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Weston Theater opens 88th season with "Jersey Boys"

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WESTON, Vt. – Vermont's oldest professional theatre troupe, the Weston Theater Company, is back for its 88th season, kicking off the summer with the documentary-style jukebox musical production "Jersey Boys," running from June 12 – July 13.

Written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, "Jersey Boys" tells the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, a singing quartet from Newark, N.J., who started out in the 1960s and became a huge presence on radio in the 1970s with smash hits like "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "December 1963 (Oh, What a Night)," "Walk Like a Man," and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

The musical premiered at the La Jolla Playhouse in San Diego, Calif., in 2004, and ran on Broadway from 2005-2017, winning four Tony Awards and a Grammy for Best Musical Show Album.

With the Weston Playhouse theater under construction, still rebuilding from last summer's flood, the performances are taking place at Walker Farm, where the company has added additional seating to the more intimate space. They have also included extra matinees in the schedule, giving audiences additional opportunities to see the shows.

In his first appearance with the Weston Theater Company, Adam Marino gives a multilayered performance as Valli, a singer known for his unique, high-pitched falsetto. The last to join the group, Valli added the voice and charisma that



The Weston Theater Company production of "Jersey Boys." PHOTO PROVIDED

helped launch The Four Seasons to fame and a solid place in musical history.

Also joining the Weston players for the first time is JP Qualters as Tommy DeVito, who brings to the role the necessary bravado, as the first to recognize that Frankie was something special. "That's our ticket out. This kid who sings like an angel and hangs around the clubs."

Rounding out the group are company first-timers William Spinnato as Nick Massi, and Aidan Cole as Bob Gaudio. The four performers' doo-wop synchronicity is spot-on, and a joy to watch.

The story of the four kids from Jersey is appropriately rough around the edges. The friends are literal partners in crime, at one point ending up together in jail. The earnest Marino showcases Valli's vulnerability beneath his tough, if diminutive, exterior, through his friendship with the guys, his love for his mother, and his cold reaction to Tommy's betrayal.

Packed with moments of true struggle, huge successes, setbacks, and bad choices, the script tells the tale of endurance in relationships, careers, and friendships, showcasing all the ups and downs along

the way. Ultimately, the story culminates in the group's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.

The songs really drive the momentum of the show, and the entire cast brings plenty of talent and personality to each song and dance number.

As John Simpkins, who helps the production as director, commented, "In addition to the iconic and legendary songs of The Four Seasons, the show is full of history, offstage intrigue, and the price of success and fame. Join us as four kids singing under a streetlamp in New Jersey can help us all remember the power of music and friendship."

Musical direction by Darren Cohen, set design by Lee Savage, choreography by Natalie Malotte, and costumes by Tracy Christensen add wonderful details to the vibrant production, and earned cheers from the audience on Friday, June 14.

Discounted tickets are available for Vermont residents. Go to www.westontheater.org for tickets, more information on the 2024 season, or to donate to the reconstruction of the playhouse.

End of year activities at ESBR

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) is happy to announce its Class of 2024. Aaron J. Wynne graduated on June 8. The graduation was held at the school with faculty, family, students, and friends attending. Wynne was also a student at River Valley Technical Center, where he was named Student of the Quarter twice during the school year. Dr. Kendra Rickerby, former head of school, was the guest speaker. Gary Blodgett and Azaiah Allen presented "What I will Miss/Not Miss about AJ." Head of School Judy Pullinen and Board Chair Gary Blodgett presented the diploma. Wynne will continue his

studies in the technology program at River Valley Technical Center next year.

ESBR also held a Celebration Day on the last day of school, June 13. Students read aloud their written interviews of Ludlow areas residents, which was a culmination of a social studies project. People interviewed included Chuck Bostock (AJ Wynne), Sharon Bixby (Lydia Warren), Earl Washburn (Azaiah Allen), Michaelah Lee (Terry Gurdak Carter), Theo Scutt (Liz Lombard), and his great-grandmother (Alan Pratt). Awards were given to students in various areas, and a lunch was enjoyed by students, staff, and guests.

The ESBR Board recognized Judy Pullinen, head of school, and Gary Blodgett, assistant head



AJ Wynne Graduation. PHOTO PROVIDED

of school, for their service during the year. Michael Kell will be taking the helm as head of school on July 1. Kell joins ESBR with a wealth of experience as both a school counselor and as an administrator.

ESBR is currently accepting students in grades 7-12 for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact Gary Blodgett at gblodgett@es-blackriver.org for more information.

Okemo Valley welcomes Queen of the South

CHESTER, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce celebrated the Queen of the South food truck at the Old Town Farm Inn, located at 665 Vermont Route 10 in Chester, Vt.

Owners Ronica and Thomas Humphrey cut the ribbon in front of their delicious food truck, situated on their picturesque 11 acres in front of the Old Town Farm Inn.

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Ronica's passion, culinary expertise, and love for cooking shine



Queen of the South owners Thomas and Ronica Humphrey (center) with chamber assistant director Leigh Kreible (left) and director Carroll Lighthall (right). PHOTO PROVIDED

through everything on their menu. Drop by to enjoy their brisket tacos, pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese, corn nuggets, fried okra, and more.

You can find their daily specials and their traveling location on Facebook. For more information, visit the chamber website, www.yourplaceinvermont.com.

Cider Donuts owner explains business to LRC

LUDLOW, Vt. – Following the regular weekly business meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), David Bennet, New England Cider Donuts owner, delighted LRC rotarians with an explanation of how he decided to start his new food business in Ludlow.

Bennet, whose resume features a long list of hospitality asset management and operations experience throughout the country, recently opened his new do-



Bennet examines one of the items he used to explain how he developed his donut menu. PHOTO PROVIDED

ing business in Ludlow. In doing so, he spent a great deal of time preparing both the menu side and the busi-

ness side of the operation, a task he explained to rotarians in some detail, and with considerable humor.

The LRC meets every Tuesday for a luncheon meeting. Interested persons are invited to attend meetings to see what Rotary is all about, its goals, and, equally important, the fun emanating from membership. Contact any rotarian, or call 802-558-0479.

BRAM thanks volunteers

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) would like to thank the following people for helping us to advance our mission of programming and preservation. Without their support, The Celebration of History event held on June 8 would not have been possible. It is due to fundraising events like this one that we are able to fund our mission goals.

With much gratitude, BRAM Board members would like to thank Shona Trimboli, Rachel Karner, Marcia Dokum, Christa Valente, Jenny Li, Ava Baitz, Corrine and Rich Grant, Heather Leigh Bushey, Melissa Rockwell, Michael Normyle, Ron Bixby, Bruno Brzoza, Cindy

Plimpton, Cody Surething, Eugene Dean, Theresa Southworth, Joan Merrill, and the Calvin Coolidge Historic Site for a variety of things, including helping us to set up and take down tents, for painting gorgeous sap buckets for the silent auction, laying bricks, working the varied stations, and loaning us quilts for the show.

Black River High School Alumni Association, our partner in this event, would also like to thank Matthew Cavoto, John Murphy, John and Andrew Taylor, and Jeff and Jeanie Strong for their time and hard work too.

Another shout out goes to Susan Damone Balch for her generous donation of a quilted wall hanging of Phil Carter's Sugarhouse, which is being used for

another BRAM fundraising event, a raffle. In addition, she created a series of wall hangings for the quilt show, and created a step-by-step display of how to make a quilt like hers. We are truly indebted to her for her generosity.

One last heartfelt thank you to the Class of 1964 for their generous donation of \$1,500. You can be assured the money will be put to good use.

Weather aside, the event brought in many alumni and first timers who were both thrilled by the event, and the quantity of the museum's artifacts and the quality of the exhibits. Many stories were told, and a good time was had by those that attended.

If you were unable to attend this year's event, be sure to attend next year.

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Londonderry community lunch

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Second Congregation-

al Church in Londonderry, Vt., is thrilled to announce our second community lunch of 2024. The lunch of 2024 will be on Thursday, June 27, at 12 p.m. World-renowned chef Patty Pettit, assisted by expert sous chef Eris Proctor, will be once again preparing a sumptuous feast for all. Our servers will cater to your every need. Fun, fellowship, and great food will be available for all. All are welcome. A

freewill offering will be gathered. Takeout will not be available, our apologies.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 27, at 12 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 2051 North Main Street (Vermont Route 11), Londonderry, Vt. For more information, please call the church office at 802-824-6453.

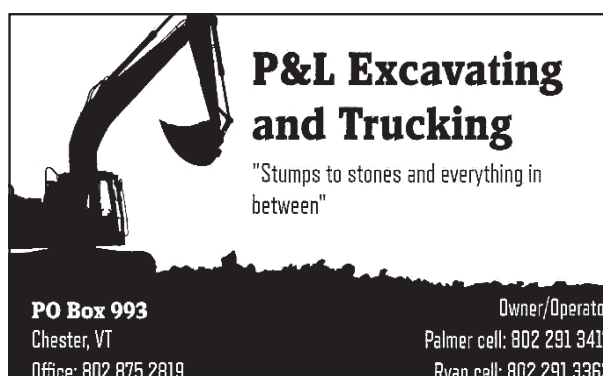


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Meet your legislators at New Thought Vermont



Meet your legislators at New Thought Vermont in Weston on June 20.

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WESTON, Vt. – On Thursday, June 20, from 5-7 p.m., New Thought Vermont will host a “Wrap Up” Legislative Forum for Weston and neighboring Mountain Towns. With the veto session having been just completed, come listen to updates from our state legislators as they give us a “wrap up” of the legislative session, and share your thoughts with them about current issues and matters of interest or concern.

Vermont State Sens. Alison Clarkson, Dick McCormack, and Becca White will be on hand

from the Windsor District, along with Vermont State Rep. Kelly Pajala, who represents these Mountain Towns. This will be a facilitated discussion.

While this is a free event, making a reservation would be much appreciated. To do so, please email movement@sover.net, or call 802-824-3810. If you are available and in the spur of the moment would like to just come without making a reservation, please do.

Space is limited. A reception follows when a selection of Vermont cheeses, nonalcoholic beverages, coffee, and tea will be served.

New Thought Vermont is located at 614 Main Street in Weston. It is the big red barn at the south end of the village, formerly the Todd and West River Galleries. Parking is available in the lot just south of the barn. Come join us, and meet your legislators and neighbors.

New Thought Vermont offers programs for individual and collective wellbeing, resilience, and meaning in life, including meditation and mindfulness, spiritual development, movement, music, and the expressive arts. Our goal is to build connection and community through offerings in body, mind, creativity, and spirit.

Rainbowpalooza in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – you combine everything What do you get when Pride with a vegfest? An in-

credible celebration – and the world’s first – known as Rainbowpalooza, a signature event at VINE Sanctuary where you can indulge in plant-based burgers and ice cream while listening to local musicians and so much more.

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

The lineup of speakers includes four dynamic voices in the vegan and LGBTQ spaces: Seba Johnson, a vegan since birth who made history at 14 as the youngest alpine ski racer in Olympic history and the first Black female to ski in the Olympics; Eloisa Trinidad, founder of Vegan Activist Alliance and executive director of Chilis on Wheels, who focuses on animal and human rights; Roger Barraby, winner of the International Gay Games in Mexico and a local Vermonter who helps mentor athletes from Windsor High School; and Tillie Walden, author of five graphic novels and a web-comic, who is serving as Vermont’s Cartoonist Laureate through 2026.

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

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

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A follow up

BY RON PATCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"STRAYED OR STOLEN
"From my Pasture in Londonderry, VT., on the fourth day of July, inst. a light grey six year old Horse; mixed with some red hairs; light mane and tail, middling long switch to his tail, a small bunch on the top of his right

shoulder blade. Whoever will return said Horse, or give information where he can be found, shall be handsomely rewarded, and all charges paid.

"ISAAC DECAMP Londonderry, July 20, 1840."

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

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

More Bellows Falls Gazette posts

Here are more posts from the same newspaper.

"WOOL & WAGGONS
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fleece wool delivered at our store. Proctor and Robinson.

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"Proctorsville, June 17th, 1840."

No title
"Came into my enclosure about the 4th of August, a Sorrel Mare about common size, and about 9 years old, with small white spots made by the pad of the harness or saddle, and a little stripe around the breast of white, made by the collar. The owner is requested to call and pay charges and take her away.

"RICHARDSON ROBERTSON South Charlestown, Aug. 12, 1840."

No title or author



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

"We are happy to notice the completion of the Bridge at Bellows Falls. The noble pier in the center, and the abutment on the West side of the river, are structures which do credit to Messrs. Silsby and Sargents for the workman like manner in which they have laid the stone, and will we doubt not long remain a monument of their skill. On the New Hampshire side of the river, Nature had formed an abutment. The wood work which stretches itself from abutment to abutment across the pier, has a most striking effect; the beauty of its structure, its columns, side walks, and the entrances at

each end, gives the whole a most splendid finish. Capt. Isaac Damon may well call it a master piece of workmanship; we are confident it has no parallel on Connecticut River, and we doubt if such a structure can be found crossing any stream in the Union of such strength and beauty. Its extreme length is 260 feet; width of the floor 25 feet; the oak plank laid lengthwise the Bridge; the height [sic] from the floor to the horizontal braces and beams 14 feet, and is 60 feet high from the water."

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

Robertson Paper Mill marker dedication held

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A historic marker honoring the former site of Robertson Paper Mill was recently dedicated in Bellows Falls, in conjunction with the Vermont Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference. Over 50 people were in attendance, including conferencegoers and local families whose relatives and neighbors, or who themselves worked at the 120-year-old mill prior to its closure in the 1980s and demolition in 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

"The Area Wide Plan in-



The dedication of the Robertson Paper Mill historical marker. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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

placemaking efforts related to the historic marker project.

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



Grandfather clock

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

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health & wellness

My Community Nurse Project thanks Mountain Towns

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



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

13 times for emergency assistance. There is never a charge to the family for care or services. MCNP is fully funded by donation from individual community members and local churches, as well as from the towns of Londonderry, Weston, Andover, and Peru.

We want to express our

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

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

Grace Cottage earns top score in Healthcare Equality Index

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

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

The HRC Foundation's HEI is the nation's foremost benchmarking survey of healthcare facilities, scoring them based on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion

of their LGBTQ patients, visitors, and employees. The HEI evaluates and scores healthcare facilities on detailed criteria, including the use of preferred pronouns and other sexual orientation and gender identification (SOGI) data in medical records, medical and workforce benefits for same-sex and domestic partners, and teamwork to reduce disparities and support the LGBTQ community.

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

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

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

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



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"Legalized Cannabis for Beginners" at Springfield Library

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

at 6 p.m., at the Springfield Town Library, for her presentation "Just Say Yes - Legalized Cannabis for Beginners."

Are you curious about the world of legalized cannabis, but don't know where to start? Join Shannon Morrill from Something Wicked Cannabis for an informative session tailored for beginners.

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

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

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

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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Mario D. Frangiose, 1931-2024

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

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

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

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



Mario Frangiose, 1931-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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

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

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

Richard G. Higley, 1927-2024

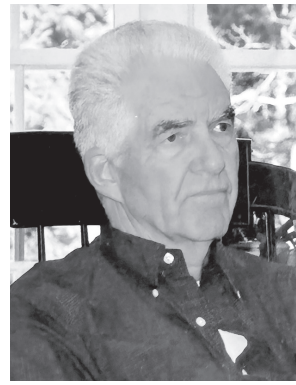
CHESTER, Vt. – Richard Gorham "Dick" Higley passed away peacefully at RiverMead Lifecare Retirement Community in Peterborough, N.H., on June 6, 2024, at the age of 96. Dick was born on Dec. 27, 1927, to the late Clifford W. "Kip" Higley Jr. and Mary Gorham Higley in Hudson Falls, N.Y., where he was raised and educated along with his younger siblings John and Barbara.

After graduating from the local high school, he entered Dartmouth College with the Class of 1949, finishing his freshman year in early 1946. An early alert from the local draft board prompted Dick to enlist in the U.S. Navy for two years, most of which time was served at a communication base in Guam.

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

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

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



Richard Higley, 1927-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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

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

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

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

Howard Papineau graveside service

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

Francis W. Kennett Jr., 1935-2024

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

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

He enjoyed building, hunting, riding motorcycles, and camping.

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



Francis Kennett Jr., 1935-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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

A private burial will be held at a later date.

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

James V. Mazza, 1932-2024

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

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

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



James Mazza, 1932-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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

A Celebration of Life for Jim will be held Friday, Aug. 2, at 4 p.m., at New Brooklyn United Methodist Church in Williamstown, N.J. A reception will follow. There are no visiting hours. If friends desire, memorial gifts in Jim's memory may be made to the Springfield Senior Center, c/o Brewster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 885, Manchester Center, VT 05255. To send the family personal condolences, please visit www.sheafuneralhomes.com. The family has entrusted arrangements to the care of Florida; his sister Ann Matthews (John) of Maine; grandchildren David Pet-

Georgia R. Wyman, 1946-2024

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

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

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



Georgia Wyman, 1946-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

ALSTEAD, N.H.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

United Church of Bellows Falls, UCC, 8 School St.
Worship service starts at 10 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome to attend. Following the service, there will be a time of refreshments. Many other services are offered throughout the week. If you have any questions or want to learn more, call 802-463-4323, visit the church, or find them on Facebook.

CAVENDISH, VT.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.
Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCofNorthCharlestown for more information.

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

CHESTER, VT.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.
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LEGAL NOTICES

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

together in style.

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Friday, June 21, from 5-7 p.m., Hot Noodles will be performing sizzling jazz at the West Townshend Country Store's pizza night. The store is located at 6573 Route 30 in West Townshend. For more information, email info@westtownshend.org or call 802-874-4800.

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

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

JUNE 25 – W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesday, June 25, from 5-7 p.m., The Buzzards will be performing bluegrass, country, and Americana at the West Townshend Country Store's burger night. The store is located at 6573 Route 30 in West Townshend. For more information, email info@westtownshend.org or call 802-874-4800.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See **CALENDAR** on Page 7

TOWN OF BALTIMORE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Baltimore Selectboard will hold a public hearing in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4384 on **July 9th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Baltimore Town Office in Baltimore, Vermont to receive comments regarding amendments to the Municipal Plan.

Additional copies of the proposed Municipal Plan can be obtained from the Town Clerk, whose office is located in the Town Office, during normal business hours.

A digital copy is also available online at <https://www.marcvt.org/town-of-baltimore---2024-town-plan-update.html>.

Walter Rich, Chair

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- Technology/Graphic Arts - Part-Time, 1 Trimester
- Custodian - Part Time

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

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

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

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

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You must be highly organized and detail oriented, with ability to process transactions efficiently and accurately and provide information in a positive manner to all stakeholders, including Town departments, Boards, Commissions/Committees and the general public. You must be a self-starter and possess excellent cash handling and computer skills, including Excel; will be focused on customer service and opportunities to enhance operational procedures; and, must be bondable. Ability to handle sensitive information, employ good judgment and communicate effectively is essential. Must have strong communication skills and be able to work cooperatively with all Town departments.

Education: A high school degree is required.

Experience: Two to three years of progressively increased responsibility in applicable office operations; experience in a municipality, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Please submit a Town of Charlestown application, cover letter and resume to: Town of Charlestown, Attn: Patricia Chaffee, PO Box 834, Charlestown, NH 03603 or by e-mail at patricia@charlestown-nh.gov. Applications accepted until position is filled.



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

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

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Science, or related field.
- Valid Water/Wastewater Operator License (Level 2) issued by [State Licensing Board].
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in water/wastewater treatment operations, with at least 1 year in a supervisory role.
- Strong knowledge of water and wastewater treatment processes and equipment.
- Excellent leadership and management skills.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
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Invitation to Bid The Town of Andover is seeking Winter Sand bids for the 2024/25 season

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

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

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

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

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

Jeanette Haight, Clerk

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:

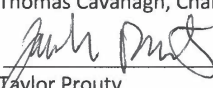
Article 1: To elect the following officer:

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

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Martha Dale, Vice Chair


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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)

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PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturdays at 9 a.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

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LMHUUSD School Board Has an Immediate Opening

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

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

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.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Development Review Board Town of Ludlow, Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing July 8, 2024 at 6:00pm

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 8 July 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, and via Zoom.

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

Parcel No. 070102-100

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-005

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

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

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

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: 505-24-FHR

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APPLICANT: Homestyle Properties 119 Main Street Ludlow, VT 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: Homestyle Hostel 119 Main Street Ludlow, Vermont, 05149
Parcel No. 230431-000

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: 504-24-FHR

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

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

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

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

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Venissa White Parcel # 252031

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

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

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

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

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

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Emerald Acres Investments, LLC Parcel # 282013

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Emerald Acres Investments, LLC by Warranty Deed of Jamie K. 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.

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arts & entertainment

Canal Street Gallery upcoming shows

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keith Murphy and James Carson at Next Stage

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Planet Zydeco on Putney Tavern lawn

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

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

New England-based Planet Zydeco plays dance music of southwest Louisiana in the Cajun and zydeco traditions. Featuring accordion, fiddle, and vocals, backed by electric guitar, bass, rubboard, and drums, Cannon Labrie, Mark Trichka, Alan Bradbury, Michelle Kaminsky, Jack Ezikovich, and Bonita Weisman mix up-tempo songs with traditional waltzes. The band has played festivals, concerts, and dance halls throughout the northeast over the past two decades.



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Acworth MusicFest and Barbecue

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Barbecue on June 29, from 11 a.m. until dusk, at the Acworth Village Store, 1068 Route 123A in South Acworth, N.H.

This family-friendly event promises a delightful blend of entertainment, refreshments, and activities for all ages.

Enjoy performances from your favorite local musicians, including Dan and Faith, Blue Collar Band, Best Revenge and Friends, Pointless Culture, Carolyn Waters, Cosmic Triumph, Cameron Sutphin, Babaray, and Hypnic Jerks. With a lineup this talented, there’s something for every musical taste.

Savor mouth-watering grilled food, refreshing beverages, and delectable treats from our bake sale. Our food offerings are sure to satisfy every craving.

Explore a variety of hand-crafted items from local artisans. Find unique gifts, home decor, jewelry, and more.

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some cash. All proceeds support the Acworth Village Store.

Admission to the event is free, and ample parking is available at no charge. Donations are gratefully accepted to support the Acworth Community Project.

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

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

Bring your friends and family for a wonderful afternoon filled with music, food, and community fun. Join us in celebrating and supporting the Acworth Village Store and all it represents for our community.

For more information, please contact Mary Lord at 603-835-6547.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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arts & entertainment

Springfield Community Players present “Waiting for a Eulogy”

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

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

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

They share memories and find meaning in their past interactions as they take

turns struggling to honor each other’s death. As they engage in a variety of humorous and insightful discussions and encounters, their friendship reveals itself to be stronger in death than it ever was in life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrate Pride at Disco Inferno with Bellows Falls Pride

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

spinning nothing but disco favorites.

The first person to correctly guess the identity of the person in the Andrews Inn photo will receive two free tickets.

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



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

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

Ludlow Summer Sunday Evening schedule

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

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

join us. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged.

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

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

“Bigs and Littles” art exhibition

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

The works, by Walpole artists David Howell and Bill Reed, are lively abstractions, Reed’s mostly in miniature, and Howell’s as big as 30 inches by 40 inches. The prices are figured at 65 cents per square inch, or, in the case of many of Reed’s, per cubic inch.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bigs by David Howell. PHOTO PROVIDED



Littles by Bill Reed. PHOTO PROVIDED

Library short story discussion, “Notions of the Sacred”

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

Two women rekindle an old friendship. Though they are both pregnant and their circumstances are different, they bond quickly over their pregnancies. Then, something unexpected happens.

It’s surprising how many personal connections can be made reading this compact form of literature. Large-print copies are available too. The Rockingham Library meets on the first Monday of each month to discuss a different short story. For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or call the library at 802-463-4270.

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HCRS annual golf tournament fundraiser

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

day of golf, attendees will have the chance to win exciting prizes, participate in a 50-50 raffle, and enjoy a delicious catered lunch and an evening banquet. Participants can register individually or as teams of up to four, and sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses and organizations looking to support a worthy cause while gaining visibility within the community. All proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit HCRS clients, helping to ensure no one is left out in the cold. The tournament will be held on Friday, June 28, beginning at 12 p.m., at Brattleboro Country Club in Brattleboro, Vt. Activities

will include the golf tournament, prizes, raffle, catered lunch, evening banquet, balloon pop, silent auction, and much more. To register for the tournament or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.hcrs.org/support-hcrs.php, or contact Kelsie Fraser, PR coordinator, at kfraser@hcrs.org. George Karabakakis, HCRS CEO, invites the community to get involved in this fundraiser, saying, “Join HCRS for a day of golf and camaraderie while making a meaningful impact for a cause that is critical in our community. We look forward to your involvement.”

Intro to fishing clinics

REGION – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will be conducting “Introduction to Fishing Clinics” open to the public throughout the summer. “Families across Vermont often turn to fishing during the summer months for a popular family outing,” said Fish and Wildlife education specialist Corey Hart.

“Our educational fishing programs provide new anglers with the information they need to be successful on the water, and additional programs will be added as the summer progresses. “Join us for a hands-on evening of fishing fun at one of these clinics, which will be perfect for those who have never been fishing before, or for those looking to refresh their

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

Discover local wildlife

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library is excited to announce the summer reading kickoff event, “Whooo’s That? Identifying Backyard Wildlife,” presented by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum on Tuesday, July 2, at 5 p.m.

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

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



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Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival

TUNBRIDGE, Vt. – The Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival is back for its 23rd

year, bringing together bluegrass enthusiasts from across the country to

celebrate music, community, and the scenic beauty of Vermont. Scheduled from Wednesday, June 26 – Sunday, June 30, at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, this year’s festival promises an unforgettable experience with top-notch performances, engaging workshops, and family-friendly activities. Utility sites are available at the gate on a first-come first-served basis. Multi-day and single-day passes are available online and at the gate. For more information, visit www.jennybrookbluegrass.com, or contact Candi Sawyer at jennybrookbluegrass@gmail.com.

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