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# Rockingham to vote at special town meeting—

**BY PAULA BENSON** 

The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. -On Tuesday, June 11, at 6 p.m., the Rockingham Selectboard met in the lower theater for their regular monthly meeting.

One of the first orders of business was presented by board member Elijah Zimmer, who proposed the town honor John Moisis, the founder of the Andrews Inn, one of the first LGBTQ establishments dedicated to the community in Vermont, by proclaiming June as John Moisis LGBTQ Pride Month in Rockingham. The motion, seconded by selectboard member John Dunbar, carried.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) was awarded a contract by the town for law enforcement services, at a cost of

The board granted re-

duced fee requests from the Bellows Falls Union High School Alumni Association, and Friends for Change: Youth Center of Bellows Falls for use of the Waypoint Center. Friends for Change will hold a three-day event at the center on Aug. 21, 22, and 23.

Bellows Falls artist Charlie Hunter has entered into an agreement with the town to loan out his original artwork, to be displayed at the downtown conferences, with all works for sale.

Town manager Scott Pickup gave the board an update on the new procedure at the town recycling center regarding separating glass from recyclables. The transfer station has added a dumpster and signage indicating where glass should now be deposited. The town also published a press release in The Shopper Newspaper to alert residents.

Selectboard member Peter Golec reported that the town currently pays \$4,000-\$5,000 annually to remove food scraps. He mentioned that other

towns have started charging for food scraps. Golec also told the board that payroll at the recycling center was an annual cost of \$100,000, when the staff

used to be volunteer.

Cowan reminded everyone of the special town meeting on June 22, with "one item on the agenda," which is a vote on when

the annual Town Meeting should take place.

The Rockingham Selectboard will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, July 23.

## **BF Alumni Parade**



The BFUHS Alumni Queen and her court. Left to right: Sa- The Class of 1982 grand prize winning "Peter Pan" float. die Scott, Riley Haskell, Queen Eryn Ross, Moriah Howarth, and Delaney Lockerby.



PHOTOS BY DOUG MACPHEE

## Parks Place elects two new board members -

**BY JOE MILLIKEN** 

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Located at 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls, the Parks Place Community Resource Center recently welcomed two new members to its board of directors, after a recent meeting held at the Parks Place

Parks Place is a community resource facility dedicated to helping local residents connect with the people, information, and resources they need in order to improve their lives. These resources include helping people to find employment, housing, food, help with parenting skills, and therapy options in the Bellows Falls area.

Aaron Eames and Tara Chase were both recently chosen to join the Parks Place Board of Directors, with both bringing wellrounded skills and experiences that broaden the base for future decisions made by the board.

Place with a strong background in construction and joins the facilities committee, which focuses on keeping the three-story house in good condition and a safe atmosphere for incoming families in the local service area. Parks Place is a beginning for Eames, who was seeking a board position in order to

give back to Rockingham. "Aaron is a committed resident of Bellows Falls," Jennifer Jung Heidbrink said in a recent interview. Heidbrink is the executive director at Parks Place. "He and his wife have three young children, and I am eager for him to share his experiences, as well as what he feels families need from Parks Place based on his experiences."

Chase understands Parks Place firsthand. She is the child of a single mother, and grew up understanding what social services were available in the Springfield area, where she lived. Chase works from a Parks

Eames comes to Parks Place office regularly, as an employee of Springfield Supportive Housing, and has a wonderful perspective of the agency that serves their clients from the same building. As with Eames, Chase has a family and deep connections to the people in this area.

"Tara has an extenbackground in social services and understands the need for more localized support in the area," Heidbrink said. "She is passionate about the work she does, and the individuals she serves. I look forward to learning from her. I am very excited to have both Aaron and Tara on the Board. I believe they will help bring new and exciting ideas to Parks Place moving forward."

To learn more or to schedule a visit, please 802-463-9927, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., or visit www.parksplacever-

# BFUHS June Elks Student of the Month -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - It is a pleasure to announce that Maya Rentas has been named the June Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS). Maya, a junior, is the daughter of Mickey Rentas Sr. of North Walpole, N.H., and Shelley Rentas of Westminster.

Maya demonstrates extraordinary academic effort in her classes. Interested in being challenged, she not only fills her schedule with high-level courses, but she works hard to improve her skills. Maya is a member of the Jesse A. Judd/Marilee Huntoon Chapter of the National Honor Society at BFUHS, and a positive role model for her peers.

Always encouraging, even when facing challenges, Maya finds her inner strength and focuses on "moving forward." She demonstrates



Maya Rentas. PHOTO PROVIDED

perseverance and integrity in everything she does, and she is a great addition to any class or activity in which she participates. Often the first student to reach out, Maya will recognize someone struggling in class and offer assistance without being asked. She is respectful and courteous, and works very well with others. An encouraging role model who leads by example,

Maya is inclusive of others and works to get everyone involved.

Not only dedicated to her academics, Maya has been involved in a number of activities during her time at BFUHS. As a member of the softball team, band, drama club, school newspaper, student council, Students of Color United, and prom committee, she has worked to not only lead and organize activities, but to get others involved.

Her community service activities are extensive as well. Her list of volunteer work already includes helping at the Grafton Nature Museum's Fairy Festival, Parks Place bake sales, BFUHS Earth Day activities, various opportunities during BFUHS basketball games, helping for holiday activities at the American Legion, and working with the youth softball program.

Clearly deserving of recognition, BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Maya represent us as a student of the month.

## Ashuelot concerts brings classical music to Kurn Hattin

Before the 2023-2024 Kurn Hattin Homes academic year came to a close in June, students and staff were treated to a stellar performance by Ashuelot Concerts, a nonprofit organization that offers schools the unique opportunity to bring music education and live classical music from some of the world's most talented musicians to their students.

Before a single note was played, Nick Burns, concert pianist and the organization's artistic and executive director, asked the Kurn Hattin Homes audience to close their eyes during

the performance and feel the music. He said, "Music moves us, quite literally."

"Once the music started, the students were mesmerized," said Lisa Bianconi, the homes' music director. "The stillness of the auditorium was evidence that their excellent musicianship created a powerful experience for all listeners in the audience."

"It was amazing what the trio could do musically. I was able to close my eyes and actually feel the music. It is not what you see, it is about what you feel in your heart," said 12-year-old Is-

Joining Nick on stage for

the music education program were concert violinist and Ashuelot Concerts' program and artistic director Louisa Stonehill, and concert cellist Francisco Vila from Ecuador, who plays a cello built in 1790. Nick explained that the trio had only rehearsed together for two days before performing at Kurn Hattin Homes, and described the experience of playing chamber music together as "a real act of friendship."

Between musical selections, Nick spoke to the children about the phenomenon of talent, encouraging them to continue practicing whatever it is that interests them so that eventually their brains could recognize and repeat the activity with more ease each time. He also talked about the musical compositions, so that the audience could listen with more understanding of the composers' intent. He explained to the children that in our world today, there are many ways to listen to music, but the only way to hear music when these pieces were written was for someone to play it live. That's one of the reasons their program is designed to be completely offline and real, no electronic enhancements or

microphones, no synthetic ingredients at all, just physical vibrations that have the power to move the human

spirit. Ashuelot Concerts School Program uses live music to inspire children to explore the limitless potential of their brains. This program brings internationally renowned musicians into local classrooms, performing for around 5,000 children each year. At the end of each presentation there is a chance for the children to ask questions and interact with the musicians. "This is a magical opportunity to witness the children's sophisticated response to

the music. For every child, the music has a unique impact on them. Some are inspired by the passionate playing of the musicians, others take away an important message about how to apply themselves in class. Our message to them is that something that feels difficult or impossible in class can quickly become achievable and enjoyable with the right attitude, work, determination, and learning techniques. Turning something impossible into something you love is at the heart of what it means to be a professional chamber musician," Louis

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## Kurn Hattin graduation

WESTMINSTER, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children marked the end of the 2023-2024 academic year with a beautiful graduation event for six outstanding eighth grade graduates.

Kurn Hattin Homes' Board President Mark Bodin opened the program by welcoming the audience and praising the graduates for their accomplishments and perseverance.

Following the invocation, flag salute, and a musical selection from the Homes' jazz band, the class salutatorian, Soma Lever, addressed the audience, and shared a valuable lesson that she learned outside of the classroom. She said, "For all the younger kids here, I want you all to know to never take Kurn Hattin for granted. As someone who is leaving here, it's scary, and it comes faster than you think. It may seem like this place is never

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ending, overly strict, but the truth is that this place shelters us, keeps us safe, and builds our confidence, until we are ready to be released into the real world, like a butterfly."

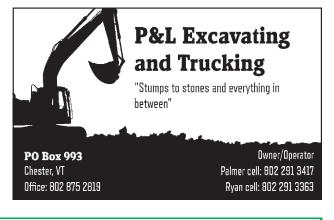
Being released into the world can be scary, but it's also an opportunity to grow and thrive. In his message to the graduates, Kurn Hattin Homes' executive director Steve Harrison said, "Your life is just beginning to open up to a new chapter. High school can be a wonderful adventure if you make it so. Striving for a good education is perhaps the most important investment you can make in your own success embrace it fully. Use the core values you have learned here - compassion, perseverance, hope, nurturance, and sense of worth - to make your life as full as possible."

In his speech, Kurn Hat-

tin Homes' valedictorian Dreyson Warren quoted Apple cofounder Steve Jobs, who once said, "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice."

Dreyson explained to the audience that the Jobs quote means a lot to him. He said, "Too many people rely on others to tell them what to do instead of making their own decisions. If you want to be successful, don't follow others around and do what they do, figure out what you want to do, and strive to do it."

After receiving their diplomas, the graduates moved their mortarboard tassels to the left, symbolizing their new status as Kurn Hattin Homes alumni.



# Rainbowpalooza in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -What do you get when you combine everything Pride with a vegfest? An incredible celebration - and the world's first - known as Rainbowpalooza, a signature event at VINE Sanctuary where you can indulge in plant-based burgers and ice cream while listening to local musicians and so much more.

Now in its second year, Rainbowpalooza take place on Saturday, June 29, from 12-5 p.m., at 21 Fairground Road in Springfield. The familyfriendly event is free, and will feature food, art and craft vendors, speakers, food demos, and music. Its mission is twofold: raising awareness about veganism as a healthy, cruelty-free, and sustainable way of life, and elevating the LGBTQ community. "By bringing together the vibrant spirit of Pride and the principles of veganism, Rainbowpalooza creates a unique space for education, celebration, and connection," says Michelle Carrera, project manager for VINE.

The lineup of speakers includes four dynamic voices in the vegan and LGBTQ spaces: Seba Johnson, a vegan since birth who made history at 14 as the youngest alpine ski racer in Olympic history and the first Black female to ski in the Olympics; Eloisa Trinidad, founder of Vegan Activist Alliance and executive director of Chilis on Wheels, who focuses on animal and human rights; Roger Barraby, winner of the International Gay Games in Mexico and a local Vermonter who helps mentor athletes from Windsor High School; and Tillie Walden, author

of five graphic novels and a webcomic, who is serving as Vermont's Cartoonist Laureate through 2026.

VINE is running this event with generous help from the Springfield Town Library and LGBTQ National Help Center, along with numerous sponsors. more information Find about it at www.rainbowpalooza.org.

VINE, which stands for "Veganism Is the Next Evolution" and "Veganism Is Not Enough," is an LGBTQ-led farmed animal sanctuary that works for social and environmental justice and animal liberation. The solar-powered sanctuary, the first to rehabilitate roosters used in cockfighting, is currently home to over 600 residents. For more information, visit www.vinesanctuary.org, or follow VINE on Instagram at @vinesanctuary.

## Walt Sayre Orchestra at Charlestown Senior Center

CHARLESTOWN, on Friday evening, June

**N.H.** – The Walt Sayre 21, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Orchestra will be per- Charlestown Senior Center, forming a free concert 223 Old Springfield Road

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## Springfield Elks Lodge celebrates Flag Day—



Nick Burlew and Wyatt James of Troop 252 perform a flag retirement ceremony.
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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Flag day is celebrated each June 14, to honor the 1777 date when the Second Continental Congress adopted America's familiar stars and stripes as the national flag.

On Sunday, June 9, Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 held its annual Flag Day service. Exalted Ruler (PER) Ed Knoras, five lodge officers, and Past Exalted Ruler Vicki Siliski led the history of the flag ceremony, while scouts from Springfield Troop 252 and honor guards from Union Street School presented the many flags honored during the service. This year's ceremony was well attended by approximately 75 scouts, students, family, friends, and members.

At the conclusion of the service, the Elks lodge performed a flag retirement ritual, with Troop 252 presenting the colors for retirement. A barbecue luncheon was served by the lodge's house committee.



Springfield Elks Lodge celebrates Flag Day.
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# A follow up

**BY RON PATCH** 

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My article last week was titled, "Betwixt and between." Fred Gonet of G&G Restorations in Proctorsville called to tell me about the photo with that article. You may recall it was a photo of an early car driving through an ice jam in Hartford, Vt., in 1908.

Fred has made a career restoring these early cars. He identified the car as a 1908 Buick Model F with a two-cylinder motor. Fred inquired of a friend if he had any information on the "02" dealer license plate. Could he find who the dealer was? Yes. The dealer was the Excelsior Carriage Company in White River.

Fred invited me to his shop in Proctorsville. I went up this past Saturday. Fred's shop is interesting. He has a turret lathe and a milling machine. He also has a jeweler's lathe for making tiny

I was there over an hour picking Fred's brain. While I have no interest in collecting cars, I really enjoyed listening to Fred.

When I left, Fred was readying two cars for a drive to the Gill Home in Ludlow. This was a program at the Gill Home to entertain elderly folks staying there.

Fred drove his 1914 Model T. His wife B.J. drove her 1931 Chrysler, both completely restored.

#### Fair to middlin'

Another subject in last week's article was excerpts from an 1840 Bellows Falls Gazette. I repeat one post here, and call your attention to "middling."

"STRAYED OR STOLEN

"From my Pasture in Londonderry, VT., on the fourth day of July, inst. a light grey six year old Horse; mixed with some red hairs; light mane and tail, middling long switch to his tail, a small bunch on the top of his right shoulder blade. Whosoever will return said Horse, or give information where he can be found, shall be handsomely rewarded, and all charges paid.

"ISAAC DECAMP Londonderry, July 20, 1840."

I have to admit "middling" got by me. I have since looked up the definition: "Middling refers to something that is medium, average, or neither very good, nor very bad." Why the switch of the tail was worth mentioning I do not know. Keeping flies away?

A common reply used to be, when you asked someone how they were doing, "Fair to middlin." I never knew "middling" was a real word, but knew it to mean "not bad."

More Bellows Falls Gazette posts

Here are more posts from the same newspaper.

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"Cash and a fair market price will be paid for clean fleece wool delivered at our store. Proctor and Robinson.

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"Proctorsville, June 17th, 1840."

No title

"Came into my enclosure about the 4th of August, a Sorrel Mare about common size, and about 9 years old, with small white spots made by the pad of the harness or saddle, and a little stripe around the breast of white, made by the collar. The owner is requested to call and pay charges and take her

away.
"RICHARDSON ROB-ERTSON South Charlestown, Aug. 12, 1840."

No title or author



Fred Gonet with his 1914 Model T he drove to the Gill Home. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

"We are happy to notice the completion of the Bridge at Bellows Falls. The noble pier in the center, and the abutment on the West side of the river, are structures which do credit to Messrs. Silsby and Sargents for the workman like manner in which they have laid the stone, and will we doubt not long remain a monument of their skill. On the New Hampshire side of the river, Nature had formed an abutment. The wood work which stretches itself from abutment to abutment across the pier, has a most striking effect; the beauty of its structure, its columns, side walks, and the entrances at each end, gives the whole a most splendid finish. Capt. Isaac Damon may well call it a master piece of workmanship; we are confident it has no parallel on Connecticut River, and we doubt if such a structure can be found crossing any stream in the Union of such strength and beauty. Its extreme length is 260 feet; width of the floor 25 feet; the oak plank laid lengthwise the Bridge; the heighth [sic] from the floor to the horizontal braces and beams 14 feet, and is 60 feet high from the water."

This week's old saying. "He was born in the shallow end of the gene pool."

# Robertson Paper Mill marker dedication held-

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -A historic marker honoring the former site of Robertson Paper Mill was recently dedicated in Bellows Falls, in conjunction with the Vermont Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference. Over 50 people were in attendance, including conferencegoers and local families whose relatives and neighbors, or who themselves worked at the 120-year-old mill prior to its closure in the 1980s and demolition in

Robin Sweetapple, president of the Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation (BFADC) said the intent behind the BFADC purchase of the building in 2013 was to preserve the building and redevelop the site. "But we quickly realized that we didn't have that option," said Sweetapple.

Decades of industrial activity had contaminated the soil, and years of neglect left the buildings unsafe and beyond rehabilitation. The difficult decision was then made to demolish the structures, mitigate hazardous waste, and ready the site for redevelopment through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Program. Nine federal, state, and local partners funded the

Funding for the Roberston Paper Mill historic marker, dedicated at the event, was a requirement of the brownfields program, as a measure

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to preserve the historical significance of the site. The marker was crafted from bricks, granite window lintels, iron I-beams, and rosette stabilizers salvaged for the kiosk during mill demolition, with an aim to provide visitors a tactile connection to the area's industrial past. "We recognize the importance of preserving the past and the streetscape," said Sweetapple. "It's a snapshot into the development of the area at that time. What was going on here and when, what economic drivers were influencing the needs – these are the same things that drive

Betsy Thurston, director of the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA), noted the critical location of the property for new downtown development through updated zoning, which will allow mixed use, transit-oriented development, including industrial, commercial retail and hous. ing. "We cherish the memory of the last remaining paper mill, while embracing the future of the Bellows Falls Designated Downtown," she said.

"The Area Wide Plan in-



The dedication of the Robertson Paper Mill historical marker.

dicates what we all desire to see on the island. The kiosk is the first step in making it all happen."

During the ceremony, Gary Fox, Town of Rockingham economic development director, noted that the site has been chosen as a finalist for a desirable, communityredevelopment project, partly due to positive discussion and community

placemaking efforts related to the historic marker proj-

Other speakers included Bellows Falls native, historian, and SUNY professor David Deacon, and Creative Catalyst Communications principal and project manager Maia Segura. More information about the project and history is available at www. rockinghamvt.org/papermill.



BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Pictured above, left to right, are Rick Matthews; Nancy McAuliffe, Bellows Falls Woman's Club president; and Eileen Charbonneau-Gullo, club member, in front of the Rockingham Free Public Library's grandfather clock. The clock was presented to the library in 1909. Rick recently refurbished the antique clock to working order, and it was rededicated to the library as it struck noon on June 1. The woman's club has been supportive of the library and the upkeep of the clock over its life.

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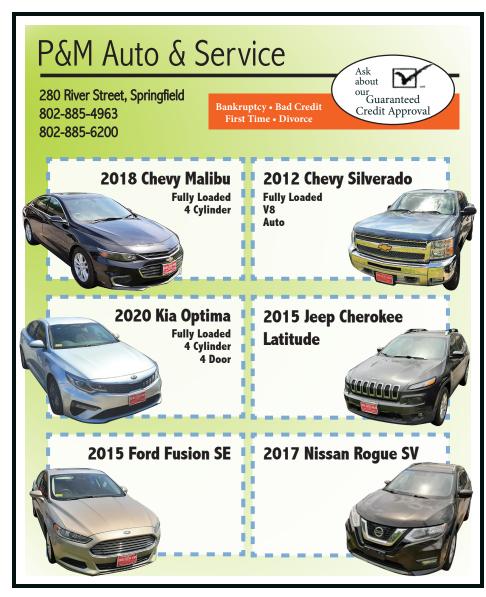
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# health & wellness

# My Community Nurse Project thanks Mountain Towns-

REGION - My Community Nurse Project (MCNP), a nonprofit agency working with the residents of Londonderry, South Londonderry, Landgrove, Peru, Weston, and Andover, is celebrating five years of service in the Mountain Towns. MCNP provides nursing care, support, and exceptional health care advocacy to the residents of these towns. Without the expense of office space, and with just one full-time and one part-time advanced practice nurse, MCNP has managed over 900 home visits this year, as well as patient transports to local clinics and to medical centers including RRMC, DHMC, SVMC, Springfield Hospital. In the first six months of 2024, we have called Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad



Mark, celebrating 97 healthful years, has been a client of MCNP since its inception.

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We want to express our

sincere thanks and deep appreciation for your ongoing support and commitment to our mission. Regina Downer, RN, MS, and Kathy Shuster, RN, MS, travel these roads daily, taking care of and assisting our friends and neighbors. We couldn't do this without

From our hearts to yours, we are grateful and hope

to continue serving the residents of our communities for many years to come. Donations are welcome, of course, but never expected, and can be mailed to MCNP, P.O. Box 57, Weston, VT 05161. Our phone number for referrals is 802-772-5607.

# Grace Cottage earns top score in Healthcare Equality Index -

TOWNSHEND, Vt. -In conjunction with Pride Month, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is pleased to announce that, once again, it has earned the highest score in Vermont in the 2024 Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) Healthcare Equality Index (HEI).

Grace Cottage, along with UVM Medical Center in Burlington and the VA Medical Center in White River Junction, tied for the top score among Vermont hospitals in the HEI Index. Nationwide, 462 healthcare facilities earned this "High Performer" designation.

The HRC Foundation's HEI is the nation's foremost benchmarking survey of healthcare facilities, scoring them based on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion of their LGBTQ patients, visitors, and employees. The HEI evaluates and scores healthcare facilities on detailed criteria, including the use of preferred pronouns and other sexual orientation and gender identification (SOGI) data in medical records, medical and workforce benefits for same-sex and domestic partners, and teamwork to reduce disparities and support the LGBTQ community.

"We are dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality care that is free from discrimination and affirming of gender identity and sexual orientation," said Doug DiVello, president and CEO of Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital. "We are very honored to have received 'High Performer' designation, which affirms that our employees are committed to providing inclusive care for all staff and for the patients that we serve."

"As anti-LGBTQ extremists look to strip away healthcare access at every turn, LGBTQ people and their loved ones are looking for healthcare providers to offer and champion

fully inclusive services," said Kelley Robinson, president of the HRC. "The Health-care Equality Index is helping people find facilities where welcoming policies and practices are the standard. We know that LGBTQ people – especially our trans families - continue to face discrimination in the doctor's office. No one should have to put their health on the backburner for fear of mistreatment in a healthcare facility or by their doc-

2024 marks the 16th anniversary of the HEI campaign. This year's HEI comes as LGBTQ adults are twice as likely as non-LG-BTQ adults to be "treated unfairly or with disrespect by a doctor or healthcare provider" in the last three years, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The impact of anti-LGBTQ legislation combined with a history of discrimination in healthcare settings has the potential to cause even more LGBTQ+ people to delay or avoid seeking healthcare, which makes the HEI even more important for those seeking care.



SPRINGFELD, Vt. - Join Shannon on Tuesday, July 9,

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tation "Just Say Yes - Legalized Cannabis for Beginners." Are you curious about the world of legalized cannabis, but don't know where to start? Join Shannon Morrill from Something Wicked Cannabis for an informative

session tailored for begin-

Town Library, for her presen-

With legalization progressing to the point that we now have recreational dispensaries open for those 21 and older in Vermont, lots of folks have questions. People who have never used pot are wondering if it might be fun or useful for them. Those who used it in youth may be wondering what options are available on the legal market. And users who have been growing or using medicinally for years might wonder what the recreational market has for them. Shannon will discuss what is currently available in the world of flowers, prerolls, vapes, edibles, tinctures, capsules, and topicals. What is THC, what is CBD, and why does it matter? How do inhalants work differently than ingestibles? This isn't your little brother's stash find out how pot has grown

Shannon has a Master of Science in genetic counseling, and worked with cancer patients for nearly 20 years. After the chaos of Covid and becoming a single mom, she decided to call on her science background and find work that was profitable, flexible, whimsical, and fun. With some money left from the sale of her house, she started Something Wicked Cannabis Company, hired some amazing new friends, and created a place where adults can feel like kids in a candy

This event is free and open to the public. Call the library at 802-885-3108 with any inquiries, or visit our calendar of events to sign up at www. springfieldtownlibrary.org/ calendar.

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## **CHURCH SERVICES**

# obituaries

## Mario D. Frangiose,

1931-2024

LUDLOW, Vt. - Mario D. Frangiose, 93, passed from this life on Saturday, June 15, 2024, with his wife Joan by his side. Mario was born May 22, 1931, in Glen Cove, N.Y., the son of Anthony and Philomena. He graduated from Power Memorial High School, and later from Saint John's University, with a master's degree in English and education.

Mario proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Korean

On May 27, 1989, Mario married Joan E. Read. They moved to their home in Vermont in 1996, and have lived here until the present time. Mario enriched the minds of students as a teacher in the Elmont Union School District for many years. In addition, he brought laughter and joy to many people as a stand-up comedian, entertaining at clubs in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

He loved music, was an avid skier, enjoyed all winter sports, and took great pride



Mario Frangiose, 1931-2024.

in caring for the home that he and Joan had built in Ludlow.

Mario is survived by his wife Joan, son Mario, daughter Angela, stepson Douglas, stepdaughter Lisa, and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, and by his son An-

Family and friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., on Wednesday, June 19, and Thursday, June 20, from 1-3 p.m., and from 5-7 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 20, at 6 p.m., at the Davis Memorial Chapel.

#### Georgia R. Wyman, 1946-2024

LUDLOW, Vt. - Georgia R. Wyman of Ludlow passed away peacefully at her home in Vermont on June 9, 2024. She was born on Feb. 15, 1946, to George and Ruth (Kenworthy) Ripley.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, splitting her time between summers in Vermont and winters in Hobe Sound, Fla. Georgia is survived by her son Stanton Wyman and his wife Lisa of North Hero, Vt., her sister Janice Lisbon, and her family of Lawrence, Kan. She is predeceased by her husband Bruce O. Wyman, and her

A graveside service at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt., will be held at a



Georgia Wyman, 1946-2024.

future date. Donations may be made to the Black River Alumni Association in lieu of flowers.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrange-

#### ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.

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

#### **BELLOWS FALLS, VT.**

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

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

#### **CAVENDISH, VT.**

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St. Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to www.facebook.com/ stjamesumcproctorsville.

#### CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471

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

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St. Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

#### CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person. Sunday services run from September to early June. Contact chestervtuu@gmail.com for a Zoom link for the service.

### LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 9 a.m. For further information, see our website at churchoftheannunciation.org, or call us at 802-228-

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### Richard G. Higley,

1927-2024

CHESTER, Vt. - Richard Gorham "Dick" Higley passed away peacefully at RiverMead Lifecare Retirement Community in Peterborough, N.H., on June 6, 2024, at the age of 96. Dick was born on Dec. 27, 1927, to the late Clifford W. "Kip" Higley Jr. and Mary Gorham Higley in Hudson Falls, N.Y., where he was raised and educated along with his younger siblings John and Barbara. After graduating from the local high school, he entered Dartmouth College with the Class of 1949, finishing his freshman year in early 1946. An early alert from the local draft board prompted Dick to enlist in the U.S. Navy for two years, most of which time was served at a communication base in Guam.

Returning to Dartmouth, he graduated in 1951. He was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. After graduation, he joined Irving Trust Company in New York City. He continued in corporate banking for 41 years, attaining the position of vice president, the final six years as vice president of the New York based office of Den-Danske Bank, the largest bank in Denmark.

In 1954, Dick married Marcia Ackerman, his sister's college roommate. They soon moved to Chappaqua, N.Y., where they lived for 36 years, and where their five children were raised and educated. An avid athlete, he was active in the tennis and platform tennis programs at a local swim and tennis club, as well as serving on the board of directors.

Upon retirement in 1992, Dick and Marcia moved to Chester, Vt., where they enjoyed their new lifestyle until Marcia passed away in 1996, after 42 years of blissful marriage. Four years later, Dick and Nancy (Gilbert) Carlisle, who had been a widowed family friend for many years in Chappaqua, were married. In addition to visiting national parks and several trips abroad Nancy, Dick enjoyed playing bridge, tennis, golf, and model railroading. A summer cottage in Chatham, Mass., enabled 30 years of



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Richard Higley, 1927-2024.

family gatherings and vacation time. They spent time skiing in Vermont during winter vacations.

As a volunteer in various Chester activities, he also served for 13 years as one of the three elected Town of Chester auditors.

In 2014, Dick and Nancy moved to RiverMead, a continuing care retirement community in Peterborough, N.H. There, Dick continued to play golf, played pool with friends, and attended numerous cultural events. Dick loved being a resident for the 10 years he lived at the very special community of River-Mead.

Dick is predeceased by his parents, his brother John (2016), by his wife Marcia (1996) the mother of his children, and by his wife Nancy (2020). Surviving is his sister Barbara (Tall) Lane in Lancaster, Pa.; and also his children Pamela (D. Scott Powell) of Bolton, Mass., Anne (William P. Johnson) of New Boston, N.H., and her twin brother Jonathan of Keene, N.H., David (Amy Carver) Boynton Beach, Fla, and Douglas (Dr. Heather Prouty) of Portland, Ore. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren. Also surviving are two stepdaughters Cynthia (Carlisle) Lovitz of Belgrade, Maine, and Deborah (Carlisle) Solomon of Los Angeles, Calif., and their

Dick will be interred next to his wife Marcia in Chester, Vt. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dick's name to Monadnock Community Hospital, 452 Old Street Road, Peterborough, N.H. 06458.

#### Howard Papineau graveside service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A graveside service for Howard Papineau, who passed away Jan. 15, 2024, will be held, with honors, on June 26, at 11 a.m., at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

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#### Francis W. Kennett Jr., 1935-2024

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Francis W. "Franny" Kennett Jr., 88, died on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born July 25, 1935, in Montgomery, Vt., the son of Francis Sr. and Louise (Lavender) Kennett. He graduated high school in Iowa.

Franny was a building contractor, owning and operating construction, concrete, and masonry businesses in the area for many

He enjoyed building, hunting, riding motorcycles, and camping. He is survived by his wife

of 50 years Etta (Gates) Kennett; two daughters Vickie Hood (Don) and Tamra Howe (Mike); stepson Bruce Tucker Jr. (Carla); siblings Robert Kennett, Cathy Kennett, and Gary Kennett; four grandchildren; three great-



grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cous-

He was predeceased by his parents; one son Ronald F. Kennett; and by his siblings Carol, Diane, Betty, Juanita, Debbie, Clifford and Andy. A private burial will be

held at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., is assisting with arrangements.

#### James V. Mazza, 1932-2024

WINDHAM, Vt. - James V. Mazza, 91, a resident of Lower Birch Circle, passed away Saturday, June 8, at his home, surrounded by his family. Jim was born in Waltham, Mass., on July 24, 1932, the son of the late Carmen and Anna (Curley) Mazza, and attended Watertown, Mass., schools.

Jim was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, where he served as a medic on the front line. Upon being honorably discharged, Jim worked as a mechanic in the Army National Guard until he retired. He spent over 40 years as Sicklerville, N.J., fire chief and commissioner. He was a former deacon and trustee at New Brooklyn United Methodist Church in New Jersey, and in his later years was deacon and trustee for the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry. Jim dedicated his life to

serving family, country, community, and church, and cherished times spent with his family, especially his grandchildren. Jim is survived by his wife Adelaide (Bierbrunner) Mazza of Windham; children Sharon Sharp of Hammonton, N.J., David Pettit (Patricia) of Londonderry, Vt., and Ronald Pettit (Angie) of Sicklerville, N.J.; his brother Carmen Mazza (Peg) of Florida; his sister Ann Matthews (John) of Maine; grandchildren David Pet-



James Mazza, 1932-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

tit, Trisha Belville, Nicole Surace, Vincent and Anthony Sharp, and Allie Pettit; and nine great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his brothers Thomas and Joseph Mazza, and his sister-in-law Carol Mazza.

A Celebration of Life for Jim will be held Friday, Aug. 2, at 4 p.m., at New Brooklyn United Methodist Church in Williamstown, N.J. A reception will follow. There are no visiting hours. If friends desire, memorial gifts in Jim's memory may be made to the Springfield Senior Center. Brewster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 885, Manchester Center, VT 05255. To send the family personal condolences, please visit www. sheafuneralhomes.com. The family has entrusted arrangements to the care of Brewster-Shea Funeral Home, 34 Park Place, Manchester Center, Vt.

#### **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.

#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at www. VermontJournal.com.



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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### JUNE 21 -

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. -Vermont born and raised performer, producer, and songwriter Aleda Bliss presents her Solstice Birthday Dance Party and Album Release on Friday, June 21, from 5-10 p.m., at the Heart Rose Club in Brattleboro, Vt. From 5-7 p.m., the event will feature a treasure market, a listening room for Aleda's album, tarot and intuitive readings, chair massage, new seasonal bar and cafe menu, and tours of the space. 7-10 p.m. is a dance party. Admission is by suggested donation. Come ring in the summer

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together in style.

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. -On Friday, June 21, from 5-7 p.m., Hot Noodles will be performing sizzling jazz 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 22 -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sound Investment will be playing classic rock and modern country music on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., at VFW Post 771, 191 River

Street. This performance is open to the public. For more information, call 802-885-6008.

#### **JUNE 25 -**

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. -On Tuesday, June 25, from 5-7 p.m., The Buzzards will be performing bluegrass, country, and Americana at the West Townshend Country Store's burger 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 27 -**

LUDLOW, Vt. - A retirement party for Ludlow Fire Chief Peter Kolenda will be held on Thursday, June 27, from 4-7 p.m., at the Ludlow American Legion. Chief Kolenda has served as Ludlow's fire chief for 25 years. Help celebrate his accomplishments and wish him good luck in his new chapter to come. All are welcome.

#### JUNE 29 -

WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven Music School will hold a Senior Session Faculty Concert on Saturday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m., at Kinhaven Concert Hall. A free wine and cheese gathering will be held

outside of the concert hall before the concert, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.kinhaven.org/ kinhaven-concerts.

#### **SUNDAYS** -

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - The Plymouth Historical Society, located in the former Plymouth Elementary School on Route 100 in Plymouth Union, is open Sunday afternoons, from 2-4 p.m. Visit our museum, or do research on your Plymouth ancestors. Watch for the "Open" flag.

#### **MONDAYS** -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension, Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@ springfieldmed.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.oa.org.

#### TUESDAYS -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Come check out TOPS -Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS -

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Knitting Together, every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., at Village Square Booksellers, knitting hats and mittens for our school kids. We provide yarn, some direction, and an enjoyable visit. Acrylic yarn donations are always welcome. For more information, contact Caroline at 802-463-4653.

#### THURSDAYS -

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

WALPOLE, N.H. -Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church at the

corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

GRAFTON, Vt. - A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

#### FRIDAYS -

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. -Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street, will hold the "Originals & Traditionals" Open Mic Night on the fourth Friday of every month, from 7-9 p.m., hosted by musician Putnam Smith. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m. All material should be original or "traditional" (i.e., in the public domain). Each performer can perform two songs or up to 10 minutes, whichever comes first. If you have any questions, please contact Smith at putnamsmith@gmail.com.

#### SATURDAYS -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email

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#### The Expeditionary School at Black River is Hiring!

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- Custodian Part Time

Preferred Candidates must have appropriate training, experience or degree for the position (VT state licensure not required, but preferred). For more information, contact Gary Blodgett, ESBR Board Chairperson at gblodgett@ esblackriver.org.

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Further information is available on the Town website: www. londonderryvt.org. Applicants must complete and submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site. Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Other supporting information from applicants is

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#### **Invitation to Bid** The Town of Andover is seeking Winter Sand bids for the 2024/25 season

Submit bids for 2,000 yards of winter sand both FOB and delivered, available as of July 1, 2024. Please indicate whether more will be available if needed.

Bids will be received until June 24, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and opened at the Select Board Meeting on June 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Office.

Please mail bids to: Andover Town Office - Winter Sand 953 Weston Andover Road Andover, Vermont 05143 or email to: clerk@vermontel.net

The Town of Andover reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover, VT this 11th day of June, 2024. Jeanette Haight, Clerk

#### PART TIME WINDOW CLERK

The Town of Charlestown seeks qualified applicants for the position of Part-Time Window Clerk, working under the administrative direction of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

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### WARNING FOR A LONDONDERRY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry in Londonderry, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. for a Special Town Meeting to transact the following business from the floor:

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., the following business will be transacted from the floor:

Article 1: To elect the following officer:

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#### Notice to Londonderry Voters

BEFORE MEETING DAY: CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by June 13, 2024. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.vermont.gov.** 

ON MEETING DAY: If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form. (! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information!)

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the document that contains your name/current address.

If you have any questions or need assistance in regards to this meeting, ask your town clerk or any election official for

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote. Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place. Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place. Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Town Clerk at 802 824 3356 ext 101 or Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE

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### **CALENDAR**

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APPLICANT: Anthony & Catherine Valente P.O. Box 176 Ludlow, VT 05149 PROPERTY LOCATION: DeRoo Lane Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

Parcel No. 070102-100

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is to subdivide one 10.35 acre parcel into two parcels of 6.99 acres and 3.36 acres. The project is in the Town Residential district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-005

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

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APPLICANT: Homestyle Properties 119 Main Street Ludlow, VT 05149 PROPERTY LOCATION: Homestyle Hostel 119 Main Street Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a Flood Hazard Review due to damage caused by the flood of 2023. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 504-24-FHR

Parcel No. 230431-000

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#### **LMHUUSD School Board** Has an Immediate Opening

The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District (LMHUUSD) seeks one Ludlow Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025. The Board meets regularly, the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to: LMHUUSD Board c/o Lauren Fierman 609 VT Route 103 South Ludlow, Vermont 05149

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APPLICANT: John and Susan Marchica 83 Main Street Springfield, VT 05156 PROPERTY LOCATION: 28-30 Main Street Ludlow, Vermont, 05149 Parcel No. 230540-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a Flood Hazard Review and the replacement of a building damaged by the flood of 2023. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial district.

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APPLICANT: Del Tufo Real Estate, LLC 975 Bixby Road Ludlow, VT 05149 PROPERTY LOCATION: Eight Oh Brew 145 Main Street Ludlow, Vermont, 05149 Parcel No. 230410-006

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a Flood Hazard Review and to rebuild from the damage caused by the flood of 2023. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial district.

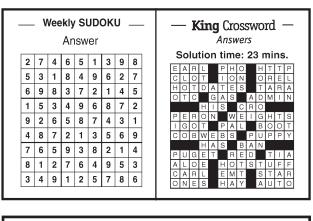
APPLICATION NUMBER: 464-18-FHR, Amendment No. 3

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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.

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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

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> NOTICE OF SALE **Emerald Acres Investments, LLC** Parcel # 282013

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# arts & entertainment

# Canal Street Gallery upcoming shows

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Canal Street Art Gallery presents the sixth annual Vermont Summer Group Show, the Medora Hebert "For the Love of Bog" solo show, and the Jennifer L. Anderson "When Summer Sings" solo show. All three shows open on Third Friday Gallery Night in historic downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., on June 21. Join the gallery from 5-7 p.m. to celebrate summer in Vermont with an opening reception for the artists, accompanied by live music from Kenneth Rokicki playing electric/synthesized guitar, and acoustic six- and 12-string guitar. All gallery events are free and open to the public; for wheelchair accessibility, call 802-289-0104.

The sixth annual Vermont Summer Group Show is honored to include artwork from the following 19 local artists: Christine Cole, Meghan Dougherty, Robert DuGrenier, Laura Dunbar, Len Emery, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Kathleen Govotski, Joshua Aron Gray, Brooks Heley, Margo Hubec, Deedee Jones, Carol Keiser, Jean Krasno, Kathy Lavine, Kestrel Marcel, Pat McPike, Walker Saville, Dierdre Michelle, and Teresa

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Love of Bog" exhibits new printed images by the artist of one of her favorite places to practice photography: wetlands. Hebert is a photographer trained in photojournalism, and has creatively seen the medium from the darkroom to the digital studio, embracing the changes along the way. Pushing her work to new and uncertain places, the artist's "For the Love of Bog" series finds abstract compositions using the textures, reflections, light, and wildlife of the bog.

The Jennifer L. Anderson "When Summer Sings" solo show is a collection of 11 watercolor paintings depicting the artist's "spiritual study of life." Artworks with titles such as "A Wonderful Peace (Barn Owl)," "Breathe in All the Stars (Rabbit)," "Curiosity (Raven)," and "The Grace of You (Bobcat)," all show Anderson's effortless representations of wildlife, made in two dimensional compositions without backgrounds, presented as emotional portraits of the subjects.

The gallery also is excited to announce, with the opening of this summer's show, the creation of its first contracted position of exhibition manager. Currently apprenticing for the posi-

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tion by managing the sixth annual Vermont Summer Group Show is Brooklyn Merrill of Charlestown, N.H. Merrill is currently pursuing degrees in art history and business, and can be reached at brooklyn@canalstreetartgalley.com.

This year, as part of the sixth annual Vermont Summer Group Show, the public is invited to participate in the voting process for awards given to three artworks in the show. Votes for favorite artworks are cast by inperson ballot at the gallery. The three artworks in the show with the top amount of votes will receive the following prizes. For third place, the artwork will be included in one of the gallery's regular hanging displays at the Hartford and Guilford, Vt., welcome centers. The second-place artwork's creating artist will receive a place in the 2024 Art for All Seasonal Group Show. The artist earning first place will be awarded a guest solo spotlight show at Canal Street Art Gallery, to be scheduled in 2025, a show typically offered only to represented art-

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in historic downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday-Saturday, from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. For more information about the sixth annual Vermont Summer Group Show, the Medora Hebert "For The Love of Bog" solo show, or the Jennifer L. Anderson "When Summer Sings" solo show, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@ canalstreetartgallery.

# Keith Murphy and James Carson at Next Stage

**PUTNEY, Vt.** - Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present an album release concert for Keith Murphy and Band's "Bright as Amber," at Next Stage on Friday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m.

For many years, Keith Murphy has been forging a distinctive sound in the world of traditional song. He is a noted instrumentalist, and well known for his playing with Nightingale, Childsplay, Boston Revels, Tony Barrand, Hanneke Cassel, Yann Falquet, and his most enduring collaborator, his wife and fiddler Becky Tracy. He is also the founder and artistic director of the Brattleboro Music Center's Northern Roots Festival.

After three acousticbased solo recordings, Keith turned to a new instrumental lineup for his most recent solo project, "Bright as Amber," which delicately incorporates bass, drums, and electric guitar over his fingerstyle acoustic guitar and singing of old songs. Bringing this sound to the stage is

a band of incredible musicianship. Anand Nayak is a Grammy-nominated producer and multi-instrumentalist who crafts beautifully sensitive and atmospheric textures on electric guitar; Richie Barshay is member of the Klezmatics, and is a drummer of astounding range and musicality; Ty Gibbons is an acclaimed composer for film and TV, and a member of the Vermont indie folk band Red Heart the Ticker. As an acoustic bass player, he melds an understanding of traditional folk song with his other wide-ranging musical talents.

There will also be a documentary screening and piano recital at Next Stage on Saturday, June 22, at 7 p.m. At this unique event, Next Stage presents James Carson's self-directed documentary "Cabin Music," followed by a brief Q and A, and a live piano recital by

Cabin Music is New York pianist and filmmaker Carson's two-decade effort to transform the ways in which music is created and experienced by audiences. Hailed

as a childhood prodigy, Carson's first orchestral works were performed by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra at age 16. His subsequent studies at the New England Conservatory, with giants including Cecil Taylor, Joe Maneri, and the poet Robert Creeley, led him to a dramatic life change: he walked away from music to backpack overland from Spain to Japan, then built a remote straw bale cabin in the pursuit of creating a new form of music. Carson's performances remove his own intentions by receiving and channeling all forces and energies within and beyond the performance space. He, and his award-winning, self-directed feature documentary film debut "Cabin Music," now tour internationally, initiating audiences into the project's global ori-

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance online. Advance ticketing closes two hours before showtime. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit www.nextstagearts.org.

# Planet Zydeco on Putney Tavern lawn

**PUTNEY, Vt.** - Twilight Music continues its 21st Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series of folk-rock, bluegrass, world beat, jazz, pop, and zydeco summer concerts on Sunday, June 23, with an evening of Cajun and zydeco music by Planet Zydeco. The seven-concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 18. All concerts begin at 6 p.m., in down-

lawn chair or blanket - or at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill, in case of rain. Copresented with Next Stage Arts Project, the series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, The Mockingbird Tavern, Rod's, and many other Putney-area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public, donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.

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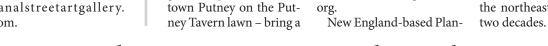
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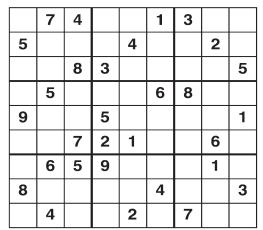
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This cherished event is organized by the New Hampshire nonprofit The Acworth Community Project. The goal is to raise funds to support the Acworth Village Store, a beloved community gathering place and historical treasure.

In the event of rain, the MusicFest will be rescheduled to July 13.

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# arts & entertainment

# Springfield Community Players present "Waiting for a Eulogy"——

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The current production of the Springfield Community Players is a staged reading of the play "Waiting for a Eulogy" by local author Larry

Kraft's play is subtitled "Another tragicomedy in two acts," because it is inspired by Samuel Beckett's classic play "Waiting for Godot." Like the original, the theme is friendship and the meaning of life.

In "Waiting for a Eulogy," two travelers on the road of life once again banter and bicker about the things they may or may not have done - only this time they are in a bar, and one of them is dead.

They share memories and find meaning in their past interactions as they take turns struggling to honor Hospital, where he was each other's death. As they engage in a variety of humorous and insightful discussions and encounters, their friendship reveals itself to be stronger in death than it ever was in life.

Patty Greene-Pawelczyk, director of the performance, says, "This will be the play's debut, and we are very excited to host this special show."

In addition to its production in Springfield, the play has been published at the literary website Open: Journal of Arts and Letters. Kraft has also written two short plays, a long one-act play, and has had one of his short stories published.

Kraft, who has lived in Springfield for almost 25 years, was director of development at Springfield

emcee for 20 annual performances of its Apple Blossom Cotillion. He also coproduced and hosted a video celebration of that event's history on SAPA TV, and wrote many feature articles for the Springfield Reporter newspaper.

Performances of "Waiting for a Eulogy" are Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Springfield Community Players Theater, 165 South Street, Springfield.

The theater will host "Meet the Playwright" following the reading. Reservations and tickets are not required. A suggested donation is requested at the door. The theater opens at 7 p.m.

# Celebrate Pride at Disco Inferno with Bellows

## Falls Pride

**BELLOWS** FALLS, Vt. - From 1973-1984, the Andrews Inn provided safe haven, lodging, and the best parties for the LGBTQ community in rural New England. Visitors would board Amtrak trains from as far south as Washington, D.C., to make their way to the unlikely destination of Bellows Falls, Vt. Close out the month of June Pride events and revisit those iconic days on Saturday, June 29, from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., with a disco dance party at Ciao Popolo, former home of the Inn, which is located at 36 The Square in downtown Bellows Falls. DJ Chele will be there

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photo will receive two free tickets. The photo, as well as ticket information, can be found at www.ramp-vt.org/ events/disco-inferno. This event is for those 18 and older. Cash bar and appetizers will be available for purchase. To learn more



Two free tickets will be given to those who can guess the identity of the person in this photo.

about the history of the Andrews Inn, visit www. thesecretlifeofdeath.com/ tslod-episodes. For event information, visit www. bellowsfallspride.com, contact bellowsfallspride@ gmail.com, or find us on

## **Ludlow Summer** Sunday Evening schedule

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Town of Ludlow is proud to announce the schedule for the Summer Sunday Evenings at the Ludlow Bandstand at Veterans Memorial Park for the summer of 2024. All shows are free and open to the public.

Concerts start at 6:30 p.m., and go until 8 p.m. Our rain venue has been moved to the renovated Ludlow Town Hall. The Town of Ludlow has been presenting these shows for over 40 years, and we hope you will come out and join us. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged.

The schedule is as follows: June 30, Gypsy Reel; July 7, Springfield Community Band; July 14, Sammy Blanchette and Friends; July 21, Better Days Band; July 28, Larry Ebere; Aug. 4, Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble; Aug. 11, Rick Redington and the Luv.

The July 4 celebration will be held on July 5 (with a July 6 rain date), featuring Rustie Bus.

# "Bigs and Littles" art exhibition

WALPOLE, N.H. -"Bigs and Littles," a oneday exhibition of abstract art, will enliven the Howell Studio on Old Keene Road in Walpole, N.H., on June 29. In a novel pricing scheme, the works will be sold by the square inch.

The works, by Walpole artists David Howell and Reed, are lively abstractions, Reed's mostly miniature, and Howell's as big as 30 inches by 40 inches. The prices are figured at

65 cents per square inch, or, in the case of many of Reed's, per cubic inch

Both Howell and Reed have been making art for most of their lives. Howell was also a research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, and a professor at Stanford.

In retirement, he has been a leader of the Windham World Affairs Council and the Walpole International Affairs Discussion Group, a trustee of the Brattleboro Museum, and an active member of the Walpole Artisans Cooperative. A wine

aficionado, Howell consults with vintners in California, and regularly leads tours of wine-producing areas in this country and abroad.

Reed has been a teacher of art, writing, and especially French language in Vermont schools and

colleges. He and his wife Lynne owned Misty Valley Books in Chester, Vt., for many years, before retiring to Walpole eight years ago.

The exhibition at the Howell Studio off Old Keene Road, a mile south of downtown Walpole, will be open on June 29, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.





Bigs by David Howell. PHOTO PROVIDED



Littles by Bill Reed. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Library short story discussion, "Notions of the Sacred"———

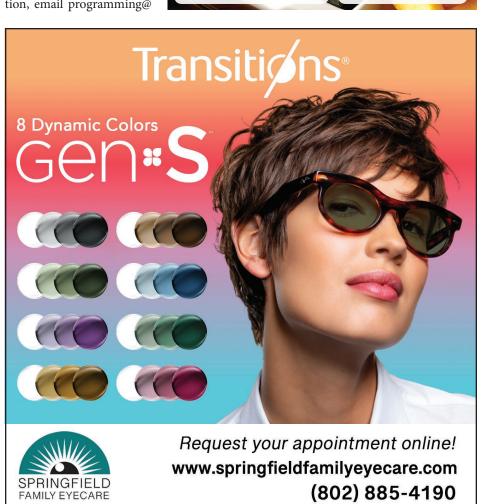
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - rockinghamlibrary.org, Pick up a copy of the short story "Notions of the Sacred" by Aysegul Savas, and join the discussion on Monday, July 1, at 3 p.m.

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long-term HIV survivor and author of My Fabulous Disease

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# arts & events

## **OUTDOOR**

# HCRS annual golf tournament fundraiser

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. -Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), Vermont's southeastern nonprofit community mental health agency, is thrilled to announce their upcoming Golf Tournament & Silent Auction Fundraiser, set to take place on Friday, June 28, at the beautiful Brattleboro Country Club in Brattleboro, Vt. This highly anticipated event will bring together golf enthusiasts, local businesses, and many other supporters to raise essential funds for a housing contingency fund. This critical fund will provide needed support for clients who are unhoused or are at risk of becoming unhoused.

In addition to a fantastic

day of golf, attendees will will include the golf tourhave the chance to win exciting prizes, participate in a 50-50 raffle, and enjoy a delicious catered lunch and an evening banquet. Participants can register individually or as teams of up to four, and sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses and organizations looking to support a worthy cause while gaining visibility within the community. All proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit HCRS clients, helping to ensure no one is left out in the cold.

The tournament will be held on Friday, June 28, beginning at 12 p.m., at Brattleboro Country Club in Brattleboro, Vt. Activities

nament, prizes, raffle, catered lunch, evening banquet, balloon pop, silent auction, and much more.

To register for the tournament or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www. hcrs.org/support-hcrs. php, or contact Kelsie Fraser, PR coordinator, at kfraser@hcrs.org.

George Karabakakis, HCRS CEO, invites the community to get involved in this fundraiser, sying, "Join HCRS for a day of golf and camaraderie while making a meaningful impact for a cause that is critical in our community. We look forward to your involvement."

# Intro to fishing clinics

**REGION** - The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will be conducting "Introduction to Fishing Clinics" open to the public throughout the summer.

"Families across Vermont often turn to fishing during the summer months for a popular family outing," said Fish and Wildlife education specialist Corey Hart. "Our educational fishing programs provide new anglers with the information they need to be successful on the water, and additional programs will be added as the summer progresses.

"Join us for a hands-on evening of fishing fun at one of these clinics, which will be perfect for those who have never been fishing before, or for those looking to refresh their

The "Whooo's That?" pro-

skills. Topics covered will include knot tying, fishing regulations, casting, ecology, and more."

Three of the currently scheduled clinics focus on a general introduction to fishing. Our region will host one of them on Friday, June 28, from 6-8:30 p.m., at Hapgood Pond Recreation Area in Peru, Vt. Register at www.register-ed. com/events/view/214606.

## Discover local wildlife ——

**BELLOWS** Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library is excited to announce the summer reading kickoff event, "Whooo's That? Backyard Identifying Wildlife," presented by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum on

Explore the diverse

gram will be presented by an educator from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, who will share their knowledge and insights into the identification and habits of local wildlife. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to identify various animals commonly found in Vermont, discover interesting facts about the behaviors and habitats of these creatures, participate in interactive discussions and activities to build your wildlife identification skills, and get an up-close look at the live

This event is free and open to the public; financial support from this program has been provided by the Vermont Department of Libraries. Whether you are a seasoned naturalist or just beginning your journey into the world of wildlife observation, "Whooo's That? Identifying Backyard Wildlife" promises to be an informative and enjoyable event for all ages. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email youthservices@ rockinghamlibrary.org, visit www.rockinghamlibrary. org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Tuesday, July 2, at 5 p.m.

wildlife that inhabits our own backyards. This program is perfect for nature enthusiasts, families, and anyone interested in learning more about the creatures that share our environment and meeting some live animals.

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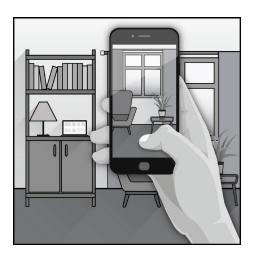


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