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Powerlifting team proves strength training benefits older adults

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – About two years ago, The Vermont Journal published a story about a group of powerlifters, mostly in their 60s and 70s, who were breaking records in competitions across Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

Last month, many of those same competitors celebrated more wins at the 2026 annual Can-Am Championships, held at Supreme Fitness in Brattleboro.

Their trainer, Meg Letson, said, “One of the things I’m most proud of is that the [2024] competition...wasn’t a ‘one-hit wonder.’ Two years later, these athletes are still training consistently, still competing, and in many cases lifting better than before.”

Martha Rowley and Pa-

mela Parant, ages 76 and 66 respectively, say they owe so much of their overall good health to regular strength or resistance training, especially as they get older.

“I feel that the consistency has kept me pretty healthy, both physically and mentally,” Parant remarked. “I am stronger now than when I started strength training.”

Parant said she is inspired by other lifters, like Rowley. “I think that I will continue weight training and powerlifting as long as I am able. I have already set a goal for my 70-year-old self. She will be here before I know it.”

Letson lives and works on a lovely property in Bellows Falls, located in the hills above Rockingham Boulevard, with trails, gardens, and two cats. She converted her garage into a gym about six years ago, and the space is cozy but



Meg Letson (front) with the team of competitors from the Can-Am Championships.

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well-outfitted. During the warmer season, Letson opens the overhead door and takes her workouts outside.

An increasing amount of research points to the benefits of resistance training as we age. According to an article published by the Mayo Clinic in 2024, “In addition to building strength and muscle mass,

you’ll also slow the aging of your brain, blood vessels, and bones.”

The piece further states, “resistance training could slow, and in many cases, reverse the changes in muscle fibers associated with aging. This was even true in people who didn’t start resistance training until after age 70.”

For the athletes that train

and compete under the leadership of Letson, those findings do ring true. Rowley maintains the Vermont and American Powerlifting Association records for her division in both deadlift and bench press. Parant holds the national record for squats, and at May’s Can-Am competition achieved her personal best, breaking her own state and national records. Their teammates, Chris Lundberg, 71, Mike Foster, 63, and Ashley Cole, 36, also broke or held state records at the event.

Letson emphasized, “To me, that’s the real measure of a successful strength program – not just peak performance, but sustainability, resilience, and long-term health.”

She continued, “Even better than a single competition result, this is evidence that strength training improves quality of life, preserves indepen-

dence, builds confidence and community, and, done intelligently, it’s something people can continue for decades.”

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Springfield Garden Club receives state awards

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Four members of the Springfield Garden Club (SGC) attended the 90th Annual Meeting of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont (FGCV) on Tuesday, June 9: Adrienne Faulhaber, SGC president; Therese Burton, FGCV central district codirector; Karen Vatne, SGC awards committee chair; and Marita Johnson, who received a special award.



Marita Johnson with her first-place FGCV award.

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Part of Marita Johnson’s iris garden.

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The meeting was held in the beautiful city of Saint Albans, Vt., at the Saint Albans Museum, the former Church Street Academy, built in 1861. It was hosted by the Saint Albans Garden Club, and the event was decorated with vases of fragrant pink peonies and baskets of pansies. A tour of

Taylor Park followed.

The SGC received four first-place awards and three merit awards. The first-place awards were for Yearbook, Window Boxes and Containers, and Garden Therapy for their work at Meals on Wheels and the Adult Day Program. The fourth first-place award, for

an Individual Within a Club Who Maintains a Fabulous Garden, went to Marita Johnson, for her iris garden that she has been developing and maintaining for almost 50 years. She shares her iris garden and iris labyrinth, which she designed and built on top of a bed of moss, with the public every

year. The merit awards were for Best Ongoing Project for the six garden areas around town that SGC maintains; Education – Club Program, for the OLLI/SGC cosponsored talk by Kevin Gardner on stone walls; and a Youth – Young Gardeners Award, for their work with students at Union Street El-

ementary School.

More information about the SGC can be found at www.springfieldgardenclub.org, and on its Facebook page, “Springfield Garden Club of Vermont.” More information about the FGCV can be found at its website, www.vermontfgcv.com.

Bellows Falls Country Club receives \$250,000 gift

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Country Club (BFCC) is delighted to announce the transformative \$250,000 naming gift from the family of the late Gov. Thomas P. Salmon. In grateful recognition of the Salmon family’s incredible and impactful generosity, the BFCC Board of Trustees approved the naming of the course as the Gov. Thomas P. Salmon Course at the Bellows Falls Country Club.

Salmon was Vermont’s 75th governor, elected for two terms, serving from 1973 to 1977; founder of the law firm of Salmon and Nostrand in Bellows Falls, Vt.; the University of Vermont’s 23rd president, serving from 1991 to 1997; and a longtime playing member of BFCC, from 1959 to the

early 2000s, described as “a friend to all that knew him.” BFCC is immensely honored to receive this major gift from the Salmon family.

The landmark gift, as designated by the family, will allow BFCC to pursue several capital improvement projects and purchase major course equipment needs that are ever present, yet are not always supported by the annual budget. This remarkable gift’s lasting impact will position BFCC well into the club’s future and sustain our journey and commitment to providing an outstanding recreational and social experience for our members, our guests, and our community.

On June 7, the course was officially named the Gov. Thomas P. Salmon

Course at the Bellows Falls Country Club, with the unveiling of naming signage and a dedication ceremony honoring the late governor. An 18-hole tournament followed the dedication, with family members of Anne Salmon Darby, Jerry Darby, Tommy Salmon, Buster Salmon, Jodie Bisson, and family friends having the honors of the first to tee off on the Gov. Thomas P. Salmon Course.

BFCC has a history and legacy of over 103 years, and we are profoundly honored to name the course for Gov. Salmon, a distinguished Vermont leader who dedicated his life’s work to the betterment of Vermont and Vermonters.

Rainbow-Palooza Pride & VegFest

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The most colorful event of the year is here again. Mark your calendar to attend Rainbow-Palooza Pride & VegFest on Saturday, June 27, from 12-5 p.m., on the grounds of the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Road in Springfield, Vt.

Attendees at this free and family-friendly event will encounter fun activities, fascinating vendors and exhibitors, and an array of fabulous speakers.

At noon, Vermont author Michael Freed-Thall will talk about his book “The Queen of New York,” a historical novel exploring courage, friendship, identity, and resistance across pivotal

moments in 20th-century American history.

At 1 p.m., a panel of New England animal advocates will talk about their work and how we all can support them. Speakers will include representatives from Protect Our Wildlife Vermont, the New Hampshire Animal Rights League, and Western Massachusetts Animal Rights Advocates, and the panel will be moderated by Vine Sanctuary cofounder pattrice jones.

At 2 p.m., Chery Wylie, of Vine, will present an interactive vegan cooking demonstration.

At 3 p.m., featured speaker Aaron Almanza will take the stage to teach attendees how to use their creativity

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“Spark! Places of Innovation” opens at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The public is invited to visit the traveling Smithsonian exhibit “Spark! Places of Innovation” at the Rockingham Free Public Library, starting on June 13. All are also welcome to attend the “Spark!” open house on June 27.

“Spark! Places of Innovation” explores the combination of places, people, and circumstances that spark innovation and invention in rural communities. Inspired by an exhibition at the Smithsonian’s Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, the exhibition features stories gathered from diverse communities across the nation. Photographs, engaging interactives, objects, videos, and digital stories bring a multilayered experience to reveal the leaders, challenges, successes, and future of innovation in each

town. Technical, social, cultural, or artistic – every sort of innovation story is as unique as each community and will be represented in “Spark! Places of Innovation.”

Vermont Humanities has partnered with New Hampshire Humanities and the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street program to bring “Spark! Places of Innovation,” to small towns in Vermont and New Hampshire from 2026-2027. Each state will support three host sites, and each location will host the exhibit for six weeks, starting in Bellows Falls. The Bellows Falls exhibit is a collaboration between the Rockingham Free Public Library and the Rockingham Arts & Museum Project.

The exhibition will be on display at the Rockingham Free Public Library in Bellows Falls, from June

13-July 26. The exhibit will be open to the public during the following hours: Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and Sunday, from 12-4 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the “Spark!” open house at the Rockingham Free Public Library, on Saturday, June 27, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Enjoy “Spark!” meet new and old neighbors, fill your plate with sweet treats, and spend time enjoying this amazing exhibition and seeing what innovative new ideas it might spark.

For more information about “Spark!” and other programs, call 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

Democratic candidates forum in Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Democratic Committee will host a Windham-3

Democratic candidates forum at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, on Wednes-

day, July 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. There are three Democratic candidates running in the Aug. 11 primary for the two Windham-3 seats, which encompass Westminster, Brookline, and Rockingham. The three Democratic candidates are the incumbent Michelle Bos-Lun and two new candidates: Chris Lundberg and Stephen Major. The forum is open to all Windham-3 residents. The forum will also be streamed live on FACT TV.

Congolese rumba documentary screening at Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, June 30, at 5 p.m., Root Sound Productions will present a special screening of the documentary “Congolese Rumba” at the Springfield Town Library.

Congolese rumba is more than just a musical style; it is a living memory, a cultural identity, and an African heritage celebrated around the

world. Born from the meeting of African rhythms and Afro-Caribbean influences, it has inspired generations and shaped music across Africa and beyond.

This special screening will give audiences the opportunity to discover the rich history of Congolese rumba, its cultural and economic impact in Central Africa, its international influence, and the important role music plays in

preserving traditions and bringing people together.

The evening will also feature a tasting of authentic Congolese coffee, offering guests a chance to experience the flavors of the Congo in a warm and musical atmosphere.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public. To sign up for a reminder, visit www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

Paul Dana highlights workforce development efforts for Springfield Rotary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Members of the Springfield Rotary Club recently welcomed Paul Dana, subtractive engineer for The Manufacturing Collaborative, who spoke about the organization’s efforts to strengthen Vermont’s manufacturing workforce and support economic growth throughout the region.



Paul Dana makes presentation. PHOTO PROVIDED

During his presentation, Dana discussed the critical role manufacturing plays in Vermont’s economy and outlined how The Manufacturing Collaborative is helping to address workforce and capability shortages connecting students, job seekers, educators, and employers, and to provide advanced contract manufacturing. The organization works with manufacturers across the state to promote career opportunities, provide training resources, and develop pathways into high-demand manufacturing jobs.

Dana emphasized that modern manufacturing offers a wide range of rewarding careers that require advanced technical skills and provide com-

petitive wages and opportunities for advancement. He shared examples of partnerships between manufacturers, schools, and workforce development organizations that are helping prepare the next generation of skilled workers.

“The future success of Vermont manufacturing depends on attracting and developing talented employees,” Dana said. “By working together, educators, businesses, and community organizations can help ensure that manufacturers have the workforce, technologies, and capability they need to thrive.”

Rotary Club members learned about initiatives designed to introduce students to manufacturing careers, support apprenticeships, and help employers

recruit and retain qualified workers. Dana also highlighted the importance of manufacturing to local communities, noting the industry’s contribution to job creation, innovation, and economic stability.

The Manufacturing Collaborative serves manufacturers throughout Vermont by fostering collaboration, promoting workforce development, and supporting initiatives that strengthen the state’s manufacturing sector. To learn more about The Manufacturing Collaborative, visit www.themfgcollaborative.com/blog/vermont-leaders-tour-manufacturing-collaborative.

The Springfield Rotary Club is part of a global network of Rotary clubs dedicated to community service and civic leadership. Springfield Rotary Club continues to host speakers who inform, inspire, and connect members to meaningful service opportunities both locally and beyond.

The Springfield Rotary Club meets every Tuesday, at 12 p.m., at the SAPCC Workforce Development & Training Center. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.

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of numerous creative initiatives, such as Little Queery Free Book Bike.

An activist since the 1990s, Almanza says that “the current climate is scary and incredibly unpredictable, but the only way forward is together.” His interactive workshop will allow attendees to make their own protest signs.

Taking action will also be the theme of the day’s final speaker, Vermont State Sen. Becca White. At Rainbow-Palooza, White will offer practical encouragement to LGBTQIA+ people considering public service, advocacy, organizing, or running for office themselves.

Throughout the event, a supervised children’s activity area will offer arts-and-crafts projects. Vendors like New Leaf Eats and Hidden Bean Bakeshop, and nonprofit exhibitors such as HCRS, PFLAG, and the Vermont Workers Center will showcase their wares and information. For those who don’t have money to spend, a free vegan lunch will be served starting at 1 p.m.

This event is sponsored by Vine Sanctuary in cooperation with the Springfield Town Library and the National LGBT Helpline. Visit www.rainbowpalooza.org for more information.

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Track athletes compete at championship

NORTH BERWICK, Maine – Athletes from Fall Mountain Regional High School, Green Mountain Union High School, and Springfield High School competed in the New England Outdoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday, June 13, at Noble High School in Maine.

Fall Mountain junior Elijah Bodanza had the top finish among local competitors, placing 14th overall in the 1,600-meter run in 4 minutes, 18.74 seconds.

Bodanza was two seconds faster than he was at last week's New Hampshire Meet of Champions, which propelled him to a second-place finish in his heat.

Green Mountain senior Wyatt Koch was the only local athlete who competed in two events, placing 20th in discus with a distance of 142 feet, 11 inches, and 22nd in javelin with a distance of 152 feet, 7 inches. Koch was second amongst Vermonters in discus, finishing just 2 inches behind St. Johnsbury's Jeremiah Watson.

Also finishing second among Vermonters was Green Mountain sophomore Isidora Gibson, who placed 27th in javelin with a throw of 101 feet, 8 inches.

Springfield also featured two athletes competing, with senior Gage Quimby tying for 30th in high jump and junior Harper Palmer placing 32nd in shot put with a distance of 29 feet, 4.75 inches.

SAPA TV to air graduation marathon

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – SAPA TV, the public access station serving Springfield, Weathersfield, Chester, and Reading, invites viewers to relive spring events of years past with two upcoming Saturday marathons.

On June 27, SAPA will rerun all the Green Mountain Union High School graduation

tions from 2014-2025 in order, starting at 7 a.m. On July 4, SAPA will rerun its (unfortunately incomplete) set of Springfield High School alumni parades from 2015-2025 twice, starting at 9 a.m., with an encore at 3 p.m.

The marathons will air on SAPA's public channel, viewable on Comcast channel

1077 and VTel channel 160. Those without cable subscriptions can also watch the public channel as an internet livestream at www.sapatv.org. Individual local programs can also be viewed through SAPA's free video-on-demand service at the same website.

Weathersfield Library awarded America 250 grants

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission, Vermont Arts Council, and Vermont Humanities have announced a second round of funding, injecting an extra \$79,025 into 36 community projects across the state. These newly awarded grants support history, arts, and culture initiatives commemorating Vermont's unique role in the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Combined with grants previously awarded in December 2025, the three organizations have awarded \$141,900 to support America 250 projects in Vermont.

Among the newly supported projects are historical society and museum programs on Revolutionary War history in Bennington, Peacham, and Norwich; a music festival in Middlebury; a statewide poetry project with Vermont Poet Laureate Bianca Stone; and a theater production in Weathersfield.

"We applaud the communities behind these 36 projects, which offer a meaningful opportunity to pause and consider how the American story continues to unfold locally," said Commission Chair Laura

V. Trieschmann. "By exploring history through the arts and humanities, they encourage communities to look inward, connect deeply with our shared past, and consider how revolutionary ideals still shape our identity today"

The grants were awarded through the Vermont Humanities Project Grants and Rapid Response Mini-Grants process, with funding provided by the 250th Anniversary Commission, the State of Vermont, the National Endowment for the Arts, and private donors.

"Connecting to our shared past through the arts and culture is a meaningful way to engage Vermonters in complex conversations connected to this important anniversary. The Vermont Arts Council is delighted to partner with the 250th Anniversary Commission and Vermont Humanities to bring these opportunities to communities across our state," said Vermont Arts Council Executive Director Susan Evans McClure.

"We are delighted to be supporting projects in all corners of Vermont for thoughtful projects using the humanities to consider the complex stories surrounding

ing American history. We will continue to welcome additional project proposals connected to this milestone national anniversary and the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Vermont Republic," said Vermont Humanities Executive Director Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup.

A limited amount of funding for America 250 projects remains available through Vermont Humanities. Grant applications for projects associated with the 250th anniversary of the Vermont Republic, founded in 1777, are also encouraged.

The next project grant deadline is Sept. 9. For more information, visit www.vermont-humanities.org/grants/for-applicants/project-grants. Rapid Response Mini-Grants are awarded monthly on a rolling basis. More information can be found at www.vermont-humanities.org/grants/rapid-response-grants.

For additional grant opportunities related to the 250th anniversary, visit www.anniversary250.vermont.gov/grant-opportunities.

Local writer publishes three books in June

REGION – It has been a busy month for Ralph Pace, resident of Rutland, formerly of Ludlow. He has managed to have three original books published in June.

Pace, a resident at the Gables, is a retired information technology specialist.

In early June, his first book, "Chronicles of a Grumpy Old Man," was published. It is the story of an old man in a retirement home who decides that life

is something "beyond waiting for you maker," as the author put it.

In mid-June, he released his second book, "Mission to the Kingdom," about an American family's adventures in Saudi Arabia as the husband works to install the first computer system in the kingdom.

Finally, at the end of the month, Pace released a very different story, "Anatomy of a Conspiracy." This is a story

about a major discovery in space travel and how others seek to steal it.

When asked what his next book would be, Pace simply indicated that he didn't have the slightest idea what would be forthcoming. He observed, "I think my mind needs a rest. I'll just wait until it is fresh enough to consider new challenges."

All publications consist of three different formats – hardcover, paperback large print, and eBook/Kindle –

Local athletes receive all-league honors

REGION – Several athletes from Bellows Falls Union High School, Green Mountain Union High School, and Springfield High School received all-league honors from the Southern Vermont League (SVL) for their contributions this spring.

After advancing all the way to the Division III state finals, the Bellows Falls baseball team leads the way locally, with six players on the All-SVL squad.

Honorees are listed below:

Baseball, SVL B Division First Team – Bellows Falls: Jaden Bazin, Steve Joslyn, and Jake Tostrup; Green Mountain: Evan Farrar.

Baseball, SVL B Division Honorable Mention – Bellows Falls: Jacob Kissell, Jackson Fletcher, and Tim Fletcher; Green Mountain: Liam Heybyrne, Mason Parker, and Logan Williams.

Baseball, SVL B Division Coach of the Year – Bob Lockerby, Bellows Falls.

Baseball, SVL C Division First Team – Springfield: Garrett Brickey and Logan Merrow.

Baseball, SVL C Division Honorable Mention – Springfield: Carter Streeter.

Softball, SVL B Division First Team – Bellows Falls: Jaelyn Fletcher, Grace Hayes, and Brie Mulverhill; Springfield: Ryleigh Thayer and Haleigh Goodrich.

Softball, SVL B Division Honorable Mention – Bellows Falls: Brook Parker; Springfield: Charlotte Keefe and Addie Snide.

Girls tennis, SVL First Team – Bellows Falls: Myleigh Illingworth and Anny King.

Girls tennis, SVL Honorable Mention – Bellows Falls: Avery Dole.

Girls Tennis, SVL Coach of the Year – David Chesley, Bellows Falls.

Windsor County Democrats announce candidate forums

REGION – The Windsor County Democrats are pleased to announce upcoming public candidate forums featuring Democratic contenders for the 2026 Vermont governor race, Windsor District Senate races, and for the Windsor County sheriff race.

The forum for Democratic candidates for Vermont governor will be held Tuesday, June 30, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater, 31 The Green, Woodstock, Vt. This forum will offer voters a valuable opportunity to hear directly from candidates Amanda Janoo and Aly Richards. This event is additionally cosponsored by the Town of Woodstock Democratic Committee.

The forum for Democratic candidates for Windsor County sheriff will be held Wednesday, June 24, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Sharon Congregational Church, Sharon, Vt. The church is located directly adjacent to the Interstate 89 Exit 2 park and ride, where attendees will find plenty of parking. There are three Democratic candidates for sheriff: Chris Norton, of Springfield; Claude Weyant, of Windsor; and Joshua Lake, of Chester. This event is additionally cosponsored by the Town of Sharon Democratic Committee. At this time, this is the only known public forum prior to the August primary election for this important race for Windsor County.

There are six Democratic candidates running for three Windsor District Vermont State Senate seats. A forum with these candidates will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 2-3:30 p.m., at the Great Hall in the historic Fellows Gear Shaper building, now the North Star Health Center, 100 River Street in Springfield, Vt. The majority of parking is located at the rear of the building, accessed via Pearl Street. The Senate candidates include two incumbents, Vermont State Sen. Joe Major, of Hartford; and Vermont State Sen. Becca White, of Hartford, with four additional candidates Ben Brickner, of Pomfret; Vermont State Rep. Elizabeth Burrows, of West Windsor; former Vermont State Rep.

Heather Chase, of Chester; and Chris Dube, of Hartford. This event is additionally cosponsored by the Town of Springfield Democratic Committee.

The Windsor County Democratic Committee is committed to promoting civic engagement and strengthening the democratic process by providing opportunities for Vermont voters to connect with candidates and elected officials.

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Kelsey Fillion receives Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 21st annual Eileen Austin Neal RN Memorial Scholarship for Nursing of \$1,000 was awarded to Kelsey Fillion, of Walpole, N.H. Fillion is a graduate of Fall Mountain High School and will study nursing in the fall at the University of Vermont. “This scholarship would mean absolutely everything, as it will allow me to pursue my goal of furthering my education in the health care field,” Fillion said. “I like that I will be able to make an impact on a patient’s life during a vulnerable time.” Fillion found her passion in nursing throughout different experiences during high school and looks forward to extending the education she receives to future patients under her care.

Eileen Austin Neal was a registered nurse at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, retiring in 2005. She was the first recipient of the hospital’s George F. Leland Community Health Award in 2003. In 2004, the hospital established the Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award, given to a staff nurse, in recognition of her many years of dedicated



Kelsey Fillion, award winner (center) is presented with the Eileen Austin Neal scholarship by CEO Bob Adcock (right).

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service.

Upon her death in February 2006, at the request of Neal’s family, Springfield Hospital established the nursing scholarship fund in her name with gifts received in her memory from Neal’s family as well as from community members.

“The family and friends of Eileen have been very generous in supporting this scholarship and are proud to keep the memory of Eileen alive in this way.

Supporting the education of our young people is essential, and Springfield Hospital is honored to be a part of awarding this scholarship,” says Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital.

Spring Lake Ranch new psychiatrist

SHREWSBURY, Vt. – Spring Lake Ranch Therapeutic Community (SLR) announces a new addition to its psychiatric team, Dr. Dustin Dippen, MD. Psychiatric care is an important part of SLR’s treatment model, which blends traditional interventions with nature-based work therapy for adults experiencing mental health challenges.

Dippen will join SLR’s psychiatric nurse practitioner, Donald Grenier, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, to serve residents on the main campus in Shrewsbury and in the aftercare program, located in Rutland. He brings a diverse slate of experience, including clerkships with Patch Adams and the Mayo Clinic. He has held positions at research hospitals and rural clinics, in private practice, and, most recently, inpatient psychiatry at Brattleboro Retreat.

Dippen grew up in Wisconsin and has lived in England, South and Central America, and the Bahamas. He finished his medical education at the University of Vermont and now lives in Middlebury with his family, where he enjoys small-scale farming and woodworking in his time off. SLR invited Dippen to its team due to his diverse approach to medicine and astute understanding of how individually complex mental illness can be.

“I am honored and excited to join the team at Spring Lake Ranch as consulting psychiatrist,” says Dippen. “Throughout my career, I have been drawn to approaches that recognize the whole person, not just a diagnosis, and Spring Lake Ranch’s longstanding commitment to healing through meaningful work, community, and personal growth embodies that philosophy in a remarkable way.

“What makes Spring Lake Ranch special is its belief that recovery happens not only through excellent clinical

care, but also through connection, purpose, and belonging. I look forward to collaborating with the talented staff, residents, and families who make this community so unique, and to supporting individuals on their journeys toward greater wellness, resilience, and hope.”

This change in staffing comes as SLR’s longtime provider Dr. Jennifer Fautleroy, MD, moves toward retirement. Her many years of service and commitment to the ranch’s mission have positively impacted generations of residents.

Spring Lake Ranch Therapeutic Community is a residential treatment facility in the Green Mountains of Vermont. The ranch has been providing transformational care to adults experiencing mental health and substance use challenges since 1932. For questions, contact Rose McCracken, development and communication director, at rosem@springlakeranch.org or 802-772-8342.

A night of hope brings community together at Bliss Farm –

CHESTER, Vt. – The Vermont Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) hosted its first annual “Night of Hope” on Friday, June 12, at Bliss Farm in Chester, bringing together nearly 60 community members for an evening of connection, remembrance, music, and support for suicide prevention.

Set against the beautiful backdrop of Bliss

Farm, guests enjoyed tasty food and beverages, and live music by The Dock Rockers. The evening offered a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the longer days of June while helping Vermont step out of the darkness and into a shared commitment to hope, healing, and suicide prevention.

Together, attendees, donors, volunteers, hosts, partners, and musicians helped raise more than \$7,500 to support AFSP’s mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Proceeds will help sustain suicide-prevention education, survivor support, advocacy, and community-based programs across Vermont.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education, advocacy, and support for those

affected by suicide. The Vermont Chapter works locally to deliver prevention programs, educate the public about risk factors and warning signs, raise funds for suicide research and programs, and reach out to those who have lost someone to suicide.

“Every person who attended, volunteered, donated, bid on an auction item, or simply showed up helped light up the night,” said Sally Hespe, AFSP Vermont-area director. “We are deeply grateful for this community’s generosity and for the many ways

Vermonters continue to share their time, talents, and compassion in support of suicide prevention.”

For more information about AFSP Vermont or ways to get involved, contact Hespe at shepe@afsp.org or 802-417-9385.



AFSP Vermont-area Director and Andover resident Sally Hespe with her husband, Bill Hespe.

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You’re invited to join us for an evening of friendship, laughter, and fun as we celebrate to a Calypso beat. Admission is \$45 per person.

Ticket purchases may be mailed to Neighborhood Connections, PO Box 207, Londonderry VT 05148.

For credit card purchases, go the donation link on our website, NCVermont.org and put “Caribbean Night” in the memo field.

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SERVICES

obituaries

Leo Iozzo, 2026

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Leo Iozzo, 89, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, June 13. He was a loving husband, father, mentor, teacher, hard worker, and a true friend. He will be greatly missed by many for his wit, charm, and humorous outlook on life. He is survived by his two children Damon Iozzo, of Keene, N.H.; and Sharonlee Iozzo, of Alstead, N.H.

A celebration of life will take place later this summer.

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

SERVICES

ALSTEAD, N.H.

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

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Brownsville Community Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.
Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor
The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

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.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Seventh-day Adventist Church, 242 Main St.
Saturday Services include Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. and a healthy lunch for all after the service. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
Services are on Wednesdays, from 5:30-6 p.m.; and on Sundays, from 10-11:30 a.m., both in person and by Zoom, followed by coffee hour. All are welcome. Handicapped accessible. For a link to the Zoom service or more information about services and events, please visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

CLAREMONT, N.H.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St.
Worship is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in person. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.
Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.
Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.
Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 9 a.m. For further information, see our website at churchoftheannunciation.org, or call us at 802-228-3451.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.
The United Church of Ludlow is an Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ, and a Reconciling Congregation of the United Methodist Church. Everyone is truly welcome here, without exception. Sunday service is held at 10 a.m., in person and on Zoom, followed by a fellowship hour. Call 802-356-8046 for more information or for the Zoom link.

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

Lisa M. Kinney, 1973-2026

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Lisa Marie (Buffum) Kinney, 53, passed away on June 12, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on May 18, 1973, in Keene, N.H., Lisa was the daughter of Joyce (Kathan) Giroux and the late Neal Paul Buffum. Throughout her life, Lisa exemplified kindness, creativity, strength, and an unwavering devotion to her family.

She shared 32 wonderful years of marriage with her beloved husband, Bruce Kinney. Their love story began with a blind date arranged by mutual friends, a simple introduction that blossomed into a lifetime of love, partnership, and friendship, creating a home filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished memories.

Lisa dedicated herself wholeheartedly to raising their daughter, Olivia. As a stay-at-home mother, she devoted her time to Olivia's education, growth, and development. She viewed homeschooling not simply as teaching, but as an opportunity to instill a love of learning, strong values, and confidence in the young woman Olivia is today. Lisa took immense pride in her family and the home she lovingly created for them.

An avid reader and lifelong learner, Lisa could often be found with a book in hand and a cup of her favorite Earl Grey tea nearby. She also enjoyed watercolor painting, finding joy and peace in expressing her creativity through art. She cherished family barbecues, gatherings with loved ones, and making memories with family and friends.

One of Lisa's favorite places in the world was Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. She loved the beauty of the ocean, the warmth of the sun, and the special moments spent there with those she loved most.

Lisa is survived by her



Lisa M. Kinney, 1973-2026. PHOTO PROVIDED

husband of 32 years, Bruce Kinney; her daughter, Olivia Kinney; her mother, Joyce Giroux, and her husband, Mike Giroux; her half-brother, Andrew Hutchings; her mother-in-law, Sharon Martin; her sisters-in-laws, Julie Tewksbury, June Walker, and Alyssa Rhoades; several aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins; and many extended family members and dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Though ovarian cancer ultimately claimed her life, it never diminished her spirit. Lisa faced every challenge with grace, courage, and determination, inspiring all who knew her through her strength and love for her family. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m., at Stringer Funeral Home in Charlestown, N.H. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m., followed by graveside burial services. Family and friends are invited to join in a celebration of life following the burial services.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, nurses, caregivers, family members, and friends who provided support, comfort, and compassionate care throughout Lisa's illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in honor of Lisa and in support of the ongoing fight against cancer.

Family of Barbie Kurkul thanks community

The family of Barbie Kurkul wishes to thank the community for its outpouring of love during this difficult time. We are deeply moved by the kind words, shared stories, beautiful flowers, and donations to local charities in Barbie's name. We are immensely grateful to those who celebrated her, and to all who choose to live with joy, positivity, authenticity, and a generous heart, just as Barbie did.

SERVICES CONT.

Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

Springfield United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.
Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Springfield United Methodist Church welcomes everyone! The church can be reached at 802-885-3456.

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.

Holy Family Parish, St. Mary's Church, 10 Pleasant St.
Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. Weekday Mass Monday and Friday, at 9 a.m.; and Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. Confessions at 6 p.m. For more information, contact stmarys05156@gmail.com, call 802-885-3400, or visit www.holyfamilyvermont.com.

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Frank P. Wingate, 1935-2026

LUDLOW, Vt. – Frank Poucher Wingate, 90, of Ludlow, Vt., passed away peacefully at his home on Lake Rescue, on May 20, with his beloved wife of 68 years, Anne, at his side.

Frank was born in 1935, to Frank Sr. and Avice (Piper) Wingate, in Orange, N.J. He grew up in White Plains, N.Y., and spent summers at the home that his grandfather and great-grandfather, Ralph and Nelson Piper, built on Lake Rescue in 1905, fostering a deep love for lake life and Vermont.

Frank attended Williams College, where he studied American history and literature, and played basketball and football. In a fortuitous and memorable moment during his senior year, he met the love of his life, Anne Lynch. Frank and Anne married in 1958, and after several years moved to Collinsville, Conn.

Frank worked in business in New York and Connecticut before deciding to teach American history at Canton High School and coach football. He later served as research director at the State Capitol and loved telling the story of once flying a paper airplane from beneath the Capitol's gold dome. He worked in banking before spending the final years of his career writing policy for the Department of Children and Families, work that he found both meaningful and challenging.

A passionate student of history, politics, and public policy, Frank was a thoughtful conversationalist whose curiosity and knowledge enriched the lives of those around him. He was also known for his unwavering loyalty to the New York Giants – win or lose.

Retiring in 1995, Frank and Anne moved perma-

nently to Vermont after their son, Daniel, transformed the family's longtime Lake Rescue cottage into a year-round home where generations of family could gather and create lasting memories. Frank continued to contribute his time and passion to various causes and served on the Lake Rescue Association board for many years, working to eliminate millfoil from Lake Rescue.

Frank leaves behind a legacy of deep love for his family, for Lake Rescue, and for the beauty of nature. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Wingate; his daughter, Lisa Wingate Geissler, and her husband, Frank Geissler, of Farmington, Conn.; his daughter-in-law, Cheryl Wingate, of Tolland, Conn.; and four grandchildren, Karissa Wingate and her husband, Daniel Keener, of Willington, Conn., Casey Wingate and his wife, Alyssa, of Tolland, Conn., Michael Geissler, of Orlando, Fla., and Emma Geissler and her husband, Peter, of Denmark. He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren, Melody Wingate, and Saydra and Arden Keener.

Frank was predeceased by his beloved son, Daniel Wingate, in 2022.

Services will be held at Old Parish Church in Weston, Vt., on July 18, at 2 p.m., and at First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Farmington, Conn., on July 25, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to your favorite organization or charity. We hope that those wishing to honor Frank's memory spend time enjoying the outdoors, the beauty of Vermont, and the company of family and friends.

OBITUARIES: A 200-word obituary is \$100, and \$0.60 per word thereafter. A photo is an additional \$20. Email to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday at 12 p.m.

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JUNE 25 –
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – On Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m., Alexander Fischer, CS, will give a Christian science talk entitled “How Spiritual Perception Brings Healing,” at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 57 Putney Road in Brattleboro. This talk is free and open to the public. Visit www.csbrattleboro.org for more information.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 North Main Street, is announcing its second community lunch of 2026 on Thursday, June 25, at 12 p.m. This time the delicious fare will be meatloaf with mushroom gravy, salad, macaroni and cheese, corn, dinner rolls, and dessert. Our servers will cater to your every need. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be gathered. No takeout is available; we want to see your smiling face. For more information, please call the church office at 802-824-6453.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Peter Gould and friends will celebrate the release of “Part for the Hole” with a launch party and reading on Thursday, June 25, at 6 p.m., at

the Putney Public Library, 55 Main Street in Putney. In addition to reading from the novel, Gould will perform his original song “Song for Artists,” accompanied by longtime musical collaborator John Ungerleider. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. The event offers a chance to experience both the literary and musical dimensions of Gould’s advocacy for the arts, a theme that runs throughout “Part for the Hole.” On every page, the novel explores the value of creative work – for the artist, the supporter, the audience, and the society at large.

JUNE 26 –
CHESTER, Vt. – There will be a Caribbean Night fundraiser for Neighborhood Connections on Friday, June 26, from 5-7 p.m., at Sugar Bob’s Finest Kind, 92 Vermont Route 11, with island-themed cocktails and music by the Blue Flames Steel Band. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Neighborhood Connections at info@ncvermont.org or 802-824-4343.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Cruzin will play a live show

at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, on Friday, June 26, from 6:30-8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and friend, and join us for a fun evening of free music.

JUNE 27 –
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center Duck Run will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 4-7 p.m., at 80 Jack and Jill Lane.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – “Intro to Mixed Media Collage” will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at Claremont MakerSpace, 46 Main Street. A mixed-media collage is a visual art form that combines various materials – such as paper, fabric, photographs, stamps, cardboard, and found objects – onto a single surface to create a layered, textured composition. Students will leave class with at least one completed collage and an understanding of the process. There will probably be time to complete more than one collage. Please note that all our classes have a minimum number of registrants required, so don’t wait to sign up at www.claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2026/6/27/an-introduction-to-mixed-media-collage.

WESTMORELAND, N.H. – Celebrate summer at the

Blooms, Books, and Crafts event at the Westmoreland United Church, 9 South Village Common, on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Browse the Common, where 22 vendors will be offering a wonderful variety of items, including artwork, knitted goods, plants, soaps, antiques, toys, jewelry, baked treats, crystals, and much more. While you’re here, be sure to visit the silent auction in the Fellowship Hall; The Thrift Shoppe, open downstairs; and the bake sale hosted by Ladies Aid, featuring homemade pies, breads, and other baked goods. Delicious food will be available throughout the event, including breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, and hot dogs. All proceeds benefit Westmoreland United Church and the Westmoreland Ladies Aid Society.

JUNE 30 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Paul Anderson will speak about the Revolutionary War at the Black River Academy Museum, 14 High Street, on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Garden Club will host a Liberty Tree dedication ceremony on Tuesday, June 30, at 5 p.m., at the Crown Point Country Club. There will

be a reception inside the clubhouse afterward. The Liberty Tree was a famous elm tree that stood near Boston Common and was a rallying point for the growing resistance to British rule. In 1775, the British cut it down to quell resistance, and Liberty Hall was subsequently erected on that spot. Liberty Trees are now being planted to honor that legacy through the 250th Sons of the American Revolution Liberty Tree Project, with the goal of planting 250 elm trees across the country by July 4. So far, there have been 266 trees planted, including three in Vermont.

JULY 4 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – America’s 250th birthday celebration in Ludlow, Vt., will be held on Saturday, July 4. There is still time to be in our 1776-themed parade; contact cochairs Kim Lampert at 802-228-4000 or kimberlylampert@bensonschevy.com, or Penny Wu at 802-228-2860 or pwu@ludlow.vt.us.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Stars & Stripes 7.4K and 4K run and walk will take place at the Toonerville Trail, at 8:30 a.m. This event is a fundraiser for the Springfield High School cross-country program. Advance registration is discounted at www.runlikeardy.com/races/starsstripes. You may also register the day of the run.

THURSDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – The Black River Memory Cafe is held on the first Thursday of each month, at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 313 Main Street, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The memory cafe is free to attend, snacks included,

and offers a safe and comfortable space where caregivers and their loved ones living with dementia or Alzheimer’s can socialize, listen to music, play games, and enjoy other appropriate activities. For questions, please call 802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376, or email memorycafe@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

TYSON, Vt. – The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us on Main Street, from 5-8 p.m., every fourth Friday in May, June, July, August, September, and October. Events feature a vibrant downtown experience filled with local vendors, live music in the park, and plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy. Presented by Springfield on the Move, Copper Fox, and Gallery at the Vault.

TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION
2026-2027 Child Find Notice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union (formerly Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union and Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union), encompassing the Vermont towns of: Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mt. Holly and Plymouth, will be conducting a Destruction of Information process commencing on July 20, 2026. Special Educational Records and personally identifiable information used under the Individual with Disabilities Educational Act, but no longer needed to provide educational services to students will be destroyed. Only records for students with a Date of Birth year of 1998 will be destroyed. All records before that date have been destroyed in previous years. Any person desiring their Special Education records must put that request in writing so that the Director of Student Services receives your letter no later than June 26, 2026. Please send your request to:

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

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

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

STATE OF VERMONT
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NOTICE OF SALE
Amy Pratt and Jonathon Pratt
Jon K. Spaulding
Parcel # 232017.200

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 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 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 Amy Elinor Pratt, Jonathon R. Pratt, and Jon K. Spaulding by Warranty Deed of Arthur F. Fournier, Trustee of the Restatement of Trust of the Arthur F. Fournier, Sr. Revocable Trust Agreement Dated January 10, 2011, dated July 19, 2013, and Recorded in Book 147, Page 118 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 30th day of June 2026, 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 26th day of May 2026.

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

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
467 Depot Street, LLC
Parcel # 585056

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 2024 and 2025 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 467 Depot Street, LLC by Trustees Deed of Ronald P. Farrar Successor Trustee of the Arthur P. Farrar and Aili R. Farrar Revocable Trust Dated July 20, 2001, dated March 4, 2022, and Recorded in Book 228, Page 8 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 30th day of June 2026, 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 26th day of May 2026.

Attest:
Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to FDW Enterprises, LLC by Warranty Deed of Michael J. Wood. dated April 6, 2023, and Recorded in Book 238, Page 203 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 30th day of June 2026, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Town School District Taxes

LEGALS

opinion/classifieds

Dear Editor,

The Town of Springfield and Springfield High School have a variety of beautiful historic murals around town and in the school created by students. While Lisa Murray was an art teacher at Springfield High School, she worked with students to research, plan, and create these murals. She also had students reproduce art by different artists on the walls in the high school.

I have heard that there are plans to paint over some of these works in the high school. I am asking parents, former students, and teachers to speak out to save this work. It can be painted

around.

When we walked into the building at the start of the school year in the late 1990s, works in the lobby had been painted over. Students and staff were dismayed. Lisa was duly upset, because if the work was deteriorating, it would be a great project for students to learn to restore art and could become a class project. Student work should not just be painted over without considering the history and opportunity to turn it into a new project.

Sincerely,
Doris Jewett, former teacher
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Vermont's 2026 legislative session was adjourned Friday, May 29, in the early evening. It concluded in a flurry of all the critical "must-pass" bills being passed.

It was a poignant week and last day for me. It was my final end-of-session week full of last-minute negotiations, bills we worked hard on failing on the floor or because of a procedural delay, attempted amendments being scuttled, and the big bills – the education transformation bill, H.955; the fiscal year 2027 budget, H.951; and the fiscal year 2027 yield/education tax bill, H. 949 – passing with little debate, on voice votes. Barring a veto session later in June, I cast my last vote in the General Assembly, which was to adjourn, "sine die."

My heart was full as I gave my farewell speech. I spoke of the overwhelming gratitude I feel after 22 years of public service – it has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of the Windsor District and Vermont. I am full of gratitude for the trust my constituents have placed in me to make big decisions on their behalf; gratitude for being given the opportunity to grow my public service; gratitude for being given the gift of getting to know Vermont so much better and to appreciate how, despite our differences, we share and value more in common than we realize; gratitude for being able to solve problems for constituents; gratitude for the pride and satisfaction I feel in having helped pass so much important policy which has had very real impacts on Vermonter's lives.

I ended by sharing my joy in working with all of my colleagues, in the most functional legislature in the country, in the most beautiful Statehouse in the country. I encouraged my colleagues, most of whom will be returning, to work intentionally to build the community so essential to maintain-

ing the trust and respect that enables this functionality – all of which is essential to a vibrant democracy.

Overall, it was a very productive session. We've advanced the second phase of education transformation in a bill which garnered support from all parties and the governor, and managed to agree upon and pass a \$9.3 billion fiscal year 2027 budget. This was a very tight budget year, and it was impressive we came together to pass this bill unanimously.

I can be reached by email at acarlarkson@leg.state.vt.us, by phone at the Statehouse at 802-828-2228, or at home at 802-457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature and bills, visit the legislative website, www.legislature.vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
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Submit a letter of interest and résumé to Heather Hitchcock, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or resourcemanager@rockbf.org. Position open until filled. The Town of Rockingham is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is accepting applications for part-time (5 hours per week) Transfer Station Attendant to work on Sundays. Backhoe experience preferred.

Applicants are asked to submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Employment section of the Town web site: <https://www.londonderryvt.gov/>

Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.gov or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

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

WARNING FOR THE LONDONDERRY 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 Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:00pm to act on the following Articles, namely:

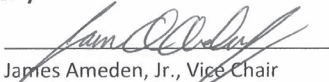
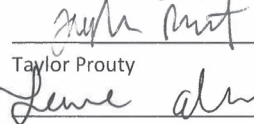
BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR:
Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the following business will be transacted from the floor:

ARTICLE 1 Shall the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$81,000 for the purpose of funding, in part, the salary and benefits of the General Office Manager, a portion of which salary and benefits will be shared by all Departments within the town?

ARTICLE 2 To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Dated at Londonderry this 15th day of June 2026.

Selectboard of the Town of Londonderry

 Thomas Cavanagh, Chair	 James Ameden, Jr., Vice Chair
 Taylor Prouty	James Fleming
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About the Position
The Town and Village of Ludlow is seeking a motivated and detail-oriented individual to join our Planning & Zoning Department as a part-time Zoning Clerk. This is an excellent opportunity for someone interested in local government, land use planning, or municipal administration. The Zoning Clerk will provide essential administrative and clerical support to the Planning & Zoning Director and the Development Review Board (DRB), helping to ensure the efficient processing of permits, applications, and public meeting materials. This is a part-time position at 20 hours per week. Schedule is flexible within normal business hours and will be determined in coordination with the Director.

Key Responsibilities

- Receive, log, and file zoning and land use permit applications; maintain accurate permit tracking records.
- Assist with records management, including organizing and maintaining physical and digital files.
- Conduct basic research and records lookup in support of permit review and compliance inquiries
- Assist in preparing agendas, packets, and meeting materials for the Development Review Board (DRB) and Planning Commission.
- Answer and direct incoming phone calls; respond to general inquiries from applicants, property owners, and the public.
- Greet walk-in visitors and provide initial assistance or referrals.
- Assist with data entry, correspondence, and general office tasks as directed.
- Support posting of public hearing notices and other required notifications.
- Assist the Director with special projects and other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent required; associate's degree or coursework in public administration, planning, or a related field preferred.
- Prior administrative, clerical, or office experience required; municipal government experience a plus.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) and general office equipment.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Ability to interact professionally and courteously with the public, applicants, and staff.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and work independently with minimal supervision.

Compensation & Benefits

- \$20-\$25/hour commensurate with experience
- Able to earn accrued part-time sick leave based on the State of Vermont's percentage for each hour worked in every pay period.
- 13 paid holidays per year

Additional Information
For additional information about this position contact Ms. Erin Ladd, Director of Planning & Zoning at: 802-228-4870, or email erineladd@ludlow.vt.us

How to Apply
Interested applicants should submit the following to the Town and Village of Ludlow, Planning & Zoning Department:

- A cover letter describing your interest in the position and relevant experience
- A current resume

Submit in person, by mail, or email* to:
Town and Village of Ludlow, ATTN: Town Manager Penny Wu
PO Box 359, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149

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Free summer nature programs for kids

REGION – The Nature Museum is excited to again offer free environmental education programming at local libraries, made possible through the generous support of Great River Hydro. Called Summer Unplugged, these engaging, hands-on programs with experienced educators take place at public libraries in Springfield, Vt.; Chester, Vt.; Charles-town, N.H.; Walpole, N.H.; and the Bellows Falls Fish Ladder and Visitor Center in Bel-lows Falls, Vt., through-out the summer months.

Designed to highlight the unique ecology and landscape of northern New England, this series of seven programs is geared for students in pre-K through elementary grades, and individuals of all ages are encouraged to attend and participate. Beginning the week of June 24 and ending in August, program top-



Students will build fairy houses at one of the free nature programs hosted by The Nature Museum.

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ics include beavers, owls, squirrels and chipmunks, and fairy house building. Each session will last for 45 minutes and will include an exploration of artifacts, a story, and opportunities to engage with expert educators and ask questions about nature-related topics. See the full schedule for times at all five locations at the Nature Museum web-

site, www.nature-museum.org.

“The Walpole Town Library has been fortunate to host the Summer Unplugged program since its inception. This cherished summer tradition has become a favorite among our families. Undoubtedly, the highlight for everyone is the hands-on objects Jocelyn brings to share and explore,” says librarian Julie Rios.

No registration is necessary for these programs. Library programs will be held outdoors, providing ample space for everyone to enjoy, and will move indoors in case of inclement weather.

The Nature Museum invites the community to join these free programs to unplug, discover, and learn about the wonders of our local natural world. For more information about Summer Unplugged and upcoming programs and locations, please visit The Nature Museum’s website or the hosting libraries.

West, Saxtons, and Williams rivers Tactical Basin Plan comments

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) invites the public to comment on the draft Tactical Basin Plan (TBP) for the West, Wil- liams, and Saxtons riv- ers basin, aka Basin 11. DEC completed the plan with local nonprofits, re- gional planners, town of- ficials, and scientists. The plan outlines more than 75 ways to restore and protect rivers, lakes, and wetlands within a portion of Vermont’s Connecti- cut River basin, covering towns from Mount Holly to Brattleboro.

Members of the public can review and comment on the draft plan from June 15 – July 15. DEC will host hybrid public meetings to present the plan and hear comments from community mem- bers and stakeholders.

An in-person meeting will be held on June 25, at 6 p.m., at the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, Vt. Register in advance at forms.gle/9FbULFu5B4RE4L9S8 for virtual access

to this meeting. You will re- ceive a confirmation email with details on how to join the meeting.

“The Tactical Basin Plan for the West, Williams, and Saxtons rivers basin will guide clean-water efforts for the next five years,” said DEC Commissioner Misty Sinsigalli. “In light of that, it is critical that we hear from community members. We will use their feedback to ensure the plan resonates on a local level.”

Tactical Basin Plans serve as five-year roadmaps and detail how DEC will continue to improve wa- ter quality, restore aquatic habitat, and prevent future pollution throughout the basin; and work alongside farmers, towns, conserva- tion districts, landowners, watershed groups, regional planning commissions, and nonprofits to advance clean- water projects and water- shed resilience.

The draft plan for the West, Williams, and Saxtons rivers basin highlights measures to safeguard water quality during agricultural, develop- ment, wastewater, and natu- ral resources activities. For example, DEC-funded River

Corridor Plans and Storm- water Master Plans outline a range of projects; lakeshore projects can reduce ero- sion and enhance habitat by using no-mow zones and shoreline best practices; and other projects can reduce stormwater runoff by using underground infiltration systems.

“The Tactical Basin Plan is a critical tool for identifi- ing priority areas for protec- tion and restoration work in the watershed,” said Cory Ross, district manager for the Windham County Natu- ral Resources Conservation District. “As a conservation district, we will use this plan to inform the projects that we develop, design, and im- plement.”

Visit the Basin 11 web- page, www.dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/watershed-planning/basins-and-planners/basin11, to learn more about how to comment, join the meetings, view the draft plan, or find a map-based plan summary, aka Story Map. You can also contact Watershed Plan- ner Marie Caduto at Marie.Caduto@Vermont.gov or 802-490-6142 for more in- formation.





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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, June 27, the Friends of Skitchewaug will host a history hike and a bring-your-own-food picnic. The hike is moderately challenging and will last about two hours. We will

meet at the Ferguson Farm, 220 Spencer Hollow Road in Springfield, at 10 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear that can get wet, as we may encounter some water and/or mud. Be sure to bring sunscreen and bug

Friends of Skitchewaug hike and picnic

spray. Hiking sticks or poles can be useful.

We will be walking near Skitchewaug Mountain, former home of the Abenaki people, and along an unpaved portion of Crown Point Road that was built during the French and Indian War. We will visit a small cemetery from that time period.

After the hike, we will end up at the Ferguson Farm, where you are invited to join us for a picnic. Please bring your own food and drink. There is a refrigerator there, running water, and flush toilets. Keith Ferguson has offered us the use of the pavilion for free, and we appreciate this generous offer.

The Friends of Skitchewaug started with a neighborhood walk by two people who live in this historically and environmentally rich

area. It has grown into a group which is committed to celebrating this area and its history and scenic beauty.

The history hike is one of the fun and enriching activities intended to celebrate the beauty of this part of Springfield. The group plans to learn and share more about the stone walls of the area; gardening, which will include pollinator plants; and the Spencer Hollow Schoolhouse, which is perhaps the oldest surviving brick schoolhouse in Vermont.

The Friends of Skitchewaug have started what will be a series of personal histories from residents in the area. For more information, visit www.fosvt.org. You can also find the Friends of Skitchewaug on Facebook. You do not have to live locally to be a member.



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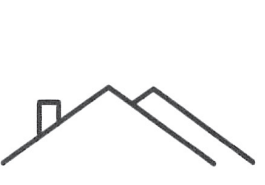
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New solo shows at Canal Street Gallery

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents the Edward Kingsbury III solo show, the MC Noyes solo show, and the gallery’s newest working artist, Debbie A. Barton, all open June 19 – Aug. 9. All gallery events are free and open to the public. For wheelchair accessibility, call 802-289-0104.

Canal Street Art Gallery welcomes Barton, its newest working artist with a studio within the gallery. Barton, based in Springfield, Vt., uses collage, quilting, and journaling to reflect the artist’s love of rural New England, nature, train travel, vintage fabrics, and untold stories. The artist prefers to use thrifted, dead stock, or otherwise unwanted papers, textiles, and other materials that were headed to landfills

but have stories yet to be told beyond the tragedy of waste. Kingsbury, based in Keene, N.H., is a self-taught artist making large abstract acrylic paintings, intricate drawings, and printed digital work of abstract studies in color and pattern. For Kingsbury, making art is an expression of the artist’s practice of prayer while he works. The resulting painting is Kingsbury’s abstract representation of God. Kingsbury’s drawings are done by pen in India ink on watercolor paper, as well as other surfaces, such as canvas paper. Kingsbury’s digital art often starts without a photograph – simply colors, shapes, and lines manipulated with tools and filters, layer upon layer, flattened in photo-editing software.

MC Noyes, based in Bel-

lows Falls, Vt., presents paintings utilizing watercolor paints the artist makes himself, in a continuation of the artist’s series called “Water Way.” The abstract work is a daily observation of the Bel-lows Falls Canal, relying heavily on spontaneous-seeming brushstrokes, using carefully contemplated colors, of which there are usually only a handful in each painting. Noyes uses a palette of more than 50 colors, each made with multiple powdered pigments.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, visit www.canalstreetart-gallery.com, call 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

Carl Goulet and Sandiland & Vincent at Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Like many rural musicians, Carl Goulet is a hidden gem who flies a little under the radar, an honest and heart-forward performing songwriter with the chops and fluency of artists who get a lot more attention. He is passionate, sometimes political, sometimes humorous, always thoughtful.

Goulet and Sandiland & Vincent have carefully honed their craft over years, producing songs with beautiful arrangements and tight, rich harmonies. Vincent has been playing guitar and bass for more than 50 years, and Sandi has been in bands and duos since she was 19.

Goulet and Sandiland & Vincent will play a sweet-yet-weighty two-for-one 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday,

June 28, at Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge Street in Bel-lows Falls. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.stage33live.com, or at the door as available. Advance tickets guarantee entry. Only 40 tickets will be sold. All the ticket money goes to the performers. The performances will be recorded and filmed.

Springfield Community Band movie music concert

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band will present a concert on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hartness House, 109 Front Street in Springfield, Vt.

Along with other selec-

tions, the evening will feature music from various Pixar movies, music from “Superman Returns” and “Star Wars,” themes from classic Westerns, and other familiar movie music. James Pecsok, band director at the

Bellows Falls Union High School, will conduct. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Please note that the program could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

West Windsor Music Festival

WEST WINDSOR, Vt. – The fifth annual West Windsor Music Festival, www.westwindsorvtmusic-festival.com, announces its summer 2026 four-concert festival. Sakiko Ohashi, www.sohashimusic.com, pianist and performer, serves as the organization’s artistic director.

The festival is presented in the historic West Windsor

Town Hall, 22 Brownsville-Hartland Road, West Windsor, Vt. There is parking on site. The venue is accessible to all and air-conditioned.

Concerts are set for Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m.; a free children’s concert on Saturday morning, June 27, at 11 a.m.; Saturday, June 27, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 28, at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The concerts feature world-

class musicians and friends of Ohashi: Orli Shaham, piano; Helen Kim, violin; and the Salix Trio.

Concerts are free for children 12 and younger. The children’s concert is free to all. Tickets can be purchased at the door or via Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.com/e/west-windsor-vt-music-festival-tickets-1986646556329.

Rev. Anderson at Bandwagon

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents Rev. Vince Anderson & His Love Choir on Friday, June 26, at the Putney Inn Field, 57 Putney Landing Road in Putney, as part of the Bandwagon Summer Series. Gates open at 5 p.m., and the concert begins at 6 p.m.

Proclaimed an “institution” by Questlove, Rev. Vince Anderson and his five-piece band, The Love Choir, bring three decades of

electrifying “dirty gospel” to audiences around the world.

Food will be available from Smokin’ Bowls and AlpineGlo Farm Taqueria. Refreshments, including beer, wine, and nonalcoholic beverages, will also be sold on site.

The Bandwagon Summer Series is sponsored in part by M&T Bank, Lawson’s Finest Liquids, Brattleboro Reformer, Oak Meadow, and Pepsi Brattleboro. This con-

cert is sponsored in part by Community Bank.

The Bandwagon Summer Series is a family-friendly outdoor cultural performance series running from June through September. Children 12 and younger are admitted free, and a dedicated play area is available at every show. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnics.

Advance tickets and additional information are available at www.nextstagearts.org.

Stéphane Wrembel Band

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents the Stéphane Wrembel Band on Saturday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m., at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets can be purchased discounted in advance at www.nextstagearts.org, or at the door at full price.

Widely regarded as one of the world’s most extraordinary guitarists, Wrembel returns to Next Stage with his acclaimed ensemble for an evening of dazzling mu-

sicianship that blends jazz, gypsy swing, world music, and original compositions.

“Stéphane Wrembel is one of those rare artists whose music appeals equally to devoted jazz fans, guitar enthusiasts, and audiences who simply love exceptional live performance,” said Heather Ahrenholz, Next Stage’s communications director. “His concerts are adventurous, joyful, and deeply engaging.”

For more information, call 802-387-0102.

Weston Theater holds “Schoolhouse Rock Live!”

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Theater Company’s Young Company will bring learning, laughter, and classic songs to communities across southern Vermont this summer with a free tour of “Schoolhouse Rock Live!,” running June 19 – July 4.

Based on the iconic Emmy Award-winning television series, “Schoolhouse Rock Live!” transforms favorite educational songs into a lively theatrical experience filled with unforgettable tunes, energetic performances, and plenty of fun

for audiences of all ages.

Directed by Weston veteran Susan Haefner, “Schoolhouse Rock Live!” is brought to life by a creative team that includes Music Director Jaz Koft, choreographer Brionna Trilling, Scenic Designer Danielle DeLaFuenta, Costume Designer Jennifer Salter, and Stage Manager Sami English.

The cast features emerging musical theater artists from some of the nation’s leading training programs: David Bautista, Oliver Boomer, Melea Dessommes, Aidan Ramirez, Jessica Olexy, and Bella Van Bergen. Bautista, Olexy, and Van Bergen re-

turn to Weston following appearances in last season’s “White Christmas” and “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!,” while others make their company debut as part of the theater’s 90th anniversary season.

For performance information and free reservations, visit www.westontheater.org or call 802-824-5288. Weston Theater Company is a nonprofit organization supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and an ever-growing family of individuals and organizations who believe in the impact the performing arts make on its community.

Kinhaven summer concerts

WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven is delighted to announce its 74th concert season schedule and share its excitement about its 2026 Senior Session guest artists and conductors.

The 74th season opening faculty concert will be held on Saturday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Kinhaven Concert Hall, 372 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, Vt. Prior to the concert, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a complimentary wine and cheese reception.

If you are unable to attend in person, concerts will be available at www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-live.

concert season, Kinhaven is thrilled to welcome its wonderful Malamud Fund Guest Artists and orchestra conductors.

Guest artists will be Suliman Tekalli, violin; Zoë Martin-Doike, viola; Arlen Hlusko, cello; Si-Yan Li, cello; Cordelia Mutter, cello; Kenny Bean, trumpet; Peter Charig, trombone; and Nate Reit, trombone.

The Malamud Fund was established through a generous legacy gift established in partnership with Janna Malamud Smith and the estate of Paul Malamud, in honor of his parents, Bernard and Ann deChiara Malamud, to

provide funding to build a vibrant guest-artist program each summer at Kinhaven. This endowed fund allows Kinhaven to invite distinguished guest artists each summer, enriching the educational and artistic experience for our students and community.

Kinhaven is committed to its core values of creativity, shared learning, mutual support, friendship, and community. Kinhaven continues to innovate and expand its programs to inspire the next generation of musicians. For more information, visit www.kinhaven.org.

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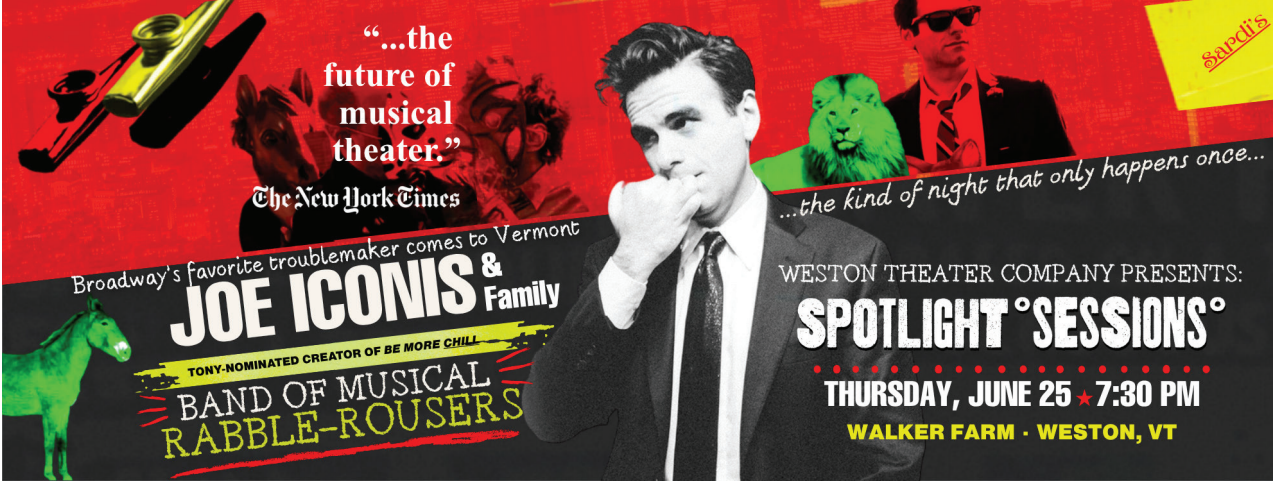
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