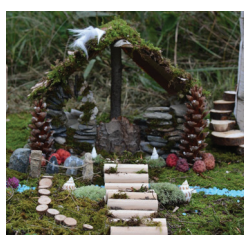




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Legion dinner benefits the Hancock family

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
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LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 14, the world was turned upside down for Don and Geri (Green) Hancock when they learned their home, where Geri has lived for 20 years, on Route 103 in Chester, was on fire. The couple had just gotten out for their first date since their wedding last October. They had booked a cruise on Lake Sunapee, and had made it to Claremont, N.H., when they received the devastating phone call.

The couple arrived as the local fire departments worked tirelessly to extinguish the fire. The family was left with nothing but the clothes on their backs, but very fortunately, and most importantly, the family was not in the home at the time of the fire.

“We’ve decided date night is not happening anymore,”

Geri commented, lightening the mood. Luckily her older daughter Olivia Nickerson took 17-year-old Allyssa Green to the Tunbridge Fair, leaving only their two dogs and cat in the home. The family did lose their cat, but someone driving by was able to get the two dogs, who were in their crates, and evacuate them from the building.

Proctorsville Fire Department was first to the scene, aiding Chester Fire Department, who arrived shortly after. Chester “took the command and called for additional manpower and tankers for water supply. Many area departments worked to extinguish the heavily involved structure,” reported Proctorsville Fire Department online.

Geri said the fire was classified as undetermined, nonsuspicious. The fire chief and crews were unsure what caused the fire,

thinking it could have been electrical, and pondered videos where the fire could have started, possibly being the front porch or Allyssa’s bedroom.

Geri’s car was totaled, and they are waiting on insurance to determine the outcome of Allyssa’s vehicle. Their mobile home on the property also received damage to the framing and exterior. If they tried to move it, “the windows probably would have fallen out,” Geri described.

Ludlow American Legion member Steve Starinkok arrived that evening and “bought toothbrushes and milk,” and various items “just to survive for the night.” Local property owner Diane Knuth offered the family one of her rental units for a couple of weeks free of charge, and agreed to rent “at a very reasonable rate” for the month of October. Geri hopes to have a

rental available to them for the beginning of November. “Steve and Diane have been a lifesaver,” Geri stated, “I don’t know what we would have done.”

The couple’s son John Cassidy created a GoFundMe account, expressing that his family “lost literally [everything] except for each other, my sister, and their two dogs.” Cassidy wrote, “My dad is a retired volunteer firefighter himself, and it’s unimaginable being on this side of it.” Cassidy added, “There are great people, and we have a great community...any little bit will help.” As of Sept. 24, the account raised almost \$30,000. If you are able to donate, you can visit the GoFundMe page at www.gofund.me/64412ee1.

Geri expressed that Hawk Properties in Plymouth, where she works, “has been great,” and they’ve all been donating to the account.

Geri’s boss Jim Nielsen donated \$5,000. Community members have been reaching out and offering any items that could be of use.

“I’m the one helping people usually,” Geri commented, “I’m not good at being the one accepting help...It’s hard to accept.”

Only one short year ago, during the July 2023 flooding, mom and daughter found themselves trapped on their roof for over two hours waiting on crews to rescue them. Geri reported that her husband Don tied extension cords together and was able to wade across. “There was raging water all around the house,” she said. Water rescue teams arrived just as the water started to recede.

They lost their garage and everything in their basement to the 2023 flood. And now they have lost their house and everything in it. “It’s been a tough cou-

ple of years,” Geri stated. Prior to that, the house was hit by the flooding of Hurricane Irene in 2011, and in 2009 a beaver dam let go on Smokeshire Road that took out their garage.

“We are not rebuilding... so if anyone wants a good deal on some property,” Geri jokingly reported.

This community knows all too well how to come together and support one another in a time of need. This family has met the prerequisites, to say the least.

The Ludlow American Legion will be hosting a benefit dinner on Friday, Oct. 4, with appetizers at 5:30 p.m., and a baked ham dinner to follow, served with scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, and apple crisp. Starinkok looks forward to hosting the event. “I love the whole sense of community,” he said. Please join the Legion in supporting the Hancock family.

Chester holds rural zoning hearing

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The majority of the Wednesday, Sept. 18, Chester Selectboard meeting was taken up by a hearing on proposed updates to Chester’s Unified Development Bylaws, the “last phase of a two-year task,” as Chair Arne Jonynas put it, to update and modernize the town’s zoning bylaws. Chester has already held hearings on proposed bylaws for its most densely populated zones, including all of the village, and this hearing was focused specifically on Chester’s rural districts.

Planning Commission Chair Hugh Quinn was on hand to explain the proposed changes to the bylaws, telling the board that the objectives for these changes were to “create less density as you move away from the village center,” as well as to create corridors for wildlife movement, and allow landowners to “maximize the land they have...from a development point of view.”

To that end, Quinn explained that the proposed changes would eliminate minimum lot sizes in Chester’s rural zones, instead opting for density-based zoning. This would mean that, instead of requiring a certain amount of acreage per lot, these zones would now only limit the number of units per acre of land within the zone, with no minimum lot size. Specifically, the current R120 district, which has a three-acre minimum lot size, would be changed to allow one building per five acres of land and renamed RUR-5, and the current C-R district, which has a minimum five-acre lot size, would change to allow one unit per 10 acres and be renamed RUR-10. This would, Quinn said, reduce

the overall density of these areas, but allow buildings on easily developed parcels of land to be built in more locally dense clusters, rather than dividing said parcels into minimum lots, which limits their capacity for development.

“If we went to density-based [zoning], we could actually meet the state goal of less density, but still give landowners the flexibility to get a reasonable return on their land,” town planning and zoning administrator Preston Bristow added.

Several Chester residents voiced concerns with the proposal, including Derek Suursoo, who felt that the lack of minimum lot size opened the door for undesirable types of development. “I could see where you have 200 acres, 20 houses, very tight spacing, is that really where we want to go?” Suursoo questioned the board. Quinn responded that developments would still need to meet minimum frontage, setback, and septic requirements, and that this would likely be a limiting factor in terms of how densely developed a parcel could be. After some discussion, Quinn and the board believed that the theoretical minimum lot size with all frontage and septic requirements met was somewhere around two acres, though all conceded that in certain circumstances, the minimums could potentially be met on a smaller lot.

Resident Amy Mosher read from a letter she had submitted to the board, explaining that she would like to see setbacks maintained at their current level in the rural districts. Mosher felt that “by taking away the minimum lot size in the RUR-5 and the RUR-10, the town would be inviting suburban development into these sensitive rural areas.”

Jason Rasmussen of the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, who has been working with Chester’s planning commission on the bylaw updates, responded to these concerns, stating that the overall density of these zones is being reduced by the proposal. He used the example of the current R120, which at present allows one six-acre lot to be split into two three-acre lots. The proposed bylaws would change this, meaning that in this same zone, a minimum of 10 acres would now be required for two buildable lots of any size.

Due to the concerns voiced, however, the board recessed the hearing for a future meeting, asking Quinn and the planning commission to consider adding minimum lot size requirements to the new zones as an added layer of security against overly dense localized development.

The Chester Selectboard will next meet on Oct. 16, at 6 p.m., on the first floor of the Chester Town Hall.

Plymouth talks property taxes, STRs

BY PAULA BENSON
The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Selectboard held their regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, where the issue of increased property taxes was discussed. Chair Jay Kullman told the meeting he had reached out to State Sen. Alison Clarkson, and read from the letter he’d received in return.

The letter began, “Yes, this is going to be a brutal year. Plymouth taxes are expected to be up by 36%, Bridgewater we’re not quite clear on yet, and Woodstock up 30%.”

“Completely unsustainable and brutal for our towns,” Clarkson continued, “due in large measure to huge increases in property values.”

Clarkson shared with Kullman an email she’d composed in response to Vermont residents who had written her with their concerns regarding the tax increase. In that correspondence, Clarkson said there was a lot of frustration surrounding the top-

ic, and she felt it warranted to map out how the state got to this place.

Kullman quickly went through the bullet points presented in Clarkson’s email. Why costs have increased so much this year, Clarkson explains, is that over the past three years, federal pandemic funds have helped to offset increasing costs of education and inflation, but this year those funds have expired, and teacher’s health care costs have increased 16.4%, among other factors. “Without the federal funding, we are seeing the cumulative impact of cost increases in education,” stated Clarkson.

Funding for the education system has traditionally been generated through property taxes. Even after an effort by school boards to reduce their proposed budgets at the end of last year, the state-wide property tax increase was still 13.8% on average.

Clarkson’s letter also addressed the “rapid escalation of our house values,” which is “having a big impact on our taxes.” Recognizing the need to “attack all the education funding factors” this

year, the state legislature created the Commission on the Future of Vermont Public Education to review all issues and make recommendations in January 2025. Meeting attendees expressed their frustration with the state legislature, and felt Clarkson contradicted herself within the letter.

“What I want to say next is not a solution,” Kullman concluded. “But I do want to remind Plymouth residents that if...your primary home is [in Plymouth], and your household income is less than \$90,000, you are eligible for up to \$6,300 in credit. If your income is over \$90,000, you are eligible for \$3,400 in credit. I just want to make sure people in this town are utilizing that.” Kullman was referring to the Homestead Declaration and Form HS-122, which requires that a homesteader must live in the home at least 182 days per calendar year.

An open discussion on short term rentals (STR) was on the meeting’s agenda, and Kullman introduced the topic by explaining that “we love our second homeowners,” but wanted to discuss raising rates for STR owners.

The estimated number of STRs in Plymouth is around 65-70, and while Kullman compared the low fees to neighboring Woodstock, the comparison received some pushback from those at the meeting, calling the comparison “apples to oranges.” One resident stated that charging these 65 people \$1,500 per year would not solve the town’s budget issues.

The board decided to table the conversation pending further research, but Kullman felt a slight increase was warranted.

The next selectboard meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7. The board anticipates a financials review as they move into budget season.

Benson’s to host annual Trunk-or-Treat

LUDLOW, Vt. – Get ready for a spooktacular evening at Benson’s Chevrolet of Ludlow. The dealership will once again host its annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m.

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Chris Morrow Listening Tour

REGION – Chris Morrow, candidate for state representative for Andover, Londonderry, Weston, and Winhall, will be on a listening tour to those towns over the next week. If you would like to meet Morrow and dis-

cuss state government, join him on one of the following dates: Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m., at Winhall Community Arts Center in Winhall; Thursday, Sept. 26, at 5:30 p.m., at New American Grill in Londonderry; Mon-

day, Sept. 30, at 5 p.m., at Andover Town Hall in Andover; and Tuesday Oct. 1, at 4 p.m., at The Hub in Weston.

More information is available at www.morrow4vt.com.

Chester EV Cruise-in

CHESTER, Vt. – Are you curious about electric vehicles (EVs)? The Green Team from First Universalist Parish in Chester and the Country Girl Diner are co-hosting an Electric Vehicle

Cruise-in on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 4-6:30 p.m., at the Country Girl Diner parking lot, Route 103 in Chester.

Help us celebrate National Drive Electric Week. Anyone with an EV is en-

couraged to “cruise in” and be part of our event. Come share your enthusiasm for driving electric. Several dealers from the area, attending with new EVs, will be available to answer your questions. Now is a great time to buy since there are numerous incentives avail-

able. This event offers an opportunity to ask folks who drive EVs what they love about their cars besides being gas-free and low-maintenance. There are several incentives for folks to purchase electric vehicles, so now is a great time to find out more if you have been thinking about making the switch.

All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Take a leaf-peeping drive and “cruise in” to the Country Girl Diner (the diner is not open for dinner). For more information and/or to register your EV for the event, visit www.driveelectricweek.org/event?eventid=4454, or call Melody Reed at 802-875-5414.

Tom Charlton Listening Tour

REGION – Hang on to that mail-in ballot. This election you have a vote and a voice.

What do you want for the State of Vermont? What are your priorities and concerns? What ideas do you have for solutions? You are invited to tell candidate Tom Charlton about the important issues that affect you – your pocketbook, your community, your children. This is your chance to send a legislator to Montpelier who will represent you – come tell him what you’re thinking.

Two events are scheduled. The first is on Friday, Sept. 27, at the Chester Town Hall; and the second is on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Grafton Town Hall. Both events run from 6:30-8 p.m. The format is open mic, with residents given three minutes each to speak. Participants will have a second opportunity to speak if time allows, and Tom will take questions at the end of the evening. Further dates and a Zoom event will be announced.

This event is for the whole community, whatever your party. We have a spectacular variety of

views and priorities in this wonderful Windsor-Windham district, and the combination that will work lies somewhere within the bunch of us here at home. We learn to do this together, or someone else does whatever they want. Now is the time to strike a balance for freedom and unity.

Tom Charlton is the Republican candidate for Athens, Chester, Grafton, and Windham. More information can be found at www.charlton4vermont.us. This event is organized and announcement contributed by the Charlton Campaign Committee.

FOLA Candidates’ Forum

LUDLOW, Vt. – In keeping with its traditional efforts, Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) will conduct a Candidates’ Forum for those candidates seeking the three Windsor County seats in the Vermont Senate, as well as those seeking the RW-1 House seat representing Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury.

Thus far, all the candidates seeking the Windsor senate seats have agreed to participate, as well as those seeking the RW-1 seat. They include: Alison Clarkson, Democrat, Senate; Jonathan Gleason, Republican, Senate; Joe Major, Democrat, Senate; Andrea

Murray, Republican, Senate; Marc Nemet, Independent, Senate; Adrienne Raymond, Democrat, RW1; Becca White, Democrat, Senate; Jack Williams, Republican, Senate; and Kevin Winter, Republican, RW1.

This event will seek the candidates’ positions on various issues facing state government. The program will begin with questions from the moderator, fol-

lowed by questions from the audience. The forum is open to all interested residents of Windsor County and the three towns making up RW-1.

The moderator of the event will be Jim Alic, FOLA chairman. Jacalyn Dieneshouse will be the timer, and audience monitors will be Kevin Kuntz and George Thomson. Call 802-855-8896 for more information.

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Reinbow Riding Center is also currently engaged in a business sponsorship drive, in order to diversify its revenue sources, with a goal towards long-term sustainability. Regional businesses were recently sent letters of invitation. Sponsorship levels range from “Bucket of Oats” at \$250 or more, to “Gallop Along with Us” at \$5,000 or more. If you are interested in helping to support the mission of Reinbow Riding Center, please consider sponsoring or donating to this local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2008. To learn more about the various ways to make a contribution, go to www.reinbowridingcenter.org/support-us.

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Manchester Center to Chester

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Recently I wrote about a 1937 Vermont book I received in the mail. Contributing writers were part of Roosevelt's New Deal, the Works Progress Administration (WPA). I enjoyed reading it. One chapter is about state roads. Here are three local stories from that chapter. Remember, this is 1937.

Mileage is given from Manchester Center with an "m." in italics. Today this is Route 11.

Peru
"PERU (alt. 1,660, pop. township 156), 10.8 m., lies high in the mountains, a serene shallow-pocketed village under the dominance of Bromley Mountain (alt. 3,260). This hill village has a clean well-groomed aspect, refuting the general ideas regarding the slovenly backwardness of mountain settlements.
"Many of the homes and

buildings are painted white, and the general scene is one of neatness and quiet pride. The *Community House* contains the town library. The *General Store and Post Office* is so much the neat model of such common rural arrangements that it resembles a movie-lot setup, even to the rustic sign hanging above the entrance.
"The *Congregational Church*, built in 1846, exemplifies in the plain severity of white-painted wood a simple effectiveness of church building, with double entrances, green-blinded windows, and square bell-tower. The interior contains four hanging oil-lamps, corner stoves with overhead pipes for winter heating, and a large painting of Bromley Mountain behind the pulpit. An appropriate quotation from Psalm 121 is on the wall: 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.'
"The *Bromley House* is early 19th century, a square roomy-looking structure of

white-painted brick, with an outside fireplace on the porch. Peru was settled in 1773 and first took the name Bromley. John Stark's forces cut a road through this township on their way to the battle of Bennington."
Londonderry
"LONDONDERRY (pop. township 799) 15.9 m., is built along the banks of the West River in a narrow, gully-like valley, hemmed in on the south by forested ridges. The village street has a rather raw unkempt appearance, where incomplete building mingles with decay.
"The West River was long ago dammed to provide water-power for the old *Sawmill*, where piles of logs and boards at the village center bespeak plainly the community's industrial bent.
"Above the dam and gray steel bridge, the river flows in slow smooth retention, darkly placid and deep. The little *Universalist Chapel*, a fairy-story structure in

dun and brown, has an old coach-lantern hanging on the tiny porch.
"Londonderry was chartered in 1770 by New York State as Kent, but was confiscated from the Tory proprietors in 1778, and regranted by Vermont in 1780, under the name of Londonderry."

Simonsville
"SIMONSVILLE (pop. township 258) 23.6 m., is a tiny settlement with two bridges over the swift-running pebbly mountain stream that bends through the little village in white-rippled flow. Trim stone walls follow the curving line of the street and mark the water course.
"The little white *Church* with blunted tower is neatly built in a style similar to the Peru Church. *Rowell's Inn*, was built in 1820 by Simons, who gave his name to the community. Constructed of red brick kilned on the farm, the building served as an inn and store, and retains such early features as the many

fireplaces, Christian doors, and the third-floor ballroom. A double porch now fronts the first two floors, with a third smaller porch opening from the ell. In early automobile days, this inn was a stop-over on the 'Ideal Tour' between Manchester, Vermont and the White Mountains of New Hampshire.
"The *Little Red Schoolhouse*, 24.3 m., would serve to illustrate the well-loved song of that name, and brings memories of all the sentimental songs and poems dealing with rural schooldays.
"The *Parsonage*, 25 m., stands in the attractive sturdiness of red brick, made locally in Simonsville, and is early nineteenth century, having been used as a parsonage since its construction.
"Between Simonsville and Chester, State 11 winds along an upland river valley, crossing and recrossing the rocky branch stream of



An old welcome sign for the White Church in Simonsville, mentioned in this history. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

the Williams River, with forested ridges paralleling the highway.
"Hard surface is resumed in its bituminous form. Eastward near Chester the country opens a bit, the valley widening to the clear land of better and more prosperous farms..."

"This week's old saying - Tourist: 'Where does this road go?' Vermonter: 'Nowhere, it stays right there.'"

"The Long World War II" at Springfield OLLI

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dr. Andrew Buchanan will present the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program "The Long World War II" on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center, next to St. Mary's Church, on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

We'll hear about the long-term global effect that World War II had upon the world order, and how what happened more than 80 years ago is still crucially impor-

tant in the politics and current events of today.

Buchanan is a senior lecturer at the University of Vermont, who specializes in global, environmental, and military history. He has published several articles and books about World War II history and globalization.

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons, at 2 p.m., and last about an hour and a half.

You may view the entire semester's programs at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. Preregistration can be done at this website. You may also register by calling 802-656-8407 during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is a membership series fee. Nonmembers are welcome and encouraged to attend for a single program fee.

If you prefer to register by mail, send your contact information (name, address,

phone number, and email address) indicating which specific program(s) you wish to attend. Mail this information and your check made out to "University of Vermont - OLLI" to UVM Non-Credit Registration Office, 85 South Prospect Street, Box 34, Burlington, VT 05405.

If there are weather-related changes to the schedule, you can check the above website on the morning of the program.

For the following program, on Wednesday, Oct. 16, Michelle Arnosky Sherburne returns by popular demand after last year's well-attended program, and presents "A

Closer Look at Vermonters and the Underground Railroad in the Pre-Civil War Era."

"CBD and Functional Mushrooms"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m., join us at the Springfield Town Library for "CBD and Functional Mushrooms: An Educational Workshop."

Meet Claire Lewis, BSN, RN, as she shares her wealth of knowledge about the health benefits of hemp-derived CBD and functional mushrooms.

Lewis will guide you in identifying safe products in an unregulated market. Learn how CBD interacts with your body's endocannabinoid system, and the potential health benefits. Plus, explore the powerful impact of functional mushrooms, which have been used as one of nature's oldest forms of medicine.

With over 11 years of

nursing experience, Lewis is passionate about empowering her community to advocate for their own health and wellbeing.

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health news

Herbs and longevity at CHS

CAVENDISH, Vt. – In “Cancer Ward,” a fictional reflection on Soviet society, author, Nobel Laureate, and former Cavendish resident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn relied heavily on his own experience as a cancer patient. Solzhenitsyn describes how a doctor notices that peasant patients don’t seem to get cancer, which he concludes is from their practice of drinking chaga tea. Solzhenitsyn

turned to European mandrake root to treat his cancer, along with radiation therapy. Like chaga, mandrake has been used for centuries, and it turns out, a study conducted at the National Cancer Institute found that using the formula Solzhenitsyn followed with mandrake root contained two cancer drugs. Note that American mandrake (*podophyllum peltatum*) is an entirely different

plant than the European variety used by Solzhenitsyn. On Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m., the Cavendish Historical Society (CHS) will host a talk on plants and herbs associated with longevity. One of the speakers will be Dr. Charis Boke, a member of the Dartmouth College faculty in anthropology. She is currently writing “Poison, Power, and Possibility: Building Relations with Medicinal

Plants,” which will explore the poetics, politics, and practices of contemporary herbalists. This event will take place at the CHS Museum in Cavendish Village, on Route 131, and is free and open to the public. Donations are welcomed. For more information, please call 802-226-7807 or email margocaulfield@icloud.com.

SAPCC workshops

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Tuesdays in October, during Substance Abuse Prevention Month, Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) is partnering with area experts, regional partners, and guest speakers to host free workshops open to all, to learn more about addiction and ways of supporting our community, clients, friends, and family. The series will be facilitated by Sharon O’Neill, MAT, training and coaching specialist, and Northern Lights master trainer.

This series is being provided for free thanks to the State of Vermont’s Prevention Lead Funding (PL4), which aims to build sustainable, scalable, and equitable statewide systems in Vermont that prevent or reduce substance use and misuse across all ages and substances. Register for one or all of the workshops.

On Oct. 1, from 1-4 p.m., workshop participants will view “The Hungry Heart,” an award-winning, Vermont-based documentary. The viewing will be followed by

a discussion about the film and substance misuse in our region.

On Oct. 8, from 1-4 p.m., workshop participants will discuss the book “Hey Kiddo,” Jarrett Krosoczka’s autobiographical novel about how substance abuse impacts children, families, and communities. Participants receive a free copy of the book in advance.

On Oct. 15, from 1-4 p.m., there will be a discussion with a panel of experts from Turning Point Recovery, followed by NARCAN training. All participants receive a free NARCAN kit. From 4-6 p.m., there will be an open-house style community meal for anyone who participated in any of the workshops throughout the series.

All workshops will be held across the street from Springfield Area Parent Child Center, at the SAPCC Training Center, 51 Jack and Jill Lane, North Springfield, Vt.

Contact Springfield Area Parent Child Center to register by emailing sapcc@sapcc-vt.org, or calling 802-886-5242.

Substance Misuse Awareness

Workshop Series



Workshops are FREE and open to everyone. Register for one or all! Learn more about addiction and ways of supporting your community, clients, friends and family. The series will be led by Sharon O’Neill, MAT, Training and Coaching Specialist, and Northern Lights Master Trainer.

01 Oct

1:00 - 4PM

The Hungry Heart

Viewing of this VT-based, award-winning documentary, Directed by Bess O’Brien, followed by discussion about the film and substance misuse in our region.

08 Oct

1 - 2:45 PM

“Hey Kiddo” Book Discussion

Discussion about Jarrett Krosoczka’s autobiographical graphic novel, and how substance abuse impacts children, families and communities. Participants receive a free copy of the book in advance.

3:00 - 4 PM

Elevate Youth Services Presents

A panel of young adults will present and answer questions about how substance misuse has impacted their lives.

15 Oct

1:00 - 3PM

Discussion with Turning Point

Learn about Turning Point’s programs and listen to stories from a panel of community members who’ve experienced substance misuse.

3:00 - 4PM

NARCAN Training

Turning Point will demonstrate proper administration of NARCAN. Participants get a free NARCAN kit.

4:00 - 6PM

Community Meal

Participants who attended any of the workshops in the series are invited to stop by for dinner at the Training Center!

Grace Cottage flu shot clinics

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage will host two Saturday flu vaccine clinics, on Oct. 5 and Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Grace Cottage Family Health, 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, Vt.

You do not need to be an established patient at Grace Cottage to get a flu shot at these clinics. Preregistration is recommended by calling 802-365-4331; walk-ins will be accommodated as space permits. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Most insurance covers flu shots; please bring an ID and insurance card with you. If you are not insured, payment for your flu shot is expected at the time of service.

Two different flu shots are being offered this year, one for those age 6 months to 64 years, and another for those who are 65 and older. Flu shots are also available at Grace Cottage on weekdays by appointment by calling 802-365-4331.

An annual seasonal flu

vaccine is the best way to avoid getting the flu and spreading it to others. It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone age six months and older get an annual flu vaccine. People over age 65, or those with a chronic disease such as diabetes or asthma, have a higher risk of contracting the flu, and are especially urged to get the shot.

For more information about the flu and vaccination, visit www.healthvermont.gov, or call the Vermont helpline at 211.

Grace Cottage will collect donations for the Townshend Food Shelf during the clinics. If you wish to support the food shelf in this way, you can bring a non-perishable food item to the clinic.

For more information about this or other Grace Cottage services, visit www.gracecottage.org or call 802-365-4331.



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- Dale Holmes, Springfield, VT



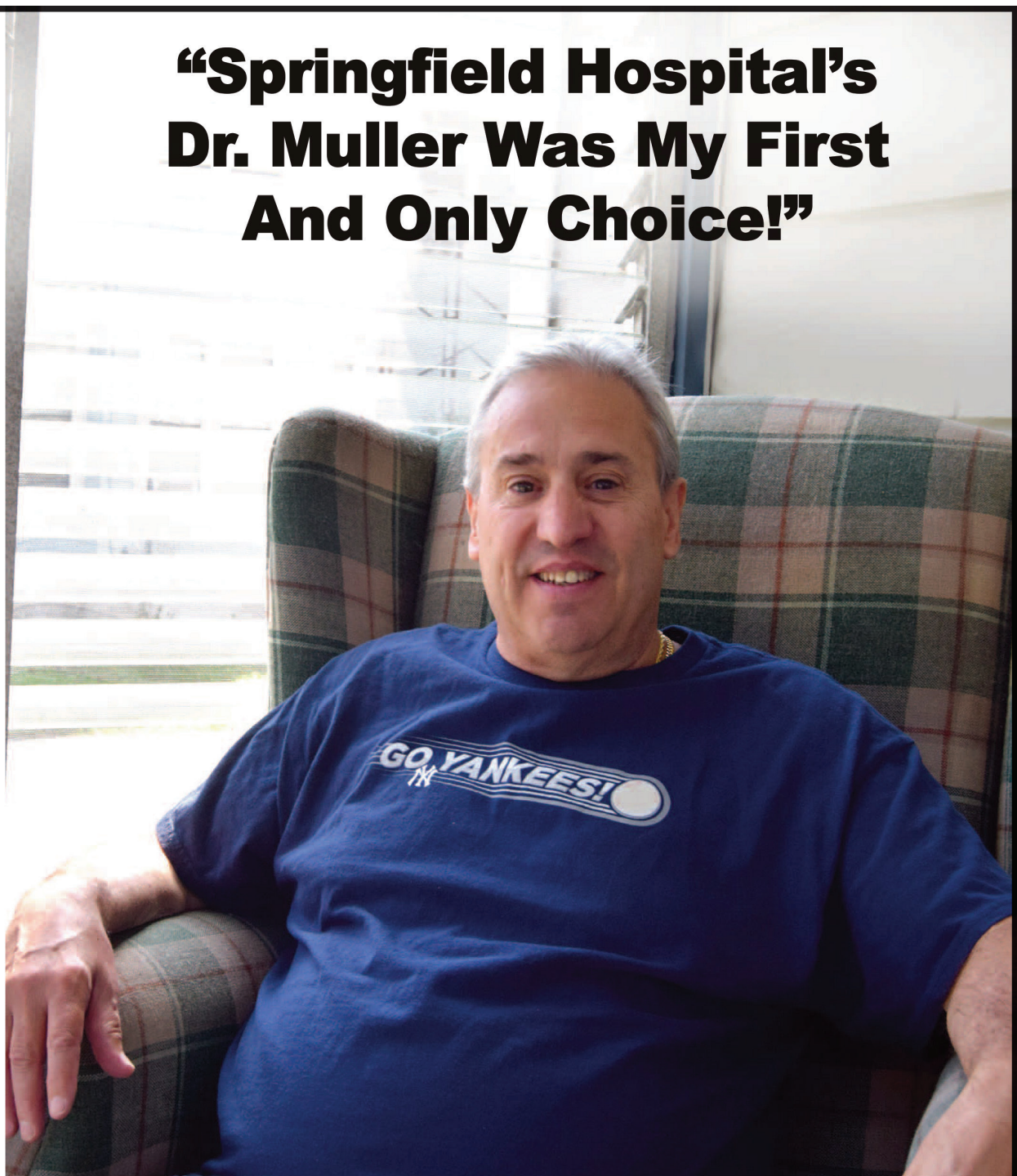
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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Walter F. Clark, 1936-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Walter F. Clark of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Sept. 18, 2024. Born in Boston on March 27, 1936, he attended local Boston schools, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953-1956. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Northeastern University.

On Sept. 7, 1958, he married Joan Carew in Hyde Park, Mass., and they recently celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Walter worked for Vermont Research Corporation, and later for Split Ball Bearing, now known as Timken. He was a long-standing member of Crown Point Country Club, and served as president, as well as being the club champion in 2001.

He is survived by his wife



Walter F. Clark, 1936-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Joan; his children Sandra Clark (Michele) of New Hampshire, Lynda Perkins (Jared) of Florida, Richard Clark of Springfield, and Steve Clark (Sonja) of Texas; and two granddaughters Shannon and Alyssa of Texas.

Per his request, there will be no services.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Shirley J. Coutermarsh, 1935-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Shirley J. Coutermarsh, 89, of Springfield, Vt., died on Sept. 20, 2024, at Springfield Hospital. She was born on May 19, 1935, in Hartford, Vt., daughter of the late Floyd and Adrienne (Minor) Coutermarsh.

Miss Coutermarsh came to Springfield in 1942, and has made her home here ever since. She attended schools in Springfield, and graduated from Springfield High School in 1953.

She was employed by Fellows Gear Shaper Company for 20 years. She worked five years as a medical secretary for various local physicians, and was employed by Springfield Hospital as a medical transcriptionist for 10 years. She was a member of the American Association for Medical Transcriptionists.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Alter Society. She was a past member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Precision Valley Women's Bowling League.

She has been an avid photographer most of her life, at one time having opened her own studio, The Portrait Parlor. She studied photography through New York Institute of Photography and the Famous Photographers' School in Westport, Conn. In the past years, she has exhibited her work in various places.

Shirley had a great passion for football. She kept track



Shirley Coutermarsh, 1935-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

of all the AFC teams, their stats, scores, etc. She loved the Patriots, and watched every single game, no matter what time it was on. Shirley had passion for so many things in life, but the Patriots and Red Sox were two of the biggest of her passions.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by two brothers Ronald and Richard; three sisters Elaine Hinckley, Barbara Parker, and Roberta Sirosky; her mother Adrienne in October of 1963; and her father Floyd in June of 1996.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 27, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, with the Rev. Rogelio Organiza officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurses Association or Springfield Area Hospices, both at 366 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Gregory H. Donabedian, 1942-2024

CHESTER, Vt. – Gregory Higgins Donabedian, 82, of Chester, Vt., passed away Monday, Sept. 16, 2024. Greg was born in New York, N.Y., on April 6, 1942.

He graduated from Francis C. Hammond High School in 1960, and Georgetown University in 1965. Greg was a highly involved and dedicated parishioner at Holy Family Parish. Greg dedicated his career to public service. He served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, and spent the rest of his career working at the Centers for Disease Control.

He is survived by his nephews William Patrick Donabedian (Melissa) and Gregory Thomas Donabedian; niece Margaret Joyce Donabedian; and cousins Patricia Trapasso (Frank), Gina Dugan (Mike), and Kim Lynch (Dallas).

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Margaret Donabedian, and brother Thomas Donabedian.

A funeral mass will be



Gregory Donabedian, 1942-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Springfield, Vt., followed by interment at 1 p.m., at Vermont Veterans Cemetery, Randolph, Vt. A reception will follow at the Nolin Murray Center, Springfield, Vt., around 3:30 p.m., upon return from the burial.

Memorial contributions can be made to Holy Family Parish (www.holyfamilyvermont.com) or the American Heart Association (www.heart.org).

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St.

Traditional Baptist Services held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible. 802-463-3220.

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 @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch or to our website www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Sunday services are held in person and streamed online at 10 a.m. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive updates on services and meetings.

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

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

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

We welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday Services are at 10 a.m., in person and on Zoom. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

WALPOLE, N.H.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to www.walpolenhucc.org or www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

CHURCH SERVICES:

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

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John K. Wu, 2024

LUDLOW, Vt. – John K. Wu peacefully passed at Rutland Regional Medical Center on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, comforted by the love of his wife, son, and two daughters. Born in Tianjin, China, the eldest son of Roc P. H. Wu and Radolin C. Wu, John chose to come unaccompanied as a young teenager to the United States, during China's civil war.

He ultimately made his way from San Francisco, via Newton, Mass., to Vermont for college, where he graduated with an education degree, and taught high school social studies for many years in area schools. Known for his strong work ethic, he supplemented his teaching income with part-time jobs to support his family here and in China.

John settled in the welcoming Town of Ludlow after visiting a college friend there.

His long journey included serving in the U.S. military prior to becoming a citizen through naturalization.

A member of the United Church of Ludlow, he was also a 60-year member of the Black River-Lafayette Lodge #85, F&AM of Ludlow.

John's inquisitiveness and point of view made for lively conversation, and his keen interest in public affairs included two Fulbright U.S. Scholars fellowship awards, membership on civic boards and associations, and leadership roles in politics. He especially enjoyed a political appointment as deputy undersecretary of education for adult education in the U.S. Department of Education during the Reagan



John Wu, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Administration, and a role at Norwich University on international initiatives.

His children gratefully inherit his love of travel and food. There were epic summerlong tent camping trips across this wonderful country in the family station wagon, and a lifetime of sampling off-the-beaten-path restaurants with delicious regional cuisine or can't-miss Chinese based on his meticulous research. Survivors include his wife of 61 years Carol (Holden) Wu; children Stephanie (Frank), Douglas (Priscilla), and Penny (Kyle); grandchildren Vincent Campagna, and Will, Lucy, and Jake Lester; sisters Pearl and Millie; and siblings Paul, Pauline, Hong-tao, and their families.

He is predeceased by his parents, brother Teddy, and niece Patty.

A graveside service with Masonic rites will be held Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt., with Pastor Michelle Fountain of the United Church of Ludlow officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity in John's memory.

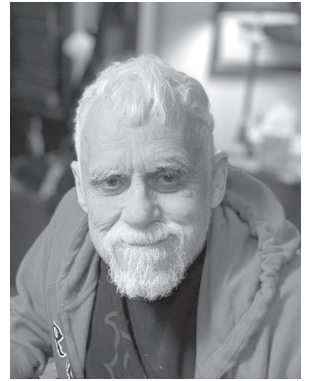
Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Joseph L. Polidor Jr., 1941-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Joseph L. Polidor Jr., 83, of Springfield, Vt., beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Sept. 19, 2024. Born to Joseph and Harriet (Parker) Polidor Sr. in 1941, he graduated from Springfield High in 1959.

After serving three years in the Army, he met his wife Suzanne (Heglund) in Springfield, marrying in 1969, and receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky in 1971. An unexpected job opportunity led to a decades-long career as a marketing executive in the music business, where he worked with award-winning recording artists like Reba McEntire and John Mellencamp. As his career grew, so did his family, with five kids born from 1971-1979.

After years living in Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, and Nashville, the family returned to Vermont in 1991. Joe was happy to be able to give back to the community he loved, teaching business classes at CCV, doing volunteer marketing for Springfield Hospital, and being a youth mentor.



Joseph Polidor, 1941-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

He was a proud Springfield resident, a diehard Red Sox fan, an avid swimmer, and he loved walking his dogs and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne; children Amberly (David Curriel), Justin, Parker (Allison), Colin (Tiffany), and Autumn Mellencamp; grandchildren Charlotte, Henry, Dafna, Kirk, Forest, Cora, Thomas, and August; and siblings Cindy, Cara Lovejoy, and Christopher.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m., at Springfield Church of Christ, 972 Chester Road. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association and www.helpinggreyhounds.org.

OBITUARIES:

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LEGAL NOTICES

SEPT. 27-28 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Good Neighbor Services Gigantic Fall Rummage Sale will be held Friday, Sept. 27, and Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. both days, at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow, Vt. There will be a variety of items on sale, including clothing, furniture, housewares, games, collectibles, shoes, books, active wear, and sporting goods. There will also be a bake sale, grill-out, and much more. Proceeds from the sale provide food, rent, heat, utility, and disaster assistance to neighbors in need.

SEPT. 27 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – Come enjoy an evening of song and dance with the 11-piece big band sound of Gerry Grimo & The East Bay Jazz Ensemble on Friday, Sept. 27, from 7-9

p.m., in the beautiful event room at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, just off Maple Street, Claremont, N.H. Enjoy dancing, socializing, or just listening. There is a large dance floor and comfortable round table seating. Bring a friend or make new friends. BYOB. Light snacks and water will be provided. This event is open to the public. There is a small cover charge per person. For more information, call 603-543-5998.

SEPT. 28 – ATHENS, Vt. – The second annual Athens Community Center Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 5 p.m., at the Athens Community Center. It is free to enter a chili in the competition; there is a small admission fee for those wishing to participate in the tasting and judging, and/or take home extra chili. Cash

prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. To enter, email Krista at KIRSTA.Ann.Gay@gmail.com before Sept. 23.

REGION – The Okemo Valley Women's Club will host a food drive on Saturday, Sept. 28, to coincide with the General Federation of Women's Clubs National Day of Service. Donations of nonperishable food items will be collected at Shaw's Plaza in Ludlow, Singleton's Store in Proctorsville, and Shaw's in Springfield, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. All food donations will be donated to local food shelves.

JAMAICA, Vt. – Kick the spooky season off the right way this year with Almost Canon Podcast and our paranormal Spooktacular Story Night at Jamaica State Park on Saturday, Sept. 28, beginning at 5 p.m. If you've experienced the paranormal or unknown, and have a story you'd like to share, or a story you've wanted to share in the past but were convinced no one would believe you, then please, join us for a no judgment story night. We are unable to waive the park entrance fee. To help offset the park fee, Almost Canon will include a free Almost Canon sticker with the first 50 tickets, or until they run out.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us on Sept. 28 for a great day of golf to support Okemo Mountain School (OMS). Eighteen holes of golf at Crown Point Country Club, carts included. All proceeds will go to the OMS Annual Fund to provide scholarships and financial aid. Lunch and registration begin at 12 p.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration fee includes lunch and a beverage. There are lots of great prizes, including a \$15,000 hole-in-one, a yeti cooler, a seven-day worldwide getaway for six people, Tour Edge EXS golf clubs, skis, rounds of golf at local courses, and much more. Every player receives an OMS hat. We hope to see you there.

SEPT. 29 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Jean Davis from Brattleboro Branches Pregnancy Resource Center will be speaking at Living Hope Fellowship, two miles north of Bellows Falls on Route 5, on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. All are welcome at this free special event.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Precision Valley Fish and Game Association will host a celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at 2879 Vermont Route 106, Perkinsville, Vt. Try your skill at target shooting

with .22 rifle and pistol, trap shooting, archery, muzzleloaders, and the running deer. This event is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

SEPT. 30 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow, Vt., will host a community lunch on Monday, Sept. 30, at 12 p.m. The menu will be shepherd's pie and apple crisp. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-7421. Free cash bingo will follow the meal. All are welcome.

OCT. 1 – N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center's (SAPCC) Substance Misuse Awareness Workshop Series will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 1-4 p.m., at the SAPCC Training Center, 51 Jack and Jill Lane, North Springfield. The series will be led by Sharon O'Neill, MAT, training and coaching specialist, and Northern Lights master trainer. From 1-4 p.m., workshop participants will view "The Hungry Heart," an award-winning, Vermont-based documentary. The viewing will be followed by a discussion about the film and substance misuse in our area.

OCT. 3 – PITTSFIELD, Vt. – Author Kevin Graffagnino will be speaking at the Roger

Clark Memorial Library, 40 Village Green in Pittsfield, Vt., from 6-7 p.m., about his new book "Ira Allen: A Biography." While not as well-known as his brother Ethan, Ira was an important figure in Vermont's early history. Please RSVP for this event by calling 802-746-4067, or by emailing pittsfieldvtlibrary@gmail.com.

OCT. 5 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary's Parish will hold their Old Time Penny Sale on Saturday, Oct. 5. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and drawings will begin at 6 p.m. The grand prize is \$1,500 cash (\$1,200 if not present at the sale). More than 300 prizes will be raffled, and there will also be a free children's raffle. Door prizes will be awarded, including a 40-inch TV, two pop-up 11-foot by 11-foot tents, and a Huffy mountain bike. Food available will include hot meatball subs, hot dogs, mac and cheese, popcorn, chips, and beverages.

OCT. 6 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Springfield Art Gym, 335 River Street, Suite 2, will hold a fall workshop featuring five crafts suitable for adults and children, from 2-4 p.m. For more information on the workshop or how to sign up, visit www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym.

LMHUUSD School Board Has an Immediate Opening

The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District (LMHUUSD) seeks one Ludlow and one Mount Holly 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 Layne Millington
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Development Review Board Town of Ludlow, Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing October 28, 2024 at 6:00pm

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 28 October 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, and via Zoom.

APPLICANT: Jeld-Wen, Inc.
2645 Silver Crescent Drive
Charlotte, NC 28273
PROPERTY LOCATION: 146 Pleasant Street Ext.
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel No. 230806-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is to construct a 12' x 40' addition to the building to be used as a lunch room. This project is in the Industrial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 113-97-CU, Amendment #1,
498-24-Act250

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.

Brendan McNamara
Municipal Manager

Development Review Board Town of Ludlow, Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing October 28, 2024 at 6:00pm

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APPLICANT: Divided Sky Foundation Corporation
262 Fox Lane Ext.
Ludlow, VT 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 339 and 380 Fox Lane Ext.
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel No. 040233-000,
040234-001 through 006, and
040235-001 through 006

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a boundary line adjustment granting Fox Run Condominiums additional acreage around their buildings. This project is in the Town Residential-Commercial I district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-011, and
474-21-CU, Amendment #2

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.

Brendan McNamara
Municipal Manager

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING Tuesday, October 1, 2024 AND CONTINUING THROUGH Thursday October 31, 2024.

SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Travis Kemp
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

TOWN OF WESTON ROAD CREW MEMBER

The Town of Weston seeks to add full-time, year-round member to our Road Crew. We take pride in maintaining the Town's equipment, roads, and facilities and creating improvements where we can, the successful applicant will be team players willing to do their best and learn along the way.

Candidates are required to hold a VT Driver's License, have a High School diploma or equivalent and a valid CDL Class B Driver's License, successfully pass a background check, and participate in drug testing.

This position has benefits, including health care, and a retirement package. The position is eligible for overtime. Mail or return your resume to: Town of Weston PO Box 98 Weston VT 05161 or drop off at the Town Office. You can also email the application to selectboard@westonvt.org Applications will be reviewed as received with the position open until filled. The Town of Weston is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Development Review Board Village of Ludlow, Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing October 28, 2024 at 6:00pm

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 28 October 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, and via Zoom.

APPLICANT: Steven E. Meyers
81 Andover Street
Ludlow, VT 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 81 Andover Street
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel No. 220546-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is to subdivide one 1.3 Acre lot into two lots. This project is in the Village Residential-Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB 24-012

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Brendan McNamara
Municipal Manager

TOWN OF GRAFTON, VERMONT Invitation to Bid Engineering Services for Town Hall Fire Escape

The Town of Grafton is requesting technical proposals for professional architectural/engineering services for the design of the exterior fire escape staircase on the Town Hall located at 117 Main Street, Grafton VT. The Town would prefer to have construction on the project begin in the spring of 2025. An optional site visit will take place on Thursday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Sealed bids are due by Thursday, October 17th at 3:00 p.m. Complete bid requirements may be obtained from Morgan Wilbur, Town Administrator, P.O. Box 180, 117 Main Street, Grafton VT 05146. (802) 843-2552 or email townadmin@graffontvt.org

SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE MONDAY, September 30 – FRIDAY, October 11, 2024

Periodically, we clean water mains of harmless corrosion and accumulated foreign matter by opening hydrants and allowing the water to escape under high pressure. The flushing action is an important part of our program to maintain high quality water.

Although such flushing may produce temporary discoloration, the safety of the water is not affected in any way. HOWEVER, we advise you to schedule clothes washing and cleaning projects at other times.

All water mains will be flushed between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. During the time this work is performed, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WILL BE AFFECTED. It is suggested that restaurants, laundromats, etc. keep their use to a minimum until water clears. The water system will be riled and cloudy, but this condition will clear up upon completion of the work.

SPRINGFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

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APPLICANT: Stacy T. Malecki (Revocable Trust)
PO Box 998
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
PROPERTY LOCATION: 145 Main Street
Units 200 and 207
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel No. 230410-021 and 230410-014

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is to create a doorway that unifies unit 200 and unit 207, resulting one unit. This project is in the Village Residential-Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 80-50-CU, Amendment #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.

Brendan McNamara
Municipal Manager

POLITICAL OPINION

classifieds

Dear Voters,

My name is Adrienne Raymond, and I am running for the Vermont House of Representatives seat recently vacated by Logan Nicoll, representing Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury, on Nov. 5.

I have lived in Vermont since 1979, when I moved to Shrewsbury at age 20. I followed a path similar to many; attended Castleton, worked at Pico, met and married a local (Rutland) boy, and made my life here. After graduating from Vermont Tech, my working life was varied - from veterinary assistant, to defined benefit pension analyst. When our first son was born, we moved back to Shrewsbury, had two more

sons, and I started volunteering in our local schools and working in town government. My children are now grown, mostly married (youngest next May) with careers, and I have three beautiful grandchildren, with a baby boy arriving around Thanksgiving. I continue to be involved in my local government. Currently, I'm a justice of the peace, animal control officer, and the Shrewsbury zoning administrator. In the past I've served as auditor, lister, development review board member, and I was a school board member for more than 20 years for both Shrewsbury and the Mill River districts. I continue to serve as a guard-

ian ad litem helping kids in DCF custody. I am a socially liberal, fiscally moderate Democrat.

Why am I running to be a House representative? The upcoming legislative session must successfully address the increasing costs of living in Vermont, as housing, property taxes, and health-related costs are increasing beyond affordability. These are difficult questions that require an open mind and a willingness to listen to the many competing interests for state funds.

Public schools are being asked to provide so much; are we funding them appropriately? How do we bring down the cost of health insurance?

How do we bring back vacant housing stock? Build new affordable housing? How do we enable small communities to build wastewater treatment capacity, water systems, and flood resiliency? How well does any proposal fit the needs of those who live in Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury?

Please consider voting for me on Nov. 5. I am happy to take phone calls and emails to discuss issues that are important to you at 802-353-0973 or raymond@vermontel.net. Learn more at www.voteadrienneraymond.com.

Paid for by Adrienne Raymond for Vermont

Dear Editor,

I am voting for Alice Emmons and Kristi Morris for state representatives representing Springfield in the upcoming election - I hope you will too. I recently served for nine years on the Springfield Selectboard, two of which as its chair. One of the most important things I learned was the importance of having representatives you can count on to work closely with our town officials to get things done, to find funds to accomplish our local goals and projects, and to ensure that we have strong voices that consistently fight for what is important for Springfield to prosper and move forward. I agree that certain statewide issues are also important. Things like affordable childcare, protecting the environment, ensuring adequate housing, and affordable healthcare. But I want more from our repre-

sentatives - I want them to open doors for us, and help navigate the bureaucracy in the Capitol. I want them to help us secure funding to help Springfield. I want them to convince their fellow legislators of all parties to support bills and policies that help Springfield.

Emmons and Morris have and will continue to do this and more. They have aggressively and consistently fought for Springfield. As a local official, I always knew that these two individuals could be counted on to alert us to funds available to support our town priorities, to arrange meetings with high-ranking state officials and other state elected officers regardless of party affiliation, to introduce and fight for legislation that helps Springfield. This is how things get done to help Springfield, this is how

projects get built, this is how rules get changed, this is how Springfield gets moved up the priority list, and this is why I'm voting for Alice Emmons

and Kristi Morris, and I hope you will too. Thank you.

Paid for by Walter Martone Springfield, Vt.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Department Laborer.

This position is full-time, year-round. Duties include but not limited to snow plowing with plow and wing, and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Must pass a pre-employment physical.

Applications can be dropped off at our Selectmen's Office located at 233 Main Street Charlestown, NH, mailed to P.O. Box 385 Charlestown, NH 03603, or emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

FULL-TIME and PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER OPENINGS

Full time/Part time certified in New Hampshire and/or eligible for certification through the New Hampshire Police Standard and Training Council.

The Town of Charlestown Police Department is seeking a motivated, team oriented person who possesses good problem solving and communication skills that is interested in working in a tight knit community where community policing is a priority. The candidate selected will perform criminal investigations, crime prevention and community involvement assignments along with traffic enforcement.

Minimum Requirements: Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen; must be 21 years old by the anticipated date of the agility test. Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Candidates must meet the Physical Fitness Testing minimums and will be re-tested once every three years if hired. Must be a full time certified police officer in New Hampshire, or if certified in another state, must be eligible for certification with law package through the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. The hiring process consists of a medical screening, physical agility test, Police Oral Board, polygraph examination, in depth background investigation, psychological evaluation, and drug screening. Salary is based on experience and your time in law enforcement is transferable.

Full time positions are benefit eligible.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Chief Patrick Connors at 603-826-5747.

To Apply: An application can be found on the Charlestown Town Website at <https://www.charlestown-nh.gov/employment>.

Please submit a completed application, resume, and cover letter to: Chief Patrick Connors, Charlestown Police Department, PO Box 1465, Charlestown, NH 03603.

~The Charlestown Police Department is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer~

FIREWOOD

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Firewood in the Andover, Weston, Londonderry, Windham area. \$140 you cut & split, 1.5 ton Dump Truck load of 8-10 foot delivered, cut last winter. Also cut & split, dry or green. Call 802-875-2646 evenings.

FOR SALE

CHESTER, Vt. - Commercial property for sale by owner. 3-Unit

building located on the Green. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, and 2 retail storefronts, fully rented with excellent long-term tenants. Shown by appointment. Offered at \$399,000. More information at 802-875-3000.

YARD SALE

BELMONT, Vt. - Yard sale Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 - 4, contents of house at 102 Howland Farm Road, Belmont. Come see and make an offer.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

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

This position is part time and year-round. Weekly schedule is Tuesday through Saturday.

Duties include but not limited to:

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

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

Interested candidates should complete an application and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, PO Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer.

This position is full-time, year-round. A CDL License is required. Duties include but not limited to snow plowing with plow and wing, and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Must pass a physical, and a drug & alcohol test.

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN CEMETERY SEXTON

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a Cemetery Sexton. This position is a part-time seasonal position (April 1 to November 1) with no benefits.

The Sexton supervises the operation of the cemeteries to include sales of plots, recording burials, filing permits and researching old burial records. The Sexton also performs a variety of public relations and marketing duties to include assistance with site selection and payments as well as consulting with bereaved families. Other duties include maintenance of the cemeteries such as mowing, tree trimming, etc.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. High School Diploma or Equivalent.
2. Valid NH Drivers License
3. Ability to be bonded.

Interested candidates should complete an application and/or resume and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email it to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

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Town of Plymouth, Vermont Highway Department Position Available

The Town of Plymouth has an opening for a Town employee in its Highway Department. This is a full-time, year-round position. Duties will include snow plowing, sanding and salting roads, road construction, maintenance and other related duties. Applicant must hold a valid VT CDL and have experience operating a dump truck with a plow and sander.

Competitive salary as well as a great Municipal Benefit Package to include health & dental insurance, retirement plan, paid holidays, and paid vacation. Overtime is required in the winter for storm events and compensation is 1.5 times the hourly rate.

Please submit a completed application to the Plymouth Town Clerk's Office at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont 05056 or email clerk@plymouthvt.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Plymouth is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Now Hiring

Windsor County Coordinator

Green Mountain RSVP, a program that matches volunteers aged 55+ with volunteer service opportunities is seeking a coordinator for Windsor County.

32 hour, home-based position with flexible hours (can be a four-day work week). Employer provides excellent benefits, including contribution to HSA and paid time off from start of employment.

Must have car and be willing to travel (mostly in Windsor County, VT) about 50% of the time. Must enjoy speaking with people and building relationships with non-profits.

Associate's degree or 3 years of experience in non-profits preferred, basic computer skills required.

See website for full position description and how to apply: www.rsvpvt.org

Hiring Announcement from the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union Bus Driver

Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) is a public school system located in southwestern Vermont. We are in search of Bus Drivers at Flood Brook School in Londonderry, VT. The Bus Driver will have the responsibility of a designated bus route in the morning and afternoon of school days with the possibility of additional driving throughout the day. Responsibilities include transporting students to and from school, maintaining a clean and mechanically sound bus at all times, obeying all traffic laws, performing pre/post trip inspections of the bus, and ensuring the safety of students at all times.

Compensation starts at \$22.00 per hour (with the potential for more, depending upon years of experience) with benefits. This position reports to the Director of Transportation.

We encourage all interested candidates to apply, as we are more than willing to train the right person. For more details about the role and to apply, please visit www.SchoolSpring.com and enter Job ID 4740052.

BRSU is a Professional Learning Community which demonstrates best practice in teaching and is committed to high levels of achievement and success for all students. We offer a cohesive and collaborative work environment. We have excellent benefits and take pride in our inviting work culture filled with dedicated professionals. BRSU is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 32 Clothing store section
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- 36 Stratagem
- 37 Green sauce
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- 41 Shriner of tennis
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arts & entertainment

Fischer Arts expands —

CHESTER, Vt. — This year, Fischer Arts celebrated their fourth year on the Chester Green. The gallery has expanded, with additional room for new exhibits, events, and items, including new books and handcrafted gifts made in New England and beyond.

Fischer Arts is a Vermont art gallery specializing in antique and contemporary art inspired by nature. The gallery is organized into nature-themed areas — from “Botanicals” to “Oceans,” as well as “Mountains, Forests, and Landscapes,” and everything in between — a customer favorite is the “Mushrooms, Mosses, and Lichen” section.

In addition to the new exhibit space, each nature-themed area has expanded. To complement the antique and contemporary artwork, customers can find a curated collection of books and

gifts.

The books are carefully selected to fit in the natural history themes. Alongside the books are gifts including painting, printing, and seed collecting kits, as well as thoughtful games. The new gifts are designed and made by artists and crafters, with an emphasis on small, independent, women-owned businesses.

“The Woman in Black” —

WESTON, Vt. — Question the very fabric of reality with “The Woman in Black” playing Oct. 2-20, at Weston Theater Company’s Walker Farm.

Fear and fascination collide in this critically acclaimed adaptation of Susan Hill’s classic ghost story. Young solicitor Arthur Kipps is sent to a remote English town to settle the affairs of the recently deceased Alice Drablow. While there, he unwittingly unravels a sinister and haunting mystery.

The haunting production is directed by Jacob

Basri. Weston welcomes back David Bonanno, who, after playing King Charlemagne in Weston’s 2024 production of “Pippin,” returns to play Arthur Kipps. Lucas Dixon returns as Young Kipps. Weston welcomes Grace Guichard for her Weston debut as The Woman. Michael Cassara casts the show. Julie Foh is the dialect coach. Scenic designer Marcelo Martínez García sets the stage for this spooky tale. Costume designer Aidan Griffith decks the cast out in their Victorian and ghostly attire. Evdoxia Ragkou joins the cre-

atives as sound designer, and Yichen Zhou rounds out the team as lighting designer.

Discounts are available for Vermont residents. Tickets are available online at www.westontheater.org, and by calling the Weston box office at 802-824-5288.

Weston Theater Company builds on and enhances the unique assets of its Vermont village campus to produce a diverse, entertaining, and challenging season of live professional theater and high-impact events; enrich the theatergoing experience with education and outreach programs for all ages; and make significant contributions to the American theater.

Artic circle photographs on display, and Raku pottery workshop

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Have you ever wanted to see the Arctic? Here is your chance, right here in Springfield, at Gallery at the VAULT.

We have a show of incredible photos by Gene Parulis at the VAULT, on view until Oct. 30. There will be a reception on Friday, Sept. 27, from 5-6:30 p.m. Parulis will be here to tell you about the photos and his expedition to the Arctic. Come be awed by the magnificence of nature.

Parulis traveled from Greenland to Kugluktuk in Western Canada. “Into the Northwest Passage” was the theme of the expedition, as it focused on the rich history behind the quest to discover a sea route between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The photographs on exhibit provide a vivid glimpse into this vast region, comprising spectacular landscapes, monumental glaciers and icebergs, and the poignant passage of humankind. The photos are stunning.

Parulis has been photographing the world for

over 50 years. He has lived, taught, and traveled in many countries, and has had art residencies in China, Europe, and New Mexico. His photographs have appeared in numerous publications. He has recently returned from a trek in the Mustang region of Nepal.

Gallery at the VAULT is also excited to offer a raku pottery workshop with Andrew Berends on two consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 5 and 12, from 1-5 p.m. each day. Register by Saturday, Sept. 28.

Berends will be teaching the exciting Japanese firing technique known as raku. The firings take about an hour, and you get a finished piece at the end. Raku is a fun, exciting technique, where pots are fired to 1,840 degrees, pulled out of the hot kiln, and manipulated with sawdust and water to change the look of the glazes. The glazes can be metallic, and/or have a crackle effect, making each piece truly unique and one-of-a-kind. We will also fire pots with a technique known as “horsehair” raku, which creates interesting designs on the clay.

The class will include wheel throwing, slab making, as well as extruding instruction. The first day will include making all types of clay work, and the second day will be glazing and firing all the pots in the raku

tradition. Emphasis will be on being creative, and learning the basics of pottery, including making the work, glazing, as well as firing. The class is geared towards teens through adults, and limited to five students.

Berends has been a master potter for over 30 years, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, as well as a Master of Fine Arts from Montana State University. He worked with a Spanish folk potter for a year, and was also a guest artist-in-residence at Anderson Ranch in Snowmass, Colo. Upon moving to Vermont in 1988, he became a professional production/art potter, and has exhibited internationally, as well as being represented by over 180 galleries nationally.

The cost of the workshop is discounted for gallery members, and includes 25 pounds of clay, glazes, and firing costs in a gas-fired kiln. Wear old clothing, and bring pottery tools if you have them. Directions to Andrew’s studio in Springfield will be given at registration.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email gallerylvault@vermontel.net, visit www.gallerylvault.org, or stop by the gallery.

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10/12 from 2-4 \$40.

Pine Needle Christmas Ornament with Irene Dizes
10/19 from 11-4 \$78.

Painting the Vibrant Colors of Fall with Rob O'Brien
11/2 from 9:30-4 \$85

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Main Street Arts String Band to play

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The Saxtons River Park rounds out its Music in the Park series on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 3 p.m., with the Main Street Arts String Band.

Under the direction of Jill Newton, the group offers traditional French Canadian, Celtic, Scandinavian, and American fiddle tunes.

In case of rain, the concert will move across the street to Main Street Arts (MSA).

The string band meets at MSA every Wednesday, from 5-6:30 p.m., and welcomes string players of any level of proficiency to sit in on their sessions.



Main Street Arts String Band will play in Saxtons River Park. PHOTO PROVIDED

The Saxtons River Park Committee is sponsoring the series, which is open to all. Notice of rescheduling will be posted on the Saxtons River and Saxtons River Park Facebook pages.

Yemen Blues returns to the Bandwagon stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents world music ensemble Yemen Blues on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m., at the field behind the Putney Inn, 57 Putney Landing Road in Putney. The band is touring in support of their new album, “Only Love Remains.”

Formed in 2010, Yemen Blues was swiftly recognized as one of the planet’s most adventurous and invigorating bands, at once contemporary and timeless, defiantly singular, and

deliciously eclectic. Their three studio albums and over 1,000 shows to date – including prestigious bookings at Canada’s GlobalFest, Roskilde Festival Denmark, and UCLA’s Royce Hall – have cemented the quartet (Ravid Kahalani, the band’s mercurial cofounding vocalist and gimibri player; bassist/oudist Shanir Blumenkranz; percussionist Rony Irwin; and drummer Dan Mayo) as a benchmark in a world music that has both shaped and challenged the genre.

“This group is an explosive mix of sounds that incorporate Middle Eastern melodies, funk bass lines, and Ravid Kahalani, an explosive front man that croons in Arabic,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “Yemen Blues has headlined around the globe, and we’re excited to host them on this U.S. tour.”

The four members of Yemen Blues are spread across continents, with roots that span cultures. This global patchwork manifests in their singularly exhilarating

polyglot melange of Bedouin folk, funk, blues, avant-garde, Arabian classical, fuzzed-out rock, psych, and jazz. So, wherever you’re from, Yemen Blues speaks your language.

Equally a gathering of musicians and a spiritual channeling, Yemen Blues rejects the very concept of taking sides, instead seeing only unity and love as pathways to harmony on both micro and macro levels. They explore intricate and potentially thorny issues through the simplicity of sheer fun – a universal state where we all can meet.

Tickets are discounted in advance at www.nextstagearts.org, and kids under 12 are free. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar. For more information, visit www.nextstagearts.org, 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, Southern Vermont Solar, and Confluence Acupuncture.

Creative composition workshop with Lynn Zimmerman

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The Saxtons River Art Guild will offer a workshop on Creative composition, led by Lynn Zimmerman, on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School Street, Bellows Falls. All materials will be supplied, but artists are invited to bring watercolors, watercolor pencils, and watercolor crayons, inks, brushes, paper, etc. All that is needed is an open mind, and a willingness to experiment and have fun.

The workshop is for novices and experts alike, and will explore some of the

elements that help build a strong composition. So much of creating a work of art is intuitive, but increasing one’s understanding of composition, of seeing how the various parts of our work interrelate, expands abilities and opens new possibilities. Why does that diagonal bring excitement to my painting? Why does my drawing feel so dull? Why does that pear look better over there? Where should I put the cow?

Each participant will be provided with a package of materials to use in our experiments before lunch. After lunch, artists will each

use their medium of choice to try out some of their discoveries. The day will end with time to share. Participants should bring their own art supplies to use after lunch. For questions about the workshop, contact lynn@luckydogdesign.com.

Zimmerman is excited by color and the beauty of natural things, and she combines those in her work in watercolor, oil, acrylic, gouache, colored pencil, and ink painting. Her works show her love of detail, as well as a grasp of the bigger sweep of life and light. Lynn studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art and

the Rhode Island School of Design. She has worked as a graphic designer and illustrator for more than 30 years. Lynn offers instruction in watercolor, oil, and gouache painting, as well as drawing, book arts, and collage. Her emphasis is always on gently supporting each student along his or her creative journey.

The workshop fee is discounted for nonmembers, including morning supplies. Coffee and tea will be available, and participants should bring a lunch. To register for the workshop, please email Carolyn at poohbear@ne.rr.com.

Reading Fall Festival

READING, Vt. – The first community-wide event since 2019, the Reading Fall Festival will take place throughout the Village of Felchville in Reading, Vt., along Route 106, on Saturday, Oct. 5. Cosponsored by The Future is Reading and the Reading Recreation Commission, the activities will take place in a number of local venues, including Reading Elementary School, the Reading Historical Society, the Reading Public Library, Puddledock Park, the Hall Art Foundation, and the Reading Greenhouse.

On Friday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a chili cookoff, sponsored by the Reading Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). It will be held in the outdoor classroom behind Reading Elementary School, and will highlight the new wooden floor installed over two recent community build days. Attendees are encouraged to bring a pot of chili or side dish to share, a bowl, and a spoon. Beverages will be provided by the PTO.

On Saturday morning, people of all ages are encouraged to bring bikes and human-powered contraptions with wheels to the parking lot behind the Reading Town Hall at 10 a.m. Decorations will be available. A bike parade will commence at 10:30 a.m. and travel to the Reading Elementary School campus, where food vendors (Lazy Cow Ice Cream truck, Goodman’s American Pie pizza, and Kidding Around Farm’s baked goods), live music, Touch-a-Truck, face painting/henna painting, carnival games, and a bounce house will be on site. The action will shift to the North Branch of the Black River at 1 p.m., where the Reading Recreation Commission will dump 500 numbered rubber ducks into the water for the ever-popular Ducky Derby. Ticketholders for the first ducks to the finish will receive cash prizes.

At 2 p.m., the Reading Public Library will host a

Poetry Potpourri, featuring published regional poets, local students, and anyone else interested in reading, reciting, sharing, and generally indulging in all things poetic. A poetry book sale will accompany the event. Next door, in Puddledock Park, a community mural will be taking shape with the help of anyone willing to paint a section.

The Reading Historical Society will have open hours and a craft sale from

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Reading residents will receive free admission to the Hall Art Foundation’s five galleries of contemporary art on Saturday, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Reading Greenhouse will offer an opportunity to paint a pumpkin face on a pumpkin purchased from their wide selection of colors and sizes. The Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society will also be stationed at the Reading Greenhouse,

featuring food for humans and gathering food for animals, both by donation.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, please contact Lisa Kaija at lqkaija@gmail.com, or Jane Kartsch at janekartsch1@gmail.com.

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BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is here to help you become a homeowner. The first step is to familiarize yourself with the homebuying process. Their homebuyer education workshop and program are encouraged for anyone becoming a homeowner, regardless of income. There are a couple options for the course, as well as downpayment assistance information. The next step will be to meet

with one of their specialists, who will help you define a budget as you start searching for your home, whether through their shared equity program or through traditional market sales.

Homebuyer education workshops

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust is now offering an interactive homebuyer education workshop both in person and via Zoom. Find a home that fits your family and your budget. There is a registration

fee per household, which includes a one-on-one financial counseling session after you've completed the course. Homeownership specialists will analyze your credit and budget, and guide you through the process of buying a home. If you're a current WWHT resident who is up to date on rental payments, your fee is waived.

In the workshops, you'll learn about grants and other down payment assistance, as well as which

type of mortgage is right for you. Attending the workshop plus meeting with a homeownership specialist will meet the prepurchase requirement for most lenders.

All courses are on Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., for all classes held in person and via Zoom. The schedule of classes and registration is available on the WWHT website, www.homemattershere.org.

After the workshop, household members must meet at least once with a homeownership specialist in order to receive a lender-required certificate of completion. At that time, households can receive one complimentary tri-merge credit report, which will not affect your scores, to review with the specialist. There is no charge for meetings with homeownership specialists for ongoing support through the home-

buying process.

For questions or to register, please contact jpaquette@homemattershere.org, or visit the WWHT website.

Homebuyer education online courses

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust also offers homebuyer education courses online. These are self-paced online workshops available 24/7 through eHome America. Completing the workshop and meeting with a homeownership specialist meets the prepurchase requirement for most lenders. This course has the same registration fee as the in-person course.

Mortgage and loan assistance

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust offers down payment assistance to income-eligible homebuyers through its shared equity program. They provide

grants to assist you in purchasing an eligible single-family home of your choice, and work with you to obtain a mortgage loan from a local bank. They can also discuss other down payment assistance programs during one-on-one counseling sessions. These include USDA Direct Loans which do require a down payment, ASSIST loans from VHFA, First Generation grants, Equity Builder grants, and other programs from Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and others.

For more loan assistance information, contact home ownership program coordinator Jeremy Paquette at jpaquette@homemattershere.org.

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