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Londonderry receives resignation, sets zoning bylaw public hearing

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LONDONDERRY, Vt. – At the May 20 Londonderry Selectboard meeting, the board received a resignation letter, heard public concern on the proposed zoning bylaws, and set a date for the bylaw public hearing. The board also acknowledged a hazardous waste collection on June 1.

Chair Tom Cavanagh opened the meeting by reading a resignation letter from board member Melissa Brown, who would also be stepping down from the housing commission, Williams Dam committee, and the village wastewater committee. “I appreciated my time representing my community,” Brown wrote, expressing that she enjoyed working with a great group of people. She noted she was always welcoming of a good debate, and appreciative of everyone being respectful and considerate. “We didn’t always agree, but in the end, the outcome was usually the right action for the town.”

Brown’s letter continued, stating that things took a turn at the May 13 meeting. She said the meeting “became disrespectful, malicious, and personal, leaving me feeling vulnerable and uncomfortable,” directed at her and other selectboard and planning commission members. Brown stated that meeting regulations were not followed, causing disarray.

She closed the letter by stating, “I will continue to love and support Londonderry in ways that don’t feel threatening and disrespectful.”

Board member Martha Dale moved to regretfully accept Brown’s resignation. Jim Fleming seconded the motion, noting, “She will be sorely missed.” The board will be looking to fill the open position by special election. They felt it was important to allow the town residents to vote for a person of their choice, who will be officially elected by a vote at the annual Town Meeting.

The board later moved to address the zoning bylaw amendments. Cavanagh and Dale went through the details of the process, stating they need 15 days to warn a public hearing where the bylaws are discussed, another 15 days to warn a second public hearing where changes can be made, then 21 days before the bylaws go into effect.

Dale noted that the bylaws needed to be updated to coincide with the updated town plan, as well as to stay up to date with state bylaws and regulations.

“We want to know what our concerns and unintended consequences are,” Dale said. “We are merely trying to create an environment

that works for everybody; there’s no other agenda behind it.”

Cavanagh opened the public comments, noting that he thought it would be difficult for the average person to go through the packet and make sense of it. He said he felt that “if it’s not enforceable, it should not be a legal document.”

The overwhelming consensus of the room was that the proposed zoning bylaws would be hurting the town, and impacting many people in different ways. The main topic of concern and disapproval was the proposed firewood processing regulations.

“Londonderry is built by, and continues to thrive on tradesmen,” one citizen said. “We should have the freedom to use our property as we choose... Our town is not an HOA, and shouldn’t be regulated as such.” He expressed his disappointment, “If this is the best they can do, then the whole document should be thrown away.”

One person wondered if the planning commission or any public officials approached any residents or business owners. Another later asked the audience directly if they had ever been approached or notified of the changes, and no one raised their hand.

One member of the audience said he felt that the consultant that the planning commission used was “inappropriate and inexperienced,” adding that it seemed the board applied a bunch of cookie-cutter rules

that don’t work for a small town like Londonderry. Another person said the bylaws would be cutting many jobs in their small town.

“How is enforcement going to happen?” another resident asked. Cavanagh explained there would be a zoning violation, and if the violator doesn’t comply, it would be taken to Vermont environmental court. He stated that the board “always [tries] to work with landowners to bring things into compliance if we can.”

One resident expressed that she thought the planning commission should be revised too. “They took years to type this up; that’s shameful.” She added that the document was only made available at the post office and the town website, explaining that wasn’t enough; some people don’t have internet or a post office box. “You’re a selectboard, it’s your job to make it known.” She continued, “I had to take time off of work to go through the 248-page document... We wouldn’t be wasting our time here tonight if they did their job.”

Another public comment expressed that the town should look at how word can get out more effectively.

The board set the date for the first public hearing for the zoning bylaws to be held Monday, June 17, at 5 p.m. The next selectboard meeting will be Monday, June 3, at 6 p.m.

Plymouth revotes to exempt Bethany Birches

BY PAULA BENSON
The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – On Monday, May 20, the Plymouth Selectboard agenda included the review of two bids to place 35 American flags on telephone poles across town, ratifying the line of credit from M&T Bank which was first approved at the special meeting held on May 3, and the Billings Bridge closure.

Rick Kaminski told the board the work on the bridge had begun, and the road was currently closed. He said he’d spoken to the foreman at the worksite about the condition of the concrete decking and reported that it will require more materials and labor to restore than originally thought. Kaminski said he was waiting for a quote for the additional costs.

Board Chair Jay Kullman explained the need for the line of credit, of which \$350,000 had been borrowed thus far.

Kullman stated that, if for instance there were to be another flood, the town could access up to \$6 million from the line of credit, and the plan would be to pay the money back as quickly as possible, using FEMA reimbursement funds and tax payments.

“There are borrowing costs, and it’s not cheap,” Kullman related. “That’s why it’s a line of credit and not a loan. Currently Elaine can take what she needs to pay expenses and then pay it back. We are minimizing our borrowing at any given moment in time.”

Kullman presented two bids from two different companies to produce the American flags. Kullman quoted the proposals, at \$5,156 and \$2,436. After some debate, ultimately the board went with the higher bid based on the quality of craftsmanship, and the material used.

Kullman added an agenda item for the board to weigh in on. “The Patch Brook bridge, down by the Tyson Church,” Kullman said, “there is a grant [to repair] that for \$14,000. The grant allowed for about \$1,500 in engineering services, and they will require about \$5,000.” Kullman explained that a survey on existing conditions was required for the stream alteration permit. “Do we want to proceed with the additional \$3,500?” Kullman asked the board.

Kaminski remarked, “That needs to be fixed, for sure,” and pointed out that leaving it as-is would create problems down the road for the inn and the library, as well as the residents along the way. Kullman said he would make a motion to approve the expense.

The next regular selectboard meeting will be held on June 3.

On Tuesday, May 21, a special town meeting was held to revote on Article 6 from the March 4 Town Meeting. Article 6 asked the voters to decide on whether to exempt Bethany Birches Camp from the educational portion of their property taxes, for a period of five years.

Resident Erin Hanrahan was the first to speak during the discussion period, relaying that her kids go to Bethany Birches, and that the camp is one of the only out-

lets for school-age children in Plymouth. Hanrahan said she recognized Plymouth was too small a town to afford a parks and recreation department, but absent that, she stated, “That is the role Bethany Birches plays, and it’s far cheaper than building a municipal park.” Hanrahan went on to say, “Where do the kids trick-or-treat on Halloween? Bethany Birches. Where do they ice skate? Bethany Birches.”

Hanrahan mentioned family fun days, and other free activities offered at the camp. “This is a place in our community where the kids really feel they belong,” she stated.

Resident Bob Lambert, who said he’s been to 49 Town Meetings, also spoke on the pro side of the issue, commenting, “This should be about the kids, and not about \$8 sent to Bethany Birches.”

One resident introduced herself, stating, “I’m Pepper Tepperman, and I sent out the mailer, and this is nothing against Bethany Birches. As I said in the mailing, there are plenty of people in our town who are struggling just to pay their mortgages, their rent, their food... I don’t believe we should vote to exempt Bethany Birches for another five years. It’s not \$8, it’s \$8 per \$100,000.”

Tepperman pointed to the fact that the camp hosts kids from other towns as well, such as Killington, Mendon, Reading, and Cavendish.

One resident suggested the town support Bethany Birches in a different way, as with other nonprofits supported by the town, and felt they should not be singled out for

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New England Cider Donuts sets up a sweet shop

BY PAULA BENSON
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LUDLOW, Vt. – Serving house-made cider doughnuts, small batch ice cream from Gifford’s in Maine, an assortment of pastries, and made-to-order breakfast sandwiches, New England Cider Donuts in Ludlow is a yummy new addition to the local sweet treat scene.

Owner and baker David Bennett began toying with a cider doughnut recipe several years ago, during the pandemic. At 50, and after 35 years in the restaurant and hospitality industry, Bennett was ready to be his own boss. The idea grew into a business plan, originally for a food truck, but, as Bennett remarked, “When I learned what it takes to run a food truck, I decided it wasn’t for me. First, you have to be a mechanic, and I don’t need to be wrestling with

generators. Secondly, I’m 6’4,” I don’t fit in the truck.”

Instead, the new home of New England Cider Donuts is at 29 Main Street, which celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 23. Memorial Day weekend brought a perfect two days of warm, sunny skies, and a steady stream of customers into the shop. Bennett reported that the weekend exceeded his expectations, the make-your-own sundae bar was a major hit, and so many cider doughnuts were sold that he lost count.

A rainy Monday gave Bennett a break from the crowds, and as he ran out of inventory, he decided to close the shop early and “went home and slept for 14 hours.”

Bennett says he’s listening to customer feedback and making adjustments as he goes. The menu will likely change seasonally, but Bennett’s chef-inspired, “fast-casual,” high-quality, great food enterprise will remain

consistent. “If it’s not good enough, it’s not going out,” Bennett stated.

He explained that the entire setup is designed to be simple and efficient, and to get customers in and out quickly, although there are tables inside as well as on the patio if one wants to linger. Bennett worked with culinary consultants from the Howard Wein Hospitality (HWH) advisory team to streamline the layout.

With a master’s degree in management and hospital-



New England Cider Donuts ribbon-cutting ceremony. PHOTO PROVIDED

ity from Cornell University, Bennett spent nine years working as a project manager at the MGM Casino in Springfield, Mass., where he was responsible for opening 16 food and beverage out-

lets, with 800 line employees working for him. Bennett said this is a new type of challenge, owning his first small business. He’s eager to make that start in the Okeemo Valley.

Kids’ art on display in Ludlow businesses

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Elementary School and Mount Holly Elementary School present their annual Community Art Show Walk along Main Street in Ludlow, Vt. Each student chose two of their best art pieces from the school year

to display. You can take the art walk any day from now until June 8. Their art will be up for two weeks. Several Ludlow businesses generously allowed the art department to adorn their beautiful windows for the community to see and enjoy. Thank you for your

support of the arts and student learning.

The businesses at which the students’ art is displayed are The Book Nook, DJ’s Restaurant, Mojo Café, Jeri’s Complete Hair Design, Gamebird, Lucid, Goodman’s American Pie, and Benson’s Chevrolet.

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LMH school budget revote June 4

LUDLOW, Vt. – Voters will decide on Tuesday, June 4, whether to accept the revised budget for the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District. Voting is from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the town hall in Ludlow and the town office in Mount Holly. Residents may also vote at their town offices any time the office is open before Tuesday.

The proposed budget would increase property taxes by about 1.3% in Ludlow and 3.9% in Mount

Holly. These tax increases have been dramatically reduced since the original budget by the combination of spending reductions and actions of the state legislature.

The biggest increases in the budget are beyond local control. The largest increase of \$542,016 is the assessment to the TRSU, primarily for special education. The next increase is \$447,856 for tuition for middle and high school students, as the district no longer operates its own high school. The third big increase is \$355,117 to the capital reserve fund, primarily to replace the Mount Holly boiler. It is on its last legs, and if it were to fail next winter, the school would have to close while awaiting its replacement. The rest of the budget will decrease by more than \$200,000.

Business officer Cheryl Hammond explained that the state determined that the value of homes and property increased by 13% this year in Mount Holly and 11% in Ludlow. The complicated formula for financing schools bases the calculation on what they think the property is really worth, instead of the assessed value. As a result, even though the base budget will decrease by 10%,

taxes will go up by 1.3% in Ludlow and 3.9% in Mount Holly.

TRSU Superintendent Lauren Fierman explained that she worked with the school principals to minimize spending while maintaining the excellence of our schools. Further reductions would require reducing the number of teachers and support staff, and reduce the quality of students' education.

School committee members said that Ludlow and Mount Holly have excellent schools with better results than the Vermont average, even though we are spending less than the state average per weighted pupil. They noted that the quality of our schools attracts new residents, and that if we allow the reputation of the schools to decrease, then potential new families will be more likely to choose other towns.

Superintendent Fierman explained that the district must continue submitting budgets until the voters approve. There is no fallback budget, though the district may borrow some money to meet expenses until a budget is approved.

Kids' art at Custer Sharp

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society invites the public to see a fabulous display of children's art on the first two Saturdays in June. The Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road in Londonderry, will be open on June 1 and June 8, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. both days. Painting, prints, collage, and sculpture

created by students in K-8 at Flood Brook School will be on display at the historic house once owned by Bernadine Custer. This is a chance to see a wonderful collection of lanterns created for The Flood Brook Lantern Festival if you missed it earlier in the year. It's also the perfect stop for a visit before or after the Londonderry Farmers Market, with lots of parking available.

The student art show, "Kids'Art @ CusterSharp," is an annual tradition that has continued at the Custer Sharp House for over 30 years. This year, Flood Brook art teacher Maria French has put together a fine collection of work to share.

For more information, you may contact caseyjunkerbailey@gmail.com.

Fletcher Farm School celebrates volunteers

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen is honoring five longtime volunteers who have dedicated endless hours to Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts and its annual Arts and Crafts Festivals.

Cynthia Noyes organized the festivals for many years. Hal Bosco brought our jewelry program to life with assistance from Debi Orton, who also coordinated teaching artists to create a diverse array of workshops for our students. Joyce Fuller shared her skill in creating beautiful necktie chairs and helped countless students to register for classes. Sue Chadwick built our technology stack, enabling us to be more efficient and responsive. Additionally,

all held board positions contributing immensely to the success of the organization over the years.

To honor their contributions, a unique sculpture and pollinator garden will be unveiled on the campus grounds. This space will not only serve as a testament to the volunteers' dedication, but also as a haven for butterflies, birds, and insects.

A momentous groundbreaking celebration is scheduled for June 1, from 1-3 p.m., featuring a distinguished guest speaker, Iris Fischer-McMorrow, renowned for her love of nature and her contributions to sensory systems biology.

Fischer-McMorrow also has deep ties to the art world. Her mother ran an art gallery in Boston for over 40 years. Throughout her scien-

tific career, Fischer-McMorrow has developed her own body of photographic work influenced by color, light, and symmetry in nature. In 2021, she opened Fischer Arts Gallery in Chester, Vt.

"We are thrilled to honor these dedicated volunteers while creating a new space that combines art, nature, and conservation tenets that are deeply meaningful to our community," said Board Chair Piper Strong at the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen.

For over seven decades, the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen has been the driving force behind Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts. Established in 1947, the school has been a beacon of high-quality art education, ensuring accessibility for all.



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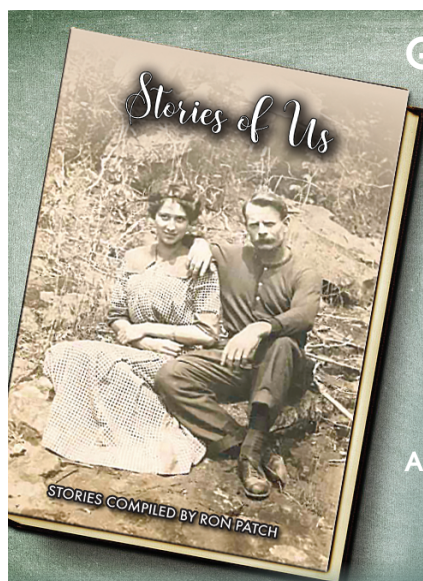
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a tax break. Others thought the camp could raise funds on their own, and agreed that the tax break didn't make sense.

Town Justice of the Peace Steve Radonis reminded the meeting of a fire that occurred across from the Bethany Birches property, and how they, "out of the kindness of their hearts, took that whole family in and put them up in their camp. It's not just about kids, they reach out to other causes for the community."

Sarah Haggie, resident of Plymouth since 2005, said the camp was "at the heart of this town," and that the town should continue to support the organization, calling it "a vital service to our children and families."

After more than 20 minutes of public comments, the moderator called for the vote. The votes were cast via paper ballot, at the request of those in attendance.

The voting results were 53 votes in favor to continue to exempt Bethany Birches from a portion of their property taxes, 42 votes opposed.

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“Stories of Us”

BY RON PATCH

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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.

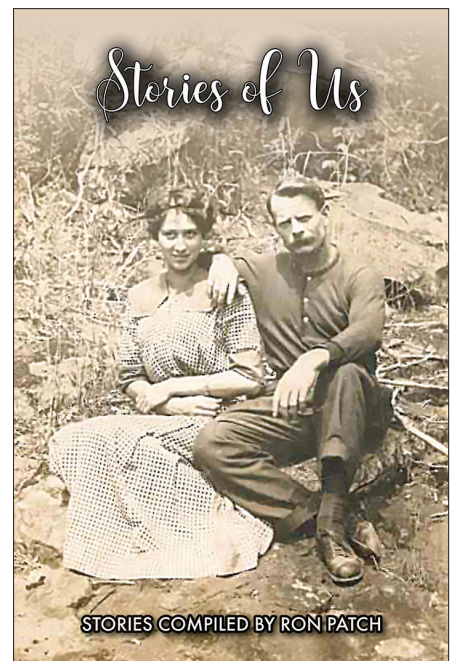
In “Stories of Us,” I used a different approach than previous books I have written. I am pleased with the way it came out. I am improving. A.W. Henry edited the book. She made me look good. And Shawntae Webb did a superb job laying out the book.

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

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.”



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

“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.

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Richard Dunseith, 1955-2024



Richard Dunseith, 1955-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

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-

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 felt 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.

Contact the Rockingham Development Office at developmentassist@rockbf.org to book a tour, or for more information.

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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.

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This is a full-time job opportunity with an extensive benefits package. To see full descriptions of the position, visit www.chestervt.gov/employment-opportunities. Interested parties should send a resume to julie.hance@chestervt.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

classifieds

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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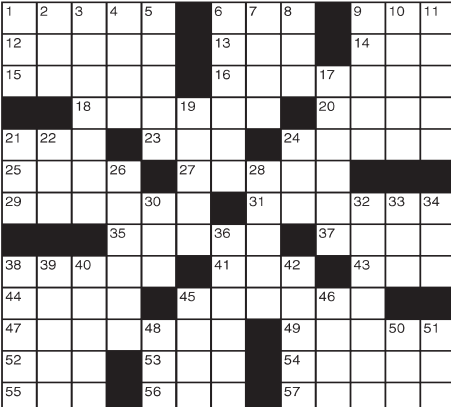
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Annoyed state
- 6 Suitable
- 9 TV schedule abbr.
- 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 Boosier of comedy
- 38 Chef's hat
- 39 Accustom
- 40 Lose a starring 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		PROBATE DIVISION
Windsor Unit		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:

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		PROBATE DIVISION
Windsor Unit		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:

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

Publication Date: May 29, 2024

Name of Probate Court: VT Superior Court / Windsor Unit / Probate Division

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

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(07/17/24 - TFN - 13)

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(11/20/24 - 52)

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(06/05/24 - 52)

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(08/14/24 - TFN - 52)

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(07/03/24 - TFN - 13)

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(08/07/24 - 26)

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.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer


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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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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.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.




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.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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.

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.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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 Armed 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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