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## GMUSD board wrestles with April meeting backlash, discusses CTES schedule

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The nearly three-hour Green Mountain Unified School District Board Thursday, May 20 discussed primarily two main issues: a recommendation from the Two Rivers Supervisory Union superintendent to eliminate early release days on Tuesdays at Cavendish Town Elementary School and an unsuccessful call for the removal of current Vice Chair Deb Brown from her governing position on the GMUSD board.

TRSU Superintendent Lauren Fierman made a recommendation that the Cavendish Town Elementary School no longer continue to have their early release days on Tuesdays, which is used for in-service weekly time for the teachers, in an effort to have all schools in the district adhere to the same schedule. CTES has an early release day on Tuesdays throughout the year, beyond those ski program days, allowing Tuesday afternoons as professional

development time for teachers. Fierman said she recognizes that it is valuable, but she does not want the schools on different schedules. She also recognized that early release creates challenges for childcare coverage for parents, and she feels it's important that all students should be in school five full days a week.

CTES teacher Jennifer Harper clarified later that students' time for instruction was not less than other students in the district, but that those hours lost on Tuesday afternoons were divided and added to the other four days in the week.

Vice Chair Deb Brown made an immediate motion to approve Fierman's recommendation but new board member Abe Gross, a Cavendish representative on the board, immediately urged fellow board members to vote against the motion. He argued instead that other schools in the district could follow Cavendish's lead, and that it was the best educational choice for students. He also suggested the Fierman had

indicated that she was recommending either option, just as long as all districts were the same.

Fierman confirmed her recommendation that all schools be in session five full days a week. Later in the discussion, she did say that if the board feels this is best for the Cavendish school, then it should be in place for all of the schools.

New board member Julia Gignoux, also a Cavendish representative but who has not yet been sworn in and cannot vote on matters at this meeting, said that teacher planning time is critical for CTES teachers and has provided a level of excellence for many years.

Fierman did acknowledge that Cavendish has performed a bit better on standardized tests but again pointed to inconvenience for parents for scheduling pick up and after school care. She also confirmed that all schools would continue to have their ski programs for the eight weeks during the winter as usual.

Board member Mike Studin

said that making this change now "seems rushed." Other board members asked for additional information and input from teachers, as well as a look at how schedules could be changed across all schools. Brown agreed to table the motion until the next meeting and the board agreed.

Later in the meeting, Harper reminded the board that changes to the school schedule in Cavendish would constitute a change in working conditions, in violation of their master agreement.

During the board comments section of the agenda, board member Mike Studin apologized to fellow board member Wayne Wheelock at the way he was bullied and threatened at the April meeting, and then called for the removal of Deb Brown from her position as vice chair on the board.

During the April meeting, Keith Hill, a candidate for Green Mountain High School principal, was up for approval and was initially voted down by the board. Wheelock, who

had abstained from the vote, was asked to cast a vote by another board member. A revote was immediately called for by Brown, a move that surprised other board members and which even Chairman Joe Fromberger questioned although he went on to allow the second vote, and Hill was approved.

Studin made the motion to remove Brown from her position citing "her actions unbecoming of someone in who is in a position of leadership." He termed her actions an abuse of power and suggested that she intimidated other board members when the vote did not go her way.

Board Chair Joe Fromberger said that in Vermont, there is no recall law and he was "unsure whether that extends to election of officers as well."

Several board members came out in support of Studin's motion including Rick Alexander, Dr. Dennis Reilly, and Jeannie Wade, who had reviewed the April meeting and said, "I've never seen something quite as

unprofessional."

Abe Gross said that there were a lot of problems to go around and questioned whether Fromberger as chair should have allowed the second vote. Gross then amended the motion to include removing Fromberger from his position as chairman as well.

The board voted on the amendment first, whether Fromberger should be also stripped of his position, but the board defeated that motion, with only Gross voting yes.

The vote to remove Brown from power was closer, with Studin, Alexander, Reilly, and Wade voting yes and Lois Perlah, Josh Schroeder, Brown, and Fromberger voting no. Gross and Wheelock both abstained, resulting in a tie and the motion did not pass.

After the motion failed, Studin said that with a new member, Julia Gignoux, able to vote next meeting, the board may revisit this issue.

The next GMUSD meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17 at 6 p.m.

## Okemo Valley hospitality vaccination clinic

LUDLOW, Vt. – A special vaccination clinic for Okemo Valley hospitality employees is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the parking lot of the Okemo Marketplace Plaza, 57 Pond St., in Ludlow, Vt.

No appointment is needed, as this is a walk-in clinic. The vaccine is free of charge to anyone 18 years and older. This clinic is offering the convenient Johnson & Johnson single shot vaccine. For more information, go to [www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine](http://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine).

This clinic is made possible by a partnership between the



Vermont Department of Health mobile clinic.

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Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont

Chamber, and the Vermont Department of Health.

## LaValley donates \$6,000 towards Expeditionary School

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Expeditionary School at Black River board continues its hard work to support the school's financial future. The Pathways to Possibilities Campaign continues, and we are thrilled to thank our newest member of the Groundbreaker category of donors: our hometown building headquarters, LaValley Building Supply. They generously donated \$6,000 towards supporting education and the school's mission to educate students to be intellectually curious, resourceful, and confident in themselves for a life of

personal fulfillment and civic engagement.

The school is working to create a more passionate, engaged, and prepared workforce for the future through empowering students to be leaders in their learning and thus leaders in their communities. Through providing flexible pathways towards individualized goals, the school encourages independent and self-directed learners.

Seeing the vision play out this year in the classroom has been a powerful testament to the power of self-directed learning in

action. Students are tackling their schedules, their assignments, and their own capacity for learning with a sense of ownership and purpose that cultivates responsibility. To hear more about the campaign and the progress of the school from Kendra Rickerby, Head of School, Susan Haefner, Performing Arts Instructor, and Megan Jenkins, Vice-Chair of the Board, you can watch the conversation recorded at Okemo Valley

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## Tri-Mountain Lions food drive

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain Lions Pam Nichols and Pat Glabach smile over the 290 pounds of non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products and \$475 monetary donations collected at the Food From the Heart drive Saturday, May 22.

Tri-Mountain Lions Gail Wyman and Randee Keith helped set up the collection area in front of the Londonderry Hardware at 10 a.m. and collected and boxed items as generously donated by community members and weekend guests to our area.

Thank you to all who donated. A big thank you to the folks at Londonderry Hardware who let us set up in front of their store and to Jamie who wrote a check to match the \$475 collected.

As our banner states, "Kindness Matters." The proceeds from this drive are divided between Londonderry's Neighbor's Pantry and the Winhall

Community Center food shelf.

Interested in becoming a Tri-Mountain Lion? Email [Randee.55@comcast.net](mailto:Randee.55@comcast.net) for more information.



Tri-Mountain Lions Club held a successful Food From the Heart food drive.

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## Governor's Inn ribbon cutting

LUDLOW, Vt. – On May 25, Rosemarie and Holger Stoltze, new owners of The Governor's Inn in Ludlow, celebrated their renovations with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house with fellow members of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL



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# Fletcher Memorial Library prepares for the summer —

LUDLOW, Vt. — What a year we have all had! Fletcher Memorial Library has continued throughout the pandemic offering curbside service along with Grab-n-Go Books and youth grab bags that contained one of the following: fun activities, a cooking project, or STEM projects. Titles specific to home schooling were added to the collection to assist families in planning. Much effort, which continues, is put into our website and social media with new arrivals and updates. Check out the youth page for the summer reading program and sign up information or please call Sacha at 802-228-3517. Sign up begins

June 21 online or by phone. Much appreciation goes out to the communities we serve, Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly, and Plymouth, for their constant and unwavering support! The staff is constantly searching and creating better ways to make our collection available to you and add services to meet your needs. Our collection consortia, Catoomb Library Network, has soared to 21 members, which means over 500,000 items are available that FML patrons may browse via our website, place holds, or call to borrow. Magically, items coming to us arrive by a courier system to which we belong.

Because of our overwhelming patron support through the past year and the availability of curbside service, our circulation was very comparable to the same time frame the previous year. Actual books checked out were lower, but our online downloadable audio and eBook use increased more than 100%. And, our new community members or second homeowners here during the Covid summer exponentially elevated the youth circulation!

Moving forward, multiple projects will be taking place throughout June. Many of these were delayed because of Covid-19. First up is new carpeting in the youth and adult libraries. Our 1964 and 1990s carpeting served us well. There will be a new splash of fun color in the youth room to liven it up. Ceiling trim in the main reading rooms that needed refurbishing have been completed and highlighted with a splash of gold to set off our beautiful ceilings. A new roof replacing the 20-year-old flat roof has been installed. Projects coming up are the lighting in the adult stacks to be upgraded and all of our handrails will be sanded and repainted.

If all goes to plan, we are looking forward to opening our doors and welcoming back our communities in July. Date and details to follow, but the staff is anxious to get back open and provide the best library service to all!

## CORRECTION

In the “Veterans Memorial Park gazebo painted” photo caption in the May 26, 2021 edition of The Vermont Journal, Ethan VanGuilder and coworkers from Nick Baitz Painting refreshed the gazebo in the park in Ludlow. Thank you for sprucing it up!



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## Ludlow Garden Club cleans up the park

LUDLOW, Vt. — The ladies of the Ludlow Garden Club were back in action taking advantage of the beautiful weather to do some much needed work in the Ludlow mini park. After a year of scaled back activity, the ladies donned their aprons and weeded, pruned, and cleaned the park in anticipation of increased use now that we are outside again. From left to right: Barbara Whittiker, Barbara Freely, Anne Chericco (front), Arlette Marshal (back), Paula Ferro, Terry DiNapoi, and Beth Krefsky.



PHOTO BY ALICE NITKA

## Engel & Völkers Okemo hires real estate advisor Kristen Fehrenbach —

LUDLOW, Vt. — Engel & Völkers Okemo is delighted to announce that Kristen Fehrenbach has joined its growing team of real estate advisors.

Fehrenbach brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in art education and hospitality across New England. A resident of Bellows Falls, she is a founding director of Popolo, a beloved farm-to-table restaurant that opened in 2012. Before Popolo, she worked in the field of nonprofit art and education at Brattleboro's River Gallery School, the Great River Arts Institute in Bellows Falls, and the Provincetown Art Association and Museum, where she curated programming and events for Cape Cod's most popular exhibit space. Outside of work, Fehrenbach serves on boards for the Windham County Trails Alliance and Friends of the Rockingham Library and enjoys styling classic Vermont homes.

“Real estate connects my



Kristen Fehrenbach. PHOTO PROVIDED

background in hospitality with my passion for visual expression,” said Fehrenbach. “Engel and Völkers Okemo is known for tirelessly nurturing relationships that uplift the communities around their clients, and I am thrilled to contribute to their expansion.”

Last year, Engel & Völkers Okemo did more than \$16.5 million in sales in the Okemo Valley region, under license partner Gail Beardmore. Beardmore founded the Ludlow-based brokerage together

with a Woodstock agency, in 2008, after more than a decade selling properties in the area.

“Kristen has deep client relations experience and a strong creative eye that will enhance and expand our operations,” said Beardmore. “We are inundated with motivated buyers whose criteria is shifting from seasonal homes to full-time lifestyle properties. I have never seen the market quite like this, and Kristen's presence further south positions Engel & Völkers Okemo to meet increasing regional demand.”

Active real estate listings in Ludlow and the Okemo Valley plummeted, from January 2019-2021, despite an ongoing surge in prospective buyers. Many are widening their searches and discovering energized sellers in neighboring Windham County, where prices and inventory are increasing more symbiotically. Engel & Völkers Okemo is dedicated to meeting clients where they are, and a larger territory is a natural extension of that effort.

For more information, visit [www.okemo.evrealstate.com](http://www.okemo.evrealstate.com).

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TV at [www.okemovalley.tv/expeditionary-school-br-update](http://www.okemovalley.tv/expeditionary-school-br-update).

Saturday, June 12 will be the first graduation of the Expeditionary School at Black River. The graduation will celebrate the first-ever graduate, Taylor Meyette, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Town Hall. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the gradu-

ation ceremony has limited seating, but if you want to show your support, please line Depot Street at 10 a.m. with signs.

The school is grateful for the community's support in this campaign. Our contributors include LaValley, \$6,000; Mary Davis Real Estate, \$5,500; William Raveis, \$1,432; John and Rosa Donohue, \$1,200; Knight Tubs, \$1,000; Ulie Donahue, \$1,000; Ludlow Masons, \$1,000; Engels & Volker Real Estate,

\$1,000; Jenkins Builders, \$1,000; Tim and Carol Haigh, \$1,000; Main & Mountain, \$1,000; The Hostel, \$1,000; Brewfest, \$500; Michael and Terrence Corbie-Plaut, \$500; Annabelle Reid, \$250; American Legion, \$200; Jay Buckley, \$100; Justin Savage, \$100; Anne Bruntrager, \$100; Shirley Holden, \$50; and Jake Sapatos, \$20. If you are interested in supporting the campaign, please visit our website, [www.blackriveris.org/fund2021](http://www.blackriveris.org/fund2021).



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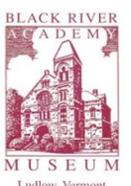
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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email [knotz69@gmail.com](mailto:knotz69@gmail.com)

## School days

I paid Ted Spaulding a visit this past Saturday, May 29. It's not uncommon for one of us to mention a person or event from the past that gets the other to thinking. I'll say to Ted, "Do you remember so-and-so doing such and such?"

Ted thinks a bit and says, "Yes, you're right." Sometimes I get Ted to recalling things he hasn't thought of in 80 years. Occasionally, Ted learns something from me.

This past Saturday, I was telling Ted about teachers I had in elementary school. My two all-time favorite teachers were Miss Pickard and Mr. Fish. Both were sixth grade teachers at Chester Elementary School.

**Miss Pickard**  
I asked Ted if he knew Miss Pickard. "Yes, she lived in Cavendish."

Miss Pickard recognized my love of the natural world and encouraged me to pursue my interests. Miss Pickard knew I liked snakes. One time she knew of someone who had a python they wanted rid of. She asked if I wanted it.

"Yes! But my mother will have something to say about it." Well, June wanted no part of a python living in our house.

Another time Miss Pickard, knowing I liked flowers, gave me some poppy plants. I planted them out back of the house. "Look at my poppies!" I said to my mother when they bloomed. Well, Arnold mowed over them and that was that.

That fall Miss Pickard asked me if I could get her some acorns. She wanted to plant some oak trees on her property in Cavendish. I knew where to find acorns and soon filled a three-gallon milk pail for her. Those trees would be large today.

**Mr. Fish**  
Mr. Fish taught history and geography. I credit him for developing my interest in history. We were studying World War II at the time. We had a



Dooley Merrick, Bud Nadeau, Ron Patch, and Steve Bowler. PHOTO PROVIDED

pull down wall map of the world on the wall. I remember Mr. Fish pointing to Japan on the map. I said to Mr. Fish, "That little island caused us so many problems in World War II?"

Looking at the world map and comparing Japan to the size of America to a 12 year old seemed unimaginable.

Mr. Fish asked me to stay after class. He gave me a history book to read about Japan in World War II. I took to it well. Sometimes I stayed after class to discuss what I was learning and why it was important.

One day Mr. Fish had a question for us. He had an immediate family member who somehow became disabled. I don't remember now who or how. Anyway, Mr. Fish asked us kids if we had any suggestions for what a disabled person might do to keep busy with his hands. At this time my mother, June, was braiding rugs to sell. June used what were known as braid-aids for making braids.

Braid-aids were a metal thing-amajig. You used three at a time. One strip of wool passed through each braid-aid. These braid-aids neatly folded the edges of each strip of wool so that you ended up with a braided rug that was reversible. Reversible rugs were something rug braiders had strived for forever. My mother gave me braid-aids to give Mr. Fish. I don't remember now how it worked out.

**Larry Howe**  
Larry was a friend and class-

mate of mine. Larry was a bright kid but couldn't spell worth a hill of beans. Larry would often ask the teacher how to spell a word. One day, Larry asked Mr. Fish how to spell a word. Mr. Fish spelled "D-i-c-t-i-o-n-a-r-y," as Larry wrote down each letter. Larry looked up when he realized what he had just written and grinned in his boyish smile. Larry lives in California today.

**Mr. Naylor**  
Some will remember Mr. Naylor, our high school English teacher. English was my worst subject. I remember having to listen to Simon & Garfunkel's, "I am a Rock, I am an Island" in Naylor's class. We listened to this song attempting to interpret its meaning in 1968-1969. Poetry never made sense to me. Of all the English teachers I had, Naylor is the only one I remember today. History teachers including Mr. Collins I do remember.

The photo with this article was taken at my place about 12 years ago. Dooley Merrick, Bud Nadeau, Steve Bowler, and I got together for a barbecue. We were all elementary school kids together. Dooley lives out Seattle way and Steve lives in Montana. It was a great reunion.

*This week's old saying: "I feel more like I do now than I did before."*

## Rockingham Meeting House Graveyard art and memory –

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Historian William Hosley will present "Where Art and History Meet – Rockingham Meeting House Burying Ground" Wednesday, June 9, from 7-8 p.m. This is the fourth in a series of talks sponsored by the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission in partnership with the Rockingham Free Public Library. The free lecture will be via Zoom.

Part of the Rockingham Meeting House National Historic Landmark, the graveyard has burials going back to the time of the American Revolution and includes the original town tomb. Many of the older headstones were crafted by the Moses Wright family of stone carvers who settled on farms

to the north of Rockingham village in the 1790s. Migrating north along the Connecticut River Valley, the Wright family brought with them older Puritan style headstone motifs but with variation that led Hosley and other scholars to identify a distinctive Rockingham School, the last phase of iconic early New England slate carving. The presentation will look at this history with an eye to the need for ongoing restoration and conservation of the yard.

William Hosley is an independent scholar who has written extensively about New England graveyards including the Rockingham yard. A graduate of Middlebury College and the Winterthur Program

in Early American Culture, he is a collector, photographer, and preservationist who specializes in cultural resource development and preservation services. He formerly worked for the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.

To receive an invitation to this Zoom program, email [programming@rockingham-library.org](mailto:programming@rockingham-library.org) or call the library at 802-463-4270. Leave your phone number and email address. For those who do not have a computer, there is an alternative method of joining Zoom through a phone call.

The series is made possible through funding from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

## Londonderry Arts and Historical Society receives grant

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is moving ahead with much needed window repair at the Custer Sharp House, partially funded by a grant from the 1772 Foundation in cooperation with the Preservation Trust of Vermont. The \$9,000 award is matched by LAHS. The Preservation Trust received 23 applications and ultimately made 12 grants totaling \$100,000.

The Custer Sharp House is the headquarters for the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society. It is a traditional 1820s farmhouse that belonged to artist Bernadine Custer and her husband Jimmy Sharp. Custer bequeathed the farmhouse to the Londonderry Historical Society with the stipulation that it also serve as an art center.

"The Custer Sharp House is one of the few old farmhouses remaining in Londonderry, and we are committed to its preservation," says Hilary Batchelor, president of LAHS. "The window repairs were deemed a top

priority in the Preservation Trust's condition's assessment report conducted in 2018, and we are so appreciative they helped fund these critical upgrades."

The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is open Sat-

urdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Stop and see our ever-changing art and historical shows this summer. For more information, visit [www.LAHSVT.org](http://www.LAHSVT.org) or our Facebook page.

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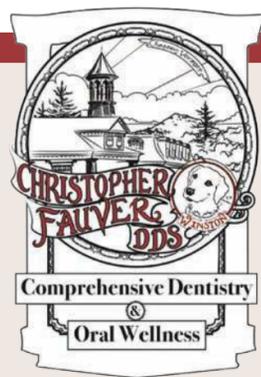


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# opinion

Dear Editor,

Hello again from the Legislature. As I write this, we are hopefully just hours away from adjourning for the summer, presumably by the time you read this. We have done a lot this year. This session I'm on the House Commerce committee, so the bills I have been dealing with more closely are those related to our economy and our workforce.

This has been a very interesting committee to be on as we try to position the state for success in our recovery. We focused our efforts on bills related to the unemployment insurance system and workforce development programs. We also talked a lot about Tax Increment Financing districts, but that bill appears to be languishing and no longer on the road to pass this year.

This time at the end of session gets very convoluted and can be hard to follow. As I've said in past years, with regards to legislation, a lot of the disagreements end up being less

between the political parties and more between the House and the Senate. We also often colloquially say at this time of year that bills and policies are either "hostages" or "Christmas trees." In this sense, a "Christmas tree" is a bill that one chamber adds other "smaller" bills or policies to, which would be the "ornaments." And a "hostage" would be a bill or policy that one chamber or committee knows the other likes, so delays passing it to get something from the other body.

To come back to my committee, on paper we will likely end this biennium having passed only three bills, but those bills were "Christmas trees," in ways containing the language from as many as five other bills, depending on how you count. Those bills are far-reaching. Most recently, we have been working on S.62, which started as a bill that codified the governor's remote worker program and added a provision to help pay mov-

ing expenses for employees relocating from one part of the state to another.

But when it passes, the bill will contain a lot of language about our Unemployment Insurance system, making changes so that employers will not face as severe taxes on unemployment than they otherwise would have because of how much the system was used this past year. We have a healthy UI Trust Fund, even now, because of difficult decisions made by the Legislature 10 years ago, and this will ensure we continue to move forward. It also adds a supplemental \$25 benefit to those collecting unemployment for 10 years after the current federal \$300 benefit expires.

I will go into more detail in my aforementioned End of Session Report on the bills my committee worked on and others from around the Statehouse. I am also planning to resume my Legislative Coffee Hours soon and hopefully will be able to set some dates and times next month!

As always feel free to give a call on this or anything else.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Logan Nicoll  
Ludlow, Mount Holly,  
Shrewsbury

Dear Editor,

The Vermont Legislature adjourned Friday afternoon, May 21. We all agree – it was an historic session. It was the first Legislative session to be conducted completely remotely during an international pandemic. And, we also agree that, despite our productivity, we all long to be back in the Statehouse doing the people's business in person.

We learned many lessons. We learned that with the innovations of the 21st century, we could legislate remotely. Surprisingly, our 18th century Constitution and Chamber rules enabled us to respond nimbly to our current needs. We learned that high-speed internet and childcare were essential for our economy and Legislature alike, and that telemedicine worked surprisingly well. We learned how fragile economic security was for many Vermonters. We learned how human we really are – that we all need human contact, miss facial expressions, and hunger for hugs.

We also learned that public access to our Legislative work was expanded with these technological innovations. Through YouTube and Zoom, many more Vermonters were able to watch the Legislative process and follow issues they care about, without having to

drive hours to the Statehouse. In our virtual Committee Rooms, everyone could fit. We are reminded that government, at its best, is an effective way of taking care of each other – in a time of lost jobs, lost business, and lost life. We are reminded that Vermonters are resilient and rise to the occasion – and that we work together productively to make progress for our beloved state and its people.

I am proud of what the Legislature accomplished in this 2021 session. We responded to the ongoing needs of Vermonters with a wide range of help, from feeding Vermont families and increasing support for those suffering from mental health challenges and substance abuse disorders to economic recovery grants for businesses and essential support for the Vermont State College System. Our Vermont values have driven our policy work this year – our values of equity, safety and wellbeing, social justice and economic security are reflected in almost every line of our \$7.35 billion fiscal year 2022 budget. This year's 188-page budget was unusually complex. It blended many funding sources, each with different guidelines and criteria – general fund, transportation and education funds, one-time state surplus and federal American Rescue Plan Act money. Its use of \$599 million of ARPA money launches four years of transfor-

mational investments. An illustration of this is the \$190 million we are investing in Housing Initiatives. Previously, the most I recall us ever spending was in 2017, when we created a housing bond of \$35 million.

In this fiscal 2022 budget, we are able to fund extraordinary investments: Broadband Connectivity, Child Care, Climate Change Mitigation, Economic Development, Workforce Development and Communities, Clean Water Work, Vermont State College System, Judiciary & Justice System, updating State IT Technologies, and brownfield clean up. These are sums we'd only dream of in years past. We have three more budget years to invest the additional \$430 million. These federal dollars are enabling us to significantly invest in our future – ensuring that Vermont will build back better together.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email at [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us) or by phone at 802-457-4627. You can link to Legislative Committee meetings, get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and read the bills which have been proposed and passed, by visiting the Legislative website, [www.legislature.vermont.gov](http://www.legislature.vermont.gov).

Sincerely,  
Sen. Alison Clarkson  
Windsor County

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Dear Editor,

I am sitting at my desk looking out my window at the beauty of spring in Vermont, reflecting on the last five months of my service in the Legislature. The session started on the morning of Jan. 6, as I looked out at the winter landscape, by taking the oath of office. The insurrection at our nation's Capitol in the afternoon of that same day led to such fear that the joy and excitement of the morning was quickly forgotten.

But the House Leadership, led by Speaker Jill Krowinski, never wavered from moving forward and working for Vermonters in these unprecedented times. Covid has exposed significant cracks in our state, including broadband connectivity, healthcare, and childcare. The infusion of one-time

federal money has allowed us to focus attention on these fundamental problems: education throughout the lifespan, access and affordability of childcare, workforce development, climate change, protection of our landscape, racial and social equity, and so much more. The House passed 100 bills over the course of the last five months, an amazing feat as it was all done on Zoom. The text of all bills and their progress through the system can be found on the Legislature's website. This is a great resource for all Vermonters to follow the work of the Legislature.

The budget sent to the governor totals \$7.35 billion to meet the ongoing costs of operating the state government. This includes programs that provide

services and benefits to the people of Vermont, and it makes investments in our infrastructure both human and structural. The American Rescue Plan Act contributed approximately \$600 million to this budget. ARPA money needs to be spent over three years and an additional influx of money is expected as things evolve in Washington.

So now we are in the "off session." Although the House is adjourned, we do have a tentative date for a veto session June 23. If this is needed, it will be another new experience for me. As the summer and fall approach, I continue to represent constituents of Windham-3, so please contact me if you have questions or concerns. With Covid receding, I hope to meet some of you out in the world, perhaps at a community picnic or event. I am so looking forward to that!

For those of you who might be wondering, I did report out on a bill: S.22. There was no interrogation and the bill passed unanimously! I am very relieved to have my first bill behind me.

I would also like to express my deep gratitude to my UVM intern, Alexis Drown. From

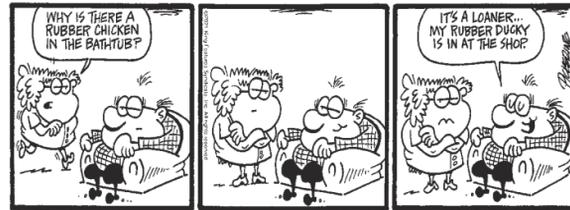
the beginning of the session, we started our week together every Monday morning at 9 a.m. It was a great way to start the week, as we organized what we needed to do over the coming days. Alexis did research for me on upcoming issues on the Health Care committee, and we discussed the complexities so I could come to an informed decision on how to vote. Her assistance with my constituent Zoom meetings, both in planning and execution, was indispensable. I am very confident that she will do well as she continues on her path forward.

I want to say thank you for allowing me to represent you in Montpelier. It is an honor and a privilege for which I am so grateful. Again, please contact me with ideas, thoughts, and concerns through the "off session" and into the second year of the biennium at [www.LeslieGoldmanVT.com](http://www.LeslieGoldmanVT.com), 802-869-2989, or [lgoldman@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:lgoldman@leg.state.vt.us). The second year of the legislative biennium will start in January 2022.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Leslie Goldman  
Windham-3

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Billboards
- 4 Competent
- 8 Pretzel topper
- 12 Fib
- 13 Work hard
- 14 Spiced tea
- 15 In toto
- 17 Frees (of)
- 18 Bug barrier
- 19 "Gosh!"
- 21 Reply (Abbr.)
- 22 Also
- 26 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 29 French article
- 30 "— haw!" (rodeo cry)
- 31 "Hi, sailor!"
- 32 Follower (Suff.)
- 33 Nota —
- 34 Airline to Sweden
- 35 "Today" rival, briefly
- 36 Fragrant wood
- 37 Typically
- 39 X-ray's cousin — de-France
- 40 Oregon city
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- 2 Platter
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- 4 Goddess of wisdom
- 5 Benefits
- 6 Dogpatch adjective
- 7 Graceful
- 8 Threaded hardware
- 9 Sashimi fish
- 10 Young bloke
- 11 Frank McCourt memoir
- 16 Tired
- 20 Language suffix
- 23 Kept tabs on
- 24 Sultry Horne
- 25 Ogler's look
- 26 Juan's home
- 27 Cries of discovery
- 28 Stance
- 29 G8 member
- 32 "Let's do this!"
- 33 Ecu
- 35 Solidify
- 36 Vinegar bottles
- 38 French spa town
- 39 High-IQ group
- 42 Idyllic place
- 43 Sleuth Wolfe
- 44 Dutch cheese
- 45 Lyricist
- 46 Karaoke prop, for short
- 47 Koeln cry
- 49 Take to court

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# GRAVESIDE SERVICES

# obituaries

## Lee Richardson

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Lee Richardson, 84, who passed away Feb. 20, 2021, will be held June 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield. Puggy Lamphere will officiate.

## Barbara A. Gulli, 1939-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Barbara A. Gulli, 81, of Ludlow, Vt., entered the kingdom of heaven peacefully in her home with her family at her side, Saturday, May 22, 2021. She was born June 15, 1939 to Wesley and Elizabeth (Baker) Hatfield.



Barbara A. Gulli, 1939-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Barb graduated Glens Falls High in New York in 1956 and pursued her higher education in Boston at Simmons College and obtained a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Her dormitory was across the street from a Northeastern University fraternity in Brookline, Mass. and she met Nicholas Gulli, PLS of Irvington, N.Y. while playing bridge. Nick and Barb were shortly thereafter married in the Boston Public Gardens.

They moved to Longmeadow, Mass. in 1969 where Barb started her career at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. as an ICU nurse and later became a critical care nursing instructor. Barb also continued nursing as a per diem nurse at Springfield, Vt. where she practiced well into her 70s. Nursing was truly her life's calling, as her purpose in life was taking care of others and making people feel important, comfortable, and happy.

Barb and Nick started their family in Easton, Mass. and purchased property and the Academy on Lake Pauline in Ludlow, Vt. where they often hosted ski weekends for students of Oliver Ames High School. Barb and Nick spent nearly every weekend and all vacations skiing at Okemo and Round Top and lounging at the lake with many close friends in Ludlow, Vt. The Gullis retired to Vermont in 1987 where they opened a land surveying and septic system design business where Barb was a rod man, draftsman, and the general manager. Barb enjoyed helping her husband salvage old barns and buildings and recycling the materials by constructing houses on the property along Lake Pauline. In all, three homes were built and the half-mile Gulli Road is labeled on Google Maps and is one of the most prominent neighborhoods in Ludlow, Vt.

Barb had many things that brought joy and light to her life including gardening, reading, playing games, skiing, golfing, traveling with family and friends, and going to the beach at her brother's in Westerly, R.I. She was an avid Red Sox fan. As season ticketholder, she went to many games with family and friends. She would regularly have Wednesday night dinners

with friends, which she truly enjoyed. Barb was truly blessed over the years with wonderful neighbors and beautiful friends. Most of all, Barb cherished her moments with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as is evidenced by the numerous pictures that adorn her home.

After Barb retired, she was an active volunteer as a member of the Ludlow Garden Club, Black River Good Neighbors Center, Fletcher Memorial Library, and working the election polls in Ludlow. Barb was predeceased by her parents, husband Nick, and brother Robert Hatfield of Westerly, R.I. She leaves behind her son Dominick and wife Shelly (Gregerson) of Stockton, Calif.; daughter Melissa and husband Mike Jorgensen of Nottingham, N.H.; grandchildren Natali (Gulli) and husband Alfonso Ron, Martina Gulli, and Nick Gulli, all of Stockton, Calif., and Jeremiah and Maria Jorgensen of Nottingham, N.H.; as well as step-grandson Cliff Jorgensen of Ossipee, N.H. Barb was blessed with two great-granddaughters Mia Marie Gulli and Olivia Penelope Ron. She also leaves two sisters-in-law, Clare Hoover of Middletown, Conn. and Cynthia Hatfield of Westerly, R.I. as well as two nieces and a nephew.

Barb's ashes will be distributed by family along with Nick's at the Academy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fletcher Memorial Library and Black River Good Neighbors.

The family would like to send heartfelt gratitude to VNH Hospice for their outstanding care and guidance, especially Barb's team of providers, Carol, Heidi, Anna, and Dr. Caloras.

The family will host calling hours Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 1-4 p.m., at Barb's home, 182 Gulli Rd., to share loving memories of Barb. BYOB, BYOC (chairs).

## Alice A. White, 1953-2021

ATHENS, Vt. – Alice A. White, 67, of McKusker Road, died May 27, 2021, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Dec. 12, 1953, in Tulsa, Okla., the daughter of Richard and Catherine (Barrett) Leary. She attended schools in Bellows Falls, worked at the D&R General Store in Cambridgeport, and at Silver Forest in Bellows Falls. She enjoyed watching birds, gardening, and spending time with her family, espe-

cially her grandkids.

On July 16, 1988, in Athens, Vt., she married Raymond White who survives. She is also survived by two sons Gary Gay Jr. and Steven Gay; two daughters Carrie-Ann Riendeau and Theresa Parent; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

On June 5, 2021, from 12-1 p.m., there will be calling hours followed by a 1 p.m. service at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

## Patricia S. Fromberger, 1940-2021

ANDOVER, Vt. – Patricia Susan (Kochiss) Fromberger passed away on the morning of Sunday, May 23, 2021, at her home in Andover, Vt. Pat was born in Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 4, 1940, the youngest of three sisters. She grew up in Easton, a small rural community a few miles from Bridgeport. Although her father was killed in an automobile accident when she was only one year old, she was raised and loved by a large and supportive family including her mother and many aunts and uncles.



Patricia S. Fromberger, 1940-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Throughout her life, Pat's Christian faith was always essential to her outlook. Her relationship with God informed every aspect of her life from an early age; she was baptized in the Russian Orthodox Church of her grandmother, Mary Kochiss, and she grew up as a devoted member of the Episcopal Church. Pat drew enormous strength and comfort from her faith, and although she was patient, mild of manner, and not always publicly outspoken about her views, she was very clear in her devotion.

After graduating from the University of Connecticut in 1962 with a B.A. in home economics, she married H. Joseph Fromberger, having met by chance, and in answer to her prayers, on a ski trip to Vermont in 1967. They were married for 53 years. After the birth of their first son Michael, and the tragic loss of their second son Paul, Pat and Joe moved to Andover, Vt. There, Pat found and joined the community of St. Luke's Church. Together, her family and the church were the core and bedrock of her life. For Pat, St. Luke's became a kind of extension of her family, and she served the community of the church for the rest of her life.

Once her son was in school, Pat took a job at the Vermont Country Store. Although she started out with basic cler-

ical tasks in the office of their mail-order business, she soon got involved in producing their mail-order catalogue itself. Pat always had a talent for art – she could draw well and had a keen photographer's eye. The owner, Vrest Orton, recognized Pat's skills, and within a few years she became the principal creative director in charge of the design, layout, and production of the VCS catalogue. Over the course of more than 25 years working at the company, Pat had a substantial influence on the artistic style of their iconic brand.

Pat also brought the skills and experience she gained from her working career back to St. Luke's, shepherding the production of the "Light in the Shadows" newsletter for many years. For this work, she was honored on multiple occasions by the Diocese of Vermont.

Patricia is survived by her husband Joseph as well as her son Michael, her sisters Joy and Sylvia, and their families.

A memorial service in celebration of Patricia's life will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester, Vt. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Chester-Andover Family Center, P.O. Box 302, Chester, VT 05143, or at www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org.

## Lawrance A. Plumb, 1947-2021

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Lawrance A. Plumb, 73, of Mount Holly, Vt., passed away Friday, May 14, 2021 at his home with family after fighting a four-year battle with cancer. He was born in Springfield, Vt. Oct. 19, 1947 to William and Barbara (Giddings) Plumb.



Lawrance A. Plumb, 1947-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

He attended Proctorsville Elementary School and Black River High School, graduating in 1965. He went on to graduate from X-ray technician school in New Britain, Conn.

Soon after graduation, he was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Upon discharge, he worked for a short time in Connecticut before returning to Proctorsville, and started work at General Electric. He worked there until his retirement.

On Aug. 4, 1973, he married Pamela (Woodell) Plumb. He was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, softball, and especially golf. When not golfing, he could be found with a book.

He is survived by his wife Pamela; daughter Kyla O'Brien (Michael) of Upper Black Eddy, Pa.; grandson Colin O'Brien; and a granddaughter by love Zoey Berk. He is also survived by nephews Craig (Angela) and his children Alana and Spencer; William (Tawnya) and his children Eli and Parker Plumb; Timothy (Rae) and his children Timothy Jr. and Ava Martin; and Leland Martin. He was

predeceased by his parents and sister Patricia.

Graveside services with military honors will be held Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville, Vt.

Contributions in his name may be sent to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth Medical Center in Hanover, N.H. in lieu of flowers.

## Robert Beardsley, 1921-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert O. Beardsley Jr., 100, passed away peacefully with his family by his side Friday morning, May 21, 2021. He was born Jan. 20, 1921 in the first hospital in Springfield, Vt. and enjoyed pointing out the building to friends. He was the oldest son of Robert and Katherine (Duffy) Beardsley. Bob attended Springfield schools, graduating in 1938. He later graduated from Vermont Academy and attended Colgate University.



Robert Beardsley, 1921-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

On Sept. 14, 1946, he married Charlotte Hogue, who he'd had a "crush on" that started in the seventh grade. They were married 50 years.

Bob was employed with the Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Company for several years, working on the turret lathe assembly line. In 1948, he started selling petroleum dispensary equipment for Albert L. Gutterson. In 1952, he took over the business, changing the name to Beardsley Inc., which his son-in-law Jim Loutrel now owns.

He was very proud of his friendship with Mr. Gutterson and the business opportunity he gave him. He visited the office every day until he was 96.

Bob was an avid sports fan and went to the Springfield Cosmo football and basketball games into his 90s. In 1940, he saw the famous fifth down at the Dartmouth and Cornell football game, and in his youth he saw many Red Sox games at Fenway Park. He and friends would call players such as Ted Williams or Yankee player Joe DiMaggio over to the bleachers for a quick picture or autograph.

Bob was an ardent golfer and a founding member of Crown Point Golf Course in 1952. He spent many weekends enjoying golf with his friends and golf trips to Pinehurst Golf Course in Pinehurst, N.C.

Bob was a proud blood donor for the Red Cross. He belonged to The Lions Club, Odd Fellows, Muckcross Trout Club, and Crown Point Golf Course. He and Charlotte enjoyed the assembly dances once held at The Hartness House. Bob was a member of the Congregational Church and greatly enjoyed coffee hour and visiting with others. In later years, Bob enjoyed traveling, reading, watching old movies, and being very lucky with scratch tickets.

He had an active, full life with a quest to live to 100 years. He was enthusiastically given a 100th birthday celebration at Cedar Hill and enjoyed the singing, confetti, and choosing any cake and ice cream he wanted. Bob also received a congratulatory letter from Reese Lindeburgh who knew he'd sat in her father's plane, "The Spirit of St.

Louis," during his visit to Hartness Airport in 1927.

Bob is survived by daughters Juliet Loutrel (Jim) and Kimberly Beardsley, both of Springfield; his beloved granddaughters Molly Loutrel of Wilder, Vt., Suzanne Loutrel Cassani (Joe) and 2-year-old great-grandson Joey of Shelburne, Vt., and Alexandria Loutrel of Essex Jct., Vt.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Charlotte, brother John, as well as many friends, many cats, and beloved Boston Terrier "Skipper."

The family wants to thank the staff at Cedar Hill for their excellent care of Bob. Their patience and kindness are truly appreciated. A special, special thanks to Jennifer Grimes-White, Dulcie, Irene, and Mark for hours of bingo, trivia, and conversations with Bob.

Dad or "Bop's" wonderful smile, kindness, trivia knowledge of Springfield and sports, his interest in our lives, and sense of humor will be sorely missed.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Summer Hill Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156 or Cedar Hill Continuing Care Activities Department, 49 Cedar Hill Drive, Windsor, VT 05089, Attn: Jennifer Grimes-White.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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## Grace Cottage's 16th annual Tour de Grace

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The event follows the same loop as last year, approximately 17 miles on scenic back roads, along dirt trails, and through the historic Scott Covered Bridge – a different route from before the pandemic so that no bussing is necessary.

Helmets are required; mountain bikes recommended. Rest

stops with water and snacks are offered along the way and at the end. Return to Grace Cottage to celebrate your accomplishment.

This family-friendly ride is fun and allows for social distancing. Round up your family or a few friends, enjoy the beautiful scenery, get some exercise, and support Grace Cottage Hospital. Proceeds from this event helps Grace Cottage continue to provide essential healthcare services.

Can't make it to Townshend that day? You can do a virtual Tour de Grace on your own. Sign up at [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).

[www.gracecottage.org/get-involved/tour-de-grace-bicycle-rally](http://www.gracecottage.org/get-involved/tour-de-grace-bicycle-rally) and we'll mail you a bib to wear. Send us your photo with your bib number and bike, and we'll post it in our 2021 Tour de Grace photo album on Facebook.

Register at [www.gracecottage.org/events](http://www.gracecottage.org/events). Pre-registration is discounted in tiers through June 26, and the first 100 to register get a Tour de Grace performance t-shirt. T-shirt not included for virtual riders.

For more information, email [info@gracecottage.org](mailto:info@gracecottage.org) or call 802-365-9109.

## Fish & Wildlife's "Leave It To Beaver and other Furbearers"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, June 22 at 6 p.m., join the Springfield Town Library and Vermont Fish & Wildlife at The Commons Park in Springfield for a presentation of

"Leave It To Beaver and Other Furbearers."

This one-and-a-half hour program offers a general introduction to the suite of species in Vermont called furbearers and then dives deeper into the ecology of beavers, one of Vermont's keystone species. Visual aids such as a beaver skull replica and scat replica will help the audience understand this industrious creature. There will be time for questions about beavers and any of the other native furbearer species.

Mary Beth Adler has worked for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department for 19 years as a wildlife technician. Over the course of those years, her responsibilities have included working primarily with the furbearer management program participating in research and monitoring projects, entering data, installing water

control structures to help mitigate beaver-human conflicts, and overseeing the upkeep and use of a dozen Furbearer Education Kits circulating throughout the state. She has also worked with private landowners to help improve wildlife habitat on their land, assisted with a bear study, and is recruited to help with any number of wildlife-related projects when needed.

This free program is open to the public and is sponsored by Springfield Town Library and Vermont Fish & Wildlife. Contact Tracey at [stlvtprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stlvtprograms@gmail.com) or 802-885-3108 with any questions.

Bring your own chair and blanket and remember to practice social distancing. Masks are suggested but not required.

## SHS Alumni Association 18th Golf Tournament

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield High School Alumni Association will host their 18th annual Golf Tournament at Crown Point Country Club, Friday, June 18. This is a scramble event, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Bill Flore, tournament director, and the entire SHS Alumni Golf Committee invite you to join your classmates and friends at a chance to win \$25,000 cash for hole-in-one on the 18th hole, courtesy of the Tracy family. Or try your skill at the Air Cannon, sponsored by ARC Mechanical Contractors Inc.

The event includes a bag lunch prior to start, sponsored in part by the generosity of Dragon Fly Designs, with appetizers and awards to follow the tournament. Thank you also to some of our early entry sponsors: Bibens Home Center, Buffum Realty, DuBois & King Inc., Parker & Ankuda, and Woodbury Florist for supporting this event.

This annual fundraising event has long been successful for raising money for



Join the SHS Alumni Association's 18th annual Golf Tournament. STOCK PHOTO

college scholarships given to Springfield High School graduates, totaling over \$20,000 each year. It also supports newsletter communications to our alumni and will help fund our next annual Alumni Day Banquet and Parade that this community enjoys so much.

For more information about the event, our photo gallery, or an entry form to play in the tournament, please visit our website at [www.shsalumni.com](http://www.shsalumni.com), and choose the events tab. For

signups, we can take the first 22 teams only, and they are filling up fast. Do not wait, if you want to play, sign up now!

To make a donation of product or service for the raffle or to secure your spot as cash sponsor at this year's event, please contact Bill at [bill.flore73@gmail.com](mailto:bill.flore73@gmail.com) or Amber at [amber.bedi84@gmail.com](mailto:amber.bedi84@gmail.com). Please join us for another great golf and social event this year – we're all looking forward to seeing you there!

## BRAT cleans up the Black River

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Warmer weather has enticed people to venture forth in search of scenic drives along, and visits to, the Black River. Unfortunately, this increased traffic often results in an increase in riverside and roadside trash, presenting not just an eyesore but impairment to wildlife habitat. The Black River Action Team spent



Armando Stettner with trash he collected.

PHOTO BY KELLY STETTNER

a few hours this past weekend cleaning up the pull-offs on Route 131 along the Black River in Cavendish. The trash collected ranged from political signs to tires, food trash to fishing line. While some appeared incidental, some was obviously intentionally discarded at these public sites.

Many thanks to the Cavendish Transfer Station for taking the trash and the tire, and a special shout out to BRAT volunteers Pam Lane and Armando Stettner for donating

their time and elbow grease to beautifying the shoreline.

BRAT will continue to keep an eye on these pull-offs and will plan at least one more coordinated cleanup of Route 131.

Anyone interested in participating should contact BRAT Director Kelly Stettner at [blackrivercleanup@gmail.com](mailto:blackrivercleanup@gmail.com) or leave a message at 802-738-0456. For donations to support the all-volunteer organization, please mail a check to BRAT, 101 Perley Gordon Rd., Springfield, VT 05156.

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## Okemo Valley TV seeks nominations to Board of Directors

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV, the community access TV station and media education center, is seeking nominations to its Board of Directors in advance of its annual meeting, which will be held June 23. The meeting will include the election for the new Board of Directors.

Any resident of Andover, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Reading, or Cavendish who is at least 18 years of age is eligible to serve on the board. Visit the board page on Okemo Valley TV's website at [www.okemovalley.tv/board-directors](http://www.okemovalley.tv/board-directors) for background information on the roles of board members and other documentation.

The deadline for nominations is June 15.

Voting is open to all residents of the aforementioned towns and will be done electronically. Ballots will be available starting June 16, and voting will be open at that time up until the annual meeting June 23. The meeting and election will be held outside of Okemo Valley TV's facility in the Ludlow Community Center complex, starting at 6 p.m. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate or nominating someone they know should email Executive Director Patrick Cody at [pcody@okemovalley.tv](mailto:pcody@okemovalley.tv) or call the station at 802-228-8808.

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### Okemo Valley TV

#### LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Past Ludlow & Cavendish Memorial Day Parades
- Music from Davey & Tad Davis, John Specker, Sammy Blanchette
- Ludlow Elementary 6th Graders recite Coolidge address
- SPOTLIGHT on the 85th year of the Weston Playhouse
- Local gov't coverage, incl. Ludlow Red Bridge Concerns

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(TV Schedules available at [okemovalley.tv/schedules](http://okemovalley.tv/schedules) & on cable TV program guide)

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**JUNE 5 – ACWORTH, N.H. –** On June 5, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Acworth Women's Club will hold their Yard, Plant, and Bake Sale at Tamarack Farm, 513 Route 123A in Acworth, N.H. Come on over and join the fun as we raise money for local charities and causes. Find an irresistible treasure, an amazing home-baked pie, or some beautiful plants for your garden.

**JUNE 20 –** On Father's Day, June 20, The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding an outside jam (no open mic), from 1-4 p.m. at the grange, located near the junction of Routes 103 North and 10. Please bring your own chairs. Facemasks, social distancing, and contact information are all mandatory. We ask for

a donation per person. There will be a 50/50 drawing. We will have snacks, bottled water, and some sodas on sale. We will have canopies to protect you from the hot sun. Rain date is the following Sunday. Call 802-591-4290 for details.

**JUNE 26 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –** Birds & Blooms is your chance to find a one-of-a-kind birdhouse or bird feeder, potted plants, and gift-worthy art from carvings to photographs and pottery. Join the outdoor fun Saturday, June 26 at the Svec Memorial Park in Proctorsville from 12-5 p.m. For a perfect day, wrap it up with dinner at Murdock's or a beer at Outer Limits. Thank you for supporting Cavendish Streetscapes. Find us on Facebook to preview more items.

**SUNDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has resumed meeting Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.,

at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

**MONDAYS – REGION –** "Nurturing Skills for Families in Recovery" is an online mutual self-help support group for parents aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m. Whoever said parenting is easy? It's probably the toughest job you will ever have, and sometimes it can be pretty overwhelming. You are not alone! Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at amenard@pcavt.org or call 802-498-0603.

**TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at St. Charles Education Center located at 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 6 p.m. Handicap accessible.

**REGION –** Are you interested in developing a healthier and more meaningful life while managing the Covid-19 pandemic? Join the Covid Support Vermont staff for exploration of the eight components of wellness and balance. Each week, facilitators will focus on one aspect of the Wellness Wheel and provide support, encouragement, and opportunities for interaction for participants as they find new ways towards wellness. Repeats every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. **until June 8.** Go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-recovery-through-wellness-tickets-134663601457](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-recovery-through-wellness-tickets-134663601457).

**WEDNESDAYS – REGION –** Soulfire Yoga four-week online series, Wednesdays, June 9 – June 30, from 8-9 a.m., or 6:30-7:30 p.m. A relaxing class with gentle movement, slow transitions, and mindful attention to breath. Each class will end with a short, guided meditation practice. A perfect practice for anyone, especially beginners. **Registration by June 4.** For details, contact Joy Nagle at joyousom@gmail.com or 802-855-3003.

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt. –** Advanced directives: Where do I find the forms? Who should be named as my healthcare agent? Who do I give the completed form to? How do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I'm unable to speak for myself?

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**REGION –** On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. A 45-minute gentle flow class with meditation to strengthen, improve flexibility, bring balance, relieve stress, and improve the immune system. Calm the "monkey mind" and help bring peace to your life, whether it is on or off your yoga mat. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

**REGION –** Activity Groups for Older Vermonters: Games and Social Time. Do you enjoy games and activities? Are you living alone and want to have fun with others who are also managing life alone during the pandemic? Join a weekly group for virtual interactive games and other fun activities that promote connection and coping skills. You can even invite your friends and we will happily help them connect for this interactive time. Repeats every Wednesday, from 2-3 p.m., **until June 9.** Go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/activity-groups-for-older-vermonters-games-and-social-time-tickets-148007465313](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/activity-groups-for-older-vermonters-games-and-social-time-tickets-148007465313).

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**FRIDAYS – REGION –** Join Covid Support Vermont in an hour of journaling prompts and free writes to process and understand how we as individuals and a community are making our way through the Covid-19 pandemic here in Vermont. Bring writing materials and an open mind to our weekly sessions. Repeats every Friday, from 3-4 p.m., until June 11. Sign up at [www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-through-covid-tickets-134667158095](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-through-covid-tickets-134667158095).

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## Town of Cavendish, Vermont NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers, within and for the **Town of Cavendish** have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said town on the **first day of April 2021**; that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the Clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **11th day of June, 2021** starting at 9:30 a.m., the undersigned Assessor will meet remotely to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts as such Assessors, whose objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2021, become the Grand List of said town and each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

**Due to the health threat caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) and recommendations based on public health, we will not be holding face-to-face grievance hearings this year. If you wish to grieve you MUST submit a grievance in writing by 4:00 on Thursday, June 10, 2021. Applications for Grievance can be emailed to Cavendish2021@nemrc.com or mailed to PO Box 126, Cavendish, VT 05142. Grievance Applications are available at our website: [www.cavendishvt.com](http://www.cavendishvt.com) or they can be mailed by request.**

Please call 802-321-8025 for a grievance appointment.

Given under our hands at Cavendish in the County of Windsor this 27th day of May, 2021

Town of Cavendish  
Al Coonrad, Assessor  
Diane McNamara, Town Clerk

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## GRIEVANCE HEARING TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS

Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be held on Thursday June 10, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall third floor Listers office in Bellows Falls.

If you wish to grieve your 2021 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, or Current Use Allocation it is required to submit your grievance in writing before or on Thursday June 10 by 4:30 p.m.

Mail : PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101  
Email : [listers@rockbf.org](mailto:listers@rockbf.org)

In addition, if you wish to have a hearing in person or by zoom with the Listers, please call to make an appointment, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and noon at 802-463-1229.

ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS  
Camilla Roberts – Paul Noble – Paul Obuchowski

## TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

### EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/LABORER Job Description

#### Definition: Grade 6

To operate a variety of specialized trucks and highway equipment, involving plowing, salting and sanding in winter, and assisting in general highway maintenance and construction work in other seasons, with a focus on operation of basic to moderately complex trucks and equipment, as well as manual labor, and other related work as required.

#### Characteristic Duties & Responsibilities:

- Maintain Town roads, sidewalks and parking lots in winter: plow; push back snowbanks; remove snow using trucks and bucket loaders; salt and sand.
- Continuous and strenuous physical effort required to perform duties with unavoidable exposure to bad weather and hazardous conditions.
- Perform/assist with a wide variety a full range of spring, summer and fall highway maintenance and construction work, including:
  - \* Spread gravel, fill potholes, chloride roads;
  - \* Clean culverts and catch basins;
  - \* Put up and replace road signs;
  - \* Put up and take down snow and silt fences when needed;
  - \* Cut and clear trees and brush;
  - \* Load and unload trucks, using power equipment if necessary;
  - \* Haul asphalt for paving and other road construction materials and equipment;
  - \* Repair and replace guardrails;
  - \* Collect and dispose of refuse.
- Assist in routine maintenance and repairs of hand tools, small power tools and highway vehicles.
- On a limited basis, serve as a crew chief for a small highway crew at work site.

#### Supervision Received:

Direct to moderate supervision is received from the Highway Superintendent or crew chief.

#### Qualifications:

- Basic education (high school preferred) plus two to three years of relevant work experience, or a combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and skills are acquired.
- Valid commercial driver's license (CDL) Class B with air endorsement preferred. A good driving record and driving skills will be considered with the ability to obtain CDL Class B with air endorsement in 6 months. Some relevant previous experience driving trucks and/or operating light to heavy equipment.
  - Good basic mechanical skills. Some experience or training in vehicles mechanics helpful.
  - Physical ability to operate trucks and highway equipment.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Highway Department Position Available

The Town of Plymouth has an opening for a Town employee in our Highway Department.  
A CDL is required.

Please contact Larry at 802-672-3535.

### Bookkeeper Position Available

The Town of Plymouth, Vermont, is looking for a bookkeeper to assist the Town Clerk/Treasurer in her duties. This is a part-time position, with flexible hours. The ideal candidate would have experience in municipal or state level accounting procedures.

If you are interested, please send your resume to the Town Clerk/Treasurer, [clerk@plymouthvt.org](mailto:clerk@plymouthvt.org), or if you have questions, please call her at 802-672-3655.

# REAL ESTATE/AUTOMOTIVE

# community

## Keith Hermiz is EMS Educator of the Year

GRAFTON, Vt. – The recognition of Emergency Medical Services in Vermont was somewhat subdued this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic; however, the Vermont Department of Health did go ahead with its awards recognizing various individuals and organizations in EMS for their achievements.

Will Moran, EMS Chief for the Department of Health, announced that the 2021 EMS Educator of the Year was Keith Hermiz of the Grafton Rescue Squad. Keith, an advanced emergency medical technician who serves as president and training officer of Grafton Rescue, was cited in particular for his determination not to let EMS education be a victim of the pandemic, which caused most classes and training programs to be suspended.

After working diligently to acquire much needed and difficult to obtain personal protective equipment for the Grafton Squad, Keith then organized ongoing in-house training using distance learning and Zoom sessions so the Grafton responders could stay current with the field. “At this point,” according to



Keith Hermiz. PHOTO PROVIDED

Grafton Emergency Medical Responder Mike Field, “Keith recognized the disrupted state of regularly available classes and took it upon himself to prepare and offer an EMR course meeting all safety protocols in Grafton that ultimately served 15 students from Grafton, Chester, and Westminster.”

This course was doubly important during the past year not only due to most training being curtailed but also because of the ever present need for EMS personnel.

Keith was recognized previously as the EMS Educator of the Year in 2019 for his constant efforts to train first responders and his effectiveness at planning and teaching numerous aspects of EMS and rescue services. Notably,

he has been the lead instructor in the advanced CPR training technique known as the Resuscitation Academy, which he has taught to more than 15 Police, Fire, and EMS Departments in central and southern Vermont.

All training and use of this technique ceased due to the Covid-19 protocols, which limited the number of responders doing CPR. Once the pandemic started to ease up, Keith pushed to resume teaching the Resuscitation Academy CPR technique for which approval was granted and the first session recently completed. As Keith is well known in Vermont for his involvement with EMS, his receiving this award a second time would not have been a surprise to his colleagues in the EMS community. Although it was a surprise to Keith, who responded with characteristic modesty by replying, “There must be some mistake.”

## VINE’s Vegan Challenge: Eat the Rainbow for Pride Month

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – VINE Sanctuary, a farmed animal refuge in Vermont, is celebrating Pride month by challenging LGBTQIA+ people and their friends and family to “Eat the Rainbow” by going vegan for the month of June.

Participants in the nationwide Pride Month Vegan Challenge will receive support, recipes, and inspiration throughout the month and can even be matched with an LGBTQIA+ vegan mentor. The challenge is free and open to everyone to sign up at [www.RainbowVegan.org](http://www.RainbowVegan.org).

As the number of people embracing vegan eating continues to grow, so do the many reasons for making the switch, whether it’s to protect animals, the planet, our personal health, or the health and safety of our global communities. No matter your reason for joining the Pride Month

Vegan Challenge, we’ll be going on culinary adventures to help you explore new foods and flavors and experience the joys of incorporating colorful fruits and vegetables into our diets, as dieticians say we all should do.

According to VINE Sanctuary co-founder Patrice Jones, “Just as we are socialized to be straight or to have a particular gender, we are taught to crave animal products. But, in

their heart of hearts, most people don’t want to hurt animals. We’re organizing this challenge as an LG-BTQ-led organization because we know how much truer to ourselves we all felt after going vegan.”

By joining the Pride Month Vegan Challenge, you’ll be in good company. Millions of people around the world are discovering the many benefits of plant-based eating, including Laverne Cox,

Elliot Page, Angela Davis, and Miley Cyrus.

For more details and to take the pledge, visit [www.RainbowVegan.org](http://www.RainbowVegan.org).



Eat the Rainbow. STOCK PHOTO

## Springfield Farmers’ Market

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers’ Market will open for the season Saturday, June 5, 2021, at its summer location on Clinton Street, near the entrance to the Toonerville Trail. The market will run every Saturday, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021.

This year, there are more vendors than ever, offering locally-produced honey, natural beef, pork, and poultry, artisan breads, free-range eggs, maple and beeswax products, fresh local produce, delicious baked goods, fine silversmithing, textiles and other quality crafts, exciting snack foods, traditional jams, jellies, pickles, and relishes, home-cut fries, burgers, and dogs.

The summer will be busier than ever as the market partners with the Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Town Library, and other community groups to offer races, demonstrations, family fun activities, and an Apple Festival-themed Harvest Extravaganza at the last market of the season.

The Springfield Farmers’ Market is an active participant in Vermont’s Farm-to-Family program. It is a 501(c)(4) Action Charity staffed by volunteers. Any money made by the market entity goes to support

local charitable groups and activities.

For questions or vendor application forms, contact [sfog@vermontel.net](mailto:sfog@vermontel.net).

### University of New Hampshire announces May graduates

DURHAM, N.H. – The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham over the weekend of Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

Katrina Ewens of Londonderry, Vt., graduated honors with a AAS degree in applied animal science. Tessa Tavares of Putney, Vt., graduated with a MSW degree in social work. Alyson Jacobs of Stratton, Vt., graduated with a BS degree in business administration in entrepreneurial studies.

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**1.2+/- acre parcel** located on a corner with access to town water/sewer. There are bonus features, including a hydrant at the corner, sloping topography that gets you above the rest with valley view potential and the possibility of subdivision. **\$29,900**

**This 10+ acre piece of land** is located on an accessible country road in Weathersfield, Vermont. Includes a driveway in and a clearing for the house. Also includes permits for septic, conduit from road to clearing for utilities. Situated on the VAST trail for snowmobile access. Views into New Hampshire with clearing. A nice neighborhood and priced right. **\$69,900**

**A great parcel of land consisting of 17.8+/- acres** facing west offers views with clearing. Located on a quiet country road in an area of fine homes (they call the road Skyline Drive for a reason). Current access off a shared driveway (ROW) or develop your own. Utilities on the road. Great access to the Upper Valley or any points off I91. **\$159,900**

**Country living at an affordable price.** A few updates have transformed this two story cape into a lovely move in condition home. Comfortable in design and offering lots of possibilities with eat-in kitchen, living room, first floor bedroom or dining room, full bath and second floor 1/2 bath, 2 bedrooms, den and oversized hall/sitting area. Lovely enclosed front porch. Open daylight basement offers added room for shop space/storage. Minimal upkeep on .07+/- Acres. **Just \$119,900**

**Beautiful 3 acre parcel in Weathersfield** with easy access to the Golf course, hiking, trails and much more. This surveyed parcel has state Water & Wastewater permits filed with the town of Weathersfield. Electrical service availability is at the road. Lovely location awaits your house plans. **\$80,000**

**Looking for a true Vermont retreat in a small town...** this is it! This 15+/- acre parcel is located in the town of Baltimore. Travel up the established driveway with evidence of sure pac and arrive at an area that levels off offering potential views with clearing. Part of the septic is installed with leach field and pumping station. **\$79,900**

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# arts & entertainment

## Little Yellow House Studio's "Tea & Twain"

ANDOVER, Vt. – Due to popular demand, Little Yellow House Studio's spring production of "Tea & Twain" is available for streaming until June 14. "Tea & Twain" stars Broadway, film, and television actor Ron Crawford as the renowned American author and satirist Mark Twain.

Viewers are invited to enjoy a favorite cup of tea as Ron performs his one-man show "Travels with Mark Twain" based on Twain's famous traveling lecture series, featuring readings from some of his most beloved works. The performance, recorded on Zoom May 2, recreates Twain's lectures from a hundred years

ago, his adventures as a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi, his mining days out West, the Hawaiian Islands, and his first tour of Europe along with his caustic, humorous observations – and a few tall stories.

Little Yellow House Studio composer and musician Lisa Brigantino supplied pre-show music for the production, and her arrangement of Scott Joplin's "Pineapple Rag" is featured in this performance from May 2.

The performance is "pay what you can" and tickets can be purchased at [www.littleyellowhousestudio.com/events](http://www.littleyellowhousestudio.com/events). The streaming link will be emailed

within 24 hours of ticket purchase.

"Tea & Twain" is the inaugural theater production presented by Little Yellow House Studio, launched in 2020 with a mission to educate and inspire students of the arts and grow community through performing arts. Little Yellow House Studio also offers voice, acting, musical theater and communications coaching, educational residencies, virtual and live music concerts as well as video production services. For more information about Little Yellow House Studio, visit [www.littleyellowhousestudio.com](http://www.littleyellowhousestudio.com).

## Weston Playhouse Walker Farm Music: Summer Edition

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Playhouse Theatre Company presents an 85th Anniversary Celebration Series kicking off with Walker Farm Music: Summer Edition. Join nationally recognized musicians June 26, July 3, and July 4 at 7 p.m. under the Tent at Walker Farm.

Music curator Jed Hughes has joined forces with Weston to put together a series of eclectic, exciting events. These shows are "pay what you will" events. This concert series is sponsored by Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty, The Vermont Sales Group.

First in the series, Kat Wright returns to Weston June 26 after her incredible 2020 sold out Walker Farm Music winter series performance. Kat, whose voice is both sultry and dynamic, delicate yet powerful; gritty but highly emotive and nuanced, has been de-

scribed as "a young Bonnie Raitt meets Amy Winehouse." Add to that voice enough stage presence to tame lions, and the combination of feline femininity proves immediately enchanting. It's funky in spots and beautiful all over. And it hurts a little... like it should.

Coming to Weston July 3 is Upstate – at times known for a large ensemble of eclectic instruments and musicians, while at others for featuring dazzling three-part vocal harmonies. Upstate has always been a band that writes honest songs and 2021 is shaping up to be their most truthful year yet. Audiences can count on what the group has always been known for: musicianship, harmony, and a "leave-it-all-up-there" show.

Closing out the series is The Suitcase Junket July 4. Matt Lorenz's vision, manifest in The Suitcase Junket, devel-

oped in the tension between the grand and the solitary – grand in its imagery, sound, and staging and solitary in its thrift and self-reliance. What instruments he requires, Lorenz builds from scratch and salvage. What parts five players would perform, he performs alone. The spectacle of his one-man set bears constant comparison to legends of showmanship, brilliance, madness, and invention.

Tickets are on sale now. Reserve yours at [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org).

## "Vermont Treasures" and "After The Rain" at VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is excited to present a new show "Vermont Treasures," featuring the works of the area's finest artists on view from May 26 until July 24.

Enjoy a treasure trove of art celebrating Vermont created by Kate Beetle, Jeanne Carbonetti, Robert Carsten, Richard Cofrancesco, Dan O'Donnell, Bradley Jackson, Len Emery, Richard Emery, Rick Hearn, Peter Huntoon, Rob O'Brien, Gene Parulis, Gil Perry, Jeff Spring, and Lynn VanNatta.

There will not be an opening this time, but you are invited to visit with Len Emery and Richard Cofrancesco Saturday, June 19, and Jeff Spring and Gene Parulis Sunday, June 20 during



"The Rainbow" by Charles Norris-Brown.

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Open Studio Weekend. Stay tuned for more details as this special weekend draws near.

The VAULT is also proud to present a new open wall

show, "After The Rain." This show includes beautiful photographs, paintings, paper sculpture, stitchery, graphite, linoleum block prints, mixed media, jewelry, and crocheted afghans.

Open Wall is a non-juried show for any artists living in a 30-mile radius of Springfield. Enjoy a variety of fine art and fun fantasy created by neighbors and friends. The works will be on display until July 21.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The building is handicap accessible. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email [galleryvault@vermontel.net](mailto:galleryvault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org) or Facebook.

## Birds and Blooms Market in Proctorsville

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturday, June 26, from 12-5 p.m., take an afternoon stroll on the Proctorsville Green, visit your friends and neighbors, and enjoy an amazing collection of artful objects for your home and garden.

Birds & Blooms is the first annual display of original birdhouses, gift certificates for garden design, nature

photography, unique pottery, potted plants, garden tools, stained glass, and more. Some items will be tagged, and some will be sold in a silent auction.

For a sneak preview, watch for a display at People's Bank in Ludlow and updates on the Cavendish Streetscapes Facebook page. Cavendish is the town of hidden talents so come for the big reveal, celebrating what your neighbors have created.



Cavendish Streetscapes presents first-ever Birds & Blooms.

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## Mindful Marketing for Makers at the Spiritual Makerspace

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A skill share, "Mindful Marketing for Makers," will be hosted by the Spiritual Makerspace at Springfield UU Meetinghouse Thursday, June 10, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., via Zoom. This is a free event. Pre-registration required at <http://mmmjune10.eventbrite.com>.

How do you "follow your heart" to make a living? Do you struggle with the idea of advertising and marketing yourself as a maker? Do you long to sell your unique product or creative service but are afraid of feeling

spammy and overbearing?

Join local maker, artist, and teacher, Angie Follensbee-Hall for this two-hour workshop designed to help you align your products and services with your ethics and values. In this focused session, you will understand how your unconscious ideas, fears, and experiences around money are getting in your way; get clear about your sense of service and mission as you conduct your business like a spiritual practice; and take essential action steps to move your making from a hobby to a

profession.

Selling yourself as a maker doesn't have to mean sacrificing your ideals and beliefs. You don't have to lose yourself in the harmful paradigms of competition, perfection, or infinite growth. When you align your values with your service, you create ripe conditions for your business and your community to thrive.

Angie Follensbee-Hall is an artist who creates mixed media and handmade paper tapestries inspired by nature, stories, and the deep mystery of the world.

Angie is a teacher. She has taught classes, workshops, and teacher training in art, yoga, and mindfulness for over 20 years. Angie holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio arts and a Master of Arts in education with a concentration on creative practice. She is a podcast host, an exhibiting artist, and a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, The New Hampshire Art Association, and the Vermont Handcrafters. Learn more at [www.angiefollensbee-hall.com](http://www.angiefollensbee-hall.com) and follow her on Instagram @angiefollhall.



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