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Sonnax: the best tech secret in Bellows Falls

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – “What do they do at Sonnax?” This question, as several employees related, is a common one asked of them whenever they are outside the office wearing their Sonnax ID badge.

“On more than one occasion,” President Klynt Baker recounted, “I’ve been at lunch in Bellows Falls or elsewhere, wearing my company ID tag, and someone will tell me they drive by our sign all the time and have always wondered, what is Sonnax?”

For such a large and world-renowned company, Sonnax Transmission Company has remained surprisingly under the radar of most residents of Rockingham and Bellows Falls, even after more than 30 years of consistent growth and expansion. Their low-profile, industrial-style buildings currently occupy a combined 110,000 square feet across three facilities on Route 5, housing their headquarters (HQ), research and development (R&D), and distribution center. The company employs more than 250 people at the Bellows Falls complex, and another 60 employees work in their North Carolina facility.

The quick answer to the oft-asked question, according to Baker, is, “We manufacture after-market drivetrain components, primarily transmissions and torque converters.”

The expanded response is that Sonnax is an award-winning industry leader and globally recognized producer of cutting-edge design and manufacture, “high on innovation,” as Baker described. “We figure out what breaks on vehicles, and we design a solution that is going to repair that and is going to [create something] stronger than the original piece.” They are also well-known for excellent quality control and customer service.

Touring the three facilities was akin to visiting Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory, but without the Oompa Loompas, or the chocolate, although Baker does keep a jar of mints on his desk.

Imagine each area of operation – manufacturing, testing, research, packaging, and distribution – all featuring state-of-the-art equipment, alongside some decades-old machines still providing vital results, with skilled operators working in perfect alignment.

One door leads to a quiet, sterile environment for parts production, another brings you into the HQ and R&D departments,



Sonnax parts can be found in your daily driver, as well as some of the fastest and toughest race cars out there. Seen here is Hot Rod Drag Week class champion Steve & Dustin Trance’s Sonnax-equipped Mustang, featuring parts they helped the company develop and torture test.

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with a large conference room hardwired to accommodate remote workers, and a casual break room and kitchen area where on-site staff can relax and visit over lunch or grab a piece of fresh fruit delivered to the office by Black River Produce. The highly automated distribution center was once operated by Ben & Jerry’s, and a pint of ice cream still sits high up on a window sill in the warehouse.

Vice president of sales Mark Kaplan has been with Sonnax for 17 years, and pointed to the company’s standard of “safety, quality, delivery, inventory, and productivity,” a mantra implemented throughout every department.

Gregg Nader, product line manager, performance, will have been with the company for 24 years next month. Nader listed his top three priorities as new product development, exceptional quality control, and keeping parts available for customers.

A mechanic by trade, Nader was tapped to join the performance team when the company wanted to bring more technically skilled people onboard, and he is proud of the impact Sonnax has had on the auto parts industry over the years. “We’ve changed the landscape.”

Many employees have been at Sonnax for decades, but others, like test engineer Stefan Pilo, was hired two years ago. “I like figuring out how things work and problem solving,” Pilo admitted. “It’s like a puzzle, and we test a part until we can fix the problem and improve on the issue.”

Gregg explained, “With OEM [original equipment manufacturer] parts, once something goes into production, the engineers are working on future products. A problem pops up, there might be a recall, they might design a solution, then carry on. As the vehicle gets out of warranty, patterns of issues emerge, and that’s where Sonnax steps in to engineer solutions that allow

the vehicles to live longer, get repaired less frequently and more affordably, and have a higher level of performance. I am privileged to work with the engineers here.”

Heather Ellis, controller and vice president of finance, who started with the company just seven months ago, commented, “There is amazing intellect and energy at this company.”

Hot rod drag racing father-and-son team Steve and Dustin Trance race a 2015 Mustang that relies on trusted Sonnax parts. “Sonnax engineering provided some heavy-duty hardware and good build advice,” Steve told the website Drag-n-Drive.

The cast of the Discovery Channel show Street Outlaws recently stopped in for a tour of the Rockingham facilities, took photos with employees, and signed autographs.

Vice president, marketing and communications Beth Houder has worked at Sonnax for nine years, and talked about the company’s “extensive on-the-job training program.”

“In addition to tuition reimbursement,” Houder outlined, “we work with local institutions and organizations to provide ongoing employee training and certification. We also offer job shadowing to give employees with an interest in another department an opportunity to explore what’s possible. We have many teammates who may have begun their careers in the distribution center or manufacturing teams, who have since advanced to positions in purchasing, sales, and quality. Promoting from within helps our employees and our company grow.”

More information on joining the team at Sonnax can be found at their careers page, www.sonnax.com/careers.

Springfield passes school budget

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 21, Springfield voters narrowly passed the proposed school budget of \$39,496,702, with 694 “yes” votes to 609 “no” votes.

Great success for Springfield Boxing Club

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The sixth annual International Rude Dog Masters was held May 17-19, in Brooklyn, Conn. This is a tournament that allows boxers over the age of 35 to compete. Springfield Boxing Club sent their boxer Joshua Plausteiner, who won the title in the over-203 pound weight class by unanimous decision. This is the second title for Plausteiner – the first was from Boston in October 2023. We are extremely proud of Josh, who is also a coach at our boxing club.



Joshua Plausteiner (center), with coaches Corey (left) and Bob (right).

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Annual Kurn Hattin Day and Alumni Meeting

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – On May 18, alumni, family, friends, and supporters from as far back as 1948 gathered on the Westminster campus, to celebrate the annual Kurn Hattin Day and Alumni Meeting. Culminating a year of dreaming big, students presented a top-notch musical performance, in-

cluding outstanding voice and instrumental solos.

Kurn Hattin Day also included a delicious buffet luncheon prepared by our superb food service team. Former food service director Richard Johnson even came out of retirement to take part in this one.

The grand finale of the alumni gathering was a

fun-filled, musical game of Singo – it’s like bingo, but with music, movement, and a little mayhem.

Thank you to everyone at Kurn Hattin Homes (KHH) for helping with the planning, prepping, and participation of this very special annual event. And thank you to everyone for supporting KHH.

Cosmos beat Otters in playoffs

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It was an intense night at Dressler Gym in Springfield, Vt., for Unified Basketball. It was the first playoff game for the Cosmos and Otter Valley Otters. Both teams came to win the contest. For the Cosmos, the results were positive, as they defeated the Otters with a 40-39 victory.

The Otters took an 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, with buckets from Chisamer and Korson. For the Cosmos, Bailey, Powers, and Johnson each contributed two points.

Otter Valley continued in the second quarter with a small lead of four points. Throughout the first half, the Cosmos were at a disadvantage with height from the Otters and baskets from Korson, Elliot, and Derempigny. Springfield’s Bills was able to earn double buckets, and Bailey and Johnson each earned one as well, bringing the halftime score to 18-14.

Senior Powers is a strong defender in the paint, along with junior



Bailey going for a fast break layup.

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Toner, who did a great job closing off the basket. Defensive rebounds from the Cosmos allowed for Springfield to earn points on fast break layups and putbacks. Bailey, Toner, and Powers were key factors that helped bring the ball back down to their end into the third and fourth quarters.

In the third quarter Bills and Toner each earned four points, and Bailey hustled to bring in his six points. The Cosmos scored 14 points in the third to the Otters’ 12, and trailed by two with a third quarter score of 30-28.

As the fourth quarter began, Springfield coaches instructed their athletes

just what they needed to do. It was in the fourth that Bailey scored eight of his 18 points, as Springfield pushed the ball to number 21.

The Otters regained possession, but Springfield got the ball back, running more time off the clock. The Otters stole the ball and scored two points on a layup with the Cosmos fouling, bringing the score to 40-38. The fouled Otter went to the line and shot for one point, to bring the score to 40-39 with nine seconds left in the game, and Springfield taking possession. The remaining time ran out, and the Cosmos won their first playoff game.

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Friends of the Library Plant Sale

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come one, come all to the Friends of the Rockingham Library Plant Sale, scheduled for June 1, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the library, 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. There will be a wide variety of floral, herbal, and vegetable plants this year, as well as gardening books for guidance. And while you're here, take a peek at the library's new addition – a seed library. There are big plans for our library soil and hydroponic gardens, too.

will also be partnering with the Bellows Falls Woman's Club to rededicate the grandfather clock that was the club's gift to the library in 1909. It has recently been brought back to vibrant life thanks to library patron and volunteer Rick Matthews. The rededication will take place at 11:45 a.m., so we can all listen to the noon chimes of our beautiful clock, followed by a reception, with snacks provided by the acclaimed bakers of the woman's club.

The Friends of the Library

Springfield Farmers Market begins outdoor season

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Farmers Market celebrates the beginning of its 15th season on June 1, at its Clinton Street location, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or shine. In addition to old favorites like natural meats, artisan breads, wooden lawn and kitchen accessories,

honey, candles, unique hand-crafted gifts, delicate confections, batik clothing, fresh organically-grown produce, baked goods and maple products, you will find refreshing beverages, cage-free natural eggs, and hand-crafted jewelry. For more information, email sfog@vermontel.net

Meditating with animals at the Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Wednesday, June 12, at 6 p.m., join us at the Springfield Town Library for a presentation on meditating with animals.

Discover the power of meditation, and how it can benefit animals. This in-person event is perfect for newcomers and those already familiar with meditation. You'll learn from Marylynne as she shares her knowledge and techniques,

exploring the healing connection between humans and animals. Gain insights into promoting their well-being and deepen your understanding of meditation and its positive impact on our furry friends. Plus, you'll leave the event with a technique you can use at home with your pet.

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Expungement clinic at Springfield Library

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Join Vermont Legal Aid for an expungement clinic. At this clinic, individuals can meet with an attorney to determine if their criminal record is eligible for expungement or sealing. You will receive the necessary paperwork to start the

expungement or sealing process if your record is eligible. Only records from after 1990 will be considered, unless an individual can provide a copy of their record from the Vermont Crime Information Center.

To reserve a spot, kindly contact the library by dialing 802-885-3108, or visit our calendar of events to sign up at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

Springfield Rotary Club new members

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Two new members recently joined the Springfield Rotary Club, and were inducted at a ceremony during the weekly club meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, at Maebelline's Restaurant.

The new members are Alan Englander, owner/director of A L Sustainability LLC, and Jill Lawrence, a realtor with The Real Estate Collaborative. They were sponsored by Rotary member Jeff Mobus, and Rotary Club President Emma McGuiirk.



Left to right: Jeff Mobus, Alan Englander, Emma McGuiirk, and Jill Lawrence.


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Rotary International is an international service organization with over 1 million members in over 200 countries. The Springfield Rotary Club is in its 95th year of

service to the community, and meets Tuesdays, at 12 p.m., at Maebelline's Restaurant. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.



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BF Woman's Club officers
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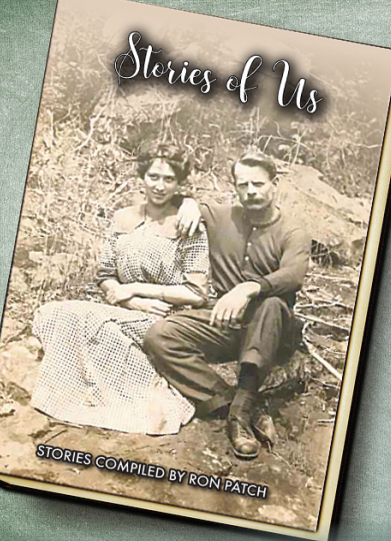
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“Stories of Us”

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My latest book, “Stories of Us,” is now available at Lisa’s in Bellows Falls, and The Framery of Vermont and Stone House Antiques Center, both in Chester. If you see me, flag me down, I carry a few books in the car.

“Stories of Us” is a collection of stories written by many different people. For some it might be their first writing experience. Their authenticity is refreshing. I wrote a few short stories, including “Genuine Naugahyde.” Those who have read the book have their favorites. The majority of these stories have not been published before.

Alton liked Billy Parker’s stories, and a short story I

wrote titled “The Wheelbarrow.” Authors are of different backgrounds, life experiences, or education. But these stories, many of life 50 years ago, share a common trait. That trait is a time when life was simpler. Friends could be seen or made at the town dump on the Dump Road.

There are about 25 authors in this book, many of whom wrote several stories. Ritva Pajala Burton wrote a short story about her family immigrating to Andover, Vt., from Finland in 1957. Mike Leonard wrote a fun story about his father-in-law, I.J. Nichols. Do you remember John Butler? Bob Ulbrich wrote a story about John the man and his idiosyncrasies. Nancy Chute wrote of her gardens. Donna Mitchell LeClair wrote about Pierce, the Fresh Air

kid. The book is 175 pages, with many more authors and stories.

Between stories I add a few pages of photos – railroads, covered bridges, men with teams, or antiques of local interest. Many of these photos capture a simpler time. I include “The Song of the Vermonters, 1779,” by John Greenleaf Whittier. Here’s the last verse: “Come York or come Hampshire, come traitors or knaves/If ye rule o’er our land ye shall rule o’er our graves/Our vow is recorded – our banner unfurled/In the name of Vermont we defy all the world!”

My next book

For me, writing has been a process of learning by doing. I have said before, “I’m not educated.” Some say when they hear me say that that I am “fishing for

a compliment,” not so. I am expressing my frustration. Had I attended a college for writing, I would be a lot further along today. I know there’s more in me. I just don’t know what it is, or how to retrieve it. As it is now, I struggle. I can’t help but feel that there is something inside me begging to be exposed. I can’t put my finger on it, but I know it’s there.

In “Stories of Us,” I used a different approach than previous books I have written. I am pleased with the way it came out. I am improving. A.W. Henry edited the book. She made me look good. And Shawntae Webb did a superb job laying out the book.

This next book will be a larger coffee table book. My interests are not limited to just local history, but New Hampshire and Vermont

as well. It’ll be two years before it’s completed. In the meantime, I can think about how to approach it. I think adding photos Danny and I have of ferries crossing the Connecticut River, from the Massachusetts border to the Canadian border, would make an interesting chapter. I want to include more documents and photos of art objects. I hope to tie it all together so when readers complete a chapter they will say, “I didn’t know that,” or, “That was interesting.” I need to find



“Stories of Us” cover. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

my inner voice. How that is done I do not know.

This week’s old saying is from a Bob Dylan tune. “I’m not perfect but I’m standing in line.”

“Robbie Paper” marker dedication

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Bellows Falls’ rich industrial history and vision for the future will be celebrated in the dedication of the recently installed Robertson Paper Mill Historic Interpretive Kiosk, presented by Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation (BFADC) and the Town of Rockingham. The public is warmly invited to the dedication, which will take place on Wednesday, June 5, at 5 p.m., at the former location of Robertson Paper, 21 Island Street on The Island in Bellows Falls.

Coinciding with the 2024 Vermont Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference held in Bellows Falls, the brief dedication will highlight a marker dedicated to the history of “Robbie Paper,” assembled almost entirely from materials reclaimed from the demolition of the mill in 2019. The event will also feature an installation of paper lanterns decorated by town residents with paper salvaged from the mill. The effort shines a light on the powerful, storied past and bright potential economic development future for this prime location.

Allocated in a cleanup grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds, the interpretive kiosk was conceptualized by local creative team Creative Catalyst Communications in conjunction with grantee and project sponsor Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation (BFADC) as a “Window on the Past,” to give viewers the experience of looking through a window at the “ghost” of the building where it once stood. Working with local artist and blacksmith Rich Gillis prior to demolition, the team tagged materials to be saved from the site and wrote them

into the demolition request for proposals and resulting contract to be utilized in the design and production of the kiosk. The kiosk includes a bench created from a granite window lintel, and iron support structures from the mill. A historic image of the building featured in the window of the kiosk took local craftsman Nick Moorehouse over ten hours to engrave.

In addition to celebrating the historic role that Robertson Paper played in the local community and regional economy, the effort contributes to critical placemaking on Bellows Falls Island by encouraging additional pedestrian and bicycling activity with the “Walk the Rock” program, to meet “healthy communities” goals per the Rockingham Town Plan and Island Growth Plan, while also helping to create a positive environment for economic development growth opportunities at the site and in downtown Bellows Falls.

The project originated as a part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)’s Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program to mitigate toxic soil left behind from manufacturing

days, deeming necessary the demolition of the mill. With a goal of redeveloping the property for economic development, the property clean-up endeavor required a concerted effort from property owners BFADC/Island Holdings LLC, Town of Rockingham Revolving Loan Fund, US EPA, Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Vermont Community Development Program, Vermont Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund, Windham County Economic Development Program, and Windham Regional Commission Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

While minimal waste reached landfills, the total cost of the cleanup was around \$1.2 million, allowing for a variety of opportunities for healthy and vibrant redevelopment to bolster economic development in downtown Bellows Falls. For more information, go to www.rockinghamvt.org/papermill, or contact Maia Segura at 206-898-7090.

Rockingham Meeting House Annual Meeting

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On June 1, the newly reinvigorated Rockingham Meeting House Association will have its Annual Meeting. On the agenda will be an introduction to the revitalized board of directors. Meet them and learn of their commitment and enthusiasm about the future of the meeting house. Discussion of the updated mission statement and by-laws, not addressed since 1907, and planned events for this season ahead will also be presented. Voting for the next board of directors will also be included. The meeting will be held at The Rockingham Meeting House, 11 Meeting House Road in Rockingham, Vt., on Saturday, June 1, from 2-4 p.m.

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Nichole Young receives nursing award

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital is pleased to announce Nichole Young, BSN, RN, as the recipient of the 2024 Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award. Nichole has been working at Springfield Hospital since 2011, and is currently working as the director of perioperative services.

This award was created in 2004 in honor of Eileen Austin Neal, RN, who worked at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, and retired in 2005. Judy Mittica, RN, was the first recipient of this award on the request of Eileen, whose personal photo, cap, and uniform receive special honor, along with a list of all recipients since 2004, in the hospital lobby on level C.

Criteria for the award includes communication, care for patients, nursing professionalism, and teamwork. Nominations are accepted from throughout the organization, and are



Nichole Young (center), recipient of the 2024 Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award.

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reviewed and voted on by a committee. In addition to Nichole Young, BSN, RN, this year's nominees included Ciera Keefe, RN, inpatient care unit; Olga Carey, RN, emergency department; Susan Pollard, BSN, RN, adult day service; and Shelley Howard, LPN, perioperative services.

Contained within Nichole's nomination are the following words from one of her colleagues: "Nichole

embodies the strength, character, determination, professionalism, and resiliency that every nurse should aim for."

"Congratulations to Nichole, and all of our nominees. We are proud of our nurses at Springfield Hospital, and grateful for the care that they provide to our patients, 24/7/365," says Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital.

HCRS welcomes new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's community mental health agency, is pleased to announce the appointment of 12 new professionals in the first half of April, whose talents will augment HCRS' services across Windham and Windsor counties.

HCRS welcomes the following new employees: Blessed Masonga Ngome, residential specialist in

Brattleboro; Kyra Rideout, community support specialist/police liaison in Brattleboro; Erik Crosby, residential specialist in Bellows Falls; Cari Lambert, DSP community in Windsor/Hartford; David Mason, DSP community in Springfield; Abdul Ghafar Sultani, DSP community in Brattleboro; Angela Trauth, adult services clinician in Springfield; Dorothy "Katie" Deines, crisis interventionist in Brattleboro; Caleb Bartlett, contracted nurse in Springfield; Karlie Bortlein, residential spe-

cialist in Springfield; Christina Schnieder, children's OP respite provider in Brattleboro; and Lindsey Sturtevant, DSP community in Bellows Falls.

These new hires will support the nonprofit agency's team of more than 500 staff providing comprehensive mental health, substance use, and developmental disability programs, which serve more than 4,000 individuals annually across southeastern Vermont.

BRGNS memory cafe

LUDLOW, Vt. – June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the United States, a time to raise awareness about brain-related illnesses and injuries, as well as their causes, treatments, and prevention. Black River Good Neighbor Services recognizes the importance of maintaining optimal brain health and supports those af-

ected by dementia-related illness by hosting a monthly memory cafe.

The program provides a comfortable, safe environment that allows people experiencing memory loss and their loved ones to connect, socialize, and build new support networks. It is held at the United Church of Ludlow, on the second Thursday of each month, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The June 13 Memory Cafe will focus on long-term care options, Medicare/Medicaid benefits, and related services. There is no cost, and caregivers with or without partners are welcome.

For more details, please visit www.alz.org/vermont. For local information regarding the memory cafe, please contact Krey or Vicki at 802-228 3663.

Senior Solutions and BRGNS Age Successfully Fair

LUDLOW, Vt. – Senior Solutions, the area agency on aging for southeastern Vermont, in partnership with Black River Good Neighbor Services (BRGNS) of Ludlow, Vt., will be hosting the third annual "Age Successfully, A Health & Benefits Fair" on Friday, June 14, at the Ludlow Community Center, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, and there will be a free barbecue.

The fair is an opportunity for older Vermonters to learn about and sign up for wellness-based goods and services, with over 30 exhibitors scheduled to appear. In the last two years holding this event, close to 200 area seniors came out to learn about the goods and services available in the community.

Older Vermonters

and their caregivers in our community often are unaware of all the opportunities that are available to them. This fair offers a "one-stop shop" to find the services best suited for their needs. Exhibitors this year include Senior Solutions, Black River Good Neighbor Services, AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network, ARC Rutland Area Inc., American Red Cross, Black River Valley Senior Center, Dartmouth Cancer Center, Efficiency Vermont, State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Friends of Vets, Green Mountain Neighbors, Green Mountain RSVP, Lifeline Phones, Live in Homecare, The Moover, NorthStar Health – Ludlow Health Center, Ludlow Dental Center, Rutland Regional Medical Center, SEVCA, Shared Housing Inc., Springfield Area Adult Day Services, State of Vermont Assistive Technology

Services, Tai Chi Vermont, Turning Point of Windham County, Valley Health Connections, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Vermont Department of Health, Vermont Legal Aid – Ombudsman Project, Visiting Angels, Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont & New Hampshire, and more.

For questions and more information, please contact Suzanne Burge, Senior Solutions, at 802-822-0498 or sburge@seniorsolutionsvt.org; or Krey Kellington, Black River Good Neighbor Services, at 802-228-3663 or kkellingtonbrgns@gmail.com.

This event is made possible from the generosity of Mascoma Bank, Ludlow Community Center, the students at River Valley Technical Center Horticulture and Natural Resources program, Bonnie Plants, and Black River Produce.

18th annual Springfield Dam Run

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is hosting the 18th annual Dam Run, which will take place on Saturday, June 8. Registration opens at 8 a.m. The four-mile course begins and ends at 335 River Street in Springfield. The race will progress north on River Street until Reservoir Road. Participants will then turn right onto Reservoir Road until they reach Dam Crest Road, where they will cross the North Springfield Dam. They will continue onto Maple Street, and follow Route 10 south back to River Street.

Prior to the race, kids under the age of 13 can participate in our half-mile Fun Run, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration

for the Fun Run is free, and each participating child will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a mountain bike.

In addition, every person who participates in the Springfield Dam Run this year will be entered into a raffle. Following the run, awards and prizes will be announced.

The Springfield Dam Run's purpose is to promote an active, healthy lifestyle, and provide an opportunity for family and friends to get together and be a part of their local community. Each year, the Dam Run proceeds are donated to a local organization that benefits our community.

The Dam Run was founded by Joseph Cerniglia Jr. of Springfield, Vt. After going through his own journey from inactive to active, Joe encourages others to begin their own active journey. Joe has gone on to complete

significant athletic achievements, including being a seven-time Ironman finisher, Ironman World Championship in Kailua Kona, Hawaii, and qualifying for the Boston Marathon multiple times. His journey proves that it's not where you start, but where you finish. Currently a USAT-certified coach, Joe continues to give back to his community through events like the Dam Run.

This event would not be possible without the great support it receives from local businesses and sponsors.

If you would like to register for this year's event, you can register at Joe's Discount Beverage or the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, and always online at www.active.com. We are also looking for volunteers to assist Edgar May staff on race day.

For more information, call Edgar May at 802-885-2568 or email info@edgarmay.org.

Grace Cottage Fair Day needs donations

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day tradition continues this year on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., on the Townshend Common.

The event offers a variety of fun and fanfare. The all-day auction begins at 9:30 a.m., and the Birthday Parade is at 10 a.m. Booths offering homemade pies, jewelry, T-shirts, white elephant items, fried dough and popcorn, ice cream, books, lunch foods, bingo, kids' games,

and pony rides, plus live music and more, will add smiles and festivity to the day.

Grace Cottage is now accepting donations of furniture and other auction-worthy items, jewelry, books, and white elephant items, to be sold at this important fundraising event. Please email gracecottagefair@gmail.com to arrange for a donation.

This free, all-day, family-friendly event, now in its 74th year, will be held rain or shine.

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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church. 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.

Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor

The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.

Pastor Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Fellowship Facebook page, and Living Hope Fellowship Youtube. Services can also be found at www.sapatv.org and www.fact8tv.com.

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to www.charlestownbiblechurch.org. Call 603-826-5121 for more info or to request a personal Bible study.

Charlestown Seventh-day Adventist Church, 242 Main St.

Saturday Services include Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. and a healthy lunch for all after the service. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.

Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.firstchurchspringfield.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.

All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org, or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

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.

OBITUARIES:

A basic 200-word obituary is \$75, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. A black and white photo is an additional \$10. Email to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday at 12 p.m.

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POLITICAL LETTERS

Due to the volume of political letters we receive during elections, and the increased cost of adding pages to the paper to print them all, political letters are charged at the rate of \$75 for 200 words, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. Political letters include endorsing, electioneering, or campaigning for a specific candidate or party.

Richard Dunseith, 1955-2024

LUDLOW, Vt. – Richard Joseph Dunseith, 68, passed away on May 28, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. With the help of hospice, family, and friends, he was able to die peacefully at home. Dick was born in Queens, N.Y., on Sept. 29, 1955, to James and Joan Dunseith. Up until his graduation from Locust Valley High School, Dick lived on Long Island with his parents and six siblings. Dick attended Duke University where he studied geology. Participating in the ROTC program, Dick was a U.S. Navy officer. He was, and remained, an excellent navigator.

On Dec. 6, 1980, Dick married Eileen Kahn. Their marriage started out in a little cabin in Brunswick, Maine, where they welcomed their first child. They later moved to Bayport, N.Y., and then to Newtown, Conn., where they spent most of their family life. While raising his four children, Dick worked in financial services. The Dunseiths enjoyed many trips to the beach and to the Vermont mountains. In 1993, Dick and Eileen bought their home in Ludlow, Vt., which Dick considered one of the best investments he ever made. This second home was always full of friends and family. In 2013, Dick and Eileen made Ludlow their permanent home.

No matter where he called home, Dick found ways to serve his God by serving his community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a lector, and an active promoter and facilitator of adult faith formation. He gave freely to his community and, over the years, he grew in charity, faith, and grace. Over the last 10 years, Dick has taken great joy and pride in working on his home. It has continued to be a gath-



Richard Dunseith, 1955-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

ering place enjoyed by so many. Dick enjoyed helping his neighbors and serving on the board of directors at the Black River Academy Museum in Ludlow. A seat on his porch with a beer in his hand was a favorite way to end a day, and he loved the many neighbors and friends who joined him there for lively conversation. Dick will be remembered for his laugh, his charm, and the way he could turn any conversation into a debate.

The joy of Dick's life was his family. He adored his wife Eileen for 43 years. They raised four children James (Meg) Dunseith, Kaitlin (Rob) Field, Jennifer (James) Harvey, and Patrick (Andrea) Dunseith. As if life could not get sweeter, Dick became "Beba" in 2011. He is survived by his nine grandchildren Gabriel, Henry, Betty, William, Bridget, Hannah, Audrey, Lucia, and Nora. Perhaps the best role he ever played in life was that of a grandparent. Dick will be greatly missed by his family and the many friends who became family over the course of his life.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Monday, June 3, at 11 a.m., with visitation on Sunday, June 2, from 3-6 p.m. Both will be at The Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot Street, Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

June 4 is an important date for the Ludlow and Mount Holly communities to rally together and approve our local school budget.

As you know, this is the third attempt at the budget, and it is especially important to continue the education of our youth. Our family has been attending Ludlow schools for four generations, and it is important to know our three grandsons are getting the supportive help and instruction my parents, Ron and I, and our daughters received. The staff and administration at Ludlow Elementary continue to excel and genuinely care for our children. I am sure the same can be found in the Mount Holly school. Our middle and high school students deserve our passing the budget as well, so they can

continue with the schools of their choice.

Our kids have so many opportunities thanks to us, the voters. Yes, we know our property taxes are increasing like everything. But this is a bare bones budget, and our kids need more, but for this year let us forge ahead and pass this budget on June 4.

I feel a deep personal responsibility to help our schools in any way possible whenever I can. It truly does take a village, so please remind everyone you know to vote on Tuesday, June 4, or visit your town clerk's office ahead of the vote to vote absentee.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Sharon E. P. Bixby
Ludlow, Vt.

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Alexandria Bosna graveside service

WINHALL, Vt. – Graveside services for Alexandria "Sandy" Bosna, who died Nov. 21, 2023, will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 1 p.m., at The Bondville Cemetery on Vermont Route 30, with a Celebration of Life immediately following at The Depot Visitors Center on Route 100 at the Bridge in South Londonderry.

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

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Upcoming events at the Historic Hotel Windham

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Things are happening at The Hotel Windham in downtown Bellows Falls, Vt. Originally built as a railroad hotel, the current Georgian revival building was constructed in 1932, but has had upper floor vacancies since 1984. A local group of concerned citizens have been working with the Town of Rockingham, the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, and the Windham Development Group to create a model hotel suite to demonstrate the future possibilities of either hotel or housing.

This project was funded in part by the Vermont Council of Rural Development and Southern Vermont Economy Project. A series of private tours will occur from Friday, June 7, through Wednesday, June 12.

Only local contractors were engaged in this effort, each donating their time and expertise. Many thanks to Shanks Electric, Brown and Sons Building and Remodeling, and Wayne Penchek for an on-time and within-budget completion.

Dedication to the restoration of Hotel Windham, and by extension much of downtown Bellows Falls and Rockingham, is part of a larger movement exhibited by the following projects: the Miss Bellows Falls Diner restoration project by Rockingham for Progress, the Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation's Robertson Paper Mill redevelopment, the Bellows Falls Historical Society's continued restoration of the Adams Grist Mill Museum, Sustainable Valley Group's TL Riley Mill redevelopment, the Town of Rockingham's Train Station purchase and renovation, and the Rockingham Meet-

ing House restoration project.

In June, Bellows Falls and Rockingham welcome the Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference, the Vermont Arts Council Creative Convening Summit, and the Bellows Falls Festival which will bring many visitors to town.

Ethan Allen is proud to partner with the Town of Rockingham and Village of Bellows Falls to honor the history of The Hotel Windham and support the success of its next chapter. Ethan Allen is a brand rooted in Vermont since 1936, when they purchased their first sawmill in Beecher Falls. As quoted by Ethan Allen founder Nat Ancell, "We fell hopelessly in love with Vermont and with what New England represents historically." Today, Ethan Allen offers projects both large and small, from single pieces, to whole-home redesigns, mixing exceptional personal service with first-class 3D technology.

We hope the model suite highlights the energy and spirit you will find in Bellows Falls and gives a glimpse for a possible future Hotel Windham redevelopment project.

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LEGAL NOTICES

MAY 29-JUNE 1 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield VFW Post 771 and American Legion Post 18 will hold a joint book sale May 29, from 5-8 p.m.; May 30 and 31, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and June 1, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Hundreds and hundreds of books will be offered. Payment is by cash or check. All profits go to support VFW and American Legion Post Veterans programs. For more information, email Bill Mattoon at cmattoon@vermontel.net, or call the VFW Post at 802-885-

6008 and leave a message.

MAY 31 – W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Friday, May 10, from 5-7 p.m., The Buzzards will be playing at the West Townshend Country Store's pizza night. The store is located at 6573 Route 30 in West Townshend. For more information, email info@westtownshend.org or call 802-874-4800.

JUNE 1 – LUDLOW, Vt. – You're invited to the groundbreaking of a new garden at the Fletcher

Farm School for the Arts and Crafts on Saturday, June 1, from 1-3 p.m. The pollinator garden and outdoor art display will be dedicated to our wonderful and giving longtime volunteers Hal Bosco, Sue Chadwick, Joyce Fuller, Cynthia Noyes, and Debi Orton, to commemorate their steadfast loyalty and years of service. This event will be held at the Meadowview Building on the Fletcher Farm campus, 611 Route 103S, Ludlow, Vt. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at www.fletcherfarm.org/Garden-Party.

JUNE 2-3 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sunday, June 2, and Monday, June 3, from 6-8 p.m., the Springfield Community Players will hold auditions for "Godspell," a musical by Stephan Schwartz, which tells the story of Christ based on the Gospel of Matthew through song and skits. Auditions will be held at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. No experience necessary. Please be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Contact director Don Gray with any questions at 802-952-6467. Production

dates are September 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28.

JUNE 7 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, will hold an indoor yard sale on Friday, June 7, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This event is open to the public. If you are interested in reserving a table, call the center at 802-885-3933.

JUNE 8 – WESTON, Vt. – The first of Kinhaven's Young Artist Seminar concerts will be held on Saturday, June 8. There will be two concerts this day; the first will begin at 2 p.m., at the Old Parish Church, 144 Main Street in Weston. The second will begin at 7 p.m., at Israel Congregation, 6025 Main Street in Manchester Center. For more information and a full list of concerts, visit www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts.

JUNE 9 – LANDGROVE, Vt. – Kinhaven's final Young Artists Seminar concert will be held on Sunday, June 9, beginning at 11 a.m., at Landgrove Meeting House, 88 Landgrove Road in Landgrove, Vt. For more information and a full list

of concerts, visit www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts.

SUNDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

MONDAYS – WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

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 – CHESTER, Vt. – Bone

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

THURSDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

FRIDAYS – W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Townshend Farmers Market is held on Fridays, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., every Friday from May 24 – Oct. 11, at 6573 Vermont Route 30 (behind the post office/WRCF building), rain or shine. There will be wood-fired pizza, vendors, farmers, artisans, ceramics, clothing, crafters, woodworking, blown glass, beverages, baked goods, and more. Leashed dogs are welcome, and the farmers market is handicap accessible. EBT is accepted.

**Town of Chester
Job Opportunity
Assistant Assessor/Zoning Administrator**

The Town of Chester is seeking an individual to work as an assistant to both the Assessor and Zoning Departments. This full-time position will serve both departments and create continuity between offices. Responsibilities include maintaining and administering the Grand List and tax maps, assisting in the preparation of appeals, identifying properties which should be inspected, appraised, or reappraised, administering and implementing the Town of Chester's Unified Development Bylaws, enforcing ordinances, processing permits, investigating complaints, issuing violations, and other duties as required. This position entails an ability to work with a diverse group of people and to adapt to an environment of rapidly changing rules, regulations, and systems.

This is a full-time job opportunity with an extensive benefits package. To see full descriptions of the position, visit www.chestertv.gov/employment-opportunities. Interested parties should send a resume to julie.hance@chestertv.gov or Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 by June 6, 2024.

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Venissa White
Parcel # 252031

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2022 and 2023 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Venissa White by Warranty Deed of Andrew White and Venissa White dated November 25, 2013, and Recorded in Book 150, Page 280 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June 2024, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 22nd day of May 2024.

Attest:
Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Emerald Acres Investments, LLC
Parcel # 282013

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2023 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Emerald Acres Investments, LLC by Warranty Deed of Jamie K. Covelto dated September 29, 2020, and Recorded in Book 209, Page 52 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June 2024, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 22nd day of May 2024.

Attest:
Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

**Town of Cavendish, Vermont
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111, notice is hereby given that the undersigned parties, within and for the Town of Cavendish have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said town on the first day of April 2024; that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the Clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the 20th day of June, 2024 starting at 9:30 a.m, the Assessor will meet at 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts as such Assessors, whose objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2024, become the Grand List of said town and each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

If you wish to grieve you MUST submit a grievance in writing by 4:00 on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024. Applications for Grievance can be emailed to Cavendish2024@nemrc.com or mailed to PO Box 126, Cavendish, VT 05142. Please call 802-227-7383 for a grievance appointment.

Dated at Cavendish in the County of Windsor this 29th day of June, 2024
Town of Cavendish
Diane McNamara, Town Clerk

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDHAM COUNTY, SS

NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of land in the **Town of Rockingham and Village of Bellows Falls**, in the County of Windham are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years indicated are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

1489 Brockways Mills Road
For the years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Fred O. Lescord and Elaine L. Lescord to Wayne E. Davis by deed dated May 23, 2001 and recorded in Book 259, Page 677 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

37 Old Terrace
For the years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Michael W. Dawson to Ashley A. Dawson by deed dated April 25, 2017 and recorded in Book 371, Page 268 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

696 Pleasant Valley Road
For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and two mobile homes conveyed by Arnold M. Fisher and Elaine E. Fisher to Roger Dolloph by deed dated April 2, 2003 and recorded in Book 273, Page 262 of the Rockingham Town Land Records, along with a right of way conveyed to the aforesaid Dolloph by Moch Easement recorded in Book 273, Page 469 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

35 Rounds Road
For the years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Shawn A. Westney and Rebecca A. Westney to Edna J. Hunt by deed dated April 8, 2005 and recorded in Book 292, Page 154 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

55 Village Square
For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being those premises conveyed by Philip Donovan, Jr. and Mary Ann Donovan to Alexander Lawrence by Bill of Sale dated December 5, 2013, and recorded in Book 343, Page 411 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

37 Front Street
For the years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Sherry Lee McAllister to Sherry Lee McAllister and Elizabeth J. McAllister by deed dated May 20, 2016 and recorded in Book 362, Page 170 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

23 Main Street
For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Joseph J. Steiner to Brian Mudgett and Betsy S. Mudgett by deed dated December 21, 2016 and recorded in Book 368, Page 59 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

25 Hapgood Place
For the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Eliot G. Morse and Lori A. Morse to John Noe by deed dated March 12, 2007 and recorded in Book 305, Page 309 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

243 Williams Road
For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Robert L. Lupinski and Jolanta Lupinski to Ernest J. Palmiter by deed dated May 21, 2009 and recorded in Book 319, Page 306 of the Rockingham Town Land Records. Subject to a Contingent Remainder conveyed by Ernest J. Palmiter to Seth E. Palmiter and Corey O. Palmiter by deed dated August 6, 2014 and recorded in Book 346, Page 438 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

57 Atkinson Street
For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Peter S. Higgins and Shannon R. Higgins to Leah Quinn by deed dated March 19, 2018 and recorded in Book 381, Page 31 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

85 Parker Hill Road
For the years 2022-2023. Being the remainder of the premises conveyed by William Casey, Jr. to Melvin Rice and Gretchen Rice by deed dated July 2, 1996 and recorded in Book 238, Page 225 of the Rockingham Town Land Records. Said premises is subject to an easement conveyed to the Vermont Agency of Transportation by deed dated September 18, 2010 and recorded in Book 326, Page 501 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

1153 Rockingham Road
For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Patricia A. Soboleski to Brannan Saunders by deed dated May 19, 2010 and recorded in Book 324, Page 487 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

1 Center Street
For the years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee of the Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FX1 to Lindsay Van Schoick and Courtney Van Schoick by deed dated April 26, 2017 and recorded in Book 372, Page 17 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Rockingham Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 13th day of June, 2024 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must contact Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk, by phone at (802)463-4336 ext. 1102, via email at clerk@rockbf.org, or via mail at 7 Sq 2nd Floor, Bellows Falls, VT, 05101.

Dated at Bellows Falls, Town of Rockingham, County of Windham and State of Vermont, this 29th day of April, 2024.

Scott Pickup, Collector of Town, Village, Town School District Taxes, Water and Sewer Taxes

LEGAL NOTICES

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Acworth Woman's Club yard, plant, bake sale

ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Woman's Club is thrilled to announce their annual yard sale, plant sale, and bake sale event, to be held on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the picturesque Tamarack Farm, located at 513 Route 123A, Alstead, N.H.

This fun-filled event promises something for everyone as we come together to raise money for

local charities and causes. Browse through an array of irresistible treasures at our yard sale, where you can find unique items and hidden gems waiting to be discovered. Our plant sale will feature a beautiful selection of plants, perfect for brightening up your garden just in time for summer. And don't miss out on our bake sale, offering an assortment of delicious

homemade pies, cookies, and other treats that are sure to satisfy your sweet tooth.

"Join us for a day of community spirit and support. Our event is a wonderful opportunity to find great deals, enjoy delicious homemade goodies, and contribute to worthy local causes," said Judy Aron, president of the Acworth Woman's Club.

Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to Tamarack Farm on June 1 for a day of shopping, fun, and philanthropy. Your participation helps us continue our mission of supporting local charities and making a positive impact in our community.

For more information, please contact the Acworth Woman's Club at 603-835-2669 or bzrdb8@live.com.

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SEEKING

RUTLAND AREA – Single male 70 seeks female, enjoys karaoke, can relocate. 330-261-7904 or gilbertalbert@gmail.com.

YARD SALE

BELMONT, Vt. – Tag Sale Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2.

Public Hearing Notice Londonderry Selectboard

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4442(a) and 4444, that the Londonderry Selectboard will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry, Vermont.

The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments on the proposed comprehensive revision of Londonderry's Zoning Bylaw to establish Unified Development Regulations, including the Zoning Map. The proposed changes affect all property in the town of Londonderry. The list of section headings of the proposed Regulations is as follows:

1. GENERAL
2. ZONING DISTRICTS
3. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
4. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
5. DEFINITIONS

Copies of the full text of the proposed regulations are available for review at the Twitchell Building/Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT, and on the Town website: www.londonderryvt.org. The Planning Commission has prepared a report summarizing the Zoning Bylaw changes that are also available at the locations listed above.

The Selectboard encourages residents and property owners to also submit written comments on the proposed Unified Development Regulations in advance of or at the public hearing. Comments may be sent to Londonderry Selectboard, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155, and/or townadmin@londonderryvt.org.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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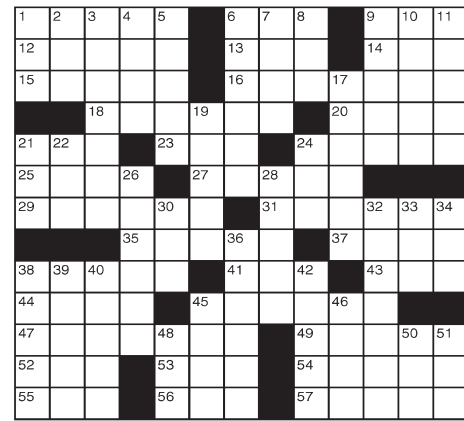
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King Crossword

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- 12 Road reversal
- 13 Cornfield noise
- 14 "— the Walrus"
- 15 Idaho's capital
- 16 Minor complaint
- 18 Vehicle's capacity
- 20 Intends
- 21 German pronoun
- 23 "... — quit!"
- 24 Unravels
- 25 Second in command
- 27 Fighting
- 29 "Already?"
- 31 Unparalleled
- 35 Track horse
- 37 Continental currency
- 38 Nepal's neighbor
- 41 D-Day vessel
- 43 — -de-France
- 44 Sole
- 45 Litter container
- 47 Without a sound
- 49 Aromas
- 52 Ornate vase
- 53 Bit of physics



- 54 Illuminated
- 55 "A spider!"
- 56 Summer on the Seine
- 57 Very small
- 9 Leg bone
- 10 Pleasantly warm
- 11 Make — of (bungle)
- 17 "Peter Pan" author
- 19 Swiss money
- 21 Hosp. hook-ups
- 22 Corp. boss
- 24 Summer cooler
- 26 Spinach-eating sailor
- 28 German sausage
- 30 Granola grain
- 32 Man of La Mancha
- 33 Web address
- 34 Fair hirer, in ads
- 36 Booster of comedy
- 38 Chef's hat
- 39 Accustom
- 40 Lose a starting contest
- 42 Letter-shaped hardware
- 45 Coagulate
- 46 "Garfield" dog
- 48 Cravat
- 50 Ske-daddle
- 51 CIA operative

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.:

In re ESTATE of : Virginia A. Blais

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Virginia A. Blais
Decedent
late of Springfield
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 5-20-24 Signature of Fiduciary: Michael P. Blais
Rebecca L. Fontaine

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Michael P. Blais/Debra L. Fontaine		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., P.O. Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-376-5685		Springfield VT 05156	

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal - The Shopper
Publication Date: May 29, 2024

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor County, Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green
Woodstock VT 05091

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 24-PR-02896

In re ESTATE of : Frank J. Lengyel

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Frank J. Lengyel
Decedent
late of Springfield
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 5/21/24 Signature of Fiduciary: [Signature]

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Stephen S. Ankuda, Esq.		c/o Parker & Ankuda, PC PO Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156	

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal
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arts & events

LEGAL NOTICES

“Godspell” auditions

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Community Players will hold auditions for “Godspell” on Sunday, June 2, from 4-6 p.m., and on Monday, June 3, from 6-8 p.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, Springfield, Vt.

“Godspell,” conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak, with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, will be presented on Sept. 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28, at the Players Studio, 165 South Street, Springfield, Vt.

“Godspell,” a musical based on the Gospel according to Matthew, will be directed by Don Gray, with musical direction by Cindy Hughes and Kay Burge, and choreography by Kallah Turner.

The cast calls for five men and five women, who

should ideally be young (teens to 30s), though that can be flexible. Those auditioning will be asked to sing a song of their choosing. They should provide sheet music for the accompanist if possible. They will also be asked to read from the script, and learn some simple choreography.

If you wish to arrange a different time to audition, or have questions about the show or the process, please contact the director at 802-952-6467.

Bellows Falls Pride event calendar

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Film, trains, and music offerings characterize the events planned by Bellows Falls Pride from June-October, to recognize and support the LGBTQ community in southern Vermont.

As usual, event locations will occur in walkable downtown Bellows Falls, so patrons can enjoy the full dining and shopping experience before and after events. June kicks off with the LGBTQ film festival at the opera house, located on The Square. Tickets and event details will become available online at www.bellowsfallsopera-house.com.

The film schedule is as follows: Wednesday, June 5, “The Birdcage,” sponsored by Bellows Falls Pride; Wednesday, June 12, “Philadelphia,” sponsored by Windham Antiques; Wednesday, June 19, “To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar,” sponsored by Wunderbar; Wednesday, June 26, “Hair-spray” (original John Waters), sponsored by the National LGBT Hotline.

The Train Ride for Pride Whistlestop Tour, coordinated with the Vermonter Amtrak schedule from Essex to Bellows Falls, will occur on Saturday, June 8, beginning at 7:30 a.m., and

concluding in Brattleboro at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, June 20, Bellows Falls Pride will collaborate with Senior Solutions to host author and blogger Mark S. King at the Bellows Falls Opera House with a presentation entitled, “Coming of Age with Grace and Grit.” His latest book, “My Fabulous Disease,” will be available for purchase in the lobby through Village Square Booksellers following the event. This event is free and open to the public.

The month will conclude with an Andrews Inn Disco Dance Party at Ciao Popolo on Saturday, June 29.

Mark your calendars for a Family Fest on Aug. 10,

a Stage 33 show with Canadian singer-songwriter megatalent Taylor Abrahams on Sept. 6, and a National Coming Out Day/Get Out the Vote program on Oct. 9, sponsored by Keller Williams Realty at the Bellows Falls Opera House, with speakers Fred Karger, the first openly gay 2012 presidential candidate, and documentary producer Aimee Flaherty, whose 2023 award-winning film “Commitment to Life” will be shown following the speakers.

Details to follow on the Bellows Falls Pride Facebook page and website, www.bellowsfallspride.com.

John Gorka returns to Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present singer-songwriter John Gorka at Next Stage on Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m.

Rising from a milieu of lovelorn singer-songwriters, John Gorka illuminates instead with his trademark wordplay – twisting, turning, and tying words and phrases in the way a balloon artist creates complex creatures from simple balloons. Few contemporary songwriters coax language as deftly as Gorka.

Gorka’s sharp perceptiveness inspires people from all over the world to share their stories. By involving those tales in his music, he escapes the trap of introspection that hobbles less-gifted singer-songwriters.

John Gorka flies below the pop culture radar. His shy, almost self-effacing stage presence rightfully focuses attention on the songs. His versatility on guitar and piano keeps his sets musically interesting, while his rich baritone effortlessly executes his bidding. And he’s never short of the sly comment or clever joke that invariably ignites his audience.

With his uncanny ability to work every nuance of language, capturing a wide array of topics and experiences woven into memorable melodies, John Gorka’s

career continues to prosper, and to garner ever-increasing attention.

As of 2023, John has released 14 full-length studio recordings, and several live CDs and DVDs. His project during the pandemic was recording and releasing videos of individual songs on Youtube; a song a week for an entire year. He called the series One Song Concerts, and they have had thousands of views.

For the past few years he, along with friends Cliff Eberhart, Lucy Kaplansky, and Patty Larkin, has been touring a revival of their


very popular show, “On A Winter’s Night.” He has also been participating in a very successful songwriting workshop that runs two to three times a year, put on by another close friend, Eliza Gilkyson.

John is going into the studio with a batch of new songs in 2024, with a tentative release date of January 2025 for the project.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance through www.nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website.

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TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Transfer Station Attendant.


This position is part time and year-round. Weekly schedule is Tuesday through Saturday. Duties include but not limited to:

- Maintaining the recycling area and insuring the proper disposal and classification of all recycled materials.
- Assisting residents and commercial users in the appropriate placement of refuse and recyclables.
- Assist the Road Agent in all matters related to the operation of a solid waste/recycling facility.

Additional requirements are a good working ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player.

Interested candidates should complete an application and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, PO Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email 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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Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator

The Town of Charlestown is accepting applications for a full-time position as an Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator.

Previous experience in municipal water and/or wastewater operations is highly desirable but the Town is willing to train the right applicant. Position requires a good general knowledge of skill and work practices, methods, tools, and equipment appropriate to water and wastewater systems operations and of public works construction and maintenance. Should have a good working knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions necessary in the operation of utility equipment, power tools and working with potentially hazardous chemicals and substances. Must be able to comprehend and exercise work safety procedures as required by law. Applicants must have a good work ethic, positive attitude, be a hard worker and a team player.

Wages commensurate with qualifications and experience. Full Benefit package including paid vacations and holidays. Interested candidates may obtain an employment application in the Selectboard office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH or on the Town Website. Applications and Resumes should be emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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Water/Waste Water Licensed Superintendent

Level 2 Facility

The Town of Charlestown is accepting applications for this full-time position.

The Water/Wastewater Licensed Superintendent is responsible for overseeing the operation, maintenance, and management of a Level 2 water/wastewater facility in accordance with state and federal regulations. This role requires a strong background in water and wastewater treatment, as well as leadership skills to manage a team of operators and ensure the facility operates efficiently and effectively.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Science, or related field.
- Valid Water/Wastewater Operator License (Level 2) issued by [State Licensing Board].
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in water/wastewater treatment operations, with at least 1 year in a supervisory role.
- Strong knowledge of water and wastewater treatment processes and equipment.
- Excellent leadership and management skills.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work effectively with regulatory agencies and other stakeholders.

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Bellows Falls Festival

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Summer is just around the corner, and the Wild Goose Players, The Rotary Club of Bellows Falls, and local sponsors have teamed up to create the second annual Bellows Falls Festival – “The BFF,” June 8, from 1-10 p.m.

The BFF is a one-day event packed full of excitement and entertainment. The festival will take place outdoors at the Waypoint Center, located at 17 Depot Street in Bellows Falls,

Vt. Food vendors Jamaican Jewelz, Bellows Falls Moose Club, and Smokin’ Bowls will tantalize your taste buds, and a selection of beer and wine will be available. But of course, the real highlight of the BFF will be the music and performances.

The Chad Hollister Band hails from Vermont, and has opened for Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, and Tom Petty, and has shared the stage with every Phish member, Billy Gibbons, Merl Saunders, Warren Haynes, and

Blues Traveller. His music is a voice for the positive, and reminds you that life is truly a gift, as is the ability to share it through music. He’ll be at the BFF with the full nine-piece band.

The Gaslight Tinkers’ blend of global rhythms creates a joyously danceable sound around a core of traditional New England old time and Celtic fiddle music, merging boundless positive energy with melody and song. Since its formation in 2012, the band has lit up the East Coast, the West Coast, and the Caribbean, headlining clubs, dances, and major festivals. The Gaslight Tinkers’ shows are packed with delightful surprises, elated crowds, and exuberant musicianship.

In addition to the music line up, there will be plenty of other local artists performing throughout the day. Be sure not to miss the much-anticipated performances from Vermont Armored Combat and Keene Pride.

Tickets are on sale now, and are priced to be affordable for everyone. Visit www.bellowsfallsfestival.org.

This is a family-friendly event, so bring the kids and introduce them to the joys of live music. Don’t forget to bring a blanket or chair so you can relax and enjoy the music. Chairs under the big tent will be provided, and will be on a first come, first served basis.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS of LONDONDERRY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 4111 that the undersigned listers within and for the Town of Londonderry have this day completed the abstract of individual lists (abstract) of property owners as of the first day of April 2024.

The listers have this same day lodged abstract in the office of the clerk for the inspection of taxpayers.

On the 7th day of June 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, the Listers will meet at the Londonderry Town Office to hear taxpayers aggrieved by actions of the listers from whom timely grievances have been received.

To be timely, such grievance must be in writing and received (postmarks not accepted) by the close of business on the 7th day of June 2024.

At the close of grievance hearings, the listers shall make such corrections in the abstract as were determined upon hearing or otherwise.

Unless cause to the contrary is shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the tax year 2024, become the grand list of the town of each taxpayer named therein.

Signed in the County of Windham on this 23rd day of May 2024.
Londonderry
Listers: Sandra Clark, Patricia DelGiorno, & Alex Alberti



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