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Attendees take notice at Fairy House Festival

BY PAULA BENSON
The Vermont Journal

GRAFTON, Vt. – Crisp temperatures and intermittently sunny skies created an ideal environment to get outside and “celebrate the magic of nature and imagination” at the annual Fairy House Festival in Grafton, Vt. on Sept. 25 and 26, 2022.

Sponsored by the Nature Museum, this was the festival’s fourteenth year. An annual fundraiser that attracts visitors from all over Vermont and across the Northeast, the festival’s fame has grown through social media.

There were many activities for kids including an arts and crafts tent and face painting booths. Excited children of all ages ran through a steady stream of bubbles that poured out of a second story window in the Nature Museum, trying to capture them in their hands.

The festival’s Fairy Queen, Laurie Danforth, talked about the origin and significance of the event, and the



Fairy House 23.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

of nature’s gifts.” The hand-crafted fairy houses on display were whimsical dwellings, mini art installations created from elements like bark, twigs, berries, stones, mushrooms, and feathers.

The Fairy House Trail curved through the meadow and into the woods edge above Townshend Road. Signs directed attendees to walk the trail, and then to vote on their favorites.

tradition of building fairy houses, saying, “It’s kind of a sneaky way to get people to notice the small stuff in nature. Everyone hikes and expects to see big things, like a bear or something. But this sort of tricks us into stopping, taking a moment, and looking at the smaller details of our environment.”

The Nature Museum’s philosophy is that when you build a fairy house using natural materials, you are “opening a portal to the incredible world around us through deep observation

All proceeds from the sold-out festival will go toward supporting the community through “natural science programs in schools and libraries, wilderness days for tweens, wild foods workshops, summer camps for kids, mushroom talks, birding walks, and so much more.”

ESBR Year Three is off and running

LUDLOW, Vt. – As schools begin their 2022-2023 school year, so too does the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR), with an increased number of students this fall. This year’s students come from Ludlow, Mount Holly, Andover, Cavendish, Charlestown, N.H., and even a foreign exchange student from Germany, whose mother was an exchange student at Black River High School in the late ‘90s.

It is an exciting and auspicious time, as this marks ESBR’s 3rd Year of Operations. Despite many surprises along the way, ESBR continues to forge ahead with their mission of providing a space where every learning experience gains authenticity. Young adults graduate with strong work habits, the capacity to solve

real-world problems, and financial literacy. Leading at the helm in ESBR is the returning Head of School, Kendra Rickerby, whose belief in the cause has been 100% from the first introduction, bringing with her many years of invaluable insight to carry out this vision. In early September, along with Board Chair Gary Blodgett, she awarded two of our original ESBR Trailblazers with their Diplomas at our Fall Graduation Ceremony. These two dedicated students, who hail from Ludlow originally and transitioned from BRHS to ESBR, held tight to their goal and finished their studies over the summer, earning their certificates to kick off a heartfelt Year Three. Three of their fellow schoolmates even graced the audience with their beautiful rendition of

“The Climb.” It was a wonderful start to what will be another exciting year. More is to follow in these next few weeks, including the Ludlow Elementary School Parent-Teacher Group’s Ludlow Harvest Fair, located on the front lawn of ESBR on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you would like to learn more about the school or get involved, please contact Gary Blodgett, Chair of the Board, at gblodgett@esblackriver.org or Kendra Rickerby, Head of School at krickerby@esblackriver.org. Please visit our website www.esblackriver.org. Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

The 38th annual Ludlow Harvest Fair

LUDLOW, Vt. – The 38th annual Ludlow PTG Harvest Fair will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the Black River Expeditionary School front lawn. The Fair will host crafters, artists, musicians, and food vendors. It will take place entirely outside, rain or shine.

The following vendors will be selling food, crafts, and goods at the Fair: Leap

for Joy Quilting, Esdee, Ted’s Wicked BBQ Sauces, Peter Hedeka, Mary’s Homemade Crafts, Jackie’s Bakeshop, Lori’s Luxurious Nails, Holiday Wreaths, Usborne Books and More, Villa Boutique, Vermont Fire Rocks, Play Felt Vermont, Sandra Lombardi Pottery, 802 Heat Hot Sauce Co., Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, C.B. Blue Designs, Swisher Apparel, Chris’ Quilts, The New

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Chester hears bylaws amendments and police review

BY KYLE LAURITA BONOMETTI
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 Chester Selectboard meeting focused largely on two agenda items: An amendment to Unified Development Bylaws (UDB) and a Police Department Assessment Review by Col. Jim Baker.

The meeting began with a public hearing, in which members of the Planning Commission discussed possible amendments to the UDB which would allow for the re-purposing of certain buildings within the town of Chester, as long as that new purpose was compatible with the character of the area. Because of zoning laws adopted over the years, certain areas of the town are not, or no longer, accessible to commercial businesses, such as the area around Baba A Louis, which closed in 2018. However, these new amendments would allow for a new business

to open in regions like that area, as long as it could be argued that, historically, a restaurant, such as Baba A Louis, has done well there and been a welcome addition to the town. These new bylaws would be called Legacy and Adaptive Re-Use bylaws.

The selectboard, after listening to the amendments described by the Planning Commission, decided to postpone a decision on the bylaws until further notice. “I’m all for 90% of this,” said Board Chair Arne Jonynas, “it just might take a little while.”

A majority of the second half of the meeting was dedicated to hearing the Police Department Assessment Review by Col. Jim Baker, who has been working on the review for a series of months. Originally, talks to undergo a department assessment came after a black man named Obadiah Jacobs was, according to Vermont’s Human Rights Commission, discriminated against and illegally told to exit his vehicle at gunpoint by a Chester police officer in May 2019. Baker completed his review in

September of this year. The full report is detailed, reading at 28 pages, and describes Baker’s methodology, findings, and conclusions. In the report, he writes, “Often times the providing of public safety can be seen or in practice [be] an us versus them dynamic.” He goes on to discuss how relations between the public and a police department can often times be strained, and how the role of the police is changing as of recent years. According to Baker, in his review of the Chester Department, there is a clear undercurrent among some of the officers that there is a lack of “someone having their back.” This could be because of nationwide issues, Baker explained. This being said, Baker began the selectboard meeting with the words, “Your community is very safe. You have a very well running, efficient police department.” According to Baker, in his interviews with individual officers, he found that “All of them, to a person, were professional, candid, and

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“Yesterday Once More,” a Tribute to The Carpenters

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, “Yesterday Once More,” a tribute to The Carpenters, will perform at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow, Vt. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and by advanced sales through Venmo, or by check sent to the Black River Academy Museum. There will also be a get-together before the show at Off The Rails from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Transportation will be

provided to and from the show. The Carpenters were one of the most successful musical sibling duos of all time, selling over 90 million records worldwide. With an incredible string of mega hits, there was arguably no more popular musical group throughout the 1970s than The Carpenters – and years later, their music still stands the test of time. Some of the timeless songs that are part of this outstanding performance are Close To You, We’ve

Only Just Begun, Top of the World, Rainy Days and Mondays, Yesterday Once More, Superstar, Please Mr. Postman, and many more. The following sponsors can be thanked for supporting the show: Fox Run, Mary Davis Realty, Ludlow Rotary, Engel & Volkers R.E., Vail Resorts, Wm. Ravies VT Properties, Side Hill Cronchers, Brewfest Beverage, American Legion #36, and Benson’s Chevrolet. This is a show to benefit the Black River Academy Museum’s educational programs.

LRC’s 31st annual Chili Cook-off around corner

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is sponsoring its 31st annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The cook-off will be located at the traffic light on Depot Street. Proceeds will benefit the Ludlow Rotary Charitable Fund to enable the LRC to continue its programs of local support.

According to cook-off chairman Kevin Barnes, the LRC will welcome chili entries from individuals, clubs, and businesses. There is an entry fee. Participants will be

provided with a table, ladle, and sterno. Participants are responsible for dropping off their heated chili between 10:30–10:45 a.m., the day of the cook-off. Each entry is requested to provide four to five gallons of their chili. The Ludlow Rotary will provide the servers if you can’t attend, so even if you can’t be there, your chili can still win cash and recognition!

Plaques and three cash prizes will be awarded in the “People’s Choice” category. Plaques will also be awarded to the chili with the most votes in the Judges Choice, Spiciest, and Team Spirit categories. Unless arranged

otherwise, participants should deliver their heated chili by 10:45 a.m., prepare for set up, and be ready to serve at 11 a.m. If you can’t make chili, you still can support our fundraising effort as a sponsor. Sponsors receive up to two free admissions or a free participation entry. Please mail your name, address, and phone number along with chili entry fee to Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. For more info, contact Kevin Barnes at 802-558-0479 or ludlowrotary@gmail.com.

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BRSU recognition award

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Flood Brook School's Caleb Wiley earned one of the six teacher and staff awards announced recently by the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU). Wiley's work as a fourth grade teacher in the classroom, as well as his coaching on the field, captured the attention and admiration of his peers, and earned him the BRSU Teacher Recognition award.

"Caleb is known as a 'Kid Whisperer' who forms strong relationships with his students," said Randi Lowe, BRSU Superintendent. "He uses relatable examples, stories, and sometimes tough love to help them become their best selves. Caleb is a positive role model and a quiet leader at Flood Brook. As a coach, his work draws praise from parents on all sides, both Flood Brook families and opponents."

BRSU Awards are designated in three categories. Wiley's Teacher Recognition Award honors those who are nominated and selected by their colleagues. To be eligible, an instructor must have at least three years of experience at the BRSU and not have won previously. Awards are also given for BRSU recipients of the University of Vermont Teachers of the Year and BRSU Staff Awards. Lowe announced all six



Caleb Wiley. PHOTO PROVIDED



Legion donates to Gill Home

LUDLOW, Vt. – American Legion Auxiliary Ballard-Hobart Unit 36 raised funds and purchased a new awning for the residents of The Gill Odd Fellows Home. The awning was dedicated on Aug. 20 in memory of Ella Briggs, a past Unit President.

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Londonderry to discuss Zoning Bylaws

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Planning

Commission is hosting a series of public information meetings about the proposed Londonderry Zoning Bylaws. The meetings will be facilitated by the Town's consultant, hired to update the regulations. The proposed bylaws represent a complete rewrite of the existing Zoning Bylaws, which have not been updated since 2009, and includes the implementation of the overall 2017 Town Plan vision, and other relevant goals.

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- Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2022 (village zones)
- Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 (rural zones)
- Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 (special topics)

To attend these meetings remotely, please go to the town website, www.londonderryvt.org for a Zoom link.

Property owners are encouraged to come learn how the changes may affect their property and land use, ask questions, and provide overall comments. The draft regulations are posted on the Town website.

This project is funded through a grant from the VT Agency of Commerce & Community Development.

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honest." Baker was sure to explain that, while the purpose of a department assessment was to find things that could be improved, in assessing Chester's Police Department, he "didn't want the review to appear all negative."

In summary, Baker's assessment recommended that the Town of Chester "explore and develop a Police Community Advisory Board," as well as "add a sixth officer to be utilized as a detective."

The next Chester Select-board meeting will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Chester Town Hall.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email ronpatch27@gmail.com

John Ledyard and Capt. Cook

From Lyman Hayes' 1929 book, "The Connecticut River Valley."

To think it all began here.

"NOTED WORLD TRAVELER - JOHN LEDYARD IN BELLOWS FALLS IN 1772"

About 30 rods north of the "Ledyard," or, Hanover and Norwich bridge, which is about 40 miles north of here, is a monument to one of the most novel and unique characters, who attended Dartmouth College in the early period of its existence. It is a plain slab of granite and records the following bit of history:

"John Ledyard, in 1772, a freshman of Dartmouth College, on this spot felled a giant pine, from which he made a canoe, and, in it, descended the river to Hartford, Conn. He was a traveler among the Indians, and associate of John Paul Jones, and an officer under Capt. Cook, traversing all oceans and penetrating all lands. He foresaw and foretold the riches of the Pacific coast and advantages of commerce with the Far East. When about to cross Africa, he died in Egypt at the age of 37. He too heard the voice crying in the wilderness. His was the Dartmouth spirit. Anno Domini 1907."

Ledyard went up to Hanover in 1772, driving up from Hartford in a sulk, the first ever seen in this vicinity. The same year, leaving his lessons, in which he was no mean scholar, he went down to the banks of the Connecticut river, cut down a tall pine, and, as tradition relates, hewed from it a canoe 50 feet long and three feet wide, in which he placed a huge bear skin, two books (an Ovid and a Greek testament), some provisions of Indian bread, and started on his journeys around the world.



Covered bridge at the site of today's Ledyard Bridge, between Norwich and Hanover. Circa 1909. PHOTO PROVIDED

Pierpont's national reader (1839) says in its detailed account of the trip that:

"He was deeply engaged in one of his two books when his canoe reached Belows Falls, where he was suddenly roused by the noise of the waters," for which no dam or canal had been built there then. "The danger was imminent as the voyage was performed in the last part of April, when the river was raised by the melting of snow, and no boat could go down that fall without being dashed to pieces.

"With difficulty, he gained the shore and through the kind assistance of the people, who were amazed at the novelty of such a voyage, his canoe was drawn by oxen around the fall and committed again to the water below. One account says that the young student impressed the people so favorably while resting here that every attention of kindness was bestowed upon him. From that time 'til he arrived at his place of destination, we hear of no accident."

Of his arrival at Hartford, the same authority says:

"On a bright spring morning, just as the sun was rising, some people at Hartford, standing upon a high bank which overlooked a small river which empties into the Connecticut, espied at some distance an object of unusual appearance, moving slowly up the stream. All were attracted by the unusual sight and conjectured what it could be 'til its shape assumed the obvious form of a canoe, but by what impulse it was moved forward no one

could determine. Something was seen in the stern, but apparently without life or motion. At length, the canoe touched the shore directly in front; a person sprang from the stern to a rock in the edge of the water, threw off a bearskin in which it had been enveloped, and beheld John Ledyard, in the presence of his uncle and connections who were filled with wonder at the sudden apparition, for they had received no intelligence of his attention to leave Dartmouth, but supposed him still there, diligently fitting himself to be a missionary to the Indians."

He studied theology at Hartford for a short time, and then shipped for Gibraltar, where he enlisted in the British army, was released later, came to America, and next is found traveling on foot in England, both hungry and scant of raiment. He was with Capt. Cook as a corporal of marines on his third voyage around the world, and was with him when he was attacked and killed by the natives. He later published a book giving an account of the voyage.

He was characterized as "the famous Dartmouth traveler," achieving fame all over the world. When about to cross Africa, he died in Egypt, in the city of Cairo, in 1789."

This week's old saying: "Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted."

OLLI presents program, "Mary Lou Williams"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Erik Nielsen, composer and music historian, will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program, "Mary Lou Williams: Composer, Pianist, Pioneer" on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Mary Lou Williams was one of the foremost jazz musicians of the 20th century. She is not as well known on the list of important Black American composers as Duke Elling-

ton and Dizzy Gillespie, but she deserves to rank with all of them. Not only was she a great arranger, composer, and pianist, and highly respected amongst her peers in a jazz world largely dominated by men, but she created choral and large ensemble works that bridged jazz and concert music. She also mentored and encouraged young musicians to explore new paths. Her influence continues today through some of the contemporary Black women composers who are her heirs.

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.

Registration can be done online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. You may also register over the phone by calling 1-802-656-5817 during regular office hours Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CHS hosts talk on the Columbian Exchange

CAVENDISH, Vt. - On Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., the Cavendish Historical Society will host a talk on the Columbian Exchange at the CHS Museum, 1955 Main St., Cavendish, Vt.

It is estimated that 60% of the current world supply originated in the Americas. Thanks to the excellent farming skills of America's first people, crops like corn,

potatoes, and sweet potatoes offset famine in China, Europe, and Africa. Below is an excerpt from "The Columbian Exchange," by Alfred W. Crosby:

"In 1491, the world was, in many of its aspects and characteristics, a minimum of two worlds - the New World, of the Americas, and the Old World, consisting of Eurasia and Africa. Colum-

bians brought them together, and almost immediately and continually ever since, we have had an exchange of native plants, animals, and diseases moving back and forth across the oceans between the two worlds. A great deal of the economic, social, and political history of the world is involved in the exchange of living organisms between the two worlds."

Senior Solutions Fuel Assistance

REGION - The Senior Solutions Fuel Assistance Outreach Team will be available at the following locations:

Thursday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Belows Falls Senior Center

Thursday, Sept. 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Windsor Food Shelf/Trinity Church

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Belows Falls Senior Center

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wardsboro Library

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Black River Good Neighbors/Ludlow

Thursday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wilmington Old

Firehouse

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2-4 p.m., Weathersfield Food Pantry

Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Marlboro Community Center

Monday, Oct. 17, 3-5 p.m., Tunnel Street Apts., Readsboro

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Windsor Food Shelf/Trinity Church

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Windsor Food Shelf/Trinity Church

Thursday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Whitingham Municipal Center

Friday, Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Halifax Commu-

nity Hall

Friday, Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m., Town Hall, East Dover

Thursday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wilmington Old Firehouse.

If you were not able to go to any of these places, please call Thom at 802-797-4532. Remember, first go to these locations since Thom and Suzanne are so booked for the coming month. Going to these sites will be the most efficient and easiest way to apply for Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP). Many thanks to both of Thom and Suzanne for arranging all these meeting places.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

My name is Millie Barry and I am a candidate for Windham County Assistant Judge.

Assistant judges are tasked with a position unique to Vermont to make sure the voice of the people is represented in the courts. The function of the assistant judge is limited to sitting beside the presiding judge in many family, civil, and relief from abuse matters to listen to the facts of the case.

Assistant judges are also tasked with the county business such as maintaining the historic Newfane County Courthouse and overseeing the budget and expense of the Windham County Sheriff Department.

Employed as a Superior

Court clerk and for two years as the Windham County clerk, has provided me with knowledge of the court process while recording civil, family, and other court hearings. I am familiar with the judicial computer data base system, employees, presiding judges, court administrators, and security in both Windham County court houses. As clerk of Windham County, I have established professional relationships with clerks and treasurers in Windham County towns and have knowledge of the budget process, expenses associated with the courthouse, tax assessment to area County towns, and the sheriff's department.

I am an active hospice and

community resource volunteer, life-long Vermont resident, involved in the Town of Westminster government, and a licensed nursing assistant.

I am running as an Independent candidate and ask for your support and vote in the general election on Nov. 8. The assistant judge continues to be an important link between courts and communities in Vermont today. I am committed to listening to facts and offering an unbiased opinion and to bring a new outlook to the position.

Sincerely,
Millie Barry
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask for your vote on Nov. 8, 2022, for the position of Windham County Assistant Judge. Many of you know me for my service as a State Representative in the Vermont House of Representatives for the last 24 years. My goal has always been to listen to and serve the people of my district, and it has been the greatest honor to do so.

My experience serving in Montpelier has prepared me well for the duties of Assistant Judge. As the Chair of the House Agriculture and Forestry Committee for 14 years, I have been known as a good listener, a great

note-taker, and someone who makes every attempt to be fair, inclusive, and compassionate. One of the primary duties of an Assistant Judge is to be a "finder of fact" in Family Court, as well as to work on the budget for Windham County. My past experience in chairing a committee, taking testimony, creating legislation, and working on state-level budgets, has prepared me well for these tasks.

The General Election is Nov. 8, 2022, but early ballots will be automatically mailed to all active voters in the next week or so. If you don't receive a ballot, and you believe you should have, please contact your Town Clerk.

While I am asking for your vote, I would also like to emphasize that there are two Windham County Assistant Judge positions up for election. I would encourage you to also vote for Lamont Barnett, who has served in the position for several years and has important experience that benefits the people of Windham County.

I would greatly appreciate your support on Nov. 8. If you have any questions, please contact me at partridge4sidejudge@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your vote!

Sincerely,
Carolyn Partridge
Windham County, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Beware what you read. Voters in Vermont are being inundated by false information about Article 22. Here is what you need to know:

Article 22 has been in the works for four years now by Democrats in the Vermont House and Senate.

It was started by lawmakers who foresaw that Roe v. Wade might be overturned.

The language of Article 22 was carefully crafted by a team of lawyers to make it extremely sturdy legislation.

Article 22 changes no laws currently in place in Vermont.

Instead, Article 22 codifies the current law, mean-

ing that if someone wanted to change those laws, they would have to change the constitution of Vermont, a multi year process.

Article 22 purposely does not mention women or abortion, instead striving to protect all people and all reproductive health care decisions (including women and abortion access)

Reproductive health care decisions should be made between an individual and their health care provider. Government has no role in these decisions. This proposed constitutional amendment protects Vermonters' abilities to make those decisions without gov-

ernmental interference.

Your vote is important. Vermonters are being slammed with misinformation from anti-choice groups. These groups are designing their propaganda to be deceptive and misleading. Don't be fooled. Do your own research. And please vote.

The majority of Vermonters support the reproductive health laws already in place in Vermont. Article 22 simply strengthens the standing of those laws.

Sincerely,
Laura Casey
Putney, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Thank you Vermont Windsor District voters for your support in choosing us to be your three Democratic Senate candidates on the ballot this Nov. 8, 2022. We, Alison Clarkson, Dick McCormack, and Becca White, are running as a team, and we heartily endorse one another. We respect one another as individuals and as public servants, and we share our commitment to good public policy.

In the Vermont Sen-

ate, we will work together to defend reproductive liberty, to respond to the overarching existential challenge of Global Warming, the crises we face in affordable housing and childcare, and the long-term effects of the pandemic, such as inflation, the worker shortage, loss of school time, and continuing threats of infection. We support both public safety and gun safety, and we refuse to let inclusion and equity become "last year's issue."

If elected, all three of us will continue to work hard

on these goals. We value working across party lines where possible, in a spirit of good will and fact-based reason, to best serve Vermont. Early voting starts Sept. 26, and we'd appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Alison Clarkson (alison-clarkson.org)
Dick McCormack (facebook.com/McCormackforSenate)
Becca White (beccawhitevt.com)
Windsor District, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun in her bid for re-election to a second term in the Statehouse, where she will represent Windham-3 District (Brookline, Westminster, and Rockingham). She has lived in Vermont since 2003, was elected to the House in 2020, and was subsequently assigned to the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

Michelle's education contains graduating from High School in Taipei, Taiwan, earning her B.A. in sociology from Beloit College and earning her M.A. in International Education from SIT. Her work experience includes the knowledge and ability to traverse the intricacies of assisting the homeless, the restorative justice

process, and being involved with the State Department's exchange of students. She has functioned as a staff member in the Governor's Institute for Current Issues. She is currently co-director of a non-profit Educational Change Foundation for two schools in India. Additionally, Michelle has served on the board of directors for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services.

I first interacted with Michelle when the house and senate redistricting concluded. She reached out to Brookline residents to express a willingness to meet and discuss issues which the citizens of Brookline may want to address. In that discussion, she demonstrated a knowledge of issues which are important

to this district. She has also made time to knock on Brookline citizens' doors to introduce herself and learn the concerns of our citizens. She introduced herself at the poll in Brookline in August 2022. She has made herself available via meet and greet sessions within the district. A review of both her legislative record and the list of legislation which she has sponsored demonstrates a diverse interest, which touches the lives of we Vermonters. I hope that you will join me on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 in voting for Michelle Bos-Lun to represent District-3.

Sincerely,
Stanley E. Noga Jr.
Brookline, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center would like to thank Jessica Martin and Springfield on the Move, Town of Springfield's Public Works Department, and RiseVT-Windsor County for their help in

securing and installing new lighted crosswalk signs on Bridge Street in Springfield. These solar-powered signs will help ensure that Edgar May's nearly 300 daily visitors, many of whom are children and senior citizens, can cross the street

safely and with better visibility to oncoming traffic.

Sincerely,
Christian Craig
Executive Director, Edgar May Health and Recreation Center
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Writing has been a lifelong passion of mine. I find that placing active thought on paper is rewarding, rewarding in the sense that it provides the means for visualizing one's innermost aspirations. Our Founding Fathers would certainly agree. The Declaration of Independence is a prime example.

But writing is the ultimate holistic form of communication. Every word may be insignificant when unattended, but when sequenced, they tell wonderful stories. Not only that, the craftily written sentence paints a vivid picture for the recipient's

understanding and enjoyment.

An example is in order: A Nor'easter was in its full raging fury as I stepped out onto the brine washed-deck. "This is no place to be right now," I mumbled to myself. Instinctively, I grabbed the stanchion, only to realize my folly. In my false sense of security, its corroded base had broken free! Horror flushed over my very being as delirious waves of cold grey Atlantic finished the job and swept me overboard.

A writing instructor once

told me, "Show, don't tell." And that is the basis of a good story. A picture painted with descriptive words and timely punctuation. Writing is a form of art that is accessible to all of us.

I challenge readers to renew vibrancy in future correspondence and place emphasis on the written word. We can continue this "conversation" if you are interested. How about it?

Sincerely,
Coppice Thicket
Alstead, N.H.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.

Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m., led by Pastor Maureen Adams. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. For more information, email alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com, call 603-835-6358, or go to www.facebook.com/Third-Congregational-UCC-Church-of-Alstead-NH-120645387960916.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

The Immanuel Episcopal Church is proud to announce the visit of The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown, Episcopal Bishop of Vermont, on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022. She will preside and preach at Holy Eucharist service at 11 a.m. There will be a reception to meet and greet the Bishop following the service. It will be held in the Rectory at 14 Church St. Please join us in welcoming Bishop Shannon.

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. If you attend in-person, please wear a mask and practice physical distancing. 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.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOFNorthCharlestown for more information.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.

Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North

Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. To request a Zoom link, email chestervtuu@gmail.com. Sunday services run from September to early June.

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

Join us for our Sunday worship at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. For more information, visit www.stlukeseiscopalvt.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.

Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Masks are suggested. Services will still be live streamed at www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Mass services are Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. Masks are recommended, but not required, for those who are fully vaccinated. Social distancing in every other pew will continue. For more information, go to www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com or call 802-228-3451.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jckurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670. Because state restrictions have been lifted, masks are not obligatory.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. in person. Masks optional. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Join our worship service every Sunday at 10 a.m. Women's Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and Mens Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.

Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. - Holy Days as announced. Services alternate between Clergy Officiated, Traditional Rite I and Contemporary Rite II, Holy Eucharist, and Licensed Lay Led Rites I and II Morning Prayer. All are invited regardless of religious affiliation. Call David at 802-885-2972 with questions.

Madeline H. Batchelder,

1930-2022

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Madeline (Haskins) Batchelder of Alstead, N.H., 91, died peacefully in her sleep at her home on Sept. 18, 2022. She was born in Williamstown, Vt. on Nov. 24, 1930, the daughter of Ralph and Harriet (Stone) Haskins. Madeline was a graduate of Vilas High School with the Class of 1948. She married Robert Henry Batchelder of Alstead, N.H. on July 9, 1950. She worked as the bookkeeper in the office of Fuller Machine in East Alstead for 32 years.

Madeline is survived by her son Ronald E. Batchelder and his wife Patty of Langdon; grandchildren Heather (Joey) Carter of Charlestown, Robert A. Batchelder of Langdon, and John (Wendy) Batchelder of Keene; great-granddaughters Ashlyn, Nora, and Payson Carter, and Emma and Ava Batchelder. Surviving siblings are sisters Barbara Porter of Alstead and Cherrie Lewis of Ohio.

She was predeceased by her husband "Batch" of 58 years; her son Gary and daughter Regina Kendall; brothers Ted, Dodie, and Jimmy Haskins; and sisters Rebecca Haskins, Pat-



Madeline Batchelder, 1930-2022.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ty Roy, Nita Crosby, and DeDe Campbell.

Madeline enjoyed her gardens, reading, knitting, sewing, softball games, and time with her family.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Alstead, N.H., followed by a reception and refreshments at the Third Congregational Church on River Street in Alstead.

Family and friends may make donations to a local charity or organization of their choice in her name.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home 55 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, Vt. Visit www.fentonandhennessey.com.

Shirley M. Denno, 1929-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Shirley M. Denno, 93, of Bellows Falls, Vt., died peacefully at home on Sept. 17, 2022.

Shirley was born on Jan. 27, 1929, in Keene, N.H., the daughter of the late John J. Moore and Agnes (Driscoll) Moore. She was the last living sibling of five, predeceased by Margaret Welch, Helen Cryan, Catherine Davis, and John Moore Jr. While in high school, she worked at J.J. Newberry's, the five and dime store. Shirley graduated high school in 1946 from Bellows Falls High School.

On May 15, 1948, Shirley married Francis Denno at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls. Francis predeceased Shirley in November 2007. Shirley worked in an office, starting as a receptionist, and later as the office and payroll manager.

Shirley started at Holstein Company in Brattleboro and left there to work at the Robertson Paper Co. and was office manager when they closed. Shirley then worked as a secretary for Blanchflower Lumber in Alstead, N.H., and retired from there.

Shirley was a devout Catholic, who also loved her Irish heritage, reading,

and puzzles.

Shirley is survived by her three daughters, Suzanne Wirta of Bellows Falls, Catherine James of Bellows Falls, and Kimberly Denno of Springfield; her grandchildren, Eric (Jennifer) Wirta, Daniel Wirta, Dylan Wirta, Colin James, and Courtney James all of Bellows Falls, and Heather James of Saxtons River, Rose Daniels of Springfield, and Jennifer Smith of Missouri. Shirley is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren.

Shirley was predeceased by her daughter Victoria Golec, who passed away in 2022, and her grandchildren Alicia, in 2013, and Ashley, in 1988.

Calling hours took place on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. A Mass of Christian burial took place on Friday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Bellows Falls, with a burial following in St. Charles Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, www.fentonandhennessey.com.

Jerome Brown memorial service

BELMONT, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Jerome Brown will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Mount Holly Community Center, Belmont, Vt.

Brenda Lee Hill Celebration of Life



On Oct. 16, 2022, there will be a Celebration of Life for Brenda Lee Hill. This is for family and friends to share memories and stories of her short life. Held at the Rockingham Meetinghouse Cemetery, please arrive by 11 a.m. The Celebration will start promptly at 11:15 a.m.



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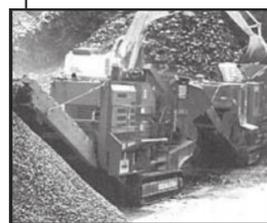
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Springfield On The Move will be having its Annual Business Meeting on Friday, October 7, 2022 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Nolin Murray Center at 10 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

10/3/2022 THROUGH 10/7/2022

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

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

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

Springfield Water Department

TOWN OF CHESTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PARKS AND CEMETERY LABORER

The Town of Chester is seeking an energetic dependable individual to fill the role of Parks and Cemetery Laborer. This job includes assisting with burials and grave location, mowing and trimming Town of Chester cemeteries and outdoor public areas during the Spring and Summer months. In the winter, this role includes operating snow removal equipment as assigned. This position performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled maintenance work, and operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of town roads and storm drain facilities and systems.

The ideal candidate will have a high school diploma or GED, and two years of experience in a comparable position is required. The applicant must possess a CDL or be able to obtain a CDL within 6 months of hire. The Town of Chester offers competitive wages along with an excellent benefits package including health insurance, FSA, VMERS retirement, sick time, and vacation and personal time.

To see the entire job description, please visit www.chestervt.gov/employment-opportunities. Interested parties should submit a resume to Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 or julie.hance@chestervt.gov.

Town of Grafton, Vermont 117 Main St., P.O. Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146 Invitation for Bid

The Town of Grafton (herein Town) is seeking sealed proposals for the removal of existing culvert, which is a corrugated pipe with a 3' diameter and approximately 35 feet in length, headwalls and installation of a CONCRETE BOX CULVERT on PUTNAM FOREST ROAD, GRAFTON, VT, TH 10 - Culvert #2:

Labor, material, and equipment to remove existing culvert and supply and install a concrete box culvert 32' long x 8' wide x 6' high width and height are inside dimensions, with 6-inch-high bed retention sills in the bottom, includes headwalls, cutoff walls, wingwalls, "V" shaped bottom, E2 stone for infill, 24" embedment. The box culvert must match the natural stream profile and shall slant downward from intake to outflow end. Alignment shall be set by a professional Vermont licensed engineer and plans submitted before construction begins, and alignment may be adjusted as long as road width remains adequate. 50 ft. of guardrail is to be installed. Culvert should allow for guard rail attachment on both ends. Bid shall include the construction and removal of a bypass on the westerly end of the culvert - the road shall not be closed during construction. The bypass must accommodate ordinary passenger vehicles. The bypass shall be fully removed when project is complete. Work shall be initiated in the 2023 building season when instream construction is allowed by DEC and must be concluded no later than the construction period ending Oct 1, 2023.

A mandatory site visit shall be held on Wednesday October 12, 2022, 10 AM. Culvert site is just north of 93 Putnam Forest Road. If clarification or specifications are needed before the visit, please contact Mike Faulkner, Road Foreman (802) 843-2456 highway@grafftonvt.org

Sealed bids in plainly marked envelope "Putnam Forest Road Culvert #2 Bid" brought or sent to address above on or before 4 PM Thurs. October 27, 2022, for opening at Selectboard meeting Mon. November 1, 2022 @ 6 PM at Grafton Town Hall, upstairs. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids received after that time will be returned to sender unopened. Certificate of Insurance must accompany bid. Please read the Purchasing Policy, May 4, 2020, which is on the Town Website www.grafftonvt.org on the page: "Bid: Invitation for Bids." It is not the policy of the Town to award a bid on price alone, but to evaluate all bids and determine which is in the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. All proposals must meet or exceed the specifications provided. Certificate of insurance must accompany all bids.

For details of bid process and requirements, call or email Town Administrator 802 843 2552 townadmin@grafftonvt.org or see https://grafftonvt.org/?page_id=2509.

SEPT. 30 –
CHESTER, Vt. – North Star Health will be celebrating the grand opening of their Chester Dental Center location on Friday, Sept.

30 from 5–7 p.m. at 55 VT Route 11 in Chester, Vt.

SEPT. 30 & OCT. 1 –
ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Females

Charitable Society will be holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 30 from 2–6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Church on the Hill, Acworth, N.H. This is a nonprofit charity.

OCT. 1 –
CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary's Parish will be holding a penny sale on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. at the gym on Main Street, Claremont, N.H. Drawings begin at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 1, the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site will host the seventh annual Plymouth Notch Antique Apple Fest from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

OCT. 2 –
GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Cornet Band will be performing a free concert on the lawn of the Grafton Public Library on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2:30–3:30 p.m.

OCT. 3 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center will be holding a community lunch on Monday, Oct. 3 at 12 p.m. at 10 High St., Ludlow, Vt. There will be sausage and pepper gyros, orzo salad, and brownies.

OCT. 4 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will host their 13th annual Golf Tournament at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Registration is at 2 p.m. and tee-off starts at 3 p.m.

OCT. 8 –
WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Butterfield Library will be having a book sale on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. behind the Institute Building on Route 5 in Westminster, Vt. They are accepting donations during library hours.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 38th annual Vermont Apple Festival and Craft Show will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

at Riverside Middle School.

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 8, there will be a free performance of Mario the Maker Magician from 3–4 p.m. at Okemo's Jackson Gore Inn. This performance is sponsored by William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties and is a part of Okemo's Fall Into Winter seasonal celebration.

PUTNEY, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., the Grammar School will host their annual Medieval Faire. Knights from Vermont Armored Combat will put on a live performance at 2 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will be holding an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1–5 p.m. at 90 Park St. There will be free food, music, and games.

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS –

LUDLOW, Vt. – 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 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8–10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

MONDAYS –
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 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, 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.

THURSDAYS –
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange will host a Round and Square Dance on the first Saturday of October, from 7–10 p.m. Refreshments are on sale in the kitchen. Donation at door. Gassetts Grange can be found on Route 103.

DAILY –
REGION – If you want to drink that's your business, but if you want to stop, that's ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting.

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, October 3, 2022 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY October 28, 2022.

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

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

Brian Joslyn
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

TOWN OF CHESTER 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.

WARNING INFORMATIONAL MEETING TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

There will be an informational meeting for public discussion to see if the voters of the Town of Plymouth will opt-in for retail cannabis sales. The informational meeting will take place in the town auditorium on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

TOWN OF CHESTER

556 Elm Street
P.O. Box 370
Chester, VT 05143

(802) 875-2173
Fax (802) 875 2237

CHESTER SELECTBOARD

NOTICE OF REVIEW

PROPOSED SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

The Chester Selectboard will review a draft Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Short-Term Rentals (hereafter, Short-Term Rental Ordinance) at its regular Selectboard meeting on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. The draft Short-Term Rental Ordinance is recommended by the Planning Commission.

The purpose of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance is to require the annual registration of short-term rentals within the Town of Chester. A short-term rental registration would approve a dwelling unit capacity and the number of bedrooms to be rented, provide the short-term rental host's and property owner's contact information and the contact and educational materials required in 18 V.S.A. §§ 4467 and 4468, and include a confirmation of sufficient liability insurance to cover the use of the dwelling unit as a short-term rental. There would be a fee for annual registration and penalties for not registering or exceeding the approved dwelling unit capacity.

The requirements for adopting a municipal ordinance are governed by 24 V.S.A § 1972 where there is no public hearing process. This notice of review is provided in lieu of a public hearing.

The full text of the draft Short-Term Rental Ordinance may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office and on the home page of the Town's website at www.chestervt.gov.

A link to participate in this review via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov under Zoom Meetings: Select Board Meeting.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 21st day of September 2022.
Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

BUYING/SELLING

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

GUNS WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

NEW PAY RATES - Start at \$15 for Housekeeping, Dietary Aide;

\$18 for LNA; much higher for Nurses. Second shift and weekend differentials. Call to hear our openings. Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow VT; 802-228-6862 Joan, HR; 802-228-6860 January, Director of Nursing; EOE.

Concrete Laborer. Full-time, seasonal. Must have valid drivers license, be able to do heavy lifting up to 100 lbs, work 40-60 hours per week, and have dependable transportation to get to and from work. We offer competitive starting wages, overtime pay, performance bonuses, 401K and paid holidays. If interested, contact Charlie at 802-875-3702 or recordconcrete@yahoo.com

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Immediate

Opening/cleaning person. Bel-lows Falls American Legion Post #37. Days: Sun.-Sat./Flexible, 14 +/- hrs p/wk, 1-3 hrs p/day & as needed. Includes; dusting, sweeping, mopping, re-supply, moving of furniture, etc., in the social quarters, meeting rooms, restrooms, & outside as needed. Reports too & leave an app. with Bar Mgr. 'Eileen', 802-463-9700.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Wanted: Part-time driver. Must be flexible with hours. Car provided. \$13/hour. Passengers include 12-year-old and legally blind parents. Duties include: groceries and errands. Female preferred. Must be per-

sonable. 802-226-8131.

YARD SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Blow Out Sale! Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., both days. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, glassware, oil lamps, rugs, clocks, and much more. No reasonable offer refused. Bring a truck and load it up! Two buildings full of items. 10 Royal St., Springfield, Vt.

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SNOW PLOWING

LUDLOW, Vt. - Snowplowing and sanding, Ludlow area, residential only. Reasonable rates. Contact SK Logging at 802-384-0313.

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 Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for brush clearing of large portions of the 29-acre Town-owned Prouty Property. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website - www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

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.

The Town of Charlestown 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~

SAPA TV 2022 Annual Meeting

Join SAPA TV for their annual meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM at 335 River St Ste. 1, Springfield, VT 05156. The SAPA TV board and staff will update community members on operations during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. There will be a potluck dinner to follow the meeting. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing info@sapatv.org.

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.

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Info for VT Open Studio Weekend 10/1 & 10/2
Fabric Bowl Making Demo by Beth Ezold 10/1 2-4:40

Register for classes & shop online:
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10/1 & 10/8 Raku Pottery Classes Andrew Berends
10/15 Folk Art Bracelet with Thomasin Alyxander
10/29 Paint the Vibrant Colors of Fall in Watercolor
ith Robert J. O'Brien

Exhibits: *Echoes of Light and Beauty, Works* by Robert Carston
Open Wall Show *Nature's Splendor*
Photo Collages of Springfield by Joe Tantillo
(10/26/22 - TFN - 13)

Builders/Contractors

APEX VENTURES, LLC - HOUSE PAINTING
Booking interior painting for the fall and winter. Also booking exterior painting for the spring and summer of 2023. Houses, decks, porches, garages and barns. Email adam@apexventures.one for a free quote.
(11/09/22 - 13)

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FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC
Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.
(08/11/23 - TFN - 52)

Cleaning

RAINBOW CLEANING SERVICE
Houses, offices, apartments, and auto. We clean everything! References on request, fully insured, free estimates. Contact Verina Field at 802-289-9188 or stoneart49@gmail.com.
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(11/23/22 - 13)

Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Ludlow Rental Registry
- Green Mountain Union HS soccer
- Election coverage - candidate forums for Statewide office
- Talk with Paula- Connecting w/ old friend
- Long-Term Home Energy Planning

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)

Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv
(11/09/22 - TFN - 13)

Pawn

BRISTOL PAWN SHOP
Currently buying vintage US currency and coins, also WWI and WWII memorabilia, etc. Also gold, silver, and platinum. Give us a call with any questions on what you want to sell. Call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 857-233-1887 or 603-217-0033.
(10/26/22 - 13)

Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chef for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.
(12/14/22 - 13)

arts & entertainment

Plymouth hosts Antique Apple Festival –

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. – The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site will host the 7th annual Plymouth Notch Antique Apple Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. This celebration of the harvest pays special tribute to the apple. Visit heirloom apple orchards and sample vintage apple varieties.

At 10 a.m., the 4th annual Coolidge 5K will wind through and around the historic village. Run-

ners should arrive early to receive race materials. Prizes will be awarded to top race finishers. Runners and non-runners alike are invited to take part in the “I Do Not Choose to Run” one-mile walk. To register, visit www.coolidgefoundation.org/Coolidge-5k.

At 1 p.m., a 45-minute film entitled, “Vermont is a State I Love,” will be shown in the Union Church. Following the film, Coolidge impersonator Tracy Messer

will welcome questions from the audience.

A variety of activities are scheduled throughout the day, including cider pressing, spinning, knitting, historic stenciling, lawn croquet, and self-guided tours at the Plymouth Cheese Factory. Enjoy the music of the Stringfield Springers, and don't forget to bring a picnic or purchase a meal from the Fork in the Road food truck.

Weston Theater presents “Woody Sez” —

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Theater Company presents “Woody Sez: The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie,” playing Sept. 28 through Oct. 23 at the Walker Farm theater.

Be transported by the joyous, inspirational, and sometimes heartbreaking story of Woody Guthrie, America's great troubadour. Four performers, playing more than 20 instru-

ments, paint a portrait of a man whose songs brought inspiration and understanding to generations of Americans. Songs include, “This Land Is Your Land,” “Bound for Glory,” and “So Long, It's Been Good to Know Yuh.”

“Woody Sez” was devised by David M. Lutken with Nick Corley, and Darcie Deaville, Helen Jean Russell, and Andy Teirstein. Lutken and his company have toured Europe,

the British Isles, China, the Middle East, and the United States. He won the Helen Hayes and Joseph Jefferson Awards for Best Actor for his portrayal of Woody Guthrie.

The Walker Farm theater is located at 705 Main St., Weston, Vt. Discounts are available for veterans and Vermont residents. Buy tickets online and by calling the box office at 802-824-5288. Learn more at www.westontheater.org.

Vermont Open Studio Weekend

REGION – Vermont Open Studio Weekend will take place Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day, throughout the region.

Open Studio Weekend welcomes visitors to over 100 studios and offers visitors and collectors the opportunity to plan a tour that brings them through the small towns of Vermont to studios where they can purchase beautiful objects

and talk with the artist.

Local artists in the area include Amy Mosher, Twilight paintings; Jane Wojick, pottery; Robert O'Brien, watercolor; Rich Detrano, woodturner; and The Gallery at the Vault. Glass blowers, potters, metalworkers, jewelers, weavers, painters, woodworkers, photographers, book artists, printmakers, and basketmakers invite visitors to come behind the scenes

and witness the artist and their craft.

To access the map and download the booklet, visit www.vermontcrafts.com/visit-open-studio/.

VAULT Fabric Bowl Making

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 1, from 2–4:30 p.m. at Gallery at the VAULT,

Beth Ezold will demonstrate Fabric Bowl Making. This demonstration will take place during Vermont Open Studio

Weekend at Gallery at the VAULT in Springfield, Vt.

Ezold has used a sewing machine and done crafts most of her life. She was a 4-H member for eight years and spent six months in New Zealand as part of her International

Farm Youth Exchange. She

taught elementary school for 33 years, and took up quilting after retirement. Ezold is the Gallery Assistant at Gallery at the VAULT, so she can also answer all arts-related questions.

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Please join us for
the 38th Annual Ludlow PTG
Harvest Fair
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022

10am - 4pm on the Black River Expeditionary School front lawn (formerly Black River High School) Ludlow, VT

Crafters, Artists, Musicians, and Food Vendors!

The Ludlow Elementary School PTG is hosting their successful Harvest Fair, which will be located entirely outside this year, rain or shine!

Sebastian the Pony will make his debut for Doodoo Bingo!
It has always been a massive success!

To sign up as a vendor, or for more information
Email: LudlowPTG@gmail.com
Call or Text Courtney: 603-219-3491
www.Facebook.com/LudlowVTHarvestFair

Stage 33 Live —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Tiffany Williams, Sara Trunzo, and Bethanie Yeakle will perform at Stage 33 Live Sunday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m.

Tiffany Williams' debut album, All Those Days of Drinking Dust, produced by Grammy-nominated Duane Lundy, is solidly in the New Appalachian Movement that tangles tradition and heritage with contemporary leanings.

Sara Trunzo is a Folk Alliance International charting singer-songwriter. Her

album, Dirigo Attitude, recorded at the legendary Sound Emporium, featured revered songwriters Darrell Scott and Mary Gauthier. Her third record, Cabin Fever Dream, is out now.

Bethanie Yeakle, a performance alumnus of Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, The Guthrie Center, and Club Passim, Yeakle has shared stages with Tune-Yards, Antje Duvekot, Anais Mitchell, Slaid Cleaves, My Morning Jacket, Bill Kirchen, and more.

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“Good Morning, Vietnam” at FOLA —

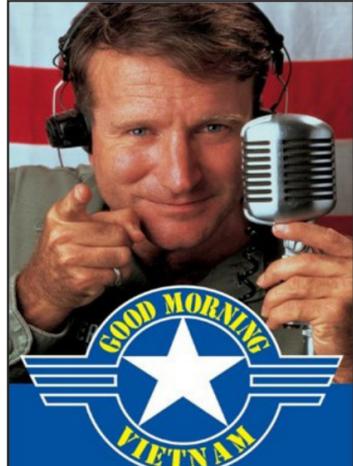
LUDLOW, Vt. – Continuing its special series of Robin Williams' great movies, Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) will present “Good Morning, Vietnam” on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall.

Set in Saigon in 1965, during the Vietnam War, the film stars Robin Williams as a radio DJ on Armed Forces Radio Service, who proves hugely popular with the troops,

but infuriates his superiors with what they call his “irreverent tendency.”

Most of Williams' performances portraying Cronauer's radio broadcasts were improvisation. The film is 100 on the American Film Institute's “100 Years...100 Laughs” list, containing 100 movies considered the funniest in American cinema.

Everyone is invited to attend the film. There is no entry fee; donations are appreciated. For information, call 802-855-8883 or visit www.fola.us.



FOLA Presents:
A Robin Williams' Special Movie
“Good Morning, Vietnam”
Sat., Oct. 1 at 7pm
Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall
The movie is free
Info: (802)855-8883 / <https://fola.us>



DaVallia Gallery features Maureen Spinale —

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia Gallery invites any and all to witness “Between Earth and Sky,” a new collection of paintings by artist Maureen Spinale, on exhibit between Sept. 15 and Oct. 30, 2022.

Spinale has a passion for painting trees and is drawn to the complexities

of tangled branches and fractured light beams that shine through the forest. Her paintings capture nature's spirit.

DaVallia Gallery is located at 39 North St., Route 103 in Chester, Vt. and is reachable at 802-875-8900, or thedavallia@gmail.com.

WOODY SEZ
The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie
SEPT 28 - OCT 23
WESTONTHEATER.ORG

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sports & outdoor

Sons of the American Legion golf tournament —

LUDLOW, Vt. — On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 36 Ludlow held their 18th annual golf tournament at Killington Golf Course. A thanks to Chris Kenison and his staff, you are a top-notch team. The overall winners, shooting a 14 under par score of 58, consisted of the team of Jake Lombard, Joel Lombard, Kurt Lombard, and Troy Demers. This tournament was a fundraiser to support the local Veterans and Children. With the support of all of the players, as well as some local sponsors, we are able to donate to these worthy causes. Other tournament winners were: Closest to the pin for men, Tim Olesky; closest to the pin for women, Corrine Grant; and the closest to the line winner, Bruce Costello.

The Sons would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this tournament possible, especially

Mark and Beth Lombard, Marcia Moore, and Becky Parker, who served up a fabulous lunch for all the players.

We also would like to thank the following hole sponsors that made this tournament possible with their generous donations: Ballard Hobart American Legion Post #36, Ballard Hobart American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36, Baker Distributing, Benson's Chevrolet Inc., Brewfest Beverage Co., Boondocks Welding & Fabricating, Cota & Cota Inc., Countryside Alarms Inc., Crown Point Country Club, CSSnetworks, Dave Berry Woodworking, Devereux Builders, Diamond Realty, 802 Auto Body, Farrell Distributors, Formula Ford, Gassetts Group, George B. Tucker Inc., Gilcris Enterprises, Green Mountain Sugar House, G & S Connection Inc, Hair By Paula Inc., Jeff Stearns Excavating, Josselyn Brothers Con-

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Fastest Kid in Town, free, fun race in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Fastest Kid in Town Race will return on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Riverside Park at 10 a.m. as part of the 38th Annual Vermont Apple Festival and Craft Fair. Sponsored by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and Springfield Hospital, the Fastest Kid in Town Race encourages local youth get active and incorporate physical activity in their daily lives. The race is fun, free, and open to all children ages 5 to 12.

There will be a 100-yard race for children ages 5 to 8 and a 200-yard race for children ages 9 to 12. Children are divided into age groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

There will be a free participation t-shirt for all entries while supplies last, and the top boy and girl finishers in each category will receive medals.

Race kick-off begins at 10 a.m., and the race will be followed by an award ceremony at 11 a.m. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. To sign up for the event, stop by the Edgar May Health and Recreation

Center at 140 Clinton Street in Springfield or visit www.EdgarMay.org. For more information, please contact Olivia Satti, Youth and Family Programs Coordinator, 802-885-2568, or email at osatti@edgarmay.org.

Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, 140 Clin-

ton Street in Springfield, provides area residents of all ages with the opportunities and resources necessary to live an active and healthy lifestyle in a safe, clean, and supportive environment. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

Springfield Elks Soccer Shoot winners

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 recently held their annual Elks soccer shoots in Springfield, Vt. and Chester, Vt. The weather was cooperative at both venues and many young ones turned out for the annual event.

Results: U-8 girls' winner Zoey Kemp; second place Aubrey Hale; U-10 girls' winner was Brynlee Snide; second place Hartmyn Jackson; U-12 girls' winner Ava Johnson; second place Nevada Bloehle.

For boys, the U-8 winner was Julien Danforth; second place George Whalen; U-10 boys' winner Porter

Whalen; second place Johathan Davenport; U-12 boys' winner Jackson Cummings; second place Anthony Grumling.

All first place winners will now go to the Vermont Elks State Soccer Shoot on Oct. 9, 2022, at St. Albans Elks Lodge at 9:30 a.m. If a first place winner cannot attend this event, the second place

winner will replace them. Springfield Elks soccer chairman Victor Baskevich would like to thank all participants for attending and representing Springfield Elks at the State Soccer Shoot. Also, he would like to express his gratitude to the parents who accompanied their children the events.



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Senior Solutions news

REGION – Autumn is a time full of activity. Fall Festivals in many towns and villages, gardens overflowing with produce, children heading back to school, the air getting crisp and cool. The days are still long enough to allow time to enjoy extended time outside with fewer annoying flying insects. Soon the glow of our fall foliage will be enhancing the landscape. It is the perfect month to celebrate National Senior Center Month. What are senior centers and what do they do? First, they are welcoming places where we can go to meet with friends and take part in an amazing variety of activities. Health and wellness programs like Tai Chi, gentle yoga, walking groups, and Bone Builder

classes are just a few of the popular ways we can take part in helping ourselves remain strong and increase our balance. Many other services and programs are available. There are lectures and bus trips, needlework, and other crafts. Some can provide access to foot care, shopping excursions, and congregate lunches. All of these activities, plus many more, keep us up to date and connected to our communities. Check with your closest senior center and discover some of the interesting programs you may have been missing.

- Bellows Falls: 802-463-3907
- Putney Cares: 802-387-5593
- Springfield: 802-885-3933
- Brattleboro: 802-257-

- 7570
 - Ludlow: 802-228-7421
 - Woodstock: 802-457-3277
 - White River Junction: 802-295-9068
- Call and find out more from these local senior centers.

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Household of 3 – 3,550/month
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Putney – Sundays

Townshend – Fridays
Bellows Falls – Fridays
For Additional Nutrition go to the following sources:
Grafton Community Church Food Pantry – Free food pick up during the week. Call Mary at the church: 802-843-2346 to arrange a pick-up. Please wear a mask.
Townshend Community Food Shelf – Located at the Townshend Church on Mondays from 6–7:30 p.m. Call Joe at 802-365-4348 for more information.
Everyone Eats – Newfane – Meals are prepared by the Newfane Country Store and available every Thursday from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in front of the Newfane Congregational Church. There is a one-

time registration at the site or call 802-348-7173.
Meals on Wheels – Grafton Cares provides pick up and delivery three times a week. Call Senior Solutions at 802-885-2669 for information and to sign up.
Upcoming Fall Festivals:
The 38th Apple Festival in Springfield on Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Riverside Middle School.
The Flannel Festival Oct. 16 and 17 at Rockingham Hill Farm. From 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Live Music, crafts, beer and fun. Ticket fee discounted if you are wearing flannel.
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