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Down to the Roots opens in Chester

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CHESTER, Vt. – On Thursday night, Aug. 31, new business partners Andi Goldman, Meredith Milliken, and Scott Blair welcomed a large, R.S.V.P.-only crowd to celebrate the licensing of their new cannabis retail store, Down to the Roots, in Chester. Guests included several of Down to the Roots' staff of budtenders, some area farmers who will supply the product, other local business proprietors, and the property owner, Mark Williams.

The team is nearly finished with renovations to the building that once was home to the 103 Artisans Marketplace art gallery, and the attention to design and detail is noteworthy. With vaulted ceilings, corrugated steel walls combined with original wood, and adult-themed, custom designed art pieces from Italian artist Angelo Musko, the space is quite impressive. Intentionally,

this is not the "Apple Store" style of minimalist cannabis dispensary; it is lush, warm, welcoming, and aesthetically engaging.

Blair said the idea was to make Down to the Roots a destination for cannabis consumers, and anyone interested in informing themselves on cannabis and CBD usage.

Milliken told the group that the three shared a common goal, to "create a memorable and welcoming experience" for visitors. "We want to be the jewel in Vermont's cannabis crown."

The trio say their approach will be different from other cannabis retailers, with a stronger focus on wellness and education. They have enlisted the guidance of Jessilyn Dolan, RN/CMT/CLD, a cannabis advocate and patient. Dolan is vice president of the American Nurse Association-Vermont, chair of the Government Affairs Committee, founder of the Vermont Cannabis Nurse Association, and co-founder



Andi Goldman, Scott Blair, and Meredith Milliken, co-founders of Down to the Roots, with some of their staff. PHOTO PROVIDED

of NurseGrown Organics, Vermont hemp and CBD. Blair said Dolan would schedule appointments at the shop to offer consultations to anyone requesting information on cannabis, such as first-time users, or people with specific medical conditions looking for assistance with finding the right products for them.

A high level of security is in place at Down to the Roots, with multiple cameras, secured entrances and exits, and a dedicated entry for staff and the growers, who won't be forced to enter through the main door with their product as they do at other establishments. A large staff break room is another detail Blair is proud of, ex-

plaining that the health and safety of everyone involved in the business is his top priority.

The team is also putting everything in place to begin manufacturing products, hopefully in four to six months, once they receive their manufacturing license.

Down to the Roots will be the first dispensary in the world to utilize a state-of-the-art, temperature-controlled storage system, manufactured by Cannatrol in North Springfield. Using the patented technology Vaportrol, Cannatrol founders Jane Lewis Sandelman and David Sandelman have designed a system that offers consistent temperature control and vapor pressure while storing the cannabis flower.

Blair has been involved with the community since he moved to Chester eight years ago. A native Vermonter, Blair and his wife Leslie own the Southern Pie Cafe on the Chester green. Leslie reported that she'll continue to run the cafe, while Blair concen-

trates on growing Down to the Roots. "This is his baby, and the pie shop is my baby," Leslie remarked.

The dispensary's three owners have "uniquely different skill sets," said Blair, and after meeting a year and a half ago, realized they were a good fit. They decided to partner together to open the dispensary in Chester, after the town of Ludlow turned down Goldman and Milliken's efforts to open a shop there, twice. Once they were introduced to Blair, and Williams stepped in to purchase the former art gallery, the idea of Down to the Roots Cannabis Retail Store became reality.

As of press time, Down to the Roots had not yet received the physical license to operate the facility, which they need in order to officially open their doors. They are hoping to receive the license in the coming week, and open soon. Check their facebook for official updates at www.facebook.com/DownToTheRootsVT.

VLGS Flood Assistance Clinic at FML

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, will host a flood relief assistance clinic with volunteers from Vermont Law and Graduate School (VLGS). VLGS's Entrepreneurial Legal Lab and Environmental Justice Clinics are working together to assist Vermonters affected by the July 10 floods. Volunteers will be available to help provide information, answer questions, help fill out FEMA and SBA applications, and help with other paperwork – such as communications with a landlord or insurance claims. This workshop is open to homeowners, renters, and business owners.

The deadline to submit applications to FEMA has been extended to Oct. 12.

Individuals can come prepared to the clinic with the following items:

- Pictures of before and after the flood if accessible.
- Receipts of repairs, replacement items, and lodging if displaced from flooding.
- Insurance information, including a reply or settlement from insurance after claim was submitted.
- Household income information.
- Any additional notes about damages, losses, and impacts from flooding.

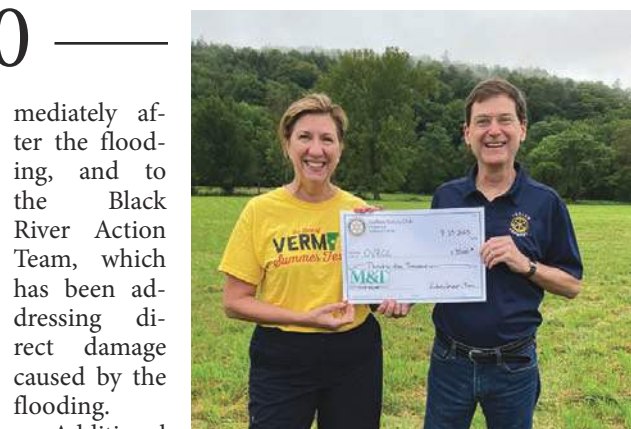
These clinics represent the initial efforts to provide es-

sential legal aid to those impacted. VLSell and the Environmental Justice Clinic anticipate an ongoing commitment to supporting the community's legal needs in the future. This collaboration serves as a lifeline for affected individuals and businesses, and reinforces Vermont Law and Graduate School's dedication to fostering practical legal education and community engagement.

Please note, this event will provide legal information, not advice. For more information, contact nkilloran@vermontlaw.edu, or ormmontoya@vermontlaw.edu.

Ludlow Rotary flood recovery reaches \$100,000

LUDLOW, Vt. – During a recent community meeting with representatives from the State of Vermont to exchange information on state assistance in flood recovery, and to inform them about the damages, Thomas Ray, Ludlow Area Rotary Club president, reported that Ludlow Area Rotary will spend about \$100,000. Funds available so far in response to the recent flooding are from contributions received specifically for this disaster, and from Rotary's own Charitable Fund balance. Funds already disbursed have gone to the purchase of dehumidifiers and fans that were distributed at the Ludlow Community Center im-



Ludlow Rotary President Thomas Ray presents a check to Carol Lighthall, executive director of OVRCC. PHOTO PROVIDED

mediately after the flooding, and to the Black River Action Team, which has been addressing direct damage caused by the flooding. Additional funds are being disbursed to affected businesses and residents in Rotary's service area through the processes established by the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Crown Point Board of Realtors.

Ludlow Rotary has received flood response contributions from several other Rotary clubs, and

from generous local businesses, residents, and second-hand homeowners. Ray indicated the club is expecting more funds as well. Rotary club members and families also have been contributing their time to assist in the response and recovery efforts.

FOLA donates \$700 to Ludlow Recovery Fund

LUDLOW, Vt. – At the recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), David Almond, FOLA treasurer, presented a check for \$703 to the LRC's fundraising program, to assist in the Ludlow-area flood recovery programs.

The submitted funds represented the proceeds FOLA audience members donated during the annual Silent Movie Festival, attended by more than 45 people, on Saturday, Aug. 26, in the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow's

Town Hall.

To demonstrate the extent of the donations at this event, Jeff Rapsis, the featured pianist providing background music to the Charlie Chaplin comedy "Gold Rush," donated his fee.

Almond noted that this was truly a community effort. "It just showed us that the folks attending the movie had more on their minds than just watching this great comedian," he observed. "It's heart-warming to realize how much people will

donate when the situation calls for generosity. It just makes you feel very proud."

FOLA donated all of those receipts to the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, to be used to assist local individuals and businesses repair or replace property that was damaged by severe storms. Similar donations may be sent to Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund (LARCF), P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Fletcher Farm Foundation donates to flood relief

LUDLOW, Vt. – In recognition of the needs of residents in the community after the flood on July 10, George Thomson, president of

Fletcher Farm Foundation, recently presented checks to Krey Kellington of Black River Good Neighbor Services, and to Dianne McN-

mara, town clerk of the Town of Cavendish, for the Cavendish Community Fund, to support relief efforts in the communities they represent.

The Foundation hopes this support will help in the recovery of community members challenged by this devastating event.

Sweethearts & Heroes conducted a southern Vermont Circle Training at Rutland Town School. Sweethearts & Heroes is a student empowerment and empathy activation team that aims to prevent bullying and suicide with a focus on the basic components of social-emotional learning (SEL).

Sweethearts & Heroes worked with thousands of students and hundreds of educators in Vermont during the 2022-2023 school year. Sweethearts & Heroes offers a profound, engaging signature presentation that calls for HOPE, Empathy and Action; Circle, which is built on the ancient rit-

ual of communicating in a circle to build empathy; and BRAVES Buddies, which trains older students in bully drills that they, in turn, teach to students in lower grades.

Educators and administrators from these Vermont schools and districts attended the Rutland trainings: Rutland Town School, West Rutland School, Manchester Elementary/Middle School, Two Rivers Supervisory Union, Mount Anthony Union Middle School, and Green Mountain Union High School.

The workshops primed

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South Londonderry Library Dot Day

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Children of all ages (and their grown-ups too) are invited to celebrate Dot Day with art teacher Casey Junker Bailey on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the South Londonderry Free Library. This free program begins at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to dress in dotty fashion. There will be a variety of creative dot activities, and each family will receive their own copy of “The Dot” to

bring home, thanks to a generous grant from the Stratton Foundation. The South Londonderry Free Library is joining over 26 million children and adults around the globe in 200 countries and sovereign territories to celebrate International Dot Day – a grassroots “creativity and courage” movement, started in 2009 by a teacher in Iowa. Inspired by New York Times best-selling author and il-

lustrator Peter H. Reynolds’ classic storybook for all ages, “The Dot,” International Dot Day inspires young and old to embrace the power of personal creativity to help make their mark on the world, and move it to a better place. For more information about this delightfully fun activity and our monthly programs for kids, contact the library at 802-824-3371.

Library Card Sign-up Month at Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. – September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when Whiting Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind our community that signing up for a library card is a first step on the path to academic achievement and a love for lifelong learning. A library card can be a rite of passage for young citizens, giving them a sense of accountability and greater responsibility to their community.

Every resident of Chester and Andover is entitled to a free library card, and if you sign up for a new card in September, you’ll get a free gift, plus be entered to win a raffle prize. Everyone is invited to play Library Card Bingo, and win even more prizes throughout September. Through access to technology, media resources, and educational programs, Whiting Library provides people of all ages the opportunity to pursue their dreams and goals. We offer public computers, free WiFi, printing and copying, audiobooks and ebooks, plus online classes and programs for kids and adults, all free with your library card.

The library will be holding our annual book sale out on the front lawn at 117 Main Street in Chester on Sept. 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be a large selection of fiction, nonfiction, and children’s books available to purchase at bargain prices. All proceeds will go towards the library. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the book sale, please give the library a call, or email mgorsky@whitinglibrary.org.

The library is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check out the library website, www.whitinglibrary.org, for more information, and explore the brand new, expanded online library catalog.

Ludlow Rotary inducts Bruce Schmidt, hears about AI

LUDLOW, Vt. – Bruce Schmidt, vice president, general manager, and the friendly face of Okemo Mountain Resort, was inducted into the Ludlow Rotary Club at its Sept. 29 meeting. Rotarian Tom Harris, who did the induction, acknowledged Schmidt’s multiple contributions to the community over the years, including his long tenure as select-board member. Harris indicated the Ludlow Rotary Club is happy to now have that experience and commitment as part of its membership.



Bruce Schmidt is inducted into the Ludlow Rotary Club. PHOTO PROVIDED

The guest speaker for the meeting, Mike Lennon, founder of Eternity Marketing, spoke about using artificial intelligence (AI) in daily work and life. Lennon suggested that businesses want search results optimization when someone searches for them on the web. He argued that it can be enhanced using AI because of its ability to mimic human behavior over time and with repeated use. Essentially, AI can learn a business and its commonly used language. As it is used, it hallucinates far less frequently, and becomes

more accurate with its ability to search via keywords. In order for AI to complete a task correctly, each request must have specificity, resulting in a better output. Ultimately, AI can write blogs, generate posts for social media, or create an email marketing segment with photos and copy. ChatGPT is an AI-powered language model developed by OpenAI, capable of generating human-like text based on context and past conversations. Since its launch in November 2022, it has gained more followers than any other app. However, it can generate incorrect informa-

tion. ChatGPT has to learn over time to autocomplete based on the user entering correct information. Lennon cautioned that when you upload information to any of these sites, it gives web access to your data. He does encourage using a site to become familiar with its capabilities and limitations. Club members had several questions for Lennon about using any of the AI sites. Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, membership chairman, at 802-228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

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Jessica Hannigan wins corn hole set

WINHALL, Vt. – Jessica Hannigan of Bellows Falls, Vt., was happy to win the Tri-Mountain Lions Club raffle prize of a corn hole set handcrafted by Terry Merrow of Londonderry. The winning ticket was drawn at the Bondville Fair Tri-Mountain Lions booth, where earplugs were given out for hearing protection during the truck pulls.

Money raised this summer has been going directly back into our communities; The Lions have given out cleaning supplies, food, water, clothing, and monetary aid to replace items ruined by the flood. The club has also been supporting the Winhall and Londonderry food shelves with monetary and food donations.

We are fortunate to live in a very caring and sharing community. Thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who support our club fundraisers.



Jessica Hannigan won a corn hole set at the Bondville Fair. PHOTO PROVIDED

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educators on the “Magic of Circles,” and other strategies that can build empathy and compassion in their classrooms. Discussions also touched

upon Sweethearts & Heroes’ novel, “13 Pillows For Affective Teachers,” which covers the themes of HOPE, Empathy and Action in the Sweethearts & Heroes curriculum. Sweethearts & Heroes teammates Tom Murphy (director, of St. Albans, Vt.) and Heather Gottlob (affective educator) led the

Rutland seminars, which happened with support from these local North Country Chevy Dealers: Langway Chevrolet Volkswagen of Manchester, Alderman’s Chevrolet Buick GMC, Benson’s Chevrolet Inc., and Key Chevrolet of White River. “The timing was perfect for these seminars in

Vermont,” Murphy said. “Never before have we witnessed such tremendous need for support with social-emotional wellness in our schools and communities. Participants left these trainings with a comprehensive understanding and ability to use the power of human connection, acceptance, and behavior modeling to create cultures of empathy, compassion, and leadership.”

“It’s been through the addition of MAPLE that we have been able to get the kids to talk.”
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upon Sweethearts & Heroes’ novel, “13 Pillows For Affective Teachers” is based on real students and teachers that Sweethearts & Heroes has encountered. Murphy co-wrote the book with Brian McKeon of New York. “13 Pillows” is available on Amazon. Digital or printed copies are available upon request. The audiobook is on Audible. For more information on Sweethearts & Heroes, visit www.sweetheartsandheroes.com.

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More soapstone history

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Below is more of Ed Kendall's 1958 Springfield Reporter story about Chester Soapstone. The previous article ended with, "The drivers had many hair raising moments driving down this hill with their heavy loads..."

"Two of these drivers stand out in my memory very clearly. I remember John Farmer, what pride he took in his horses. He had a daughter, Grace, who for a time was a schoolmate of mine, though some years younger. At the time I came to North Springfield, 55 years ago, Charles Cadwell had the job. Once in awhile these men would let a boy make the trip with them. A ride down that hill on the wagon with its heavy load was something a boy never would forget.

Little by little the demand for soapstone prod-

ucts became less and less. The nicely enameled sinks and tubs, made of iron, came into universal use. Electric heating pads took the place of the foot warmer. The soapstone stove, once so popular, is only a curiosity today. The stone griddle that cooked its cakes so nicely was put out of commission by electric utensils. About the only use made of this stone today is the dust usually sold under the name of ground talc.

For many years, the buildings in the mill yard in Chester have been vacant. I am told by one who is competent to judge, that there are several veins of excellent quality still to be found on the old quarry property, now covered with growing trees and brush...

Vast quantities of waste material soon accumulated at the mill, there was not the demand for ground talc that there is today. The manufacture of asphalt

shingle was in its infancy. In February, 1887, the Chester Steam Power Co. leased a parcel of land adjoining that leased to the Union Soapstone Co., to the National Soapstone Finish Co...

This company at once erected a building, installed a steam engine, equipped the building with powerful grinders or crushers, machines for sifting and bolting the dust, and mixers for mixing certain products, which I describe to the best of my memory.

Of course their first process was the grinding of the waste stone to a fine dust. This dust was sifted and bolted until a powder finer than the finest flour of today was produced. This powder was the chief ingredient of several products put out by the company. One of them was a finish for walls and ceilings. This finish, without the addition of coloring, produced a very soft blue

gray wall or ceiling, durable, free from cracks, non-porous, and very sanitary. They also made it in colors, about any shade except green was obtainable...

Another product was a soapstone mortar, made in various colors, used in laying brick walls. For a while there was quite a demand for this material.

Probably their most important product was the Potter Blackboard Material. This could be applied directly to the plastered walls of school buildings. It was applied by a mason in the same manner he applied a skim coat of hard finish today. A blackboard of this material was nearly as satisfactory as slate blackboard found in our schools today..."

The photo with this article shows the up and down saw at Saxtons River soapstone mill. Union Soapstone in Chester had two of these up and down saws.



Soapstone Mill in Saxtons River. Notice saw at right. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Instead of an old saying, I offer a Crazy Lady story from 1974.

Crazy Lady

Crazy Lady ran an antiques shop on Route 5. Many dealers, myself included, stopped to do business. Some days she seemed fine, other days she was just plain nuts.

In front of her shop, out in the weather, she had rows of old chairs, broken yarn winders, and such, to

entice customers to stop. I don't remember the details now, but Randy of Claremont stopped with his large box truck to complete a deal he had made the day before. Crazy Lady went nuts, chasing Randy out of her shop.

She was beating on the side of Randy's truck when he made his escape. Randy backed up, and then drove over her display of chairs as he left!

Annual Phineas Gage Walk and Talk

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Many know the story of Phineas Gage, the railroad foreman who, on Sept. 13, 1848, had a tamping rod pass through his head as a result of a blasting accident, and lived for 12 more years. Each year, on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the accident, the Cavendish Historical Society (CHS) hosts a Gage Walk and Talk.

This year's Walk and Talk takes place on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the CHS Museum, Route 131 in Cavendish, Vt. The program begins at 2 p.m. The walk includes the location of the accident, Dr. Harlow's home and surgery, and the boarding house where Gage was taken after

his injury. The talk includes details of the accident, how it impacted Gage's life, as well as ushered in the field of neuroscience, and why Dr. Harlow's training, as well as other aspects of the era, helped to save his life. The Museum now has a 3D replica of Gage's skull, as well as an item from Harlow's practice.

The site of the accident is approximately three quarters of a mile from the museum, and by the time other sites of interest are visited and we return to the museum, you will have walked close to two miles. Participants can stop at any time. It's recommended to wear comfortable walking shoes.



Phineas Gage posing with the tamping rod which pierced his skull. PHOTO PROVIDED

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 802-226-7807, or email margo-caulfield@icloud.com.

Horse-drawn vehicles from Shelburne Museum

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Kory Rogers, senior curator of American art from the Shelburne Museum, will launch the fall 2023 semester of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), with the program "Trailblazers: Horse-Drawn Vehicles from Shelburne Museum's Collection" on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

This will help tell the story of olden days, when everyone had a horse and carriage or wagon in the barn, instead of today, when everyone has a car, or two, in the garage. Rogers will explore the importance of Shelburne Museum's renowned collection of horse-drawn vehicles, and their formative role in the establishment of one of Vermont's most beloved cultural institutions. From carriages and sleighs to wagons and carts, the collection spans the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and includes a variety of styles and designs. He will highlight key vehicles, their connection to Museum founder Electra H. Webb, and their historical significance.

Rogers' power point program, with photographs of the extensive collection, will show many of the more than 200 pieces that are housed in the huge two story horseshoe shaped barn at the Shelburne Museum. This collection is a treat to view in person if you make a trip to the museum.

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. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m., and last about an hour and a half.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. 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 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 at this website with a credit card. You may also register over the phone using your credit card by calling 802-656-5817 during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 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

or programs you wish to attend. Mail this information and your check (made out to "University of Vermont-OLLI") to: OLLI at UVM, 23 Mansfield Ave, Burlington, VT 05401.

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

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

Due to the current situation of Covid, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored non-credit events (including OLLI) will be vaccinated. Masks are optional and welcomed. For full health and safety information, go to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

The next program, on Oct. 3, will be "We Are All Being Used: Media Manipulation in the Digital Age." Ben Boyington, educator and media literacy scholar, will look at how advertising rhetoric appeals to our emotions to influence us in consumerism and politics in this age of social media.

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GOLDEN HONEY FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Repeatedly voted one of the "Top 10 Fall Events" by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Golden Honey Festival, hosted by the Golden Stage Inn, is part farmers market with local produce and hot food, and part craft fair with artists and crafters selling their unique items for you and for gifts.

Every vendor is encouraged to have products with some connection to bees – honeybee print fabrics, honey gin, beeswax balms and soaps, kombucha and mead, caramel sauce, and so much more. Co-hosts, Goodman's American Pie of Ludlow, Vt., offer up their honey apple wood-fired pizza from their 1940s tow truck converted into a mobile wood-fired beehive pizza oven. The honey used on their pizza is from Jess Goodman's own hives in Proctorsville.

Honey-related food and drinks, crafts, books, and kids' activities are just a few things highlighted during this one-day, rain or shine event, along with music by Sammy Blanchette from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Ever consider beekeeping? There will be at least 12 experienced beekeepers on site this year, with an observation hive, tons of honey, and just as much insight.

Burleigh and his dad from Erskine's Grain & Garden will be in attendance with their experience tending hundreds of hives for many years. You can buy your bees or your hives right through them. Chris of Mason House Pottery not only makes honeybee-themed pottery in Cavendish, but he keeps hives as well. Steve of Winterview Farm tends his bees in Springfield, and his wife uses the honey and beeswax to make candles, salves, and

more. Brian of Stix & Stones Farm has bees in multiple states, and he offers it still in the comb and some lavender infused too. Festival hosts Jess, of Goodman's American Pie, and Julie, of Golden Stage Inn, keep bees together in Proctorsville.

Vendors include:

Festival booth with shirts and raffle, Golden Stage Inn walking tour with Julie, Goodman's American Pie, kids crafts and face painting, Cavendish Historical Society candle dipping, Jeezum Crow smoked foods, Deb Martin jewelry, Dedrick Art, Dragon Tower jewelry and mini canvases, Erskine's Grain and Garden, Green Mountain Backyard LLC, Hangry Hogg Southern BBQ, Janelle Wilfong stickers, Mason House Pottery, Nancy's Fancies gnomes, New England Hot Fudge sauces and kits, Opio Home table linens, Patterson wood-



Don't miss the Golden Honey Festival on Sept. 9.

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turned bowls, Peter's Folly Farm honey, Soijen prints, Spicy Spoke hot foods, Steve Gintof and Winterview Farm honey and beef, Stix & Stones honey, Ted's Wicked BBQ Sauces, Vermont Firelocks candle rocks, Windham County Beekeepers, Woolly Bear Soaps, Sandra Lombardi pottery, Pat Hackett, Brian Hewitt Fine Art, and Luna Co bracelets.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/VTgoldenhonefestival.



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The 14th annual Blue Flames concert, picnic –

WESTON, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 9, from 4-6 p.m., everyone is invited to come to Weston's town green for a special Blue Flames Steel Band concert, to benefit the area's flood victims.

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136 years ago, nine pioneer women turned a smelly frog pond and muddy swamp into what is now called the most beautiful town green



Blue Flames concert and community picnic. PHOTO PROVIDED

in Vermont. The “Ladies of the Green,” in the spirit of their ancestors, welcome all to join in sharing their spirit of community, and help

provide some assistance to our neighbors in need. The rain date for this event is Saturday, Sept. 16.

Collaborative works at MSA

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Three Vermont artists will present their collaborative works, titled “Merge Collages: A Show and Tell Experience,” at Main Street Arts (MSA) in Saxtons River, Vt. They are also offering two workshops to learn how to create Merge Collages.

The art exhibit will open with an event on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 5-8 p.m., and runs through Oct. 29. The workshops are held on Sundays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. There is a fee for these workshops.

The art show will display a number of collaborative and individual works of Matthew J. Peake, Gordon Korstange, and Gretchen Abendschein. Individual pieces will be available for purchase, with a portion of the sales going to MSA.

According to Peake, the collaborative works stem from a game the three artists play. “For the past two years on many Thursday mornings, you would find the three of us sitting around a table piled high with magazines and picture cards to play Merge Collage,” he said.

The game begins by each player offering up a rule. Each chooses a magazine or card out of the stack, and

begins looking for an image that they connect to, for reasons each may not know, and that fits the three rules. Then, out come the scissors and the rubber cement brush. After 10 minutes, they pass the collage either right or left, and continue looking for images that will interact with what has already been created. They repeat this process for three rounds.

On the next three rounds, each puts one small random word somewhere on the emerging collage (some of the earlier collages may not have the three words). One last turn remains to add a finishing image. Then they set them up and discuss how the merging process went and what was the result. Finally, they each take one collage home to write about it.

The two workshops will basically follow the same game in groups of three attendees, with guidance from the artists.

Abendschein said of her work, “Alone, I create from an inner landscape of dreamlike images that speak the language of symbolism. Through my paintings, I step into a timeless realm of altered dimensions. My artwork is a meditation in-

spired by the fertile unknown ground within.

Korstange shared his experience with collages. “As a poet and musician, I’m happy to be making collages one day a week instead of staring all morning at one of my poems that needs...well, something. Or practicing a raga for a gig that exists only in my mind. But every Thursday, I can join my friends around a big table and glue images down on paper like a third grader (I so loved finger painting).”

Peake said, “I began my professional career in 1982 as a family physician in rural Vermont. After 24 years, I left my practice of medicine to pursue a full-time career in the creative arts. That pursuit has taken me from painting in pastel, acrylic, and oil, to composing in collage and assemblage; to inventing some unique ways of exhibiting artwork; to dancing and teaching dance; and to writing in diverse genres.”

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

Avant Vermont Dance returns with “Seasons: Autumn”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Avant Vermont Dance is pleased to present “Seasons: Autumn,” a family-friendly evening of dance and interactive art-making.

The second in a four-event series, “Seasons: Autumn” premieres on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 5-6 p.m., at Comtu Cascade Park in Springfield, Vt., with a weather date of Sept. 17. Admission is by donation.

Avant Vermont’s company of regional dancers will showcase new works of ballet and modern dance set to Max Richter’s reworking of Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons,” and music by Jon Foreman, Peter Mulvey, and Rusty Belle. Choreographed by Ashley Hensel-Browning, the program spans an accessible 25 minutes, and features additional dancers from the AVD Youth Ensemble.

Following the perfor-



Avant Dance Vermont performing at Comtu Cascade Park. PHOTO PROVIDED

mance, nature artist Emily Burkland of Chester’s Community Art Garden will lead attendees in creating an interactive work of public art that will be subsequently displayed.

Set in various outdoor locations across Springfield’s historic downtown, Avant Vermont’s yearlong “Seasons” series was created to serve as a love letter to place by exploring the seasons of the community through art. “Seasons” debuted in June with “Seasons: Summer.” Upcoming winter and spring installments will be staged in December and March.

Funding for “Seasons” has generously been provided by the Vermont Arts Council, The Byrne Foundation, and Claremont Savings Bank Foundation, with support from the Town of Springfield, Springfield on the Move, and the Dance Factory.

Springfield-area nonprofit Avant Vermont Dance was founded by Ashley Hensel-Browning and Suzanne Stern, with the aim of re-imagining community through movement while engaging the public in meaningful art-making. For more information, please visit www.avantvt.com.

Robert Kuhn and Jaded Ravins

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Robert Kuhn and Jaded Ravins will co-headline at Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge Street in Bel lows Falls, Vt., on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.

Robert Kuhn was born in Houston, Texas, then bounced around from New York to Pennsylvania, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua for a dozen years, before coming back home. He’s been everything from an academic All-American linebacker, to a vagabond fisherman farmer,

writing critically acclaimed songs about broken hearts, broken backs, failed marriages, violence, riches, drugs, labor, poverty, music, poetry, dirt, and salt. He finished his latest album, “Persevere,” after a nearly fatal van wreck in Colorado while on tour. His 2014 debut album, “Everybody Knows,” was recognized as one of Houston’s top releases of the year.

Jaded Ravins are Kelly Ravin and Halle Jade, bringing original soulful Americana and country rock to the stage with tasty harmonies and an engag-

ing presence. After Halle joined Kelly in the recording of his fifth acclaimed album, “Engine,” they began performing together. Ravin is the lean and tattooed former lead singer and guitarist of Waylon Speed. Kelly and Halle pour their hearts out in backcountry bars and big city clubs from New England to Nashville.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.stage33live.com, or at the door for an additional fee. There is limited seating for this event, and it will be recorded and filmed.

OTPMMD Next Stage Bandwagon

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents genre-bending ensemble Orchestre Tout Puissant Marcel Duchamp (OTPMMD) on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m., at the Putney Inn, 57 Putney Landing Road in Putney, Vt. Mixing free jazz, post-punk, highlife, brass band, symphonic mixtures, and kraut rock, OTPMD’s sound only goes beyond the limits of genre.

Founded in 2006 by Vincent Bertholet (Hyperculte), the Orchestre

Tout Puissant Marcel Duchamp is a large-scale project. Designed as a real orchestra, the size of the ensemble has varied over time. Now with 12 members, 14 in the past, or six at the beginning, the ensemble has scoured the stages of Europe to demonstrate that the formula “the more the merrier” has never been more true than on stage.

The Orchestre Tout Puissant Marcel Duchamp (a mischievous title in homage to traditional African groups – Orchestre Tout Puissant Konono No1,

Orchestre Tout Puissant Polyrytmo, etc. – and to one of the greatest dynamizers of 20th century art) embraces the forms of its musicians while pushing them to their limits. The result is a powerful, experimental, unstable, and terribly alive, organic sound.

Built around 12 musicians, extirpated from their respective biotope, it develops a repetitive musicality which, deployed in successive waves, creates a feeling of trance. Transcendental, almost ritualistic, the music is coupled with powerful lyrics, declaimed in rage against a world that is falling apart. Adoristic, hypnotic and post-syncretic, the Orchestre Tout Puissant Marcel Duchamp, far from Tzara’s manifesto, is somewhere between Hugo Ball’s phonetic psalms, a Sufi procession that turns into a brawl, and a voodoo ritual, but always with a precision proper to the monomania of an asperger.



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obituaries

Allan B. Shepard, 1949-2023

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – Allan Shepard passed away on Aug. 29, 2023, surrounded by his family after a long battle with cancer. Allan was born on Dec. 27, 1949, in Lebanon, N.H., to Wilfred and Evelyn (Harlow) Shepard. Allan retired from the Fall Mountain High School after 27 years as a custodian. Allan's pastimes were playing horseshoes and doing lots of fishing with his son Kevin and his best friend Manny.



Allan Shepard, 1949-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Allan is survived by his wife of 49 years Linda; son Kevin Shepard of Londonderry, Vt.; daughter Dawn Shepard and her partner Jeremy Palmer of Charlestown, N.H.; and grandchildren Mason Mack of Charlestown, N.H., and Ariel Mack and partner Zac Seagrove of Newport, N.H. Allan is also survived by his great-grandson Westley Allan; two brothers Charles (Chuck) Shepard of Newport, N.H., and Donald Shepard and wife Brenda of

Claremont, N.H.; sister-in-law Rose Shepard of Westminster, Vt.; as well as many nieces and nephews. Allan was predeceased by his parents, and brothers Arthur Shepard of Claremont, N.H., and Terry Shepard of Westminster, Vt.

Arrangements are being made by the family at a later date.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

United Church of Bellows Falls, UCC, 8 School St.

Worship service starts at 10 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome to attend. Following the service, there will be a time of refreshments. Many other services are offered throughout the week. If you have any questions or want to learn more, call 802-463-4323, visit the church, or find them on Facebook.

Rockingham Meeting House, 11 Meeting House Rd.

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

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North

On Sunday, Sept. 10, the church will hold its annual Ingathering Water Ceremony. Buffy and Nick Boke will lead the ceremony, with the help of Jon Hart. There will be readings, music, and brief reflections by Nick, who says, "We were reminded this summer of the complexity of our relationship with water." Bring a small sample of water that represents your summer. We mingle our samples together as we meet again after our summer hiatus. There will be water available for those who need it. Join in person, or contact chestervtu@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.

Services are on Wednesdays at 5:30-6 p.m. and on Sundays at 10 a.m., both in person and by Zoom, followed by coffee hour. All are welcome. Handicapped accessible. For a link to the Zoom service or more information about services and events, please visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

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.

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Shawn Harper, 1987-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Shawn Harper, 36, passed away suddenly on Aug. 24, 2023. Shawn was born in Springfield, Vt., on April 21, 1987, to Rodney and Kellie (Gallion) Harper.

Shawn loved to golf, fish, and hunt. He had a beautiful smile, and wore his heart on his sleeve. His daughter Reiley was his pride and joy, and he cherished every moment he spent with her. He had a very special bond with his dog Bentley, he loved spending time with him and the rest of his pets. He enjoyed spending time with his family. Going to Lake Champlain was one of his favorite memories. One of his favorite things to do was watch for shooting stars. He was known to be a jack-of-all-trades; he took great pride in being able to fix anything and everything. He enjoyed helping his neighbors in any way he could. He always made a point to try and make people laugh; he always said that he wanted to be a standup comedian one day. He spent the last three years on an adventure with his best friend T, who he cared for very much.



Shawn Harper, 1987-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Shawn is survived by his parents Rodney and Kellie Harper, his daughter Reiley Harper, brothers Brad (Marie) Harper and Kyle (Jamie) Harper, his grandfather Wilson Gallion, his partner Taren Gendron, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours and funeral took place Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will be private for family only at the Meetinghouse Cemetery in Rockingham.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home.

Gloria Smith, 1925-2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Gloria Blanche Smith, 97, passed away Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at her family home in Chester, Vt. She was born at home on Nov. 17, 1925, in Valley Stream, Long Island, N.Y., to Harry Pleines and Grace (Wright) Pleines. She attended Mineola High School and New York University. After college, she worked in the Nassau County Probation Department, and married Joseph Smith Jr. on June 23, 1956. Joe bet on the Dodgers to win the 1955 World Series, and was able to buy an engagement ring with his winnings; as a result, the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers team photo always hung in a place of honor in their home. They were married for 40 years, until Joe's passing on July 10, 1996. They split their time between Hempstead, Long Island, and their beloved "Vermont house."

Gloria worked in the mortgage department as office manager for Island Federal in Hempstead, and later Empire Bank in Garden City. Her keen intelligence and lifelong curiosity was best demonstrated by her love of reading, and keeping up with cherished lifelong friends, family, and making new friends. Gloria loved to laugh, and she had a quick but kind sense of humor. Her love of history propelled her travels around the U.S. with her husband. Always generous with her time, she volunteered as a plane spotter in Civil Defense during World War II, served as a deacon at the Dutch Reform Church in Hempstead and volunteered at their annual church bazaar, and she was a respected PTA president and a valued 4-H leader in the HUB council of Nassau County. She was a talented athlete in basketball, tennis, bowling, and rifle club, and in later years loved to walk with friends June Parry and Linda Pelkey.

Gloria is survived by daughters Laura Smith (Denis Carpenter), Gloria "Lyn" Smith (Tara Ordway Smith), and Elizabeth LoCascio (Hank); five grandchildren Chase and Brooks Ordway Smith, and Elizabeth, Amanda, and Holly LoCas-



Gloria Smith, 1925-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

cio; and close family members on both the Pleines and Smith sides. She will be remembered by all who knew and loved her as a devoted and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

She was predeceased by her husband Joseph Smith, her son Lawrence Smith, her mother and father Grace and Harry Pleines, and her younger brothers Harry Richard (Dick) Pleines and Oscar (Buzz) Pleines.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Vermont/New Hampshire for their invaluable assistance that enabled her daughters Laura and Lyn to care for Gloria in her home; the Whiting and Springfield libraries for their steady supply of large print books that allowed Gloria to continue reading, and Senior Solutions for their Friendly Visitor Program through which she met her dear friend, Melissa MacKenzie. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vermont Food Bank, as Gloria had always donated to this crucial organization.

A memorial service to celebrate her life is scheduled at the family home in Chester on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m., with a service on Long Island scheduled for a later date.



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Matthew J. Farkas, 1960-2023

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pastor Matthew John Farkas went to his eternal home Sunday, Aug. 27, after church. While he will be greatly missed and our hearts ache, we are extremely grateful he is with his heavenly Father.

Pastor Matthew was born on Aug. 21, 1960, in Johnstown, Pa., to Victor Francis Farkas and Mary (Huffman) Farkas. In his youth, his passion was athletics, particularly bowling, swimming, and baseball. He was even on his way to the minor leagues for baseball when he was tragically hit by a car. Being told he was never going to walk again, Matthew was determined that he would – and walk he did! Around the age of 16, a Presbyterian minister started "harassing" the family, and eventually he ended up attending a Baptist school where he came to know the Lord. Afterwards, he decided to attend Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Okla., leaving the love of his life in Pennsylvania – but not for long. Matthew and Brenda (Prange) Farkas were married on Dec. 26, 1981, and eventually they had four wonderful children: Laura Lynn (Farkas) Lewis, Rebecca Lynn (Farkas) Willis, Sarah Lynn Farkas, and Matthew John Farkas II.

Matthew devoted his life to serving the Lord and others. His greatest desire was for people to know God deeply and personally, and to see those trapped in addictions set free, like God had done for him. During his time in ministry, he also obtained a Bachelor of Arts cum laude, a Bachelor of Ministry from Central Bible College, and a Master of Ministry with honors – with his passion of study being Greek. He published a book called "You Can Make it to the Other Side," and was currently working on a book about faith. He and Brenda were co-producers of the show "Say What?" on Fact TV, and "Doing Life" on SAPA. His children will always cherish the fact that, even during his busiest seasons of life, he made sure he was at every sporting and school event, cheering them on. Some of his hobbies included hunting, gardening, studying the Bible and writing, watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and having pizza time, jig saw



Matthew Farkas, 1960-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

puzzles, and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Pastor Matthew Farkas was a loving father with a heart of compassion who loved people greatly. He is survived by his wife Brenda Farkas; parents Victor and Mary Farkas; four children Laura Lewis, Rebecca Willis, Sarah Farkas, and Matthew Farkas; brothers Victor Farkas and Timothy Farkas; and sister Melissa Carlis, as well as eight grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 4-7 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. A Celebration of Life took place at Living Hope Fellowship in Bellows Falls, Vt., on Sept. 6, at 11 a.m., followed by burial at Rockingham Meeting House, and a reception at Abundance Acres in Andover, Vt. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to send donations to Living Hope Fellowship, 582 Rockingham Road, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, to aid in this time of loss and transition.

Thank you so much, Pastor Farkas, for your love and service to the people of Bellows Falls and the surrounding areas, and maybe one day we will make you proud when we get to heaven and say we finally understand the difference between the Greek words "logos" and "rhema."

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing," 2 Timothy 4: 7-8.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

SEPT. 9 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles F. Andros, former apiary inspector for Vermont and

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

SEPT. 11 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Trio Community Meals will be serving barbecued chicken breast sandwiches at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., on Sept. 11 at 12 p.m. The menu will also include

potato salad, cole slaw, lettuce, tomato and onion, and a fresh fruit salad. Reservations are required, as seating is limited. There is no to-go option. For more information, call 802-228-7421.

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

SEPT. 29 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The 2023 Terrier Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will

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

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

CHESTER, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange holds a dance and open mic night on the second Sunday 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, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

MONDAYS – WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more

information. Private classes are available.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:30 p.m. there will be Pub Trivia Night at Vermont Beer Makers on River Street in Springfield. Up to five people per team. Free entry.

TUESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aquatic Aerobics, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1-2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Cardio & Sculpt, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call

802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aqua Sculpt, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, located at 96 South Main St. in Chester. If you have a problem with alcohol, this is an understanding place to come to.

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.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturdays at 9 a.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Every Saturday in September, The Community Closet at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St., will be holding a \$5 Bag Sale. The Closet is open 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturdays. Come in and fill a bag with great summer deals. The Closet also welcomes clean, gently used fall and winter clothing. Proceeds from the Closet are returned to the community at the end of the year.

Village of Ludlow, Vermont

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on **25 September 2023 at 5:00 P.M.**, in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, to consider a Flood Hazard Review Permit:

APPLICANT:	Shaw's Supermarket 213 Main Street Parcel No. 220420.000
PROPERTY LOCATION:	213 Main Street Ludlow, Vermont 05149
REASON FOR HEARING:	Application to reconstruct the interior area of the Shaw's Supermarket after major flood damage, from July 10, 2023.
APPLICATION NUMBER:	23-110-FHR

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

Village of Ludlow, Vermont NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 25 September 2023 at 5:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, to consider a Flood Hazard Review/Conditional Use Permit:

APPLICANT:	31 Route 103, LLC Ludlow, Vermont Parcel No. 230349.000
PROPERTY LOCATION:	31 Route 103 South Ludlow, Vermont 05149
REASON FOR HEARING:	Application to construct a two storied porch for outside dining on the left side of the restaurant, and a request to add a 100 sq. ft. freezer on a platform, in the floodway.
APPLICATION NUMBER:	89-226-CU, Amd 4 & 360-12-FHR, Amd 2

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APPLICANT:	Katherine and Alan Couch 21 Meadow Street Ludlow, Vermont Parcel No. 230349.000
PROPERTY LOCATION:	21 Meadow Street Ludlow, Vermont 05149
REASON FOR HEARING:	Application to rebuild and elevate a single family residence above the base flood elevation, in accordance with the Flood Hazard Regulations, Article 6.
APPLICATION NUMBER:	039-92-FHR

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

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APPLICANT:	Darkside Snowboards Okemo Ludlow, Vermont Parcel No. 030359.000
PROPERTY LOCATION:	57 Pond Street Ludlow, Vermont 05149
REASON FOR HEARING:	Application to expand Darkside Snowboards Okemo in the Gym, creating a larger retail space. This application is in the Residential Commercial District of the Village.
APPLICATION NUMBER:	85-1-5-CU, Amd 18

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

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Director of Planning and Zoning

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A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 25 September 2023 at 5:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, to consider an application for a Conditional Use Amendment, Local ACT250 Amendment, and Final Subdivision Approval:

APPLICANT:	Eric Alden Westwood MA Parcel No. 230409.002, 230409.003, and 230409.004
PROPERTY LOCATION:	The Mill, Units 102, 103, and 104 145 Main St. Ludlow, Vermont 05149
REASON FOR HEARING:	Application for reconstruction of interior office units and lobby due to extensive flood damage.
APPLICATION NUMBER:	80-50-CU, Amd 2/FHR

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

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APPLICANT:	Del Tufo Real Estate, LLP Rye, NY Parcel No. 230409.006 and 230409.007
PROPERTY LOCATION:	Eight Oh Brew The Mill, Units 106 and 107 145 Main St. Ludlow, Vermont 05149
REASON FOR HEARING:	Application for reconstruction of interior units due to extensive flood damage, including bar area, floors, walls, and seating.
APPLICATION NUMBER:	464-18-FHR, Amd 1

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

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APPLICANT:	Jewell Brook, LLC 1 Parker Avenue Parcel No. 220548.000
PROPERTY LOCATION:	1 Parker Avenue Ludlow, Vermont 05149
REASON FOR HEARING:	Application for twenty-two (22) residential units, with two (2) bedrooms each. This will be in four separate buildings and include 44 parking spaces. Also, the board will be considering Final Subdivision Approval for this parcel.
APPLICATION NUMBER:	300-07-CU, Amd 7 458-17-Act250, Amd 3 SUB23-007Amd1

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LEGAL NOTICES

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very special cat. She was feral and is shy but very sweet and soft. Needs someone to love her. Must be a quiet home with no children or other pets. If you are that special person, please communicate by phone only 802-259-9824.

GUNS WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

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

Full time carpenter, must have drivers license, \$35 per hour, call 603-381-0929.

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

Seeking an individual to assist with prep and cooking a wide variety of food for bi-monthly Community Meal luncheons. Qualifications: Pride in cooking healthy and appetizing meals. Assist with menu planning, maintain hygiene standards, follow food sanitation practices and willing to become ServSafe certified. Ability to work in a team environment and possess good communication skills. Position is part time/or as needed. Average 8-10 hours monthly. Contact: Krey Kellington, Black River Good Neighbor Services, 802-228-3663, Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Are you a dedicated, responsible, and passionate person who is looking to contribute to a vital business for the community and visitors to the area? Would you be excited to be part of the newly designated Village Center of Plymouth? After a closure of 11 years, and a long renovation, Chloe's Market, formerly known as the Plymouth Country Store, will be back in business. The Store Manager is searching for outgoing, customer centric personnel to be a part of an amazing reinvention of soon to be busy business. Applicants must be over 18 years of age (due to wine and beer license), have a passion for dealing with daily operations of a country market, be innovative, outgoing, and dependable. All applicants will be required to go through an application and interview process. Salaries will

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YARD SALE

Garage Sale Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 366 Town Farm Rd., Cavendish, VT.

Yard sale Sept. 9 and 10 from 9-5 at 74 School Street, Westminster, Vt. 50-year carpentry collection, older tools, etc. new pedestal sink, large mirrored medicine cabinet, boxes of white ceramic tile, two small trailers, 1995 Saab convertible good condition and rust free.

Gift card scams

REGION – Gift cards have been the bread and butter for scammers for at least the past decade. They are easy to obtain, easy to use, and virtually impossible to trace.

There is a clear reality: nobody accepts gift cards in payment; not for taxes, utility bills, court fees, legal fees, medical bills, and the list goes on.

These criminals count on the intended victim becoming emotional and losing track

of reality. Calls demanding gift card payments are made by impersonators pretending to be the IRS, the police, a friend or family member in need, a utility company, or an attorney; they convey a sense of urgency, and demand immediate payment. Combine urgency with the projection of authority and the trap is set.

Don't respond to the information, threats, or demands made on the phone or in a text mes-

sage. Ask the person who is contacting you to provide a callback number. If he or she cannot, it's a scam. If you are provided with a number, check it out online. Most phone numbers used by scammers can be identified by conducting an online check of the number – type "is (phone number) a scam?"

Generally, victims of this crime end up losing whatever

gift card payments were sent. There are a few steps victims can take: Report the incident to the company issuing the card(s). Ask for your money back; there may be an available balance on the card. Report the crime to the Federal Trade Commission at www.reportfraud.ftc.gov.

This column is provided by the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network.

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

Arthur Traylor has applied for a Boundary Line Adjustment for a property located at 286 Eddy Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed Boundary Line Adjustment will annex and merge a 2.57-acre portion of land owned by Alexandra Zullo with the existing 20.4-acre parcel owned by Arthur Traylor. No new parcel will be created.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will meet at the intersection of Potash Brook Road and Eddy Road at 6:30 PM on Monday, September 25, 2023, to conduct a site visit, and will hold a hearing on this application at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 25, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

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

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 31st day of August 2023.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. MARCIA MAYOH, et al.

Civil No. 2:23-cv-00103

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

In obedience to the Judgment Order, Decree of Foreclosure and Order for Judicial Sale dated August 10, 2023, and recorded in the Town of Chester, Vermont, for breach of the mortgage as stated therein, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 19th day of September, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at the land and premises 178 Lovell Road, Chester, VT 05143, now known as 178 Richardson Road, Chester, VT 05143 the said real property and improvements thereon, as further described in said mortgage (the "Property"), will be auctioned, "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no representations or warranties, express or implied, of any kind, subject to all superior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for cash.

The legal description of the property foreclosed upon can be found in the mortgage filed in the Town of Chester Land Records and all deeds and instruments of record. The physical address of the property is 178 Richardson Road, Chester, VT 05143.

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

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

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

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

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

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community

LEGAL NOTICES

Insulating window inserts available

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rockingham and nearby residents can get free or low-cost window inserts to help keep their homes warm this winter. Window inserts are a simple, effective way to weatherize your home. The Window Dressers program is returning to Rockingham/Bellows Falls for the third year, sponsored by the Rockingham Energy Committee. A grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund will help pay for the free inserts.

We are offering free window inserts to eligible households in the community. All households eligible for LIHEAP or other public assistance programs qualify for up to 10 free inserts. If you are interested but do not qualify for free inserts, you can purchase them. Both owners and renters are eligible for this program, and Efficiency Vermont offers a \$100 rebate if you pay your own electric bill and buy at least three inserts.

Window insulating inserts are a great option for



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homeowners and renters because they do not require any fasteners, so they easily slide into existing window frames. Each insulating window insert is made of a custom-made pine frame wrapped in two layers of tightly sealed, clear polyolefin film and finished with a compressible foam gasket. The foam allows the inserts to be easily slid into place in the fall and removed in the spring, while holding firmly enough to provide a tight, friction-based seal that stops drafts and adds two more insulating air spaces between your home and your window. Find out more at www.windowdressers.org/insulating.

We are making appointments now to have two volunteers come into your home to measure windows and collect payment (if applicable). Inserts must be measured and paid for by

Oct. 5. The build dates are Nov. 3-8, at the St. Charles Parish Hall/Social Center, 25 Cherry Hill Street, Bellows Falls. At least one person from each household getting inserts is expected to volunteer on one or more of the build dates (depending on the order size), or send a friend if they cannot.

Anyone interested in scheduling a visit to measure their windows, ordering window inserts, or participating in the build, or anyone who has questions, should contact Peter Bergstrom at 802-444-1860 or rockinghamvtenergy@gmail.com.

If you don't live in or near Rockingham, go to the www.windowdressers.org/community-workshops to find a list of other workshops in the area.

FEMA deadline extended to Oct. 12

REGION – Vermont residents affected by July's severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and landslides now have until Oct. 12 to apply for FEMA assistance.

This does not mean you should delay applying – the sooner you apply, the sooner FEMA can process your claim.

If you had storm-caused expenses, and live or own a business in Caledonia, Chittenden, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham or Windsor County, FEMA assistance can provide grants and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loans for temporary housing, home repairs, and other disaster-related needs.

To apply, visit www.disasterassistance.gov, download the FEMA App at www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products, or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service, or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply.

To apply in person, visit a Disaster Recovery Center, where FEMA and SBA specialists can answer questions, help upload documents, and refer you to available resources. Centers are open 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday-Saturday (closed Sundays). For a full list of Disaster Recovery Centers that remain open, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4720.

Springfield Disaster Center closed, other FEMA information

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Disaster Recovery Center closed permanently on Saturday, Sept. 2.

FEMA operates Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) based on where they are needed most. FEMA works closely with state and municipal partners in determining those sites. Once a location begins to see a significant drop in application visits, FEMA and the state coordinate on determining the closing date.

Applying for assistance
You don't need to visit a DRC to apply for FEMA assistance. To apply without visiting a center, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362, go online to www.disasterassistance.gov, or download the FEMA App. Applicants may call the FEMA Helpline throughout the application process, to ask a FEMA specialist questions about their application, receive clarification on letters or information from FEMA, receive technical help with their application, or receive help writing an appeal.

Within about 14 days after applying for assistance, applicants may receive a call to schedule a home inspection. That call may come from an out-of-state or unknown phone number. On the day of the home inspection, inspectors can be identified by their official FEMA photo ID badge. The inspector is examining the home to determine the necessary assistance required to make the home safe, sanitary, and functional to live in. During the home inspection, applicants are encouraged to show the inspector pictures of damage to their homes and describe their circumstance and need caused by the disaster.

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Submitting documents
After applying for FEMA assistance, please read any letters or information from FEMA carefully. FEMA may request additional information or documentation; this can include a summary of insurance benefits and coverage, insurance settlement, home repair receipts or estimates, proof of homeownership or occupancy, and proof of identity.

The easiest way to submit requested documents is by uploading them to the applicant's www.disasterassistance.gov account. Alternatively, documents can be submitted through postal mail; please address the submission to FEMA Individuals Households Program National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055.

After you apply for disaster assistance from FEMA, you may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the largest source of federal disaster funds for survivors. If you receive a disaster loan application, you are encouraged to submit it even if you're not sure you want or need a loan. Here's why: if SBA cannot approve your loan application, SBA will refer you back to FEMA for possible additional assistance.

FEMA is committed to ensuring disaster assistance is accomplished equitably, without any discrimination. Any disaster survivor or member of the public may contact the FEMA Civil Rights Office if they feel that they are the victim of discrimination at 833-285-7448.

For the latest information on Vermont's recovery, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4720. Follow the FEMA Region 1 account on Twitter at www.twitter.com/FEMARegion1, the FEMA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FEMA, or Vermont Emergency Management on Twitter at www.twitter.com/vemvt and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/VermontEmergencyManagement.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT WINDSOR UNIT PROBATE DIVISION DKT NO. 23-PR-03380

In re ESTATE of: LINDA TUTTLE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Linda Tuttle, late of WINDSOR COUNTY, VERMONT:

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 date 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 as described above within the four (4) month period.

Dated: August 30, 2023 /s/ Vernard J. Tuttle, III
 Executor
 c/o Moore Law Offices, LLC
 Bellows Falls, VT 05101
 (802) 463-4327
assistant@moorelawvt.com

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal
 Publication Date: August 30, 2023
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 Probate Division – Windsor County
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SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 23-PR-04974

In re ESTATE of: Gladys LaPlante

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Gladys LaPlante
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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: 8-30-2023 Signature of Fiduciary: John H. LaPlante

Executor/Administrator John H. LaPlante	Mailing Address c/o Parker & Ankuda, Esq. P.O. Box 519
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Weston Rod and Gun Club events

WESTON, Vt. – Save these dates for Weston Rod and Gun Club events coming soon. A Post-Flood Potluck Bringing Our Communities Together meal will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at 5:30 p.m. Join your neighbors to enjoy delicious food and lively conversation. All are welcome, please bring a friend. The annual Tag Sale will be held the first weekend in October, Oct. 7-8. Tables available for a small fee. Call 802-345-9851 to reserve yours today.

There will be a free hunter safety course held Sunday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., for kids and adults, led by a Vermont Fish and Wildlife game warden. You must register online before attending. Registration starts Sept. 1. Follow the link on the Weston Rod and Gun Club Facebook page for details, go to www.register-ed.com/events/view/201238, or call 802-828-1193 for assistance.

Last, but certainly not least, Monday Night Bingo continues. Doors open by 6:30 p.m., and play starts at 7 p.m. The Weston Rod and Gun Club is located at 982 Route 100, one mile north of Weston. It was formed to promote and maintain the highest ideals of sportsmanship, and to instill those in our children. Monthly business meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Dr. Josh Faber to address SoVerA

CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA) on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., for a virtual monthly meeting. SoVerA is excited to host Dr. Josh Faber of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), who will be presenting on the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO).

This virtual meeting will be available at www.zoom.us/j/94691230307.

In this talk, Dr. Faber will talk about how LIGO is changing our

view of what we can observe in the universe, and giving us new insights into how stars live and die. Focusing on neutron stars, he will explain how letting gravity crash them together pushes forward our understanding of nuclear physics, while happily creating many of the elements that make up both people and the world in which we live. Superlatives like “the most precise measurement of anything, ever” will be thrown about, and fun will be had by all.

Josh Faber grew up in Rochester, N.Y., and wanted to be an astronomer

since seeing Cosmos at age 4. After attending Simon's Rock College of Bard and the University at Stony Brook as an undergrad, he received his doctorate in physics from MIT. He joined the faculty of the School of Mathematical Sciences and Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation at RIT in 2007, and has been part of the Astrophysical Sciences and Technology doctorate program faculty since its inception. He has served as the head of the SMS for the past year, and is still trying to figure out how that happened too.

Source to Sea Cleanup in Connecticut River

REGION – What began as a group of volunteers organizing to remove trash from local rivers over two decades ago has become a hugely popular annual event that brings communities together in support of clean water and healthy habitats throughout the Connecticut River Watershed – in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Connecticut River Conservancy's (CRC) 27th annual Source to Sea Cleanup is back this Sept. 22-23, with opportunities for individual groups to set their own specific cleanup days around this time. The objective is clear: safely collect as much trash as possible to reduce the impact of pollution across all four states of the 410-mile Connecticut River basin, including the tributaries that feed the main river.

Volunteers are organized into groups, with group leaders coordinating details at different trash sites. Trash tallies are also gathered after each cleanup, contributing to CRC's long-standing database, which is used to inform the non-profit's work in advocacy, to reduce future pollution, support river restoration, and inform the public and policy-makers of issues affecting the environment.

In last year's cleanup, over 1,300 volunteers reported hauling 37 tons of trash from riverbanks and waterways across the four watershed states. Volunteers removed everything from recyclable bottles and cans, to fishing equipment, food packaging, tires, televisions, and refrigerators. Over 12,000 beverage containers were tallied in 2022 alone. Registration is now open

at www.secure.qgiv.com/event/source2seacleanup2023 for both group leaders and volunteers to participate. Businesses and community groups are also encouraged to register, and entities able to support cleanup efforts through in-kind or monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

“There are lots of ways to get involved,” says CRC's Source to Sea cleanup coordinator Stacey Lennard. “Volunteers can report a trash site in need of cleaning, organize and register your own local cleanup group, or be a #RiverWitness on social media.”

“It is always great to support an environmental organization, but this is an opportunity for everyone to actually dig in, get their gloves a little dirty, have fun, and make this a better river system for everyone,” said Jim Perry, president of the Deerfield River Watershed Association.

CRC promotes the hashtag #RiverWitness to help people connect with each other online through their shared concern for and appreciation of our rivers. Take a photo or video when you are at the river participating in the Source to Sea Cleanup, or enjoying time outside. Or make art inspired by river beauty or river pollution. Share on Instagram, include #RiverWitness, and tag @ctriverconservancy.

Group leaders who need help finding a cleanup site can check out CRC's map of reported trash sites in need of adoption. Or they can choose a site of their own. Removing litter from parks, city streets, and neighborhoods all contribute to cleaner rivers. Leaders are

encouraged to scout the site out beforehand, to determine if it's suitable for their group.

Connecticut River Conservancy would also like to thank the following sponsors for supporting this initiative – in some cases for many years. Our lead sponsors are Eversource, USA Waste & Recycling Inc., and All American Waste. With additional support from Athletic Brewing Company, Hypertherm HOPE Foundation, Ashuelot River Hydro LLC, Charter Next Generation, Chroma Technology, Connecticut River Gateway Commission, Enterprise Holdings, Florence Savings Bank, Great River Hydro LLC, Greenfield Savings Bank, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Inter-Fluve Inc., Jamrog HVAC, PeoplesBank, Prentiss Smith & Co, Reynold's Boats & Reynolds's Subaru, Savings Bank of Walpole, SLF, SumCo Eco-Contracting, SWCA Environmental Consultants, TOMRA of North America Inc., Urban Lodge Brewing, Walmart-Northampton, and Wright Builders. For more information, visit CRC's cleanup info page, www.ctriver.org/our-work/source-to-sea-cleanup.

For any questions about getting involved, contact Stacey Lennard at cleanup@ctriver.org.

Spring bulb sale at Chester Fall Festival

CHESTER, Vt. – Forget this strange gardening summer, and think about something you can count on: spring bulbs. On Sept. 16 and 17, Chester Townscape (CT) volunteers will again be selling spring-flowering bulbs at Chester's Fall Festival, at a location near the Hearse House and the information booth. All bulbs are top quality, hardy, easy care, shunned by deer and voles, and expected to return year after year when grown in full or part sun and in well-drained locations. Shipped straight from Holland, the four varieties of narcissus offered this year include early and mid bloomers, with a variety of colors and heights. Those labeled “landscape size” (LS) are a bit smaller and thus more economical, but should increase in size each year. The larger bulbs are dramatically two-toned. The 2023 bulb order form may be downloaded from www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.

Bulbs will be sold cash and carry on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bulbs may also be ordered in advance before Sept. 12 for pick-up at the Fall Festival by making a check out to CCA with “CT bulbs” in the memo line, and sending the completed order form and check to Chester Townscape, P.O. Box 561, Chester, VT 05143. For additional information, or for those who must make alternative pick-up arrangements, contact Polly Montgomery at 802-875-5446 or montgomerypolly@yahoo.com.



Get your spring bulbs.

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At its table, Townscape will also offer maps of Chester created by well-known artist Lew Watters. The maps are ready for framing, and would make excellent gifts. Also available will be

CT's free brochures for the Main Street and the Stone Village walking tours. All sales help support Chester Townscape's seasonal floral displays, which will be changed later this fall to display pumpkins, flowering kale, and corn stalks, at public locations around town. These decorations beautify Chester and make it a handsome place to live and visit. Chester Townscape is a committee of Chester Community Alliance, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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An open letter to Ludlow area communities and our Mountain View Physical Therapy patients

Dear Editor,

We hope this letter finds you healthy and well. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information regarding the repair and cleanup of our Mountain View Physical Therapy office space.

Our office is located at the Ludlow Dental building, part of the North Star Health network. As a re-

sult of the recent flooding, there was significant damage to operating systems within the basement of the building, which has delayed cleanup and repair. The building owners have been working diligently on restoration.

At this time, we anticipate having our physical therapy space available to re-open

by late September. New signage has been ordered, and the power is now restored. The HVAC system is currently being repaired.

At present, we are operating in space at Springfield Hospital at 25 Ridgewood Road, Springfield, Vt. If you need assistance, we can provide care at this temporary location.

We want you to know we greatly value your support and patience during this time, and we look forward to seeing you again soon in Ludlow.

Sincerely,
Robert S. Adcock
CEO, Springfield Hospital

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

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Edgar May announces new aquatics coordinator

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is pleased to announce that Julia Lamb is joining our team as the new aquatics coordinator.

Julia grew up in Springfield, and started teaching lessons at the Springfield town pool when she was 15. She continued to do so through her time at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. She moved to Tampa, Fla., shortly after graduating, and worked as an aquatics director until 2009, when she started her own club swim team. Since then,

Julia has worked with beginners to NCAA and national level swimmers. In 2021, she even took a swimmer to the Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb.

After spending more than 25 years in Florida, Julia moved back home to be closer to family. “I am excited to join the amazing crew at the Edgar May, and get to know my hometown again,” she says.

In her role as the aquatics coordinator at the Edgar May, Julia will be managing the pool deck, overseeing the lifeguarding staff, coordinating group and private swim lessons, and coaching

the Stingrays youth swim team and co-coaching the Masters Swim program with director of health and wellness Kristen Miller.

“We are very excited to have Julia back in a larger capacity at the Edgar May. She has helped out over the past two years from time to time, and the community has really enjoyed her positive energy and significant aquatic expertise,” says Christian Craig, Edgar May Health and Recreation Center executive director.

For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

Learning Together returns at SAPCC –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Learning Together program at Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) will kick off the 2023-2024 school year starting in early September. Learning Together is a statewide program housed at Parent Child Centers for teen and young adult parents. It is unique in that it combines parenting support, educational opportunities, and on-the-job training, as well as providing the wrap-around supports that Parent Child Centers



Coordinator with the 2022-23 Learning Together class. PHOTO PROVIDED

are known for. Participants of the program gain valuable skills necessary to be successful employees, community members, and parents. Enrollment is open so that anyone interested can

contact the program’s coordinator, Jenna Wheeler, throughout the year to inquire about openings. Please email sapcc@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 for more information.

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