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## Historic Rockingham Meeting House needs repairs

BY JOE MILLIKEN  
*The Shopper*

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Historic Rockingham Meeting House, which is located along Route 103 on Meeting House Road and owned by the Town of Rockingham, is in serious need of repairs after a recent “conservation conversation” meeting, hosted by the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission and the Rockingham Meeting House Association.

The RHPC is a certified local government commission, working to preserve our heritage through partnerships with local, state, and federal governments.

Working under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the commission opens doors to potentially receive crucial grant funding from the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation and National Park Service.

Built between 1787 and 1801, and a national historic landmark since 2000, the building that once served as a town hall and also a church (the first-ever in Rockingham), is in need of an estimated \$720,000 in repairs, according to RHPC Coordinator, Walter Wallace.

Back in January, Dr. Susan Buck, a renowned art conservator who also specializes in art architectural restoration, was brought in from her lab in Williamsburg, Va., to collect interior and exterior paint and wood samples from the meeting house, funerary bier, and hearse barn, which all make up the historic landmark.

Wallace indicated that structural and historical repairs are needed for the nearly 225-year-old meeting house, including a full assessment of its foundation, extensive plaster restoration, exterior woodwork repairs, window replacement, and select interior woodworking repairs as well. However, despite the building being recognized

as a National Landmark, the title does not come with any sort of automatic funding, therefore, funds must be generated through national and state grants and private donations.

Over the last several years, residents have appropriated around \$20,000 each year towards building repairs, including an estimated \$100,000 in 2020 for plaster restoration and assessment expenses. Additionally, because the building has the “historic” label, specific guidelines must also be followed when completing repair work.

After meeting with an architect and contractor to help calculate all the repairs

and costs, it is estimated that more than half of the \$720,000 would go towards plaster restoration, with another \$175,000 for exterior woodwork repairs and painting, \$50,000 to repair the foundation, \$90,000 for window replacement, and \$30,000 for interior woodwork.

In March, the project received a \$7,500 state “historic preservation” grant that will be utilized to organize a conference and training for those interested in preserving the meeting house graveyard. Several of the gravestones date back as far as the late 1700s, and include many of Rockingham’s first settlers.

Without the help of local residents however, restoring the graveyard would be an enormous additional expense to absorb.

There are also plans to remove the building’s historic marker – which is currently placed along Route 103 and difficult to be viewed – and re-erect it on Meeting House Road so that it can be easily visible to the public.

Moving forward, a meeting to discuss the restoration project is planned for May 7, to be held at the Rockingham Meeting House and hosted by the RMHA. For more information, call 802-463-3964, or by email at clg@rockbf.org.

## BF Trustees discuss Village Audit

BY BETSY THURSTON  
*The Shopper*

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – On Tuesday, April 26, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the FY21 Village Audit with Brittany Gilman of RHR Smith & Company.

Gilman, Director of Support Services, gave an overview, directing the trustees first to the independent audit report’s opinion paragraph. She said, “[We] believe financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects,” which is the best opinion the Village Corporation can receive.

Gilman explained that the balance sheet consisted of governmental funds and non-governmental funds with assets listed in order of most liquid or like cash, to least like cash. The fund balances included: prepaid and inventory, restricted – as in grant funding, committed – like those voted on by taxpayers, and unassigned – meaning available for any use.

She said there was \$600,000 in the unassigned fund balance of the general fund and said that that was substantial. Gilman suggested this be a point of discussion for the board to set intentions for fund balance and reserves.

She said the fund balance showed revenues exceeding expenditures. Gilman explained that proprietary funds were the water and wastewater and both operate on fees for service. She said the net position refers to fund balance and both water and wastewater had a positive unrestricted net position. Gilman noted that from an operating perspective, both funds are losing that position.

She highlighted the benefit of the long-term debt note, which included summarization, dates, descriptions, and schedules.

She directed the board to the management letter which gave suggestions on internal controls and procedures with opportunities for responses and improvements.

Finally, Gilman explained the summary statement that showed they believe things are fairly stated with an unmodified opinion, which again was the best opinion the Village Corporation could receive.

She said both NEMRC’s Cynthia Stoddard and Finance Director Alyssa Harlow cleaned up many of the problems. Gilman said some of the issues included inaccurate budget posting and payroll reconciliation which have been corrected.

She explained that it is “unusual to have an entity have zero comments in the management letter.”

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said highlighted problems in the audit were upper management issues. He said they worked with Stoddard and Harlow to create additional safeguards to daily practices, ensuring that current policies are maintained. Pickup said the challenges were addressed with changes to staff and internal control. He said the income tax issues required more time and refile and he said they will create additional policies to make sure those problems won’t happen again.

McAuliffe acknowledged the contribution Stoddard made and asked Gilman how it was working with Harlow. Gilman said Harlow was responsive and said she was “very concerned about [the books and audit] being right.”

The Trustees meet for their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. with the Annual Informational meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Annual Election is Tuesday, May 17 from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

## National Honor Society students

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On April 6, the following students were inducted into the Bellows Falls Union High School Jesse A. Judd/Marilee B. Huntoon Chapter of the National Honor Society.

**TOP:** Pictured left to right are seniors, Tatyana Artyukhova, Ashley Bartlett, Grace Bazin, Courtni Bird, Isabella Hammond, Abbigale Hodge, and Anya Taylor.

**BOTTOM:** Pictured left to right are juniors, Jenna Dolloph, Caleb Ghia, Caden Haskell, Gavin Joy, Austin Mallan, Ashlin Maxfield, Alanah McAllister, Julianna McDermid, Gwendolyn McGrath, Jake Moore, Isabel Perry, Mary Wallace, and Grace Waryas.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

## Live theater returns to the Main Street Arts stage

BY BILL LOCKWOOD  
*The Shopper*

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** – The current Main Street Arts building at 35 Main Street, Saxtons River is built as an expansion of the villages’ historic Odd Fellows Hall. Its stage has seen many performances over many years, Covid locked everything down in the Spring of 2020. Starting this Saturday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m., new life is returning to the stage with “Momologues,” a stand-up comedy presentation on the theme of mothers. And two more live stage events are planned: Shakespeare’s “Hamlet,” weekends June 25 through July 16, and an original work by Sean Edward Roberts, “The Books of Alice and Wonderland,” July 29 to 31. Susan Still, Board Chair, says, “Each of these events has a different relationship to MSA, so it’s a good example of the variety of ways we work with artists and groups.” The comedy show is a single rental of the space. With “Hamlet,” MSA provides a venue for another presenter, and the “Alice” show is produced by MSA itself. Roberts, who will direct and pro-

duce the show for MSA says, “I’m absolutely thrilled with the restart and possibilities that await MSA’s future.”

The theater has quite a history. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Charles Henry and his family toured in New York, New England, and especially Vermont, where they would provide entertainment, and Charles would also paint scenic drapes that provided backdrops for the various acts. Saxtons River was one of his frequent stops. A dozen or so, the largest known collection of Henry’s well done drapes, remain. MSA began producing musicals and plays in the late 1990s. A number were Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, perfect for the use of Henry’s drapes. Concerts and other events used the stage as well. While their own productions continued on the MSA stage and in other venues, about five years ago MSA became known for then Artistic Director David Stern’s productions that brought big stage musicals back to the Bellows Falls Opera House. The last of those was “Cabaret” that was cancelled two days before it was to open due to the pandemic lockdown. After the traumatic and financial loss of “Cabaret,” MSA re-trenched. Stern went with

The Wild Goose Players, under the umbrella of Next Stage Arts in Putney. That group, including a number who had been in “Cabaret,” just presented “Into the Woods” at the Bellows Falls Opera House the past two weekends. Now live events are returning to the MSA stage as well.

“Momologues,” to show on Mother’s Day, will all be stories about mothers. Co-host Marisa Imon says that one mother is performing with her daughter and, “Every mom will get a gift.”

John Haddon will Direct “Hamlet,” which is produced by Wild Goose Players. His approach is to have a seven month rehearsal period in which he hopes to create an ensemble company that truly understands “all about the language creating the times and settings in the imagination [of the audience].” It will run and develop over four weekends.

Roberts says, “‘The Books of Alice and Wonderland’ [will] take you down the rabbit hole into a child-like but spooky production that is community driven and a restart of MSA’s house staged productions.”

Anyone interested can access Main Street Arts at 802-869-2960 or email info@mainstreetarts.org.

## BFUHS senior melds ceramics and volunteer work

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Bellows Falls Union High School senior Shelby Stoodley had two needs: To come up with a senior project, and to foster her love of ceramics. So she combined them.

After doing some research, she recently delivered ten handmade bowls to Our Place Drop-in Center in Bellows Falls for use in their next Empty Bowl fundraiser, which will support the local food pantry.

“People don’t really know about my interest in ceramics,” she said in a recent interview. Her interest goes back to middle school,

when she was introduced to ceramics by art teacher Mary Lou Massucco. “I still have that bowl,” she said.

As a freshman at BFUHS, she had a taste of the potter’s wheel with art teacher Anna Macijeski, but was disappointed she couldn’t fit the full ceramics class into her senior schedule. “Although, this devastation pushed me to achieve something else...to make this more than making ceramics, but making it to benefit the community,” she said.

With the help of Our Place



Shelby Stoodley. PHOTO PROVIDED

board members Louise Luring and Sarah Campbell, Stoodley researched the event, learning that the first Empty Bowl

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# Library Book Sale

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Check your shelves for those like-new items that others may want to read, watch, or listen to. The Friends of Springfield Town Library are planning for their annual summer book sale at the former National Guard Armory on Fairground Road.

FOSTL members will begin accepting items for the book sale at the armory starting on Monday, May 9 at 9 a.m. Please bring like-new saleable items on any Monday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. or Thursday from

1–4 p.m. until further notice. Donations are not to be left at the armory at other times. If you cannot get there on Mondays or Thursdays, please reach out to Sue, our library director, at 802-885-3108 to make other arrangements.

Please do not donate items that you personally would not purchase. Items that cannot be accepted include, but are not limited to, encyclopedias, VHS videos, and/or items that are moldy or damaged, etc. FOSTL members reserve the right to refuse specific donations

as it costs them to dispose of unsellable items, reducing the amount available to be used to benefit the library after this event.

Please put the sale on your calendar for future reference: Friday, July 22 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday, July 23 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. FOSTL thanks everyone in advance for their participation in this most important fundraiser. The library staff always appreciates FOSTL and the community's support.

# Charlestown turkey dinner

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – A turkey supper, hosted by the Charlestown Senior Center, will take place on Saturday, May 7, available at 223 Old Springfield Rd, Charlestown, N.H. It will be taken out only. Come get

potatoes, carrots, green beans, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and bread and butter. There will be homemade pies for dessert. Call 603-826-5987 to place your order on Friday, May 6 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.,

or on Saturday, May 7, the day of the supper, from 12–2:30 p.m. Pick up your meal at any time between 4–5 p.m. At that time you will be able to pick which dessert you'd like.

# BF Woman's Club update

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Woman's Club members will meet on May 10 at the United Church, School St., for their final meeting of the club year. A luncheon hosted by the Executive Board will be-

gin at 12 p.m., followed by the meeting. Special guest will be GFWC-VT President, Beverley Pallmerine, who will install the Officers and Directors for 2022-2024. Wrap up reports will be given.

At the April 12 meeting, club member Eileen Charbonneau-Gullo presented a program on Native American Art and Story.

The annual club sponsored art show at BFUHS was recapped. Ribbons and monetary prizes for art students in seven categories were awarded. Winner of "Best in Show" in the prejudged art was Mary Wallace, who used mixed media to decorate a violin. Monetary gifts were given to the Vocal and Instrumental Music Departments and to the Family and Consumer Science Department students who provided refreshments for the club's meeting.

On May 1, the club hosted an afternoon tea and raffle to raise money for its high school scholarship. Appreciation is expressed to all who supported this event.

# "Food From the Heart"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Lions Club hosted their annual food drive, "Food From the Heart," on April 16, 2022. 309 pounds of food and \$300 in monetary donations were collected for the Springfield Family Center. Thank you Shaws Grocery Store for the location and thank you to the greater Springfield community for all your generous donations to help your neighbors.

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# Volunteer firefighter celebrated

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On April 7, Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 presented their first Fire Fighter Award to Shawn O'Hearne, a Lieutenant on the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department. Lt. O'Hearne continues to develop through outside training in addition to regular in-house training.



Shawn O'Hearne celebrated for his service. PHOTO PROVIDED

While working a full-time job, he still manages to attend over 60% of all calls for the department

and volunteers to organize fundraisers for the department and those in need. Charlestown VFW Post

8497 Commander Tom St. Pierre presented Lt. O'Hearne with a plaque and a check for \$500. Additionally, the workers of Whelen donated a brand new fire fighter vehicle light kit in appreciation of all that he does to protect our communities and citizens. Congratulations to Shawn, we thank you and your fellow first responders for all you do for our friends and family here in Charlestown and wherever called upon.

# Michelle Bos-Lun seeks re-election

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Representative Michelle Bos-Lun from Westminster has announced that she will be seeking re-election for a second term serving in the Vermont House of Representatives. Bos-Lun submitted signature sheets from registered voters to the Rockingham Town Office the morning of April 26, 2022. Fifty signatures are a requirement for a candidate to get their name on the ballot.

Westminster, Rockingham, and Brookline.

The district she was elected to in 2020 was Windham-4, which has included 95% of Westminster, Putney, and Dummerston. For the next ten years, Windham-4 will be a one-seat district consisting of only Putney and Dummerston. Bos-Lun will serve Windham 4 for the rest of this year.

For the 2020 election, Bos-Lun was endorsed by Rights and Democracy, the Sierra Club, Vermont Conservation Voters, VPIRG, VSEA, VEA, and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. She did not accept donations from any corporations or endorsing

organizations.

"A Re-election Launch Gathering will be held at Representative Bos-Lun's home in Westminster on June 4, 2022 at 1 p.m.," reported her campaign manager, Simon Rosenbaum. "Community members are welcome to meet and talk with Michelle and other elected officials at this kick off to her re-election campaign". Rep. Bos-Lun will be joined on June 4 by Rep. Mrowicki, former Rep. Nader Hashim, Rep. Taylor Small, and former Rep. Kitty Toll. The gathering will include live music, homemade and homegrown snacks, and treats from Windham county.

Bos-Lun is a high school teacher who has worked in restorative justice and directed youth programs. She serves on the Corrections and Institutions Committee in the VT House of Representatives. For more information, contact Representative Bos-Lun at michelleforvt@gmail.com.

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fundraiser took place on a hot September day in 1998 at the former Rockingham Motor Inn, and that it has grown to become the organization's major fundraiser. During the pandemic, Our Place had to switch to a remote Stone Soup event, but that they hope to get back to the in-person gathering this fall.

As part of the project, Stoodley will present to a panel at school, including research she did on the history and societal benefits of ceramics.

"I believe art and ceramics benefit society in many ways," she said. "I believe that the thought of giving someone a homemade gift, made from your own artwork, really does make a difference for people, having them feel loved and cared for."

She sees art as a way to relieve stress and as an opportunity for non-judgmental expression.

In addition to ceramics, Stoodley is active in cross-country and track and field events at BFUHS, and works at Village Square Booksellers. In January, she was named Elks Student of the Month, cited for her contributions to the school and for her community involvement with the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, and Rockingham Free Public Library.

The daughter of Lee and Doreen Stoodley of Westminster, she plans to pursue studies as a dental hygienist at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine in the fall.

# Second Meetinghouse conservation conversation

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Come join a community conversation, “Preservation Pathways for the Rockingham Meeting House.” The gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Rockingham Meeting House.

The meeting is part two of a community-based discussion of how best to steward this National Historic Landmark for future generations. The morning will begin with a brief tour of the Meeting House and its grounds. The group will look at newly awarded grants and conservation projects underway.

houses still standing in its original form.

The Meeting House is located at 11 Meeting House Rd., on the hill in Rockingham Village.

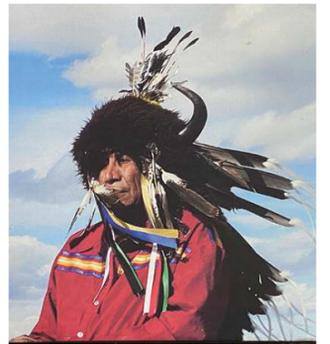
This is not a fundraising event but rather a time for our community to come together and reflect upon what we need to do to preserve the oldest public building in Vermont and one of the very few early style New England meeting

The event is sponsored by the Rockingham Meeting Association in partnership with the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission. For more information, contact Walter Wallace at [clg@rockbf.com](mailto:clg@rockbf.com) or call 802-691-0831.

# Talk on Abenaki peoples at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is proud to present, “Traditions of Lakota and Abenaki Peoples,” a photography show by Kathryn Adams on display until May 25 with a talk and stories on Saturday, May 14 at 1 p.m.

searches for authentic history rather than textbook versions. The indigenous people value community above the individual, generosity above greed, and caring for the earth and creatures as stewards, not as owners. This is reflected in her work.



Chief Arvol Looking Horse. PHOTO PROVIDED

The photo is of Chief Arvol Looking Horse, 19th generation keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe on a prayer horseback ride. He is the spiritual leader of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nokota. Learn the story of White Buffalo Calf Woman and the pipe during the talk. This photo was taken when Kate traveled to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to learn from the master horse people of the plains.

For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield, Vt. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Contact 802-885-7111, [galleryvault@vermontel.ne](mailto:galleryvault@vermontel.ne), or visit our webpage at [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org). Handicap accessible. Masks required for talk.

Kate is of Abenaki ancestry and is on a journey, learning about the culture of people who have stewarded this land for thousands of years. She is a storyteller, expressing with photographs and words glimpses of the Creator's beauty in nature, creatures, and people. She

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## LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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# The Athens Quarry

Here's another newspaper clipping from Mary Harris' scrapbook. It dates to 1907. I found the technical language used to describe different jobs particular to the quarrying industry, interesting. The Davis Quarry is up Quarry Road in Chester.



Goodrich Quarry in Athens. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

In West Cemetery in Athens, are a number of soapstone gravestones. West Cemetery is up an old road on the crest of a hill. It's a beautiful resting place.

Danny and I have toured this cemetery and noticed some of the soapstone gravestones have rust colored stains. We wondered why. I'll bet it's the diamonds and yellow jackets you'll read about below:

About a year ago the Union Soapstone Company leased the property known as the Goodrich Quarry, which lies near the boundary line between Athens and Grafton, in the southern part of Vermont, ten miles from the soapstone works at Chester.

The property has been in the possession of the Goodrich family for a great many years. The present owners are T.W. Goodrich of South Bend, Ind., and his brother Edward Goodrich of Exeter, N.H.

This quarry is in Athens; another, a few rods from it, known as the Smith and Butterfield Quarry, is partly in Athens and partly in Grafton, as has been determined by a recent survey.

The latter, frequently called the "lower" quarry, lies idle, as it has for the past 25 years. The former, the "upper" quarry, was leased and worked at one time by the firm of Smith & Butterfield. Later, it was run for three or four years by Williams & Co of Frankestown, N.H. Work upon it was discontinued ten years ago, and was not resumed until the quarry was leased last year by the Union company.

That company, after several months of prospecting in the vicinity, began operations at the Goodrich Quarry some time in August. The work for a few months was mostly blasting, for the body of soapstone, with a front 12 feet high and

80 feet long, lay under 40 feet of "hard-rock." Such, at least, was the appearance at first, but the "hard-rock" is found to decrease somewhat in depth the farther back it goes, while the depth of the soapstone increases.

Sufficient space having been cleared by the middle of November, stone cutting began, and several hundred tons of soapstone have since been cut out. Twelve men are employed at present. The prospects are that the business will be increased considerably in the near future.

The Union Soapstone Company lately obtained a new lease of the rich soapstone quarry at Chester, known as the Davis Quarry. In their mills at Chester Depot, tubs, sinks, griddles, footstones, register frames, and all other articles made of soapstone are manufactured.

Located near the soapstone mills at Chester Depot are mills for grinding waste pieces of soapstone into a fine dust that is used for many purposes.

In technical language, the men who do the general work around a quarry are "yard help." The steel drills, 7 or 7 1/2 feet long, sharpened at both ends so they are reversible and weighing about ten pounds each, which are used for cutting soapstone, are "cutting bars," and a short drill for the same purpose is a "chub." The excavation, which yarns more and

more widely as the work progresses, is the "pit," while the conveyance that swings from the boom of the derrick and is loaded many times a day with refuse is the "boat," and the rope for guiding that sort of airship the "tag rope." A "goose" is an implement used for getting water out of a channel. "Diamonds" or "yellow jackets" are the smooth, shiny cubes, as hard as flint, which are sometimes found in soapstone, which, being ruinous to drill points, are the especial detestation of stone cutters. It takes several months to learn to cut soapstone. Cutters are paid \$2 and \$2.25 a day and yard help \$10 a week. A heavy pair of oxen is used for drawing refuse to the dump, and four or six horses on the stone team that draws the soapstone to the mills. Thousands of tons of soapstone, in blocks averaging perhaps three tons each, have been drawn over the old "ledge road" to be sawed into slabs and made into tubs, etc., in the mills, run by water power, located at Cambridgeport. Those mills are not in use at present, the stone from Goodrich Quarry being drawn to the mills at Chester Depot.

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# opinion

Dear Editor,

To the voters of Windsor District 3-1, after much consideration, I have made the difficult decision not to seek re-election to the Vermont House of Representatives. Serving in the State Legislature and representing my constituents from the towns of Chester, Andover, Baltimore, and North Springfield for the past six years has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am deeply grateful for the confidence which you have placed in me.

As you may be aware, Mariette and I have been in the process of moving to Colchester to be close to family, while still maintaining a residence here in Chester. While I have chosen not to seek re-election, I will continue to serve you as your representative in the remaining months of my term.

I am proud of the work done while serving six years in the legislature. My focus has always been improving the lives of Vermont's families and helping rural economies and communities thrive; committed to a Vermont that works for all of us.

To continue this commitment, it gives me great pleasure to enthusiastically endorse Heather Chase as my successor. I have known Heather for many years; we served together as members on the Chester Selectboard. I know her to be conscientious, caring, and hard working in dealing with the demands of public office. Her involvement in the community as Selectboard Vice Chair has provided her with the knowledge and experience necessary to represent our interests in Montpelier.

As a small business

owner, she understands the struggles that face small businesses and can work toward promoting sustainable, economic growth in our communities. She will work toward promoting jobs and fair wages to make Vermont more attractive and affordable to young families.

Redistricting has placed Chester along with Grafton, Athens, and Windham in a new district. I hope you will join me in voting for Heather Chase for State Representative representing this new Windsor/Windham district.

Again, thank you to all who have supported me.

Sincerely,  
Representative Thomas Bock  
Windsor District, Vt.  
tbock@leg.state.vt.us

Dear Editor,

To the residents of Chester, Grafton, Windham, and Athens, I am excited to announce my candidacy as a Democrat for the Vermont House of Representatives Windsor-Windham District. This is a new House District formed during the 2022 reapportionment process. Currently, Tom Bock represents Chester and Carolyn Partridge represents Grafton, Windham, and Athens. I am proud to have the enthusiastic endorsements of Tom Bock, and former legislators Leigh Dakin and Kathy Pellett, as well as the support of Carolyn Partridge.

It has been my privilege and a wonderful learning opportunity to have served my community as a Chester Selectboard member since 2015 and as Vice Chair since 2017. As well, I am the Chair of the Board of Civil Authority, a Justice of the

Peace, having also served briefly as the Town of Chester Health Officer. In 2021, I was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board of the Vermont Economic Progress Council. Working in these capacities has allowed me to gain expertise and understanding of local and state government.

As a registered nurse active in community health, I started my own business, Corporate Lactation Services, over 26 years ago. Since 2002, when my young family and I moved to Vermont, I've grown my business and raised and educated my four children in Chester. As my children have moved on with their full lives, I now have the time, energy, and passion to further serve my broader community.

Over the course of my professional career and my involvement in town leadership, I have developed

skills and knowledge which will be useful in serving as your legislator in addressing the many challenges of our times. When elected, I will work diligently to represent all of you in a problem solving and consensus building manner.

I look forward to meeting with you during my campaign for the Vermont House of Representatives during the next months to share our thoughts and ideas as to how our state government can continue to improve its ability to serve all Vermonters.

I ask for your support and vote on Aug. 9, 2022, in the Democratic Primary election.

Sincerely,  
Heather Chase  
Chester, Vt.  
heather4thehouse@gmail.com  
802-875-4663

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter to the editor sent in by the Londonderry Conservation Committee – they are presenting only one side of the options to be considered by the townspeople of Londonderry. Removing dams has become very trendy, but we have other options to investigate before deciding on any final action to be taken in reference to the Williams Dam. The dam is an important part of Londonderry's history, and certainly adds to the aesthetics of our eastern entrance to the town. We could consider and in-

vestigate a small hydro project, which could offer benefits to the town in the way of income and generating clean energy (also an environmental benefit). We have time to further study the issues, and there are a lot of people who would like to pursue this option. The Conservation Commission does not speak for all of the residents of the Town of Londonderry.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Gubb  
Londonderry, Vt.

Dear Editor,

To my fellow Vermonters, for the last seventeen years I have worked as a fuel and propane delivery driver serving the residents of Vermont. I am just one of the many drivers and employees in the home heat industry working to make sure you and your loved ones stay warm during the long, dark, and cold Vermont winters.

Without exception, every one of the drivers, technicians, customer service representatives, dispatchers, and managers is laser focused on the goal of giving the best possible service at the best price.

Those of us on the front lines of this industry are all hard working Vermonters. We are not immune to the struggles of the people we serve. Fuel prices this year have gone through the roof and so have the prices of

everything else. Even when prices were much lower, it was not easy for many of us to make ends meet while paying to stay warm.

This year, even with the doubling of government fuel assistance, the challenge has been more difficult. While on my daily route, I listen carefully to the pain of low and middle income Vermonters who have had no choice but to go cold and hope for spring to come early. You cannot help but feel the anguish of your neighbors. I understand it. Everyone in the industry understands it. The dominant political party in Montpelier does not understand it. They are callous to the struggle of their constituents.

The evidence of this rude disconnect is a thirty-minute recorded discussion on the morning of April 15

between four of Vermont's Democratic state senators on the committee for natural resources and energy. The conversation is revealing and just plain disgusting for those of us being pinched in these hard economic times. They can be found at this link: [www.youtube.com/watch?t=1230&v=dW4zADVny4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=1230&v=dW4zADVny4&feature=youtu.be).

State Senator Mark McDonald (D) and Committee Chair Chris Bray (D-Addison) were discussing the implementation of the "clean heat standard legislation." The worst comments came from McDonald (D), who is quoted as saying, "Before I kill someone to get their clean heat credits, I want to know what the charge is going to be. Embezzlement, scam, securities fraud?" (20:30-52:00), followed up later in the con-

versation with a response to committee chair Senator Chris Bray (D), who states, "Well for the person who says, 'I don't like that. I don't want to be paying extra.'" Senator McDonald says "Well then, get a blanket for Christ's sake!" (30:55)

I was once a Democrat, for the reason that I believed this party was compassionate and concerned about the people they are elected to serve. A little over fifteen years ago I figured out my beliefs were flawed. Vermonters would be wise to elect state senators who do not mock the people who pay their salaries. As for state senator Mark McDonald (D) you should apologize to every Vermonter and then resign.

Sincerely,  
Stu Lindberg  
Cavendish, Vt.

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Dear Editor,

Hello from Montpelier. We are fully in the end-of-session shuffle. This is a crazy time of year. It feels like we are close to adjourning, but it is still hard to tell today what is actually going to pass this year aside from what has passed already. It's also uncertain when we will actually adjourn. And even more uncertain, what the

Governor will sign and veto of the bills that may pass. It feels like each year that I've been here, this part has gotten crazier, but part of that may be that I'm more aware of what's going on and more involved in conversations that I was not as a first-term legislator.

I think I talked about this in past articles and somewhat at Town Meeting, but my committee spent most of the first half of this session working on a big workforce development bill, H.703, which would put a lot of money into various technical education programs. It is a very far-reaching bill, with specific incentives for areas where we are seeing extraordinary need, like nursing, but also sets up systems for more general assistance for people looking to enter and reenter the workforce or to

change careers. That bill has not yet passed the Senate, so right now a lot of our focus is trying to iron out the policy differences we have with the Senate with hopes that we can pass that bill before we adjourn.

And this seems to be happening all throughout the building right now. There are big policy bills in just about every committee in both chambers that are still up in the air, and some are taking somewhat dramatic shifts in policy, seemingly overnight. Universal School Meals is one such policy that seems like a priority for many in the building, and the scope seems to change week-to-week. There are also multiple bills reforming different aspects of Act 250, but a lot of uncertainty as to which will make it out on time.

This time of year, we colloquially talk about "Christmas Trees" and "hostages," as some bills, which are important to certain legislators or committees, become hostages for another bill that's important to someone else, while other bills get issues and policies added on like ornaments on a Christmas Tree. This process always worries me because otherwise good bills become vehicles containing poison pills the Governor disagrees with and may cause him to veto an otherwise great bill with one such "ornament" he disagrees with.

I am also starting to feel the election-year politics creep into the State House more these past couple of weeks. Obviously there are multiple people in the leg-

islature running for Congress or higher office in the legislature, and they try to score their "points" where they can. It also seems like the Governor has been less forthcoming about what he is looking for in any given policy until it passes, and then he vetoes it and offers what he would accept. We've seen this multiple times already this session, with the Charleston loophole bill we thought he supported until he vetoed it and only then offered a compromise, and again with the contractor registry bill which we still hope to come to a compromise on. We are adjourning a little earlier this year than some years, and it seems to be because we are expecting the Governor to veto the budget, but he won't tell us what compromises he'd accept now, seemingly because he wants the headline of vetoing the budget. I don't mean to give the impression that we don't work well together, because 99% of the time everyone is at the table, but that's also what makes it that much more frustrating when someone chooses not to be.

I should have more to talk about next month as we should be adjourned by then, and I'm also thinking I'll be able to restart coffee hours after we do adjourn so I'll have more on that.

Talk soon, as always you can still call or text anytime at 802-345-8430.

Sincerely,  
Logan Nicoll  
State Representative  
Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMISSIONS

Subject to space. May be edited for clarity, grammatical errors, and libelous statements. Must be kept under 400 words. Must include name and town for publication. Viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper.

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Knock
- 4 "The Thin Man" dog
- 8 Tabloid writing
- 12 Post-op area
- 13 Pace
- 14 Alike (Fr.)
- 15 Sushi fish
- 17 "Hi, sailor!"
- 18 "Burnt" crayon on color
- 19 Melody
- 21 Ordinal suffix
- 22 Game fish
- 26 Looks intently
- 29 Chaps
- 30 Man-mouse link
- 31 Has bills
- 32 — de deux
- 33 Mythical birds
- 34 Capote nickname
- 35 Stable diet?
- 36 Hill of "Moneyball"
- 37 Raw bar mollusk
- 39 Impose
- 40 Ms. Thurman
- 41 Tristan's love
- 45 Tibia's place
- 48 Saltwater fish
- 50 Mata —
- 51 Hotel chain
- 52 Hot tub
- 53 Rhyming tributes

### DOWN

- 1 Eyeglass frames
- 2 Antioxidant berry
- 3 Brownish purple
- 4 Repts
- 5 Jazzy
- 6 Dead heat
- 7 Country stores?
- 8 June birth-

### ACROSS

- 9 "This tastes awful!"
- 10 Asian language
- 11 Layer
- 16 Leg joints
- 20 Author
- 23 Earth orbiter
- 24 Killer whale
- 25 "One-L lama" poet
- 26 Attend
- 27 Wrong
- 28 Jupiter counterpart

### DOWN

- 29 Spring month
- 32 Sunshade
- 33 Copter blade
- 35 Skirt edge
- 36 Singer
- 38 North African capital
- 39 Steinway product
- 42 Privation
- 43 Hoodwink
- 44 Coup d' —
- 45 HBO rival
- 46 Possessed
- 47 Hot temper
- 49 Comic Pillips

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# obituaries

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Barbara Levanovich

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A memorial service for Barbara Levanovich, who passed away Dec. 17, 2021, will be held on May 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. A burial will follow at the Oakland Cemetery. Reverend Michael Mario will officiate.

### Elinor Currie

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Elinor Currie, who passed away March 2, 2022, will be held on May 14, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

### Harry Westcott

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – A graveside service for Harry Westcott, who passed away Dec. 16, 2021, will be held on May 14, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville, Vt.

### James McCaffrey

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Funeral services for James McCaffrey will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St Charles Church, Bellows Falls, Vt.

### Marjorie N. Constantine

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A celebration of Marjorie N. Constantine's life will be held on Saturday, May 14 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. at 11 a.m.

Afterwards, you are invited to visit and share your memories of Marjorie at the Nolan-Murray Center, where refreshments will be served.

### Barbara Holton, 1929-2022

WALPOLE, N.H. – Barbara Wentworth Holton of Walpole, N.H., formerly of Westminster, Vt. and Venice, Fla., passed away at her home in Venice on Feb. 24, 2022. She was married to James C. Holton for more than 70 years.



Barbara Holton, 1929-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Barbara was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. on March 5, 1929, daughter of Chester and Alma (Ellis) Wentworth. She was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School Class of 1946 and Wilfred Beauty Academy in Boston, Mass.

She and her husband served as house parents at the New England Kurn Hattin Home for Boys and then farmed locally for many years. Barbara was later employed by Hubbard Farms in Walpole, N.H. and served as secretary to the Director of International Operations for 20 years.

She is survived by a son, Gregory Holton (Joan), a daughter, Raynie Laware (John), four grandsons, James Wheeler, Christopher Holton, Eric Wheeler, and Brett Wheeler, and seven great-grandchildren, Nicholas Wheeler, Gracie Wheeler, Landon Wheel-

er, Logan Wheeler, Jack Holton, Tyler Wheeler, and Benjamin Wheeler. Barbara is also fondly remembered as a surrogate mom to several youth in the Westminster area, in particular, David Willard and Stanley Trelewicz. Barbara was predeceased by her husband James, and sisters Jean Estes Girardeau and Sally Halladay.

A memorial service will be held June 18 at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Westminster, Vt. Contributions in her memory may be made to Tidewell Foundation (Hospice), 3550 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239.

### CAVENDISH, VT.

**St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.** Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to [www.facebook.com/stjamesumproctorsville](http://www.facebook.com/stjamesumproctorsville).

### CHESTER, VT.

**First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North** Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. To request a Zoom link, email [chestervtu@gmail.com](mailto:chestervtu@gmail.com). Sunday services run from September to early June.

### SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.** Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m., Wednesday evening vespers at 6 p.m., and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. The church is now at full capacity with state restrictions lifted. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

**North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.** Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and to meet our Interim Pastor, Joanne Thomas. Masks are encouraged, and we have ample space for social distancing. Our hope is to make Jesus known in our church and community. For more information, please email the church office at [office@nsbcvt.org](mailto:office@nsbcvt.org) or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.** Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. - Holy Days as announced. Services alternate between Clergy Officiated, Traditional Rite I and Contemporary Rite II, Holy Eucharist, and Licensed Lay Led Rites I and II Morning Prayer. All are invited regardless of religious affiliation. Call David at 802-885-2972 with questions.

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.** Join the Springfield UU Meetinghouse online at 10 a.m. on Mother's Day for a choir led service. We'll meet mother goddesses from around the world and celebrate the mother figures in our lives. Feel free to bring along a photo of a beloved, mothering family member. Zoom: [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853)

### Dana David Atkinson, 1954-2022

*"Each evening from December to December before you drift to sleep upon your cot, think back on all the tales that you remember in Camelot." (Frederick Lowe)*

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Dana (Dan) David Atkinson, musician and humanist, born Nov. 24, 1954 in Mount Holly, N.J., died in Perkinsville, Vt. on April 1, 2022. He is survived by his wife Alisa Van Domburg Scipio, siblings Sid Mumford, Deedee Wigler, Phoebe Atkinson, Stacey Fillebrown, and Perry Atkinson, multiple nieces and nephews, and a large selection of friends from all walks of life.

Dan had a quick and delicious wit. His intelligence, insight, and compassion were shared with family, friends, and pets. His curiosity was boundless. As a systems thinker, Dan immersed himself in learning about and exploring ideas from a variety of social and political movements. He was very much interested in socioeconomic structures as they related to the areas of ecological and social justice.

Dan held the role of family historian and documented the service of his father, Dave, a WWII veteran of the battle of Iwo Jima. Additionally, Dan traced his family history and shared the extensive findings with his siblings and extended family.

Dan was a prolific guitarist and was happiest with a guitar in his hand, whether jamming with his friends or providing a melodious backdrop to whatever activities were unfolding. He composed a large body of unique songs and frequently referred to these unfinished tunes as "works in progress." Bringing together his love of music and training in electronics, Dan was a member of the "site crew" at the Falcon Ridge folk festival. In the visual arts, his strengths of creativity and humor found a myriad of pathways of



Dana Atkinson, 1954-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

artistic expression stemming from his appreciation of John Lennon's earliest sketches to M.C. Esher's extraordinarily complex graphics.

There is no better way to remind us of him than by the kindnesses he gave to the world. To his wife, siblings, nieces, nephews, and vast community of friends he left as a beloved and cherished human being who led a most remarkable life. Dan was grateful for and proud of his decades long sobriety and was always ready to pass it on, lending a hand where needed, as a fellow in recovery.

Steve Leder writes in "The Beauty of What Remains," "the pain of our loss is the greatest evidence we can offer of the importance and meaning of life." Keeping with his wishes, there will be no memorial service apart from a celebration of life, which will be held at a future date. Until that time, please gather your family and friends together and celebrate your own lives; keep the "home fires burning," as Dan always did.

We love you dearly, Dan, and you are precious to so many on this earth. If gratitude is the heart's memory, our hearts are filled with appreciation for you even as we mourn your passing.

Fredrick Buechner wrote, "The grace of God means something like, 'Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you.'"

### Neil J. Martin, 1936-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Neil J. Martin of Springfield, Vt. passed away on Jan. 26, 2022, at the age of 85. He was born on June 30, 1936, in Marlborough, N.H., the youngest of five sons born to Alfred and Serena Martin. At the age of four his family moved to Springfield (qualifying him as a "Vermont").

Neil graduated from Springfield High School in 1954 and became a long-serving officer of the Springfield Police Department. He was also a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. It was in Springfield that he met his wife, Patricia (Follett), and they married in 1964.

Following his career as a police officer, Neil worked at Johnson & Dix Fuel Corp. He was an active member of St. Mary's Parish, and participated in numerous community organizations. In retirement, he enjoyed riding in his 1972 Chevy pickup, puttering in his gardens and workshop, and identifying tractor projects.

Neil is survived by his wife, Pat; their daughter, Sandi Prescott and husband, John; brother-in-law, John Follett and his wife,



Neil Martin, 1936-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Winifred; as well as many nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Colleen; and brothers: Sherman (Evelyn), Melvin (Flossie), Donald (Helen), and Gerald (Lois); as well as sisters-in-law, Kathryn and Patricia Follett.

Neil was best known for his smile, kindness to others, and great love for spending time with his family.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at St Mary's Parish in Springfield, Vt. A reception will follow at the Nolan-Murray Center.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

### Helen Capen, 2022

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Helen (Lewis) Capen, 75, of Londonderry, Vt., passed away peacefully Saturday, April 23, surrounded by her children.

Helen spent the last 20 years working at the Landgrove Inn. She is remembered through her love for her family and her love of nature.

She is predeceased by her mother and father, Madeline and James of Hancock, Vt.; her brother, George of Brookfield, Vt.; her husband, Myron (Mike) of Londonderry, Vt.; and her grandson, Mike. She is survived by her six children, Dorothy, Ed (Monica), Donna (Jerry), Robert, Nancy (Jason), and Jason (Jenn), as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jeff(Liz), Caleb (Haley), Lizzie (Doc), Josh (Kristie), Theresa (Scott), Zachary (Leanne), Cody, Matt (Heidi), Missy, Zach, Greg, Allison, Nizza, Isabel, Spencer, Annicka, Chloe, Aiden, Elliott, Harmony, Jaxson, Paisley, Gabe, Grayson, Ethan, Charlotte, and Annabelle.

Services were held Friday, April 29, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Brewster-Shea Funeral



Helen Capen, 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Home, 34 Park Place, Manchester Center, Vt. Interment will be held Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery in Londonderry. A visiting hour at the funeral home was held Friday, April 29, 2022 from 10-11 a.m., one hour prior to the service.

Helen enjoyed celebrating and hosting holidays and birthdays with her family, she was loved and will be missed dearly. To send the family personal condolences please visit [www.sheafuneralhomes.com](http://www.sheafuneralhomes.com). The family has entrusted arrangements to the care of Brewster-Shea Funeral Home, 34 Park Place, Manchester Center, Vt.

### Elijah Haddad, 1999-2022

PUTNEY, Vt. – Elijah Victor Haddad, 23, passed away on April 23, 2022. Eli was born Jan. 18, 1999, in Brattleboro, Vt.

Elijah expressed himself through music and loved writing and performing. He loved the outdoors, enjoying snowboarding, hiking, and being on a mountain bike. He was loving to every animal he came across and raised a beautiful cat, named Rosa. He loved driving fast cars, including his Hyundai Veloster. Eli loved the feeling of being by the ocean. He was a business owner of Elijah's mobile detailing.

He left behind numerous devoted friends, his parents, Jason and Lori, and brothers, Hunter, Ethan, and Donovan. He left behind his maternal grandmother, Sandra Dupuis of Westminster, and paternal grandparents, Dooley and Christine Haddad of West Monroe, La., along with



Elijah Haddad, 1999-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Elijah was a beloved piece of this family and will forever be loved and missed. Anyone wishing may donate in Elijah's name to the Caring Paws Fund, at the Westminster Vt. animal hospital.

Arrangements are being made at the Fenton & Hennessy Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

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for Russell Allen

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The family asks that you bring memories to share about dad. Lunch will be served.

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### OBITUARIES:

A basic 200-word obituary is \$75, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. A black and white photo is an additional \$10. Email to [editor@vermontjournal.com](mailto:editor@vermontjournal.com) by Monday at 12 p.m.

### CHURCH SERVICES:

We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com).

# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES

**MAY 7 –**  
ACWORTH, N.H. – The Female Charitable Society Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Church on the Hill in Acworth, N.H. This event will be outside except for clothing that is hung up. Drop off contributions call Alva Grant 603-835-6848 or Liz 603-835-6313 to make arrangements.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Humane Society is having its annual plant sale and a gift basket raffle on Saturday, May 7 from 9

a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Shaw's parking lot in Springfield Plaza. Lots of perennial and annual plants for your garden (or a great gift for mother's day!) and even some indoor plants. Come see our huge selection. Also, over a dozen themed gift baskets are being raffled off. Come on down and support the animals and the people in all the communities we serve.

GASSETTS, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange and Green Mountain Express are holding their monthly Round and Square Dance

on Saturday, May 7 from 7-10 p.m., at the Grange Hall. Donation requested. There are snacks and drinks on sale in the kitchen.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Mother's Day weekend comedy show, "Momologues," comes to Main Street Arts on Saturday, May 7 from 3-5 p.m. Fifteen comics from around New England, a mix of mothers, fathers, and children, have prepared their funniest "mom-themed" comedy in an all-ages event that is a celebration of the incredible humans who brought us into this world. Doors open at 3 p.m., and until the show starts at 3:30 p.m., audience members can peruse local goods from vendors like Halladays Flowers and Wild Perennial Jewelry to find the perfect gifts for mom. Every VIP, or mom, in attendance also gets a special gift upon entry. Advance tickets available at [www.comedyformom.com](http://www.comedyformom.com).

**MAY 8 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Fred Gillen Jr. will perform at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls on Sunday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Gillen's music illustrates diverse influences from growing up in the 1970s. His live performances are spontaneous and full of storytelling. There is limited seating and a recommended donation. More information at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com). Carl Beverly opens with his distinctive rhythmic finger-picking style that grooves without straying far from his solid folk grounding.

**MAY 10 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Southern Vermont Astronomy Group May meeting is Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. via Zoom with guest speaker, John Gianforte, Director of the University of New Hampshire Observatory. Please visit our events page at [www.sovera.org/events](http://www.sovera.org/events) for the event link.

**MAY 12 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Community Lunch at Black River Valley Senior Center on Thursday, May 12 at 11:45 a.m. Menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green

beans, and dessert. Located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. Call for reservations 802-228-7421.

**MAY 14 –**  
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Gardeners interested in learning about the invasive jumping worm pest are invited to attend a webinar on Saturday, May 14 from 9-10 a.m. via Zoom, hosted by the Southeast Chapter of the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener Program. The webinar called, "Jumping Worms. Why Worry? What Can You Do," will be presented by UVM's Dr. Josef Gorres. Registration is free, though donations accepted. To register, visit [www.jumpingworm.eventbrite.com](http://www.jumpingworm.eventbrite.com)

GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is hosting their monthly Saturday breakfast on Saturday, May 14 from 8-9:30 a.m. There is a fee per person. Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, plain and blueberry pancakes, home fries, toast, juices, coffee, and tea.

**SUNDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins

Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

**THURSDAYS –**  
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. To register, email [dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

**SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com).

**DAILY –**  
REGION – If you want to drink that's your business, but if you want to stop, that's ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.aavt.org](http://www.aavt.org) or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

### TOWN OF ANDOVER REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Andover is seeking bids for mowing the Town grounds for the 2022 season.

Bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. May 9, 2022 at the Andover Town Office, 953 Weston - Andover Road, Andover, Vermont 05143. Successful Bidder(s) must be fully insured, including Workers' Compensation.

The Select Board of the Town of Andover reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 25th day of April, 2022.  
Jeanette Haight  
Andover Town Clerk

### TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT PLANNING & ZONING CLERK

The Town of Ludlow Planning & Zoning Department has an opening for the position of Clerk to the Planning and Zoning Department. This is a part-time, temporary position, working 20-24 hours per week under the general direction of the Zoning Administrator.

Principal duties include a variety of administrative, clerical and professional work including, but not limited to; answering the phones, dealing effectively with the public, accepting zoning permit applications, and confidentiality. Candidate will assist the Director to carry out planning and zoning functions and other related tasks. The successful candidate will have typing skills, some computer knowledge, and the ability to work well with others in an office environment.

Interested candidates should submit a Town employment application available at the Ludlow Town Office, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 or online at [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us) and send to [tmanager@tds.net](mailto:tmanager@tds.net). Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The Town & Village of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

### WARNING SPECIAL MEETING TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

The Town of Plymouth will be holding a Special Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 68 Town Office Rd., Plymouth, to discuss discontinuing TH39, a class 4 road.

There will be a site visit at 4:30 P.M. Interested parties should meet at the pull-off for Town Highway 8, located between 1631 and 1811 on the east side of Hale Hollow Rd.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
WINDHAM UNIT

CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 22-CV-01381

**IN RE: ABANDONED MOBILE HOME  
OF LARRY PORTER**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

A hearing on The Housing Foundation, Inc.'s Verified Complaint to declare as abandoned and uninhabitable the mobile home of Larry Porter, located at the Shady Pines Mobile Home Park, 130 Shady Pines in Westminster, Vermont has been set for May 19, 2022 at 1:20 p.m. To participate in this hearing, the WEBEX Login Information is as follows:  
App: Cisco Webex Meeting  
Website: <https://vtcourts.webex.com>  
Meeting Number: 2335 742 9114  
Password: paQmRSSp333

If you do not have a computer or sufficient bandwidth, you may call (408) 418-9388 to appear by phone. (This is not a tollfree number). You will then enter the meeting number and password listed above. If you have technical difficulties, call the Court at (802) 365-7979.  
Date: April 20, 2022 Civil Division Clerk

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR ABANDONMENT  
PURSUANT TO 10 V.S.A. § 6249(i) (Uninhabitable)**

NOW COMES The Housing Foundation, Inc. ("HFI"), by and through its counsel Nadine L. Scibek, and hereby complains as follows:

- HFI, a Vermont non-profit corporation with a principal place of business in Montpelier, County of Washington, State of Vermont, is the record owner of a mobile home park known as the Shady Pines Mobile Home Park located in the Town of Westminster, Vermont (the "Park"). The Park is managed by the Vermont State Housing Authority.
- Larry Porter ("Porter") is the record owner of a certain mobile home, described as a 1957 Travelo, 8' x 48', bearing serial number 2178094 (the "Mobile Home"), located at Shady Pines Mobile Home Park, 130 Shady Pines in Westminster, Vermont. There is no Bill of Sale recorded in the Westminster Land Records.
- Porter leased a lot in the Park for his mobile home from HFI pursuant to a written lease. Porter paid no security deposit. See attached Lease.
- Porter is believed to be deceased on or about April 26, 2019. Porter did not die in Vermont per Vermont Dept. of Health records.
- No petition to open a probate estate has been filed for Porter per the Windham County Probate Court.
- HFI's Counsel did send Porter a letter to ascertain his intentions with the Mobile Home on January 13, 2022 and the letter was returned by the Post Office. See attached.
- The last known resident of the mobile home was Porter. The mobile home has been abandoned and is unoccupied for over 1 ½ years.
- The following security interests, mortgages, liens and encumbrances appear of record with respect to the mobile home:
  - Porter is in arrears on obligations to pay property taxes to the Town of Westminster, Vermont in the aggregate amount of \$167.26, plus any additional interest and penalties. The delinquent property taxes are now a lien on the property. See attached Tax Bill & Delinquent Tax Report.
  - Mobile home storage fees continue to accrue at the rate of \$346.00 per month. Rent, storage fees and late charges due HFI as of April, 2022 total \$7,634.79. Court costs and attorney's fees from this action to date exceed \$750.00. See attached Account History.
  - HFI sent written notice by certified mail to the Town of Westminster on December 23, 2021 of HFI's intent to commence this abandonment action as required by statute. See attached.
  - The mobile home is uninhabitable. Thomas Young, Property Manager and duly authorized agent for the Park owner, will testify under oath as to the poor and unlivable condition of this mobile home at the abandonment hearing.

WHEREFORE, HFI respectfully requests that the Honorable Court enter an order as follows:

- Declare that the mobile home has been abandoned;
- Transfer the mobile home that is unfit for human habitation to Park owner HFI without a public auction so that it may be removed and disposed of accordingly.
- Order pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6249(j) that the mobile home and any security deposit paid be conveyed to the Park Owner in "as is" condition, and free from all liens and other encumbrances of record.

DATED this 20th day of April, 2022.

THE HOUSING FOUNDATION, INC.

BY: Nadine L. Scibek  
Attorney for HFI

I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statement is false, I will be subject to the penalty of perjury or other sanctions in the discretion of the Court.

April 20, 2022 By: Thomas Young, Duly Authorized Agent for HFI

**ACT 250 NOTICE  
MINOR APPLICATION 2W1378  
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111**

On April 8, 2022, Rodney I. Rogstad, 39 Gowing Road, Chester, VT 05143 filed application number 2W1378 for a project generally described as Earth removal to create garden space and access to back of property. The project is located at 31 Rogstad Lane off US Rte 5 in Westminster, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database: (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=2W1378>).

No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before May 18, 2022, a party notifies the District 2 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrp.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 2 Office at: [NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov](mailto:NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov). Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact Stephanie Gile at the address or telephone number below.

Dated this April 27, 2022.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie Gile  
District Coordinator  
100 Mineral Street, Suite # 305  
Springfield, VT 05156-3168  
802-289-0603  
[Stephanie.Gile@vermont.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Gile@vermont.gov)

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 21-PR-06612

In re ESTATE of: RAYMOND L. BRIERE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: RAYMOND L. BRIERE Decedent

late of SPRINGFIELD VERMONT Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 4-28-2022 Signature of Fiduciary RANDY A. BRIERE

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Executor/Administrator | Mailing Address                        |
| RANDY A. BRIERE        | c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., P.O. Box 519 |
| Phone Number           | City, State, Zip                       |
| 802-885-2582           | Springfield VT 05156                   |

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal - The Shopper

Publication Date: May 04, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor County, Probate Division  
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green Woodstock VT 05091

# LEGAL NOTICES

# classifieds

## AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held on May 7, 2022, at 11:00 am at 96 RT 106 N. Springfield, VT 05150. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned:  
Roy Flanders - Unit # 165  
Orion Pfenning - Unit #197

\$400. Delivered within 10 miles of Weathersfield. 802-263-9416 or 802-376-3041.

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BUYING-SELLING Coins, Paper Money, Vintage Sports-Postcards, Comics. See our displays at ANTIQUE CENTERS in Chester and Quechee. Open 7 Days. 802-379-2353. House calls available.

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## HELP WANTED

LUDLOW, Vt. – Server and dishwasher wanted at Café at DeLight

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LUDLOW, Vt. – Food Service Supervisor, Full time, Salary, Skilled Nursing Facility, 46 beds, Benefits, 401k, MVP. Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, oddmain@gofhvt.net. EOE.

GARDENER – Do you love to garden and spend your time outdoors? A Weston based Fine Gardening company is looking for a plant loving, hard working, fun loving individual. Full or part time positions available. Flexible hours. Drivers license a must. Send inquiries to nldesignsvt@gmail.com.

CHESTER, Vt. – Concrete Laborer. Full-time, seasonal. Must have valid drivers license, be able to do heavy lifting up to 150 lbs, work

40-60 hours per week, and have dependable transportation to get to and from work. We offer competitive starting wages, overtime pay, performance bonuses, 401K and paid holidays. If interested, contact Charlie at 802-875-3702 or recordconcrete@yahoo.com.

Aumands Furniture – Full Time Sales/Clerical and Full Time Furniture Delivery/Laborer. Drivers license required. Wednesday and Sunday off. Call 603-445-5321 for details or stop in at 2 Church St., North Walpole, NH.

## LIQUIDATION SALE

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Physical Therapy Liquidation Sale May 12-14 from 9-3 pm, Sat 9-noon. PT equipment and supplies, office equipment and supplies, framed

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### FINANCE ASSISTANT

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### The Town of Charlestown NH is in need of a Recording Secretary for the Selectboard

The Board meets every Wednesday in the evening with an occasional extra meeting.

This is a part-time position to attend and take minutes of all Selectboard meetings, as well as workshops and produces and delivers meeting minutes within legal time frames. Knowledge of how to take and prepare minutes and the ability to attend weekly meetings each week required. Accuracy is very important. Minutes must be completed within 5 days of the meeting.

Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or GED and strong typing/keyboarding and note taking or shorthand skills. Experience with municipal record keeping preferred, but not required.  
Job Type: Part-time  
Hours per week: Less than 10

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:  
Charlestown Town Office  
Human Resources Department  
PO Box 385  
Charlestown NH 03603

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St., Charlestown NH, 03603

### The Town of Charlestown seeks an energetic Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

The Town of Charlestown has an annual operating budget of approximately \$5 million and 27 full-time employees. The Administrative Assistant acts as the primary liaison between the five member Selectboard and all personnel, including contracted services. The Administrative Assistant is the primary liaison with legal counsel and coordinates in all matters to ensure the Town is properly represented, maintains an effective working relationship with all Town boards, commissions, committees, departments and the general public; and performs all other duties as assigned by the Selectboard. For a full job description please contact the Selectboard's Office at 603-826-4400 or visit the Town's website at www.charlestown-nh.gov.

Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

Charlestown Town Office  
Human Resources Department  
PO Box 385  
Charlestown NH 03603

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St.

Position open until filled

### TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Truck Driver/Laborer. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow from roads and sidewalks, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Most possess a valid Vermont Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, dump body and sander, loader and backhoe. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, equipment operation and mechanics required. Municipal Benefit Package including health/dental/life/and disability insurance. Send resume, call Ron Tarbell, visit our website www.ludlow.vt.us or come into the Municipal Office for an application form: Ludlow Highway Department, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Weekly SUDOKU

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Treasures of the Earth Open Wall Show until 5/11.

Paint a Spring Village Scene in Acrylic with Debra Craigie May 7, 80.

Animation Art Camp July 11-15, 9-12. Ages 7-10. \$75.

Artful Flea returns open studio weekend, May 28 & 29.  
(07/27/22 - TFN - 13)

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(06/14/22 - 52)

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(05/04/22 - 13)

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(09/20/22 - 52)

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Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167

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# sports & outdoor

# LEGALS

## Charlestown Middle School baseball team up at bat



Charlestown Middle School baseball team. PHOTO BY CHIEF PAT CONNORS

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – It's baseball time in the Connecticut River Valley. Charlestown Middle School has a group of ball players that are ready to play ball. Head Coach Smokey Aumand is excited about these boys and sees a fine team developing.

"Our boys are very dedicated and are sharpening up on their ball-to-glove handling, defensive play making, base running, and batting skills every week,"

says Coach Aumand. "The Charlestown Athletic Director, Brandon Hill, has put together a good schedule of fourteen area games.

Come on out and support the Charlestown team!"

Submitted by Smokey Aumand.

## Saxtons River Fishing Derby

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The Saxtons River Recreation Area will hold its annual fishing derby on Saturday, May 7, at the ponds on Pleasant Valley Rd.

Following last year's schedule, there will be three different age groups in three shifts to help ensure more children can participate with their families. Children ages four to six will register at 8 a.m. with fishing beginning at 8:30 a.m. Age

group seven to ten will register at 9:15 a.m. with fishing starting at 9:45 a.m. Age group 11 through 14 will register at 10:30 a.m. with fishing beginning at 11 a.m.

Children not showing up at their correct time will not be able to participate. Families with children in multiple age groups will only be allowed to have the appropriately aged child registered and fishing during their given time. Siblings can be present, but not fish. Adults are responsible

for providing their children with all the gear, bait, and assistance needed while at the derby. Participants and families will be required to leave the derby once their age group's session has ended, unless there is a sibling in the next age group.

Donations towards expenses will be accepted at the derby, and volunteers of all ages are welcome to contact samanthamperry@hotmail.com or through the Saxtons River Rec Facebook page.

## Sports schedule

### Friday, May 6 –

**Boys Baseball**  
Bellows Falls at Fair Haven, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Softball**  
Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 7 –

**Boys Baseball**  
Leland and Gray at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Softball**  
Leland and Gray at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.

### Monday, May 9 –

**Boys Baseball**  
Windsor at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
Leland and Gray at West Rutland, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Softball**  
Fall Mountain at Mascenic, 4 p.m.  
Leland and Gray at West Rutland, 4:30 p.m.  
Springfield at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 10 –

**Boys Baseball**  
Mill River Union at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
Woodstock at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Softball**  
Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

### Wed., May 11 –

**Boys Baseball**  
Proctor at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Softball**  
Fall Mountain at Lebanon, 4 p.m.  
Proctor at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
Schedules subject to change.

## Springfield Dam Run

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is hosting the 16th Annual Dam Run, which will take place on Saturday, May 14. Registration opens at 8 a.m. The four-mile course begins and ends at 335 River Street in Springfield and heads out to Reservoir Road and through the Springfield Dam before heading back to River Street and back to the starting point.

Prior to the race, kids under the age of 15 can participate in our half-mile Fun Run, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration for the Fun Run is free, and each participating child will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a mountain bike, donated by Tygart Mountain Sports.

In addition, every person who participates in the Springfield Dam Run this year will be entered into a raffle for one of several prizes. Following the run, awards and prizes will be announced for the top finishers in each

age group. The Springfield Dam Run's purpose is to promote an active, healthy lifestyle and provide an opportunity for family and friends to get together and be a part of their local community. Each year, the Dam Run proceeds are donated to a local organization that benefits our community. This year, all proceeds will go toward the Toonerville Trail for upkeep and expansion.

The Dam Run was founded by Joseph Cerniglia Jr. of Springfield, Vt. After going through his own journey from an inactive to active lifestyle, Joe encourages others to begin their own active journey. Joe has gone on to complete significant athletic achievements including a seven-time Ironman finisher, Ironman World Championship in Kailua Kona, Hawaii, and qualified for the Boston Marathon multiple times.

His journey proves that it's not where you start but where you finish. Currently a USAT certified coach, Joe continues to give back to his community through events

like the Dam Run.

This event would not be possible without the great support it receives from local businesses and sponsors. If you're interested in sponsoring the Springfield Dam Run, please email Olivia Satti at osatti@edgarmay.org. Thank you to our sponsors to date: Springfield Medical Care Systems, IVEK Corporation, Lawrence & Wheeler – The Richards Group, HCRS, Wellwood Orchards, Cota & Cota, Muse & Associates, the Melanson Company, and Springfield Moose Lodge 679.

If you would like to register for this year's event, you can register at Joe's Discount Beverage or the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, and always online at www.active.com. We are also looking for volunteers to assist EdgarMay staff on race day. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Olivia Satti at osatti@edgarmay.org.

For more information, call the Edgar May at 802-885-2568 or email info@edgarmay.org.

## VT F&W deer hearings

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board will hold two public hearings to solicit input on deer and the department's 2022 Antlerless Harvest and Youth Season Recommendation. The hearings are scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. at the following locations:

Tuesday, May 10 at the Bellows Falls Union High School, 406 High School Rd., Westminster, Vt.

Thursday, May 12 at the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Dept., 111 West St., Essex Junction, Vt.

"In recent years, the de-

partment has successfully reduced deer numbers in many parts of Vermont to bring populations into balance with their habitat," said Nick Fortin, Deer and Moose Project Leader for the Fish & Wildlife Department.

In addition to the public hearings, anyone can leave a comment on the proposals with a telephone message by calling 802-828-7498 or by emailing ANR.FWPUBLICCOMMENT@vermont.gov. Comments must be received by May 14.

**Custodial Position**

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**Town of Mount Holly**

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32, Section 4111 Vermont Statutes Annotated, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers within and for the Town of MOUNT HOLLY 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 2022 and 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 20th of May 2022 between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm; the undersigned Listers will meet at the Mount Holly Town Office in the Listers Office in said Town, to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts such as Listers who 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 2022 become the Grand List of said Town and of each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

Grievance meetings will be held by appointment, either in person or by phone. Please contact the Mt Holly Town Office @ (802)259-2391 to schedule an appointment.

GRIEVANCES MUST BE IN WRITING AND INCLUDE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE GRIEVANCE. WRITTEN GRIEVANCES, IF MAILED, MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE TOWN OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON MAY 19, 2022. OR BROUGHT WITH YOU ON DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT.

Given under our hands at Mount Holly in the County of Rutland this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

Listers of the Town of Mount Holly,

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# Spring Home Improvement

## Cavendish Energy Committee composting

CAVENDISH, Vt. – When the Vermont legislature banned food scraps from the trash and mandated that all Vermonters compost food scraps, the Town of Cavendish engaged the services of a company to haul away those scraps each week. That quickly became hugely expensive, so the town decided to try a different route. For several months now the Cavendish transfer station has been composting on site. That saves both the carbon cost and dollar cost of haulage, making composting more economical and environmentally sustainable. Any Cavendish resident with access to the transfer station can use the new composting section for no extra charge.

What must stay out of the trash and instead be composted includes those parts of food items that are typically discarded rather than eaten, such as peels, rinds, cores, eggshells, seeds, pits, bones, coffee grounds and paper filters, loose-leaf tea and paper tea bags, and fats, oils, and grease. It also includes food plate scraps or leftovers and any food that went bad. And not just food must be composted, but if it was once part of something alive, like a plant or an animal, it does not belong in the landfill. So, grass clippings and any other yard debris must stay out of the trash and can be put into the compost.

Eventually the newly created compost will be available to Cavendish residents

free of charge, although it will take time for the scraps and waste to become usable compost. Meanwhile, the town employees ask that people be more careful in what they throw into the compost pile. Plastic bags are not compostable. Dump compostables into the pile and throw the plastic into the trash. Some plastic food containers and utensils may be recyclable, but they are not compostable, even if the manufacturer says they are. Food scraps will compost in a few months, the containers and utensils will take many years if at all to compost. If they are clean, put them in recycling.

For those people who have a yard where they can set up a compost pile or bin, there's no reason to bring that food and yard waste to the transfer station. Instead, create your own compost. It's usable to enrich the soil of lawns, gardens, and potted plants. For information on how to make your own compost, or about any aspect of food waste disposal, go to [www.okemovale.com/ccca-composting-workshop-2015](http://www.okemovale.com/ccca-composting-workshop-2015) or to [www.dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid-materials-mgmt/organic-materials](http://www.dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid-materials-mgmt/organic-materials).

For more information about the Cavendish transfer station, please call the Cavendish Town Office at 802-226-7291.

## Neighborhood Connections hosts Master Gardeners

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Native plants are very important for your garden because, once established, natives are able to withstand seasonal conditions such as frigid, snowy winters, the circumstances that they have evolved in. Native plants also enhance local biodiversity by offering food and habitat for wildlife. Best of all, these plants belong in our area and make your landscape a distinctly regional one.

On Thursday, May 19 at 3 p.m., Neighborhood Connections will host Cheryl Wilfong and

Somara Zwick, Vermont Master Gardeners, who will discuss why it is important to landscape with natives. They will share a list of plants suited to our location.

The duo will also discuss the new and highly destructive group of earthworm species invading Vermont forests. Find out why it is important to spot them in your garden and what to do about them.

Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services organization located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace.



## Springfield Community Garden plots available

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. in Springfield, Vt. announces that their Community Garden Plots are ready for "adoption." These spaces are located behind the church and, as in past years, are entirely

free. They are part of St. Mark's ongoing Community Outreach Program. Those "adopting" a plot are responsible for their seeds, sprouts, and sweat. Water is available on site. For those interested please call Boris at 802-885-4163. Leave a message if necessary.

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# arts & entertainment

## Saxtons River Art Guild show in Rockingham —

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** — Members of the Saxtons River Art Guild will exhibit their work at the Rockingham Library from Thursday, May 12 to Friday, July 29. Each artist will display four or more works, whose styles, use of media, and subject matter vary.

Here are a few highlights about some of the presenting artists: John Dimick paints landscapes from various trails in New England and can be seen painting street scenes around Brattleboro on Gallery Walk nights; Kathy Greves paints a variety of subjects, some plein air, and others from photo-

graphs she has taken in and around Vermont and during her travels in France, Italy, Germany, and the Bahamas; long time member Donna Lund paints regional landscapes either in watercolor or pastel; Liz Winchester-Larson works primarily in the still-life genre with rich color and intricate detail.

Founded in 1976, the Saxtons River Art Guild is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote and encourage the advancement of the fine arts with about 80 members throughout the Monadnock region of New Hampshire and the Southern Connecticut River

Valley area of Vermont. Their activities include exhibit and sales venues, classes and workshops, open studio time September through May and plein air gatherings June through August, luncheons with guest speakers and demonstrations, and trips to museums and galleries. An art scholarship is awarded yearly to a qualified senior from an area high school who is going on to a four-year major in the arts.

For more information, contact Liz Winchester-Larson [lizart39@yahoo.com](mailto:lizart39@yahoo.com) or 802-876-5083.

## Fletcher Farm School applications, open studio-

**LUDLOW, Vt.** — Spring events are coming to the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts:

**Open Studio Weekend:** Once again, this year the school will be participating in the Vermont Craft Council's Open Studio weekend, held on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Several of our instructors and members will be demonstrating their work and are available to answer questions about classes at the school.

**Craft Shop Applications being accepted:** If

you are a member of the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc., or an instructor working at the school this summer, you are eligible to show and sell your work in the School's Gift and Craft Shop. For more information, please see the website under the "Gift Shop" link, or call the School at 802-228-8770 for more information.

**Craft Festival Applications being accepted:** We are also accepting applications for our Summer Arts and Craft Festivals. The first is being held on Saturday, July 2 and the second will be held on Saturday, Aug.

13. You do not need to be a member to participate. Music and food will be part of both festivals. On Aug. 13, we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary. The Tyson Ladies Aid organization will be holding their annual Bazaar and Chicken Barbecue on our campus to help us celebrate.

If you are interested in participating, visit [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org) and click the "Craft Festivals" link, or call the school at 802-228-8770. Links to the Terms and Conditions and the Festival Application are located at the bottom of the Craft Festivals webpage.

## The VAULT calls for artists

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** — You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to

display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there

for the first time, as well as for seasoned artists. The next show's theme is, "Just For The Fun Of It." You can bring in two works if they are 18-inch by 20-inch or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc. are appreciated just as much as wall art. The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages.

Please bring in your creations on Wednesday, May 11 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, May 13 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., or on Saturday, May 14 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The show will be on display from May 18 through July 13.

For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield, Vt. at 802-885-7111, email [galleryvault@vermontel.net](mailto:galleryvault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org), or on Meta. Handicap accessible.

## Grafton Nature Museum presents wildlife exploration afternoon

**GRAFTON, Vt.** — The North American Beaver is an incredible keystone species that benefits entire ecological communities across the continent, as well as right here in our own backyards. These charismatic rodents that nearly disappeared from the Vermont landscape continue to play a pivotal role in Vermont's ecological communities. Join Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Tyler Brown, a Wildlife Specialist, and Chris Bernier, a Wildlife Biologist, for an afternoon exploring a local and unique beaver flowage in the beautiful Turner Hill Wildlife Management Area.

This event is presented

by The Nature Museum of Grafton and will take place on Saturday, May 7, from 1–3 p.m. Registration is required. This event will happen rain or shine. This event location does not have facilities. Please be prepared for off-trail hiking conditions that may include uneven, muddy, wet, and brushy terrain.

Tyler Brown started working as a seasonal worker with the department in 2012 and was hired full-time in 2022. He has a B.S. in wildlife biology from the University of Vermont. Tyler is responsible for the department's Beaver Baffle Program, as well as assisting with the furbearer program. He provides technical assistance to private landowners

in Windham and Windsor Counties as part of the EQIP program. Tyler is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying time spent hunting, fishing, trapping, foraging, and beekeeping. He can often be found exploring the beautiful public lands of Vermont.

Chris Bernier has been working for the department since 1994. He has a B.S. in wildlife ecology from the University of Maine. Throughout his career, Chris has served the department in numerous capacities including as a district Fish & Wildlife Specialist, State Lands Manager, Wildlife Biologist, Furbearer Project Leader, and, most recently, as the Upland Gamebird Project Leader. His work with the department has included various roles in a number of high-profile projects such as Best Management Practices for Trapping in the U.S. research, the Atlantic Salmon Restoration, the Champlain Valley Bobcat Study, Act. 250 Wildlife Reviews, marten and lynx research, and land acquisition. In his current role, Chris serves on the department's Big Game, Furbearer Management, and State Lands teams and represents Vermont on the Northeast Upland Gamebird Technical Committee where he beats the drum for all things turkeys and grouse. He lives with his wife and three kids on 60 conserved, off-the-grid, managed woodland acres in the hills of Andover, Vt. where he spends as much time as possible outdoors.

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