New housing in the works for an area starved for options

Hundreds of units ‘in the pipeline’ from local developers, but demand still outstrips supply

By Byline Paul The Commons

BRATTLEBORO—The Selectboard continues to upgrade and expand the area involved in expanding new or converting older buildings into affordable housing. Over the past several months, the town has seen several new projects, including two new developments and several renovations.

The Town Manager's annual report, released in June, highlighted the progress made in these areas. He noted that the town had made significant strides in housing development, with several projects in the pipeline.

Selectboard Chairman John Potter spoke about the progress made in the past year, noting that the town had been able to work with developers to bring new housing options to the community.

In his report, Potter emphasized the importance of affordable housing, especially in areas that have seen a increase in demand for housing.

He said, "We've had a lot of interest from developers looking to build in our area, and we've been able to work with them to bring new housing options to the community."

The report also highlighted the town's efforts to increase housing affordability, including the creation of a new housing committee and the implementation of a new housing ordinance.

Potter concluded by thanking everyone involved in the effort to bring new housing options to the community, saying, "We're proud of what we've accomplished thus far, and we're committed to continuing our work to address the housing needs of our community."
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MILESTONES
Births, deaths, and news of West of Windham County

Dr. Paul W. Robertson of Burlington passed away on October 20, 2023 after a short battle with cancer. Paul Robertson was born in Burlington, VT in 1960, he was the son of Robert and Dorothy (nee Wickersham) Robertson. Paul served his country as a member of the US Air Force from 1981-1985. He graduated from UVM School of Medicine in 1989 and was a proud member of the Vermont Army National Guard from 1985-1991. He was an avid skier and enjoyed teaching ski lessons at the Sugarbush resort in Vermont. He is survived by his wife, Stefanie, and their son, Ben. In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul’s memory can be made to the Vermont Medical Society Foundation. Services will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 11:00am. Interment will follow at the St. Francis cemetery, Detroit, VT.

Bragg Savings & Loan celebrates Community Appreciation Day

Brattleboro Savings & Loan (BSL), a. very special, very unique place for me. I grew up in Brattleboro, VT, and I have a great-grandmother, Lucy Brattleboro, who was the first woman to be a bank clerk in Brattleboro. She instilled in me a love of the bank and a love of helping people. I am very fortunate to have had that influence. So, it means a lot to me to be able to give back to the community and support the people who have helped me throughout my career.

The bank is committed to local businesses and the community, and is proud to be a part of the fabric of Brattleboro. We are committed to providing the highest level of service to our customers, and to supporting the local businesses and organizations that make our community great.

BSL is a proud supporter of local businesses and organizations, including the Brattleboro Union High School, the Brattleboro Common Threads, and the Brattleboro Common Grounds. We also support local charitable organizations, such as the Brattleboro Commons, the Brattleboro United Way, and the Brattleboro Food Pantry.

We are committed to providing the best possible service to our customers, and to supporting the local community. We believe in giving back to the community, and we are proud to be a part of the fabric of Brattleboro. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to serving you in the future.

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EMS

promptness/resolution, town staff should be informed of any on-call plans.

After the conversation will be the town’s ability to maintain a “well-effective EMS service” and to make “necessary decisions.” It is expected that the service will be discussed.

A meeting of the full Board of Supervisors will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The meeting will be held at the Brattleboro Leisure Park, 407 Southbridge Street, where staff and/or staff members will be in attendance.

Rescue will apply: Amramp of Brattleboro

Two responses to a June 5 rescues were returned to the town. The first is a proposal by Amramp Emergency Services of Brattleboro, Vermont, which has a cost of $19,145. The second response is from Rescue Inc., which has a cost of $19,060. Rescue Inc. has also submitted a proposal and development plans for a new EMS station on Southbridge Street. The town will need to decide which proposal to accept.

The town is also considering whether to continue with the current EMS service or to seek bids from other companies. A decision is expected to be made regarding the future of EMS services.

Earlier this week, the town decided on the possible expenditure for the proposed EMS station in the fiscal year 2022 General Fund budget. However, it is unlikely that the funds will be available for the construction of a new EMS station.

Rescue Inc. is aware of the possibility of moving the current EMS station to a new location. The company has already submitted a proposal and development plans for a new EMS station on Southbridge Street.

The town will need to decide which proposal to accept, as well as whether to continue with the current EMS service or to seek bids from other companies. A decision is expected to be made regarding the future of EMS services.

Special flood clean-up day Sunday, Aug. 27

To comb the lingering effects of this summer’s devastating flooding, Save Our Vermont is organizing a statewide clean-up day on Sunday, Aug. 27. Operating very similarly to the annual March flood clean-up event, this new event will use organized teams to make sure every Vermont town and village is better prepared for the next big storm.

Volunteers should make reservations when volunteering at www.greenupvermont.org/registrations. Volunteers can register at any time before the event.

At Brattleboro Hearing Center, your hearing healthcare is our top priority. We are proud to offer state-of-the-art technology and our team of licensed professionals are dedicated to providing the best possible outcomes in the treatment of hearing loss.

We’re happy to offer personalized, comfortable care.

They are among those around the state—Londonderry and Grafton—equipped to provide the care our town needs, and that’s an exercise in cost or revenue of one individual, a function we can learn to regulate.
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[The New York Times]

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Sixty years
of addressing
‘the urgency of the day’

Bread and Puppet Theater will perform ‘The Heart of the Matter Circus,’ an ‘outdoor spectacle of puppetry and performance’

By Victoria Chertok
The Commons

PUTNEY—Bread and Puppet Theater Co-founder and Director Peter Schumann, 89, bakes bread for each performance ahead of time, using a sourdough starter that is 150 years old.

Think of all the loaves he’s baked in the last 59 years as the company celebrates its 60th anniversary this summer, and how much history each loaf represents.

“It’s a type of bread that you can’t find in the grocery store; it uses an old way of baking. People are usually pleasantly surprised by its flavor, and it requires you to chew,” says Ziggy Bird, 25, a resident company puppeteer who lives and works on the farm in Glover where Bread and Puppet has been in residence since 1974.

“The bread is related to much of the art which the theater produces,” Bird says. “We want you to chew on and to think about it and consider it. The serving of bread after a performance says that art is just as important as food is in our lives,” she notes.

Local performance
Bring a picnic blanket and folding chairs to see the show

Bread and Puppet’s iconic Washer Women and Garbagemen (both large and small) find reason to celebrate in the Circus.

Art in all sizes
Works of Leonard Ragouzeos on display through Aug. 31 at Crowell Gallery in Newfane

By Anna Landesberger
The Commons

NEWFANE—Leonard Ragouzeos’s art requires attention to detail, capturing the essence of his subjects from a grateful botanical plant — “that I grew,” he says — to an intricately stitched baseball to a dark-eyed, bearded fellow.

The artist’s black ink drawings, on display through Friday, Aug. 31, in the Crowell Gallery at Moore Free Library, simply using broken, pens, rollers, and other tools, he applies India ink to Yupo paper — an archival synthetic paper with a smooth, non-absorbent, vellum-like surface.

“My expectation,” he puts forth in an artist’s statement, “is for the viewer to see and understand the image from afar, but also to be drawn in for closer inspection to view, on a purely abstract level, the surface texture of marks, ink splatters, and drips, allowing the viewer to engage with the process of making.”

Along with the human form and face, Ragouzeos is attracted to art in all sizes. Works of Leonard Ragouzeos are currently on display at the Crowell Gallery.
Performing arts

Thursday, 24
Performing arts
West Chesterfield  Nina Varodalos’ adaption of Cheryl Strayed’s popular memoir: "Wild: True Stories from My Mother’s Unbelievable Road Trip of Self-Discovery." Join us for a compelling and emotional journey through one woman’s transformative journey of self-discovery.

Music

Saturday, 26
Music

Concert at the Berkshire Music Center Concert Hall, Lenox. This concert features the renowned New England Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of conductor Daniel Oren. Enjoy a world-renowned performance of classical music in a breathtaking setting.

Community building

Thursday, 24
Community building


Well-being

Tuesday, 22
Well-being

Kiplinger Center, Pittsfield. "Mindful Eating: A Journey to Health and Happiness." Learn about the importance of mindful eating and how it can improve your overall health.

Children’s events

Saturday, 26
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Reading Railroad Station, Great Barrington. "Storytime with the Reading Railroad." Join us for a fun and educational storytime event for children.

Sunday, 27
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Thursday, 24
Community building

Manchester Memorial Library, Manchester. "Community Connector: Building Bridges in Your Neighborhood." A workshop to explore ways to connect and engage with your community.
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New works from Gil Perry on display at Gallery in the Woods

New paintings by Gil Perry will be on display in September at Gallery in the Woods in Brattleboro.

Alvarez, Nied to co-headline Stage 33 Live

An expansive multimedia art-grabulating, thematic music, poetry-performance, films, and paintings can entertain, amuse, and surprise, and can even leave us wondering if such performances are real. Alvarez’s new album, “A division,” is a multimedia, experimental, abstract multimedia, which combines the songs of Caro Emerald, dance, and electronic music. Alvarez’s music is admired by audiences around the world, and his performances have been acclaimed for their unique and innovative style. The concert is scheduled for the opening of the new dance and performance space in Brattleboro.

Primary Care with Compassion & Convenience

Welcome to GraceConnect, the new collaborative of Grace Community Care, Grace Women’s Care, and Grace Family Medicine.

Tired of being a DIRTY BIKER?

Use your Self Serve Wash!
Six families whose children attend the school have filed a lawsuit seeking public tuition for their children to attend schools elsewhere.

"I have concerns" 

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of parents, departs from the education offered by the school. This summer, eight families positioned the school board to provide for tuition for their children to attend school elsewhere. These children would represent a significant portion of Windham Elementary’s student body, according to a school official.

"Fifty percent or more of our students are in distance learning," said Bridgette Blandin, Windham Elementary's principal. "We have a full board meeting. We're going to talk about this..." If the school board approves the proposal, parents will have to make decisions about their own students, she said.

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Hey! The Windham Southeast School District was unable to finalize district bus schedules for press time. You should eventually find them at the district’s website, at commonsnews.org, or call 888-511-5150.

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WINDSOKE — The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VASC) has awarded $80,000 from the Student Refunds Office of the Vermont Agency of Human Services to serve people from Afghanistan who immigrate to Vermont.

The funding, which will run through VASC’s Education Assistance Program, will help newly arrived refugees get on their feet by being able to serve Afghan students in low-income communities and as well as travel, materials, translation, and emergency situations.

Hundreds of Afghan immigrants moved to Vermont in 2022 and 2023. “Vermont continues to welcome refugees from across the globe who have become valued members of our communities. Vermont has a vibrant refugee resettlement community and we are honored to empower them as they begin their new lives,” said Vermont Agency of Human Services Commissioner Mike一级。VASC’s Education Program helps achieve learning opportunities, including classes, certificate, career training, and college programs. Whether new to the process, returning to school, or evil, lifelong learners, many people may never have access to planning their career path and exploring education options, gaining financial aid to pay for college or career training, or writing themselves into a new scenario in school.

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Individuals who are at least 18 years of age or are enrolled in school at least half time may be eligible for free meals. To learn more about eligibility, please visit Windham Southeast School District's website or contact the school where your child attends.

Student Attendance

School attendance is crucial for your child's academic success. Regular attendance ensures that your child is learning at their full potential and prepares them for future success. If your child is absent, please contact the school as soon as possible.

School Cancellations

School cancellations are often due to inclement weather or other unexpected circumstances. It is important to check the school's website or local news for any updates.

Educational Support Systems (EIS)

An early intervention system is in place to identify and support students who may need extra assistance. This system allows for intervention and support at the earliest possible stage.

Annual Notification of Denial of Directory Information and Right of Refusal

Students have the right to refuse to release certain educational records. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's educational records, please contact the school's administration.

Annual Notification of Rights of Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Education Records

Parents and eligible students have rights concerning their educational records. These rights include access to records, request changes, and appeal denial of directory information.

Giving Back

Windham Southeast School District encourages community involvement and support. There are various ways to get involved, such as volunteering, donating, and attending school events.

School Calendar

The school calendar provides important dates and events throughout the academic year. It is essential to review this calendar to stay informed about upcoming events, deadlines, and holidays.

Annual Total Enrollments

The annual total enrollments for different schools and grade levels are provided. This information can be useful for planning and budgeting purposes.

School Denial of Directory Information

If your student has been denied directory information, you can request that they be released. This process involves providing a written request and meeting specific criteria.

School Descriptions

Each school has a unique description that highlights its special features and educational programs. These descriptions can be helpful for parents and students when choosing the right school.

School Hours

School hours vary by location and are provided in the document. It is important to check the specific hours for your child's school to ensure they are attending class at the correct times.

Schools

A list of all the schools in the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union is provided. This list includes contact information and important dates.

School Location

Each school is located at a specific address. It is essential to know the location of your child's school to plan transportation and other necessary arrangements.

School Name

The names of all schools in the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union are listed. This information can be useful for locating schools or schools in your area.

School Phone Numbers

Phone numbers for each school are provided. These numbers can be used for communication with school administrators or teachers.

School Registration

School registration information is essential for enrolling your child in school. It includes important dates, required documents, and contact information.

School Transportation

School transportation information is available for students. This includes routes, schedules, and contact information for school buses.

Social Security Numbers

Social Security numbers are not released unless required by law. Parents and students should be aware of this policy and only share this information when necessary.

Special Education

Special education services are available for students with disabilities. These services are provided to help students with special needs reach their full potential.

Staff Information

Staff information, such as names and contact details, is provided for each school. This information can be useful for communication with school staff.

Student Attendance

Students are expected to attend school regularly. Absences can impact a student's academic progress, so it is important to ensure your child is present for all classes.

Student Directory Information

Student directory information is not released unless required by law. Parents and students should be aware of this policy and only share this information when necessary.

Student Privacy Rights

Students have rights concerning their educational records. These rights include access to records, request changes, and appeal denial of directory information.

Student Records

Student records contain important educational information. It is essential to keep these records secure and confidential.

Student Services

Student services, such as counseling and support, are available to help students succeed academically and personally.

Student Transportation

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To Order a Transcript

Transcripts can be ordered through the school administration. Parents should follow the provided procedures to obtain a transcript for their child.

Transcripts

Transcripts are official documents that verify a student's educational achievements. They are important for college applications and future employment.

Transfer of Records

Transfer of records is necessary when a student is moving to a new school. Parents should coordinate with the current and new school to ensure a smooth transition.

Uniforms

Uniforms are required in some schools. The document provides information on uniform policies and guidelines.

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Parents, guardians, and family members are encouraged to call their child's school at any time or attend a school board meeting (dates are noted in the document) to learn more about services provided for students. Please contact your local school for more information on specific programs and services.
NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS ABOUT PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS

Student and the parents or guardians of student shall consider the following: The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and Windham Southeast School Districts may require an adult to conduct a criminal background check and/or a check of the state’s child abuse and neglect registry in order to determine a student’s eligibility for an activity or assignment. The district may require a criminal background check and/or child abuse and neglect registry check at any time an employee is hired or evaluated. The district may conduct more than one criminal background check and/or child abuse and neglect registry check. The district may also consider any other information that might be relevant to the determination of the student’s eligibility for an activity or assignment. The district may conduct more than one criminal background check and/or child abuse and neglect registry check. The district may also consider any other information that might be relevant to the determination of the student’s eligibility for an activity or assignment.

CODE D-1-P

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   - **Healthcare workers**: healthcare providers, nurses, and other licensed medical professionals.
   - **School staff**: includes all employees of the school district, whether paid or volunteers.
   - **Students**: includes all students regardless of age.

2. **health information**
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3. **confidential health information**
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MANDATORY REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

In the event of suspicion of child abuse or neglect, if you are in doubt whether to report or not, report it. If you do not report and later prove that a child has been abused or neglected, you may be held criminally or civilly liable for failure to report. If you have a reasonable belief that a child is abused or neglected, you must report it immediately. You must file a report through the Department of Human Resources. This includes any information that might be relevant to the determination of the student’s eligibility for an activity or assignment.
USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION

TITLE: Policy on the Use of Restraint and Seclusion

Section 1: Statement of Purpose

The Windham Southeast School District does not use physical restraint and seclusion as a strategy to discipline students or manage classroom behavior. However, restraint or seclusion may be required for the safety of a student or others when it is determined that no other means of managing the behavior are appropriate. The School District has adopted this internal protocol for prompt handling and resolution of complaints alleging to have occurred; it is the School District’s intent to create and maintain a positive and safe learning environment for all students. It is the policy of Windham Southeast School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its programs or activities.

Section 2: Definitions

The term “student” does not include a parent or guardian of the student.

Section 3: Policy

It is the policy of the School District to ensure that physical restraint or seclusion is only used when no other means of managing the behavior are appropriate. Restraint is the use of physical force to control student behavior or restrict movement that is not:

1. A foster parent or developmental home provider who has been appointed the educational authority for the student;

2. Designed including:
   a. For the purpose of guiding the development of a behavioral intervention plan.
   b. In accordance with the School District’s intent to create and maintain a positive and safe learning environment for all students.
   c. Not used as a punishment or disciplinary measure.
   d. Not used in an attempt to prevent or control a student from completing an act that would result in potential physical harm to him or herself or another person.

3. For the purpose of discipline, control behavior or restrict movement that is not:
   a. A behavioral intervention plan as part of a student’s individual safety plan only when that plan is implemented with limited force and designed either
      i. To prevent a student from completing an act that would result in potential physical harm to himself or herself or another person.
   b. Imposed as part of an individualized education program.

3.1 Any person receiving the complaint, or their designee, shall investigate and then verify findings are issued within thirty (30) days of the complaint’s submission.

3.2 The Section 504 Coordinator, Rebecca Olmstead, 802-451-3423, rolmstead@wssesdvt.org, shall be named and identified to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies.

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NEW AMERICANS

The School District shall ensure that all students are afforded a full and appropriate opportunity to participate in and be fully included in the instruction, activities, and experiences provided in the School District. If the student is a New American, any student excluding English as a second language...
B. Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment. The Title IX Grievance Process is initiated by way of a Formal Complaint. A Formal Complaint may be initiated by any complainant or respondent at any time during the Title IX Grievance Process. 

2. The Title IX Coordinator shall initiate the Title IX Grievance Process regardless of when the allegations are made. The Title IX Coordinator may not deny a request to institute proceedings based on the passage of time; however, the Title IX Coordinator shall determine whether there are good cause and, if so, may deny a request to institute proceedings. 

3. The Title IX Coordinator may determine whether there are good cause to deny a request to institute proceedings if: 

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4. The Title IX Coordinator may deny a request to institute proceedings if: 

a. The Title IX Coordinator determines that the matter was previously investigated and found not to occur. 

b. The Title IX Coordinator determines that the matter is not subject to Title IX jurisdiction, or investigation. 

5. Upon receipt of the formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide written acknowledgment of the receipt of the formal complaint to the complainant and the respondent. 

6. Opportunity to Brief Appellate Decision-Maker. If the Appellate Decision-Maker determines that an issue of fact was not resolved at the Initial Determination stage, the decision maker shall have the opportunity to brief the issue to an Appellate Decision-Maker. The Appellate Decision-Maker shall have the opportunity to brief any issue of fact that the decision maker determines was not resolved at the Initial Determination stage.

7. Grounds For Appeal. Either party may appeal the Initial Determination to the Appellate Decision-Maker. 

a. Appellate Decision-Maker. The Appellate Decision-Maker shall be an individual who is different from the Initial Decision-Maker and who is authorized by the institution to make an appeal decision. 

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—From an editorial in a preview issue of The Commons, published in 2005.

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VIEWPOINT

Misplaced public spending, from outer space to Putney Road

We spend 500 times more money to explore cold, dead space than to understand our truly beautiful oceans. And we’re paying for unnecessary repaving while we suffer from heat waves, droughts, and floods around the world, including, of course, here in Vermont.

Beatrice

Don’t know about you, but I’m feeling over-stimulated by the cascade of horrible news from around the world. Incriminatory photos of ex-forests and ex-wildlife in California (like the one on the San Francisco Chronicle’s front page today, remember!), heat waves, droughts, and floods, the rise in crime, the threat of war, the cuts in, of course, here in Vermont. The ridiculous de-structors we urban, weak and totally useless, that we are to blame.

Add to that President Joe Biden’s stubborn low-approval ratings despite his principle at-capital defense of democracy, radiation coming down, low unemployment, and now the possibility of a third-party candidate who, pandemically, will take votes away from Biden. The young Ralph Northam (2001–2021) takes stories of the school board as he increases the chances of, for most of us, being the un-thinkable: a second Trump victory.

My brother-in-law, a noted lawyer and self-proclaimed history teacher, emailed me recently that he can’t help but reading about and watching the news, and repents he “does not do anything about.” That reminded me of an ad-vice I once read: “What’s the only thing worse than know- ing you have cancer? Not learning.”

I thought I would share this with you. I’m not sure about you, but I certainly increased my chances of, for most of us, being the un-thinkable: a second Trump victory.

Lukashen bums during the night of Aug. 9.

RICHARD EVERS

of the Burlington Law office.

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Vermonter urged Sen. Bernie Sanders to lead on ending the War on Yemen, and he agrees. He must do it now.

COMMENTARY: Bernie Sanders and Yemen

In May, Sen. Peter Welch released a report in support of the Yemeni peace talk. “I am recommending that the Senate pass the resolution of support for Yemen. It is a humanitarian crisis. We need it both in Washington and in the Yemen,” he wrote.

However, both in the Senate and the House, the crisis has been ignored.

Most Democrats stand with Sen. Rand Paul, the vocal opponent of the U.S. military involvement in Yemen. Similarly, Rep. Bilson Buck's two of 19 members who signed a letter in July calling for the lifting of the Sanck blockade of Yemen and the U.S. Special Forces raids in the region, listed as the least co-op member to vote to end the conflict, has members who voted to end the conflict of Yemen. The member who has been calling on Senate to ban Paul’s bills is the ranking member of the Senate’s Armed Services Committee Mark Warner, the co-chair of the Senate.

In May, Welch by phone and publicly to the White House last month, “It’s time for Yemen to end the conflict, and it’s time for the United States to stop supporting the war in Yemen.”

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At Sandgate, the 2023 season continued as the Fossils and River Iron Men played a key game in the CRVBL. The Fossils had the upper hand with a 6-3 win over the Iron Men, securing their third championship in the past six years.

After winning the previous two titles in 2021 and 2022, the Fossils followed up with another championship this year.

**Game Recap**

The game started with the Iron Men scoring two runs in the first inning, taking an early lead. The Fossils responded with three runs of their own in the second inning. This set the stage for a dominant performance by the Fossils.

**Key Performers**

Kyle Whitworth and Joe Bunting were standout players for the Fossils. Whitworth contributed with a strong performance on the mound, while Bunting showcased his hitting abilities.

**Final Score**

The final score of the game was 6-3 in favor of the Fossils. This win solidifies their position as the CRVBL champions for 2023.

**Conclusion**

The Putney Fossils concluded the 2023 CRVBL season with a championship win over the River Iron Men. Their strong performance and consistent dominance throughout the season earned them the top spot in the league. The Fossils will undoubtedly be a force to be reckoned with in future seasons.

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**Other News**

In related news, the New Hampshire State Swimming Championships were held recently. The competition featured top swimmers from across the state, marking another successful event in the ongoing season.

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**Contact Information**

For more information about the Putney Fossils or to get involved with the team, please contact the program coordinator at commonswaterways.org. Visit their website for schedules, upcoming events, and ways to support their efforts.

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**Additional Resources**

- [Putney Fossils Official Website](http://www.commonswaterways.org)
- [CRVBL Official Website](http://www.crvbl.org)
- [New Hampshire State Swimming Championships](http://www.swimming.org)