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FMRHSAA golf tournament.

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FMRHS Alumni Association hard at work

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. – The Fall Mountain Regional High School Alumni Association (FMRHSAA) has been hard at work, raising funds and awareness for the school's relatively new (2019) alumni association. The FMRHSAA was created with the dual-purpose of awarding an annual alumni scholarship, while also providing support for alumni activities, including class reunions and scholarship fund raisers.

In June, the FMRHSAA awarded its first Alumni Association Annual Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to Fall Mountain senior Quinn Healy of Alstead, N.H. "At the awards event, there were 78 named scholarships administered by the Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund," FMRHSAA President Earl Gochey, said in a recent interview. "Scholarship awards totaling more than \$460,000 were awarded to dozens of Fall Mountain seniors."

In mid-August, the FMRHSAA held their second annual alumni golf tournament at the Hopper Golf Course in Walpole, N.H. Last year's inaugural tournament raised \$4,700 for the scholarship fund and this year's tournament stepped it up even higher by raising \$6,200 for the fund.

"This year's successful tournament had a flight of golfers in the morning and then another in the afternoon," Gochey said. "Getting continued contributions at this level will certainly allow us to increase the size and number of scholarships to be awarded in the future. A very big 'thank you' goes out to all the golf tournament sponsors and participants."

Moving forward, the FMRHSAA will be participating in this fall's Fall Mountain Regional High School's (FMRHS) homecoming activities for the first time, taking place Friday, Oct. 7, during the football game against rival Stevens High School of Claremont, N.H.

"I will address the assembled faithful at half-time," Gochey added. "I will certainly plug the

Alumni Association and take advantage of the unique opportunity to recognize the 'First Class' students of FMRHS – the Class of 1967 – who are celebrating their 55th year since their graduation from Fall Mountain."

The FMRHSAA is looking to add to the current, five-member Board of Directors and by year's end, hope to have an 11-15 member board. "Having a range and not a specific number for our board, allows us to be selective in finding folks that fit in well with our current board,"

Gochey concluded. "We have made what I believe is steady, measured progress with our association to date. It is important to not allow disfunction on the board to jeopardize our progress."

"Hopefully, in early 2023 we will be in search of Fall Mountain graduates to help us fill out our five standing committees: finance, public relations, governance, development and scholarship."

To learn more about FMRHSAA's activities, please visit www.fmrhsaalumni.org.

GFC receives VDH grant to support youth programming

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Greater Falls Connections (GFC), located in Bellows Falls, Vt., recently received a nearly \$74,000 Health Disparities Grant from the Vermont Health Department (VHD) and Vermont Community Foundation (VCF).

VHD partnered with the VCF to assemble a community review committee who evaluated all proposals. VHD received 48 applications with a total request of more than \$8.8 million, according to Song Nguyen, MPH, Manager of Health Equity at VHD.

"We were unable to award each applicant, but are able to award 21 organizations totaling about \$3.5 million. Evaluations from the committee were presented to the VHD Health Equity Integration Team to determine the funding amount," said Nguyen.

The grant will allow GFC to work with Friends For Change (FFC), a dem-

ocratically run, youth-led and adult guided, trauma-informed, and play-based club in Bellows Falls, with Passion Empowerment Projects (PEP), which is designed to engage youth and community members impacted by generational trauma and substance abuse. The PEPs will allow them to share or teach their peers about something they're passionate about while focusing on ways to heal or experience joy together.

Additionally, the grant will allow GFC and FFC to be involved in the development of the Community Opportunity Center, which is currently in the planning stages and has wide community support.

The grant will also enable GFC's director to support the advisory board and staff on creating a more equitable representation on the board to ensure we are inclusive of the most-impacted community members.

This will include updating organizational policies and practices and the design of mini-workshops for the board that are developmentally and culturally appropriate for historically marginalized populations.

GFC Director Laura Schairbaum said, "We are so pleased to receive this grant, since it will help us to really reach out to and involve youth and community members who are most impacted by substance use disorder, which will make our work that much more impactful. This grant will allow us to continue our strategic goal of empowering and building strong leadership within our coalition. And, it will help us hear from the voices we want to hear most."

For more information about GFC, visit www.greaterfallsconnections.org.

Senior Solutions thanks SRCC

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Many thanks to our community partner, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, who held the August Mixer at the Springfield office of Senior Solutions at 38 Pleasant St., Springfield, VT 05156. It

gave our office a chance to showcase the range of services and resources that we provide at no cost to aging Vermonters in southeastern Vermont. Connecting with our community and sharing the s'mores bar together was a part of the fun.

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Back To School coloring contest winner

CHESTER, Vt. – Glorianna Gagnon of Chester, Vt. has won The Vermont Journal and The Shopper's Back To School fall coloring contest. With the assistance of her sister, Makenna Gagnon, Glorianna won a brand new backpack to take to school with her. Congratulations Glorianna!



Glorianna Gagnon.

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Florence Gomez remembered at Springfield Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The family of Florence Gomez placed a memorial plaque this summer on the sidewalk going up to Springfield Hospital in recognition of Mrs. Gomez's support for the "Pathway to Health." During Springfield Hospital's 2012-2013 Annual Campaign, funds were raised to construct a pedestrian walkway from the intersection of Park Street and Ridgewood Road up to the main entrance of Springfield Hospital. Mrs. Gomez, who passed away at the age of 91 in July of 2021, had been an advocate for this project for several years, and at the time of the unveiling of the new



Florence Gomez plaque.

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sidewalk in 2013, she was invited to cut the ribbon at the ceremony.

Mrs. Gomez's plaque is placed halfway up the hospital hill, near some flowers and a sitting bench. Mrs. Gomez's son Mark, who spoke to the dedication, said, "Our

family is proud of mom's commitment to Springfield Hospital and this sidewalk, which was her passion for many years. Mom loved flowers and helping people. This seemed like an appropriate tribute to her."

"On behalf of the staff,



Florence Gomez's son, Mark Gomez, and his wife, Jerrylyn, by the memorial plaque.

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patients, and community members, we thank the Gomez family for placing this memorial plaque to remind us of her efforts to make

walking up hospital hill a more pleasant and safe experience," says Bob Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital.

Town Committee to host candidates forum

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Republican Town Committee will be hosting a candidates forum for the Congressional race at the Rockingham Meeting House on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10–11:30 a.m. Liam Madden and Ericka Redic have confirmed their participation. Becca Balint has a scheduling conflict, which we are trying to work around.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Bill Morse at 802-591-1793 or by email at williammorse42@email.com.

Tai Chi and Qi Gong group at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A Tai Chi and Qi Gong group will begin meeting on Friday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Rockingham Library in the Top Floor Meeting Room. A second meeting will follow the next Friday at the same time and place. The number of subsequent sessions will be based on attendance and interest. There is no fee for these meetings. No special equipment or clothing is required.

Qi Gong means "healthy breath cultivation" in Chinese. It is an ancient Taoist exercise system of moderate strenuousness that emphasizes relaxation, balance, body awareness, and breathing. Both beginners and those with experience are welcome. The group will focus on parts of the version of tai chi developed by Cheng Man-ch'ing as well as other qi gong exercises. If interested, contact John at johnrbo@sover.net, call 802-869-2961, or come to the first group on Sept. 23.

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BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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February 1908 Kurn Hattin fire

BY RON PATCH

A while back, I bought a real photo postcard of the 1908 fire at Kurn Hattin. Wanting to know more, I went to the book, "Kurn Hattin, The Story of Home," by John L. Hurd, 1989. Below is what I learned:

"...At about three o'clock in the afternoon, we boys were all in the schoolroom on the top floor of the building. We had finished our recitations and were preparing to spend the last half-hour writing steamer letters, which were given to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop to read on their voyage. We were startled to see smoke coming in volume from the chimney and basement windows.

"As the fire was low, we knew that something was wrong, so one of the boys raised his hand to see if he could go downstairs and find out what was the matter. Just as he started, the back door to the room was opened and one of the helpers called to the boys to leave the room as soon as they could, for Mr. Bishop had called, 'Get the boys!'

"We were down two flights of stairs and out-of-doors as quickly as possible. The halls were so full of smoke that the smaller boys found it quite difficult to pass through.

"The first thing we did was to find out what part of the building was on fire. We found it was the old southwest annex, under the laundry, in the basement woodpile.

"We tried to enter here by the basement door, but the smoke prevented. A pile of clothes was already on fire in the laundry; we put out the flames and then we worked with water and chemicals on the woodpile, but it was of no avail. The flames soon burst through the windows.

"Then we started to save what we could. We began, of course in Mr. Bishop's office, which was near the fire, and contained valuable papers and materials belonging to the Homes. This was cleared of nearly everything.



Ruins of the 1908 Kurn Hattin building. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

"Mr. and Mrs. Judd, the farmer and laundress, lost the most of anybody, as their room was on the third floor on the end where the fire started, and it was impossible to stay there on account of the smoke.

"Much of the furniture and equipment on the first and second floors were saved, but all of the boy's belongings on the third floor were gone. The basement contained all of our vegetables, preserves, and several tons of coal. Nothing could be saved here, or in the dormitory, schoolroom, library, reception room, guest room, or hospital room.

"The building that burned was about 100 feet long by 30 feet wide, with two ells of about 30 by 40 feet and contained between 35 and 40 rooms. It was turned to smoldering rubble in about two hours.

"There were acts of heroism on the part of the boys, the staff, and village people; and comedy in noting some of the things which were saved, a basket of eggs, a hand mirror, kerosene lamp chimneys, a box of nails, and a bottle of smelling salts, while valuables were lost.

"It was noted, 'Baked potatoes are very nice. Ours were all baked at one time - 260 bushels! Apples were served with them - six or seven barrels. But even with our family it is wasteful to cook in such large quantities... Perhaps someone has extra ones they would like to send us. We could use them.'

"No one was injured in the fire, but it is sobering what might have happened if it had occurred in the middle of the night. As soon as the excitement died down, the boys... wet, cold, shivering, crying, frightened and weary, were taken to Town Hall. The good people of Westminster gave

quilts, coats, and horse blankets to keep them warm. The ladies cooked and prepared a good supper. The boys never tired of telling how good it tasted, and, when they were dried and warm, they lay down on the benches to sleep."

From Steve Harrison, Executive Director, Kurn Hattin Homes:

"Kurn Hattin, founded in 1894 by Reverend Charles Dickinson, provided a rural refuge for needy children whose family lives did not provide adequately for them. This mission of children's care remains the same today throughout the Northeast. KHH is a small, professional, caring home and K-8 school. Financial means are not required."

The next meeting of Chester Historical Society is Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Academy Building.

This week's old saying: "A monkey dressed in silk is still a monkey."

Rockingham Library hosts genealogy sessions

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Starting on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 10:30 a.m. -12 p.m., Wayne Blanchard will host the first of weekly in-person meetings at the Rockingham Library to help people explore their family history.

The fall is a great time to do some genealogy. One of the best free resources is www.FamilySearch.org. Bring a laptop computer or a tablet to do some hands-on research. Li-

brary computers are also available for those who might need one.

This meeting will focus on FamilySearch because it is free and available both in the library and at home. The shared family tree is a collaborative effort like Wikipedia, and it can be very helpful to see what others have added to your family. Although there is the possibility of errors, many users add documents to back up

the information they have put in the tree, which are particularly helpful in doing research. Everyone is welcome, from those who are just getting started to expert family historians.

These meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, Vt.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

Yikes! Time flies by! Write-in voting starts 45 days before an election, which means around Sept. 24, 2022.

I'm Cris Ericson, and I'm on the ballot as an independent candidate for U.S. Senator. There are six non-major party candidates for this office and the five independents are all different. The Green Mountain candidate may not be old enough to serve, but the folks in the Vermont Secretary of State office don't care, after all, they let a 14 year old run for Governor a few years back, wrongfully diluting the vote count. I call it election fraud!

If elected, I want to sponsor a bill to stop modern slavery. We pay tax dollars to the I.R.S. then the U.S. Congress votes to give billions of our tax dollars in subsidies to big corporations who use our money to make profits for themselves. They sell new products worldwide for a fortune in profits. Where is our share? If our money were used to buy stocks in those corporations, we'd get big stock dividends, a return on investment of our tax dollars!

To get the best advantage for Vermont, depending on which side might be short one person to become the majority party in control of the U.S. Senate, I would offer to switch from independent and go over to their side if, and only if, they would vote to make me U.S. Senate Majority Leader.

Sincerely,
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Dear Editor,

The noun "work" is defined as "exertion or effort directed to produce or accomplish something." The noun "ethic" is defined as "the body of moral principles or values governing or distinctive of a particular culture or group." Thank you Dictionary.com.

Safe to say that "work ethic" is to exert oneself in order to accomplish a morally acceptable purpose within an association. This association can be a home, a school, fraternal order, and

Dear Editor,

I live in Chester and have wondered when an officer involved shooting with resultant death was going to occur in our "neck of the woods." I consider Ludlow our "neck of the woods," a town where my husband has worked for 37 years.

On Aug. 15 of this year, a local man was experiencing a crisis. According to all reports he had called 911 more than two dozen times that afternoon. Not sure what else a person in distress is able to do to notify his very community that he was in need of help. Not sure what the 911 protocol is when they receive multiple calls from an individual in crisis. Shouldn't there be a non-police crisis intervention team sent to respond in some way? Work the phones, call the family, call the neighbors, something other than what happened here on this very sad day?

Apparently, after this individual crashed his car he did not deescalate quickly enough for the responding officers. A look into the vehicle showed a gun on the seat. Possibly miscommunication from one officer to the next, and a 21-year-old officer, fresh from the police academy, shot to kill, and kill he did. Not instantly, but ten days later. This com-

most certainly a place of employment.

It's not a difficult concept, but why is it so problematic to acquire people with this basic skill? I'm not even sure if "skill" is the right word. Perhaps it should be common sense. Nevertheless I see a constant flow of less than enthusiastic personnel on a regular basis.

When hired, be it to sweep a sidewalk, cook burgers over a grill, or administer a production line, give it the devotion that the agreed upon terms deserve. Otherwise, stay out of the employment pool to allow an employer and the

ethical majority the resources to attract likeminded talent or, better yet, those with the common sense.

Morale can be a difficult emotional sphere to uphold in itself. But there are many things that can foster positive morale among our peers. A good work ethic in ourselves, for one.

In essence; if you choose to take on a position, give it your unswerving attention. Then we can prosper together.

Sincerely,
Coppice Thicket
Alstead, N.H.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Expeditionary School at Black River, as Chairperson, I would like to thank the many people and businesses in the Ludlow area that have supported our middle and high school here in Ludlow. It is because of your support that we excitedly enter our third year with students at

When the public high school closed down, a group of dedicated community people came together to try to offer a unique local option for students. After a year or more of planning and developing a school vision, the independent school called Expeditionary School at Black River opened in 2020. We now en-

ter year three, and the school is growing and continuing to evolve. Our Head of School, Dr. Kendra Rickerby, has brought her years of education experience and enthusiasm to our school. She has a vast network of connections in education, outdoor experiences, and technology, and has utilized many local business and resources.

We hope you will visit our website at www.esblackriver.org/ and also come to our Annual Silent Auction and Wine Tasting hosted this year at Jackson Gore

Sincerely,
Gary R. Blodgett
Chairperson of the Expeditionary School at Black River
Ludlow, Vt.

community member died after a fierce battle for his life. The very life that was too much for him on that Aug. 15 day.

In our country, should we expect our community members' lives, who suffer from depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, or any other brain diseases, to be viewed through a different lens by the police? Is shooting the first resort rather than the last? Other poor alternatives for these individuals is an arrest, followed by jail. Once jailed, they are out of sight and out of mind. In jail, there is a complete lack of supportive psychiatric care that is both deserved and needed.

According to Alisha Roth, who visited jails across our country, determined in her book "Insane: America's Criminal Treatment of Mental Illness," that 50% of those imprisoned suffer from a mental illness. I guess our country does not value these individuals, in jail, or out of jail. We do not allocate enough money from the state or the federal government to fund meaningful and accessible mental health care. These folks are our mothers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, daughters, sons, husbands, wives, friends, and fathers.

Now back to "our neck of the woods." Other than 911, what else failed our fallen community member? The training of the very police who shot him. The shooter, a 21-year-old officer, fresh from the academy, was riding with an officer who has a Brady letter from the State's At-

torney in Rutland. This means he was dishonest in his job and he cannot be a witness for any court case. A defense attorney knows that an officer with a Brady letter who brings charges against an individual can not testify and the defense will win the case. A Brady letter does not deter an officer from moving to another town for work, and move this officer did: to Ludlow. He was teaching our young officer "the ropes."

Let's examine part of the curriculum from the police academy to gain a better understanding of what this new officer knew: To be a level III officer in the state of Vermont, a person must attend the Police Academy for a 16-week course. Of note, in the curriculum, community policing is given four hours of training; deescalation training, eight hours. Use of force and tactics provide 54 hours of training and firearms another 49 hours. This raises the question, is 21 too young to have this kind of responsibility, with this skeletal thin training, with an emphasis on force and shooting?

According to state police, no shots were fired by the victim, yet a gun was spotted in the passenger seat. The report said it was not fired, but opened the door to victim blaming by saying it could have misfired. Shouldn't that have been reported after a thorough review of the incident? This "off the cuff" statement is not based on fact, and I consider it a great disservice

to the deceased and his family. Furthermore, our community member died on Aug. 25, yet the state police failed to report this to the public until Sept. 6th. When asked why they didn't release this to the public, the response from state police was that they "were too busy."

Officer involved shootings (OIS) are tracked in our state. There have been 47 of these since 1977. We may think to ourselves "oh, that's not too bad." Not too bad? Although not all fatal, one is too many when a person is in crisis. One is too many when it is your family. Ask the Fortunati family whose son was gunned down by a swat team. The family called for help, and their son was executed in the woods. When these OIS are investigated, they are classified as justified, or unjustified. This word "justified" haunts Mr. Fortunati senior to this day. He can't get over this finding when he attended court and depositions. He knew what happened in the woods that day were far from "justified."

What is remarkable in our state is that every one of these police shootings were found to be "justified" after an investigation. How amazing is it that in Vermont all of our people who were shot, deserved it! That sure makes me feel safe. Nothing to see here folks.

According to Paul Butler from Georgetown Law School, 90% of police calls involve mental health and other similar crisis. It is true to say that we can't expect the police to be able to handle these complex issues, but there

are non-violent measures that can and should be used. Annual 40-hour crisis intervention training needs to be state mandated for all police departments. We need more resources put into mental health care in our state. We need a response team that works with the police and a health care agency. Madison, Wis., Denver, Colo., and Portland, Ore. are among many other cities and states that have mental health response teams. They have figured out that people in a mental health crisis cannot follow commands and don't deserve to be shot because escalation techniques taught to police to "gain control of the situation" make matters worse.

Time for our communities to call our legislatures and demand appropriate funding for more mental health treatment facilities, as well as to demand crisis response teams who are educated and can respond to our folks in crisis. We need a community net to catch those who need it. We need to care for each other when times are tough.

Finally, we need social services embedded with police. We cannot expect our police to be therapists, but we also shouldn't accept an excessive use of force response to a community member in crisis. I can almost guarantee that when this investigation is over, it will be deemed "justified," and that is simply wrong.

Rest in peace Michael, gone too soon.

Sincerely,
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CHESTER FESTIVAL

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An eager mazerunner enters the hay maze.



Attendees prepare for the sack race.

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2022 Chester Festival, Agricultural section and live music

CHESTER, Vt. – The 2022 Chester Festival on the Green will be held rain or shine on Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. both

days. The Festival will host an Agricultural Section featuring sheep dog herding demonstrations, apple cider pressing, and more, as well as live music, performed all day long. Here's a rundown of what you'll find:

Sheep dog herding demonstrations, hosted by Morse Brook Farm. Both days.

Live animal exhibits, sponsored by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Saturday only.

Worm farm exhibit, hosted by Little Diggers VT. Both days.

"Dancin' with the Honeybees" beekeeping

exhibit and educational show for kids. Both days.

Farm games, offered throughout the day, such as needle in the haystack, pumpkin bowling, cow pie bingo, hay bale mazes, and potato sack racing. Both days.

The Mechanical Cow interactive demonstration, sponsored by Cabot Cheese Co. Both days.

Face painting and photo booth station. Both days.

Apple cider pressing, offered throughout the day. Both days.

"Birds of Prey" demonstration, sponsored by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Sunday only.

The Festival will also be offering live music throughout Saturday and Sunday. The following is a lineup of the performers:

Saturday:
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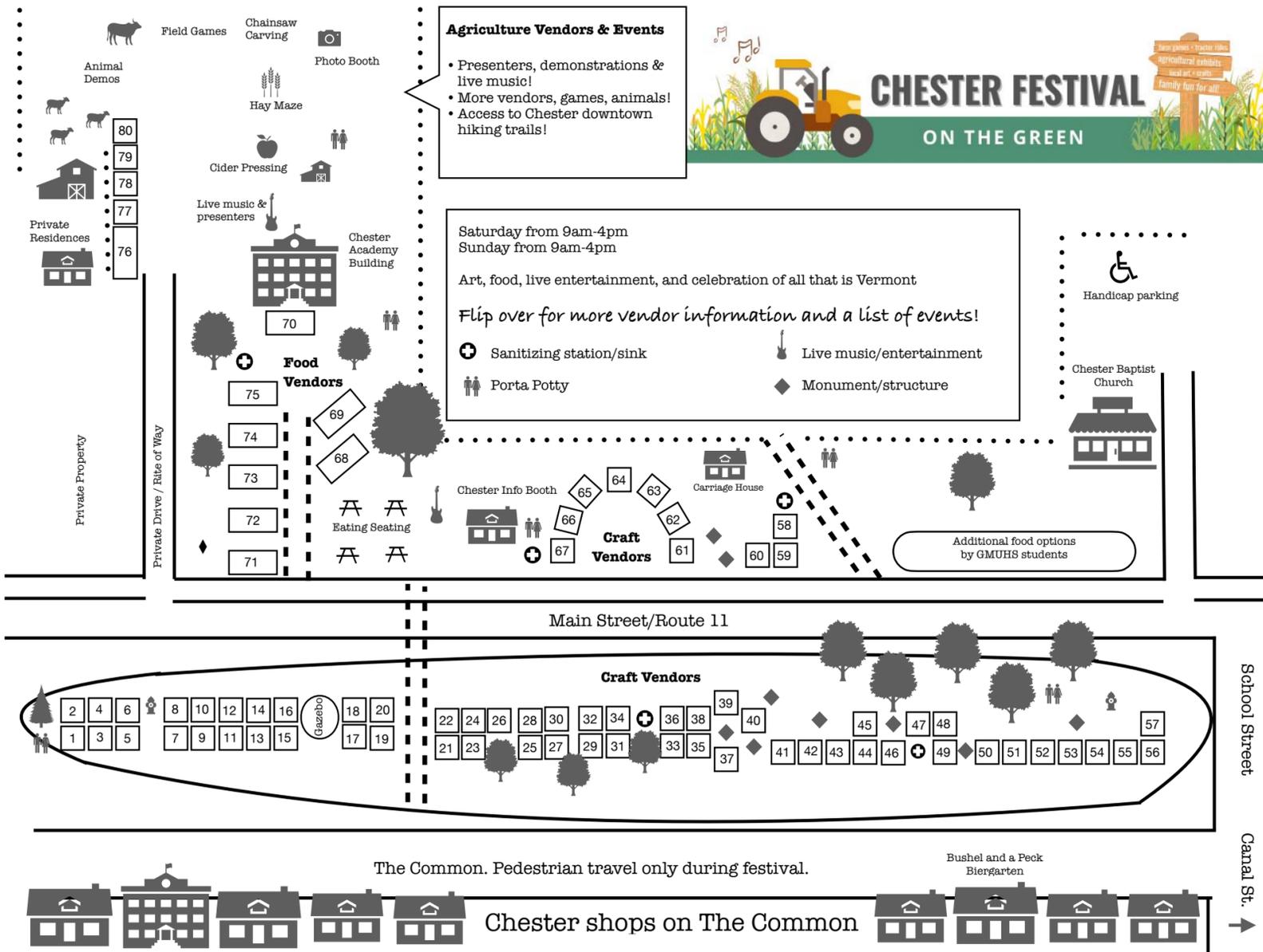
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town, where hundreds of people converge on our historic Green from all over New England.

Once again, we'll be bringing together the best of our local craft and food vendors while highlighting agricultural-themed exhibits in an unforgettable experience of Vermont culture. As you stroll through the center of town, you'll see the Chester Green lined with vendors making delicious food and offering



Festival goers peruse the vendors.

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Pumpkin bowling.

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maze, and lots of family-fun activities.

If you'd like to support our event and are interested in volunteering, we could always use more hands-on-deck. We're looking for festival ambassadors who can help oversee the farm games, assist in the agricultural

demonstrations, pass out schedule flyers, etc. We will be hosting a kick-off meeting for interested volunteers on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Southern Pie Cafe in Chester. Please RSVP to ruthanbatchelder@gmail.com if you'd like to join us for the Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting.

If you don't have time to volunteer but would still like to contribute, we are accepting donations by mail. Every bit is appreciated on behalf of the entire Chester community. For more details about the event, please contact us with any questions.

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obituaries

Beverly Hart, 1933-2022



Beverly Hart, 1933-2022.
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WESTON, Vt. – Beverly J. Hart, 89, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022 at her daughter's home in Ludlow. She was born April 12, 1933 in North Bennington, Vt., the daughter of Thomas and Edrie (Hall) Jones. She attended school in North Bennington, graduating from North Bennington High School.

On March 23, 1960 she married Glen W. Hart, who predeceased her.

Beverly worked as a housekeeper at Colonial House in Weston, Vt. and as a housekeeper in private

homes in the area for many years.

She enjoyed reading, sewing, and gardening. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her life.

She is survived by two sons, Byron Hart of Weston, and Thomas Hart of North Carolina; one daughter, JoAnn Clapper and her husband Sherman of Ludlow; two granddaughters, Jamie Clapper of Weston, and Jessica Christian (Matt) of Rutland; and two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Jordayn. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, son Marvin Hart, daughter-in-law Gloria Hart, and her siblings.

A memorial service will be held at on Friday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Old Parish Church in Weston, Vt. Burial will follow in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

John Jackson, 1926-2022



John Jackson, 1926-2022.
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WALPOLE, N.H. – On Aug. 5, 2022, at Midcoast Hospital in Brunswick, Maine, John H. Jackson, of Bath, Maine, passed into a gorgeous sunset. John was born in North Walpole, N.H. to John H. and Margaret (Rumley) Jackson on March 3, 1926.

In 1943, at age 17, John enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He served on a destroyer, the USS Eisner DE 192, in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. John was a gunner's mate assigned to the depth charge crew. He saw VE Day in Liverpool, England, and VJ Day in the Pacific.

In 1950, John married the love of his life, Beryl Willard. They had four children; Carol (Peter Fischer); Gail; Bruce (Lyn); and John (Carolyn), all of Maine. John also leaves behind four grandchildren; Nathan (Fallon); Matthew; Meaghan (Luke); and Katie (fiancé, Curtis); and three great-grandchildren; Liam; Emma; and Connor.

After the war, John began working for the railroad as a coal shoveling fireman on steam locomotives. John spent most of his career as a locomotive engineer for the Boston & Maine Railroad, and later for Amtrak. Both John and Beryl retired from their jobs in 1985 and spent the next 27 plus years as "snowbirds" between their homes in West Springfield, Mass. and Cypress Bend in Estero, Fla. where they made many friends. Their final move

came in 2012, when they moved to Bath, Maine to be closer to their children. Beryl predeceased John in 2017.

In Mass., John was active in the Elks of West Springfield. In Maine, he was active at the Bath Senior Center. For three years, John and his daughter-in-law, Lyn won the Annual Double's Cribbage Award, winning a trophy of which he was very proud. He and Beryl were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bath.

In 2019, John was honored to attend Honor Flight Maine, to Washington, D.C. On that trip, veterans from several conflicts were flown to D.C., then chauffeured around the Capitol in an entourage to many War Memorials and Monuments. It was an experience which he would never forget.

John's family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, and others at Mid Coast Hospital who took excellent care of him while he was a patient and for their concern for John's family during this process. We also want to thank the Staff at Bodwell Rehabilitation in Brunswick for the care he received while there.

There will be visitation time on the morning of Sept. 27, 2022, at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt at 9 a.m. Following visitation time, John's memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole, N.H. at 11 a.m. with internment at St. Peter's Cemetery in Drewsville, N.H. There will be a gathering with refreshments in the church Community Hall following the internment.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Bob Woodruff Family Foundation for Veterans. Bob Woodruff Foundation, 1350 Broadway, Suite 905, New York, NY 10018 or online @bobwoodruff-foundation.org.

Leslie Westine, 2022



Leslie Westine, 2022.
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CHESTER, Vt. – Bill Westine (Leslie Westine Jr.) peacefully passed away after celebrating his birthday and his final Labor Day Weekend at The Lake. He lived a full and loving 77 years with many friends and close family nearby.

Bus (Leslie Sr.) and Eleanor (Howe) Westine raised Bill and his brother Jim in the quaint town of Chester, Vt. When Bill graduated as valedictorian from Chester High School, he often returned for annual alumni weekends, conjuring images of his days of Varsity sports, every season of every year he was in high school.

He soon departed for warmer climates, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from Georgia Tech, then returned north to begin his lifelong career with Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, Conn., and furthering his education with a MBA from UCONN. Even after retiring, he would often visit with his colleagues turned friends. His life as an engineer permeated many aspects, introducing his family to the never-ending supply of graph paper.

Bill married Patty Paquin in 1970 and they raised their two children, Jennifer and Jason, in Coventry, Conn. Bill's love of sports continued as he coached recreation sports for the kids, engaged in basketball pick-up leagues, and followed the Coventry High School Sports teams. He always had a seat at basketball games, home and away.

Bill and Patty moved to Florida after his retire-

ment, although they often visited their second home, where they first met and fell in love, Otis Reservoir, referred to affectionately by the Westines and Paquins as The Lake. Both provided him access to his passions and hobbies, most notably golf. Though the sport proved challenging on one distinct hole now known, and captured in a loving illustration, as "Westine's Folly."

Bill could also be seen enjoying walking the many family dogs over the years, driving a boat to take his grandkids tubing, or sitting in their Florida driveway awaiting visiting friends and neighbors. We will all miss his kind heart, generous soul, and the compassion he showed everyone who knew him; the easy conversation around a fire or dinner table, and the limitless love he shared with his family and friends.

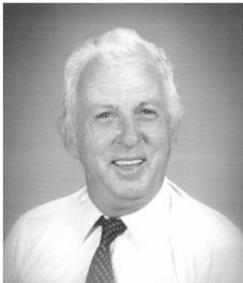
Bill was predeceased by his parents, Bus and Eleanor. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Patty, his brother, Jim, sister-in-law, Maureen; his daughter, Jennifer, his son-in-law, Jeff, his son, Jason, his daughter-in-law, Katie; his grandchildren, Eric and Jesenia, and their mother, Johnnie, Christian, and Aaron.

He also leaves his brother-in-law, Randy, and wife, Jean, his niece, Kelly, and husband, Keith, and their children, Makenna and Avery, his nephew, Scott, and wife, Kayla, and their daughter Kenley.

Bill will be honored and remembered in many ways and the family plans are still to be determined but will be held near their summer homes in Otis, Mass. The family asks that any memorial gifts be made to the American Cancer Society in c/o the Kelly Funeral Home 3 Main Street Lee, MA 01238.

If you would like to leave a message of condolence or share pictures with the family, please visit our web site at www.kellyfuneralhome.net

Neil Henderson, 1931-2022



Neil Henderson, 1931-2022.
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CLAREMONT, N.H. – Neil Henderson passed away peacefully on his favorite day of the year, his birthday, Aug. 30, 2022. Known as the "Silver Fox" by those that knew him and loved him, Neil was a loving and generous person who was always eager to help others in any way he could. Neil loved the Red Sox. He loved to sing and listen to gospel music and attend church. He was an avid Bingo player and crafter. He was a beloved son, brother, and uncle.

Neil was predeceased by his father and mother, Orrin Taft and Lucy Mallina (Beaulieu) Henderson, his brother Douglas Henderson, and his sister Joan Coburn and her husband Norman.

He is survived by his sisters Carole Jewett (David) of Groton, Mass. and Titusville, Fla., and Donna Bleazard (Thomas) of Cornish Flat, N.H., as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Neil was born in Lowell, Mass. on Aug. 30, 1931. In the 1980s, he moved to New Hampshire to be closer to family. With the help of United Development Services, he worked as a dishwasher and lived in West Lebanon and was embraced by the community. Neil loved to volunteer at the Listen Center, and he did that for over 20 years.

In 2014, with the help of Pathways, he moved to Claremont. There he enjoyed going to the senior center regularly. Neil was a dedicated churchgoer, and he loved and was so well-loved by the members and pastor of the Bow Baptist Church in Weathersfield Bow, Vt. and the West Lebanon Congregational Church. In 2019, he moved to Sullivan County Health Care. He was embraced and loved there and lived there until he passed.

Neil's family would like to thank everyone who loved and cared for him. A special thank you to the staff at Sullivan County Healthcare, the staff and patrons of Shyrl's Diner West Lebanon, Pathways, Listen Center, and Meals on Wheels of Upper Valley and Sullivan County.

Services will be held on Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. at Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow, Vt.

Burial will be in Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford, Mass. on Sept. 22, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Friends of Activities, Sullivan County Healthcare, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Unity, NH 03743

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

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SEPT. 17
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Come and enjoy a great day of golf with friends at Okemo Mountain School's 12th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, Vt. Lunch and registration start at 12 p.m. with an 18 hole shotgun start at 1 p.m. Includes lunch, a drink, and prizes.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Expeditionary School at Black River will hold their third annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at The Roundhouse at Jackson Gore.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Dana Farber Cancer Institute will present a "Magic Mile for Cancer" on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., at Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vt. The "Magic Mile" will be broken down into three categories: A run, for those who would like to run for a competitive time; A walk, for those who would like to hike at a casual pace and enjoy the scenery; and a "Kid's Mile," for those age 12 and under. The registration deadline to participate is Friday, Sept. 16, 2022 at 4 p.m.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Annual book, bake, and yard sale, Weathersfield Proctor Library, Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Route 5, Ascutney, Vt. Call 802-674-2863 for book donations and 802-674-5021 for yard sale donations.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will hold a fundraising tag sale on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the North School in Springfield, Vt.

SEPT. 18 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The vocal quartet Windborne will perform at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, Vt. on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Windborne is known for the power and innovation of their arrangements, which spans many styles but is deeply rooted in American folk.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Historical Society will have their annual "Picnic Meeting" on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Acworth Rd. Please bring chairs and a potluck dish to share.

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SEPT. 19 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Vermont Academy is hosting artist and activist Robert Shetterly on campus for the Bob '37 and Beth Campbell Endowed Lecture Series: Screening of "Truth Tellers" on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 in the Horowitz Performing Arts Hall. Doors to the gallery will open at 6 p.m. and the film will screen at 6:30 p.m. A conversation with Robert Shetterly will follow the film. This event is free and open to the public.

SEPT. 22 – LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be a special community lunch on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 12 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center in Ludlow, Vt. The menu will be beef tenderloin steak tips with rice, gravy, roasted brussels sprouts, and apple crisp. Donation required.

SEPT. 22, 24, & 28 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Town Library will present the annual Manhattan Short Film Festival on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m., and Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. All three showing will feature the ten finalists in this year's competition. Showings will be held at the library at 26 Maple Hill Rd., Belmont Vt. This is a free event.

SEPT. 24 – PITTSFIELD, Vt. – While we certainly don't want to wish the warm weather away, we are excited to invite you to share your wares with us in a highly visible vendor booth along Scenic Route 100 during Pittsfield at Peak, a tiny town tradition with big dreams, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pittsfield, Vt.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There will be a pop-up concert on the grounds of the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 3–5 p.m. Bill Brink will perform a mix of originals and covers and there will be a talented young musician, Ezra Holloway, who is a senior at BFUHS and RVTC. This is a free event.

SEPT. 24 & 25 – GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Nature Museum will open their Fairy House Festival the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Fairy House Festival is The Nature Museum's annual fundraiser and draws visitors from throughout the region to Grafton each September. Volunteers create a fairyland of small structures built out of natural materials, opening a portal to the incredible world around us through deep observation of nature's gifts.

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Starting on Monday, Aug. 22, pickleball will be played at

Dorsey Park, 41 Andover Street in Ludlow, Vt., every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9–11 a.m., into October. There are no registration fees.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding a Non-Open-Mic Jam on the second Sunday of every month, from 1–4 p.m. at the Gassetts Grange, 5 Miles North of Chester. Donation per person requested at the door. We will have snacks, bottled water, and some sodas on sale. You can call Donna at 802-591-4290 or the Grange building at 802-875-1051 for details.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAYS – LREGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS – CHALRESTOWN,

N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center is playing horseshoes every Thursday at 1 p.m., weather dependent, and we are looking for more people to join us. It's just for fun. If you don't play, come watch us and laugh with us.

FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Farmers Market is happening Fridays from 4-7 p.m., through September. Featuring live entertainment, take-out food, children's activities, and many vendors. For more information or becoming a vendor, visit them on Facebook at Greater Falls Farmers' Market or email greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange will be hosting a Buffet Breakfast on the second Saturday of every month, from 8–9:30 a.m. There will be a fee at the door. The meal will consist of sausage, home fries, pancakes, eggs, and more. Gassetts Grange can be found on Route 103 in Chester, Vt.

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

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

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

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

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

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
 DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR**

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a Deputy Building Inspector. This position is a part-time position with no benefits.

This position is responsible for inspection of commercial and residential buildings during various stages of construction and remodeling to ensure compliance with applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.

Inspect foundation, concrete, steel, masonry, wood construction, framing, plastering, routine plumbing, heating and electrical installations and a large variety of other complex and routine building system elements.

Respond to citizen complaints and concerns; serve due process letters to violators as necessary.

Issue notices to comply on violations; maintain records of history of facts for possible legal actions.

Signing and issuing of permits and certificates of occupancy.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. High School Diploma or Equivalent.
2. Proven work experience as a Building Inspector - Specialized training in the building trades and/or code enforcement desirable.
3. Possession of an appropriate, valid building inspector certificate – or ascertain within the first year of employment with the NH Building Officials Association
4. Knowledge of construction design techniques
5. Advanced mathematical skills
6. Ability to make difficult decisions
7. Ability to read and understand blueprints and construction designs
8. Ability to travel and work irregular hours

Interested candidates should complete an application and/or resume and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email it to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

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Special Ed Paraprofessional

Two Rivers Supervisory Union is currently seeking a highly qualified individual to serve as a Special Ed Paraprofessional for a high school student with intense needs in a life skills program. The ideal candidate will be self-motivated, able & willing to work 1:1 with a student. Criminal Record Check Required. To apply please email a resume to Mary.Barton@trsu.org

Part Time School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Part Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing.

Job Type: Part-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at Michael.Ripley@trsu.org.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
 FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

The Town of Chester Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Full-Time Police Officer. The department is seeking an enthusiastic professional individual who possesses a strong desire to provide the highest quality police services to the community. The Chester Police Department serves a community of approximately 3,144 residents and covers an area of approximately 56 square miles.

Chester offers a competitive starting wage for full-time officers with shift differential, as well as an excellent benefit's package including participation in VMERS Group C retirement, MVP health insurance, paid sick time, vacation time, and personal time. Uniforms and police equipment are provided.

The successful candidate will possess the following minimum requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age.
- Have a high school diploma.
- Be certified or certifiable as a police officer by the VT Criminal Justice Training Council (VCJTC).
- Possess a valid VT driver's license.
- Must be able to perform all essential functions of the job.

Preference will be given to those applicants who are currently certified through the VCJTC. However, those without certification are also encouraged to apply. Police testing, including a physical fitness examination, polygraph, oral board, medical exam, fingerprint check and extensive background check will be required of applicants selected for hire. Preference shall be given to VT-certified officers.

Those wishing to apply should send a letter of interest and resume to:
 Chester Police Department
 ATTN: Chief Richard Cloud
 P.O. Box 370
 Chester, VT 05143

Interested applicants can also contact the Chester Police Department at (802) 875-2035 for more information.

The Town of Chester is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
 POSITION AVAILABLE
 EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER**

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Equipment Operator/Truck Driver. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Must possess a valid VT Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, sander, loader and excavator, backhoe and/or grader. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, and equipment operation are a plus.

Municipal Benefit Package includes health & dental insurance, retirement plan and paid vacations PLUS a \$2,000.00 Sign-On Bonus. Employment applications are available at the Ludlow Municipal Office or on-line at www.ludlow.vt.us. Please submit completed applications to the Ludlow Municipal Office PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841 or email to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
 FULL-TIME and PART-TIME
 POLICE OFFICER OPENINGS**

Full time/Part time certified in New Hampshire and/or eligible for certification through the New Hampshire Police Standard and Training Council.

The Town of Charlestown Police Department is seeking a motivated, team oriented person who possesses good problem solving and communication skills that is interested in working in a tight knit community where community policing is a priority. The candidate selected will perform criminal investigations, crime prevention and community involvement assignments along with traffic enforcement.

Minimum Requirements: Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen; must be 21 years old by the anticipated date of the agility test. Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Candidates must meet the Physical Fitness Testing minimums and will be re-tested once every three years if hired. Must be a full time certified police officer in New Hampshire, or if certified in another state, must be eligible for certification with law package through the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. The hiring process consists of a medical screening, physical agility test, Police Oral Board, polygraph examination, in depth background investigation, psychological evaluation, and drug screening. Salary is based on experience and your time in law enforcement is transferable.

Full time positions are benefit eligible.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Chief Patrick Connors at 603-826-5747.

To Apply: An application can be found on the Charlestown Town Website at <https://www.charlestown-nh.gov/employment>.

Please submit a completed application, resume, and cover letter to: Chief Patrick Connors, Charlestown Police Department, PO Box 1465, Charlestown, NH 03603.

~The Charlestown Police Department is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer~

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —
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CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Assisted Living Community seeks Direct Care Aide. No experience necessary, paid training. \$15.00 hr. Call Ann, 603-826-0840

FOR SALE

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - 2019 Tracker pro 170 bass boat with 40 horse mercury motor, 46 lb. thrust trolling motor, fish finder asking \$11,000 Tel # 603-372-2210

OTHER

SAVE THE DATE - SOUTHERN VERMONT MINERAL & GEM SHOW & SALE. Sept. 24 & 25. Grace Christian School, Kocher Dr., Bennington, Vt. Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Info: Bill @ 802-375-6782.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Springfield School District seeks citizen volunteers for this year's budget committee.

Committee members help evaluate the administration's budget proposal and advise the school board on final budget development for the voters.

The budget season runs from October through March. At least 3-4 evening meetings a month during that time.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest at <https://tinyurl.com/FY24SSDBudgetCommittee> by September 23rd.

Town of Windham Public Hearing on Revision of Timber Harvesting Regulations

On October 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM on Zoom, the Windham Selectboard will hear public comments on proposed changes to Sec. 503 of its Zoning Regulations regarding timber harvesting.

The proposed changes clarify the requirements landowners and loggers must follow for logging operations involving the use of town roads. The proposed changes, if adopted, require:

1. Securing an overweight permit from the Town Clerk
2. Posting a \$500 bond at the Town Office
3. Obtaining an access permit signed by the town's Road Foreman

The full text of the current Zoning Regulations and the proposed changes to Sec. 503 are available on the town website (www.townofwindhamvt.com) or in print at the Windham Town Office.

To Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83772865361?pwd=MGdkdjM0QTBjVndZZ3RpWGhnQXE4Zz09>
Meeting ID: 837 7286 5361 ~ Passcode: 760860
Find your local number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kc2154qOb0>

WARNING FOR SPECIAL MEETING TOWN OF PLYMOUTH VT

There will be a Special Informational meeting for public discussion of the proposed building renovation and Bond issue, Inclusion Statement and Second Amendment sanctuary town designation prior to the November 8th election. The meeting will be held Monday, September 19, at 6:00 PM in the Plymouth Municipal Building.

Following are the Articles for THE NOVEMBER ELECTION:

Article 1

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE

Shall the Town of Plymouth borrow up to an additional \$800,000 thru a Municipal Bond to pay for the full and proposed weatherization/deferred maintenance project to be paid back over a 25-year period?

Shall the Town of Plymouth proceed with the weatherization/deferred maintenance project and only complete portions of the project with the funds previously authorized by the Voters in the amount of \$950,000?

Article 2

VOTE YES OR NO

Shall the Town of Plymouth adopt the Declaration of Inclusion as signed by Vermont Governor Phil Scott in 2021 to condemn racism and welcome all persons to live freely and express their opinions as stated in the proposed language for a Plymouth Declaration of Inclusion as written below:

The Town of Plymouth condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.

As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

Article 3

VOTE YES OR NO

Shall the Town of Plymouth VT declare itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary town?

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-02790

In re ESTATE of: Inge Yarri

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Inge Yarri Decedent
late of Mildard, Connecticut Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 9/7/22 Signature of Fiduciary: Winthrop S. Smith, Jr., Esq.

Executor/Administrator	Mailing Address:
Winthrop S. Smith, Jr., Esq.	c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519
Phone Number	City, State, Zip
802-885-2582	Springfield, VT 05156

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VAULT's Art in the Alley returns on Sept. 16 and 23 from 3-5 p.m.

Stop by and make Paste Papers with Diane Kemble and Corky Bond. This is a fun technique using different tools to make designs in mixtures of various colors. You can use your beautiful papers to make cards, banners, collage, books, and even jewelry. Fun for all ages!

This free event will be held outside Gallery at the VAULT on 68 Main St. in Springfield.

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(08/16/22 - TFN - 52)

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

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- Talk with Paula- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival
- Shakespeare Alive!
- West River Weather guy local forecasts

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166
Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167

(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

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(9/14/22 - TFN - 13)

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arts & entertainment



Sample Wantastiquet watercolor.

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Wantastiquet watercolors

WESTON, Vt. – Diane Bell, Suzanne Zeller, and Betty Genser will be joining Doris Ingram at the Wantastiquet Trout Club on Sept. 16 and 17. They will be painting, hiking, and boating at the club. A showing of their paintings will be

held Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5–7 p.m. at Doris's studio at 83 Trout Club Rd, Weston, Vt. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the club to help with the roof repair of Hewlit cabin, where the artists stayed last year.

VAULT's "Art in the Alley"

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mixtures of various colors. You can use your beautiful papers to make cards, banners, collage, books, and even jewelry. Fun for all ages. This free event will be held outside Gallery at the VAULT on 68 Main St. in Springfield, Vt.

Vermont Salon brings classical to the contemporary

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents: The Vermont Salon, a new open call exhibition hung in the floor-to-ceiling Salon style. The Salon opens Sept. 16, and will be on view

to the public through Nov. 12. Join the Gallery on Third Friday Gallery Night in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls on Sept. 16 from 5–7 p.m. to celebrate and meet the artists. All Gallery events are free and

open to the public.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information

about the Vermont Salon or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike by phone at 802-289-0104, or send emails to artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

FOLA begins Robin Williams film series

LUDLOW, Vt. – Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium will begin its three-part series of films showcasing the comedic and dramatic talents of Robin Williams on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. with the screening of Williams' comedic hit,

"Moscow on the Hudson"

The event will begin with film historian Rick Winston, speaking on Williams' background with specific reference to the three films in the series. Following this, refreshments will be offered.

The film will begin at 7 p.m.

The two other Williams movies in the series are "Good Morning, Vietnam" on Oct. 1 and "Awakenings" on Oct. 29.

Everyone is invited to attend

the film as well as the preceding review of the movie and Williams' role in the three films making up this series. The movie is free; donations are appreciated. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit www.fola.us.

SCC sings again this fall

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Community Chorus is starting back up again on Sept. 19 after a two-and-a-half year break due to Covid. All community singers are welcome to join us. No auditions are required. We love to sing and want to share that enthusiasm with all of you.

The rehearsal chairs will be somewhat distanced and the rehearsal space is well ventilated.

Our first rehearsal is Sept. 19 at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. at 6:30 p.m., but subsequent rehearsals will be from 7–9 p.m. Our fall concerts will

be Dec. 3 at the Baptist Church in Chester, Vt. and Dec. 4 at the Congregational Church in Springfield, Vt. Our interim director is Amy Conn.

We ask each member to pay membership dues to help cover the cost of concerts. We also expect members to help with fundrais-

ing opportunities. The dues will be collected at the first rehearsal on Sept. 19. We do have a scholarship fund to help defray the cost of membership if needed.

For any further questions, contact Barbara Bye at 802-886-1777 or see our Facebook page at Springfield Community Chorus.

Steve Hartmann and High Tea at Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Steve Hartmann and High Tea will perform at Stage 33

Live on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Singer-songwriter Steve

Hartmann's electrifying vocals and deft guitar have been described as "the

grey" between an acoustic Dave Matthews and Damien Rice. Using effects, looper pedals, and his dynamic voice, his sound and style are unique and readily identifiable. Chris Carabba of Dashboard Confessional and Twin Forks says, "Steve's vocals are pristine." Livingston Taylor states, "I was blown away – speechless." Born in Dalat, Vietnam, near the end of the Vietnam War, Steve was adopted when he was five months old. Struggling to find a sense of belonging, he found music at the age of 12.

High Tea from Massachusetts delivers a blend of old blues and new pop with soulful harmonies and smoldering guitar riffs – songs ripe with Americana heartbreak and heat, punctuated with tales of growing up, going wild, and always coming back to the ones you love.

Covid-19 protocols will be the guidelines in effect in the community on show day. Currently the guidance is that masks are optional, which may change without notice.

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- Sept. 17: 'Moscow on the Hudson'
- Oct. 1: 'Good Morning, Vietnam'
- Oct. 29: 'Awakenings'

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