

It's Peak Summer, So that Means It's Time for...

A Visit to the Summer Place...

Right: Little Skye gives her thumbs up for the Summer Place.

Far Right: Server Linsey Miles, starting college this fall, suspiciously enough, will be studying Dental Hygiene.

By Paul Wein
Photos by A.J. Wein

Few things are as Vermonty as cooling off on a summer evening with some local ice cream. Supplying it, Vermont-Fashion, however, is not that easy. If it were, everyone would be doing it.

Creamy ice cream, fast service, friendly faces, and fair prices are the keys to a proper Vermont experience of frozen bliss. If any one of these ingredients is missing, you will be able to tell by just driving by.

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Or a Trip to Wellwood Orchard...

Right: Proud mama goat with her sleepy kid

Far Right: Ryea makes friends with a contented calf.

By Paul Wein
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The too-smiling weatherman on television will proudly tell us that fall begins this year at 8:44 a.m. on September 22. He can tell you the exact minute that every season will change as far into the future as you wish to know. He will tell you with a confident voice, pointing at the computerized map behind him with soft, clean hands. He will be wearing make-up and hairspray. His tie will poke out of the bottom of his suit coat.

To me, and plenty of others, autumn begins when the nights turn cool enough to kill off the mosquitoes, the leaves are changing colors, the humidity drops, and MacIntosh apples are ready to pick. In the hills above Springfield, here at Wellwood Orchard, the seasons change when they're good and ready to change.

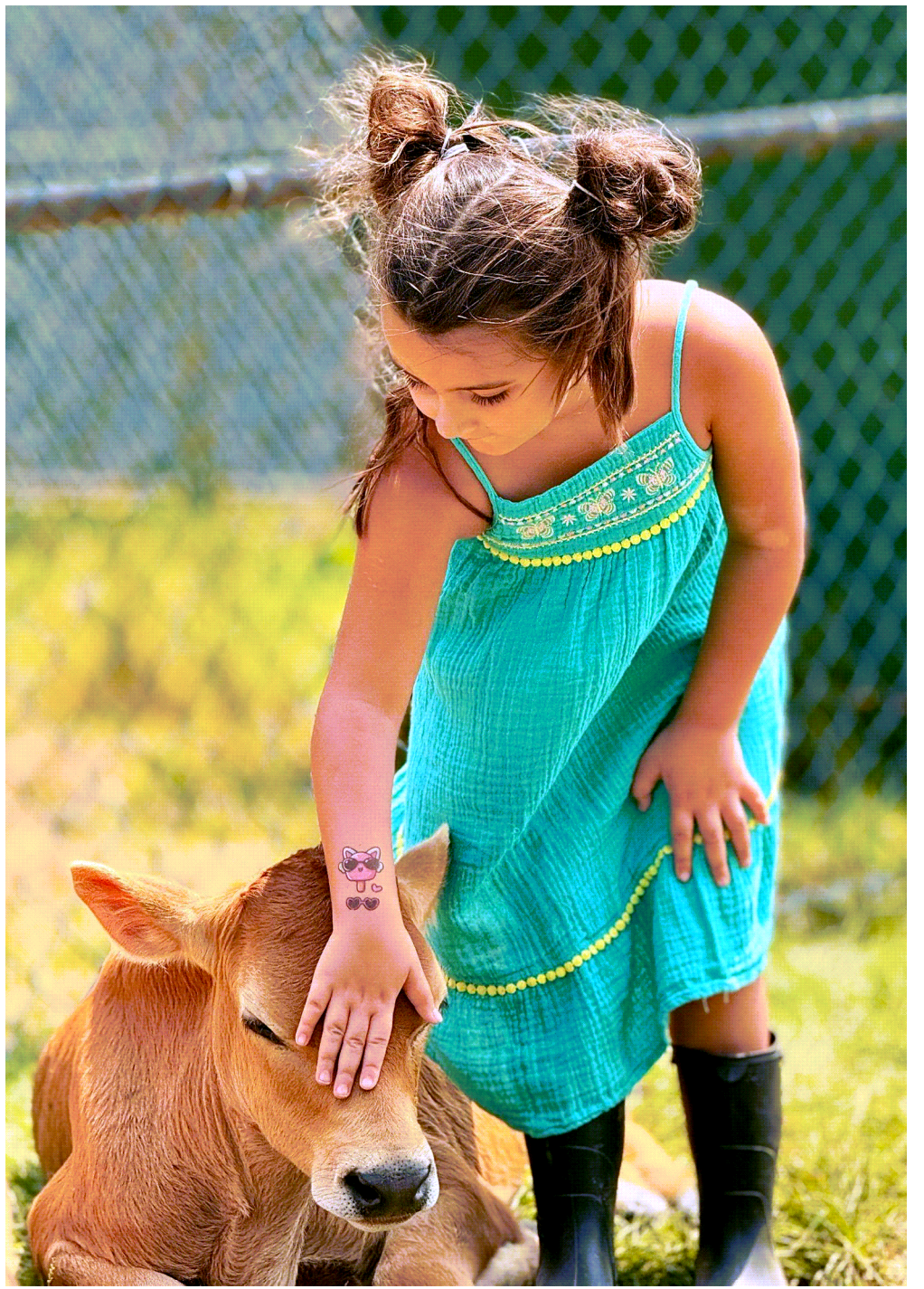
Today, for example, it's raspberry, plum, and blueberry season. Apple, grape, and pumpkin season

is coming soon. I asked a couple of Macintosh apples when they'd be ripe, but they ignored me. They were too busy basking in the early August sunshine. They were kind enough, however, to defer my question to the owner of the orchard, Roy Mark. After buying Wellwood in 1981, Roy and his four daughters have a large sweat and love equity

investment in the farm - and it shows. Macs will be ready the first week of September, Roy says. For day-by-day picking schedules, check their website and Facebook Page, his employee Reese Osgood adds.

Neat, clean, and attractive, the store is a beehive of activity. Visitors from all over

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And Don't Forget the Concerts at the Comtu

Ashley Wineland kicked off Springfield On the Move's "Concerts at the Comtu" concert series this past Friday.

Hailing from Arizona and currently on a major tour across the United States, Wineland, a rising country star, performed songs from her latest album.

Concerts at the Comtu take place Friday in August from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 5 Main Street, Cascade Comtu Park. The remaining concerts are: August 8 - Stockwell Brothers, bringing their own distinctive musical

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ACE Academy: A Full Week of Immersion Into Aviation Careers

By Bruce Johnson

Last Monday morning, twenty 12- to 16-year old boys and girls arrived at Hartness State Airport Terminal building, eager to begin a week at the 2025 edition of the Aviation Careers Education Academy. ACE Academy is a week-long experience which provides opportunities to explore a wide variety of aviation and aerospace related careers.

The program began with a briefing about flight line and safety procedures to be followed while on the airport. The students were then introduced to aviation career jobs in an activity with each student picking a card on which was an aviation type job. They then arranged themselves in the order in which those jobs would relate to taking a flight in an airliner. The activity was followed by a presentation by John Popkess, Assistant Professor at Vermont State University, about the opportunities available thru the Professional Pilot Program offered at the campus in Williston.

The students then were introduced to several local pilots who took them on a flight around the area. The flights were flown in several types of aircraft from a Piper Cub to a four-seat Cessna. The students had the opportunity to actually fly the planes under the supervision of the pilots. During the lunch break the students were introduced to a flight simulator which had been setup in the terminal. During the week students would have the opportunity to fly the simulator.

The afternoon session began with a presentation by BETA Technologies from Burlington/Williston. Beta is building an electric powered aircraft which is now in production at their new factory and is nearing certification by the FAA. The presenter was Vincent Moeykrns, who was an ACE Academy student in 2012 and who is a licensed pilot and who works at BETA developing High Fidelity Simulators and resilient telemetry networks. Following the presentation about BETA's programs, Vincent demonstrated a small two seat French helicopter and gave several students flights in the helicopter.

The rest of the afternoon was divided into work sessions where three smaller groups worked on assembling wing ribs or building model rockets or learning about Metalwork and riveting. At the end of the first day's program, the students were reminded that Tuesday would begin early at 6:30 a.m. with a demonstration setting up a hot air balloon followed by flights in a balloon for each student.

Morning dawned with a thick ground fog covering the airport. Out in the fog on the grassy area in front of the terminal Paul Stumpf, a professional balloon pilot and an FAA Certified Hot Air Balloon Repair Station operator was supervising student volunteers to unpack and prepare a balloon for launch. Soon the balloon was ready to be inflated by hot air and within a few minutes Paul was ready to take volunteer helper Paxton on her balloon ride. As the tethered balloon rose into the foggy sky toward the eastern horizon, the sun could be seen as a bright ball through the fog. As new balloon riders took their turns the sun soon warmed the air and the fog disappear and was replaced by a beautiful blue sky!

Back inside the terminal, a team of General Electric Apprenticeship program from the Rutland plant had set up a display of products. The team introduced themselves and explained the apprenticeship program and then demonstrated the products that are produced at the plant. The program is a work and learn process over 3three years. The apprentice studies and works at GE for three years while being paid and then may be hired if they complete the program.

The afternoon was divided into two activities. Half the student learned about the National Aerospace System and how it works to move aircraft around the airport and beyond to other locations. The second half of the students learned how to fly a glider and setup a logbook. Then the groups switched activities for the second half of the afternoon. By the end of the afternoon everyone had flown in a glider and learned how to launch a glider as a ground crew. It was a long day but another busy lay ahead for day three.

Day three was a road trip to Lebanon airport. The airport there has more types of aviation career fields available to examine than are found at Hartness State Airport. As an airport offering commercial flights to Boston and New York there are operations with a number of career fields available to visit an observe. The first service visited was the FAA Control Tower. A controller explained the operations conducted there and then the students visited the tower in small groups to see the operations in real time.

Then the group traveled to the hanger of White Mountain Aviation where the flight crews of two corporate jets gave tours of the planes and described their careers and their jobs as pilots. The group returned to the terminal building where they were given a tour of the security operations by the TSA (Transportation Security Administration) agents who provide security at the Cape Air Airlines gate departures. Then a ticket/ramp agent for Cape Air explained how he prepares and calculates the loading process for a flight of passengers and their baggage. While still at the terminal, the students met with the Airport Manager who explained in detail about the various types of career fields involved in operating and maintaining an airport, and discussed the planning process and what is planned for the airport at Lebanon in the future. This session generated numerous questions from the group.

The group then returned to the Granite State Operations Center on the opposite side of the Airport for lunch and then a tour of the flight services/repair operations for private or visiting aircraft. This was followed by a visit to Sharkey's Helicopter repairs where a number of helicopters were being serviced.

The day finished with a trip to the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical facility to visit the DART medical helicopter operations center. An EC-135 DART helicopter was parked on the ramp and a crew opened the aircraft to allow the students to look in detail at the workings of the craft. A pilot and a medical tech talked about their career paths to their jobs at DART. A quick rain shower forced a move into the service shop where a second helicopter was just being brought out of the service bay. The service/repair technician was able to open panels and explain details of the engines and their operations. With the clock reaching the end of the day's scheduled activities, the students returned home with a bit of worry about Thursday's weather forecast.

Thursday dawned wet and a bit rainy and the plans had to be adjusted a bit. The plans had been scheduled around the plans of the provider of the flying operations so adjustments where made. Jim Hagedorn of Scotts Miracle-Gro spoke about his career in aviation through the military pathway program: learning to fly through college then into the military as a fighter pilot and into civil pilot flying through corporate flying. Following his presentation, the group split and some worked on

ribs, riveting and the others flew in the Miracle-Gro jet helicopter which was very able to fly in the damp weather conditions. Two pilots took turns flying three

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Vincent Moeykens, BETA Technologies Pilot and ACE Camp student from 2012, gives helicopter rides to ACE students in small French helicopter.



Caleb sets the lock as Bryan attaches the tow rope while pilot Alasdair Crawford prepares to take off.



Paxton and Jack help Paul Stumpf, balloon pilot, inflate the hot air balloon on foggy morning



ACE students learn about the operations of the DART EC-135 helicopter at the DART hanger at DHMC



ACE Camp student Nora returns to the earth after her flight as co-pilot of the Miracle-Gro Helicopter on a rainy Thursday morning.



James Hagedorn, CEO of Scotts Miracle-Gro, tells his story of how he became a pilot in the USAF and how aviation has been a part of his life.

It's Time for Ice Cream Continued from Page 1

Look at the license plates. If there are more white plates than green and white ones, just keep on driving.

Thankfully, if you live in or around Springfield, you won't have far to go to find all four attributes in abundance. Jonathan's Summer Place has been serving them, under various ownership, since the Seventies, located in the Springfield Plaza, straight across the parking lot from Shaw's. With plenty of parking and access, they offer hard-serve as well as soft-serve in a nice variety

of flavors. I'm a big soft-serve fan, and always gravitate towards the black-raspberry/vanilla swirl. It's out-of-this-world! Somehow, it seems to be served colder than that from other shops, which comes in handy on a muggy day, allowing you more time to enjoy it before it melts.

The servers are just a delight: mostly students on summer break, they are earning some tuition money for the fall semester. My wife and I were served tonight by

Maddie and Linsey, both soon starting their freshmen years of college. They seemed happy, energetic, and enthusiastic, scooping out huge helpings of deliciousness.

The girls know their business and work together like a well-orchestrated symphony of smiles and flavor. We've all been helped by grumpy, impersonal, and aloof employees at various establishments. Not here! The service was personal and personable. I asked them if most customers were happy, seeing as they



Three generations of Summer Place patrons: Michele from Utah, her daughter Hillary, and grandbaby Skye. Pooch Rosie waits patiently.



John and Cheryl, exercising their rights as grandparents, spoil their grandson.

were buying ice cream instead of, say, gasoline, and they agreed that was the case - for the most part. But, even though an occasional customer came in hot and grumpy, by the time they had a handful of ice cream, they were smiling.

Their prices are super-fair. To a frugal Yankee like me, that is important. I don't want to pay "tourist prices", as my dad used to say. Having visited most of the area's ice-cream shops, this is not universally known. When it comes to pricing, my first boss taught me something fifty years ago: "You can shear a sheep many times, but only skin him once." Of course, sheep and ice cream are very different, but value is appreciated by everyone, especially us Yankees. Few things are as sweet as ice cream, but getting a good deal is pretty close.

So come on in for your



Third summer employee Maddy Downing, serving my beloved Black Raspberry/Vanilla swirl, will be studying at Champlain College.

ice cream fix while summer lasts, there is no need to travel very far. Buy your dog a Pup Cup and yourself and your family

something cool and yummy. Remember, Springfield: The town that licks together, sticks together!



The ACE Camp students in front of Miracle-Gro CJ4 Jet with volunteer staff

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students on a low-level flight around the area observing visual flight rules for safe operation. On each flight one student flew as co-pilot and they were able to fly the helicopter under the guiding hands of the pilot. By Lunch time everyone had flown on the helicopter. The afternoon returned to the adjusted schedule with classes on how get a pilot's license and introduction to aerodynamics.

Friday morning, last day, was finishing up on building rockets and then a presentation by Michael Clough of the Vermont Museum of Natural History "Aerodynamic Lessons from Nature" Raptor presentations. This program examined the structure of various wings from raptor species and compared them to the structure of aircraft wings. This was capped by a visit with three different live raptors including a flight by a Barred Owl from Mr. Clough's arm into the bird's travel box perch.

The Miracle-Gro flight crews flew groups of five students each in the Miracle-Gro CJ4 corporate jet around the Springfield area. This flight concluded four flights for each student for the week. The students each received their own individual flight log books with flight instruction time entered in their logs and signed by the instructor pilot who flew them on their flight. The first step toward a pilot's license.

The last activity for the week was launching the rockets the student had built. All twenty rockets were launched with altitudes measured by mathematical measurement. The highest flight path calculated was 2,100 feet. Other heights were recorded at 1,700' and 1,300' and 1,100'.

Following some remarks about careers by some of the organizers, a graduation presentation was made and the very successful week drew to a conclusion.

The ACE Academy is a non-profit volunteer operated program. The organizers want to thank the generous cooperation of; Vermont State University's Professional Pilot Program, VT Flight Academy, Beta Technologies, GE Aerospace, and Scotts Miracle-Gro corporate flight department. At the Lebanon Airport, attendees visit the control tower, fixed-base operator Granite Air Center, Sharkey's Helicopters, Cape Air, TSA, White Mountains corporate flight operations, and airport management and maintenance. The members of New England Soaring Association who provide introductory glider flights. ACE Academy is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration, Vermont Aviation Advisory Council, Inc., Vermont Agency of Transportation, and New England Soaring Association, with generous support from the Timken Company Charitable and Educational Fund and the Hypertherm Hope Foundation. More information about Ace Academy is at www.flynesa.com/ace.



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THE EDITORIAL PAGE



Preserve Local School Boards. Preserve Local Democracy

By Laura Cannon



We won’t always agree with every decision our school boards make—but we should all agree on this: they must exist. Without them, we lose local democracy, community involvement, and taxpayer oversight. Whether you’re from Hardwick, Newport, Wells, Brattleboro or Grand Isle one thing is clear: our communities value taking local responsibility for education, community-based schooling, and school board representation. We care deeply about where and how our kids learn—and we want a say in it.

The Rural Schools Community Alliance (RSCA)—a coalition of community and municipal groups, school boards, and educators—has fought hard to preserve these values in the current legislation. Thanks to their efforts, the new law Act 73 recognizes Supervisory Unions (SUs) in addition to Supervisory Districts (SDs)—giving rural voices a chance to be heard.

But RSCA can’t do this alone. Now it’s our turn. What’s at Stake?

If existing school districts are eliminated and replaced by a large Supervisory District—as favored by the Governor and Agency of Education—our local school boards would vanish. Existing articles of agreement would be dissolved. Decision-making power would shift to a distant, centralized board overseeing 4,000 to 8000 students. Town-level representation would disappear. Budget decisions and school closures would happen without a vote of the town.

Under a Supervisory Union structure, by contrast, existing school boards would continue as would existing articles of agreement. Although this may entail boundary shifts and much larger Supervisory Unions than we are used to, we would keep a seat at the table. We would continue to have a meaningful voice in decisions made. We would keep our say.

The Bigger Threat: Centralization, Not Privatization: Some, advocacy groups argue that SU’s open the door to privatization. That’s a distraction. The real threat is centralized power in sprawling districts, where communities lose influence. SUs allow for shared efficiencies, collaboration, and cost effective shared services, without silencing community voices. That’s the balance Vermont needs.

Act Now—Time Is Short: Act 73 established a redistricting committee who

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Legislators Need to Repeal the “Right to Sue” in GWSA

By Robert Roper



The Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) contains a provision that gives standing to anyone who wants to sue the state – at taxpayers’ expense – if we fail to meet that law’s unrealistic, unattainable greenhouse gas reduction mandates. It’s known as the “private right of action” clause. The first case brought under the private right of action clause by the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) was just decided and dismissed by Superior Court Judge Timothy Tomasi. That’s the good news!

CLF’s complaint challenged the Agency of Natural Resources’ (ANR) chosen methods for meeting the mandates, arguing that they utilized inaccurate measuring criteria and weren’t acting aggressively enough to meet the targets. The judge ruled that the law doesn’t allow a plaintiff to question the methods adopted by the ruling authority (ANR), only the outcomes – which we won’t officially know until at least 2027, after the first deadline has passed (2025) and the ghg reduction data can be fully collected and evaluated.

Okay, good. But here’s the bad news.... ANR has already admitted it likely missed the 2025 ghg reduction mandate by an estimated 6 percent and is even more likely to miss the next target coming up in 2030 by a whopping 29 percent. Climate radicals say those numbers are/will be significantly higher.

Either way and in other words, the next lawsuit is going to be successful. And Vermont taxpayers are going to be on the hook to pay – bigtime. Unless, that is, the legislature repeals right of action provision in the GWSA when they return to Montpelier in January 2026. This must happen. It’s the only way to avoid a continuing and colossal waste of money.

How many hours (and time is, of course money; the taxpayer variety in this case) and limited resources did this frivolous lawsuit eat up for the Agency of Natural Resources, the Attorney General’s office, and the judiciary branch over the ten months it took to dismiss it as baseless? Time and money ANR Secretary Julie Moore pointed out could have been better spent, you know, actually addressing real problems and benefiting everyday Vermonters. Things like preparing for and protect citizens from future floods (ANR) and reducing rising crime in our neighborhoods (AG).

How much time and money will the next lawsuit waste? (Not to mention the potential appeal of this one?) Certainly more, because the state is sure to lose, and Vermont taxpayers will be on the hook for both the state’s cost to defend the suit, and the plaintiff’s “reasonable costs and attorney’s fees.”

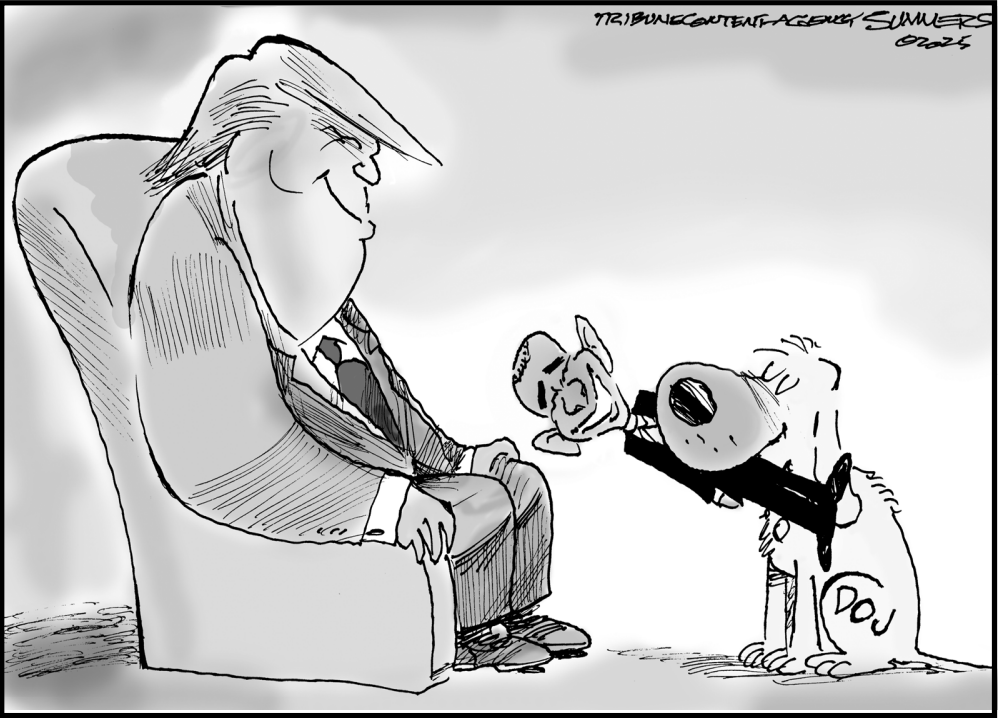
But the advocates will argue, if you don’t want to be sued just do whatever it takes to meet the greenhouse gas reduction mandates in the law. Yeah, sure. If meeting those mandates was fiscally, logistically, and politically impossible when the GWSA passed in 2020 — and they were — they are even more so now. A major chunk of what Vermont spends on climate change policies came from the federal government. Not anymore.

The Trump Administration is cutting subsidies for electric vehicle purchases and infrastructure, and for home and industrial renewable energy projects, they nipped the clean cars and trucks eventual ban on internal combustion engine vehicle sales in the bud, and are working to eliminate the EPA’s ability to regulate greenhouse gases at all. Vermont doesn’t have the resources to expand our own programs let alone backfill the hole being left by the feds. It’s... not... going... to... happen.

So, leaving Vermonters on the legal hook for outcomes that aren’t going to happen -- can’t happen, and nobody in government, including those who passed the GWSA in the first place, is seriously trying to make happen -- is sociopathic. A vicious violation of the public trust born out of I don’t know what other than the pure meanness of zealots scorned.

The bills to repeal the lawsuit provision of the GWSA are on the walls of the committees of jurisdiction. Better yet, there are a few that would repeal the whole

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The View From Faraway Farm

By Arlo Mudgett



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You get what you pay for

Six or seven years ago, I bought the most expensive laptop computer that I have ever owned. It is a Lenovo Legion gaming computer. I bought it for its speed and superior graphics, along with a ton of memory. Someone once told me to always buy as much memory as you can afford when replacing or upgrading a computer, and I did that, until I had a serious laptop failure. The Legion gaming computer had power

issues. Rather than deal with ripping it apart, I bought a cheap new laptop from Lenovo. I like the brand, so I figured, why not save a few hundred dollars?

Bad move.

The new Lenovo had a screen that caused eye strain. The keyboard was laid out poorly. It felt unfamiliar and awkward. I don’t think that I was ever going to be able to adapt. After a few months, I had connectivity issues, and it was s-l-o-w. I paid good money for that thing, so I tried all manner of fixes to speed it up. I bought a tune-up subscription, and while those fixes helped a little, it wasn’t enough. Just short of splitting it open and adding some RAM chips to it, I was getting frustrated.

I took my old Lenovo Legion gaming laptop to a shop where they ran some tests and determined that it needed a new battery. I ordered one, installed it, and miracle of miracles, it worked again. I had my favorite laptop back with its lighted keyboard, high-speed processing, and fast connectivity. It was nearly seven years old but still worked great. I had a rather intensive photo project that required processing a couple of hundred photographs, and the old Legion handled it with nary a hiccup until disaster struck. I had it mounted on a tray that allows me to use it in bed. I walked past it, got my foot wrapped up in a wayward power cord, and knocked it over directly onto its power input. The machine emitted a bright blue spark, which turned out to be its dying gasp. I was crestfallen.

Fortunately, I still had the low-cost Lenovo that I had learned to hate as a backup. I quickly learned to hate it all over again. The contrast between the two

machines could not have come into sharper focus. It was slow, clunky, balky, and its economy screen made my eyes blur and water. While I always try to get as much out of these machines as possible, I knew what I had to do, and I did not like it. The time had come to bite the bullet and order another high-speed gaming computer, budget be damned.

The new Lenovo was delivered in less than forty-eight hours. It actually costs less than the old Legion when it was new. As I opened the box, I could feel the heft of the new machine. Solid, as if it were hewn from a single chunk of titanium. After some charging, I gingerly touched the power button. It booted immediately. It did a Windows 11 update in half the usual time, and when the screen saver photograph of a tropical paradise came up, the clarity was stunning. Tilting the screen back and forth did not create that hazy blur like the discount Lenovo.

I logged into my Microsoft account, and within ten minutes, I had my previous laptop’s main screen back and my old settings. I was even able to link my cell phone to it. I quickly jumped onto YouTube, fired up a favorite channel, and was regaled by the sharpness and color of the video.

This gaming laptop costs more than twice as much as the economy laptop, but the video processing, sound, keyboard layout, and fast processing speed were worth every hard-won cent that I put into it. By rights, I should not have to go through this ordeal again for another six or seven years, and that is fine by me. This experience has proved the old adage about getting what you pay for once again.

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LETTERS

Condemn Unlawful Detention

To the Editor:

We, the faculty of the Spark Teacher Training Institute, support and stand with the National Education Association, the Vermont-NEA, and the Winooski Education Association in condemning the unjust and abusive interrogation and detention of Winooski Superintendent Wilmer Chavarria on July 21, 2025 at the Houston airport.

We oppose the criminalization of human beings based on their documentation status and the racist profiling that is intensified by these policies. The upsurge in unlawful arrests and detainment of immigrants and migrants across the U.S. by federal ICE agents (often masked and plain-clothed) is terrorizing communities across the nation. Reports of inhumane and overcrowded detention facilities surface in the news daily. At the same time, people across the nation are organizing to resist the brutal deportation agenda through rapid response networks, Know Your Rights Trainings, protests, and teach-ins.

Vermont is no exception to both the targeting by ICE and the resistance efforts and organizing. We must continue to mobilize to protect our communities including fellow educators and students who are scared, being targeted, or who may face intimidation.

We stand firmly with all communities that experience violence in our state and beyond. We believe that it is our work as educators to work towards a just world and stand on the right side of history. We stand with Wilmer Chavariria, his family, and all those whose lives have been impacted by ICE.

Sincerely,

Chris Lievense
on behalf of Spark faculty

How’s all that hopey-changey working for ya?

To the Editor:

Prefatory apology: It was the CFO of Textron, not Goldman Sachs, who was a rapist of Precision Valley. In other news:

Elizabeth Fagan lobbied Trump at Mar-a-Lago to pardon her son and donated \$1 million to his super PAC, MAGA Inc. Three weeks later, the pardon came. Since Worst Chief Justice Ever John Roberts has ruled no president can be prosecuted for official acts, Trump will not have to spend the bribe on a defense attorney or on upgrading the 747 Qatari pimpmobile, which secretly got \$943 million from a DoD fund to modernize aging missiles.

23-year-old Luke Farritor, paid \$167,000 a year as a DOGEbag, has gutted university contracts with the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. A former childhood friend, Kirk Zeller, who operates two medical device companies, said companies like his rely on National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense funding in their early stages. “Companies won’t make it when otherwise they might have,” Don’t worry, folks. China is filling the gap already.

Formerly a drinking buddy of Pete Hegseth on Fox, news presenter Jeanine Piro was appointed chief federal prosecutor in Washington, DC. Not as telegenic, but known for telling six Federal prosecutors in a room that if one of them didn’t file to dismiss a case against Trump they would all be fired (one saved the others), Emil Bove was rewarded by Putin’s man in the Oval Office with a lifelong judgeship.

Acting on his belief that if bad news hasn’t happened if nobody hears about it, Trump fired the Director of Bureau of Labor Statistics and went to his RentBabe app to find a replacement. She got fired because the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that US job growth has ground to a near-halt. BLS surveys of households, employers and prices provide essential data for recognizing how layoffs, hiring and inflation affects families’ ability to pay for purchases, shelter and medical care.

Speaking of purchases, last week, an order for \$267 worth of merchandise from England resulted in an additional bill for \$131 for tariff due because the items originated in China. As eighty-five percent of Wal-Mart stock is from China, your future shopping trips are not likely to be pretty.

On your way to Wal-Mart, try to forget to inhale: The EPA is revoking its 16-year-old finding that the six most powerful greenhouse gases are a threat to your health. Administrator Lee Zeldin, who qualified for his job by filing numerous suits against the agency he now heads, proudly claims credit for “the largest deregulatory action in the history of America.” The EPA joins the Department of Education and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at the bottom of the White House dumpster. No worries for the ex-employees, though— Reichsfuhrer Steven Miller’s Gestap— oops, ICE has announced it is giving hiring preference to laid-off government employees.

The Trump administration on Monday told federal workers they may not only talk about religion at work, but also “persuade others of the correctness of their own religious views.”

Republicans did nothing.

Chuck Gregory
Springfield, Vt.

Trump Costing Lives and Livelihoods

To the Editor:

There he goes again! Faced with negative numbers about the job market Trump, in his normal, if you don’t agree with me you’re out attitude, fires a bipartisanly supported chief statistician from the US Department of Labor. No evidence! No inquiry!!! Just typical my way or the highway.

FBI redacts Trump’s name from the Epstein files. Then he goes on TV and says we’ll have to protect certain people we don’t want to hurt them. Yeah, this is all about no self harm.

The man is an amoral, misogynistic, racist xenophobic, narcissist sexual predator, who is slowly building an autocracy that will cost hundreds of thousands if not millions of lives and livelihoods.

He does not deserve to be elected dog catcher!

Tony Petrillo
Springfield, Vt.

Trump Has Stolen the GOP

To the Editor:

I grew up in Houston,Texas in a Republican family. When I was 21 and old enough, at that time, to register to vote, I lived in NY and registered as a Conservative. I share this to say, I have deep Convervative roots that grew from my southern background.

Yet, my Republican Party has been STOLEN from me by a bully. A bully mascarading as a fiscal conservative while he lines his own pockets and laughs at the people he brazenly deceives. He believes that saying something often enough and loud enough will make it true. He enjoys and promotes chaos and cruelty.

Unfortunately there are some who have succumbed to his hateful, easily fact-checked, and disrespectful rhetoric. He is trying to erase anything that he doesn’t agree with. His recent firing of the labor statistics chief is just one more example of his ongoing efforts to twist reality despite the facts.

I am so tired of the ridiculous rantings. We can hope that cooler heads will ultimately prevail. I believe that we as a nation are better than this. For my part, I am committed to putting my money where my mouth is and supporting outlets such as Vermont Public and PBS to ensure we can continue to access fair and unbiased news.

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come through the doors, hoping to bring home a slice of Vermont. They’ve come to the right place. Food, syrup, fruit, and souvenirs are attractively arranged throughout the retail space. A woman’s touch is evident, wherever you look. A nice, homey accent is the smell of fresh cider doughnuts wafting through the air. A photographer friend tells me they are most delicious.

Open from June 11 until November 1, the orchard is a wonderful place to visit. There is always fresh fruit to be had, either pick-your-own or buy it ready-to-go from the lovely country store. Their famous, home-made baked goods will melt in your mouth, and their super-cute animals in their petting zoo will melt your heart.

I was fortunate to get to chat with long-time customer, 94-year-old Robbie Bowles, while he was there to buy an apple. He kidded that this was the only place in town to buy a single apple, and at his age, it didn’t seem wise to buy more than one at a time. Like the land itself, Robbie has quite a story to tell- a story as broad and full of life, as weathered and wise as the fields around us.

Outside, in the Petting Zoo, baby goats frolicked with tiny children, sleepy calves rested in the sunshine, and peacocks roamed inside their enclosure. It was all peace and sunny harmony. Children laughed and roosters crowed. Older folks were picking raspberries and talking about the varieties of apples ripening on the branches, cheering their



94-year-old customer Robbie Bowles and helpful employee Reese Osgood

favorites towards the finish line. Mama goats, ready to burst their seams, nibbled the August grass.

The quiet was deafening... and necessary.

It’s important to visit places like this, where nature makes its own schedule, and people are merely the attendants, caretakers watching over and reaping God’s gifts.

Everything in nature is moving, like the sun through the summer sky, one season to the next... moving every day. From seed to shelf, it is all right here - a teaching tool for children and parents alike.

Come visit and let the land talk to you: the plants and the animals, the history and the future. This is where our food comes

from, not the vending machines or grocery stores. Bring your kids, they need to know this, how our grandparents and theirs lived, in the dark, prehistoric, beautiful times before cellphones, the Internet, and hairspray.

Bring them now, to earn things worth knowing, in the days before they’re buying one apple at a time.

School Boards Continued from Page 4

has been appointed and is already beginning their work, with up to three proposals due in December and a vote by the legislature to approve one in January. We must act now to influence the outcome. We are not powerless and there are knowledgeable members on this committee who understand rural concerns. Talk to your school board. Call your legislators. Let them know: We want to stay in a Supervisory Union. We value local decision making.

Much of Vermont is rural. Our education system should reflect that and be accessible for rural families. Without community-based schooling, transportation challenges and long bus rides may force young families like mine to leave Vermont’s small towns at a faster rate than they already are, further accelerating small-town economic decline. Consolidation of school governance means disappearing civic engagement and a diminished ability to influence important decisions about education in the future —that’s what we risk if we let our school boards go. This is a fight for more than education. It’s a fight for our communities. It’s a fight for democracy. It’s a fight for rural Vermont.

Laura Cannon is a parent of two preschoolers. Laura is a Speech-Language Pathologist and a member of the Rural School Community Alliance. vtruralschools.org.

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darn GWSA! Take them down. Pass them! We’ve already wasted enough time, money, and energy on a this pipe dream turned pipe bomb.

Rob Roper is a freelance writer who has been involved with Vermont politics and policy for over 20 years. This article reprinted with permission from Behind the Lines: Rob Roper on Vermont Politics. Read more at robertroper.substack.com.

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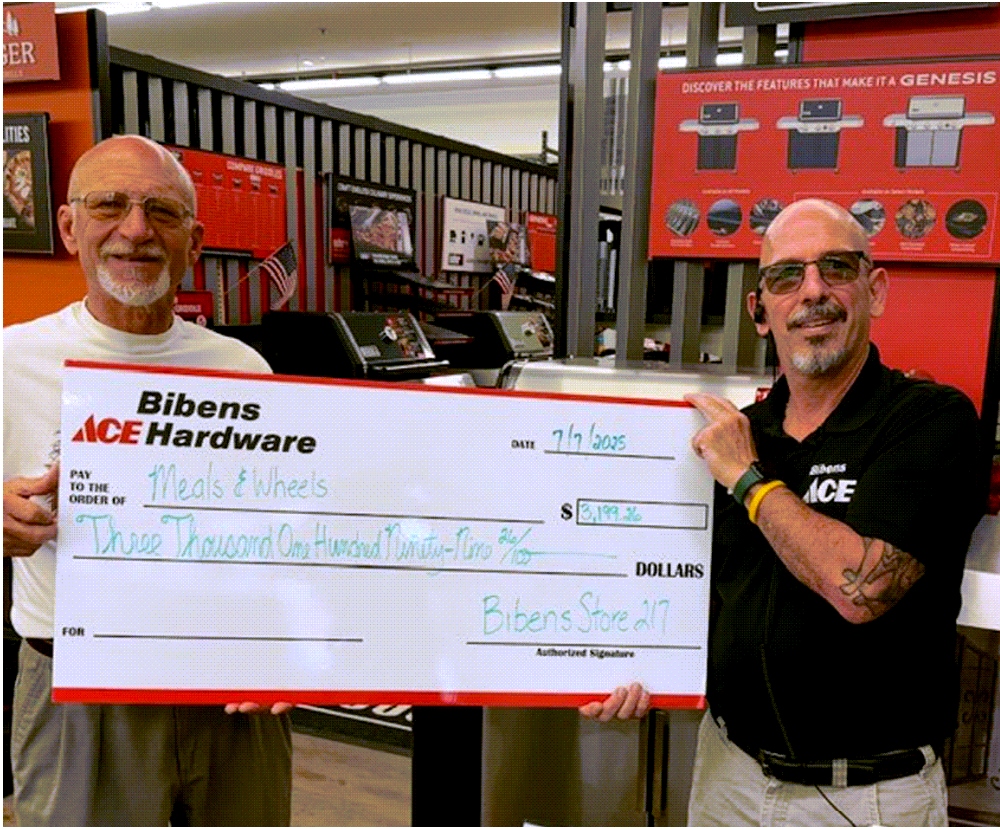


Main Street: This photo was taken from the head of the square after 1916. We can tell because that is when the five-globe street lights were installed. There is a nice mixture of horse and buggies and early cars on the street. The town is really busy.

Bibens ACE
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Recently, Bibens ACE Hardware in Springfield held a Round-up for Springfield Meals and Wheels, after Manager John Somers learned of the organization’s mission at a Springfield Rotary meeting. Bibens ACE customers rounded up a total of \$1,599.63, and parent company Aubuchon ACE matched that donation, for a total of \$3,199.26 to Springfield Meals and Wheels.

Thank you to the employees of Bibens ACE for helping to share the mission of Meals and Wheels with their neighbors in Springfield



and the surrounding area.

Meals and Wheels of Greater Springfield, in partnership with Senior Solutions of Southern Vermont, delivers meals to

123 eligible seniors and disabled adults in Springfield and surrounding communities three times each week. Volunteer drivers are

always needed. If you can spare two hours a week, and are interested in learning more, please contact Steve Matush at 802-885-4520.



Medicare Insurance Information

By Peter Andrews

What To Do If You Receive a Medicare Scam Call

Medicare and other health insurance scam callers can be persuasive, threatening, and aggressive. But it’s important to keep calm and remember that they can’t do anything to you without your information.

If you or a loved one gets a Medicare scam call, here’s what to do:

- Warn your friends and family. Let your friends and family members know that you’ve received a Medicare scam call. If you’re on the same phone plan or in the same household, they could also be targeted by the same scam. Even if they aren’t, many Medicare scams are similar; and sharing your experience could help protect others if they get calls, too. For more help, call the AARP Fraud Watch Network at 877-908-3360.
- Always remember - Medicare doesn’t call you. You call them. Above all else, keep in mind that Medicare will not call you to sell you anything. If you get a suspicious call from someone claiming to be with Medicare, hang up.

Will Medicare ever call you?

According to the official Medicare website, there are only two reasons why you should ever receive a call from Medicare:

- A Medicare health or drug plan provider may call you if you’re already a member of the plan. The agent who helped you join might also call you.
- A customer service representative from 1-800-MEDICARE can call you if you’ve called and left a message (or received a letter informing you that someone will call you).

More on Medicare Scams next week

Many of the topics of this column are based on questions asked by clients that have common interest to many individuals on Medicare. If you have questions feel free to email them to pnauhc@gmail.com or call Peter Andrews 802-885-3638

Senior Citizens Center News

By Lori Johnson, Director

Liz from Senior Solutions will be here on Tues., Aug. 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The floors will be re-finished starting Mon., Aug. 11; those two weeks the activities will be limited.

Drop-in Cribbage will be on Wed., Aug. 6 at 9:00 a.m. Wizard Cards will be on Wed., Aug. 6 at 1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Cards will be on Fri., Aug. 8 and Fri., Aug. 15 at 1:00 p.m. Balance Class meets every Monday at 9:00 a.m. Drop-In Corn Hole will be every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Drop-In Shuffleboard is every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Future trips for 2025 will be: Sept. 23 - Lake Winnepesaukee Turkey Train, and Oct. 7 - Lake George Luncheon Theatre. Call for more details.

We are still collecting items for the food shelves.

Appointments will be needed for the foot clinics. You can call the center to schedule one. The price is \$25.

Questions: Contact Lori Johnson, Executive Director, at either 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

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Microtransit Public Meetings

In early Fall 2025, Springfield’s fixed bus route – the Springfield In-Town Route – will be changed to microtransit service.

What is Microtransit?

Microtransit is a FREE Uber-like system of real-time public transit service open to all members of the public anywhere within the Town of Springfield’s and North Springfield’s boundaries.

Find out more about this change at one of two public meetings

July 29 5:30 PM

or

August 7 12:00 PM

Flinn Room in the Springfield Town Library

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Thought for Food

By Kathi Byam

Oven Fried Chicken

Very early in my year of fifth grade, kids took a test in which the band director played some notes on a piano, and we were to write down, for instance, whether the second note was higher or lower than the first. Those who did well were invited to learn an instrument and later on, join the school band. There was an evening at school when older music students would perform some solo, so that potential students could hear what each instrument sounded like.

This was a very good system. While those who did not do well on the test could also have lessons on an instrument if they wanted to, the ones with an aptitude for music seemed to learn more quickly.

I knew what flute sounded like from listening to recordings at home, notably, the William Tell Overture, right before the "Lone Ranger" theme, in which flute and oboe have a playful duet. I knew I wanted to play flute--and, apparently important to my mother, a flute was small and easy to carry (our neighbor had to borrow our Radio Flyer wagon to take his accordion to school when he wanted to play there! Mothers did not drive much then, or if they did, there was just one car in the family, unavailable during working hours.) This was in Waterbury, Connecticut, and we walked most of a mile to Chase School on Meriden Road (yup, with no shoes and minus 25 degrees all year 'round, and then ten miles all uphill back home again in a threadbare coat.)(I also took ballet lessons, but that's another story.)



It's lots easier to learn an instrument while young; part of it is that when we are older we have developed some sense of musical taste, and that makes it difficult to sound like a beginner. I seek new flute students of around ten years old to begin lessons, so if you know anyone of that age who is interested, autumn session of lessons in my studio will begin in mid September.

While still on Memory Lane, here is my mother's recipe for oven-fried chicken (baked, actually) which I prepared, to make a picnic lunch for a recent family reunion:

3 1/2 to 4 lb. chicken pieces 1 Cup flour 1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper 1 teaspoon paprika
1/4 Cup (1/2 stick) melted butter (or less, or cooking oil of your choice)
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cover baking pan with parchment paper, or oil surface lightly to help prevent sticking. Combine flour, salt, pepper, and paprika in a plastic bag and shake to mix. Put chicken pieces in bag, a few at a time, and shake well, coating with flour mixture. Arrange pieces in pan, leaving space between them so they will become crispy. Put larger pieces toward the outside of the pan, and smaller ones such as wings and drumsticks toward the center. Drizzle with the melted butter or oil. You don't need to cover every surface.

Bake for 30 minutes, then turn pieces over and bake for another 30 minutes. If any of the smaller pieces are getting too dark, remove them early. A thin spatula will help remove any pieces that stick, and will aid in turning them over.

I "improved" this recipe by brushing or dipping the chicken pieces in a little buttermilk before shaking them in the flour mixture, to help the flour stick.

Long ago, we used to be able to get a packaged whole chicken cut into pieces. Now, the pieces are packaged separately. The Hanover or Lebanon Food Co-ops have meatcutters who are willing to cut up a frying chicken, if requested.

Questions? Comments? Feedback?

Glorious Goldenrod

By Bonnie Kirn Donahue

University of Vermont Extension Master Gardener

Many common flowering plants that grow on roadsides and fields are more beneficial than you might think. One of these plants that you should consider letting flower this year is goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.).

Native to the Northeast, goldenrod is an incredible host plant for caterpillars and a pollinator plant for butterflies, bees and other pollinators. According to research from the University of Delaware, goldenrod is considered a "keystone plant" or one of a special group of plants that play a large role in overall ecosystem health, providing habitat to large numbers of insects.

Along with goldenrod, other keystone plants include oaks, willows, asters, wild plums, cherries, birch, pines, aspen and blueberries. These plants feed and house many species of caterpillars, which in turn feed birds who eat caterpillars for a great source of protein and fats for energy.

Insects and their caterpillars are critical to biodiversity and without them the earth wouldn't be able to support as many species of birds. Allowing native plants to grow, even opportunistic ones like goldenrod, help to support this interconnected web of species.

While there are many species of goldenrod, one of the more common species in the Vermont area is Canadian goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*). It grows four to five feet tall, with bright yellow, arching panicles of blooms that almost look like fireworks frozen in time. Goldenrod, which grows best in full to at least partial sun, prefers well-drained soils. It has rhizomes that make it very effective at spreading, which is something to keep in mind when considering whether you want goldenrod in your garden.

If you have a more natural-looking garden where plants blend together loosely, goldenrod would compliment this style. In a more traditional garden where each plant has its own distinct place, this might not be the best plant for those conditions.

Goldenrod gets a bad reputation as being responsible for seasonal allergies. In fact, this plant is pollinated by insects, not the wind, so its pollen generally does not irritate eyes and noses. Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*), on the other hand, is wind-pollinated, blooming at the same time as goldenrod, so it is the most likely allergen culprit in late summer.



Goldenrod, which is commonly found in roadsides and fields, is an important host plant for caterpillars and a food source for caterpillars, butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

Interestingly, while goldenrod is native to North America, it is considered invasive in Europe and China. It is important to keep this in mind when thinking about the potential spread of introduced invasive species. Many countries have shared plants back and forth over the years, so it is a widespread, human phenomenon to have plants from one part of the world get a little too comfortable in another area.

You can also let goldenrod grow where it chooses, such as in meadows, fields and at the edge of roads.

You will be supporting a vast ecosystem of insects and birds that rely on plants like it for food and habitat. If desired, goldenrod plants or seeds can be purchased at native plant nurseries.

For help identifying pollinator plants or other gardening questions, contact the University of Vermont Extension Master Gardener Helpline at 802-656-5421 (Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through October 30) or online year-round at <https://go.uvm.edu/gardeninghelp>.

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Out & About



Chester’s Music in the Meadow Fundraising Concert Saturday, Sept. 6

The 21st Music in the Meadow fundraising concert to benefit the Susan G. Komen’s Fight Against Breast Cancer will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Motel in the Meadow, 936 Rte. 11 West, Chester, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This year's amazing entertainment is performed by local musicians who donate their time and talent. Here are this year’s performers: Mark Shelton, The Illusion, James Joel, Dirty Looks, Melissa Maravell, Bonnie Waters and Intercept.

Back for 2025 will be the very popular, silent auction with donations from many local businesses and residents. Hot food and drink will be available for purchase. This year we are planning to have a teddy bear picnic for the kids at 11:00 a.m., cornhole, family games area including bucket golf, ball toss, can jam, and several other games.

Buster Keaton Comedy 'Our Hospitality' with Live Music Saturday, Aug. 23 at Ludlow Town Hall

He never smiled on camera, earning him the nickname of "the Great Stone Face." But Buster Keaton's comedies rocked Hollywood's silent era with laughter throughout the 1920s, and remain popular crowd-pleasers today.

See for yourself with a screening of 'Our Hospitality' (1923), one of Keaton's landmark features, on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall, 37 Depot St.

Presented by the Friends of Ludlow Auditorium, the screening will feature accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating live music for silent film presentations.

Admission is free and all are welcome to this family-friendly event. Donations are accepted at the door to support the Friends of Ludlow Auditorium.

Set in the 1830s, 'Our Hospitality,' tells the tale of a young man (Keaton) raised in New York City but unknowingly at the center of a long-running backwoods family feud. Resolving to return and claim his family homestead, he sets in motion a perilous cat-and-mouse game in which every move could be his last.

Highlights of the picture include Keaton's extended journey on a vintage train of the era, as well as a climatic river rescue scene.

The film stars Keaton's then-wife, Natalie Talmadge, as his on-screen love interest; their first child, newborn James Talmadge Keaton, makes a cameo appearance, playing Buster as an infant. Keaton's father also plays a role in the film.

The screening is part of the annual 'Silent Movie Festival' presented by the Friends of Ludlow Auditorium. The program will also include a Keaton short comedy with piano accompaniment by local musician Glenn Brown.

Keaton entered films in 1917 and was quickly



fascinated with the then-new medium. After apprenticing with popular comedian Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, Keaton set up his own studio in 1920, making short comedies that established him as one of the era's leading talents.

A remarkable pantomime artist, Keaton naturally used his entire body to communicate emotions from sadness to surprise. And in an era without special effects, Keaton's acrobatic talents enabled him to perform all his own stunts.

In 1923, Keaton made the leap into full-length films with 'Our Hospitality,' which proved popular enough for him to continue making features for the rest of the silent era. Although not all of Keaton's films were box office successes, critics later expressed astonishment at the sudden leap Keaton made from short comedies to the complex story and technical demands required for full-length features.

Accompanist Jeff Rapsis will create a musical score for the film live during its screening, in the manner of theater organists during silent cinema's peak years in the 1920s.

"For most silent films, there was never any sheet music and no official score," Rapsis said. "So creating original music on the spot to help the film's impact is all part of the experience."

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Appetizers and Mocktails with Legislators

Community members in Windham and Windsor Counties are invited to



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Tuesday, August 5th

5PM-8PM

The Rotary Field at Fairbanks Road

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Hosted by the Springfield Police Department

Shuttle to National Night Out

The MOOVer is operating a park and ride shuttle on Tuesday, August 5 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. to and from Rotary Field on Fairbanks Road in North Springfield for National Night Out, sponsored by the Springfield Police Department.

The event is 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the shuttle will pick up riders at the Springfield Plaza and drop them off at Vermont Timber Works. More info about the event at www.facebook.com/story.php/?story_fbid=1168090462014959&id=100064420490388. The shuttle is free and will go back and forth as needed with no set schedule.

meet with local legislators for a Round Table Discussion Tuesday, August 12 from 6:00 7:30 p.m. Located at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center’s Workforce Development and Training Center, this casual, free event will offer an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the recent legislative session while enjoying freshly made mocktails and appetizers.

Registration is strongly encouraged to reserve your seat. To learn more about this event and to register, please visit sapcc-vt.org/calendar (click on the event titled: “Appetizers and Mocktails with Legislators”).

SAPCC is also hosting an open house of their free community clothing closet, Tienna’s Closet, throughout the day until 6:00 p.m; all are encouraged to visit the open house before making their way to this event.

Questions can be directed to sapcc@sapcc-vt.org or individuals can call 802-886-5242. This event will be held indoors at 51 Jack & Jill Lane, North Springfield.

“Soft Temple” by Phoebe Lo

“Veilings” Collages by Phoebe Lo at the VAULT

By Marilyn Miller, VAULT

Gallery at the VAULT is excited to welcome Phoebe Lo with her show of collage work, "Veilings", from August 6 through September 10. The opening reception will be Saturday, August 9 from 12:00 to 1:30.

Phoebe is the artist who painted the mural at Town Hall. Barbara Sanderson had a vision to have a mural painted in Springfield. She contacted Phoebe as a known muralist in the Burlington area who had painted numerous murals for public art as well as businesses and corporations. This show is quite different from the mural, showcasing her collage artistic talents. A special treat not to be missed.

"My multidisciplinary work is soft and surreal, centered around themes of grief, transition, and the unseen. As a muralist, painter, collage artist, and production designer, I use my work to blend these themes with textures, imagery, and atmospheric design to create immersive, emotionally resonant spaces. Each piece I create is a reflection of my ongoing exploration of memory, insight, and consciousness. I enjoy creating worlds that feel both familiar and distant."

While collage is what interests Phoebe most at the moment, she is a multidisciplinary artist, working across a variety of mediums including public art, sculpture, painting, and design. She sees each new project as an opportunity to engage with different forms of creative expression, whether through large-scale murals, immersive installations, or smaller, more intimate works.

You can see more of her work at www.phobelostudio.com or [instagram @phobelostudio](https://www.instagram.com/phobelostudio).

For more information please call or come in to Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11:00 to 5:00 and Fridays 11:00 to 7:00. Contact: 802-885-7111, gallervault@vermontel.net or visit Facebook, Instagram, or www.gallervault.org. Accessible.



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Labor Day

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Saturday August 30th and Sunday August 31st

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802 Credit Union Celebrates 802 Day with \$8,020 in Community Donations

In celebration of “802 Day” on August 1, 802 Credit Union proudly donated a total of \$8,020 to ten local nonprofit organizations across the state, highlighting its ongoing commitment to community, compassion, and credit union values.

Each 802CU branch and operations team selected a local organization to receive an \$802 donation, spreading meaningful impact across Vermont. From food insecurity and animal welfare to youth services and environmental stewardship, the donations reflect the diverse needs of the communities 802CU serves.

Donation recipients included: Brattleboro Branch – Interaction Youth Services; Brattleboro Ops Team – Windham County Humane Society; Barre Branch – Branches of Hope; Bellows Falls Branch – Our Place; Putney Branch – Putney Community Suppers; South Burlington Branch – Hunger Free Vermont; Springfield Branch – Springfield Police Association; Townshend Branch – Caleb’s Cherubs Educational Fund; White River Branch – White River Partnership; Windsor Branch – Windsor Food Shelf.

“802 Day is all about celebrating where we live, work, and serve, and there’s no better way to do that than by giving back to the organizations making a real difference every day,” said Stacey Benoit, COO of 802 Credit Union. “We’re proud to support these incredible groups and the vital work they do in our communities.”

In addition to donations, 802 Day was celebrated in all 802CU branches with member giveaways, treats, and a surprise \$8.02 gift deposited into the accounts of thousands of members, further reinforcing the credit union’s commitment to people over profit.

For more information about 802 Credit Union’s community impact, visit www.802cu.com.

Springfield Humane Society



Guinea Pigs: If you love Guinea Pigs, you must come meet these beauties! Reba and Wynonna were rescued from a trailer with over 150 animals in it! Shortly after they arrived, we discovered they were both pregnant. Reba had Shelby on June 2, and Wynonna had her two sons on June 15. Reba and Shelby are a bonded pair, as well as Elijah and Judd. Wynonna can go as a single and most likely would enjoy a new female Guinea Pig friend.

Join us for DOGUST August 1 thru 10. All adult dogs and cats are \$25 off, and all Guinea Pigs are 50 percent off their adoption fees. We are open Wed. thru Sat. from Noon to 4:00. For more information or to sign up for our low-cost cat spay/neuter clinics, call 802-885-3997.

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE REPORTS

Offense: Retail Theft

Date/Time of Incident: June 14 at 8:25 a.m.

Date/Time of Arrest: July 3 at 1:42 p.m.

Defendant: Michael Runnells, 51, Springfield

On June 14, the Springfield Police Department was alerted to an alleged Retail Theft at the Penguin Market. Investigation found probable cause to charge Michael Runnells with Retail Theft. Runnells was located on July 3 and issued a citation to appear at the Vermont Superior Court, Criminal Division, Windsor Unit on August 19.

Offense: Violation of Conditions of Release

Date/Time: June 23

Defendant: Tristan Goins, 28, Springfield

On June 23 the Springfield Police Department was notified of a potential violation of conditions of release. It was reported that Tristan Goins had contacted a person he was prohibited from contacting via a recorded line at the Southern State Correctional Facility. The Springfield Police Department subsequently received the recorded call and were able to identify the parties involved. Goins was issued a citation to appear in Vermont Superior Court, Criminal Division, Windsor Unit in Woodstock on Sept. 2.

Offenses: Driving Under the Influence, Cruelty to a Child, Criminal DLS, Violation of Conditions of Release

Date/Time: July 16 at 9:18 p.m.

Defendant: Hailey C. Tullis, 20, Newport City

On July 16 at 9:18 p.m. an officer was on a Governors Highway Safety Traffic detail when he observed a vehicle with no taillights illuminated, traveling eastbound on River Street. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and identified the operator as Hailey C. Tullis. During the traffic stop, the officer observed multiple signs of impairment from the operator. After an investigation, it was found that Tullis was allegedly operating her vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving on a criminally suspended license, and violating her conditions of release from a previous charge. It was also found that Tullis was transporting a two-year-old juvenile while allegedly under the influence of alcohol. Tullis was taken into custody without incident. After being processed, Tullis was issued a criminal citation to appear in the Windsor County Criminal Court on Aug. 5 to answer to charges of Driving Under the Influence, Cruelty to a Child, Criminal DLS, and Violation of Conditions of Release.

EVENTS

Yard Sale/Fundraiser

Sat., Aug. 9 - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - North School Preservation Society, 5 School Street, North Springfield. Rain or shine.

Next Stage Concert in Bellows Falls

Sat., Aug. 9 - 6:00 p.m. - Arts Project and Twilight Music present Tony Trischka's Earl Jam Featuring Michael Daves plus The Stockwell Brothers at Robertson Paper Company field, 21 Island Street, Bellows Falls. Tickets: \$25 Advance; \$30 At the Door; Kids 12 and under free; nextstagearts.org. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for outdoor seating.

StompBoxTrio on Tavern Lawn

Sun., Aug. 10 - 6:00 p.m. - Twilight Music and Next Stage Arts Project present StompBoxTrio on

Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Free; donations accepted.

Community Contra Dance & Social

Sat., Aug. 16 - 6:00-10:00 p.m. - Weathersfield Center Church and Meeting House, 2579 Weathersfield Center Road, Perkinsville. Adults \$12; Children \$6; Households \$25. All dances will be taught. Bring your own beverage.

Next Stage Concert at Putney Inn Field

Sat., Aug. 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Next Stage Arts presents Charlie & The Tropicales and Heather Pearson Trio at Putney Inn field, 57 Putney Landing Road. Tickets: \$22 Advance; \$25 At the Door; Kids 12 and under free; nextstagearts.org. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for outdoor seating.

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flair; August 22 - Shana Stack Band, a group celebrated for their engaging performances.; August 29 - Matt Munroe & The Black River Band, wrapping up the series with their captivating music.

In addition to the entertainment, J.C.’S will be hosting a pop-up food stand, and the Whisky Wagon will be on-site serving delicious iced coffee and refreshing lemonade to enhance your concert experience!

The concert series received major support from Lisa and Bob Rivers, whose donation of \$5,000 will support

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"That's one of the special qualities of silent cinema," Rapsis said. "Although the films themselves are often over a century old, each screening is a unique experience—a combination of the movie, the music, and the audience reaction."

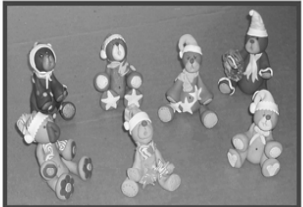
Admission is free and all are welcome to this family-friendly event. Donations are accepted at the door to support the Friends of Ludlow Auditorium.



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Public (Comcast 1077, VTel 160)

Wednesday, August 6
7:00 PM Fort at No. 4 - Defenders of Hearth and Home
9:00 PM Springfield Community Band in Ludlow - 7/13/25
Thursday, August 7
7:00 PM Weathersfield Talent Show - 5/4/03
9:00 PM EAHEP - Vt. Milk Chocolate Co. Factory
Friday, August 8
7:00 PM Veterans Stories - Richard Cofrancesco
8:00 PM Apple Blossom Cotillion 2025
9:00 PM Springfield Community Band - 7/8/25
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
Saturday, August 9
10:30 AM Vt. Military Museum and Library - Vermonters Ahead
12:00 PM Science 360
1:00 PM SAPA Archive
2:30 PM SoVerA - April 2025: The Shape of the Universe
4:00 PM Central Valley Radio Theater - 5/17/25
6:15 PM STL - Prevention of Chronic Diseases, 4/9/25
7:00 PM Fort at No. 4 - Defenders of Hearth and Home
9:00 PM Understanding Rivers and Flood Resiliency
Sunday, August 10
11:00 AM CCHS - How to Use Historical Resources, 6/14/25
12:30 PM EAHEP - 18th Century Military Health and Hygiene
2:00 PM Springfield Assembly of God
3:00 PM Music and the Spoken Word
3:30 PM Sunday Mass
4:00 PM Living Hope Fellowship
5:00 PM Anonymous Coffeehouse - Music Trifolium, 4/16/24
6:15 PM EAHEP - Revolutionary War Reenactment
7:00 PM Springfield Senior Center 60th Anniversary - 9/27/23
9:00 PM Springfield Community Band in Ludlow - 7/13/25
Monday, August 11
7:00 PM SAHS - Paratroopers in the Invasion of Sicily
9:00 PM OLLI - Under Steam
Tuesday, August 12
7:00 PM RVTc Awards Night - 5/27/25
8:30 PM Total Solar Eclipse in Vt. 2024 - Vignettes of Veiled Light

Gov & Ed (Comcast 1087, VTel 161)

Wednesday, August 6
7:00 PM Chester Select Board Meeting - 7/16/25
9:00 PM Springfield Select Board Meeting - 7/21/25
Thursday, August 7
7:00 PM Springfield School Board Meeting - 7/21/25
9:00 PM Weathersfield Select Board Meeting - 7/28/25
Friday, August 8
7:00 PM Springfield Select Board Meeting - 7/21/25
9:00 PM Chester Select Board Meeting - 7/16/25
Saturday, August 9
1:00 PM Understanding Rivers and Flood Resiliency
3:00 PM EEE - Extremes of Astronomy
4:00 PM Fort at No. 4 - Defenders of Hearth and Home
6:15 PM Meet the Author - Ian Urbina, 6/18/25
7:00 PM Weathersfield Select Board Meeting - 7/28/25
9:00 PM Springfield School Board Meeting - 7/21/25
Sunday, August 10
2:00 PM EAHEP - Thomas Jefferson's Virginia
3:00 PM Drawing with Gerard - Apple
4:00 PM EEE - Black Farmers in Vt., 1790-1890
5:00 PM Energy Week - 7/10/25
6:15 PM African Variety Show - 7/3/25
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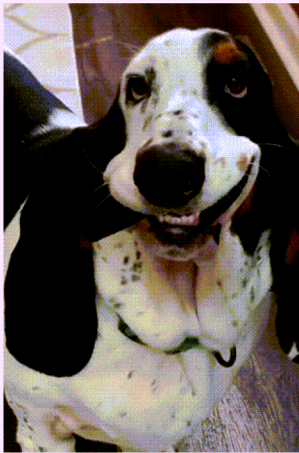
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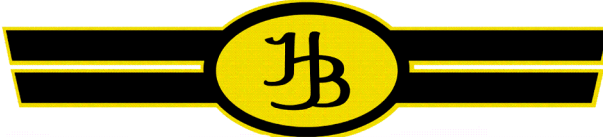
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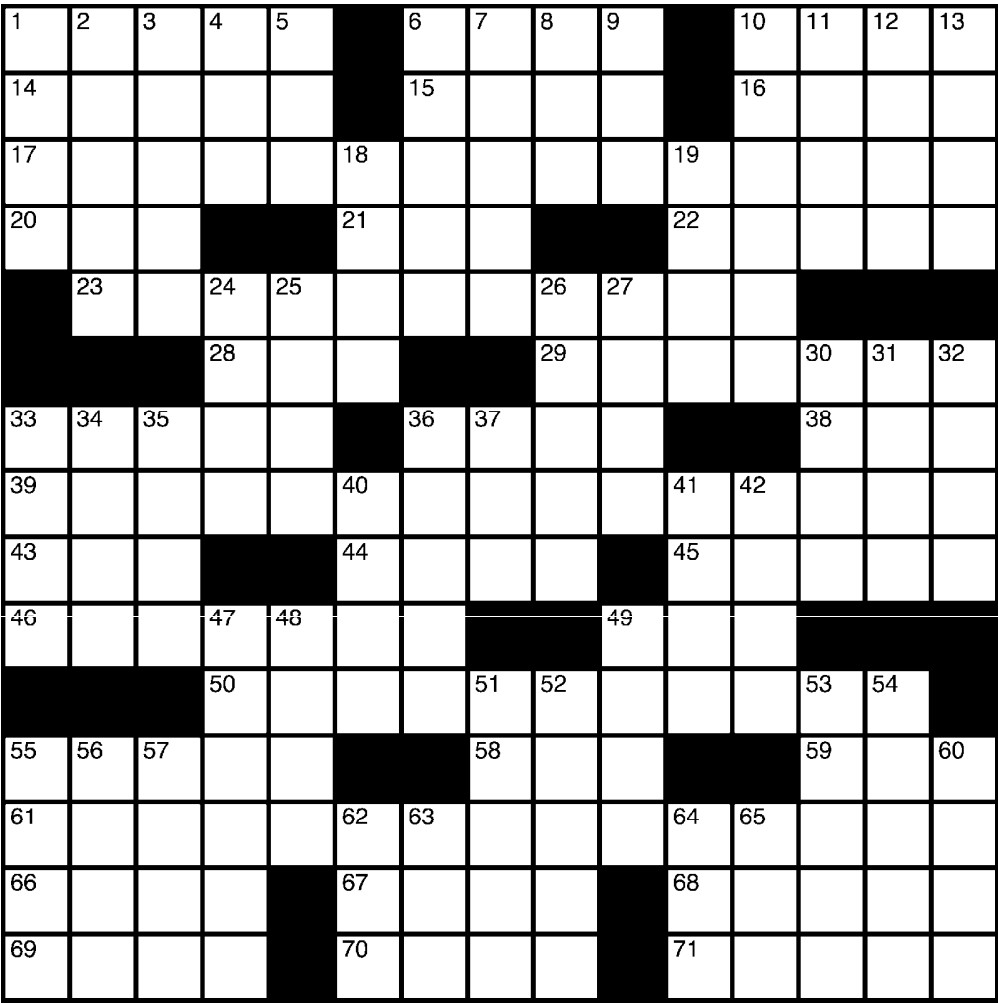


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Across

- 1 The "O" of EGOT
6 Pulitzer winner Jennifer
10 Some primates
14 Frighten
15 Mouse catcher
16 See 4-Down
17 Dr. Seuss work featuring an elephant who declares, "A person's a person no matter how small"
20 IM pioneer
21 Single
22 Maker of EcoTank Supertank printers
23 Skeptical reply to an assertion
28 "That ship ___ sailed"
29 Harrison Ford's "Star Wars" role
33 More slippery, as a winter sidewalk
36 Spring shape
38 Pea holder
39 Very remote place
43 Chowd down
44 Fashion's Spade

- 45 Tries to avoid being seen
46 Tampers (with)
49 Ryan of rom-coms
50 "Should I stop pouring?"
55 Dads
58 Stately tree
59 "Blue Bloods" actor
61 "My motives have to remain a secret"
66 Math course with many functions, for short
67 Word after "all the" or "just the"
68 Geek Squad clients
69 Long sandwich
70 Say the rosary, e.g.
71 Magazine edition

Down

- 1 Federal org. that approves protective gear
2 Shaggy's pal, informally
3 Celebrity chef Hall
4 With 16-Across, style of

- L.A.'s Griffith Observatory
5 ___ Speedwagon
6 Prefix with "musicology"
7 Color of a correctly placed letter in Wordle
8 Small battery size
9 "Weekend Edition" ailer
10 Learns to fit in
11 Church seats
12 Sound that bounces back
13 In a few minutes
18 Dozes (off)
19 Actor Astin
24 Leave fur on the sofa, maybe
25 ___ Grey tea
26 Kvetch
27 Sainly glow
30 Opinion column
31 Traditional tales
32 Poetic tributes
33 Muslim leader
34 Give credit to
35 Carded, briefly

- 36 Sail (through)
37 Many times o'er
40 Barely gets (by)
41 "Glad that's over!"
42 ___ and mighty
47 "___ Unchained": Tarantino film
48 Unbridled desire
49 "Good gravy!"
51 Alabama home of the National Voting Rights Museum
52 Bowling venue
53 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
54 Jawaharlal who was the longest-serving prime minister of India
55 White part of an orange
56 Vineyard measure
57 Au ___: nanny
60 Wall St. index
62 Cook's meas.
63 Corn shucker's unit
64 Yes, in French
65 Letters on the starship Enterprise



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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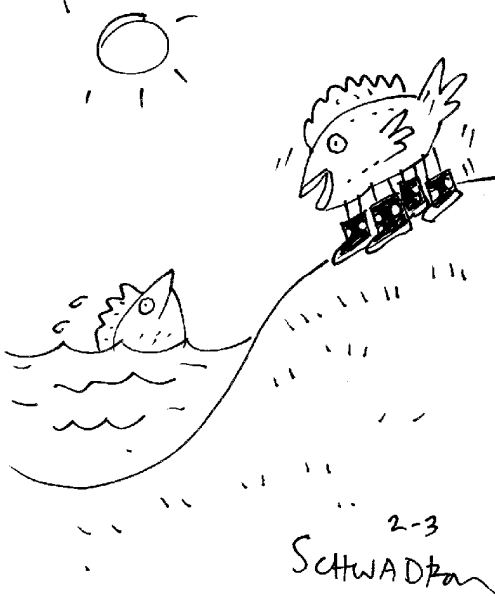
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3	2						4	5
7			2		1			
	7						3	4
			5		7			
	3	5					8	
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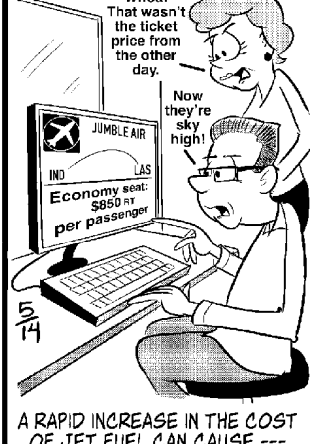
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

- SSSYA
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INFLA
O O O O
RMWARO
O O O O
LTELAR
O O O O

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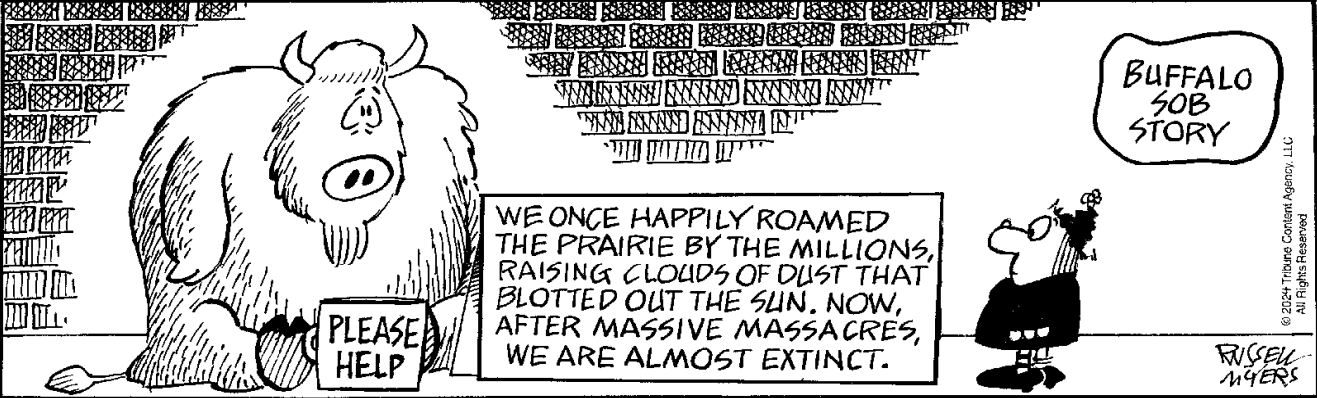


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7	8	9	2	6	4	5	3	1
6	2	1	7	3	9	8	6	4
5	4	3	8	1	9	6	7	2
3	9	6	1	5	2	7	4	8
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1	7	4	2	3	8	9	6	5

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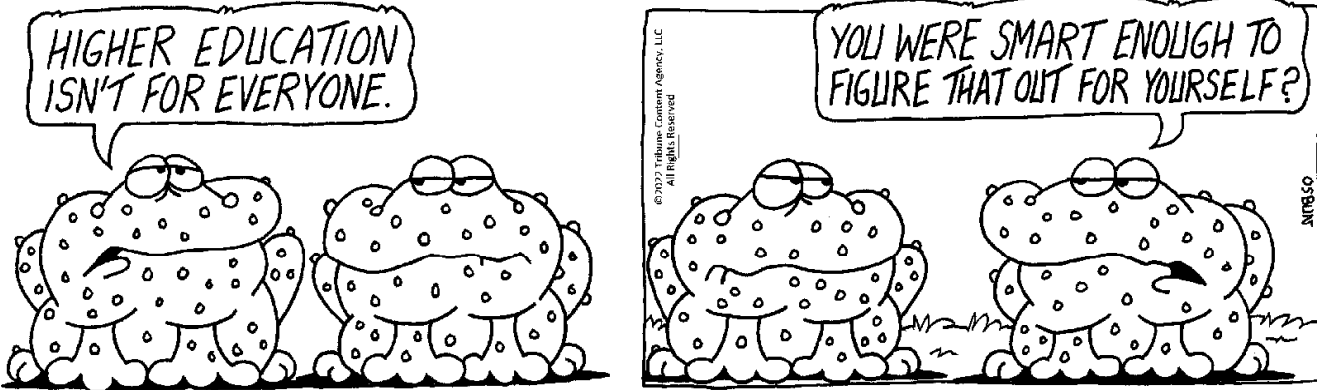
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