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# GMUSD board meeting coincides with news of Merrill's arrest

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**CHESTER, Vt.** – The Green Mountain Unified School District meeting on Thursday, May 19 coincided with the breaking news of the indictment and arrest of GMUHS' long serving middle school teacher Norm Merrill, with Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent Lauren Fierman unable to provide much detail on the situation, but ensuring action from the TRSU crisis team and a pledge to provide counselors for both students and staff in the coming days.

Earlier that day, the Vermont Department of Justice issued a press release announcing that Merrill "was arrested today after having been indicted by a federal grand jury for charges related to the production and possession of child sexual

abuse material, also known as child pornography." The DOJ release went on to detail that in the week prior, Chester Police Officers seized numerous electronic devices, including "pinhole cameras" and a "spy camera" from Merrill's home.

"The Vermont State Police conducted a preliminary examination of a memory card seized from the residence which revealed numerous voyeuristic videos taken in bathrooms. Some of these videos were taken in a bathroom of defendant Merrill's residence and were determined to depict nude minor female children. The memory card also contained image files that appear to be screen-captures created from these videos of nude minors."

The GMUSD board meeting began at 6 p.m. just as news of the arrest began to surface. Speaking

during the GMUSD meeting, Fierman said that there was a limited amount that she would be able to publicly discuss since they are restricted from discussing personnel matters or ongoing police investigations. She confirmed that a complete and thorough search by police at the high school had taken place prior and that no cameras or recording equipment were found. She also reminded community members that, in the justice system, someone is innocent until proven guilty. Merrill has since pled not guilty to the charges but is being held in custody.

Chester Police Chief Rick Cloud who was in attendance said that the investigation was ongoing and would likely take a long time. Cloud said that videos that were seized by the Vermont State Police were being reviewed by Home-

land Security, and that he did not have access to them.

When asked by several board members, Fierman said that she may call in additional resources for students and staff once she had spoken to a crisis team and come up with a plan, which included talking to mental health experts for their recommendation.

GMUHS Principal Keith Hill said the arrest was going to present a very serious challenge for the community but his priority would be to help students and staff. "Our priority must be maintaining an educational environment for students that is conducive to their learning and supporting them in every way that we possibly can. Our community is going to need our support and I ask you all to stand up with us and to be supportive," he said.

Later that evening, following the GMUSD meet-

ing, Fierman and Hill issued a joint email to GMUHS parents about the arrest of Merrill with a link to the Department of Justice Press Release and pledged support for students, staff and families, with counselors available to "help students and staff process this information."

In other meeting news, the board unanimously approved the Battelle for Kids program called "Portrait of a Graduate" that will be a district wide program involving community members, administration, teachers, and students, to help establish goals and a strategic plan. The \$35,000 price tag will come out of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

The board agreed to transfer registration and title of the school buses from TRSU to GMUSD, who actually owns the buses,

and to change the name on the side of any new buses to GMUSD, but not spend money to change the current ones identified as Two Rivers Supervisory Union.

The board approved funding the full cost of paving the GMUHS driveway, allocating \$55,600 from contingency fund to cover the entire cost.

Several summer programs are being planned for students, including "Summer Sage" and "Go Wild" at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Details are available through the schools.

Chester Andover Elementary School Principal Katherine Fogg announced her retirement, which will take place at the end of next year.

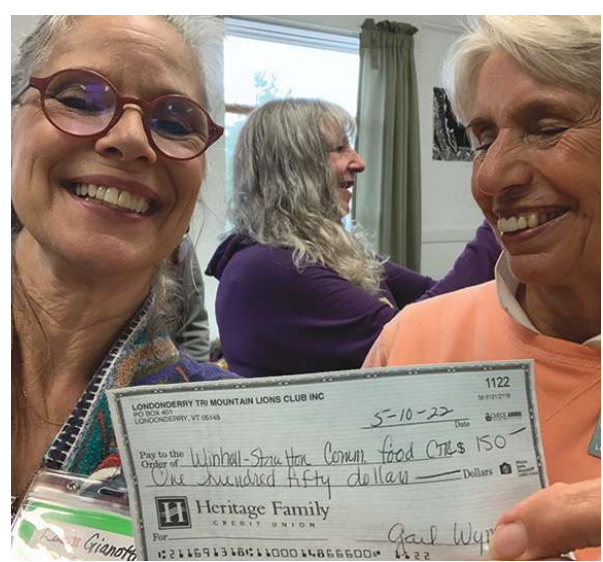
The next regular GMUSD meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m. at the GMUHS library and via Zoom.

## Lion's "Food from the Heart" drive a success

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The Londonderry area Tri-Mtn Lions held a very successful "Food from the Heart" food drive at The Londonderry Mountain Marketplace on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Over 400 pounds of food and hygiene products were donated to the Neighbor's Pantry in Londonderry. Also, \$600 was generously donated; \$300 to the Stratton/Winhall Food Shelf and \$300 to the Neighbors Pantry.

Thank you to all who donated. Where there's a need, there's a Lion. And in this case, "A kind and caring community."

Mark your calendars, The Tri-Mtn Lions Duck Derby will be held on Saturday, July 2, following the parade



**Laura Gianotti, Director of Stratton/Winhall Community Food Shelf (left), accepts check from Lion Pat Glabach.**  
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in Londonderry. We will be selling tickets in the community, watch for our signs.

## LRC now accepting scholarship applications

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Ludlow Rotary Club is continuing its annual scholarship awards to graduating high school students who reside in Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, and Cavendish.

Three special scholarships have been named for legendary members of the Ludlow Rotary Club. Two of these – the Daniel E. Kesman Rotary Scholarship (academic excellence) and the Ralph D. Hogencamp Rotary Scholarship (vocational education) – have been awarded for many years. In December of 2013, the Ludlow Rotary Club instated the Robert W. Kirkbride Rotary Scholarship (community service). Bob Kirkbride was

an outstanding member of the Ludlow Rotary Club for over 60 years. The criteria for awarding these and the other Rotary scholarships are scholastic achievement, financial need, realistic goals, extracurricular activities, and community service.

Graduating seniors are urged to contact their school guidance department to learn the details for applying for these scholarship awards. All applications for the scholarships must be received by June 1, 2022.

Interested people are invited to help the LRC support the continuing education of our future. Checks should be made payable to the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc., with "Scholarship Fund," or the name of a specific scholarship entered

in the memo area, and then mailed to Ludlow Rotary Club, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. The Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization under IRS regulations and, accordingly, all such scholarship donations are deductible for income tax purposes. The Ludlow Rotary Club will provide documentation for each donation to the scholarship fund.

The LRC has awarded over \$250,000 to graduating seniors since this program was initiated. With your help, more of our young people will be assisted in preparing for the challenging times ahead of them. For more information, please contact Tim Faulkner, 802-228-5575, email at [tlfcpa@tds.net](mailto:tlfcpa@tds.net), or visit [www.ludlowrotary.com](http://www.ludlowrotary.com).

## Fletcher Farm Foundation welcomes board members

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Board of Trustees of the Fletcher Farm Foundation welcomed four new board members on May 9 at the Foundation's spring meeting, held at Fletcher Memorial Library.

The new board members are Gary Blodgett, Betty McEnaney, Frank Provance, Doris Eddy, and President George Thomson.

The Board of Trustees, as stewards of the Fletcher Farm Foundation properties in the towns of Ludlow and Cavendish, work hard to keep the land and buildings in good repair. Beekman House Rehab Center, Black River Good Neighbors, Society of Vermont Artist and Craftsmen, Two



**New members.**  
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Rivers Supervisory Union, Ludlow Area Community Garden, Stepping Stones Preschool, Fletcher Memorial Library, Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, Ludlow Dog Park, soccer fields, hiking paths,

## Riverside Vet Care OVRCC's Member of the Month

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The team at Riverside Vet Care was selected as Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's May 2022 Member of the Month to celebrate their new expanded location in Ludlow. This is the perfect month to recognize this chamber member, as May is also National Pet Month.

Riverside Veterinary Care is a full-service, AAHA-accredited animal hospital that welcomes both emergency treatment cases and patients in need of routine medical, surgical, and dental care. Their caring doctors have years of experience treating



**Carol Lighthall congratulates Riverside Vet Care on Member of the Month.**  
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severe conditions and offering regular pet wellness care. Beyond first-rate pet care, they make their clinic comfortable, kid-friendly, and calm, so your pet can relax in the waiting room and look forward to meeting the doctor. Other services they offer include: wellness exams, preventive care, dermatology, comprehensive dental, surgery, digital radiography, ultrasonography, microchipping, acupuncture, boarding, nutritional counseling, and more. In addition to their convenient retail operation featuring pet food, supplies and accessories, they also offer online pharmacy services.

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# Mountainside House receives donation

LUDLOW, Vt. – Jackie Hanlon and Windsor County Youth Services, Mountainside House, would like to thank John Murphy and The Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club for their recent donation of \$500. Their generous support over the years has helped us to develop and implement crisis prevention and early intervention programs for youth as well



John presents a check to Jackie. PHOTO PROVIDED

as to promote awareness of new and existing resources for healthier lifestyles and decision-making for youth and their families. We provide safe housing, food, counseling, and school. It is through your donations that we are able to provide the services we offer to as many area youths as we do each year. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

# LRC meets with Cavendish craftsman

LUDLOW, Vt. – Peter LaBelle of Cavendish recently spoke about stained glass art to the Ludlow Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon meeting.

LaBelle described the process of creating a design for a stained glass project and the actual process of cutting the glass and piecing it together. He also discussed the ecclesiastical form of stained glass art as exemplified in church windows.

The process begins with a drawn concept of the object to be made, followed by the process of acquiring the specially treated and colored glass. The next step involves the very tedious work of cutting the various glass pieces in the design. This particular phase, ac-

ording to LaBelle, requires “the utmost patience and a good supply of Band-Aids.” The cut pieces then need to have their edges smoothed and wrapped in thin lead, which is soldered and gradually assembled into the full design of the project.

LaBelle has created a large number of stained glass pieces. Examples include the restoration of the Episcopal Church windows damaged by Irene in Proctorsville, the logo for Mur-



Art Randolph, LRC President (left) and Peter LaBelle (right). PHOTO PROVIDED

dock’s Restaurant, and numerous floral designs.

He gave each of the Rotarians at the meeting a sample piece of a rose blossom stained glass so they could see the actual sequence from concept to finish product.

# Meals on Wheels drivers receive gifts

LUDLOW, Vt. – On May 12, John Murphy, President of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club, generously presented gas gift cards to Eileen Dunseith, Chairperson of the Black River Valley Senior Center, for Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers. Hot meals are served and delivered four days a week from the Black



John presents gas gift cards to Eileen. PHOTO PROVIDED

River Valley Senior Center located at 10 High Street in Ludlow to folks in need in the towns of Ludlow, Cavendish, and Plymouth. This program would not be possible without the volunteer drivers. Call the center at 802-228-7421 if interested in volunteering.

# West River Farmers Market

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The West River Farmers Market will open for its first day of the season over Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28.

Come to the market between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Junction of Route 11 and Route 100 in Londonderry to shop fresh organic produce, eat delicious food made-to-order, and enjoy live music

from Gus Bloch.

The farmers market features over 45 vendors selling agricultural products, authentic crafts, fine art, artisan foods, and much more all made locally by devoted members of our community.

Please note that: Dogs are not allowed in the market area unless certified as service animals; Masks will not be required, folks who wish to attend can wear masks if

they feel comfortable doing so; If you park along Route 11, for everyone’s safety, do not block traffic.

The market will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or shine, through Saturday, Oct. 8, Indigenous People’s Day weekend. Contact Market Manager Lauren Ingersoll at 802-379-1097 or email at westriverfarmersmarket@gmail.com with any questions regarding the market.

# Shred event at Ludlow Shaw’s

LUDLOW, Vt. – NAID-Certified SecurShred will be accepting paper shredding on June 4, 2022 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Shaw’s Plaza. This event is sponsored by Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates and is free. Look for the Mary

Davis Tent on the day of the event.

All shredded paper is recycled into tissue paper products at a paper mill. Every year, SecurShred recycles millions of pounds of shredded paper. For every 150 pounds of paper recycled, one tree is saved. Making paper from recycled paper also uses 30% – 55% less energy than making paper from trees, and there is 95% less air pollution when creating paper from recycled sources.

“This is our Second Annual Community Shred Event partnering with Se-

curShred,” said Julie Abraham, Owner at Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates. “The Partners at Mary Davis are looking forward to this event and helping our community safely destroy sensitive documents that, if not disposed of properly, may compromise someone’s identity.”

The proceeds from the SecurShred sale of our recycled material will benefit the Ludlow Ambulance Service.

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staff members have many years of education, training, and animal experience and are equally dedicated to the Riverside Veterinary Care philosophy.

Riverside recently expanded into a new Ludlow location at 72 Pond Street, just down the road on Route 103 from their old location. This expansion allows for more clinic space, more parking, and expanded hours. In addition, once all their renovations are complete, they are also planning an in-clinic diagnostic laboratory, ultrasound, x-ray, and surgical capabilities in Ludlow. In addition to Ludlow, they also have a location in Rutland.

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# arts & entertainment

## Hamlet in Wonderland, or Alice, Prince of Denmark

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – John Hadden and Sean Roberts, the directors of the two shows this summer at Main Street Arts, “Hamlet” and “The Books of Alice and Wonderland,” will stage a brief, semi-improvisational mash-up of the two plays, to be filmed before a live audience for promotional use on local media, at the Flat Iron Café on June 4, at 12 p.m.

Members of the two casts

will bring speeches from the plays and play a game in which they are interrupted by speeches from the other play, and have to try to make sense of it in a scene using only words from their text. After this experiment, the directors will play a game called “Interview at a Café,” in which audience members ask questions about the two productions while drinking coffee and enjoying a Saturday after-

noon.

The recently formed company Wild Goose Players, run by David Stern, which just closed a successful run of “Into the Woods” at the Bellows Falls Opera House, is producing “Hamlet,” and Main Street Arts is producing Roberts’ “Alice.” This is the first public occasion of the two companies working together.

## Fletcher Farm School classes

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts announces June classes. All summer classes are also posted on [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org), and new classes are being added weekly.

**F4 – June 11 (a.m.) – Felted Landscapes – Sandi Cirillo – Reg. deadline 6/1/22.** In this class, you will learn about the felt making process using wool, soap, and water to create a beautiful felted landscape made entirely of wool. Wet felting and dry needle felting techniques will be demonstrated. This is a hands-on class, so come prepared for lots of felted fun!

**F5 – June 11 (p.m.) – Silk Shibori – Sandi Cirillo – Reg. deadline 6/1/22.** Shibori is a Japanese resist method of creating designs on silk scarves using a PVC pipe. You will leave this class with two silk scarves you have created using this resist method. You’ll also have time to paint directly on your scarves.

**B4 – June 12 – Make a Versatile Basket – Dona Nazarenko – Reg. deadline 6/2/22.** Not too big nor too small, this tote will do the job for berry picking. It’s also the perfect size to use for your hobby, craft, or any garden needs. Woven with

natural and dyed reed, this hangs nicely with the attached soft Shaker strap to carry around or rest on your shoulders. A very handy basket, you will be proud to use and display it.

**W3 – June 13-15 – Introduction to Chip Carving – Dennis Wilson – Reg. deadline 6/3/22.** This course will introduce students to Chip Carving, a craft in which a knife is used to incise designs created by the removal of small pieces, called chips, from the wood. Chip carved plates, jewelry, keepsake boxes, trays, breadboards, furniture, and other items make wonderful personal items and gifts. Some carving experience is helpful but not necessary. Chip carving knives will be loaned to you, although students may purchase knives from these makers: [www.mychipcarving.com](http://www.mychipcarving.com), [www.chipcarving.com](http://www.chipcarving.com), or [www.flexcut.com](http://www.flexcut.com).

**B1 – June 18 – Bucket Basket – Meg Kupiec – Reg. deadline 6/8/22.** This basket is an original design by your instructor. You will work with round, flat, and flat oval reed and learn the most popular weaving methods. Attention will center on sizing your basket to fit the wooden swing handle.

**S1 – June 18-19 – Creative Metalworking – Piper Strong – Reg. deadline 6/8/22.** The Creative Met-

alworking class will explore techniques in welding, brazing, and forming sheet metal into 3D shapes. The goal is to learn by creating your own small sculpture. You will explore organic and geometric forms, using a plasma cutter, torches, hand tools, and your own imagination. Two days will cover the basics, give you time to be creative, and learn how to setup your own home studio. All abilities are welcome.

**W4 – June 25-26 – Introduction to Green Wood Spoon Making – Andre Souigny – Reg. deadline 6/15/22.** Green wood spoon making relies on the combination of easy-to-carve, freshly harvested hardwood, razor sharp tools, and steady, thoughtful technique. Students will be introduced to various tool handling techniques. The schedule will be dictated by the skill and progression of the group. Day one will focus on preparing green wood spoon blanks, including hatchet techniques, sawing stop cuts, and shaping with the shaving horse, drawknife, and spoke shave. Day two will be devoted to working with the straight and bent knife, learning safe knife holds and carving techniques, drying, and decorative embellishments such as finials, chip carving, and kohlrising.

## Fletcher Farm School Open Studio

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts will be participating in the Vermont Craft Council’s Open Studio Weekend, to be held on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29. Several of our members will be demonstrating skills such as quilting, silver fabrication, collage, decorative painting, and creative metalworking.

The artist registration fees will be waived for anyone signing up for a class during the Open Studio.

In addition, we will be hosting a retrospective of the work of Fletcher Farm

Graduate Pamela Friend Gwinn (née Spalding), 1943–2021, who was a Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts graduate in Early American Decoration. Pamela was known as “The Stencil Lady” at the School. She enjoyed a thirty-year (plus) artistic career thanks to the Fletcher Farm School. Her reputation for meticulous artwork persisted throughout her career, teaching, hobbies, and retirement play with sailors’ valentines – seashell mosaics. She was a prolific artist until her death.

Please stop in to explore her life’s work and play, and

you are welcome to visit with her daughter, Natalie, at “open-box” show and tell sessions on the arts and crafts she mastered. Sessions may include: stenciling overlay demonstration, primitive painting process, beaded jewelry show and tell, theorem designs, reverse paintings on glass, and shell mosaic designs.

We invite the public to stop by to see the demonstrations and talk with Ms. Friend’s daughter about her work. The Open Studio will run from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day.

## Walpole Players, “The Wind in the Willows”

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – On Friday, June 17, 2022 at 7 p.m., The Walpole Players will open its second production of Alan Bennett’s adaptation of “The Wind in the Willows,” the children’s novel by Kenneth Grahame. It will continue June 18 and 23, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 19, at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, June 25, at 8 p.m.

Their first production of this play was in 1993 and was not only the U.S. premiere of “The Wind in the Willows,” it was the premiere for the entire Western Hemisphere. At the time, the original production was still on stage at the National Theatre in London and players were not allowed to

reference that fact. Directed by Jane Skofield with the assistance of her husband Herman, they spent months retaining the rights to produce the play in the U.S. after learning about it during a trip to London.

While it’s the same story, with a slightly shortened script from the original, this year’s production will be different in several ways, from the costumes and set design to the music. However, it is the same charming story with the same delightful characters, and many cast members from the 1993 production are either reprising their original roles or appearing in new ones. And don’t let the

term “children’s novel” deceive you into thinking this is a play just for children. Alan Bennett’s script injects plenty of sly jokes for the adults. This is a play for all ages.

We are dedicating our 2022 production to Jane, who not only directed this and other plays in the early days of The Walpole Players, but was instrumental in making the Players a successful organization and a permanent part of our community. We hope Jane would approve of what we’ve done in her honor.

Tickets will go on sale on May 18, and, for the first time, be available to purchase online through our

website, [www.TheWalpolePlayers.org](http://www.TheWalpolePlayers.org). Tickets will also be available at Galloway Real Estate and at the door.

### Community Art Garden grand re-opening

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Please join Community Art Garden on the green at 287 Main St., Chester, Vt. for their grand re-opening celebration on Saturday, May 28 from 1–5 p.m. They will have some fun activities set up on the porch and their friends from Art Camp Studio will be on site with their Art Camper, offering a free craft workshop from 2–4 p.m.



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The food has been purchased with donations by local businesses. We appreciate the efforts of our local Rescue Squad members to prepare the dinner. The cost of the meal is \$15, \$7 for those under 12, and free for children under six. You may contribute some higher amount to help with the fundraiser.

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# opinion

Dear Editor and TRSU families,

Last week we had to share with you information about a staff member being placed on administrative leave. This evening, we received news that Norm Merrill, a teacher at Green Mountain Union High School was arrested after a federal indictment on charges of child pornography.

The press release from the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont can be found here at this link: [www.justice.gov/usao-vt/pr/green-mountain-union-high-school-teacher](http://www.justice.gov/usao-vt/pr/green-mountain-union-high-school-teacher)

charged-producing-child-sexual-abuse-material.

Providing support and safety for our students, staff, and families during this incredibly difficult time is our priority. This is a shattering experience for all of us.

If you are reluctant to send your child to school on Friday, we understand. They may still attend all after school and weekend events if they choose.

There will be counselors available throughout the day at Green Mountain to help students and staff process

this information.

The Chester Police Department is also available to answer questions. Their number is 802-875-2035.

The investigation is ongoing and new information continues to come out. We will try to answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Fierman, Superintendent of Schools  
802-875-3365  
Keith Hill, GMUHS Principal  
802-875-2146

Dear Editor,

Last week, I was interviewed by WCAX News about the recent shootings in Springfield. During that interview, I made comments that, when reported, have been taken as being very critical of Police Chief Mark Fountain and Lieutenant Patrick Call. It was not at all my intention to criticize either of these gentlemen or their work. I apologize to Chief Fountain,

Lieutenant Call, and their families for any hurt that my comments have caused them.

Policing in today's society with increased drug usage, increasing gun violence, and severe staffing shortages has become a very difficult profession. This is true not only in Springfield, but also throughout Vermont and our country. It is critical that we support our police. I strongly support the Springfield Police

Department, from Chief Fountain and Lieutenant Call to our patrol officers and our dispatchers. They are doing a great job in a very challenging environment, and I thank each and every member of the department for all that they are doing for Springfield.

Sincerely,  
Kristi Morris  
Chairman, Springfield Selectboard  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the Rockingham Republican Town Committee hosted a Candidates Forum at the Rockingham Meeting House, which ran from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Candidates Tyler Austin, Bonnie DePino, and Ryan Coyne participated. All three are running for State Representative here in the Rockingham, Westminster District. Two seats are available.

Tyler Austin wants internet access for all Vermonters so that they can access, among other things, non-corporate news programming. He also spoke against the state government overreach of power in addressing the Covid response. He does not sup-

port Article 22/Prop 5, or the procedural mandates such a bill would place on medical professionals.

Bonnie DePino is an educator who wants tax credits for parents who homeschool as well as school choice for parents with students in public education. She is a proponent of gun-rights. DePino does not support late-term abortions and the potential harvesting of human organs, a possibility given the vagueness of Article 22/Prop 5.

Ryan Coyne is a fiscal conservative who considers the teachers' pension deficit of \$4 billion, the high property taxes compared to other states, and keeping Vermont's small

business climate healthy, to be of utmost importance in the November elections. Coyne does not believe we should be altering the language of the state constitution in regards to Prop 5. He also believes that the most common ground between the two parties concerns the environment, but that more research on the negative environmental impact of automotive lithium batteries is needed.

Tuesday, Aug. 9 is the Republican primary. The Town Committee plans to continue hosting candidate forums on the last Saturday of the month until the general elections on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Forums will be held at the Rockingham Meeting House from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact Bill Morse at [williammorse42@gmail.com](mailto:williammorse42@gmail.com) or call at 802-591-1793.

Sincerely,  
Bill Morse  
Rockingham, Vt.

Dear Editor,

With the release of the census data comes redistricting in Vermont, which tries to make one representative for every 4200 constituents. I have been a resident of Putney for 40 years, so my district is Windham-4, which has had two representatives and two senators for the last ten years. Because Windham County lost about 17% of its population since the last census, Putney and Dummerston lost one representative: Michelle Bos-Lun.

This is great news for folks living in Westminster, Brookline, and Rockingham, the towns in her new district. I

want to introduce you to Michelle Bos-Lun, who serves on the Corrections and Institutions committee, from a current constituent's viewpoint. That committee submitted a budget that increased funds for public housing, clean water, and state park improvements.


To highlight some of her other Montpelier activities: Bos-Lun co-sponsored the Child Care bill which both increased affordability of quality childcare for families, and the Youth Council bill which passed in 2022, and cosponsored the Community Schools bill, which passed in 2021.

She did intensive work this year with students around the state from

VSARN (VT Students Against Racism Network) to develop a vision on how to support schools working against racism. She regularly attends the Social Equity Caucus in the Vermont Statehouse to keep aware of challenges and pending solutions to a range of Vermont social justice issues including health care and economic and racial justice issues.

Michelle Bos-Lun is on top of key issues for all Vermonters. Please go to an event where she is speaking to hear her understanding of the issues for yourself.

Sincerely,  
Candace Brown  
Putney, Vt.



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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.

Dear Editor,

For all voters of Westminster, Bellows Falls, and Brookline.

The elections are coming up and all voters who believe in free elections, government for all, and that all people are equal need to pay attention. Our freedoms are in jeopardy! Sorry, but

if you have not watched or read the news lately our values are under attack.

Political conservatives may take over both the Senate, House, and the Presidency. This will create such a conservative series of laws it will take decades to clean up.

Michelle Bos-Lun and Leslie Goldman are two candidates 100% for the people. Michelle cosponsored legislation, signed into law on: community schools, childcare, sustainable transporta-

tion planning, and support for public school employee health benefits.

Leslie is working on improving health care access and quality and reducing costs. She is supporting legislation on addressing the climate crisis, workforce development, social justice, and rural economics.

Please vote for Leslie and Michelle and our rights.

Sincerely,  
Matt Conkin,  
Westminster, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The first week of May we celebrated National Teacher Appreciation Week at Cavendish Town Elementary School. Each day of the week, through various events, we tried to show appreciation to the extraordinary staff. This only was able to happen because of the generosity of lots of parents, businesses

and community members.

The CTES Parent Teacher Group would like to thank the following people for their assistance: Fletcher Farm Arts and Craft School, The Golden Stage Inn, Murdock's on the Green, Lisa Sanders, Sarah and Bill Rose, Alan and Wendy Regier, Black River Produce, Leann LeClair, Gladys Seville, Lisa Sanders, Jessica Maclean, Peter Cherubini, Mason House Pottery, Roy and Margaret Burton, Stephen Plunkard – Q4 Landscape Architecture, Miranda Wheeler, Courtney Hillhouse, Kevin and Denise R. Hughes, Joe Fromberger, Dennis Reilly, Victoria Blodgett, Courtney Millay, Mary Alberty, Eric Buckner, Katherine Fogg, Lindsay Turgeon, Maria French, Marina Holland, Kate Lamphere, Michelle Messina, Chelsea Hayward, Donna Hamilton, Ruthann and Roger Batchelder – Route 103 Auto, Annmarie Wilkins, Lisa Marks, and Jen McBride.

Sincerely,  
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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- vested — ..."
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- Web master?
- Streisand title role
- Hertz rival
- Young fellows
- PC picture
- Pork cut
- Musical finale
- Bloodhound's clue
- Alaskan city
- Conditions

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# obituaries

## Alan Coburn, 1951-2022

WINDHAM, Vt. – Alan “Butch” Coburn, 70, passed away May 16, 2022, at his home in Windham, Vt. He battled with lung cancer for several years, but even so, his death was sudden and unexpected. He was born Oct. 9, 1951, at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vt. to Donald and Jean (Ingraham) Coburn.

Alan attended school at Leland and Grey Seminary. He entered the Navy in 1976, after which he owned and operated Coby’s Sales & Service for several years. He went on to work 39 years in the mining industry, which was his passion. After 17 years with the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Alan retired from his job as a Mine Inspection Supervisor with the Federal Government in 2018.

“Butch” enjoyed many years of riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. In his later years, he found just as much joy driving Ford Mustangs. He was an avid NASCAR racing fan and loved cheering on the University of Alabama college football team.

In his retirement, Alan enjoyed his love for warm weather and spending time on the sandy beaches in Alabama and Florida. He later moved back to Vermont to spend more time with his



Alan Coburn, 1951-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

children and grandchildren. Alan is predeceased by his parents and two siblings. He is survived by his two children: Alison (Joseph) Barone of Valatie, N.Y. and Aaron Tate (Thayla) Coburn of Andover, Vt., as well as his beloved grandchildren: Marcus, Cobie, and Isabelle, two siblings, and many other beloved extended family members.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 4 p.m. at the Windham Congregational Church.

Directly following the service, we will gather to share our favorite memories and stories – to laugh, to cry, and to remember a wonderful person who will be deeply missed.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

## Rhoda Devarney, 1947-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rhoda Jeanne Devarney passed away May 3, 2022 after living with Alzheimer’s for nine years. She was born Sept. 2, 1947 in Gardner, Mass. After marrying Bruce, they relocated to Vermont and worked hard to gain their independence while raising their family. With three of their four children serving in the armed forces, they were fortunate to see the world from many perspectives. She was precious to many, an exceptional woman, a dedicated friend, an extraordinary wife, a free-spirited mother, and an inspirational grandmother and great-grandmother.

Rhoda was never bothered when her husband threatened to nail the furniture to the floor as she was a master furniture visionary and loved decorating their home. She was dubbed as the queen of vacuuming and a pyromaniac, as she would burn just about anything in their woodstove! Her passions were reading and writing as she was whimsical, creative, and witty. Nevermind our ability or inability to read her chicken scratch handwriting, scribbled on distant postcards or elegant stationery.

A lover of music, she was known to many as “The Dancing Queen.” Some of her favorites: Rod Stewart, Van Morrison, Michael Bubl , and Andrea Bocelli. The front-runner being “Cocaine” by Eric Clapton. She would shimmy her way across the wooden floor-



Rhoda Devarney, 1947-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

boards of their kitchen, continuing to show off her moves even through her illness. She would encourage anyone to be her dance partner, especially the men. They never stood a chance to turn down her offer! Her energy was contagious as she was amusing, lively, and entertaining.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce, and their children: Ken, Chris, Allison, and Marlo; grandchildren: Kristen, Thayne, Aria, Kenzie, and Hattie; great-grandchildren: Chase and Holly; and her cherished friend, Irene Michaud. We would like to thank Bayada/Hospice for their support and Becky Klopchin, a very special lady, for her caring, loving nature and round-the-clock care she provided.

Rhoda will always be remembered for her spunky, vivacious spirit. “Be courageous and be brave, and in my heart you’ll always stay Forever Young.” So, the next time you hear Michael Bubl  or Rod Stewart, think of Rhoda, or better yet, dance!

## Edward Dupell, 1956-2022

UNITY, N.H. – Edward Dean Dupell, 65, of Unity, N.H., passed away unexpectedly at his home on May 12, 2022.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1956 to Thomas Dupell Sr. and Frances (Griffin) Way. He grew up with his siblings, cousins, and friends in Alstead, N.H., where his love of the outdoors and his lifelong passion for hunting and fishing was born.

As a young man, he excelled in all sports. This included boxing, where he was two-time golden glove cruiserweight southpaw champion.

His mother and family where the heart of his existence. He and his mother were passionate Celtics fans and seldom missed a game. Nor did they miss many flea and yard sales. Eddie loved the serenity and freedom of

living in the mountains of Unity.

He is survived by his brother Thomas Dupell (wife Deborah), sisters Diane Mispel and Patricia Hutchins (husband Al), and nieces and nephews Tom, Patrick, Albie, Ben, Tara, and Shia.

He leaves behind many cousins and dear friends, as well as his beloved Aunt June Moore and best fur friend Blue.

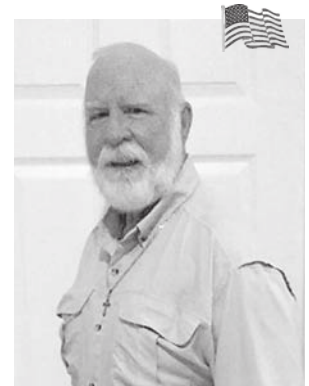
He is predeceased by his mother, father, stepfather Edward Way, and sister Deborah Martin.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery, Pine Grove Rd., Alstead, N.H., followed by a celebration of life gathering at the Third Congregational Church, River St., Alstead, N.H.

## Roger Hammond, 1945-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Roger M. Hammond, age 77, born Feb. 6, 1945 in Springfield Vt., passed away peacefully at home on May 17, 2022. He was a graduate of Springfield, Class of 1963, and served in the USAF with an honorable discharge. He is predeceased by father Gordon Hammond, brother Duane Hammond, and son David (Shannon Cooper). He is survived by his wife Lois (Lasell) Warren, mother Beatrice (Gelineau) Robitaille, son Peter, and daughter Beth, sister Carol Brown, stepson William Warren, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one step-great-granddaughter.

Roger was a lay minister and trustee of Springfield Methodist Church and was also very active in the Methodist Church of Englewood, Fla. He enjoyed travelling, camping, cruising, flea markets, creating and fixing things, and vending with his hot dog carts in Vermont and Florida. He loved animals, especially dogs, and farmed with chickens, goats, and sheep. He worked at Keene, N.H. hospital,



Roger Hammond, 1945-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Great Brook furniture, and Walmart in New Hampshire and Florida. He operated “Mr. Fixit” shops in many states, including Springfield, Vt. He earned an architectural draftsman certificate while working for KSI engineering in Englewood, Fla. He was an author, publishing the Basic Tool Box book.

Celebration of Life services will be held at Methodist Church, 10 Valley St. of Springfield, Vt. on May 28, at 3 p.m., with a burial at Oakland Cemetery, River Rd., Springfield, Vt.

Donations can be made to Methodist Church, Valley St., Springfield, Vt.

## Keith J. Tyrrell Jr., 1988-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Keith J. Tyrrell Jr. of Bellows Falls, Vt. died Sunday, May 15, 2022, in Springfield, Vt. He was born Feb. 17, 1988, in Springfield, Vt., the son of Keith, Barbara Sr., and Sherry Wright, along with his stepmother, Janet Flack. He graduated Bellows Falls Union High School VT and studied small engines in technical school. Following school, he worked building post and beam houses, repaired small engines, and worked at Whitney Blake.

Keith is survived by his father and mother; his children, Damien and Karyonna McAllister; his siblings, Crystal Tanguay and her husband Robert Tanguay, and Cassonya Tyrrell; Krista Lescord, Lassar, and Stormie Gordon; Ashley Morse; Brittany McNeill;



Keith Tyrrell, 1988-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

David, Sarah, and Chris Barrett; Tera Kraushaar and many nieces and nephews, along with great-nieces and nephews and many aunts and uncles. He is predeceased by his grandfather, Kenneth Tyrrell Sr. of Proctorsville, Vt.

There will be a graveside service in the Oak Hill Cemetery on Saturday, June 4 at 2 p.m. Following the burial, a Celebration of Life will be from 3–6 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Moose Club.

## Michelle Leitgeb, 1968-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Michelle Dee Leitgeb, 53, of Bellows Falls, Vt. passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by family and with her beloved daughter holding her hand on Thursday, May 12, 2022. She was born Dec. 17, 1968 in Keene, N.H. to Sandra Lanou and Michael Blanchard.

Mickey attended Westminster Center School, Central Elementary, and was a 1987 graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School. As a single mom, Mickey worked hard to complete her Bachelor’s Degree online through Johnson State College, completing her Business degree in May of 2016. Mickey worked at various jobs including Vermont Apple, Hill House Day Care Center, and most recently WNESU. She spent the last 20 years working with special needs students and recently moved to the Health Office Assistant at the high school. Through her years at the school district she touched so many student’s lives, along with her coworkers. She had many students that she lovingly referred to as “her kids.” She attended sporting events, graduations, birthday parties, and more for these students.

If you ever needed to find her, your best bet would be to check the beach. To her, Hampton Beach was home. She loved being at the race-track, outside walking, going on adventures, and always had a plan. She loved summer, flamingos, cats, and of course her boy bands like New Kids on the Block. She took great pride in her porch in the fall and summer, always filling it with flowers. She spent every minute with her daughter. They were always going somewhere and finding something to do, all while laughing the entire



Michelle Leitgeb, 1968-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

time. When she got sick, her daughter stayed by her side, never straying. They were a package deal; where one went, so did the other. Mickey had the most sarcastic, dry sense of humor and you never knew what was going to come out of her mouth.

She is predeceased by her father, Michael Blanchard; mother Sandra Lanou; grandmother Phyllis Leitgeb and grandfather Robert. She is survived by her pride and joy daughter, Samantha Barth; sister Jaelyn (Jackie) Lanou; brothers Jamie Lanou and wife Beth, and Joseph Lanou. She is also survived by nieces and nephews Logan, Jackson, and Wyatt Coutermarsh; Jenna and Joselyn Lanou; and Jonathan, JoLynn, and Autumn Lanou.

Calling hours will be Saturday, June 4 from 1–3 p.m. at Fenton and Hennessy in Bellows Falls, Vt. Per Mickey’s request, please don’t wear all black. There will be a private family only graveside service following. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Windham County Humane Society at P.O. Box 397, Brattleboro, VT 05302 or online at the Windham County Humane Society website.

### 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).

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Lucinda Adams

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Lucinda “Cindy” Adams, who passed away Jan. 9, 2022, will be held on June 11, 2022 at 12 p.m. at the Springfield Assembly of God Church. A burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Prosper Cemetery in Woodstock, Vt.

### Roger Duquette

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Roger Duquette, who passed away March 18, 2022, will be held on June 4, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Thomas Olson will officiate.

### Leonard Jerome

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A memorial service for Leonard Jerome, who passed away Nov. 21, 2021, will be held on June 4, 2022 at 4 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Donna Gage will officiate.

### William Moore

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A memorial service for William Moore, who passed away Feb. 1, 2022, will be held May 28, 2022 at 12 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Malcolm Fowler will officiate.

### Roger Shanafelt

CHESTER, Vt. – Please join us for a Celebration of Life gathering in honor of Roger Shanafelt. The event will be held at 9 Lovers Ln. in Chester on Sunday, June 12 at 11 a.m. Brunch will be served, followed by music and memory sharing. Information at 802-875-1686. We hope to see you there!

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# calendar

# LEGAL NOTICES

**MAY 26 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Community Lunch at Black River Valley Senior Center on Thursday, May 26 at 11:45 a.m., 10 High St. in Ludlow. For reservations, call 802-228-7421. Menu includes ham, homemade baked beans, homemade cookies, and ice cream.

**MAY 27 –**  
SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Vocalist Elizabeth Rogers in concert on Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. Tickets available in advance and at the door. For details, visit [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org).

**MAY 28 –**  
ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse

Committee in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society will hold our 5th annual Memorial Weekend Plant Sale on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. - noon at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens. For details, email at [athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com](mailto:athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com).

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Flower and Craft Sale at Hadwin Acres on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Find a wide selection of perennials, annuals, herbs, shrubs, and more. While you are there, come and browse the offerings of several local craft vendors.

CHESTER, Vt. – Please join Community Art Garden on

the Chester Green at 287 Main Street for their grand reopening celebration on Saturday, May 28 from 1-5 p.m. Fun activities set up on the porch and their friends from Art Camp Studio will be on site with their “Art Camper” offering a free craft workshop from 2-4 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment Saturday, May 28 at 8 p.m. at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, Springfield, VT. Performing classic rock and country music. General public is welcomed. For more information, call 802-885-6008.

**MAY 29 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Breanna Elaine will play the Stage 33 Live listening room at 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls on Sunday, May 29 at 7 p.m. Reservations in advance or at the door – all proceeds go to the performer. Limited seating. The performance will be recorded and filmed. More information at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

**MAY 30 –**  
PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Weathersfield Veterans Memorial Committee Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 30 at noon in Veterans Memorial Park, Perkinsville.

**MAY 31 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – World-renowned pianist Carolyn Enger will bring her talent to the First Universalist Parish of Chester on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, with a suggested

donation. Proceeds divided among the church, the Chester-Andover Family Center, and the Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens. For more details, contact Nena Nanfeldt at [nnanfeldt@gmail.com](mailto:nnanfeldt@gmail.com).

**JUNE 5 –**  
REGION, Vt. – Summer Sunday Outdoor Fiddle Meets beginning Sunday, June 5 at Currier Park in Barre. Other dates and venues include July 10 on State House Lawn, Montpelier; Aug. 7 at Rusty Parker Park, Waterbury; and Sept. 11 at Ox Bow Park in Morrisville. All from noon – 4:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

**JUNE 9 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Bobolink Trunkshow & Yarn Tasting at Six Loose Ladies on Thursday, June 9 from 5-7 p.m. Join the ladies in the shop for a free night of education, yarn, and friends. Learn about local wool while sampling Bobolink yarns with special guests Katie Sullivan and Donna Druchunas. Located on the Green in Chester.

**JUNE 18 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Knit in Public Day at Six Loose Ladies on Saturday, June 18 from noon - 3 p.m. Bring your lunch, chair, and of course knitting and join us on the Chester Green.

**SUNDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester American Legion Post 67 hosts Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12 p.m., and games start at 1 p.m.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

**MONDAYS –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks

Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email [sdoyle@springfieldmed.org](mailto:sdoyle@springfieldmed.org).

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at the old St. Charles Catholic School building, 25 Cherry Street in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

**TUESDAYS –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Tracy Blanchard from The National Council on Aging will be at the Black River Valley Senior Center on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to help Medicare recipients find and apply for eligible assistance programs, services and support. Located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. For details, call 802-773-7917.

CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

**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. For details or to register, email [dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

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Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women’s meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

**FRIDAYS –**  
WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Fridays from 7-8 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, Walpole.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Farmers Market is happening Fridays from Friday, June 17 through September. Featuring live entertainment, take-out food, and many vendors. For more information or becoming a vendor visit them on Facebook at Greater Falls Farmers’ Market.

**SATURDAYS –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

**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.

**Attention  
Proctorsville and Cavendish residents**

Registration has begun at Cavendish Town Elementary School for Kindergarten. If your child will be 5 years old before September 1, 2022 please contact the school office for registration forms. If your child attends preschool in the district please contact the school office to confirm your child’s registration.

Contact Donna Hamilton at the school office at 802-875-7758 or via email at [donna.hamilton@trsu.org](mailto:donna.hamilton@trsu.org).

**Part Time School Bus Driver**

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Part Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing.

Job Type: Part-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at [Michael.Ripley@trsu.org](mailto:Michael.Ripley@trsu.org).

**STATE OF VERMONT**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>PROBATE DIVISION</b>
<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Docket No.: 22-PR-02790</b>

In re ESTATE of: Donald S. Whitney

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Donald S. Whitney Decedent

late of SPRINGFIELD 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: May 8, 20 Signature of Fiduciary  
  
Paula Whitney

<small>Executor/Administrator</small>		<small>Mailing Address</small>	
Paula Whitney		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519	
<small>Phone Number</small>	<small>Email</small>	<small>City, State, Zip</small>	
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156	

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal-The Shopper

Publication Date: May 25, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court-Windsor County Probate Division

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green  
Woodstock, VT 05091

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**West Weathersfield  
Volunteer Fire Department**

The West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department has identified the need for a First Responder Service to operate in Weathersfield VT withing the existing coverage area for West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department and is applying for licensure by the Vermont Department of Health. This service proposes to begin operation on July 1, 2022, within the geographic boundaries of West Weathersfield. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Emergency Medical Services Statute, public comments are invited to be received by the department by June 1, 2022.

Address comments to: Vermont Department of Health Office of Public Health Preparedness and EMS PO Box 70 Burlington, VT 05402-0070

**email your  
event to us  
to put in the  
calendar**

[calendar@vermontjournal.com](mailto:calendar@vermontjournal.com)

**STATE OF VERMONT**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>PROBATE DIVISION</b>
<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Docket No.: 21-PR-02606</b>

In re ESTATE of: CHARLENE F. KOLENDA

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Charlene F. Kolenda Decedent

late of Proctorsville 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: 11/22/21 Signature of Fiduciary  
  
Peter J. Kolenda

<small>Executor/Administrator</small>		<small>Mailing Address</small>	
Peter J. Kolenda		106 Preedom Hill Road South	
<small>Phone Number</small>	<small>Email</small>	<small>City, State, Zip</small>	
802-228-5627		Ludlow, VT 05159	

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal

Publication Date: May 25, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Probate Division, Windsor Unit

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green  
Woodstock, VT 05091

**STATE OF VERMONT**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>PROBATE DIVISION</b>
<b>Windham</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Docket No.: 22-PR-00113</b>

In re ESTATE of: Mark E. Doane

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Mark E. Doane Decedent

late of Londonderry, 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: 01/26/2022 Signature of Fiduciary

<small>Executor/Administrator</small>		<small>Mailing Address</small>	
Christopher Doane		c/o Amanda George, P.O. Box 578	
<small>Phone Number</small>	<small>Email</small>	<small>City, State, Zip</small>	
802-875-7777	<a href="mailto:amanda@amandageorge.law.vt">amanda@amandageorge.law.vt</a>	Chester, VT 05143	

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal

Publication Date: May 25, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Probate Division, Windham Unit

Address of Probate Court: 30 Putney Road  
Brattleboro, VT 05301

# LEGAL NOTICES

# classifieds

## AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held on May 28, 2022 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned:  
Randy Stearns - Unit #160 & 166  
Andy Aldrich - Unit #92 & 159

## BUYING/SELLING

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.

## CAREGIVER FOR HIRE

REGION – I am an experienced caregiver for the elderly, house sitter, and errand runner or driver. I am available all shifts. Call Marie at 802-554-0041.

## FIREWOOD

ANDOVER, Vt. – Firewood for sale. Beat fuel prices, cut to length, full cords. Please call 802-875-2076 (leave message).



## FOR RENT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Outskirts of Springfield, 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, large bonus room, huge kitchen, completely renovated. \$1,300/month. First, Last, Security. Call Matt 802-885-5737.

## FOR SALE

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Antique "Airflame" kerosene/oil furnace heater. Stored in dry shed and in excellent condition! Has original dual fill tanks. \$1,500 OBO. Call or text for photos 602-679-8800.

## GUNS WANTED

REGION – Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

## HELP WANTED

Weston based move management company is looking for an enthusiastic individual for a full time consultant. Must have strong computer skills and excellent phone presence. College education preferred but will train the right candidate. Full health benefits, 401k, Aflac, and PTO. Please send resume to office@consumersrelocation.com or mail to CRS, P. O. Box 27, Weston, VT 05161.

Clerk of the Works – Looking for a dependable and reliable individual to oversee large construction projects in the Windsor County area. Basic computer skills preferred. Past construction experience is required. Must have good communication and coordination skills. Call 1-800-639-7113 or email resume and interest letter to mblanchard@viscc.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.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Grace's General Contractor seeking lead carpenter, experience building garages, decks, and porches. Pay depending on experience. Call 802-674-5892.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Grace's General Contractor seeking experienced sheetrock/painter. Pay depending on experience. Call 802-674-5892.

MASON/TENDERS WANTED. Pay based on experience. Contact Moore Masonry at 802-824-5710 or email mooremasonry802@gmail.com.

WINDHAM, Vt. – Looking for entry-level tile apprentice and/

or qualified tile installer. Full time position. Starting pay \$18 and up depending on experience. Paid time off after a year. Call Steve at 802-275-8020 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Entry Level: Small, family-owned and operated Law Firm, specializing in residential real estate purchases, sales, and refinance; seeks a full time or part time candidate to join our team. Related experience is not required, and we will train the right person. Office skills are helpful, including organization skills, detail-oriented, use of PCs, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Word, along with an aptitude for learning new software, a plus. This is a public-facing role. An in person, professional office presence is a must. We offer competitive starting wages, performance reviews, 401K, and paid holidays for our full-time employees. Please send resumes to jon@weidman-law.com.

## YARD SALE

Multi-Family Tag Sale – 194 Cambridgeport Rd., Rockingham, VT. One mile from Route 103 on the left. Look for the balloons. Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29, 8am – 3pm. Great bargains!

Clothes, decorations, toys, books, bookcase, dishes, linens, tools, hedge trimmer, lawn chairs, Maple dining set, and many household items. You'll be glad you made the drive!

Vintage Vermont re-opens Memorial Day Weekend. Fri, Sat, and Sun, 9 am to 4 pm. F350 1974 truck, wood chipper, Craftsman saw with 40" table, treadle sewing machines, packing supplies, push mower, books, crystal,

dishes, knickknacks, and tons more! Town Farm Rd. Chester, Vt. Tag sale on Saturday, May 28, 9am-3pm at Windham Meeting House, located on the corner of Harrington Rd. and Windham Hill Rd. Indoor/outdoor, many vendors, large variety of items.

Yard sale Saturday, May 28, starting at 9 a.m. 897 Randall Hill, Springfield, Vt. Rain date Sunday, May 29.

## Submit your Classified Online!

[www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com)

### TOWN OF PLYMOUTH INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Plymouth, VT is soliciting bids for structural concrete repairs to the bridge rail and curb at the Stickney Bridge #39 on Kingdom Road, to include; Mobilization, installation of traffic control devices and temporary concrete barriers to limit the bridge to one lane of traffic. The existing rail is to be repaired, installation of temporary scaffolds/work platforms and safety railing along each side of the bridge, OSHA compliant access to both sides of the concrete rail, removal of all the deteriorated concrete from the railings and bridge curbs, replacement of the deteriorated concrete to the same geometry as currently exists.

Also, document all railing measurements prior to removal and create custom molds of the existing balusters to use as forms when reconstructing the rails, to relocate the electrical junction boxes, and add new conduit and wiring to the existing light fixtures.

New concrete shall be HPC AA. New reinforcing steel shall be epoxy coated, grade 60. All work shall follow Vtran's Standard Specifications for construction and all OSHA and environmental regulations shall be followed. Bid Bonds of 10% required, along with Performance, Payment, and Guarantee Bonds.

Anticipated project duration is two months.

Mandatory, Pre-Bid meeting on site, May 31, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Bids due at the Town Office, June 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM and will be opened by the Select Board at 6:30 PM. Contact Rick Kaminski with questions: rkaminski@plymouthvt.org.

### Highway Department Position Available

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

Please contact Larry at 802-672-3535.

### TOWN OF PLYMOUTH INVITATION TO BID

The town of Plymouth, VT seeks person for LAWN CARE for Municipal properties located on RT 100. All bidders MUST have proof of insurance. Bids must be submitted by June 15, 2022. Interested parties contact Larry Lynds at 802-672-3535. Please leave message if no answer.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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# yellow page BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**\$150 for 13 Weeks • \$250 for 26 Weeks • \$400 for 52 Weeks**  
Prices are based on a 20 word listing. An additional 50 cents for each word thereafter.

### Art Crafts Gifts

**GALLERY AT THE VAULT**  
Vermont State Craft Center  
68 Main St., Springfield  
Open Wed. 11-5, Fri. 11-7, Sat. 11-5  
www.galleryvault.org // 802-885-7111  
Shop and register online for classes!

**OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND: MAY 28-29, 10-5**  
Traditions of Lakota and Abenaki Peoples Photography by Kathryn Adams  
Just for the Fun of It Open Wall Show  
Artful Flea Shop artful finds on 39 Main St. & support VAULT (also 5/30)  
Traditional Chinese Calligraphy June 25, 11-2. \$35.  
Animation Art Camp July 11-15, 9-12 noon. Ages 7-10. \$75. (07/27/22 - TFN - 13)

**SAGE JEWELRY AND GIFTS**  
78 The Common, On the Green  
Chester, VT 802-875-7243  
www.sagejewelryvt.com  
Handcrafted jewelry made on site, full jewelry repair service. Locally crafted gifts, cards, and much more!  
(06/01/22 - 13)

### Builders/Contractors

1 Ton dump and mini excavator for hire. Driveway repair, re-grading, and resurfacing in Plymouth, Ludlow, and Mount Holly. Call 802-558-2920 or email handymanvt@gmail.com.  
(05/25/22 - 13)

**APEX VENTURES, LLC - HOUSE PAINTING**  
Booking exterior painting for the Summer and Fall in the Ludlow area. Houses, decks, porches, garages and/or barns. Email: adam@apexventures.one for free quotes.  
(08/10/22 - 13)

**HAMMER FOR HIRE LLC**  
802-376-3275 ~ "Not just for bangin' nails."  
We offer a variety of services, ranging from handyman projects, through small restorations to full blown renovations. Our clients expect a great experience from start to finish. Our professionalism matched with proficiency, customer care, and quality hit that mark. We are fully insured and ready for your next project, big or small.  
Like us on FACEBOOK: Hammer for Hire LLC @nedmortensen2008 (06/14/22 - 52)

**ROSE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT**  
Booking for fall 2022 projects. Also offer carpentry, interior & exterior painting, window & door replacements, storm door replacements, window cleaning, vinyl siding washing, pressure washing, drywall repairs, and odd jobs. 802-591-0019. Cavendish, Vt.  
(06/29/22 - 26)

### Builders/Contractors cont.

**PETER JORDAN CONSTRUCTION**  
Over 25 years of experience in all phases of construction. Framing, finish carpentry, custom showers and tile work, hardwood flooring, decks, roofing and siding. Fully insured and registered with the State of Vermont. Lead Paint Certified. Located in Proctorsville. 802-558-5267.  
(06/15/22 - 13)

### Campground

**CATON PLACE CAMPGROUND**  
2419 EAST ROAD, CAVENDISH VERMONT  
SEASONAL SITES AVAILABLE FOR 2022! REASONABLE RATES!  
802-226-7767  
Catonplacecamp@aol.com  
Full hook up sites, pull thru, and tent sites. Views of Okemo! Large Private Sites!  
(07/27/22 - 13)

### Chiropractor

**FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC**  
Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.  
(08/16/22 - TFN - 52)

### Cleaning

**RAINBOW CLEANING SERVICE**  
Houses, offices, apartments, and auto. We clean everything! References on request, fully insured, free estimates. Contact Verina Field at 802-289-9188 or stonetr49@gmail.com.  
(08/10/22 - 13)

### Cleanouts

**A BARE CLEANING**  
Basements, attics, houses, barns. Household items and junk removed. Free estimates, insured. Call Reg at 802-376-4159.  
(09/21/22 - 26)

### Excavating

**BOB N SON DIRT WORKS**  
Excavation/backhoe work, driveways graded/shurpak, ditches, and more with the homeowner in mind. Free estimates. Insured. Call or text Bob 802-345-3112.  
(07/27/22 - 13)

### Masonry

**DRC STONE DESIGN**  
Specializing in all Stone Masonry Applications including veneer, walls, patios, walkways. Fully insured. Free estimates. 32 years experience. Contact Dan Field at 802-384-0122 or stonetr49@gmail.com or visit drcstonedesign.com.  
(06/01/22 - 13)

**MOORE MASONRY**  
Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 mooremasonry802@gmail.com.  
(09/20/22 - 52)

### Okemo Valley TV

**LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK**

- Harry the Hypnototamus Goes to Save the Children of Ukraine
- Coverage of Divided Sky Foundation Fun Run
- Mental Health Awareness PSA / Citizen Commentary
- Cavendish Fire District #2 Annual Meeting
- "We Are Nature" – ESB Student Play

**Watch on TV:** Community Channel: Comcast 1076 / VTel 166 Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167  
(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)  
**Watch Online:** okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv  
(08/10/22 - TFN - 13)

### Pawn

**BRISTOL PAWN SHOP**  
Currently buying vintage US currency and coins, also WWII and WWII memorabilia, etc. Also gold, silver, and platinum. Give us a call with any questions on what you want to sell. Call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 857-233-1887 or 603-217-0033.  
(07/27/22 - 13)

### Perennials

**HALE HOLLOW PERENNIALS**  
\$4 perennials. 189 Richmond Hill Road, Bridgewater Corners. Open May 1-Aug. 31. Daily from 9-5. Closed Mondays. 100 Varieties wintered over. Call 802-770-9445.  
(08/10/22 - 15)

### Property Management

**GREAT BROOK LLC**  
Property Maintenance & Small Engine Repair. Call Chris at 802-886-2700 or 802-376-3150.  
(05/25/22 - 13)

### Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chef for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.  
(06/15/22 - 13)

# community

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Fraud Watch Network: Scamming is everywhere —

**REGION** – Sadly, the amount of money and information lost to fraud and scams has steadily increased over the last decade and actually accelerated in the past two years. This seems to defy logic. After all, common wisdom tells us that there is a greater awareness of criminal activity given the work of AARP, the BBB, government agencies, and business. But scammers are successful because, regardless of the educational effort, human

nature works against the victims. Here are a few of the reasons we see for not heeding warnings.

1) At the top of the list, “I’m too smart to be scammed.” Quite often, education is cited as a reason for ignoring the message, but the reality is that the criminals target “smart” people because advanced education means higher salaries and greater assets. A cardiologist may be “smart” in terms of medical knowledge, but far less capa-

ble in thwarting the criminal. A criminal is a professional, well-schooled in scamming. 2) “The message is being delivered by AARP, and if I’m not a member, or for that matter, I’m not old or retired, I may not see the message as relevant to me.” But fraud is not the province of senior citizens. In reality, there are more fraud victims between the ages of 25 – 45 than victims over the age of 65; 3) Next, “I don’t have much money so they won’t care about me.” True, the wealthy make for nice targets, but stealing money or information from them is more difficult and involves more work. Scamming a lot of people out

of a few hundred dollars each may not carry a big reward, but several small payoffs can be just as profitable in the long run.

There are steps to take that will help. First, avoid “The Ether,” a heightened state of emotion. A late-night call from a friend or family member in trouble, a threatening notice of pending arrest, or a congratulatory call from Publisher’s Clearing House can put you in the ether. When confronted by an emotional situation, don’t succumb to urgency. Step back and allow reason to return.

Know that technology can be manipulated. Phone

numbers on a caller ID can be altered by a computer. You may want to consider not answering the phone unless you recognize the number displayed. Be prepared to hang up when you sense something wrong. Be wary of robocalls; most are scams. Don’t connect with an agent and ignore instructions for removal from a call list. That action will only confirm your number as operational and set you up for more calls.

As a computer user, be cautious entering information on websites. Never provide ID’s and passwords, unless you can verify the website as correct. Examine the address line on the web page or ad-

dress on an email message to confirm its accuracy. A scammer may create a copycat website for TDbank.com with the name TDbnk.com.

One final self-defense step for today: Be cautious with postings on social media. Scammers examine social media and profile intended victims for scams.

Taking these few steps will go far in providing a degree of protections from victimization.

*Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. Questions or concerns? Contact [egreenblott@aarp.org](mailto:egreenblott@aarp.org).*

#### FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a part-time (20-32 hours/week) Finance Clerk. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to; processing accounts payable weekly, log general ledger entries, revenue accruals, and corrections, etc. Assist with preparation of quarterly budget reviews and various quarterly fund financial statements. Assist with answering incoming phone calls, walk in customers. Applicants must be detailed oriented and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Business Management Systems, Inc (BMSI) is a plus, but we are willing to train the right person. Interested persons may obtain an application in the Selectboard Office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town’s website [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov). Please return applications/resumes to [Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov). The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### 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](http://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](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov) or at the Town Office 233 Main St.

Position open until filled

#### The Vermont Agency of Transportation Invites you to attend a Public Information Presentation for the Ludlow Village Bridge #26 (over Jewell Brook) Superstructures and Deck Replacement Project

Selectboard Meeting on Monday, June 6 at 6:00 PM  
Ludlow Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium  
37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149

The purpose of this presentation is to inform the public about the upcoming Ludlow Village Bridge #26 (over Jewell Brook) Superstructures and Deck Replacement Project. Construction for this project is scheduled to take place this summer and will be completed by October 28, 2022. During construction, the bridge will be temporarily closed for a 21-day period.

The presentation will include a project overview, anticipated schedule, and construction impacts. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. If you have questions or would like to sign up to receive future updates about the project, please contact the project Public Information Consultant, Delia Makhetha, at [delia.makhetha@vsp.com](mailto:delia.makhetha@vsp.com).

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Employment application can be found on [westminstervt.org](http://westminstervt.org) or picked up in person at the Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and should be returned to the Westminster Town Hall.

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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

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An application may be found at [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov) or at the Town Office 233 Main St., Charlestown NH, 03603

#### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

**Application 202230 Town of Springfield/ SOM**  
Site Plan Review (Section 30-722) to allow food vendor at Comtu Cascade Park for 2 days/week during the spring-fall season on an annual basis. The property is located at 5 Main Street and is zoned CB/DDCOD.

**Application 202234 Segal Family Acquisitions**  
Site Plan Review (Section 30-722) to construct a 2, 072 sq. ft. warehouse addition and reconfigure parking lot. The property is located at 261 River Street and is zoned General Business. There will be a site visit prior to the hearing at 5:30 p.m.

**Application 202236 Andrew Newson**  
Conditional Use (Section 30-723) hearing to establish a home business and Home Business (Section 30-596). The property is zoned RA-5 and is located at 691 Woodbury Road (now 281 Lambert Road).

#### WATER FLUSHING NOTICE

##### VILLAGE OF LUDLOW

**On Monday, June 6, 2022 through Friday, June 10, 2022, the Village of Ludlow Water Department will be flushing the water system and testing the fire hydrant system. The flushing will take place each day from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.**

**Please note: The entire water system will be affected. Residents may experience discolored water during this time. When the flushing is complete, please be sure to let your cold water run until your water runs clear. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we perform our annual distribution system maintenance.**

**If you have any questions, please call the Water Department at 228-8431 or the Municipal Office at 228-2841.**

Thank you.

#### Grievance Meetings, Town of Westminster, Conducted June 3rd, 2022 as follows:

Title 32, Vermont Statutes Annotated, section 4111 (g) reads as follows: *A person who feels aggrieved by the action of the listers and desires to be heard by them, shall, on or before the day of the grievance meeting, file with them his objections in writing and may appear at such grievance meeting in person or by his agents or attorneys. Upon the hearing of such grievance the parties thereto may submit such documentary or sworn evidence as shall be pertinent thereto.*

Also note that Section 64 of Act 71 requires notification of value on homestead, for appeal purposes.

Grievances will be held at the Westminster Town Hall or remotely by phone or computer:

10am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm

Call 802-722-4255 by noon June 2nd to make an appointment.

Written appeals received after 12:00 noon on June 2nd, 2022, even if postmarked by June 2nd, 2022 are considered untimely and cannot be heard. There are no walk-in hearings.

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## Claremont Savings Bank new trustee

**CLAREMONT, N.H.** – Claremont Savings Bank held its 116th Annual Meeting on April 5, 2022. The Bank is pleased to announce a new trustee.

Sera Gray, the new Chief Information Officer at Red River, is responsible for implementing applications and processes to ensure efficient and compliant operations. She has been with Red River since 2005 when she joined the Accounting and Finance Unit. In 2008, she took on the role of Corporate Project Manager and worked to expand the Business Operations division. In her seventeen years with Red River, Sera has supported the company’s aggressive growth through business intelligence and insights, quality management, partner

integrations, and M&A integration initiatives. She holds a B.A. in International Business from Elizabethtown College.

Additionally, the Bank announces three new Corporators: Andre Lafreniere, partner with Claremont Custom Framing in Claremont, N.H.; Chris Eldredge of McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance in Sunapee, N.H.; and Ian Kipperman, Senior Accountant with Gallagher, Flynn, & Company in Lebanon, N.H.

Claremont Savings Bank celebrates the retirement of long-time board member, Frank Reed. Mr. Reed served on the Board of Trustees for 35 years. The Trustees and staff are grateful for Mr. Reed’s service to Claremont Savings Bank for those many years.

## VT Wage replacement bill

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – The small business community and members of Main Street Alliance and Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility applaud the Vermont General Assembly on the passage of S.11, a workforce and economic development bill that would establish a program to provide wage replacement for workers experiencing loss of work for reasons associated with Covid-19.

Throughout the Covid-19

pandemic, Vermonters everywhere have been asked to stay home and isolate or care for others in the event of an exposure – and by and large Vermonters have risen to the occasion, not only to keep themselves safe, but also those around them.

At the height of the pandemic, Congress acted to give businesses tools to ensure employees have the financial security to stay healthy and whole. The federal Families First Coronavirus Relief Act required businesses to provide emergency paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for those impacted by Covid-19. In return, businesses received FFCRA payroll tax credits, which partially covered the costs of providing this benefit. These credits were later expanded with the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act for those who voluntarily provided leave.

All told, Vermont businesses utilized approximately \$45 million in FFCRA credits to cover the costs of providing paid leave to their employees, however the federal program expired as of Sept. 30 of 2021, leaving them to either pay for these benefits out of pocket or eliminate them entirely.

At the start of the legislative session, which coincided with the height of the Omicron surge, over 100 small businesses and nonprofits and over 500 workers from throughout the state signed on to a letter of support to the legislature to establish a Covid Paid Leave Grant Program.

As written, S.11 would appropriate almost \$15.2 million dollars for a program that would run from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This program would provide up to 40 hours of Covid paid leave for a worker at 100% wage replacement up to \$21.25 an hour. Employers can apply for this program on a quarterly basis.



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## Rockingham Meeting House opens for season

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Rockingham Meeting House will open for the 2022 season on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Visitors are welcome daily through Indigenous People's Day, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



The Rockingham Meeting House opens for the season. PHOTO PROVIDED

Built in 1787, the meeting house remains substantially in its original form and is the oldest public building in Vermont that remains unchanged. It is a designated National Historic Landmark.

The meeting house served as both a place of worship and the town hall until 1869, when it was abandoned for several decades. In 1906, the building was restored to its current state – one of the earliest historic preservation projects in Vermont – leaving intact its king-post timber framing, finely detailed woodwork and its “pig pen” box pews. The building hosts an annual pilgrimage in August

as part of the town's “Old Home Days” celebrations.

The meeting house is owned by the town of Rockingham and operated as a museum, with skilled docents on hand to offer additional information about the architecture and history of the building. The adjacent cemetery, which is in use to this day, contains more than 1,000 graves and is a treasure trove of information about the lives and

deaths of the town's early settlers, as well as some of the finest gravestone art to be found in New England.

The meeting house is located just north of the village of Bellows Falls and Interstate 91 Exit 6, just off VT Route 103.

For additional information, email the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission at [clg@rockbf.org](mailto:clg@rockbf.org).

## Open-air market comes to Chester

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Beginning Sunday, May 29 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., a new market will be opening in Chester. Located just off the historic Green, PopUP Sundays at Sharon's on the Common will be hosting vendors bringing their creativity to life. Each participant makes, grows, or creates their inventory.

This is a venue that offers opportunity to a dozen or more talented

local entrepreneurs. Customers can spend an afternoon walking through a festive, open-air market, shop in the surrounding brick and mortar stores and even have a nice lunch, all without leaving the Green.

Vendors for opening day include framed photography, crafts, tie dye clothing, painted glass, flowering plants, infused olive oil, exquisite jewelry, homemade pasta, baked goods, maple syrup, and more.

Stop in and support this new venue. You will not be disappointed. It will be a great beginning to welcome the warm months ahead.

PopUP Sundays will be open each Sunday through Oct. 9, 2022, weather permitting. Check out our Facebook page for updates: Pop Up Sundays at Sharon's on the Common. For information regarding future participation, please email [popupsundays@vermontel.net](mailto:popupsundays@vermontel.net).

## Black River Academy Museum opens June 4

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Black River Academy Museum will open on Saturday, June 4 from 12–4 p.m. Come see our new exhibit on the Black River High School. This exhibit has been designed by former teachers

Sue Pollender and Stephanie Rowe with help from volunteers Cheryl Gurdak, Carol Hastings, and Bruno Broza. The exhibit showcases the school from its beginning in 1938 until its closing in 2020. The

museum will be open this summer, Thursday through Saturday, 12–4 p.m.

## Featured pets

For the rest of May we are taking \$50 off adoption fees. Dogs and puppies can be seen on our Facebook page or [www.Petfinder.com](http://www.Petfinder.com). Join us at the shelter on May 28-29 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. for our annual Memorial Day yard sale. If you have things to donate (no books, clothes, or glassware) contact Anne at 802-376-2663.



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# Alan Bykko, Memorial Day Remembrance

Here's an appropriate article for Memorial Day. It is written by Richard Fenton of Springfield. Memorial Day is much more than a barbecue.

Memorial Day gives us a chance to pause, reflect, and be thankful for the freedom won by those who served and protected us. My thoughts go to childhood experiences watching my dad, Merrill Fenton, marching in the Chester Memorial Day Parade. Also remembered was my uncle, whom I never met. My dad and my uncle Alan Bykko grew up in Chester about a mile from each other. Dad was born in Chester in 1919 in the house at the fork-in-the-road formed by Route 11 and Blue Hill Road. During the depression his family moved to West Chester, to what is now called Fenton Road.

Alan was born in Fox-hill, N.J. in 1920. His parents emigrated from Finland to Ellis Island, N.Y. His dad, my Ukki (grandfather), came from Oulu and arrived on the S.S. Baltic, May 30, 1914. My Mummo (grandmother) came from Iisalmi on the S.S. Mauretania Aug. 16, 1912. Ukki

was born Juho Einar Pyykko, but changed his name to John Einar Bykko, for easier American pronunciation. The Bykko family finally moved to Andover Road, a short way from Route 11. My dad repeated a school year because of sickness, so he and Alan were in the same high school class in Chester. Alan must have been quite an athlete. Pictures show him doing handstands and diving off the "high" board at the Chester Pool. I know he rode a motorcycle with my dad, and I have one of his cross-country ski medals, probably from the winter events held at the Pinnacle.

Alan was inducted into the Army on Oct. 11, 1941 and trained with the engineers at Army Camps, state side, before going overseas. Alan served 14 months in Europe as a member of General Patten's 135th Engineers, attaining the rank of T/Sgt. (Technical Sar-



Alan (front) on motorcycle with friend John. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

gent). Noted by his Captain: "As Intelligence N.C.O (Non-commissioned Officer) of this battalion, Alan was often called upon and assigned difficult and important missions, which he handled confidentially and efficiently. In the absence of the Bn S-2 (Battalion Security Officer), Alan often took that officer's place and, acting in his capacity, took complete charge of the entire section and assumed all the responsibility for its operation."

Alan was the first man to enter the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp

on April 11, 1945. Buchenwald, with its satellites, was one of the largest concentration camps within the German borders in 1937. That day in April, in anticipation of the liberation, prisoners stormed the watchtowers and took control of the camp. Later that afternoon, U.S. Liberation Forces entered the camp and found 21,000 people left there (the Nazis had moved many prisoners in anticipation of the liberating forces). It would not be until May 8-9, 1945 that the Instrument of Surrender is signed for Europe. May 8, 1945 would be designated

V-E (Victory Europe) day.

June 1945 found Alan at Military R&R located in the Alps at Reid, Austria. Alan called it "our rest home." He sent photos from that area to his mom. On one photo he writes: "Here is the fellows that I work with. Everyone is a good friend of mine. I am standing in the middle. I sure look skinny. So mommy, when Betty and I come home, you will have to fatten me up." Alan married Betty in 1943. On June 17, 1945, Headquarters Company was preparing to move from Ried to Mark Schwabeu, Germany. Alan and his S-2 section left in advance of the company. Alan was driving a three-quarter-ton truck. About four miles out, on a narrow dirt road, a Hiney (German) truck crowded Alan off the road. The truck hit a guardrail made of railroad

tracks. The guardrail upright ran through the radiator and floorboard pinning Alan to the seat. Even though Alan was rushed to the hospital in Ried, he died June 20, 1945. The Bykko family never really recovered from this loss.

I was born July 3, 1945 and was given the honor of carrying Alan's name as part of my own. It is with some sorrow that I never met my uncle, but I am also proud Alan performed a meaningful part in helping preserve freedom and democracy for future generations.

*This week's old saying my mother used to say when one of us was standing between her and the TV: "You make a better door than you do a window."*



**LOCAL HISTORY**  
BY RON PATCH

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

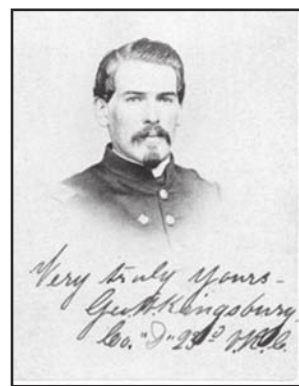
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Chester boy, Raymond Dodge in 1942 gear. Notice early helmet. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH



John L. Marshall in his Civil War uniform. PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING



George Washington Kingsbury, Civil War hero from Chester. CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Chester's G.A.R., Civil War soldiers at monument dedication in 1885. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Ludlow Legion hosts Memorial Day events —

LUDLOW, Vt. — A number of events will take place in Ludlow, Vt. for this year's Memorial Day, May 30, 2022. There will be a parade at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Pond and Main streets to kick it all off. Ceremonies honoring fallen men and women who served in the U.S. Military will be hosted by the Ballard Hobart American Legion Post 36 in Ludlow.

The Bridge Ceremony will feature a hymn, a prayer by American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain Anita Pickielnok, a Dropping of Wreath by Gold Star Sister Donna Crossman, and an American Legion Post 36 Honor Guard, Firing Squad, and Bugler.

The Veterans Park Ceremony will have opening remarks by Commander Fred Wilson, a prayer by Sons of American Legion Chaplain Tom

McLean, a Pledge of Allegiance reciting lead by the Stepping Stone Children, a POW/MIA ceremony read by Executive Board Member Mark Lombard and demonstrated by first Vice Commander Scott Stevens, and a Laying of a Wreath at the Veteran's and Grand Army of the Republic monuments. The National Anthem will be sung by Andrea Tester, daughter of Vermont Department Commander Catherine Tester and Unit 36 President John Tester. This will be followed by two readings, "No Freedom Isn't Free," read by Richard Dunseith, Navy Veteran, and "It Is the Soldier," read by Adjutant Ken McGowan. The ceremony will feature Finance Officer and past Post 36 Commander Ned Bowen as its guest speaker. Finally, there will be an American Legion Post 36 Honor Guard, Firing Squad, and Bugler.

The Cemetery Ceremony

will take place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There will be a Laying of Wreath by Gold Star Sister Donna Crossman and World War II and Navy veteran Harry "Skinner" Gruber, escorted by U.S. Marine veteran Don Phelps and Navy Veteran Gary Macintyre. There will be a prayer read by American Legion Post 36 Chaplain Harry "Skinner" Gruber, followed by American Legion Post 36 Honor Guard, Firing Squad, and Bugler.

The Legion Post would like to thank all of the parade and ceremony participants, those providing transportation and escorts, audio, and seating at the park, as well as the preparation of the luncheon at the post. They would also like to extend a thank you to family and friends who attend the salute. There will be an open house following the parade and ceremonies at the post.



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# outdoor & sports

## Sports schedule

**REGION** – Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

### Thursday, May 26 –

#### Boys Baseball

White River Valley at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
West Rutland at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
Leland and Gray at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.

#### Girls Softball

West Rutland at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
White River Valley at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 27 –

#### Girls Softball

Stevens at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, May 28 –

#### Boys Baseball

Springfield at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.  
Bellows Falls at Mt. Anthony, 11 a.m.

#### Girls Softball

West Rutland at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Twin Valley, 11 a.m.  
Leland and Gray at Poultney, 11 a.m.  
Mt. Anthony at Springfield, 11 a.m.



## SHS Alumni host golf tournament

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield High School Alumni Association will host their 19th annual golf tournament at Crown Point Country Club on Friday, June 17, 2022. This is a scramble event, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Bill Flore, Tournament Director and the entire SHS Alumni Golf Committee invite you to join your classmates and friends at a chance to win \$25,000 cash for hole-in-one on the 18th hole, courtesy

of Will Tracy and Family. Or, try your skill at the Air Cannon, sponsored once again by ARC Mechanical Contractors, Inc. The event includes a bag lunch prior to start, with appetizers and awards to follow the tournament.

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Springfield Loyal Order of Moose #679, Springfield Printing, and Woodbury Florist for supporting this tournament.

This annual fundraising event has long been successful for raising money for college scholarships given to Springfield High School graduates totaling over \$30,000 each year. It also supports communications to our alumni and will help fund our next annual Alumni Parade and other activities that this community enjoys. For more

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

To secure your spot as a cash sponsor at this year's event, please contact Bill or Amber at [bill.flore73@gmail.com](mailto:bill.flore73@gmail.com) or [amber.bedi84@gmail.com](mailto:amber.bedi84@gmail.com). To make a donation of product, service, or gift certificate for the golf day raffles please contact Lisa at [lvarney8587@gmail.com](mailto:lvarney8587@gmail.com).

## Curb invasive species on the river

**REGION** – The Connecticut River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited urges river users to "Get ready, Get set, and Pause." It is up to you to protect the Connecticut River and its tributaries from invasions of exotic plants and animals, and that means, whether you use a powerboat, row, canoe, kayak, float, wade, swim, dive, fish, or sail, all river enthusiasts have a personal responsibility to protect the river and its tributaries.

There are no "fixes" once exotics establish themselves in a new habitat. If these invaders find their new surroundings welcoming, their numbers explode because they do not face predators that usually control their numbers.

Uncontrolled explosions of plant life deny native species their usual habitat. They also create problems for humans; just ask anyone living on a lake where Eurasian milfoil or water chestnut has taken hold, or someone whose beach was closed because of an unnaturally large bust of cyanobacteria feed by nutrient loading.

All river enthusiasts should act as though every waterbody harbors problem species. Rely on the precautionary principle, be safe not sorry. Check, clean, or dry.

**Check:** At the ramp during trailering, thoroughly inspect your boat's hull, drive unit, trim plates, trolling plates, prop guards,

transducers, anchor and anchor rope, and trailer, and scrape off and properly dispose of any suspected mussels and all waterweeds hanging from boat or trailer.

**Clean:** Before launching your boat, you should thoroughly flush the hull, drive unit, live wells, any pumping system, bilge, trailer, bait buckets, and engine cooling water system. Drain all bilge water, live wells, bait buckets, and any other water from your boat and equipment at the ramp as you leave a water body. One quick way to clean the exterior of a boat is the guide's trick of using a hot hard spray at do-it-yourself carwash.

**Dry:** If you cannot clean your water toys or tools, boats and trailers, PFDs,

fishing waders, water shoes and boots, etc., dry them thoroughly in the sun for up to five days before using them in another water body. Hot water pumped through an engine's intake is one method of preventing zebra mussel growth inside an engine's cooling system. Do not use chlorine bleach or other damaging washing solutions in the water or next to the shore.

Both Vermont and New Hampshire have recently increased boater responsibilities to prevent moving invasives among water bodies including enforcement provisions for boat owners. If it's a plant of any kind, exotic or not, and you transport it to a water body different than the plants origin you are liable for a fine.

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## Lily Pond Highlands conservation

**WINDHAM COUNTY, Vt.** – The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association signed a conservation easement with the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on May 5, 2022 on an ecologically diverse 615-acre parcel recently acquired in Windham County. Known as Lily Pond Highlands and located in the towns of Athens, Brookline, and Townshend, the land

was purchased in May 2021 by WHPA and the signing by the co-holders of the easement is the final step in the conservation of this rugged landscape.

Lily Pond Highlands lies west of Hedgehog Gulf and Grassy Brook Road and is connected to the WHPA's 2100-acre reserve to the east by the Town Line Trail, with a trailhead just across Grassy Brook Road.

WHPA's management goal

is to allow the forest to mature into old growth conditions whereby it will store a significant amount of carbon. These mature forests will also provide old forest habitat that is underrepresented in the region and will support the diverse range of species that depend on it.

The land that now comprises Lily Pond Highlands was owned for years by James Massey of Westminister West. WHPA realized the importance of this parcel of land and discussed with Mr. Massey his wish to see it remain undeveloped. After Mr. Massey's death, the land passed to his two nephews in Ohio, James and Joseph Massey, who knew their uncle's wish for the land to be conserved, and honored it in the terms of the property transfer. With the addition of the Lily Pond Highland parcel, 3,350 acres of land is protected along the Windmill Hill Ridgeline and on the parallel ridgeline continuing into Townshend to the west by WHPA, Putney Mountain Association, and other landholders.

An extensive ecological assessment was conducted at Lily Pond Highlands in 2021 by ecologist Brett Engstrom, helped by Andrew Toepfer, who assisted with fieldwork,

cartography, and information on cultural features. The assessment brought to light important features of the land:

- The report called Lily Pond "a natural pond and gem" and said that a total of 34 wetlands covering approximately 22 acres "are by far the most important habitat for rare, threatened, endangered, and uncommon plant species."

- It noted the remarkable brooks, many acres of mast trees used heavily by black bears, and food sources and denning spots supporting a wide range of wildlife.

- It listed ten plant species listed as endangered, rare, or uncommon, 12 vernal pools of which six are state significant, nine wetland and forest communities that are state significant, and habitat for wood turtles (an uncommon Vermont species).

This summer, Rich Holschuh and Melody Walker Mackin of the Atowi Project in Brattleboro will carry out a "traditional cultural landscape assessment" of Lily Pond Highlands in an effort to contribute to the growing awareness of the connection between the land and the indigenous people who have lived on it for over 12,000 years.

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