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Londonderry discusses zoning bylaw public hearing rules, process

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
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LONDONDERRY, Vt. – At their June 3 meeting, the Londonderry Selectboard discussed the rules, regulations, and process by which the upcoming zoning bylaw amendment public hearing would be held.

Though the town hall renovation committee was not present, the board briefly discussed proposals for the town hall basement dehumidification project. The board awarded the consultation services and project contract to Matt Clark's Northern Basement Systems, a professional basement waterproofing contractor and crawl space repair expert, for \$2,205.

It was then discussed that there would be a short closure on Barker Road, and a request for signage on Brophy Lane for the bridge that is no longer there. There is a Jersey barrier in place, "No one is going to mistake it for a bridge," commented board member Taylor Prouty. The selectboard debated the necessity for a sign for a bridge that has been out for over 50 years, and decided to contact the state for proposals or requirements.

The meeting moved to an open dialogue on the procedures that would be used for the public hearing for the zoning bylaws. At the previous meeting that allowed for public input, each person was allotted three minutes to speak. Some felt like they were watching the clock. The board agreed that five minutes per person was a fair amount of time, and once everyone has had a chance to speak, they would go back around the room for any follow up comments or questions. The second round will allow three minutes per person.

There was some concern that business owners and

renters that would be impacted by the zoning bylaws would want to voice their concerns at the public hearing. Similarly to the annual Town Meeting restrictions, the public hearing will allow registered voters and property owners to speak.

Board member Martha Dale suggested that "experts" should be allowed to answer questions, such as a development review board member, who can speak on behalf of their board as to why a regulation was written a certain way, or explain in more depth what the bylaw means. The board agreed, appointing zoning administrator Will Goodwin, noting they want a reasonable question and answer session without a lot of back and forth, allowing the meeting to keep moving forward.

The board said they have also received emails from residents with questions about the bylaws, and explained that if they are not able to attend the public hearing, their written statements or questions would be read aloud for them. It was also discussed to have a simple question and answer sheet, along with a "decision table," to give quick answers to residents.

A public question was then asked, "What will happen after discussion?" Cavanagh explained, assuming they will be making many changes after the hearing, they will have to warn another hearing, and the process of meetings and hearings would continue "until most of the public is happy with it."

The board explained that the process really depends how the first public hearing goes. The selectboard can make a series of changes at a regular selectboard meeting, warn a public hearing to make the amendments, and adopt the updated bylaws if it is satisfactory to the public. Or, if it is de-

termined there are too many changes that need to be made, the board can vote to disapprove the bylaws and send them back to the planning commission to make all of the necessary updates to satisfy the majority of the general public.

Dale asked if it was a reasonable scenario to adopt the bylaws knowing they would go back and make amendments right away. This resulted in some heated comments from the room that there were many people at the last meeting who were very dissatisfied with the bylaws as written, and they should not be passed. Cavanagh voiced that he would not vote to approve the bylaws knowing they needed changes.

Another spoke in opposition, expressing that there is a housing crisis in the region, and the current bylaws restrict the construction of more housing because of regulations currently in place. She said she welcomes the discussion, but doesn't like that the discussion is creating a division in their community. "I just wanted to say that not doing anything isn't helping our community either."

The process and rules for the zoning bylaw public hearing will be posted on the town's website, www.londonderryvt.org. The public hearing will be held on Monday, June 17, at 5 p.m., at the town hall.

The board will host a candidate night and special town meeting on Saturday, July 13, to introduce new potential selectboard members.

The selectboard regularly meets on the first and third Monday of each month, at 6 p.m.

Chester tweaks nuisance, STR ordinances

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – At the first of two regular monthly meetings on June 5, 2024, the Chester Selectboard reviewed two draft ordinances – the newly proposed nuisance ordinance, and the long-discussed short-term rental (STR) ordinance.

Prior to these discussions, town manager Julie Hance reported to the board that the town had been awarded a \$200,000 Downtown Transportation Grant to electrify and improve the Chester Green. Hance noted that these changes would not greatly alter the Green, but would comprise primarily of "enhancements and traffic calming measures."

Moving into their discussion of the nuisance ordinance, the board began review of a draft ordinance based on one provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. While discussing the ordinance's statement of purpose, board member Tim Roper raised an issue which became the board's central focus of the discussion: the differing needs of densely populated village districts as opposed to those of the more rural districts.

Roper expressed concern with the wording of the purpose statement, particularly a section which referred to animals with an "ability to produce noise detrimental to the enjoyment of life, property, and the conduct of business, and the risk they pose of transmitting communicable diseases...when not properly confined."

"I struggle with that statement," Roper said, "because farm animals are noisy." Roper raised the issue of a rooster crowing, and wondered if this would be grounds for a neighbor to lodge a complaint, particularly against a farm in a rural area of town.

Hance responded that the issue hinges on the phrase "when not properly confined," particularly with relation to the transmission of disease. Board member Arianna Knapp noted that the "purpose statement is aspirational," and not actually an enforceable section of the document. The board then moved forward to discuss more relevant segments of the ordinance, but the central theme of village versus rural districts continued to be a sticking point.

Impoundment of offending animals also caused some discussion. Hance explained that this would need to be handled on a "case-by-case" basis, as what to do with impounded animals

and who, if anyone, would be willing to take them, would differ based on the kind of animals in question, their health, and a number of other factors.

The board did clarify that this ordinance was meant to refer to domesticated livestock animals, and not pets which reside primarily in the home.

Knapp and Hance agreed to compare notes after the meeting and make relevant changes to the document, for future discussion by the board.

The board then moved on to discuss their pending STR ordinance, which had been marked up similarly to the nuisance ordinance at the previous meeting, and the changes reviewed by town attorney Jim Carroll. Some minor changes were made, particularly with regard to language involving the timeline for payment of penalties. The original document stated only that penalties must be paid in a "timely" manner. The board felt that a definitive timespan would be preferable, settling on 30 days.

Board Chair Arne Jonynas was hopeful that a final copy of the document would be put before the board to be signed at the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall.

Plymouth talks STR noncompliance

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Selectboard reviewed their bidding policy for purchasing goods and services, and also discussed getting a number of noncompliant short-term rental (STR) units registered at their June 3 meeting.

The bidding policy is in place for goods and services that total more than \$20,000, as currently outlined in the policy. This means anything over that amount, the town would be required to put the item, project, or service out to bid with a warning, hearing, and a number of steps, in order to move forward with what needs to be purchased.

Board Chair Jay Kullman expressed that he didn't think that requests for proposals always get you the best price. Alternatively, if the town needed to get something done quickly, putting it out to bid would take more time than finding a local contractor to come fix the issue, for example, noting that a general contractor tends to have more line items that may even get more expensive than a local contractor. Kullman felt it's not always the best

use of taxpayer's money.

Board member Keith Cappellini voiced that he thought the number should be reduced to \$10,000 in order to be required to put something out to bid, or to have two people sign off on the expense. He noted at a time of inflation, it's better to scrutinize how they are spending money. "Shop around...buy a different brand...go to New Hampshire to buy something," he suggested.

Bruce Pauley, zoning board of adjustment member, added that a planned maintenance could more easily be put out to bid, as there is time to do so. If a piece of equipment were to break down, he thought that process may not be the best option in order to efficiently get it back up and running.

The overall consensus of the board and those in attendance was to change the whole policy.

STR assistant Michelle Pingree notified the board that a handful of property owners have not registered their STR units. The board said they are out-of-town owners who have not been easy to reach upon multiple attempts to get them in compliance.

Kullman explained the board will now follow the STR ordinance and register each rental with the court

system. He felt it is important to have one person or custodian be in contact with the court and oversee the process for each rental. Kullman moved to appoint town clerk Angela Kissell to facilitate. STR administrator Frank Vetere would be the individual who would issue the ticket to each rental unit and be in contact with Kissell.

The board agreed that they need to get the attention of those who have been ignoring the ordinance, requesting the owners register their units by a certain date or the appropriate fines would commence. "We haven't been heavy handed," Kullman noted.

Kullman said they have the capacity to fine \$100 per day per rental, until they are in compliance. Kullman added, "If you're a nonresident, I'd like to look at increasing those fees."

The board also heard from Kyle Katz from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission, and Jessica Louisos, a water resource engineer from SLR Consulting, on Zoom. They discussed the Resilience Initiative for Vermont Empowerment and Recovery (RIVER) project, which is in response to the towns most impacted by the flooding,

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LRC delivers books to Mount Holly students

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Recently, Bret Harlow, a member of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), delivered customized books to members of Mount Holly Elementary School. This is a continuation of LRC's ongoing program of providing books to help increase student interest in reading.

The books had a customized appeal to each of the first grade students. Each book contained the student's printed name.



Bret Harlow reading to Mount Holly Elementary School first graders.

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Rotary learns how Americans are received in Vietnam today

LUDLOW, Vt. – At its recent meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) heard from an American consultant, Trevor Weltman, about his activities in Southeast Asia. Weltman is a partner in and developmental consultant for Clickable Impact, headquartered in Hanoi, Vietnam. Clickable Impact is an internationally based company that provides development and sustainable tourism planning.

In describing his activities, Weltman has spent the last 15 years involved with Southeast Asia. He noted that living abroad had caused him to feel very humble about living with a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds. He specifically commented that, "It's hard to imagine how different cultures and people are, yet how much alike we all are."

While discussing what it is like to live abroad, he also believed that America, his native country, has changed when viewed in the context of the rest of the world. One comment exploring this feeling was that, "The American dream is alive and well, except in the United States." He went on to express his personal feeling that America's preeminence in the world had decreased.



Left to right: Trevor Weltman, development consultant for Clickable Impact in Asia; Ralph Pace, Rotarian; and Kevin Barnes, Rotarian.

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When asked how the people in Vietnam felt about Americans, Weltman cited a personal recollection.

When he first visited the mother of his new bride in Hanoi, he was greeted with more love and affection than his wife and her sisters. "They like Americans," was his conclusion. In respect to our involvement in the Vietnam War, he cited that, to the Vietnamese, it was the last step in a century-old campaign against colonialism, noting that the country had been occupied by many European nations, as well as other Southeast Asian countries, before it gained independence.

Weltman himself has an interesting background. Born in Michigan, he has spent considerable time in China and India, developing a knowledge of Mandarin and several other Asian languages. He worked with Google and the State Department prior to joining Clickable Impact.

One of his current projects that he finds extremely interesting involves helping an island of 20,000 people, Palau, an independent country located in Oceania in the westernmost part of the Caroline Islands chain, develop a carbon-negative environment.

He and his wife now have a home in Vermont, raising two daughters. While he spends considerable time overseas, he and his family are delighted to call Vermont home.

Ludlow American Legion sponsors baseball team

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ballard Hobart American Legion Post 36 Family of Ludlow, Vt., is sponsoring an American Legion baseball team. The home/season opener is Wednesday, June 19, with the opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m., and the first pitch at 7 p.m., at the Paul Pullinen Field in Ludlow. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, and water will be on sale at 5:30 p.m.

Manger Roy Farrar and coach Jeremy Parker have a team of 18 local ball players who have committed to our team. We have also been given a commitment from Ludlow town manger Brendan McNamara and recreation director Nick Miele. The field has not

been played on for many years, and much work has been done and is still to be done. Roy, Jeremy, Nick, and some players have painted a shed which was donated by Lavalley Building Supply in Ludlow, and the dugouts. They brought up the bleachers and benches from the old little league field. A new batting cage net has been installed, purchased by Post 36 family. Brett Sanderson is donating time and equipment to Harley rake the infield. The Ludlow Fire Department will be bringing up a ladder truck to replace all lights, purchased by the Post 36 family.

Unfortunately, the old jerseys were not able to be used; we are working on a plan to sell old jerseys as a fundraiser at home games.

There will be refreshments, a 50-50 raffle, and a donation bucket at all home games, one hour prior to start.

The home game schedule is as follows: Wednesday, June 19, at 7 p.m., versus Lakes Region; Tuesday, June 25, at 5:30 p.m., versus Bennington; Sunday, July 7, at 12 p.m., versus Belows Falls; Saturday, July 17, at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., versus Rutland; Tuesday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m., versus White River Junction; Thursday, July 18, at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., versus Brattleboro; Saturday, July 20, at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., versus Manchester; and Tuesday, July 23, at 5:30 p.m., versus Bennington.

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Okemo Valley TV Annual Meeting and open house

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV invites the public to come celebrate community media by coming to an open house in its facility in the Ludlow Community Center complex on Thursday, June 27, at 6 p.m., followed by its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be on hand during the open house. The annual meeting will include producer awards and recognitions, the "State of the Station" report, the board of directors election, and a vote on the organizational budget.

Okemo Valley TV serves the region around

Ludlow, including the towns of Cavendish, Reading, Plymouth, Mount Holly, and Andover. In addition to its long-running community access TV channels, the station also streams the channels live 24/7 through its website at www.okemovalley.tv, and – as of this past year – on its free downloadable streaming app, which is available on Apple TV, Roku, Fire TV, Google Play, and iOS. It also distributes local programming on demand online at those locations, as well as its YouTube channel.

Aside from program distribution, the station also offers open access to equip-

ment, training, and technical support on a first come, first serve, nondiscriminatory basis to all community members.

More information about Okemo Valley TV and the open house, annual meeting, and board election can be found on the station's website. Nominations for candidates to the board are due by June 20.

The open house and annual meeting are open to the public, but RSVPs are requested, as space is limited. There will also be an option for joining remotely by Zoom – information about that will be posted to the website one week prior to the meeting.

Chief Kolenda retirement party

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.

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including Plymouth, Bridgewater, and Woodstock. There are funds and engineering support to complete projects that reduce flood risks. Projects could include buyouts of properties in flood zones, bridge replacements, floodplain mitigations to give water more space to spread out, and dam removals where a dam may be failing. Two Rivers will stay in touch with the town when the public outreach takes place. More information on

the project can be found at www.riverprojectsvt.org.

The board approved the contract with the Windsor County Sheriff's Department for a \$68,000 annual salary, which provides the same 24/7 emergency services, terms, and conditions as the town previously had. Treasurer Elaine Pauley discussed the town's fraud protection services with M&T Bank. The town opted for the most protection they could get, "because it's not our money, it's the town's money."

Act 82 abatement of education property taxes was discussed. The board

explained this is an abatement board decision, not a selectboard decision. Property owners must meet one or more of the criteria listed on the application, including 50% loss of value due to the flood and recent change of use of property. The deadline to apply has been extended from April to November.

Kaminski said he'd had someone approach him asking how the town might get a recreation department started. The board is now looking to see if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer recreation director, as there are not funds in the budget at this time for a paid position. Kaminski noted, "There are grants out

there for trail work and recreation facilities."

Kullman announced grants that the town received from the Vermont Flood Response and Recovery Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation. \$3,000 was granted to help towards a free Strawberry Festival, and to promote and recognize emergency services. \$11,985 was for portable radio equipment and a storage container for improved emergency response. \$21,544 is to purchase an ATV for improved and expedited access to remote locations during disaster.

The next selectboard meeting will be held Monday, June 17, at 6 p.m.

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Betwixt and between

BY RON PATCH

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As sometimes happens, I got distracted over the weekend. I write Sunday mornings. I could think of nothing to write, so I write what I call, "Betwixt and between."

Chester Alumni Parade

Saturday, June 8, I walked in the Chester Alumni Parade dressed in my Civil War uniform. That uniform shrank over the winter. It was a great parade.

Jon Clark has been at the helm for years. He is stepping down this year. There were a number of floats, with older Chester alumni riding in cars.

I walked behind the class of '64. Their wagon was drawn by two huge Suffolk Punch horses. Peter Hudkins trained and drove the horses. He says each horse weighs a ton or more. This parade is a wonderful small-town event.

Some license plate history

Paul, my postcard man, dropped off several hundred real photo postcards (RPPC), for Danny and I to consider. I bought the postcard you see with this article. Printed at bottom in white letters: "ICE JAM. HARTFORD VT. FEB. '08."

You'll notice a swath has been cut through the ice jam down to the road.

In those days, cars were put up for the winter. So this card caught my eye. When I saw the Vermont porcelain license plate "02," I thought it was the second car registered that year. Not so. In those days, Vermont issued dealer plates. Dealer plates begin with the "0" prefix.

It makes sense to me now. This car was taken out to show how great it was. This was a great publicity stunt.

The steering wheel is on the opposite side of what we have today. Many are standing with heavy fur coats. In the background I see a horse and sleigh. Some readers will know the make of this car.

Bellows Falls Gazette

I have an August 22, 1840, Bellows Falls Gazette newspaper. The front page is national news. The inside pages and rear page have items of local interest. Some excerpts are quoted below.

"For sale

"200 EWE SHEEP of superior quality, and 150 lambs. The lambs are from two full blood merino Bucks, procured from the celebrated Shaker flock in Canterbury, N.H. last fall. The sheep and lambs are in the north part of Athens. Enquire of Benjamin Smith Jr., Cambridgeport, or the subscriber in Putney.

"John Smith Putney, Aug. 19, 1840."

"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. Who-soever will return said Horse, or give information where he can be found, shall be handsomely rewarded, and all charges paid.

"ISAAC DE-CAMP Londonderry, July 20, 1840."

"To Wool Growers

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1908 ice jam showing early car and license plate.

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pound CASH, will be paid on delivery at our factory, in Quechee Village, VT.

"E.K. Nichols, & Co Quechee Village, April 15, 1840."

[Author's note: I add an explanation of why rags were in demand. In those days, paper was made of rags, "rag paper" as I know it. This 1840 newspaper is made of rag paper. It is very durable.]

"FLOUR!

"200 BARRELS Superfine Flour, for sale by F.E. Fullerton. Chester, July 28, 1840."

"Notice

"Whereas, BETSEY my wife has left my bed and board without just cause, this is to forbid all persons trusting or harboring her on my account, as I shall pay no charges or expenses of her contracting or occasioned by her after this date. HOSEA RHOADS. Grafton, July 28, 1840."

[Author's note: I remember when women were posted this way.]

This week's old saying is from Ben Franklin: "We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid."

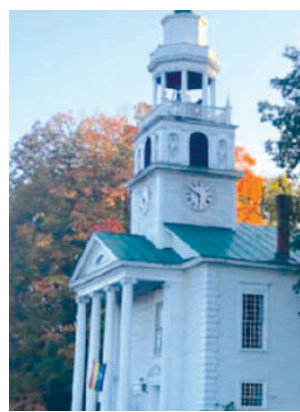
Old South Church on National Register of Historic Places

WINDSOR, Vt. - On March 29, Old South Church was listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places at the National Level of Significance by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

The church will host an open house on Monday, June 17, beginning at 6 p.m. This event will include a presentation on the story behind the nomination, at 7 p.m., by architectural historian Lyssa Papazian. Lyssa will be joined by timber framer Jan Lewandoski, who will share some insights on the frame of Old South Church, as designed and erected by master builder Asher Benjamin (1773-1845).

The nomination, prepared by Lyssa Papazian, states, "As the first in Vermont and the fourth in New England, as well as the only Asher Benjamin designed and built example of this frame Type III church, the Old South Church is an exceptionally important prototype of the church type that would soon be used throughout New England. The Old South Church is also exceptionally valuable for the study of Asher Benjamin and his influence on the architectural development of New England and beyond through both his books and his architecture. It is significant as the work of a master of national significance."

The Old South Church congregation is planning for the care and repair of the church, as well as its mission to serve the greater Windsor, Vt., area for the next 100 years. This effort builds on a significant tradition of building this large church to serve a growing population in 1798. There were substantial changes in the church in 1844, indicative of changing worship practices and greater social interaction in faith communities. The church underwent a Colonial Revival restoration effort in 1922 as well, placing it solidly in the values of the early 20th century to honor American building traditions. The



The Old South Church. PHOTO PROVIDED



nations to the restoration fund for the church building are welcome. The first floor of the church is wheelchair accessible, and the program will take place in the parish hall. The sanctuary is accessible via stairs and a stair glide. To stream the meeting, scan the QR Code or visit us-02web.zoom.us/j/89693959620?pwd=WnBlQjF2WTZoZFdqU0drQXpULlI3dz09.

For more information, contact Tom McGraw at AsherBenjaminOld-SouthChurchVT@gmail.com or 802-909-2741.

program will be an opportunity to learn about the National Register nomination process and the current planning effort.

After the program, from 8-8:30 p.m., refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. This event will be free of charge, and do-

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Cavendish Village Ghost Tour with CHS

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Among the sites to be visited include the Cavendish High Street Cemetery, Cavendish Stone Church, private homes, as well as the site of the "Dutton House." The latter was believed by locals to be haunted long before it was moved to Shelburne Museum, where the ghosts seemed to continue to haunt the build-

ing, staff, and visitors alike.

The former Duttonville School is thought to be haunted by children in what was once a classroom. The owner would hear laughing and sounds that a party was going on. However, when he opened the door, no one was there. Other strange occurrences have happened in the building, including a spirit teenager who sat at the end of a visitor's bed.

No tour would be complete without a stop at the old Hickernell house, where

for many decades it was believed that Mr. Hickernell had been murdered and buried in the basement.

The Ghost Walk is free and open to the public. Donations are always welcomed. For more information, call 802-226-7807 or email margocaulfield@icloud.com.



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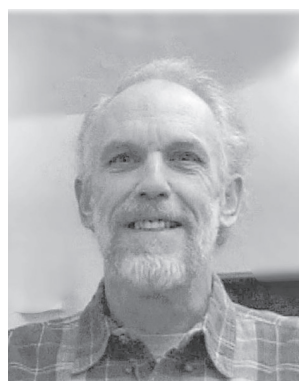
Dick Brown Celebration of Life

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Dick Brown will be held on Flag Day, Friday, June 14, at 2 p.m., at the Masonic Temple on Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. Feel free to bring a photo, share a story or verse, and enjoy time together with the family and many friends.

Thomas K. Hitchcock, 1944-2024



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Thomas Klock Hitchcock, 79, passed away May 24, 2024. He was born Dec. 16, 1944, in East Hartford, Conn., the son of Brainard and Elizabeth (Milne) Hitchcock.



Thomas Hitchcock, 1944-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a radar operator in Germany during the Vietnam era. Upon returning from his service, he married Linda Schilpp on Jan. 27, 1968.

Tom was a woodworker, singer, and guitarist, who performed in coffee houses, pubs, and private gatherings in Connecticut, Vermont, and Maine. He and his wife Linda ran The Atlantic Coffee House in New Britain, Conn., in the late 60s and 70s. They moved to Vermont in the 1970s, where Tom worked as a builder for many years.

Later, he worked in the mental health field. He worked with clients, and went on to be the facility manager. He worked in Springfield, Vt.; Lebanon, N.H.; and Saco, Maine. His last job was for VABIR in the JOBS Program, where he helped disabled clients find and train for jobs in the Springfield, Vt., area.

He loved to be outdoors, enjoying nature, camping, and hiking. As an Eagle Scout, Tom became the

scoutmaster for a troop in Chester, Vt.

Tom is survived by his wife of 56 years Linda (Schilpp); son Keith Hitchcock; grandchildren Nathan, Matthew, Emily (Matt), and Isabelle; great-grandchildren Avery, Reagan, and Theodore; sister Jane (Richard) Platt; nephews Richard and James Platt, Peter Schilpp, and Jeremy Barrett; nieces Samantha Mather and Brandy Barrett; and sister-in-law Jo-Ann Barrett.

He is predeceased by his brother John Keith Hitchcock; brother-in-law Peter Joseph Schilpp; father-in-law Joseph P. Schilpp; and mother-in-law Ada (Shove) Schilpp.

A memorial service will be held at the Davis Memorial Chapel on June 21, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Thomas Charlton will officiate.

Dear Editor,

The recent postal carrier's food drive on behalf of Black River Good Neighbor Services Food Shelf deserves a huge thank you to our local postal workers. An amazing amount of food was donated in just one day, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Postal carriers went above and beyond as

they collected bags of food together with their regular mail deliveries. In the postal world, this day is the "National Day of Giving," and we are extremely proud of this supportive effort on behalf of those in need in our community.

For Black River Good Neighbor Services, this collection really does help in

keeping our shelves stocked with essentials. For folks who access the food shelf, it really does help to create an atmosphere of "needing to use the food shelf is not the end of the world." We find that when the shelves are stocked, people don't feel quite as desperate as they might coming in. And we work hard to share compas-

sion together with food assistance.

To the postal carriers and everyone in our community who donated food, thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Krey Kellington
Executive Director
Black River Good Neighbor Services

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Black River Good Neighbor Services, an amazing whirlwind Memorial Day weekend provided the backdrop for the 2024 Gigantic Spring Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, which was a remarkable success.

Starting weeks in advance, countless volunteers worked tirelessly setting up this event. Their dedication and

commitment to our community truly supports the organization's core values. Simply put, the sale, a huge undertaking, could not happen without devoted volunteer efforts. And we certainly do have that. Thank you very much, each and every one of you.

Among the many dedicated volunteers who worked at this event, we must include the board of directors, who went above

and beyond, also working behind the scenes to keep things looking good for shoppers. And, speaking of shoppers, we really want to thank everyone who attended and shopped at this sale. Please know that your dollars go directly to support our programs that include a food shelf, clothing, and financial and disaster assistance to those in need, serving the towns of Ludlow, Mount Holly, Belmont,

Cavendish, Proctorsville, and Plymouth.

For more information about Black River Good Neighbor Services, please visit our website at www.brgn.org, call us at 802-228-3663, or visit us at 37B Main Street, Ludlow.

Sincerely,
Krey Kellington
Executive Director
Black River Good Neighbor Services

Summer of Hope by Julia Ratiu

I tried painting the rubber floors in the old ski lodge in July with my tears, the cleaner's bucket filled with foul-smelling blue liquid, "hope" she says, "there's hope in this liquid." if only there was. not many come to the mountain in summertime where the black-eyed susans sway in the breeze that's tainted with the smell of dust,

or to the lake, clear 'til last year when the hillside caved in sent all the debris sliding into that perfect, crystal water. the beach caved, the water now a murky sinkhole for mistakes and pennies the tourist throws in for forgotten wishes that never get granted. those who washed up on the steps of the community center sandy and wet, yet could spare gratefulness even as they lost their homes. the water crashed into the fields, dug canyons into roads, dug graves in a roadside cemetery, dug despair and pain and suffering, but "hope" she says. "there's hope in this liquid." and perhaps, there is.

I wrote this poem for the one-year anniversary of the flood that occurred in July 2023, in my mother's hometown. We stay here every summer because my grandparents live in Ludlow, and have lived here their entire lives. When the clouds and rain moved in, I could tell it wasn't going to be a regular storm. Then, the news struck. Roads were washed out. Homes were flooded, and businesses were closed. It all seemed surreal until we walked through town and the sight of the railroad tracks caved in made my mother cry.

as a whole.

A few days before the flood, I was in the Okemo Lodge when the cleaner was cleaning the floors with a blue solution. It smelled foul, but she seemed unfazed by the smell. I asked her, curious what the cleaning solution was made of to smell so foul, and she smiled at me and said, "Hope. There's hope in this liquid." Then, she walked off, humming to herself.

I was so struck by her comment. How could hope smell so bad? I didn't get it at the time, until I witnessed how the flood brought people together, even though it was horrible. It united neighbors and strangers alike, and maybe, I thought, hope sometimes comes in different ways – whether in words, a blue cleaning solution, or a flood. Maybe, hope is all we need, because sometimes, hope is all we have. So when I looked at the water that lay stagnant in parking lots and fields after the flood, I knew what it contained. "Hope." I thought. "There's hope in this liquid."

The flood continued to impact people's lives even after it happened. The grocery store was flooded, businesses shut down, the lakes closed, and worst of all, people lost their homes and their belongings. I spent a good part of the summer volunteering at the community center, helping those in need of water, food, and items. It was in these moments when I realized the full impact this event had on the community of Ludlow

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9 Outback bird
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obituaries

Kenneth A. Cook, 1956-2024

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Kenneth Alan Cook, 68, left us unexpectedly on May 28, 2024, at the veterans hospital in White River Junction, Vt. He was born March 31, 1956, in Rockingham, Vt., to Lester and Bernice Cook. Kenny lived in Westminster most of his life, and was a graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School, Class of 1975, where he thoroughly enjoyed playing football, and was selected for the Vermont Shrine team.

Kenny joined the Army after high school and was a member of the Vermont National Guard 131st Engineers. He served in the Gulf War. Kenny was very proud of his service to his country.

Kenny worked in a few different fields, starting at Santa's Land as a teenager, to farming, to truck driving. He worked for many years at Bazin Brothers, and was known to many as one of the best drivers around. Besides his children, his pride and joy was his granddaughter Paisley. Kenny enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. He was very talented in many areas. Kenny particularly enjoyed "dubbing" in his garage, where he loved making birdhouses with Paisley. He was also a great mechanic who could fix most anything. Kenny was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He will surely be missed by many



Kenneth Cook, 1956-2024.
PHOTO PROVIDED

people he touched.

He leaves his wife of 45 years Christine (Kiniry), his son Matthew Cook, his daughter Allison Lansberry, his precious granddaughter Paisley Lansberry, brothers Michael (Ginger) and Andrew, and many cousins and friends who became very important to Kenny these last few years, especially his HALO family.

Calling hours for Kenny will be held at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home on June 22, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., with a service starting at 12 p.m. Burial will follow the services at the Westminster Cemetery. The reception will be held at the American Legion in Bellows Falls, Vt. In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation to one of these organizations, both of which were special to Kenny: Ruck-Up, 43 Upper Knight Street, Keene, N.H. 03431; or The Veterans' Place, 220 Vine Street, Northfield, VT 05613.

Laurie J. Devoe, 2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Laurie Jane (MacDonald) Devoe of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024. She was 76 years old.

Laurie is survived by her husband of 37 years William Devoe.

Laurie is also survived by her brother Scott MacDonald; her sons John Christian Benson, Tobias Devoe, and Robert Dorn-Devoe; and her daughters Stacie Merritt, Shannon Benson, Meredith Devoe, Maryjane Devoe-Kolenda, Altanai Winston, and Alysha Devoe. Laurie also leaves her 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and the many children that she cared for over 18 years of foster parenting.

Laurie cherished her family. She was a loving wife, sister, mother, foster mother, grandmother (Mimi), great-grandmother, and friend to all who came into her life.

Laurie graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1967. She raised her children in Bellows Falls, Chester, and Springfield, Vt.

Laurie dedicated her life to working for the State of



Laurie Devoe, 2024.
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Vermont. She started as a receptionist with the welfare office, before moving on to the office of child support as an intake worker, moving up to paralegal, and retiring as the regional supervisor for all of southern Vermont.

Laurie spent her retirement with her loving husband in Springfield, Vt. She had her family, and her close friends Jaci and Russell Farrar of Chester, Vt.

A service will be held on June 15, at 11 a.m., at Oak Hill Cemetery, Bellows Falls, Vt. The service will be followed by a Celebration of Life.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt.

David J. Norton, 1952-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – David J. Norton passed away on June 2, 2024, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on March 13, 1952, to James and Helen (Anderson) Norton in Broad Brook, Conn. David graduated from East Windsor High School in 1970.

Growing up on the family farm in Broad Brook, David loved the outdoors, and often dreamed of living the life of a homesteader. He spent many years honing his skills gardening and raising farm animals. Once he won the 1986 Four Town Fair award for largest sunflower and his prize pig Lulu, he knew he was ready. He purchased a remote piece of land in Grafton, Vt., and snowshoed up the mountainside to build his dream off-grid cabin.

David had the calmest demeanor, but at gatherings he was always the one dancing and making the kids laugh. He never said an unkind word about anyone, and was always the one you would count on to do the right thing. Simply put, he was one of the most enjoyable people any of us have ever known, and his smile and kind voice will live on in all of us.

David had a lifelong career as an aeronautical



David Norton, 1952-2024.
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engineer at several companies, ultimately retiring from GKN Aerospace.

David is survived by his wife and soulmate Lynn Norton; his children Eric Norton, Seth (Susanna) Norton, Jon Boyle (fiancée Danielle Eastman) and Dan (Jenn) Boyle; his grandchildren Ben Norton, Olivia Norton, Sophia Eastman, Brinley Boyle, Daxton Boyle, Kayla Boyle, and Eliot Boyle; nieces Erin Haight and Caitlin Norton; and siblings Tom (Evie) Norton and Karen (Rob) Haight.

Per David's request, there will be no formal services held. Family and friends will be notified of a Celebration of Life gathering to be held later this summer.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Tara L. Stone, 1987-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Tara Lee Stone, 36, died unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday afternoon, June 5, 2024. She was born Nov. 24, 1987, in Claremont, N.H., the daughter of Craig and Lucy (Tardiff) Stone. She attended Springfield Schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 2006.

Tara was employed in and explored several different professions, including one with Kirby, proudly earning top salesperson and a trip to Cancun.

Over the years she has enjoyed learning about nature, camping, jeeping, four-wheeling, barbecues, boating, and has enjoyed being around water. Later years she enjoyed things like gardening and fiddleheading. She was very mechanical, and enjoyed tinkering with things and various projects.

Her children and her dogs were her pride, joy, and true love of her life.

She is survived by her mother Lucy Stone, sister Ashley Stone, daughter Hailie Rose Stone, son Rickey Warren Bemis III, grandmother Rose Scott, grandfather Raymond Tardiff, aunts, uncles, cousins, and by her dog Maggie.

She was predeceased by a son Nicholas, and by her father Craig.

Tara was a beautiful soul with a heart of gold, always offering to help those



Tara Stone, 1987-2024.
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around her before helping herself. She was beautiful, kind, caring, supportive, empathetic, funny, witty, and had a silly and playful side. She was the type of person that would stand up for people if she felt they needed help standing up for themselves, a real advocate. Friends, family, and her significant other have expressed and are eternally grateful to have been a part of her journey, and miss her terribly.

Her sister Ashley shared that Tara was the best sister she could've asked for and then some.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, Turning Point Recovery Center, and the American Cancer Society.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Diane K. Moulton, 1947-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Diane K. Moulton, 76, passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2024, after complications from diabetes.

Diane was born Dec. 15, 1947, to Robert F. and Catherine (Cook) Metcalf. She attended school in Baltimore, Vt., later graduating from Chester High School 1965.

On Oct. 23, 1965, she married Doug Moulton, and they began a love story lasting 58 years.

Diane and Doug made their home in Springfield, Vt., raising three sons.

Diane was a lifelong member of the North Springfield Baptist Church.

For many years Diane attended local craft fairs with her mom, selling handmade items she enjoyed making. Years later, it would be her and Doug making and selling their products. The last few years they were very active with the Springfield Farmers Market. They had built a reputation for the best homemade pies and doughnuts.

Throughout the years, Diane had touched the lives of many. She was a joy to talk with, and had a heart of gold. Diane loved spending time with her family, and especially her grandchildren.



Diane Moulton, 1947-2024.
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Diane is survived by her husband Doug, son Chris (Shelley), and son Josh. She was predeceased by her son Justin in 2022.

She leaves behind three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Diane was also predeceased by her parents Robert and Catherine, and her brother Douglas Metcalf.

She is survived by six siblings: brothers Bud (Louanne), Scott (Kathleen), Barry (Heidi), Richard, and Sherman (Christine); and sister Sharon (JT); as well as many nieces and nephews, great- and great-great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 29, at 11 a.m., at Bud and Louanne's home, 238 Bemis Road, Baltimore Vt.

John K. O'Shaughnessy service announcement

WESTON, Vt. – John Kevin O'Shaughnessy (Sept. 2, 1938 – Nov. 23, 2023) will be remembered on Friday, June 28, at the Vermont Weston Priory, 58 Priory Hill Road, Weston, Vt., during the priory's 5:15 p.m. Vespers and Eucharist service.

On Saturday, June 29, at 10 a.m., there will be a burial service, followed by an opportunity to share memories and tell stories of Kevin over light refreshments. Those interested in attending the burial should meet at the priory at 9:45 a.m. for our walk to the cemetery.

Donations in Kevin's memory may be made to The Benedictine Monks of Weston Priory.

Gary Pike Celebration of Life

LUDLOW, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Gary Pike will be held Saturday, June 22, from 1-3 p.m., at the American Legion in Ludlow.

Wayne E. Smith, 1941-2024

WEATHERSFIELD BOW, Vt. – Wayne E. "Wes" Smith, 83, of Weathersfield Bow, Vt., passed away on May 31, 2024, surrounded by loved ones, at the Jack Byrne Center at DHMC in Hanover, N.H. His beloved wife Joy was by his side throughout the last 63 years. He was born in Ferrisburgh, Vt., on March 17, 1941, to Allen and Ruth Smith.

Wes was a family man and entrepreneur. He met Joy while studying at the University of Vermont. Wes owned and operated four businesses during his lifetime; most recently, he owned New England Outdoor Furnaces. Notably, Wes was a cofounder and the first president of the Vermont Snowmobile Club that founded the VAST system.

He is survived by his wife Joy; daughter Brianne and her husband Scot; siblings Mary and Bob; grandchildren Amanda, Abby, Reid, Bret, Mason, and Hunter; and many other cherished



Wayne Smith, 1941-2024.
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loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents Allen and Ruth, and his son Clark.

Visitation hours followed by a service and burial will be held Saturday, July 13, at 11 a.m., at Bow Baptist Church in Weathersfield Bow, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriner's Hospital in Boston in the name of Wes Smith.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.


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LEGAL NOTICES

JUNE 14 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Join the free and fun Age Successfully Fair on Friday, June 14, at 11 a.m., at the Ludlow Community Center. Over 30 exhibitors will be in attendance, providing opportunities for our fellow older Vermonters to learn about all of the benefits and services available to them and their family members. This event is free and open to everyone. There will be food and a variety of activities to participate in. Sponsored by Senior Solutions and Black River Good Neighbor Services.

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Friday, June 14, from 5-7 p.m., Aura Shards will be performing mesmerizing music on hand pan and tabla 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.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – JJ’s Music will be performing a free concert live at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, on Friday, June 14, from 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be on sale, including hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, hot and cold beverages, and a sweet something. We will also have a 50-50 raffle. Be sure to bring a lawn chair, and please join us for a fun evening of entertainment. Maybe even a little dancing if you are willing.

JUNE 15 – MANCHESTER CENTER, Vt. – Weston author Patricia Connelly will be signing copies of her first book, “Sacredness Surrounds Us in Every Season,” a collection of haiku prayers and longform poems, on Saturday, June 15, from 2-4 p.m., at The Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center.

LUDLOW, Vt. – A Family Fair and Safety Day will

be held at the Ludlow Community Center complex on Saturday, June 15, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This free event will include safety demonstrations from local organizations, car seat inspections from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., bounce houses, a touch-a-truck event, and live music by Manny Lazaro. There will also be a free barbecue of hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips; Aunt Dot’s Famous Funnel Cakes; Uncle Jay’s Corn Dogs; snow cones; and popcorn available.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Energy Fair will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 1-5 p.m., at the town community center, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, Vt. Learn about the opportunities, technologies, and services available for home energy efficiency, rebates, and cost savings. Technology exhibits and talks by experts. Free attendance and free raffle tickets.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department will hold their roast beef supper on Saturday, June 15, at 5 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Takeout is available. The meal is free for children under 5, there is a small fee for all others. For more information, call 802-259-2460.

JUNE 17 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street, will be serving lunch on Monday, June 17, at 12 p.m. The menu is baked beans, ham, coleslaw, and strawberry shortcake. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-7421. Free cash bingo will follow. All are welcome.

JUNE 18 – W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesday, June 18, from 5-7 p.m., Jill Newton & Alan Partridge will be performing New England and French Canadian fiddle tunes 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 19 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The First Congregational Church of Springfield, 77 Main Street, will hold a free community lunch on Wednesday, June 19, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The menu will be hot dogs, baked beans, brown bread, assorted casseroles (with one being vegetarian), cole slaw, rolls, and watermelon and cookies for dessert.

JUNE 21 – 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.

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

MONDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aquatic Aerobics, Mondays at 10:35 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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 – CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

THURSDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach tai chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach tai chi and qi gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT WINDSOR UNIT

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 24-CV-01868

IN RE: ABANDONED MOBILE HOME OF BRYAN COBB, SR. & TINA COBB

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing on The Housing Foundation, Inc.’s Verified Complaint to declare abandoned and uninhabitable the mobile home of Bryan Cobb, Sr. & Tina Cobb located at the Windy Hill Acres Mobile Home Park, Lot #66, 87 Dogwood Lane in Springfield, Vermont has been set for July 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Civil Division located at 12 The Green in Woodstock, Vermont. To participate in this hearing, the WEBEX Login Information is as follows:

App: Cisco Webex Meeting
Website: <https://vtcourts.webex.com>
Meeting Number: 2347 351 3269
Password: courtroom1

If you do not have a computer or sufficient bandwidth, you may call (802) 636-1108 to appear by phone. (This is not a tollfree number). When prompted enter the meeting ID number listed above, followed by the pound symbol (#). You will be prompted to enter your attendee number (which you do not have). Instead, press pound (#). If you have technical difficulties, call the Court at (802) 457-2121.
Date: May 16, 2024 Alison Kaufman, Judicial Assistant

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR ABANDONMENT
PURSUANT TO 10 V.S.A. § 6249(i) (Uninhabitable)**

NOW COMES The Housing Foundation, Inc. (“HFI”), by and through its counsel Nadine L. Scibek, and hereby complains pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6249(i) as follows:

- HFI, a Vermont non-profit corporation with a principal place of business in Montpelier, County of Washington, State of Vermont, is the record owner of a mobile home park known as the Windy Hill Acres Mobile Home Park (the “Park”), located in the Town of Springfield, Vermont. HFI purchased the Park from the Vermont State Housing Authority (“VSHA”) on December 31, 2023. VSHA manages the Park.
- Bryan Cobb, Sr. (“B. Cobb”) and Tina Cobb (“T. Cobb”) are the record owners of a certain mobile home described as 1987 Skyline Allison, 14’ x 70’, bearing Serial #01116-0226R (the “Mobile Home”) located on Lot #66 at the Windy Hill Acres Mobile Home Park, 87 Dogwood Lane in Springfield, Vermont according to the Town of Springfield Land Records. See attached Bill of Sale.
- B. Cobb leased Lot #66 in the Park from VSHA pursuant to a written lease. B. Cobb paid a security deposit in the amount of \$250.00 to VSHA. See attached Lease.
- B. Cobb’s last known mailing address is 895 VT Route 10, Chester, VT 05143.
- T. Cobb has not resided in the Mobile Home for over 15 years and her last known mailing address is 87 Dogwood Lane (f/k/a 242 Town Farm Road, Lot #66), Springfield, VT 05156.
- The mobile home has been abandoned and is empty. The last known resident of the mobile home was B. Cobb. B. Cobb is believed to have removed his personal belongings. Utility services have been terminated to the Mobile Home.
- B. Cobb was evicted from the Park for non-payment of lot rent on or about December 8, 2023. A Judgment Order for the outstanding lot rent and court costs was entered against the B. Cobb on October 26, 2023 in the amount of \$3,984.59. See Vermont State Housing Authority v. Cobb, Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Civil Unit, Case No. 23-CV-03967. See attached Judgment Order, Writ of Possession & Sheriff’s Return of Service.
- On November 29, 2023 Counsel for HFI spoke with B. Cobb who indicated that he was walking away from the Mobile H. Counsel for HFI has attempted to communicate in writing with B. Cobb on March 11, 2024 regarding his intentions with the mobile home. He has failed to respond. See attached.
- The following security interests, mortgages, liens and encumbrances appear of record with respect to the mobile home:
 - Property taxes to the City of Springfield are current according to the Town Clerk. See attached Tax Bill.
- Mobile home lot rent/storage fees continue to accrue at the rate of \$485.00 per month. Monies due to HFI as of May, 2024 total \$6,166.75. Attorney’s fees and court costs incurred by HFI currently exceed \$2,000.00. See attached Account History.
- HFI sent written notice by certified mail to the Town of Springfield on March 11, 2024 of Plaintiff’s intent to commence this action. See attached.
- The mobile home is uninhabitable. Property Manager Thomas Young, duly authorized agent for HFI, will testify under oath as to the poor and unlivable condition of this mobile home at the abandonment hearing.

WHEREFORE, HFI respectfully requests that the Honorable Court enter an order as follows:

- Declare that the mobile home has been abandoned;
- Transfer the mobile home that is unfit for human habitation to Park owner HFI without a public auction so that it may be removed and disposed of accordingly.
- Order pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6249(j) that the mobile home and any security deposit paid be conveyed to the Park Owner in “as is” condition, and free from all liens and other encumbrances of record.

DATED May 10, 2024.

THE HOUSING FOUNDATION, INC.

BY: Nadine L. Scibek
Attorney for HFI

I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statement is false, I will be subject to the penalty of perjury or other sanctions in the discretion of the Court.

May 10, 2024

BY: Thomas Young
Duly Authorized Agent for HFI

**2024 GRIEVANCE HEARINGS
TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
BOARD OF LISTERS**

Grievance hearing appointments for the Town of Rockingham will be begin on Monday, June 10, 2024 starting at 9:00 a.m.

If you wish to discuss your 2024 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, please call the Listers office between 8:30 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday 802-463-1229.

If you cannot make it in person you must submit your grievance in writing before Monday, June 21, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Please include property location, owner phone # or email, and a summary of your concern.

Drop off: 7 The Square Bellows Falls, VT
Mail: PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101
Email: listers@rockbf.org

BOARD OF LISTERS
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TOWN MEETING

JUNE 22 | 2pm

At the Bellows Falls Middle School


15 School Street BF is ADA accessible. If you need a ride or would like to volunteer to give a ride, please call 802-275-4646 in advance.

When should Rockingham’s Annual Town Meeting take place?

Voters will discuss the pros and cons of holding our March meeting on a Saturday afternoon vs a Monday evening.

A binding vote will be taken to decide upon the day of future town meetings, the foundation of local democracy.

As per Vermont statute, the Official Warning is posted on the Town’s website www.rockingham.org and in Town Hall.



Town of Westminster
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722-4524 Fax 802-722-9816

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)
WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:00 pm on **Monday, July 1, 2024** to consider the following:

Application # 24-40

Application # 24-40 Daniel Kissel Jr. & Mariah Hayes (Owner & Applicant) FINAL PLAT HEARING, property is located at **Pine Banks Road**. The Applicant is requesting a Major Sub-Division. Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential District; and Article VIII Sub-Division of Land (Major Sub-Division)** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

LEGALS/CHURCH SERVICES

classifieds

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in person. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ImmanuelEppiscopalChurch or to our website www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
Services are on Wednesdays at 5:30-6 p.m. and on Sundays at 10 a.m., both in person and by Zoom, followed by coffee hour. All are welcome. Handicapped accessible. For a link to the Zoom service or more information about services and events, please visit www.

stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5
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NOTICE Town of Cavendish Public Hearing Addition of Class 3 Town Highway

The Town of Cavendish invites the public to a hearing to discuss the addition of a Class 3 Town Highway in Proctorsville, VT.

Time/Date: Site Visit: 5:00 PM July 8th, 2024
Hearing: 6:00 PM July 8th, 2024

Location: Site Visit: A site visit at the location of the road will be held. The proposed new Class 3 Town Highway is located between 58 and 78 Depot Street Proctorsville, VT.

Hearing: Cavendish Town Hall
37 High Street
Cavendish VT

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81312391910?pwd=WmtnYkRH-RElwdTQ0aTg4ZE9JZGpTd09
Meeting ID: 813 1239 1910
Passcode: Cavendish

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TOWN OF CHESTER Sidewalk Scoping Study

The Town of Chester has received funding through the State of Vermont, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to develop a Scoping Study which will plan for and identify issues with construction of a sidewalk from the intersection of Route 103 and Route 11 East to the Green Mountain High School in Chester, Vermont. The Town is seeking assistance from qualified firms to provide planning services to identify issues associated with possible construction of a sidewalk/multi-use path.

Contact the Chester Town Office to obtain a full copy of the Request for Proposal.

All bids are due no later than June 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The submittal requires one (1) digital and three (3) printed copies.

Attn. Julie Hance
Town Manager
Town of Chester
P.O. Box 370
Chester, Vermont 05143
(802) 875-2173
julie.hance@chestertv.gov

TRSU INVITE TO BID

The Green Mountain Unified School District is now accepting bids for exterior painting and soffit work at Cavendish Town Elementary School. For bid requirements, please contact Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager at (802) 875-6433 or cheryl.hammond@trsu.org or Todd Parah at (802) 875-4246 or todd.parah@trsu. Bids need to be submitted no later than 10AM on June 21st.

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Venissa White Parcel # 252013

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. Covello 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

TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION 2024 - 2025 Child Find Notice

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act to locate, evaluate, and identify persons with disabilities from birth through age 21, who may be in need of special education, related services or accommodations in order to access a free appropriate public education and provide such needed services for those ages 3 through 21.

Services for eligible children ages' birth through 3 years are provided through the Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention program. Services for eligible children ages 3 to 21 are provided by your local supervisory union.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union serves the towns of Mount Holly, Ludlow, Cavendish, Baltimore, Andover and Chester.

If you know a child residing in the towns within the TRSU that you believe may have such needs and are not currently receiving services, please contact the Director of Student Support Services at Two Rivers Supervisory Union, 609 VT Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT 05149 or call the Special Education Office at 802-875-3365.

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, place of birth, disability, age, marital status, and gender identity. Information obtained during Child Find remains confidential as required by Vermont Special Education Regulations and the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act.

Students with a disability who live in one of the towns listed above and who attend an approved private school, contact Mary Barton, Director of Student Support Services for TRSU at 802-875-3365 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE Two Rivers Supervisory Union Ludlow, VT Destruction of Information Process

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union (formerly Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union and Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union), encompassing the Vermont towns of: Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mt. Holly and Plymouth, will be conducting a Destruction of Information process commencing on July 8, 2024. Special Educational Records and personally identifiable information used under the Individual with Disabilities Educational Act, but no longer needed to provide educational services to students will be destroyed. Only records for students with a Date of Birth year of 1996 will be destroyed. All records before that date have been destroyed in previous years. Any person desiring their Special Education records must put that request in writing so that the Director of Student Services receives your letter no later than June 25, 2024. Please send your request to:

Mary Barton
Director of Student Services
TRSU
609 VT Route 103
Ludlow, VT 05149

Please include the following information in that request: Student Name (if there has been a change of name, include all names)
Student Date of Birth
Town of Residency when enrolled in school

This process does not apply to records of currently enrolled students. Please feel free to call this office with any questions at 802-875-6425.

Weekly SUDOKU

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- Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly, Chester-Andover, & Green Mountain Graduations
- Garden Party at Fletcher Farm Dedication
- Governor Scott Press Conference

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

arts & events

LEGAL NOTICES

MSA hosts tea picnic and more at GardenFest

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Enjoy delicious Alice in Wonderland-themed tea picnics, magnificent gardens, and enjoy the arts at Main Street Arts' (MSA) GardenFest 2024. The event will be held on Saturday, June 15, and Sunday, June 16, with activities planned from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at MSA and four nearby gardens in Saxtons River.

Tickets are discounted in advance. Your ticket provides admission to all four gardens on both days. The

Alice Tea Picnic packages are an additional fee. Go to www.mainstreetarts.org to buy tickets and make tea reservations.

Included in the entrance ticket price is one raffle ticket, with a chance to win gift certificates generously donated by local nurseries. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

At GardenFest 2024, you'll begin your journey at MSA to pick up your tickets and a map. Tea picnics can be picked up from 11:30 a.m. – 2

p.m. each day. While at MSA, you can stop by the garden-related gallery exhibit by local artist Stephanie Sullivan, and experience a botanical printing demonstration.

From MSA, there will be four gardens to explore nearby, which are cultivated by Susan Still, Jeanne Korstange, Cass Morgan, and Christine Hume.

Still said, "I like to create garden rooms of different sizes, shapes, and styles so that each one has its own character.

Of her garden Korstange said, "My border garden history begins with the plants I inherited from Averill Larson, the previous homeowner – beautiful peonies, phlox, beebalm, balloon flower, roses, and a very special double pink baby's breath."

Morgan says, "My garden is my solace, my exercise, my creative outlet, and my joy...I love the give and take between the gardener and the land, the challenge and the discovery of what plants want to be where, what plants

thrive in a certain spot and fail in another," she said. "I love the exchange of energy: I put in so many hours of toil and sweat, and the garden gives back edible fruits and vegetables, and beautiful vistas both vast and intimate."

Hume said, "The Hume/Bourne garden has a unique setting within a gorgeous stone foundation rising 6-8 feet above a brick and stone patio. These tall stone walls were the foundation for a huge, multilevel barn built around the turn of the last

century."

MSA is grateful to our generous sponsors Allen Brothers Farms, Walker Farm, Gardener's Supply Company, Morning Star Perennials, and Harlow Farm. Proceeds from this special event will support MSA's efforts to make programs affordable, and to pay teachers as professionals.

For more information about the event or accessibility, please visit www.mainstreetarts.org, or email info@mainstreetarts.org.

**Town of Londonderry, VT
JOB OPENINGS**

Road Crew Member/Equipment Operator
Work includes plowing, grading, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties. A clean driving record, a CDL license, and the ability to pass drug/alcohol tests are required. Highway/road maintenance experience preferred. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits.

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 welcome.

Positions opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.

Vermont Comedy All Stars at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Gordon Clark and his Vermont Comedy All Stars return for a night of stand-up comedy on Friday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Next Stage Arts. Featured performers will include several contest-winning and touring comedians most often seen in the Burlington area.

Donavin Andronaco is fairly new to the comedy scene. You can see Donavin at the Vermont Comedy Club in Burlington, where he's an open mic regular. When he's not doing comedy, Donavin studies psychological science at Castle-

ton State University, in the hopes of one day becoming a licensed child therapist. Although he has dreams of making the world a better place with his degree, in the meantime it turns out making fun of people is far more enjoyable than helping them.

Maddie Cross is a Burlington-based standup comedian. She hosts and produces the standup showcase "Mondays Are Scary!" at the Phoenix Gallery and Music Hall in Waterbury Village. When she's not doing comedy, she works in higher education, and on the weekends fulfills her childhood dream of

working at a bookstore. She's also, not surprisingly, a classically trained musician.

Vicki Ferentinos is a comedian, chef, writer, and storyteller. She took first in the Vermont Comedy Festival One Minute Comedy Battle. She's been on Comedy Central, Bravo TV, The Food Network, WOR, and performs throughout New England.

Mike Thomas is a veteran Vermont stand up. A multiple-time finalist in Vermont's Funniest Comedian contest, he won the coveted award as Vermont's Funniest Comedian in 2023.

Liam Welsh is currently a Brooklyn-based stand-up comic, but he was born and grew up in Vermont. Before moving to pursue comedy in New York City, he was a regularly featured performer at the Vermont Comedy Club in Burlington, where he was First Runner Up in the Vermont's Funniest Comedian Contest of 2019.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. All talks are free to attend, but donations are appreciated. Advance registration is available at www.nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102.

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Bandwagon Summer Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents "psychedelic chanson" ensemble Combo Daguerre, on Saturday, June 15, at 6 p.m., at the field behind the Putney Inn, 57 Putney Landing Road in Putney. Combo Daguerre, based in

Brooklyn, performs original psychedelic chanson with a mostly Latin crew and a hybrid style informed by boleros, cumbia, 60s rock, French chanson, and 1930s surrealism. It is music filled with joy and darkness, deep grooves and dirges, nostalgia and fu-

turism.

The ensemble features Olivier Conan (cuatro, vocals), Adele Fournet (keyboards), Felipe Wurst (guitar), Andres Fonseca (drums) Neil Ochoa (percussion) and Dan Martinez (bass).

The combo is named after Daguerre, usually credited as one of the inventors of photography, but Daguerre also refers to a street in the 14th arrondissement of Paris, steps away from where Conan grew up – a street lovingly documented by Nouvelle Vague filmmaker Agnès Varda.

Band members are all active on New York's rich indie Latin scene, and come from Peru, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Cajun country. All share a transplant's vision of the world and its culture, giving the French language compositions a deeply cosmopolitan flavor.

Advance tickets are discounted at www.nextstagearts.org; kids under 12 free. For more information, visit the website or call 802-387-0102.

Support for the Bandwagon Summer Series is provided by M&T Bank, Lawson's Finest Liquids, Oak Meadow, The Porch Cafe & Catering, Brattleboro Reformer, and Barr Hill.

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:

- Selectboard member for the remainder of a 2-year term which will expire on Town Meeting Day, March 4, 2025.

Selectboard of the Town of Londonderry

Thomas Cavanagh, Chair
Martha Dale, Vice Chair
Taylor Prouty
Jim Fleming

Received for the record this 3rd day of June 2024
Kelly M. Pajala, Town Clerk

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 required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government 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 help.

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 (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

**Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Notice of Adoption of Amended
Short-Term Rental Ordinance**

The Town of Londonderry Selectboard hereby gives notice pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972(a)(1) that on June 3, 2024, the Board voted to adopt an amendment to the Ordinance to Regulate the Operations of Short-Term Rentals (also referred to as the "Short-Term Rental ordinance"). The amendment corrects subsection references within Article 4 regarding short-term rental registration requirements.

The complete text of the amendment to the Ordinance to Regulate the Operations of Short-Term Rentals can be examined on the Town's web site (www.londonderryvt.org) or at the Londonderry Town Clerk's office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Questions or comments regarding this proposed ordinance amendment can be directed to Town Administrator Shane O'Keefe by phone at 802-824-3356, by email at townadmin@londonderryvt.org, or by US Mail at 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

Notice is hereby given of the right to petition for a permissive referendum vote on this ordinance amendment an annual or special meeting as provided for in 24 V.S.A 1973. Such petition for a permissive referendum must be signed by not less than five (5) percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Londonderry and shall be presented to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption. Absent such a petition, the Ordinance amendment shall take effect 60 days following the date of adoption.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Executive Order: 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990: (Wetlands) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and affecting a wetland. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Springfield, VT for the Springfield Reservoir Dam Removal Project.

The proposed action is located at the Springfield Reservoir Dam in Weathersfield, VT. The project would remove the deteriorating dam impounding the reservoir, which has not served a functional purpose since the Town transitioned to public supply wellfields in the late 1970s. Approximately 67% of the concrete core wall and 87% of the earthen berm would be removed as well as approximately 9,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from the impoundment area to create a floodplain bench. The concrete overflow spillway, gatehouse, wellhouse, drainpipes, and remnants of a failed stone culvert would also be removed. A pilot channel would be created through the impoundment area that would evolve naturally over time to restore the stream channel. Approximately 3.9 acres within the former impoundment area would be planted with native vegetation, after which, revegetation would progress naturally.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain; Zone A), and the impoundment area behind the dam contains a freshwater pond and freshwater emergent wetlands. Removal of the dam would prevent the potential loss of life and property in the event of dam failure and would restore the floodplain, riverine habitat features, and fish passage.

Alternatives considered include full dam removal, several levels of sediment volume reduction, and the No Action alternative. The proposed action was selected because it is the most cost-effective alternative that would still meet the project objectives to improve public safety, restore the stream channel, eliminate maintenance needs of a non-functional dam, and improve aquatic organism passage. Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain and wetland impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

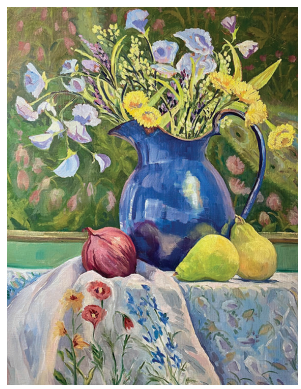
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Federal Emergency Management Agency, Cambridge, MA
Christian.Paske@fema.dhs.gov; (202) 704-1027

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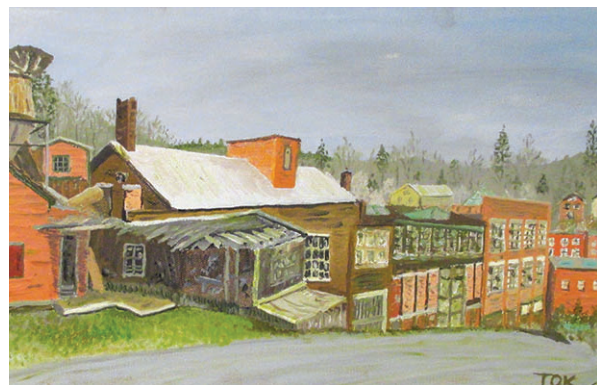
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arts & entertainment

VAULT garden eloquence, “Sunsational” Open Wall—



“Cobalt Blue Pitcher.” PHOTO PROVIDED



A piece in “Sunsational” Open Wall Show. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is proud to present the beauty of spring and summer with a show of floral impressions by our exceptional artists, on view now through July 31. There will be a reception on Friday, June 14, from 5-6:30 p.m.

See the works of Jeanne Carbonetti, Robert Carsten, Richard Cofrancesco, Julie Crabtree, Richard Emery, Rick Hearn, Peter Hunt-oon, Bradley Jackson, Rob O’Brien, Dan O’Donnell,

Gene Parulis, and Lynn Van-Natta.

The VAULT also presents a new Open Wall show, “Sunsational.” This show includes beautiful paintings, photographs, mixed media, nature art, paper sculpture, pen and ink art, and jewelry. We are amazed at the talent of our neighbors and friends around Springfield. This is a wonderful show. Thank you to all the participants. The works will be on display until July 17.

Open Wall is a nonjuried

show for any artists living in a 30 mile radius of Springfield.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield, and is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Friday, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit Facebook or the gallery’s web page, www.galleryvault.org. The gallery is handicap accessible.

Jon Langford returns to Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Jon Langford returns to Bellows Falls on Friday, June 14, with his band The Bright Shiners, for a show at the Ciao Popolo Ballroom. The Bright Shiners have just released a full album, “Where It Really Starts,” a collaboration with Tamineh Gueramy, Alice Spencer, and John Szymanski. Each song is a minimalistic jewel, yet the album is, in the words of The Guardian, “unsparing of aptly astonishing adornment – wonderful harmonies, horns, mellotron, bowed guitar, piano, looped percussion, and more. By our reckoning this is one of Jon’s finest works of art and his best outfit outside The Mekons themselves.”

Jon Langford’s career has spanned his early days with art-punk icons The Mekons, through Delta 5, Three Johns,

Waco Brothers, and even Sisters Of Mercy, to more one-off recordings and collaborations than one could ever hope to list in full.

Also an accomplished artist – a Langford work graces the cover of the new Dave Alvin/Jimmie Dale Gilmore album “TexiCali” – as well as musician, Langford brings a spirit of joy and rowdy good fun to every endeavor. “I had a fantastic time in Bellows Falls last year,” he says, “and I am looking forward to returning.”

Welsh punk icon Jon Langford never played Bellows Falls, Vt., before June 2023, but his debut was certainly memorable. In the midst of “Tom Jones Levitation,” his anthemic paean to Welsh independence and its best-known export, the power went out. Undaunted, Langford never stopped playing. Not missing a beat, he stepped down from the stage, climbed a chair in the

audience, and finished the song – in which a winged Tom Jones finds himself aloft over the Welsh countryside – vigorously, loudly, proudly, and unamplified.

“It was unforgettable,” says Ezra Veitch of Ray’s the Roof Productions, who found himself suddenly out of a job running sound for the show when the downtown lost power. “If people weren’t fans of Jon’s at the beginning of the show, they certainly were by the end of it.”

Ciao Popolo is located at 36 Village Square, Bellows Falls, Vt. To make dinner reservations separately before the show, email ciao-popolovt@gmail.com, or call 802-460-7676. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com, and at the door. For more information about the show, contact RaystheRoofVT@gmail.com.

Weston Theater Young Company presents “Junie B. Jones”

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Theater Company’s (WTC) Young Company (YoCo) takes audiences young and old on a musical adventure with “Junie B. Jones: The Musical,” playing at Weston’s Walker Farm Field and touring southern Vermont from June 20 – July 7.

Celebrate the timeless spirit of childhood and the enduring power of friendship with “Junie B. Jones.” Based on the beloved children’s book series, this vibrant and hilarious musical adventure follows the unforgettable antics of that irrepressible first grader, Junie B., and her quirky, lovable friends through the ups and downs of elementary school. With catchy tunes, infectious energy,

and a heartwarming message, this production will leave young and old with smiles on their faces and an appreciation for the joys of growing up.

The production is directed by former artistic director of Constellation Stage & Screen, Kate Galvin, who says “I’m old enough to have missed out on the ‘Junie B. Jones’ series during my childhood, they didn’t come out until I was a teenager. But reading them as an adult has been so delightful. I immediately related to Junie, right down to the experience of getting glasses for the first time. Her impulses are strong and not always right, but she always grows from her experiences – and

that’s what we should all value in ourselves and our children.”

Weston welcomes back Young Company alum Maya L’Abbe as the irrepressible Junie B. Jones, and Aidan Curley returns as Herb. Recent Marymount Manhattan College graduate Nicky Redd joins the cast as Mr. Scary, and recent Pace University grad Mayumi Rhone joins the Young Company as May. Recent Boston Conservatory graduate Isa Sánchez makes her Weston debut as Lucille, as does recent CAP21 Molloy graduate Evan Gibley, as Sheldon.

Returning to Weston for his second year as the YoCo music director is WTC YoCo alum Tommy

Bergeron. Jeremy Yaddaw returns to coordinate music. Nathan Fister joins the creative team as choreographer. Maggie Jackson designed the sets. Summer Lee Jack designed the costumes for the production.

This is a free performance, but reservations must be made in advance online at www.westontheater.org, or by calling the Weston box office at 802-824-5288.

Following “Junie B. Jones: The Musical,” embark on a mystic quest in “Pippin,” escape to the Appalachian mountains in “The Porch on Windy Hill,” and question the fabric of reality in “The Woman in Black.”

“Murder by the Book” in Windsor

WINDSOR, Vt. – Windsor Public Library actors will perform “Murder by the Book,” a play by Laura Teasdale, sponsored by mystery writer Louise Penny, on Saturday, June 22, at 7 p.m., at Windsor High School’s Lois White Theater.

Popular Canadian mystery writer Penny noticed the struggles that many public libraries were having with fundraising, so she decided to help out. She commissioned Canadian playwright Laura Teasdale to craft this laugh-out-loud whodunit. Penny now pays the royal-

ties for each performance, so that if a library anywhere wishes to perform “Murder by the Book,” it may do so without charge.

Friends of Windsor Library President Ruth Doiron is the impetus behind this play production, and plays the role of Bill/Rocky. “When I found out about this play, I knew we had to do it,” said Doiron, who has been instrumental in recruiting actors, stoking excitement, finding and creating props, and assisting with rehearsals. “It’s such a fun play, and we’re really excited to perform it for you.”

Library director Barbara Ball is another actor, playing (perhaps stereotypically) Lucy the Librarian. “We have a great cast. A great director. You won’t want to miss it.”

Kris Garnjost is directing the play, and also plays the role of Steve/Walter. Other actors include Melissa Ayres (Shelagh/Mrs. P), Roger Barraby (Dann/Kirk), Karen Lipinczyk

(Sarah/Sally), Amy McMullen (Hillary/Wendy), and Sandi Soho (Dorie.)

As a fundraiser for the library, a donation of any amount will get you a seat in the audience. We hope to see you there. And if you can’t make it on June 22, we’d be delighted to see you on Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m., for our dress rehearsal, at the same location.

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For more information, visit our website: ludlowtparksandrec.com

Acting class

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Classically trained professional actor and filmmaker Matt Munroe premiered his debut feature film, entitled “Dead English,” at Springfield Cinemas 3 last year. This year, he is launching a new acting class for both the novice and seasoned actor alike. The class, entitled “Training for the Actor,” will focus on scene study, character analysis, acting on camera and on stage, and the business of acting. A limited-time open house will be held on Saturday June 15, at 1 p.m. sharp, allowing interested individuals a free opportunity to learn how to earn acceptance into class at an extremely afford-

able six-month introductory rate. Classes begin officially in August. Interested parties are encouraged to email RSVP in advance to matt@mattmunroe.com, at which time the location of the open house will be shared.

Learn more about the class at www.mattmunroe.com/coaching.

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health & wellness

Grace Cottage welcomes new CEO

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Board of Trustees of Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Olivia Sweetnam to the position of chief executive officer, effective July 1. Sweetnam is replacing Doug DiVello, who announced his plans last December to retire when a replacement was hired.

A graduate of Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, with a Bachelor of Science in nursing, Sweetnam received her Master of Nursing Science and Master of Public Health from Yale University in Connecticut. The chief nursing officer at Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital since February, Sweetnam was the vice president of hospice quality and clinical practice at Amedisys from 2021-2023, and held multiple leadership roles in quality, operations, and medical staff management at Ochsner Health in Louisiana from 2013-2021.

An extensive search was conducted with the help

of the national executive search firm WittKieffer, and Sweetnam was selected after an extensive review of many candidates and interviews with seven finalists. "Olivia brings so much knowledge and experience to this position, and will be able to continue the excellent work that Doug DiVello has done during his six years here," said Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's Board President Martha Dale.

"Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is a rare gem in the world of health-care," said Sweetnam. "It is a shining example of personal and compassionate care, and I am proud to lead this wonderful organization into the future."

Sweetnam lives with her family in Brattleboro, and is on the board of trustees for River Gallery School and is a member of the Brattleboro Town Arts Committee.



New Grace Cottage CEO Olivia Sweetnam.

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Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is located in Townshend, Vt., serving patients and visitors in and around Windham County. It includes a traditional primary care practice, a 19-bed hospital, and a 24/7 emergency department. The medical center also has an outpatient rehab department, a laboratory, diagnostic imaging, and a full-service retail pharmacy. In 2023 and 2024, Grace Cottage was recognized by Vermont Business Magazine as a Best Place to Work in Vermont.

Springfield Hospital employees donate to local food shelf

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In celebration of National Hospital Week, Springfield Hospital employees participated in a food drive to benefit the Springfield Family Center's Food Shelf. The 322 pounds of nonperishable foods were delivered to the family center on May 21, after a week of collecting the food at various employee events. Springfield Hospital's motto for the week was "Food Shelf Heroes...I helped to fill the shelves."

"The generosity of the employees was outstanding. They took to heart the importance of help-



Springfield Hospital employees deliver donated goods to Keegan, food shelf coordinator, center.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ing to fill the shelves at the family center," says Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital. "We are hopeful

that our contribution was beneficial to many members of our community," continued Adcock.

Parks Place elects new board members

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Board of Parks Place Community Resource Center in Bellows Falls has elected two new members, Aaron Eames and Tara Chase. Eames and Chase bring impressive skills and experiences that broaden the base for board decisions.

Aaron Eames comes to the organization with a strong background in construction. He joins the facilities committee,

which focuses on keeping the three-story house in good working condition, welcoming and safe for incoming families in the local service area. Parks Place is a beginning for Eames, who was seeking a board position to give back to Rockingham. He has served as a DJ, Fourth of July parade speaker, and involved parent to his family.

Tara Chase knows Parks Place from the inside out. Child of a single mother,

she grew up understanding the social services available in her neck of the woods, Springfield. Chase works out of a Parks Place office regularly as an employee of Springfield Supportive Housing. It's great for Parks Place to have the perspective of an agency that serves clients from the building. Like Eames, Chase has a family and deep connections to the area and the people who live here.

The mission of Parks Place is connecting people to the information and resources they need to improve their lives. The resource center turned 25 during Covid – so look for a 25-plus-five anniversary celebration in 2025. Parks Place staff, founders, volunteers, and board will celebrate the years of walk-in visitors who find access to job coaches, food, housing, parenting skills, and therapy in Bellows Falls.

If you would like more information regarding Parks Place Community Resource Center, please contact Jennifer Tolaro-Heidbrink, executive director, at 802-463-9927.

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