliances, books, recordings,

and much more. People have been known to return and shop the next day, when most everything is half price. The first day of the sale will also feature a food booth by the Grafton School PTG serving hot coffee, baked goods, burgers, and more. Fire engines will be on display, and volunteer firefighters will be on hand to answer questions. The sale will go on rain or shine.

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The sponsors and raffle prize donors made this year’s tournament a fundraising success. The tournament sponsors this year at the Gold Tournament level of \$5,000 were Coverys and M&T Bank. The Tournament level of \$1,000 were BlueWater Health; Connecticut Valley Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine; New England Retirement Consultants; NFP; Renais-

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The Eagle sponsors at the \$250 level were Crothall Healthcare, Mike and Diane Halstead, and The Abbey Group. The Birdie sponsors at the \$100 level included Leader Distribution Systems; The Fullerton Inn; and Voya Financial.

“Many thanks go to our sponsors and participants for their generous support, and to the staff and volunteers that organized this event. I am grateful to all who made this event a fundraising success,” commented Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital.

To see a list of all of the sponsors and donors of the raffle prizes, go to www.springfieldhospital.org/results-and-sponsors-of-2023-golf-challenge.

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Some Weston history

BY RON PATCH

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Here is some interesting Weston history. A few years ago, Ted Spaulding and his brother John “Gramp” Leon donated to the Chester Historical Society countless items that had descended in the Spaulding and Marshall families.

From Gramp came 125 diaries. Gramp’s father Edward was born in Weston in 1892. The diaries were kept by William Ryland “W.R.” Spaulding, Gramp’s grandfather, and other family members. They are very useful today.

In October 1894, W.R. held an auction at the Weston homestead. Ted told me what he knew about the Weston days.

The auction

The photo with this article is the oversized auction poster for this sale. This poster offers us a glimpse of the property, and those days. It reads:

“GREAT SALE
Farm Property Stock, Hay Farming Tools, Grain, Etc. WESTON, VT. WEDNESDAY OCT. 17, 1894.

The Home Farm

Containing 70 acres, suitably divided into mowing and pasture, good wood lot with some spruce and hemlock timber, good apple orchard and a Sugar lot which will tap 350 trees. The buildings consist of a good two-story house, with ell, woodshed and a carriage house connecting. Running water at house and barn. Good Horse Barn, two good Cattle Barns with cellars underneath, and good Sugar House with wood shed...

Adjoining the above is another farm containing 80 acres suitably divided into mowing and pasture, good



W.R. Spaulding auction poster. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

wood lot, with spruce, hemlock and cedar timber, small sugar lot of 150 trees, and the following buildings: One-story house with ell, woodshed and carriage house attached, two Barns. Running water at house and barn.

These farms have been carried on as one the past twelve years and make one good one or two small ones; are both in a good state of cultivation and within 1-4 miles of good Cheese Factory.

Also, 100 acres of pasture and heavy spruce timber land known as the Chatterton Lot, situated three miles northwest from said farm.”

It goes on to list all of the farm equipment and livestock. I checked W.R.’s diary for Oct. 17, 1894. His entry, “Auction today.”

Some years later, the farm was bought by the government, razed to the ground, and is now part of the national forest.

Ted told me W.R. moved the family up Twenty Mile Stream, where they stayed with the Slack family a year or so. Then W.R. moved to Springfield, where he

lived for two years or more. W.R. built two houses on Summer Street, and one on Union Street. The house removed a few years ago at the bottom of Hospital Hill was the Union Street place.

By 1900, W.R. had leased the Henry Farm here in Chester. W.R. bought the Blasidell place and developed a livery and horse-drawn taxi service. This is the place across from Smittys.

W.R. died in 1928, and was buried in Weston. This is the cemetery as you drop down into Weston from Andover. In 1931, W.R. was exhumed from the Weston cemetery and buried in Pleasant View Cemetery on High Street in Chester.

“Why?” I asked Ted. There was a hot issue in Weston at the time. Some in Weston were pushing for a flood control dam. If the dam had been built, the Weston cemetery would have been flooded. This is why W.R. was moved. I asked Ted where the dam would have been placed. He thought near Weston Island. It seems to me if it would flood the cemetery, the village of Weston would too be flooded over. Obviously it never happened.

At the historical society are all the records and diaries that describe the Henry Farm days, as well as the livery stable days. Of course there is Weston history included.

Instead of an old saying, I offer this auction story: Bob Arbuckle ran an auction house on Route 10. One Saturday night prices were low, and Bob was passing items without a reasonable starting bid. A runner brought up a framed print of a cat. Bob, “Anna \$50 dollar bid,” then “Anna \$30 dollar bid.” Bob dropped down to “Anna \$5 bid,” but no one bid. Bob said, “Put that cat to sleep.” Everyone laughed, and someone finally bid!



W.R. Spaulding place in Weston, circa 1885. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Vermont farming history in Athens

ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society, is pleased to present “Turning the Soil – 260 Years of Vermont Agriculture,” on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 4 p.m., at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens, Vt.

Join us to hear Roger Albee, former Vermont state secretary of agriculture, discuss the major changes that have taken place in Vermont agriculture since the 1760s, why they have occurred, what is happening today, and why today there is a renaissance of the past. This is a pre-publication event promoting Albee’s soon to be released book of the same title.

The Athens Brick Meetinghouse is historically significant to the Windham County region of Vermont, and particularly the twelve surrounding towns which comprised the “Old Athens Circuit” – Grafton, Rockingham, Townshend, Londonderry, Weston, Chester, Acton, Springfield, Landgrove, Windham, Putney, and Mount Holly. Circuit preachers from Athens traveled out to these towns to perform religious services. Quarterly camp meetings with the Methodist congregants from these towns often lasted two days at the Athens Meetinghouse, which was known as the “Mother Church.”

This national historic landmark, located at 2 Meetinghouse Road, just

off Route 35, will be open for viewing the Meetinghouse sanctuary and vestibule during this event. All proceeds go to support ongoing efforts to preserve this unique historic gem. Donations made to the Athens Historic Preservation Society are fully tax deductible and will support the preservation of the Meetinghouse.

For more information, contact Sherry Maher at 802-869-2141, or follow Athens Meetinghouse on Facebook.

Birthplace of Burton Snowboards dedication

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Tuesday morning, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m., Vermont’s Division for Historic Preservation will help recognize the creation of the first Burton boards by teaming up with Burton Snowboards and The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society to dedicate a Vermont Roadside Historic Site Marker at Williams Park, 2242 Main Street in Londonderry. Donna Carpenter, owner and chair of Burton Snowboards; Vermont’s Kelly Clark, five-time Olympian and winningest snowboard athlete; and many snowboard enthusiasts and officials, will be on hand to mark Jake’s contribution to snowboarding and the town of Londonderry.

In 1977, the late Jake Burton Carpenter opened his first workshop on Main Street in Londonderry, Vt. A small team of local residents helped him fabricate his first snowboards, and from these humble beginnings as a backyard hobby grew one of the world’s most popular winter sports.

Jake Burton Carpenter is no longer with us, as he passed in 2019. Nor is Jake’s original Burton factory, as some years ago the building was lost



The original Burton factory on Main Street in Londonderry. PHOTO PROVIDED

in a fire. However, many people who have played important roles in the history of Burton Snowboards still remain in Londonderry. To name a few: Jake’s first employees, Mimi and Mark Wright (Mimi also won a challenge to create Burton’s distinctive “snow-capped mountain” logo.); Lyle Blaisdell, who played a major role in the development of half-pipes; Hobbie Chittenden, known in the early days as the “half-pipe acrobat”; Ross Powers, winner of a bronze medal at the Winter Olympics at Nagano, Japan, and a gold medal at Salt Lake’s Winter Olympics in 2002; and Hubert Schriegl, who has spent decades as one of the ski industry’s most prolific photographers.

Following the dedication of the new Vermont historic marker, a reception will be held nearby at The Lon-

donderry Arts and Historical Society, 2461 Middletown Road in Londonderry. Here, people will be able to revisit Burton’s early days at a special exhibit, “First Tracks,” with memorabilia and photos from the late 1970s that highlight “pioneers” of the sport and capture the progression of Burton boards from their earliest days.

Londonderry, Vt., is not known for much – except being a pleasant, small village in the middle of southern Vermont’s active ski areas. However, now and forever more, Londonderry will have a “stake in the ground” memorializing the fact that it owns a unique history as the place where the first Burton Boards were created – an innovation which seeded the development of a new industry and international sports movement.

Operation Homecoming

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – This year is the 50th anniversary of Operation Homecoming. On Feb. 12, 1973, 577 American prisoners of war (POWs) were released by the North Vietnamese and flown to Clark Air Base

in the Philippines. Documents reveal that in 1972, the North Vietnamese were holding 1,207 American POWs.

Bill Morse, a Navy veteran

and amateur historian, will discuss the fate of those left behind at the Rockingham Public Library, Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

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ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society, is pleased to present “Turning the Soil – 260 Years of Vermont Agriculture,” on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 4 p.m., at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens, Vt.



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Energy Independence on small farms

WALPOLE, N.H. – Growing a farm with community, environmental, and financial sustainability in mind is challenging enough. Add on soaring fuel costs and the continuous impacts from climate change, and it can feel near impossible to stay afloat. We keep hearing about how the Inflation Reduction Act will support infrastructure and farmers, but aren't sure how to access those funds.

On Oct. 2, from 4-6 p.m., learn from climate farmers

Abby and Jonathan at Winter Street Farm, 344 Winter Street in Claremont, N.H., who have built energy efficiency and sustainability into every part of their operation. They've taken on several innovative projects, including passive solar propagation and panels on their farmstand, a community compost collection system, reduced tillage while maintaining rotation, a guard emu for their roving flock – his name is Edward – and a whole lot more.

Walk away knowing more options for cutting energy demand and building efficient systems, and about current local and federal opportunities for funding and support to get things done.

Please register for the event at www.farm-energy.eventbrite.com.

If you require assistance or have questions, please contact info@cheshire-conservation.org or call 603-756-2988, extension 3012.

Vermont Department of Labor Fall Job Fest

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Labor is thrilled to kick off Fall Job Fest, a collaborative effort with key partners across Vermont to provide six in-person hiring events throughout September and October.

"It is crucial for the Vermont Department of Labor to help bridge the gap between job seekers

and employers," said Labor Commissioner Michael Harrington. "Through these in-person hiring events, we aim to empower job seekers to explore diverse career paths, engage with local employers, and find fulfilling employment opportunities right here in Vermont."

This region's job fair will be held at the 2023 Vermont Apple Festival and Craft

Show, 13 Fairground Road in Springfield, on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All events are free for job seekers, and all are encouraged to attend. For more information about other job fairs throughout the state, and other resources for individuals interested in career services, contact the Vermont Department of Labor at 802-828-4394, or visit www.labor.vermont.gov.

Edgar May fall swim team registration open

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is excited to announce that registration is open for the fall 2023 season of the Stingrays youth swim team. We are also excited to announce that Aquatics Coordinator Julia Lamb will be coaching the Stingrays this season. Previously, Julia has coached her own club swim team in Tampa, Fla., as well as worked with National level swimmers. She has also assisted the Stingrays in previous seasons.

"We will start the fall season getting to know each other and focusing on the basics," says Julia. "There will be one or two 'mini meets' to reconnect with racing, as well as aerobic work for those who are ready. It

is my goal for swimmers to have the space they need to work hard, swim fast, and have fun."

Prior to the start of the season, the Edgar May is offering interested youth swimmers an Intro to Swim Team three-week program from Oct. 2-18. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-5 p.m. The practices will improve a swimmer's technique, as well as increase stamina. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards freestyle with an understanding of side breathing. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Interested swimmers do not need to be active Edgar May members to participate in Intro to Swim Team.

The fall season will begin Nov. 1, and continue through Dec. 22. Children between the ages of 6-18 are invited to join our youth swim team. The team is split into developmental, junior, or senior levels.

The developmental level is for beginning swimmers, or those that can complete one lap of backstroke and freestyle. These swimmers are generally aged 10 and under. Coaches will work in and out of the water to teach each swimmer proper swimming skills, with a focus on strokes. The swimmers will also progress to longer lengths of swimming, in order to give them the endurance they need for shorter races. Developmental practice is on Monday and Wednesday, from 4:15-5 p.m.

In the junior level, each

swimmer must be at least 8 years old, and be able to swim 50 yards of each stroke and a 100 yard individual medley (IM) with minimal corrections. They will work primarily on improving proper swimming technique. These swimmers will swim longer yards and multiple sets to increase their endurance while maintaining correct form. Practice is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 5-6 p.m.

In the senior level, each swimmer must be at least 12 years old and/or have coach's approval to move up from the junior level. They must be able to swim 100 yards of each stroke, as well as a 200 yard IM, and know correct turns and starts. Technique remains a priority, with an increase in aerobic capacity training. Practices will consist of higher yardage, training a variety of systems, and strokes. The goal of swimmers in this group is to be well-rounded, capable of swimming a 200 freestyle and 200 IM competitively. Practice is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Swim team participants must be active members at the Edgar May for the duration of the swim team session. Registration is available at www.edgar-may.org, or call the front desk at 802-885-2568. For more information, contact Julia Lamb at jlamb@edgarmay.org.

Fall memoir workshops with Pam Bernard

WALPOLE, N.H. – Fall sessions of the memoir, as well as poetry, workshops with Pam Bernard begin the first and second week of October. Editor, writing mentor, and award-winning author, Bernard offers an array of hybrid options for writers in the area. With the Owl meeting device, the experience of tuning in from afar is markedly improved. Please visit her newly designed site at www.pambernard.com.

The workshops sessions, whether memoir or poetry, follow the usual structure: a craft lesson, followed by a free-write, and lastly the critique of participants' drafts. These workshops are nurturing yet rigor-

ous, with an emphasis on craft. Participants learn how to be better writers by studying those aspects of writing that shape a successful narrative or poem. The narrator in memoir, for example, or similarly the speaker in poetry, hold extraordinary power over how the narrative or poem is absorbed by the reader.

The issue of voice is central to Bernard's teaching. Katherine Clarke, poet and professor emerita, Antioch New England, says, "Pam's special gift is listening for the authentic voice of a writer to emerge. Her groups are designed to welcome and nourish this voice. When I began to write from my life, she heard me before I did."

Pam Bernard is author of

four books, the most recent a verse novel titled "Esther." A retired adjunct professor, she now devotes her time to helping writers locate and nurture their voices. She received her Masters of Fine Arts in creative writing from Warren Wilson College, and bachelor's degree from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Her newest collection of poems, "Finding You," was recently chosen as a finalist in the WordWorks Washington Prize.

Please email pambernard-writer@gmail.com, visit www.pambernard.com, or call 603-756-4177 for more information, including days and times.

"More Than You Can See: A Mother's Memoir"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Author Barbara Rubin on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m., via Zoom, for a discussion of her book "More Than You Can See: A Mother's Memoir."

At 17, Barbara's daughter Jennifer is in a horrific car accident and sustains a traumatic brain injury that sends her into a two-week coma. Once she awakens, a unique disability presents itself:

Jenn lacks any traditional method of communication. Unable to speak or function on her own, Jenn must relearn basic life skills in a rehabilitation facility, while Barbara and her family struggle to piece together their lives, now forever changed.

Barbara's early years were spent growing up in small towns in Kansas, before her family ultimately settled in Missouri. After high school, she attended

the local junior college, and later transferred to Truman University in central Missouri. It was there that she met her husband Mark, and later earned her bachelor's degree in business.

This event is free and open to the public. Call the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 if you need assistance signing, up or visit our calendar of events on our website, www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

Grace Cottage flu shot clinic

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family

Health will hold two Saturday flu vaccine clinics this year, on Oct. 7, and Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended, call 802-365-4331; walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

During both of the flu clinics, Grace Cottage will also host a food drive for the Townshend Food Shelf. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

You do not need to be an established patient at Grace Cottage to get a flu shot at these clinics. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Most insurance covers this preventive health measure; please bring your ID and insurance card with you. If you are not insured, payment for your flu shot is expected at the time of service.

An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to avoid getting the flu and spreading it to others. It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after

vaccination.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months of age and older get a yearly flu vaccine. People over age 65 or those with any chronic disease, such as diabetes or asthma, have a higher risk of contracting the flu, and are especially urged to get the shot.

Two different flu shots are being offered this year, one for those age 6 months to 64, and another for those who are 65 and older.

Flu shots are also available at Grace Cottage weekdays by appointment. Call 802-365-4331. Grace Cottage Family Health is located at 185 Grafton Road (Route 35), in Townshend, Vt.

For more information about flu shots or the flu in general, visit the national CDC website (www.cdc.gov), the Vermont Department of Health website (www.healthvermont.gov), or call the Vermont helpline at 211.




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obituaries

Frederick H. Amidon Sr., 1933-2023



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Frederick H. Amidon Sr., of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, at his home, following a brief illness. He was born on June 6, 1933, to Walter and Marie Amidon. Fred married Barbara I. Pockette on May 18, 1957, and they had many happy years together until his passing.

Fred was born in Rutland, Vt., and graduated from Rutland High School. He was an avid outdoorsman, and particularly enjoyed hiking the Long Trail and fly fishing.

After graduation, he joined the Marine Corps. He was most proud of his service, achieving the rank of gunnery sergeant and serving in the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years Barbara, four



Frederick Amidon Sr., 1933-2023.

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children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are with Davis Memorial Chapel, 99 Summer Street, Springfield, Vt. A graveside service will be held in the spring, and announced at a later date.

Thomas Frohock Sr., 1937-2023



S. CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Thomas Gerald Frohock Sr., 85, of South Charlestown, N.H., passed away Sept. 10, 2023, at Applewood Rehabilitation Center, Winchester, N.H.

Thomas was born Dec. 07, 1937, son of Howard Everett Frohock and Gertrude Gladys (Stanford) Frohock. He was a 1956 graduate of Charlestown High School.

Thomas took over his father's Frohock and Sons camping sales, service, and trailer rental business in South Charlestown, N.H., and worked as a mechanic at the Flying A service station in Bellows Falls, Vt. He was a first cook and mess steward with the Army National Guard in Bellows Falls, Vt., and a job superintendent for 43 years with The MacMillan Company Builders in Keene, N.H. He was a Boy Scout Master and a Boy Scout Committee chairperson, the president of a square dance group, and a woodworking instructor for a 4H group. He liked to grill food for Fall Mountain Regional High School Future Farmers of America group functions and fairs. He enjoyed completing woodworking projects for friends and family, and he loved conversing with friends at local restaurants.



Thomas Frohock Sr., 1937-2023.

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His wife, Lois Eva (Bashaw) Frohock, married Sept. 23, 1961, died earlier. Thomas' brothers Ronald Everett Frohock and Charles Ernest Frohock, sister Barbara Jean (Blodgett) Frohock, and Thomas' son Gerald Robert Frohock also died earlier.

Survivors include his sons John Gerald Frohock, Thomas Gerald Frohock Jr., and Howard Everett Frohock; and grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m., in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Westminster, Vt. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Thomas Gramling Jr., 1957-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Tom Gramling's extended family mourns the loss of a husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and uncle, after he was taken from this earth unexpectedly on Sept. 21, 2023.

Tom was born in Windsor, Vt., on June 22, 1957, the second of Thomas and Lucille Gramling's four children.

Other than a brief residence in Patten, Maine, Tom lived in Perkinsville, Cavendish, and Springfield, Vt., where he graduated Springfield High School in 1975.

Prior to being self-employed, he worked many years at Belknap's Sawmill in Cavendish. Tom could fix or build nearly anything. As the circumstances required, he was a carpenter, electrician, plumber, auto mechanic, and appliance technician. Whether it required burrowing in a crawl space or scaling a roof, he got the job done. Perhaps his favorite thing to build, or restore, were relationships. Making friends was one of his many talents; many customers became longtime friends. He had unique nicknames for all those dear to his heart.

Tom enjoyed gardening, making the most of even the smallest spaces, helping children create or learn how things work, and spending weekends at the family camp in Post Mills. In his younger years, he spent many hours on the dance floor, and gave more than a few disco lessons. He and his brother could bring each other (and anyone else lucky enough to sit in with them) to tears with their tales about growing up.

Tom was good natured, gentle-hearted, and giving of his time and attention to both people and four-footed friends. From a young age, Tom's gentle spirit drew animals close; he connected with them in ways others could not. After a long day, he could often be found in his recliner, with a cat in his lap and another snuggling nearby.

Tom is survived by wife Sarah Tilden Gramling and



Thomas Gramling Jr., 1957-2023.

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their children Camden, Anthony "Tyge," and Kiearra; as well as children from his marriage to Christina Nowak: Stephanie, Thomas "TC" (Savannah), Hillary Comiskey, and Benjamin (Jasmine); and step-sons Benjamin (Amanda) Sidler, and Harrison Sidler.

Tom is also survived by daughter-in-love Carolyn Falank, and his dear grandchildren Alexis Comiskey, Madison Gramling, Warner Gramling, Carter Gramling, Rhyder Carnes, Kenzi Cram, and Fraya Gramling.

Tommy, as he was known by his siblings, is also survived by his father Tom, sister Dawn (Robert) Crary, brother Shane (Regina), and sister Phalia (Verne) McMoarn. Tom was a teddy bear of an uncle to many nieces and nephews who remember his massive bear hugs and famous upside-down flips.

He is predeceased by his mother Lucille, and son-in-law Michael Comiskey.

Visitation and funeral service will be Sunday, Oct. 1, at Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m., with funeral service conducted by Pastor Malcolm Fowler at 3 p.m. Graveside committal, in a casket crafted by sons TC and Ben, will take place at Plains Cemetery in Perkinsville, Vt., following the funeral.

For those who wish to honor Tom's memory, please do so by making a gift of time as a volunteer, or a monetary donation in his name to a worthy organization.

Alan L. Pinders, 1929-2023



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Alan Lawrence Pinders reached the end of his epic life on Sept. 14, 2023, at the age of 94. Alan was born in Benson, Vt., on Feb. 4, 1929, and moved to Springfield, Vt., as a young child. Alan attended school in Springfield before joining the Marine Corp at age 17 during World War II.

Alan married his first love Audrey Delong on Dec. 4, 1947. After being honorably discharged from the Marines, Alan returned to Springfield, working for P.J. Harrington Haberdashery as sales/apprentice tailor. Soon after that he was offered a job with Furman's Department Store to become the men's department manager, followed by store manager. Eventually, Alan became owner of Furman's, where he worked happily for over 50 years. On Aug. 20, 1958, (Allison's birthday) the new Furman's opened on Main Street, and remained a fixture in downtown until its closing.

Alan's greatest love was for his family, Springfield and its people, along with countless friends who he met along a trail, whether riding his motorcycle or snowmobile. His lifelong love of motorcycles took him throughout the country, and most passionately to Daytona Beach, Fla. Any rally, race, or ride, Alan was always ready to embark on the next adventure.

Alan was named Citizen of the Year in 2010, and was recognized as the "Honorary Mayor of Main Street Springfield" where he was a pillar of the community for many years. In his humble way, Alan performed innumerable good deeds for his fellow citizens, visitors, and people in need. Along the way, Alan was a member of countless clubs and organizations proudly serving as the longest serving Lion in Vermont's history, a lifetime member of the American Legion, 70-year life member of the Springfield Elks, member of the VFW, and various business and community organizations.

His heart was forever Vermont strong; however, Alan spent his later years living in the Carolinas near his son Tom and his family, enjoy-



Alan L. Pinders, 1929-2023.

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ing a longer motorcycling season.

Survived by a son Thomas Pinders and his wife Lynne of North Carolina; a daughter-in-law Ruby Pinders of Maine and her children Renee and Brian; a granddaughter Kati Pinders Lambert (Paul) and their children Benjamin, Gabriel, Jacqueline, and Meredith; and grandson Alan J. Pinders (Michelle) and their son Collin; Kati and Alan's mother Mary Lacross; grandson Jeremy Pinders (Danielle) and their children Gage, Jace, and Wynn; Jeremy's mother Susan Peterson; and granddaughter Dori Pinders Petriella (David) and their children Ryan and Emalyn.

Predeceased by his wife Audrey, his children Allison and Paul, great-granddaughter Isabelle Audrey Petriella, his sister Jayne Underwood, and brother Edward.

Calling hours will be held at the Davis Memorial Chapel on Sept. 29, from 5-7 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sept. 30, at 11 a.m.; burial will follow at the St. Mary's Cemetery. Following the burial, a reception will be held at the Nolin-Murray Center.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Springfield On The Move, 96-A Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156, www.springfieldonthemove.net; Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST) P.O. Box 40307, Austin, TX 78704, www.cureangelman.org in honor of Jace Pinders (please add Jace/Alan Pinders in the memo), or a charity of one's choice.

Lynn D. Reilly, 1970-2023

LUDLOW, Vt. – Lynn Denise Reilly, 52, of Ludlow, Vt., entered eternal rest on Sept. 16, 2023, after a short battle with cancer. She was predeceased by her parents Thomas Reilly and Ann Reilly, and she left behind her brother Patrick Reilly; sister-in-law Kim Reilly; nieces Megan Reilly and Reagan Reilly; nephews Sean Reilly and Noah Reilly; stepmother Lillian Reilly; uncle Jack Reilly; aunt Gheri Reilly; and cousins Marcus Barnes-Reilly, Taylor White, Joseph White, and Shaun Reilly; as well as an incredible friend group.

Lynn's life began in Queens, N.Y., on Oct. 19, 1970, and she grew up in Massapequa Park, N.Y. She was a graduate of Massapequa High School, and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Adelphi University.

Twenty years ago, Lynn created a new life for herself in Ludlow, Vt. She worked about town, including at Okemo Mountain, the American Legion, and most recently at the Gassets Group. Ludlow, being a small town, allowed Lynn to display her soft spot for those in need. If you needed something done, you called Lynn and she would figure it out.

Twenty-two years ago, Lynn became "Aunt Lynn" to her nieces and nephews Megan, Sean, Noah, and Reagan. She spent countless hours visiting them all in Rochester, N.Y., where she was consistently the best aunt ever. Reagan was blessed to spend many summers visiting Aunt Lynn in Ludlow. Between art projects, Lynn would parade her around town on the golf cart proudly introducing her



Lynn D. Reilly, 1970-2023.

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to everyone.

No matter when or how you knew Lynn, you quickly became aware of her tendency to never hold back her opinion, and knack for telling it like it is. Lynn's other superpower was being generous to a fault, combined with a "get 'er done" attitude that benefitted all who knew her.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, we will gather to celebrate Lynn's life. Funeral Mass to be held at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's, 10 Pleasant Street, Springfield, Vt., followed by a reception at Calcutta's, 87 Fox Lane Extension, Ludlow, Vt.

We invite you to make a donation to Black River Good Neighbors (www.brgn.org) in Lynn's memory, in place of sending flowers.



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Springfield Church of Christ presents Song Fest

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m., the Church of Christ, 972 Chester Road, will present Keith Lancaster, director of praise and harmony, and fellow musicians, as they present an evening of congregational singing. Songfest is presented to Churches of Christ churches, schools, universities, and multitudes of churches throughout the country each year, offering a mixture of classical hymns and new worship songs that are popular today. Those in attendance will be welcome to join these well-known musicians in their four-part harmony in an inspiring event. Their uplifting music will leave you humming along long after you leave the building.

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Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminsterconline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057. After church on Oct. 1, Soup and Coram Deo (in the presence of God) will take place. The topic is the Beatitudes. This is a personal and reflective approach to the scriptures. All are welcome.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Woman's Club is sponsoring a public pasta supper on Friday, Sept. 29, from 5-7 p.m., at the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School St. The menu will include a variety of pasta dishes, a salad bar, home baked bread, cake, and beverages. Vegetarian

and gluten-free options will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the club's high school scholarship. Children under 6 eat for free. The church is accessible to all; please enter from the back of the building. If you have any questions, contact Sally at 603-445-2527.

SEPT. 30 –
ATHENS, Vt. – The first annual Athens Chili Cook Off will be held on Sept. 30, 5-7 p.m., at the Athens Community Center (formerly Athens School), 28 Brookline Road. There is a small fee for adults; children under 5 are free. Drinks and desserts will be available. Paying chili tasters will vote to determine the first, second, and third place winners. If you have any questions, call 802-869-2590, or email

vtp1ntldy@hotmail.com.

OCT. 1 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Sustainable Valley Group will hold their annual meeting and party on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 3-6 p.m., at the Bellows Falls Train Station. The party will be speakeasy themed, and will include a 3-piece band, and an auction for the YMCA stained glass.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Food for Life Vegan Potluck will be held on Oct. 1, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at the Commons Park, 63 Summer Hill Street in Springfield, Vt. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share that does not include any animal products if you can.

OCT. 4 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – AAPRCO private rail cars will be arriving on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 5-6 p.m. The cars will depart Thursday morning, between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Church of Christ, 972 Chester Road, will present Praise and Harmony, a well-known group led by Keith Lancaster and fellow musicians in four-part harmony on Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m.. A mixture of classical hymns and new worship songs popular today will leave all in attendance

uplifted and inspired.

OCT. 6-7
MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department will run a haunted hayride on Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7, at Windy Acres Farm, 2204 Old Turnpike Road in Mount Holly, rain or shine. Tickets will be sold from 6:30-9 p.m., the first wagon will leave at 7 p.m. There will be refreshments for sale, and a fire to warm yourself by. If you have any questions, please call 802-259-2060.

OCT. 7-8
GRAFTON, Vt. – Grafton Volunteer Firefighters will hold their 42nd annual Tag Sale under the tents at the firehouse, 711 Rt. 121 east of Grafton Village on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be a large selection of items including furniture, housewares, tools, toys, linens, small appliances, books, recordings, and much more. Coffee, baked goods, and burgers by the Grafton School PTG will be served.

OCT. 7 –
CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary's Parish will hold their Old Time Penny Sale on Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Mary's Gym on Main Street in Claremont, N.H. Doors open at 5 p.m.,

drawings begin at 6 p.m. The grand prize is \$1,500 in cash (\$1,200 if not present). There will be over 300 prizes given, a free raffle for kids, and free door prizes, including two screen houses, two 32-inch televisions, a 20-inch Huffy kids bike, and a four-burner gas grill. Refreshments will be available from start to finish.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Parent Teacher Group invites you to join their Fall Festival on Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This will be a fun-filled day of games, food, music, a silent auction, and more. Event proceeds will help pay for activities and residencies benefiting the Walpole Schools and community.

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.

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.

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

SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE MONDAY, October 2 – FRIDAY, October 13, 2023

Periodically, in Springfield, Vermont, we clean water mains of harmless corrosion and accumulated foreign matter by opening hydrants and allowing the water to escape under high pressure. The flushing action is an important part of our program to maintain high quality water.

Although such flushing may produce temporary discoloration, the safety of the water is not affected in any way. HOWEVER, we advise you to schedule clothes washing and cleaning projects at other times.

All mains will be flushed between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. During the time this work is performed, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WILL BE AFFECTED. It is suggested that restaurants, laundromats, etc. keep their use to a minimum until water clears. The water system will be riled and cloudy, but this condition will clear up upon completion of the work.

SPRINGFIELD WATER DEPT.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE WORKER II/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill a full-time Maintenance Worker II / Truck Driver position within the Public Works Department. Requires the ability to perform semi-skilled work related to the operation of trucks, light-duty motor equipment and manual labor. Must be able to make accurate reports of materials hauled and maintenance scheduled. A Maintenance Worker II/Truck Driver is often required to work independently and will occasionally supervise. Requires an understanding of job safety, a valid motor vehicle operator's license, and a CDL Class B. Pay Scale of \$18.25 to \$24.94 per hour. This is a union position with eligible overtime and an EXCELLENT benefits package. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, (802) 885-2104 (tosh@vermontel.net). Applications may also be downloaded from the Town's website springfieldvt.gov/jobs. The Town of Springfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

HELP WANTED

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The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking an experienced individual to fill a full-time Maintenance Worker III/Vactor Truck Driver position within the Public Works Department. Desired candidate must have the ability to perform semi-skilled work related to the operation of sewer collections. Must be able to make accurate reports of material hauled and maintenance scheduled. Operates Vactor truck and light duty motor equipment, and hand tools necessary to perform repair functions. Must possess all desired knowledge, abilities and physical capabilities necessary to perform heavy manual labor for long hours under varying and often rugged climatic conditions. A valid motor vehicle operator's license and a valid CDL (with Tanker endorsement) is required. This position is non-exempt and requires the employee to be on call. Pay Grade 16, Pay Scale \$19.54 - \$26.82 per hour with an excellent benefits package. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, (802) 885-2104 (tosh@vermontel.net). Applications and a complete job description can be found at springfieldvt.gov/jobs. The Town of Springfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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CLOSING OF LAW PRACTICE OF MASSUCCO & STERN, P.C.

FINAL NOTICE is hereby given that the law practice of MASSUCCO & STERN, P.C. located at 90 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vermont is now closed as of September 29, 2023.

All files, documents, and other materials stored or located at the Bellows Falls Vermont premises have been securely distributed or destroyed.

Please contact the office of Dakin & Benelli, P.C., P.O. Box 499, Chester, VT 05143, 802 875-4000, for further information.

Town of Plymouth, Vermont Request of Proposal

The Town of Plymouth is seeking BIDS/PROPOSALS from qualified companies for 2023 Post Flood Paving Project.

Bidders must be licensed and insured to perform road paving work in the state of Vermont. Bidders must also have a proven track record of completing road paving projects on time and within budget.

A detailed bid package can be obtained from our website <https://www.plymouthvt.org/>

Bids should be marked "2023 Post Flood Paving Project" and emailed to clerk@plymouthvt.org or mailed to Town of Plymouth, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont 05056 no later than 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Bids will be opened and/or read immediately after the deadline in Plymouth Town Office Meeting Room. The Select Board may award the bid at their regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023.

The Town of Plymouth reserves the right to reject any or all Bids/Proposals. This solicitation in no way obligates the Town of Plymouth to award a contract.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Larry Lynds at 802-672-3535 or email femareplymouthvt@gmail.com

Town of Plymouth, Vermont NOTICE OF ADOPTED TOWN ORDINANCE

Please note that the Town of Plymouth Select Board voted to adopt a Dog Ordinance on September 18, 2023.

Under Vermont law, the Dog Ordinance may be disapproved by a referendum vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the Town. In order to require a referendum vote on the adopted Ordinance, a petition requesting a vote on the question of disapproving the adopted Ordinance must be submitted to the Select Board or Town Clerk. The petition must be signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of the Town and submitted no later than 44 days from the date the Ordinance was adopted by the Select Board, which was September 18, 2023. If a petition meeting those requirements is submitted, the Select Board shall call a meeting within 60 days from the date of receipt of the petition to hold a referendum vote to determine whether the voters will disapprove of the Ordinance.

If no petition is submitted within the required time, the Dog Ordinance will take effect 60 days from the date the Dog Ordinance was adopted by the Select Board, which will be November 17, 2023.

Any questions about the ordinance may be directed to the Plymouth Town Clerk located at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont 05056 or at clerk@plymouthvt.org or by calling (802) 672-3655.

The full text of the adopted ordinance may be found on the Town of Plymouth website: www.plymouthvt.org under Town Administration/Ordinances.

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, October 2, 2023 AND CONTINUING THROUGH Tuesday, October 31 .

SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Brian Joslyn
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS

The Chester Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. This public notice is given pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 4444.

The principal purpose of the proposed development bylaws amendment is to implement reforms required by S.100 (Act 47) known as the "Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone" or HOME legislation, to implement the recommendations in "Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods" published by the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development, to better define uses including art studio and/or gallery, club, and bar/tavern/pub, and to enable the approval of food trucks, food carts and food stands.

The proposed amendment will affect every geographical area of Chester. The amended Sections of the Bylaws include 2.3 Village Center District, 2.3.1 Village Green District, 2.4 Mixed Use District (was Residential-Commercial), 2.5 General Business District (was Commercial-Industrial), 2.6 Stone Village District, 2.7 Neighborhood District (was R-20 and portions of R-40), 8.2 Definitions, and adding 3.31 Food Trucks, Food Carts, and Food Stands.

The full text of the proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office and on the home page of the Town's website at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 21st day of September 2023. Hugh Quinn, Planning Commission Chair

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LUDLOW, Vt. - Snowplowing and sanding, Ludlow area, residential only. Reasonable rates. Contact

YARD SALE

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Yard and garage sale on Sept. 23-24 and Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 44 Baltimore Rd. and Green Valley Rd.

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.

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Answers

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PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 1804-11-70 Wipe

NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN RE: Ladeau, Bessie

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Motion to Allow Account for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, was filed in the Probate Division of the Superior Court on January 05, 2023. The Motion can be viewed through the Public Portal at the Vermont Superior Courthouse.

A Remote hearing only on the Motion will be held at: 10:00 AM on November 06, 2023, at the above-named court.

Those wishing to participate may contact the Probate Division at 802-457-2121 for Remote Participation Instructions.

If no one appears at the hearing to object, the relief requested may be granted. If you wish to receive notice of future events in this proceeding, you must notify the Court by filing a Notice of Appearance form that can be found on the Vermont Judiciary website.

It is hereby ORDERED that the notice of hearing as set forth in the Order be published in Vermont Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in Windsor County.

Publication date:

9/22/2023

Frederick M. Glover,
Probate Judge 9/22/2023

Any individual with a disability requiring assistance accessing the services, programs, and/or activities at the Courthouse should contact the Clerk's office at the above address for further assistance.

STATE OF VERMONT
SUPERIOR COURT
Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 23-PR-05081

In re ESTATE of: David L. Dressel

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: David L. Dressel
Decedent

late of Springfield
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 9/15/23 Signature of Fiduciary: Mark Dressel

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Mark Dressel		c/o Parker & Ankuda, Esq. P.O. Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156	

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Wonders of Fall by VAULT Artists
Flowers in Texture & Color Workshop with Julie Crabtree 10/7
Raku Pottery Workshop with Andrew Berends 10/7 & 10/14
Pet Portrait Workshop with Mindy Fisher 10/18
Still Life in Oil Workshop with David Gordon 10/21
Painting the Vibrant Colors of Fall in Watercolor with Rob O'Brien 11/4
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(10/04/23 - TFN - 13)

arts & entertainment

Weston Craft Show

WESTON, Vt. – “The show must go on,” and it will. In spite of flood damage to the Weston Playhouse, the renowned Weston Craft Show will take place as traditionally scheduled on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 6, 7, and 8, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day.

For 2023, the location will be the Theater at Walker Farm, located a short distance north of the Playhouse on Route 100, at 705 Main Street. The Weston Community Association, owner of the Playhouse and sponsor/beneficiary of the Craft Show wishes to thank the Weston Theater Company, and executive artistic director Susanna Gellert, for the use of this splendid venue.

There is a fee for adults, with return privileges; those under 16 are free. There is free parking, and



Mark Madden's wooden owl. PHOTO PROVIDED

Junior's Food Truck will supply vittles.

In its 38th iteration, the Weston Craft Show continues to attract new talent; the 2023 show will introduce six new artisans, two of whom open additional categories to the show;

Kathy Detko will bring braided rugs, and Mark Madden's unique wooden owls will be nesting in Weston. The Show provides a great experience for the craft connoisseur, as well as the person gift shopping for the upcoming holidays.

Begun in 1983 by a small group of local artisans, the show has grown to become one of Vermont's top fall attractions, garnering “Top Ten Events” awards from the Vermont Chamber of Commerce on four occasions. The Show is totally a volunteer effort, with local citizens lending their time and talent to ensure a great experience for both the artisans and show attendees. We hope to see you this October at Walker Farm.

“Bellows Falls, a Sense of Place” exhibit

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – “What is it about a particular spot that makes us feel like we belong? Is it what we see, what we feel, what we hear? Is it the people? The scenery, or the day-to-day energy? Probably all of those, but there's something else, that one thing that resonates; that strikes at something deep, makes us stop; that allows us to observe and be a part of it all simultaneously. It is a Sense of Place,” says historian Gail Golec.

“Bellows Falls, a Sense of Place,” is an exhibit of artwork by eight local artists whose work is inspired by the unique geography, culture, and industrial history of Bellows Falls. The artists include Charlie Hunter, Jean Cannon, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Arlene Scully, Robert McBride,

Phyllis Rosser, Gregory Thorpe, and Kristen Fehrenbach, who work in a variety of media, including painting, watercolor, sculpture, and photography. The exhibit is open until Oct. 6, at the Flat Iron Coffee House, located at 51 The Square in downtown Bellows Falls.

Curated by Robert McBride, director of the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP), the exhibit encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations to think about how they have creatively developed their sense of place in relation to Bellows Falls.

RAMP is taking the opportunity to develop the theme of “Bellows Falls, a Sense of Place,” to reach out and include the community at large in a process of reflection.

“To enhance the exhibit and offer the opportunity for people to participate in

the exhibit even if they cannot attend it, or after it has come down, RAMP is collaborating with historian-archaeologist Gail Golec and Alex Stradling, director at FACT TV, to develop a five to seven minute video and text that captures the exhibit and the voices of the participating artists.” McBride explains.

Each artist has a brief caption on how Bellows Falls has inspired their work. The video effectively captures the images of the artists' work, as well as the locations in the village that inspired them.

Come and experience Bellows Falls through these artists' eyes.

For more information about the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project, visit their website, www.rampvt.org. And with accessibility questions, please contact Flat Iron Cooperative Coffee House at 802-732-8371.

Next Stage Arts to screen “Four Winters”

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents a screening of Julia Mintz's award-winning documentary film “Four Winters.” The film explores the Jewish partisans who

fought against the Nazis during World War II.

“This film is a testament to the human spirit of survival against all odds,” says Keith Marks, executive director of

Next Stage Arts. “We love presenting a wide range of content through Next Stage, and this film is an extension of that commitment to the diverse options presented to our community. In an effort to not forget our history, this film supports our understanding of our shared humanity.”

Torn from their families by the ravages of Hitler's armies, men and women, many barely in their teens,

escaped into the forests, banding together in partisan brigades; engaging in treacherous acts of sabotage, blowing up trains, burning electric stations, and attacking armed enemy headquarters. Against extraordinary odds, over 25,000 Jewish partisans courageously fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of World War II Belarus, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe.

The last surviving partisans relive their journey in “Four Winters,” sharing their stories of resistance. Director Julia Mintz shines a spotlight on their transformation from young innocents raised in closely knit Jewish communities and families, to becoming fierce partisan soldiers with enduring hope, grit, magnificent courage, and deep humanity.

Featuring the photogra-

phy of Faye Schulman, partisan photographer clad in her signature leopard coat, and through a fusion of inspiring and powerful first-person interviews with stunning archival footage, “Four Winters” uncovers secrets held for lifetimes, revealing a heartfelt narrative of heroism, determination, and resilience.

This screening is funded in part by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.



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Priya Darshini and the Alejandro Brittes Quartet

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents a double bill featuring the Hindustani and Carnatic-influenced New Age music of Priya Darshini, and the Argentinian chamamé of the Alejandro Brittes Quartet, on Friday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt.

“A double bill of world music from vastly different traditions gives our community perspective to the range and depths of world cultures,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “Priya represents a flavor of Asian culture, while Alejandro brings a South American

style. The two complement one another in that they help our southern Vermont community become aware of diverse musical traditions.”

Born in Chennai, raised in Mumbai, India, and based in New York, Priya Darshini's distinct style takes inspiration from her diverse cultural and life experiences. Rooted in Hindustani and Carnatic Indian Classical music, her improvisational mastery, and vast knowledge of music from around the world, Priya's music is elegant, tranquil, virtuosic, intricately layered, and pushes compositional boundaries while effortlessly weaving her distinct multicultural experience into a unique and timeless musical tapestry.

Chamamé – just like tango – has been declared as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. Argentine accordionist, composer, and researcher Alejandro Brittes, who is touring in the U.S. this September and October, has been declared one of the foremost contempo-

rary chamamé ambassadors and innovators.

Born of the centuries-long interaction between ritual practices of indigenous Guaraní and the Baroque music influences brought by Jesuits in the Mission period (16th to 18th centuries), chamamé can be conceived of as a ritual that seeks to communicate with the Earth and the Universe and maintain harmony among humans, through music and dance that leads participants to moments of trance. Often this ecstasy is viscerally expressed by participants through a “sapucay,” a piercing, spontaneous ancestral yell to release strong emotions pent up inside.

In Buenos Aires, chamamé was discriminated against and criminalized for decades (much like other popular music such as tango). Alejandro Brittes's parents migrated from the interior of the Province of Corrientes to Buenos Aires, where his father was a pioneering chamamé event organizer, and his mother a chamamé radio host, both attending to the

cultural needs of the rural migrant community in the city. It was in this environment that Brittes was born and raised, amongst the most respected chamamé musicians and ensembles, beginning his professional career at 15 years old.

The chamamé guitar maintains a percussive mantra that is reminiscent of Guaraní ritual music, and the accordion – with its expressive power – employs its low left-hand to connect with the Earth and the human realm, and its piercing right-hand melody to reach up to the Universe and the Divine. Embraced dancing couples circle around the outdoor spaces where chamamé is traditionally performed, at times breaking into percussive footwork to accompany the music. The accordion evokes the bellowed Baroque organs constructed by skilled Guaraní artisans in the Mission period, a period that was violently cut short by the imperial aspirations of Spain and Portugal in the late 18th Century.

Brittes's latest artistic work is focused on exploring, evoking, and innovating upon the ancestral heritage of chamamé, which has survived great challenges throughout history to flourish today. Interpreting historical repertoire created in the Missions, and original compositions, Brittes collaborates with a Baroque orchestra on his project “(L)Este,” and also performs chamamé classics and original material with his Quartet. Based in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, the Quartet is composed of Alejandro Brittes (accordion), André Ely (seven-stringed guitar), Charlise Bandeira (flute), and Carlos de César (contrabass).

Tickets may be purchased online in advance, or at the door for an additional fee. There is also a livestream option. Next Stage will provide a cash bar. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. For more information, call 802-451-0053 or visit the website above.



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“The Farm Boy” at BFOH

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – “The Farm Boy,” a feature film by local filmmaker George Woodard, will be screening at the Bellows Falls Opera House on Oct. 7, at 2 p.m.

When George Woodard isn't busy on the 200-acre family dairy farm in Waterbury, Vt., he turns his attention to making movies.

Woodard's first full-length feature film, shot in Vermont, starred Woodard's son Henry as an 11-year-old boy. “The Summer of Walter Hacks” was a family affair, begun in 2004 and released in 2010, and was written and directed by Woodard. Featuring the sensibility of a 1950s-era coming of age story set in rural New England, the film was shot in color and then transferred to black and white, the medium that Woodard prefers.

“The Farm Boy” is Woodard's second full-length feature, and stars son Henry as an adult. He plays Calvin Dillard, a young man

who drives a milk truck for his father in rural Vermont during World War II. He marries a girl named Mary (played by Grace Woodruff) he met at a dance, yet barely has time to settle into marriage when he's drafted and sent to war in Belgium. While in Europe, he meets another woman, Renée (Coco Moseley), and his experiences with her change him in profound ways. Woodard filmed “The Farm Boy” on his Waterbury farm, parts of which resemble the pine forests of the Ardennes in Belgium, where one of the most famous World War II battles – the Battle of the Bulge – took place. For those scenes, Woodard managed to assemble a troop of World War II reenactors, some army trucks, and a bunch of fireworks. “It was a heck of a good time,” laughed Woodard.

For Woodard, capturing the realities of wartime accurately was paramount,

and not just in battle, but also at home. “Most World War II movies don't give enough home life,” he said. “A big hole was left in communities when men went to war. What Calvin left behind was just as important to the story as what he encountered in Europe. You can't understand a character's choices unless you know a bit of their history.”

“The Farm Boy” is also a bit personal for Woodard: it's loosely based on his own parents' experiences during World War II. “It's a love story with action and adventure,” he said. “There's a lot of heart to it, and it's a lot of fun to watch.”

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com/whats-playing-2. For more information on “The Farm Boy,” visit www.hangingmudflap-productions.com.

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WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Weathersfield artist Robert O'Brien

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“The Red Schoolhouse,” watercolor by Robert J. O'Brien.

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Robert will be part of a local tour (Tour Loop 12) along with six other artists and craftspeople in the Springfield, Bellows Falls, and Ludlow area. Go out, take a drive amidst the fall colors, and enjoy viewing great art. Supporting the arts supports the local economy.

For more information, call 802-263-9394.

Media

Manipulation in the Digital Age

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Ben Boyinton, educator, writer, and media literacy scholar will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program, “We Are All Being Used! Media Manipulation in the Digital Age” on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

Like so many headlines today, this program title is click bait. It is designed to seize your attention by appealing to your emotions. This kind of rhetoric infests our news as well as our politics and social media posts. We will explore how the attention economy and consumerism work to influence our buying (and thus our lives), our politics (the life of the country), and our very sense of self (our mental health). Through dissection of examples, sharing of facts, and open discussion, we will engage about advertising techniques, the economics of the digital age, and the impact of social media.

Boyinton is a high school teacher and has written a book for young people. “The Media and Me” provides readers with the tools and perspectives to be empowered and autonomous media users. The book explores critical inquiry skills to help young people form a multidimensional comprehension of what they read and watch. He will share these basic tools with the adult audience of the OLLI group, helping us all to understand how the media tries to manipulate our thinking, and he will give us some tools to approach what we see and hear with critical thinking skills.

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and over who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. We can no longer take any payments onsite at the door. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form with instructions on how to make payment after the program.

There is a membership series fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

You may view the entire semester programs by going

to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. Registration can be done online or by calling 802-656-5817 during regular office hours, Monday – Friday, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

If there are weather related changes, you can check the website on the morning of the program.

The University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored non-credit events, including OLLI, will be vaccinated. Masks are optional.

Fall Into Winter Celebration

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ventriloquist Al Getler uses his sharp wit and skills for a show filled with laughs for audiences of all sizes, age groups, and performance venues. He is performing as a part of the Fall Into Winter Celebration on Oct. 8, at 2 p.m., at Okemo Mountain Resort – Jackson Gore, 111 Jackson Gore Road in Ludlow.

Getler has been seen on Discovery and A&E Network channels hundreds of times with his buddy Jeff Dunham. He has also been featured on Good Morning America, Fox TV, and other TV appearances. He has entertained corporate audiences such as AT&T, GE, USA Today/Gannett Corp, and has appeared in New York, New York Hotel & Casino, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, and more.

Getler knows family audiences. He was recently held over for one year at a top-rated Pocono Mountains family resort. “When I say family,

I mean the whole family,” said Getler. “My audiences span the entire spectrum including children, teenagers, adults, and the grandparents.”

His secret, Getler maintains, is to keep the laughs right down the middle. He uses a cast of his unique puppet characters, and even includes audience members as puppets. Getler focuses his performances on lively banter along with silly and wholesome fun.

“Just like the old Bugs Bunny cartoons, there are jokes aimed at the adults while the kids are laughing

along,” said Getler. “And teens play a key role in my show as participants on stage as Puppet Mouth Singers. The response is great.”

After a recent theater show, a mother paid the highest compliment Getler can imagine when she said, “You even made my 18-year-old laugh!”

“That is the stuff I will bring to the Fall Into Winter Celebration,” said Getler. “The entire family should be ready to participate and have a great time. And they should have their phone ready for pictures!”

“Get there early, as there

is limited seating,” said Fall Into Winter Celebration organizer Kathy Burns, about the day of the show, “We want to everyone to enjoy the show as we celebrate our wonderful community.”

The #puppetmouth photos will take place immediately after the show.

Visit Al Getler's website at www.algetler.com.



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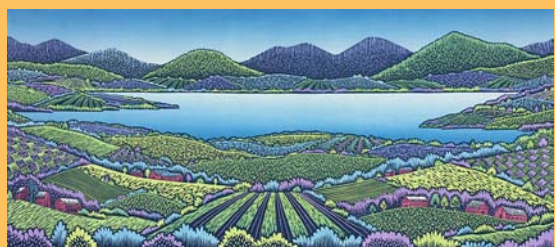
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Teresa Flowers' fall scarves on display.

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Belmont Cider Days

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - The Mount Holly Community Association invites you to come celebrate autumn at their annual Cider Days on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 8, from 12-4 p.m., on the Belmont Green.

Of course, the fun starts with apples. You can watch fresh cider being made on an antique apple press, and enjoy the fresh pressed cider (hot or cold) along with a cider donut, home-baked apple pie, or crisp topped with ice cream. You can even pick up a gallon of fresh cider to take home. And there's plenty of non-apple fun to enjoy too; Cider Days features live music, food, beer, and crafts vendors,

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a library book sale, and more to enjoy as you take in the fall colors in our historic village. You can also learn more about town at the Mount Holly Museum, right next to the Green.

Highlights this year include Karma Sanctuary, providing a petting zoo for animal lovers, and the ever-popular cow plop contest starring Miss Liberty from Dairy Aire Farm.

Visitors can also come and cast a ballot in our local photo contest. The winning entries will be featured in the Mount Holly 2025 calendar.

Belmont Cider Days has been ranked as one of the top fall events in the state of Vermont. For further information, check out the Mount Holly Community Association website, www.mhcavt.org, or their Facebook page.

Belmont may be tucked away off the numbered roads, but it's easy to find. From Route 103, turn left at the flashing light if coming from Ludlow, or right if coming from Rutland. If you're driving up Route 155, turn at the Belmont sign. Either way, head up the hill, find a place to park, and stroll through Belmont Village to the Belmont Baptist Church Green, just like the folks did so many years ago when they brought their apples to be pressed.