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## Plymouth to revisit short-term rental ordinance

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB  
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PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Former STR administrator Steve Radonis presented the Plymouth Selectboard with a petition at their Monday, June 19, meeting to disapprove the recent short-term rental (STR) ordinance.

Radonis read the petition, which suggested that changes needed to be made to the ordinance as it was written. A “Knox box shall remain a mandatory requirement,” the petition reads, and insurance requirements should include a “specific rental endorsement [such as a] commercial or landlord insurance, specific to short-term rental, providing 365 days per year coverage. Economy sharing is not valid coverage.” Radonis’ petition also proposes that insurance coverage by rental representatives such as Vacasa, Air B&B, and VRBO are not acceptable.

There were close to 40 signatures on the petition, which almost doubled the 22 signatures needed. Radonis said he got the signatures “within about six

hours,” and “just one person” wouldn’t sign it.

Radonis reported that he called multiple different companies to see what is required. “One guy on Hawk [Properties] owns an insurance company and writes policies,” he said, who told Radonis that, “if you’re unsure of it, then you should question it.” Radonis said he learned about what is acceptable and what is not, and he feels that, “If someone wants to have a short-term rental, it’s not that much of an expense to do some of these things... It’s just a part of doing business.”

Board member Rick Kaminski offered, “Our intent was to make this more user friendly...but you’ve done your due diligence.” Kaminski then asked Radonis if he still felt that Kaminski and Frank Vetere, also a former STR administrator, were a conflict of interest on the topic.

“Frank was against the Knox box, and you all kind of went on board with that,” Radonis stated. “I think Frank is a great guy and he can do a great job, but I think it was a major conflict of interest.”



Contractors have removed the interior ceiling and opened many of the walls in the municipal building as of June 16. PHOTO PROVIDED

Board chair Jay Kullman said the board has 60 days to call a special meeting to further discuss the petition and the verbiage of the STR ordinance. The meeting then erupted.

“We’ve had dialogue... we already had a meeting...and now we’re going to have another meeting,” board member Keith Cappelini expressed his frustration. “If you call yourself a landlord and you can’t figure out how to find insurance...you should find something else to do.” Cappelini continued, “This is the same semantics we’ve been talking about over and

over.” Many comments continued all at once, and Kullman announced that there would be a chance to discuss the ordinance further at a properly warned hearing. “We’re probably going to do this a couple more times,” Kullman said. He wanted to be sure to check with the town’s legal counsel, schedule a public hearing for community input, and have a vote. It was requested the vote be by Australian ballot.

Some input was that there were a number of small things within the ordinance that were not clear, and

other issues in it may need to be “cleaned up.” Cappelini added that the verbiage on the ballot needed to be “crystal clear.”

Kullman stated they would have an update about the process at the next meeting.

In other business, the board approved their bulk time purchase agreement with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), which is \$145-150 per hour, paying 96 hours upfront. The company assists in accounting functions, getting ready for an audit, questions with bookkeeping, accounts payable, transfers, and more. Kullman said, “Elaine has mastered many of those things,” but NEMRC has “been responsive” when the town has questions. He also reported that last year they didn’t use much time and got a “huge refund.”

The board updated their traffic ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Town Office Road in front of the municipal building, from 45 miles per hour to 25, as people “have been going too fast” through that area.

Kaminski reported that the town got another grant

through the highway department in the \$200,000 range for Stickney Bridge repairs, and they would get that work on schedule in the next year or two. The total costs are close to \$250,000 to fix the deteriorating concrete work, reinforce the structure, waterproof, and pave over it. The road closures will be announced.

Kaminski also reconsidered and approved a previous proposal from Key Communications to rewire the municipal building phone system for \$8,654. This would include all the hardware, moving a panel, and labor, and would update the whole building and its capabilities. “My only issue is...taking a hit on our contingency on the construction project,” Kaminski said.

The staff is currently working out of the annex building during the renovation project. “We’ve had a lot of support from the staff, so thank you for that,” Kaminski added.

The next selectboard meeting will be Monday, July 3, at 6 p.m., and a special meeting will be warned for the STR ordinance discussion.

## Lake Rescue celebrates first-ever loon chick

LUDLOW, Vt. – A loon couple that has made Lake Rescue in Ludlow its home for several years finally succeeded in hatching an egg in June, producing the first successful chick ever recorded on the 200-acre lake in north Ludlow.

The adult loons, large birds with striking dappled black-and-white feathers, blue necklace markings, and a haunting variety of vocalizations, had built a nest in the same spot last year, on the shoreline of a small island protected by the roots of a fallen tree. The egg laid in 2022 failed to produce a chick, though, and was likely the victim of a predator, speculated Eric Hanson, the biologist who coordinates the Vermont Loon Conservation Project for the nonprofit Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE). A bald eagle couple has maintained a nest for years in a tall pine tree above the same cove as the loons’ nest, and an osprey couple has also been frequently sighted in the area.

In May 2023, the loons reestablished their nest in the same spot and laid another egg, prompting a VCE representative to install floating signs warning boaters to keep their distance. A fishing line was observed entangled in the beak of one of the loon

parents sitting on the nest, but biologists chose not to approach the bird for fear of provoking the loons to abandon the nest.

Instead, they waited, and on the afternoon of June 2, Lake Rescue neighbors noticed a fluffy brown chick swimming with its parents.

A loon spotter on the lake sent Hanson close-up photos of the entangled beak of the adult bird as it was swimming with its loonlet, and Hanson made the decision to attempt a removal on Friday night, June 24. In cooperation with the Lake Rescue Association, and aided by another lake resident, John Neal, who lent his dock and fishing boat located near where the loons had been sighted on the lake, the operation to free the afflicted bird was launched at around 9:30 p.m.

“We waited for almost complete darkness and found one adult and one chick in the middle of the lake almost right away,” said Hanson. “[Vermont Center for Ecostudies biologist] Eloise Girard shone a powerful spotlight on the two birds, while Ph.D. student Ericka Griggs drove us in very slowly. The birds were both confused and alert in the light as we approached. Luckily, the loon with the fishing line was



The mother loon and first-ever loonlet recorded on Lake Rescue. PHOTO BY AVA PURDY

with the chick. This capture technique works well when there is a chick present, as the adult will more likely stay nearby.” Hanson gave little hoots and chick whistles to draw the birds’ attention, which made it easier to catch them with an eight-foot handled salmon dip net. He scooped up the adult and brought it into the boat for an “exciting moment of getting it under control.” Girard flung a towel over the bird’s head to calm it down, and held the loon securely in her lap while Ava Purdy, a St. Johnsbury high school student, shone the spotlight so the biologists could pick up the loonlet.

The birds were taken back to Neal’s dock to assess the fishing line, which was wrapped around the loon’s bill and head. “We didn’t see any line going down the throat, and the tongue was not damaged, both important considerations for the long-term outlook for this loon,” Hanson said. “Once the line was cut free, we set to work taking leg and bill measurements, placed color bands on the legs,

and obtained blood and feather samples for mercury testing and parasite analysis.” Griggs, who has worked with loons for four years and is studying parasites in loons at UVM, will use various genetic testing techniques that can identify malaria and another parasites hosted by black flies. Placing color bands on the legs of loons enables scientists to track them throughout their lives, learn when and how they gain and lose territories, and monitor their populations.

Hanson said scientists ascertained that the adult loon with the fishing line was the female based on its smaller size. This was confirmed when the other adult came near the humans and yodeled, which only males do. Hanson said that since the female was becoming hot and stressed, scientists opted not to weigh her, and instead released the mother and chick together. “The male was just out of sight in the darkness, and after a few minutes, the family was reunited,” said Hanson.

He explained that removal of the fishing line was

vital to the survival of the entire loon family. “Hopefully, she is now feeling much better with her head not tangled up in monofilament,” said Hanson. “It’s fortunate she could eat, preen, and tend to nest and chick duties these past months, as there is often nest failure and chick loss when one of the parents cannot assist with all the parenting duties.” Hanson said male and female loons share 50-50 in all aspects of nesting and chick rearing.

Hanson, who has been conducting research on the common loon since 1992, has advice for how to observe the loon family in a way that won’t disrupt them. “If you go look for them, use binoculars to watch them, and please do not pursue them for a good look,” he said. “Sit quietly and they might swim right by. Anglers, please reel in if loons are diving nearby, and make sure you are not using any lead tackle.” Hanson said the Vermont Center for Ecostudies will be putting up collection tubes at over 20 boat access areas in July to collect lead tackle and discarded fishing line.

The Black River Action Team (BRAT) also plans to install a fishing line capture tube built later this summer at the fishing access on Lake Rescue “to help promote keeping our water-

ways free of waste line and tackle,” said Kelly Stettner, BRAT director.

“If the loons come near you this summer, keep an eye at the rear end of the adults, and you might see the plastic orange and silver metal USFWS band on the right leg, and an orange band with black stripe and white band with black dot on the left leg,” Hanson said. He said the band combination is unique to this loon, now one of thousands of banded loons across North America. The USFWS band has a unique 10-digit number on it as well.

The Vermont Loon Conservation Project is a joint effort between the Vermont Center for Ecostudies and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. The VCE advances the conservation of wildlife across the Americas through research, monitoring, and community engagement. The common loon, formerly endangered, has returned to a stable population of breeding loons in Vermont, an example of citizens and scientists working together in conservation, and one of VCE’s most gratifying accomplishments. Learn more about their efforts at [www.vtecostudies.org](http://www.vtecostudies.org).

Written by Lisa Hamm-Greenwalt.

### Merrill graduates cum laude

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aaron J. Merrill of Ludlow graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education and American studies from Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. Aaron is a member of Lambda Epsilon Sigma, Stonehill’s honor society for academic accomplishments and scholarly activities, and was named to the dean’s list for the spring semester.

### CORRECTION

In the article “Chester Selectboard talks community health,” published in the June 14, 2023 edition, it was stated that the Chester Selectboard would meet on June 21. In fact, the board decided not to meet on June 21, and to hold only one meeting in July and August, with dates to be announced.

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# OVRCC Member and Volunteer of the Year



**Amy Messina, Volunteer of the Year.**  
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**Glenn Heitsmith, Member of the Year.**  
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**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce (OVRCC) recently celebrated their 66th Annual Meeting at Seesaw's Lodge. The 2023 Member and Volunteer of the Year were also announced, and presented with awards certificates. M&T Bank generously sponsored this event.

Glenn Heitsmith of the Timber Inn Motel in Ludlow was awarded the 2023 Member of the Year, to recognize his Travelers' Choice 2022 Award from Trip Advisor, ranking in the top 10% of hotels worldwide. Timber Inn was also previously the chamber member of the month for their "Loved By Guests" Award from Hotels.com. Glenn also recently served as moderator for the chamber's legislative forum. In addition, he is also an active community member with organizations such as the Ludlow Rotary Club.

Amy Messina of Town & Country Realty in Ascutney was selected as a 2023 Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding efforts as

the chair of the chamber's membership committee, helping to recruit many new chamber members in the past year. Amy also serves on the chamber's board of directors. In addition, she also helped secure speakers for the annual meeting last year, and recruited Vermont State Treasurer Mike Peciak to participate in the annual legislative forum. In terms of community involvement, Amy is the past president of the Windsor County Board of Realtors, and has also served on the Vermont Council on Domestic Violence for many years.

The featured speaker at the meeting was Mike Lannon of Eternity, who discussed the use of artificial intelligence to improve website search engine optimization and marketing. Betsy Bishop, president of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, also updated members on the most recent legislative session impacts on the business community. CPA Mike Wood, co-owner of the Golden Stage Inn, also informed attendees

about the employee retention tax credit.

The event began with a board of directors meeting, followed by a general membership meeting. The slate of officers and directors for 2023-2024 was unanimously approved. Jason Rasmussen of the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission was added as a new member of the board of directors, with Allison Hopkins as an alternate. Art Randolph of M&T Bank was elected as the new treasurer, and Anna Tumber of Okemo was elected as the new secretary. Scott Duffy of Rockledge Farm Woodworks was thanked for his service on the board.

Thanks to Tom Donagan and his outstanding team at Johnny Seesaw's Restaurant for hosting this event. The chamber also appreciated the contribution from delicious Crowley Cheese towards the refreshments. Thanks also to Images by Donald Dill for the photos.

# Chester Rotary scholarship recipients

**CHESTER, Vt.** – The Rotary Club of Chester, Vt., has awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to these graduating seniors at Green Mountain Union High School: Jack Hinkley, Marlayna King, Eben James Mosher, Riley Paul, and Jane Thompson.

The Chester Rotary scholarships use the criteria of grade point average, essay, extracurricular activities including sports and employment, community service, and financial need.

Jack Hinkley will be attending Vermont Technical College, majoring in electrical certification. Marlayna King will be going to University of Vermont, majoring in psychological sciences. Eben James Mosher will study at University of Vermont, majoring in mechanical engineering. Riley Paul will be attending Colby Sawyer College, majoring in nursing. And Jane Thompson will be going to University of Vermont, majoring in business.

Chester Rotary has made

scholarships for Green Mountain students a priority for its grant making for years. Anyone who wishes to make a tax-deductible donation to the Chester Rotary Scholarship Fund is encouraged to send a check to Chester Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 304, Chester, VT 05143. The Rotary Club of Chester, Vt., Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. For more information, contact Ron Theissen, CPA, at rontheissen24@msn.com, or 917-488-2785.

# Wantastiquet Rotary scholarship winners

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The Rotary Club of Wantastiquet in Londonderry has awarded \$6,000 in second semester scholarships to six students. East student receives \$1,000. This scholarship is a second semester scholarship. The student must successfully complete their second term to receive their scholarship money. The money was raised for the scholarship by running a 250 Club monthly raffle, a no show scholarship gala,

a cookout at the Fourth of July parade in Londonderry, and selling McKenzie hot dogs at the Peru Fair.

This year's scholarship winners are: Halyn McIntyre of Londonderry, Katherine Samuelson of Winhall, Kylie Prins of Weston, Delana Underwood of Jamaica, Christina Czechel of Londonderry, and Cassidy Fusco of Windham.

The Rotary Club congratulates the winners, and thanks the community for participating in the fund-

raising to make these scholarships happen.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the Wantastiquet Rotary Scholarship Fund, please contact club president Tom Widger at tewidger@gmail.com, or mail your donations to Wantastiquet Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 309, Londonderry, VT 05143.

If you would like to join the Wantastiquet Rotary Club, meetings are held at the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry, Vt.

# LVRS offering CPR classes

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) is offering hands-on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes to businesses and organizations in the local area. Properly executed and timely CPR has been proven to save lives.



The staff of Kinhaven Music School after recently completing the LVRS CPR class.  
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The class will also teach students how an AED (defibrillator) functions, and its correct use.

If you run a business or are in an organization and would like your staff or members to be CPR certified, or would simply like more information, please contact Bob Fish at 802-384-3650.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, past President of Chester Historical Society, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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## The walnut tree

On the lawn of Hugging Bear, next to Chester Historical Society, is a magnificent black walnut tree. This tree is over 100 years old.

In the fall, hundreds of walnuts drop to the ground with a loud thud. Gray squirrels love these nuts. They dig holes in the historical society flowerbeds, and bury nuts for later.

It was probably 10 years ago, in the historical society garden, a young black walnut tree sprouted. By the time it came to my attention, it was 24 inches tall. I transplanted it here at my place.

It didn't grow much for several years. That's when I began feeding it. Now it took off. It stands by itself in my field. Today, it's 10 feet tall.

In the fall of 2021, a buck used the tree for a "scrape," or "hooking." Deer do this to mark their territory, or remove velvet from their antlers. With their head down, they use their antlers to scrape up and down the tree.

The buck aggressively scraped my tree, removing the bark from just above ground level, to about 24 inches above ground, and half of the girth.

I was worried I would lose this tree. The wood of the tree was now exposed to disease. The next spring, I watched for signs of life. Sure enough, leaves appeared, but what a nasty scar that tree has. It also grew a low branch at the base of the scrape. Late last summer, I made an attempt to discourage deer from scraping it again. I put four landscaping stakes out from the tree a couple feet. Around the stakes I used



Walnut tree showing stakes and low branch. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

area. When I harvest mushrooms in the fall, I carry a few walnuts with me. I use the same tool I use for digging mushrooms to bury a walnut. Dig a hole about two inches deep, insert a walnut, and cover with soil.

Danny Clemmons brings me chestnuts he finds in Bellows Falls. These, too, I spread about. Few of these trees will reach maturity.

Walnut trees do well in good soil. Unfortunately, I have poor soil, so feeding is important. Perhaps in another 10 years, my tree will produce walnuts. I hope to see it. Squirrels will bury walnuts in and around stone walls, guaranteeing the species' survival.

Planting these nuts is a long range project. It won't be immediate gratification, as we are now so accustomed to, but 30 years from now, property owners will be pleased to have these trees.

Walnut trees can grow large and straight, and have beautiful bark. They make a wonderful shade tree.

Lumber from black walnut trees has always been a choice wood for cabinetmakers. Most Victorian furniture was made of walnut.

*This week's old saying is a short story: I was at a better antiques auction in Plainfield, N.H., back in the 80s. Prices were sky high. I bid and bid unsuccessfully. I was complaining about it to Bill Orcutt when he said, "Unfortunately, you have chosen a profession dominated by people who don't need the money." How times have changed.*

## Black River Alumni Association visits BRAM

LULOW, Vt. – On Saturday, June 10, the Black River Alumni Association celebrated the grand opening of the Black River High School exhibit at the Academy Museum. Former graduates viewed the exhibit, and enjoyed music as well as a great barbecue served up by our chefs John Murphy, Class of 1977; Jeff Strong, Class of 1978; and Dave Norton, Class of 1976. Bruno Brzoza, Class of 1970, was also on hand selling yearbooks and answering questions. Some visitors were found ringing the school bell to call everyone to class, and we were all fortunate to meet the most famous graduate of Black River Academy and our former President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, who was in attendance to speak to all of us about his years at



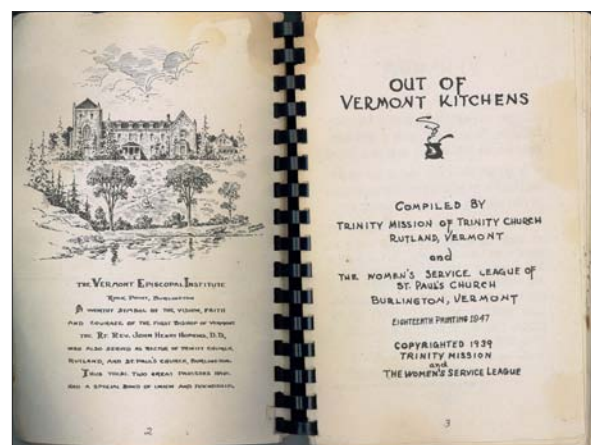
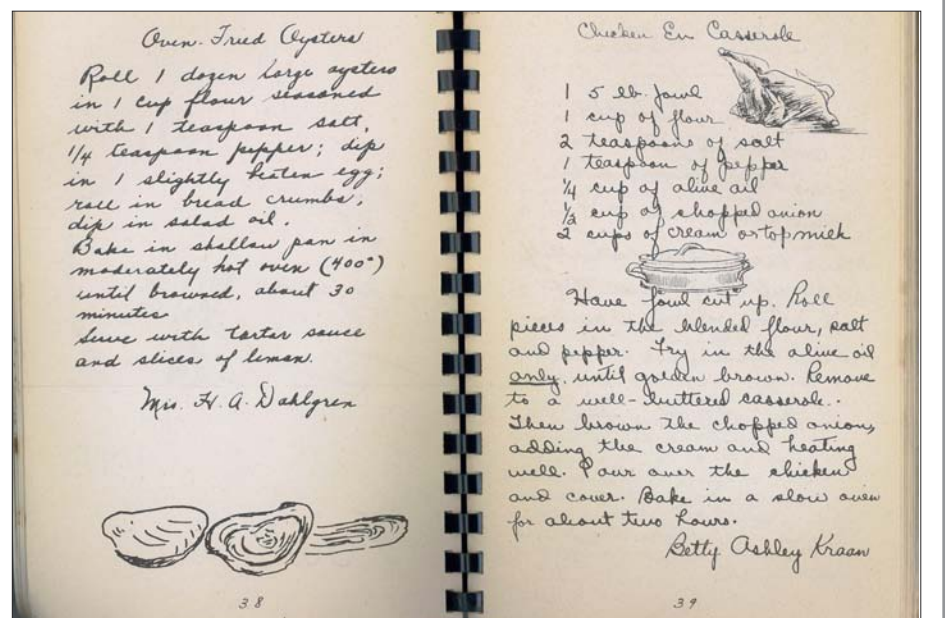
President Calvin Coolidge at the Black River Academy Museum. PHOTO PROVIDED

the academy. Incidentally, this year is the 100th anniversary of his swearing in as our 30th President.

The Alumni Association would like to thank the staff and volunteers from the Academy Museum and the Black River Senior Center (formerly the elementary school) for opening their doors for all to enjoy this event. If you were unable

to attend this year's event, you are encouraged to visit the museum to see the hard work by former students and faculty of Black River High School. The museum is open in the months of June, July, and August, Thursday – Saturday, from 12-4 p.m., and in the months of September and October on Friday and Saturday, from 12-4 p.m.

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## Author Marty Podskoch discusses Vermont CCC camps

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, July 25, at 1 p.m., the Springfield Town Library will host author and historian Marty Podskoch, who will give a PowerPoint presentation on the 90th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps and work in Vermont.

The Civilian Conservation Corps began on March 31, 1933, under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and un-

employment of the Great Depression. The CCC disbanded in 1942, due to the need for men in World War II.

Marty Podskoch is a retired teacher and the author of 11 books. He is presently gathering information on the CCC camps in Vermont and Massachusetts for future books. Podskoch is keenly interested in meeting individuals who may have CCC stories and photos to contribute to his next book.



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# community news

## Expungement clinic for Windsor County

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Attorney General Charity Clark, along with Windsor County State's Attorney Ward Goodenough, will host a free expungement clinic on Thursday, July 13, with appointments available from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Expungements wipe from your record specific convictions and dismissed charges after a certain period of time has passed. Under Vermont law, many misdemeanors, 14 different felony offenses, and all dismissed charges can be expunged or sealed. The free clinic will focus on expunging and sealing criminal charges and convictions from Windsor County, and will be open to the public by appointment.

"My office is committed to assisting with clearing old criminal records that are holding Vermonters back, and I thank State's Attorney Goodenough and Code for BTV for joining us in this

important initiative," said Attorney General Clark. "By giving Vermonters who have paid their debt and lived free of trouble a chance at a fresh start, we create greater economic, educational, and social opportunities."

"Ensuring access to justice should be a cornerstone of Vermont's justice system. Expungement clinics are an important tool in providing that access, and I'm glad that we will be able to host such a clinic in Windsor County," said State's Attorney Goodenough.

Attorneys from the attorney general's office will offer free assistance with petitions for Vermont-specific "qualifying" criminal convictions and dismissed charges. Vermonters must schedule appointments in advance by calling the attorney general's office's expungement clinic line at 802-828-0033 by July 5. All appointments will be conducted in person on the day of the clinic at the Agency of Human Services building in White River Junction.

More information on expungements generally is available at Vermont Legal Aid's website at [www.vtlawhelp.org/expungement](http://www.vtlawhelp.org/expungement).

## Watch out for crypto scams

REGION – As interest in cryptocurrency takes off, scammers have come out in droves to cash in. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), more than 46,000 people reported losing over \$1 billion in crypto scams from January 2021 – March 2022. Losses in 2021 were nearly 60 times the losses in 2018.

Many scams aren't unique to cryptocurrency. They are variations of financial scams that have been around for years, but still manage to ensnare many new victims. Crypto scams may be especially lucrative and easy to perpetrate because of investor inexperience, exploitable platforms and software, and the constant influx of new currencies and opportunities.

Most of the safeguards that help protect other financial systems aren't in place with crypto, and currently there is very little regulation or legal recourse. To make matters worse, cryptocurrency transactions aren't reversible. If you decide to invest in cryptocurrency, it's extremely important to try to protect yourself against scams and the possibility that both your money and your identity could be stolen. Here are some red flags to watch out for.

### An amazing opportunity

Words like "guaranteed" or "once in a lifetime" should set off alarm bells that the opportunity is too good to be true. It might be offered by someone you met online – often through social media – or through

a dating app or site (a classic "romance scam"). Over time, you grow to trust this person, and eventually you're told you can get big returns by investing in a cryptocurrency opportunity. You send money, and at first you seem to get a windfall – on paper. But your account isn't real. Before you know it, you've lost everything, and the person you trusted disappears.

Sometimes a real person you trust unwittingly pulls you into a scam like this. Without realizing it, a family member, friend, or colleague has been set up by a scammer to bring other victims into the fold. Once many people have sent in money, the scammer vanishes with everyone's funds.

### Extensive promotion

Some scams try to capitalize on investor desire to get in on the ground floor of a new crypto project. One scam called the "rug pull" may start with a fraudulent developer who easily and cheaply creates tokens or coins, and initially sells them at a low value on a decentralized platform. After the developer hypes up the opportunity to make it look legitimate, people begin to buy, and the value goes up sharply, but ultimately the developer "pulls the rug out" by abandoning the project and running off with the funds. The tokens or coins are now worthless.

A related scheme called "pump and dump" involves insiders who quickly pump up a new or low-value cryptocurrency asset by heavily promoting it. Then, as outside buyers jump on board and drive prices higher and higher, insiders sell – or "dump" – their holdings at peak value, leaving outside buyers scrambling to minimize their losses by selling

as the value plummets.

Perpetrators use popular channels and messaging apps to promote themselves and their opportunities, and sometimes hire social media influencers who receive financial incentives for marketing a product. Many perpetrators use screen names to remain anonymous, while others promote themselves to build credibility within crypto communities.

Scammers may advertise giveaways on social media, promising that if you enter and send cryptocurrency to a certain address, you'll get a great prize, or multiply the amount you send in. These heavily promoted scams are often supposedly sponsored by celebrities or famous crypto or tech gurus. Unfortunately, your money will be the only thing given away.

### There's a problem with your account

Perhaps you receive an email, or see an onscreen pop-up telling you there is an issue with your account, such as a security problem or an unauthorized purchase. Although it seems to come from a reputable source, like your bank or a business, it links to a page set up by a scammer to steal your credentials or financial information. Or you receive a call or find a number online for a "customer support center" that will direct you to a person who will download malware onto your computer under the guise of helping you resolve your issue.

Phishing attacks are very common, and scammers are counting on the fact that people unfamiliar with buying and selling crypto will easily fall for them. Never give anyone remote access to your computer, or give out personal information, including passwords, keys, or two-factor security codes that could give hackers access to your digital crypto wallet. Legitimate sites will not ask you for this information.

Don't click on a link you randomly receive, even if it seems to come from a business or person you know, and scrutinize a website address that you are accessing directly to make sure it is the right one before entering your credentials. And never log into a cryptocur-

rency exchange unless you are certain you are on the correct site. Counterfeit trading platforms mimic the appearance of legitimate sites and use misleading domain names.

### Must pay with cryptocurrency

If an institution is credible, there's no reason that it will only accept cryptocurrency and not traditional forms of payment. Scammers may impersonate others, including government agencies, charities, well-known businesses, and utility companies, or even pose as someone you know. A scammer may ask for payment in Bitcoin, and make it easier for you to send it by providing a quick response (QR) code that can be scanned at a Bitcoin ATM. The Bitcoin comes out of your digital wallet and goes directly to the scammer.

### Threatening messages

A scammer might try to blackmail you by sending an email or a message that threatens to reveal compromising information such as photos, videos, or personal data, unless you pay them in cryptocurrency. This is known as an extortion scam. Report this to the authorities, and don't pay anything.

### Ten tips to help protect your money

- Learn about crypto and stay up-to-date on evolving scams.
- Don't fall victim to the fear of missing out. When you think you need to act quickly, you may ignore warning signs.
- Ignore social media ads for cryptocurrency. They are often used to promote fraudulent investment opportunities.
- Don't be fooled by buzz around an opportunity; it does not mean it's legitimate. Scammers rely on hype to pump up perceived value that most people will never benefit from – watch out for skyrocketing value that seems to come out of nowhere.
- Research crypto promoters and backers and check their track records.
- Type in the URL of a reputable site directly, and double-check it before logging in. Google searches may lead to fake copycat sites because scammers pay to come up at the top of search results.
- Know how to spot fake apps. Read app reviews, number of downloads, and research the developer. Watch out for spelling and grammar mistakes.
- Never share your recovery phrase (seed phrase) or private keys (long letter and number codes) that can unlock your crypto wallet.
- Use layered security such as strong, unique passwords and two-factor authentication to help protect your accounts and your computer, smartphone, and other technology you use.
- Never invest more than you are willing to lose.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

# obituaries

## Robert C. Lovell, 1951-2023

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Robert “Bob” Charles Lovell, 72, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H., surrounded by family and loved ones.

Robert was born on May 10, 1951, in Springfield, Vt., the son of William C. Lovell and Rosamond (Magwire) Lovell. After graduating Springfield High School with the Class of 1969, Robert worked various professions, including restaurant, machine tool, paper mill, cabinet making, and social work. Robert married Rose Jarvis in 1974. They raised their family in Weathersfield, Vt.

Robert was an avid fisherman, and was happiest on the bank of one of his favorite fishing holes chasing the “big one.” He enjoyed other hobbies, including photography, painting, woodworking, birdwatching, and nature. Robert loved spending time with his grandchildren, where joking and giggling could always be heard.



Robert Lovell, 1951-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

He was predeceased by his parents and sister Ruth Corliss.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 49 years Rose Lovell, sons Daniel (Hilary) and Joshua (Julie), sisters Bonnie (Ramon) Harrington and Beatrice (Robert) Merrill, brothers Peter and William Jr., eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held July 8, at 11 a.m., at Acutneyville Cemetery, followed by a gathering at Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney, Vt.

## Darby E. Mumford, 1942-2023

LISBON FALLS, Maine – Darby Eileen Mumford went home to Jesus on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at the age of 81. She bravely battled a recurring cancer the last year of her life.

Darby was born to Fredric and Helen Jenks on Jan. 22, 1942, in Rockville Center, Long Island, N.Y. She taught art classes for many years, and won awards for her Maine duck stamp competition entries. She also illustrated and wrote her own children's books, illustrated her grandson's published book, and painted wall murals in local churches. Darby held an unwavering faith in God, which she shared with those who surrounded her. She was passionate about sharing the love of our Lord and was an integral part of her church family, teaching Sunday school and leading Bible studies for many years.

Darby is survived by her



Darby Mumford, 1942-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

husband Warren (Whit) Mumford; her sisters Patricia Jenks and Vicki Wells; daughters Tracy Cerrato, Stephanie Gauthier, and Katherine Dugal; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at the Lisbon Falls Baptist Church, 555 Lisbon Street, Lisbon Falls, Maine, on Saturday, July 29, at 2 p.m.

## Lois E. Sippel, 1933-2023

ATHENS, Vt. – Lois Elizabeth (Perrin) Sippel, age 90, slipped peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 24, 2023, following a brief illness.

Born March 3, 1933, in Orange, N.J., she married the boy next door, Richard “Dick” Sippel, on Jan. 12, 1952. They built their home on the land between their parents, residing in West Orange, N.J., until 1990, when they retired and built their home in Athens, Vt.

Lois worked full-time, beginning as a dental assistant before graduating from West Orange High School and finishing her career as the director of medical records for West Essex General Hospital in Livingston, N.J. Mid-career, she graduated from Northeastern Bible College in Essex Fells, N.J., with an associate degree in biblical studies.

She served as a lister for the Town of Athens, and volunteered in many community and church activities, and at Camp Good News in Charlestown, N.H. Her sewing skills were used to make clothing for Appalachian children, her knitting supported the senior center in Bellows Falls, and she was often found helping Dick clear trails for the Pinnacle Association or the



Lois Sippel, 1933-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Nature Museum in Grafton, sugaring maples, collecting firewood and honey from their bees, or baking bread in their homemade brick oven.

Lois was predeceased by her parents James and Lois (Crane) Perrin, and by her husband Dick in 2019. She is survived by her daughter Dale Williamson and her husband Erik Williamson, her brother James Perrin and his wife Patricia, cousins, nieces, and nephew.

A graveside memorial service will take place on Saturday, July 8, at 1 p.m., at Athens Cemetery, Valley Cemetery Road in Athens, Vt., and is open to the public. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Thompson House in Brattleboro, Vt., to support the loving care given every day to the Thompson House family of residents.

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

### Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in-person. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch or to our website www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

## CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

### North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCofNorthCharlestown for more information.

## CHESTER, VT.

### Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

## GRAFTON, VT.

### Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

### Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

## LUDLOW, VT.

### Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.ludlowbaptist.org.

### Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.

Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

## MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

### Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

We welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

### First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermont.net, or go to www.firstchurchspringfield.org.

### North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.

All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

### St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

## Kevin D. Wilcox, 1952-2023

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Kevin D. Wilcox, previous resident of Guilford, Vt., passed June 11, 2023, at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. Kevin was born the youngest of seven children on June 12, 1952, the son of the late Frank and Ada (Benware) Wilcox. He attended Charlestown, N.H., elementary schools. He spent much time outdoors working, and then later in life just sitting or watching his grandkids. Kevin worked as a property maintenance manager in Claremont, N.H., for many years.

Kevin loved being a father. His children, when young, could get him to spend a whole day at a brook easily swimming and fishing. He enjoyed his simple days at home, and could find humor in the best and worst of times. He made friends in any community, and talked to people of any walk of life. He could find those good at heart by often finding some common ground human connection over his 70 years of experiences.

He liked rock and roll music, and keeping up in his grandkids lives, attending sports and school ceremonies as well as a gift of much undivided time and attention spent with grandchildren watching them grow since birth. Kevin is survived by his wife Nancy Wheeler Wilcox, whom he



Kevin Wilcox, 1952-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

married on July 17, 2007, in Wilmington, Vt., son Frank Wilcox of Putney, Vt., daughter Alisha Wilcox-Kaeppl (Robert), granddaughters Colleen and Natalie of Guilford, Vt., and his brother Donald Wilcox (Sarah) of Springfield, Vt. He was preceded by his other siblings, young niece, and nephews as well.

Graveside funeral services for Kevin will be held Saturday, July 8, at 11 a.m., in Restland (Forest Hill) Cemetery. A reception potluck celebration will follow at 12 p.m., at Town Hall, at the foot of the same hill, 29 Summer Street, Charlestown, N.H.

To send the family personal condolences, please visit www.sheafuneralhomes.com. The family has entrusted arrangements to the care of Covey Allen & Shea Funeral Home, P.O. Box 215, Wilmington, VT 05363.

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## James E. Williams, 1951-2023

CLAREMONT, N.H. – James Edward Williams, 71, died Thursday, June 22, 2023, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H., after a decline in his health due to Alzheimer's disease. Born Dec. 11, 1951, in Springfield, Vt., to Francis and Alice C. (Parkhurst) Williams, he graduated from Windsor High School in 1969, and went on to spend most of his career with the Vermont Department of Transportation, driving any large piece of machinery that they would allow him to.

He was a very social guy, who loved the camaraderie of volunteering and being a member of many service organizations, including the VFW, American Legion, and the Wounded Warrior Project. He gladly spent his time organizing, working, and riding his bike in Harley Davidson benefit rides for any group that needed his help. Jim also found joy in music, especially classic rock, John Wayne westerns, hunting, fishing, and riding the back roads of Brownsville and Reading. In later years, he took great pride in seeing his grandchildren, and walking in his neighborhood visiting with his neighbors.



James Williams, 1951-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

He is survived by two daughters Nicole Luce and husband Bill of Charlestown, and Kristen Johnson and Nick Helie of Claremont; his former wife Patty Healy of Hartland; three grandchildren Austin James, Clayton, and Isla; nephew Bill Davis of Ludlow; other relatives, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters Vera Davis and Lucia McKenzie.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 5-7 p.m., at Knight Funeral Home in Windsor, Vt. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association in lieu of flowers are appreciated.

Online condolences are invited at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**JUNE 30 –**  
**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – Westmoreland Town Band will be performing at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd., from 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments on sale will include burgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cold and hot beverages, and a sweet. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Bring a lawn chair, and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment.

**JULY 1 –**  
**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The Tri-Mountain Lions will be hosting their annual Duck Derby following the parade. Tickets can be purchased on Main Street in front of Garden Market, or from Tri-Mountain Lions members. There will be cash prizes for the first, second, and third place ducks. All proceeds

from Lions fundraising goes to helping others in the community.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Singer-songwriter and Rockingham resident Dylan Patrick Ward will be performing an intimate, low-key, acoustic set at Black River Coffee Bar on July 1, from 6-7 p.m. This event is free; tips are appreciated. This event was rescheduled from its original date due to rain.

**JULY 4 –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Stars & Stripes 7.4k and 4k run and walk will be held at the Toonerville Trail, beginning at 8:30 a.m. This is a fundraiser for Springfield High School Cross Country. There is a registration fee for this event, and a discount for registering in advance. Register at [www.runlikeardy.com](http://www.runlikeardy.com).

[com/races/starsstripes](http://www.runlikeardy.com/races/starsstripes).

**JULY 6 –**  
**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Black River Good Neighbor Services will provide a free community lunch at the Ludlow Community Center Cafeteria, 37 Main St., at 12 p.m. All are welcome. The meal will include turkey, ham, and salads. Bingo will be played following the meal.

**JULY 7 –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St., will hold their First Friday Supper from 5-6:30 p.m. The menu will include build-your-own nachos, green and other salads, dessert, and a beverage. Vegan and gluten-free options are available. For takeout, call 802-463-3220 before 5 p.m. Admission is by donation. Net proceeds will go to Free to Read, which gives free books to local fourth grade students.

**JULY 10 –**  
**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Bingo will be held at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available, and a door prize will be awarded.

**JULY 14 –**  
**CLAREMONT, N.H.** – A ballroom dance will be held in the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance instruction this night. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The

dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsy Child at 603-504-6671.

**JULY 15 –**  
**REGION** – Take a self-guided tour through six lovely gardens on the 2023 Mountain Gardens Walk. This tour will offer inspiration and beauty to both the avid gardener, and the viewer simply out for a summer stroll. Featuring monastic cloister gardens, Japanese zen gardens, and others which reflect the personal designs of their owners. Proceeds will benefit the Green Mountain Gardeners Lib Thieme Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit [www.greenmountaingardeners.net](http://www.greenmountaingardeners.net).

**SUNDAYS –**  
**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 Parks Place, 44 School St Ext. in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more

information go to [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.** – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit [www.dgbodyworks.com](http://www.dgbodyworks.com) for more information. Private classes are available.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On Mondays at 6:30 p.m. there will be Pub Trivia Night at Vermont Beer Makers on River Street in Springfield. Up to five people per team. Free entry.

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Rockingham Library hosts a chess club each Monday from 3-5:30 p.m. led by Mike Sola. Drop-ins and all levels of player are welcome. This program is free and open to the public.

**TUESDAYS –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Tuesday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at [bwquilter1778@gmail.com](mailto:bwquilter1778@gmail.com).

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

**THURSDAYS –**  
**TYSON, Vt.** – The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first

Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

**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.

**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.

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

**FRIDAYS –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach Tai Chi and Qi Gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

**SATURDAYS –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email [info@edgarmay.org](mailto:info@edgarmay.org), or visit [www.edgarmay.org](http://www.edgarmay.org).

### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Department Laborer.

This position is full-time, year-round. Duties include but not limited to snow plowing with plow and wing, and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Must pass a pre-employment physical.

Applications can be dropped off at our Selectmen's Office located at 233 Main Street Charlestown, NH, mailed to P.O. Box 385 Charlestown, NH 03603, or emailed to [Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov).

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN ASSISTANT WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator – The Town of Charlestown is seeking applicants for a full-time position in its Water & Wastewater department. Previous experience in municipal water and/or wastewater operations is highly desirable but the Town is willing to train the right applicant. Wages commensurate with qualifications and experience. Full Benefit package including paid vacations and holidays.

Interested candidates may obtain an employment application in the Selectboard office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH or on the Town Website. Applications and Resumes should be emailed to [Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov).

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer.

This position is full-time, year-round. A CDL License is required. Duties include but not limited to snow plowing with plow and wing, and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Must pass a physical, and a drug & alcohol test.

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN FIRE FIGHTER AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

The Charlestown Fire Department is seeking candidates for the positions of on call Fire Fighter and Rescue Department Members. The Charlestown Fire Department is a multi-hazard department providing fire prevention, fire suppression, basic hazardous materials response, vehicle rescue and extrication, basic rescue, and first response EMS services for the citizens of Charlestown New Hampshire.

The ideal candidate is a team player, self-motivated, honest, trustworthy, and dedicated. They will be committed to lifelong learning, will be safety conscious, and able to take constructive feedback and incorporate it into future activities.

All candidates will need to have a valid driver's license and will undergo a background check.

There is a particular need for candidates that have the ability to respond to calls for service during daytime hours Monday through Friday.

There is a preference for candidates interested in obtaining both Firefighting and EMS certifications. Candidates will be expected to be enrolled in either a Firefighter 1 course or an EMS course leading to certification within 18 months of hire.

Interested parties are encouraged to stop by the station to meet with members of the department and ask questions. Applications for employment are available at the town office and on the Town Website at [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov).

The Town of Charlestown is an equal opportunity employer.

### Town of Springfield- Selectboard Notice of Public Hearing and Selectboard Meeting July 10, 2023

The Town of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00PM on Monday, July 10, 2023 for the purpose of receiving public input concerning the residency requirement for the Fire Chief and Deputy. This will be a hybrid meeting. The Public Hearing will be held at 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont. It will also be possible to attend via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87687918357>

Kristi C. Morris, Chair  
Springfield Selectboard

### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD HELP WANTED YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking to fill a team-oriented, full-time (35 hours per week), Youth Services Librarian position. The ideal candidate should have the ability and enthusiasm for working with children and young adults and a passion for Public Service. Responsible for planning, developing and providing library services to children and young adults. Performs professional duties requiring extensive knowledge of library operations. Works with the Library Director to prepare goals and objectives for children's library services and budget and grant requests to achieve those goals. Requires a Masters Degree in Library Science from an ALA accredited university; OR a Bachelor's Degree plus Certification as a Public Librarian by the VT Dept. of Libraries; OR any combination of experience and/or education which demonstrates an extensive knowledge of library services for children and young adults. Pay is \$22.62 - \$33.48 per hour, depending on experience. Non-exempt Union position with an excellent benefits package. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, (802) 885-2104 ([tosh@vermontel.net](mailto:tosh@vermontel.net)). Applications and a complete job description can be found at [springfieldvt.gov/jobs](http://springfieldvt.gov/jobs). The Town of Springfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN RECORDING SECRETARY

The Town of Charlestown is seeking an individual to be the Recording Secretary for the Selectboard. The Board meets every Wednesday night anywhere from 5:00 to possibly 9:30 p.m.

This part-time position is to attend and take minutes of all Selectboard meetings/workshops and produce and deliver meeting minutes within legal time frames. Knowledge of how to take and prepare minutes and the ability to attend weekly meetings each month 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  
Rate of pay per meeting: \$100.00 (this would include your time at the meeting and producing and delivering the minutes)

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to [Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov).

### TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall to consider the following application for subdivision: **Application #:** 5.1/38.15/23/5/13, **Applicant:** William E. Dakin, Jr., **Owner:** Timm P. and Elizabeth L. Bechter, Trustees, **Property Location:** East Hill Rd. (Boynton Hill), **Reason for hearing:** Application to request a minor subdivision of one existing parcel into two lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 21st day of June, 2023  
Jonathan W. Stevens, Secretary, Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment

### Town of Cavendish Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Cavendish Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office, 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont to receive comment on an amendment to the Cavendish Town Plan. The proposed amendment incorporates an Enhanced Energy Chapter into the plan based on Act 174 Regional and Municipal Energy Planning Standards.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 14th day of June, 2023.  
Timothy Calabrese, Planning Commission Chair

Received this 14th day of June, 2023  
Diane M. McNamara, Town Clerk

### TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CAVENDISH, VERMONT

The Town of Cavendish has an immediate opening for a full-time Highway Department crew member. This position has a competitive wage and excellent benefits package. Applicants are required to have current CDL, good driving and work records and must be in good physical health. Experience in construction and heavy equipment operation, including dump truck operation, is preferred but the Town is willing to train the right CDL holding applicant. This is a permanent position with a retirement plan. A comprehensive job description is available to serious applicants.

Applications, resumes and inquiries should be directed to:  
Town Manager  
Town of Cavendish Municipal Building  
37 High Street, P.O. Box 126  
Cavendish, Vermont 05142  
(802) 226-7291

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# LEGAL NOTICES

# classifieds

## 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.

## FIREWOOD

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home, asking \$500 for all. Call 802-856-7434 for info and photos.

## GUNS WANTED

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

## FOR RENT

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Mahogany antique dining room set, includes buffet/sideboard w/ mirror, butlers table, china cabinet, table and 6 chairs, sold

## HELP WANTED

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – FT/PT Second shift available, various

hours between 11-9, Direct Care for Elderly in Family-owned Assisted Living. Call 603-826-0840.



### TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2022 - 2023 tax year remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Joanne Aquilino by Trustees Deed of Edward J. Chicoski, III, Trustee of the Chicoski Children Trust Agreement dated January 14, 2019, dated April 26, 2021 and recorded on April 27, 2021 in Book 69 at Page 87 of the Andover Land Records. [E-911 Address: 224 Arrau Rd.]

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 27th day of July, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, Vermont this 19th day of June, 2023

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

### TOWN OF CHESTER FINANCE OFFICER/STAFF ACCOUNTANT

The Town of Chester is currently seeking an experienced and detail-oriented Finance Officer/Staff Accountant to maintain financial records. The Finance Officer's responsibilities include maintaining financial records and reports, performing account reconciliations, assisting with budget processes, conducting internal audits, oversight of payroll and accounts payable. To be successful as a Finance Officer, you should be able to accurately maintain a general ledger and ensure compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Finance Officer should also have excellent communication, organizational and analytical skills.

#### Responsibilities:

- Maintaining financial reports, records and general ledger accounts.
- Preparing journal entries, analyses, account reconciliations and monthly close processes.
- Performing monthly balance sheet reconciliations
- Responding to information requests, reviewing financial statements and assisting with audits.
- Reconcile bank statements, petty cash funds and other accounts monthly
- Oversees daily report of cash receipts, accounts payable and payroll.
- Assists in preparation of annual budget
- Ensuring compliance with GAAP.

#### Qualifications:

- Degree in Accounting, Finance or related field and five or more years of progressively responsible accounting experience, preferably in a government setting.
- Proficient in MS Office Suite, with advanced Excel skills and ability to work with accounting software. Experience with NEMRC preferred.
- Detail oriented, accurate, analytical and organized.
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize tasks in order to complete assignments in a timely manner and meet deadlines.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, municipal officials, general public and business partners.

The Town of Chester offers a competitive salary and benefit package. A full job description is available by contacting the Chester Town Office at (802) 875-2173. Please send your letter of interest, resume and salary requirements to the Chester Town Office at 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT, 05143 or via email at amie.obrien@chestertv.gov. This position is open until filled.

### TOWN OF CHESTER AMBULANCE FULL-TIME EMT/AEMT

Chester ambulance is excited to announce a new full-time AEMT position. The ideal candidate will be an AEMT or be certified as an EMT with the ability to become an AEMT within one year. Candidate will also have a strong passion for community-oriented health care.

Candidate should possess the following knowledge and skills:

1. Possess a valid Vermont AEMT/EMT license.
2. Possess a Highschool diploma or GED.
3. Ability to pass a background check.
4. US Citizen.
5. 18 Years of age or older.
6. 2 years of healthcare experience.
7. Ability to lift 50 pounds.
8. Possess VT drivers license

Inquire by sending your resume with a Town of Chester Application to:  
Town of Chester, VT  
PO Box 370  
Chester, VT 05143

### Town of Plymouth, Vermont NOTICE OF ADOPTED TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Please note that the Town of Plymouth Select Board voted to adopt/amend their Traffic Ordinance on June 19, 2023.

Under Vermont law, the Traffic Ordinance may be disapproved by a referendum vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the Town. In order to require a referendum vote on the adopted Ordinance, a petition requesting a vote on the question of disapproving the adopted Ordinance must be submitted to the Select Board or Town Clerk. The petition must be signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of the Town and submitted no later than 44 days from the date the Ordinance was adopted by the Select Board, which was June 19, 2023. If a petition meeting those requirements is submitted, the Select Board shall call a meeting within 60 days from the date of receipt of the petition to hold a referendum vote to determine whether the voters will disapprove of the Ordinance.

If no petition is submitted within the required time, the Traffic Ordinance will take effect 60 days from the date the Traffic Ordinance was adopted by the Select Board, which will be August 18, 2023.

For any questions about the Traffic Ordinance please contact the Plymouth Select Board or the Plymouth Town Clerk at 802-672-3655 or email clerk@plymouthvt.org. If you have questions and/or comments they may also be mailed to the Plymouth Town Office located at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont 05056.

The full text of the adopted ordinance may be found on the Town of Plymouth website: www.plymouthvt.org under Town Administration/Ordinances.

#### NEW PAY RATES

\$15.00 Housekeeping & Dietary Aides; \$17.00 Cooks RPT and SLP part time/per diem  
\$22.00 LNA, higher with experience

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Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT.  
802-228-6857 Jessie HR; 802-228-6860 January, DON EOE

### TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Amy Altobelli by Warranty Deed of John M. Houlihan, Joyce M. Houlihan, and Robert E. Houlihan dated December 12, 2003 and recorded on December 29, 2003 in Book 45 at Page 163 of the Andover Land Records. [E-911 Address: 627 Little Pond Rd.]

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 27th day of July, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, Vermont this 19th day of June, 2023

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Michael Trifari and JoAnn Trifari by Warranty Deed of Rev. Roger J. Grenier, Rev. Robert J. St. Martin, and Rev. Daniel Sullivan dated December 10, 2004 and recorded December 14, 2004 in Book 47 at Page 162 of the Andover Land Records. Reference is made to the Quitclaim Deed of Michael Trifari to JoAnn Trifari dated January 9, 2019 and recorded January 17, 2019 in Book 65 at Page 414 of the Andover Land Records. [E-911 Address: 46 Hillcrest Dr.]

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 27th day of July, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, Vermont this 19th day of June, 2023

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

#### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	4	9	2	5	8	1	6	7
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#### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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### Art Crafts Gifts

#### GALLERY AT THE VAULT

Vermont State Craft Center  
68 Main St., Springfield 802-885-7111  
Art Crafts Gifts & Workshops  
OPEN Wed. 11-5, Fri. 11-7, Sat. 11-5  
galleryvault.org

Annual Flower Show

On the Wild Side Open Wall Show

Chinese Calligraphy and Chinese Poetry Workshop with Jonathan Root 7/22 11-2  
Register at Vault or galleryvault.org/workshops/

Artful Flea in the Alleyway July 15 10-5  
(07/26/23 - TFN - 13)

### Builders/Contractors

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(11/22/23 - 52)

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(11/22/23 - 52)

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SEASONAL SITES AVAILABLE FOR 2023! REASONABLE RATES!  
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(08/09/23 - 13)

### Chiropractor

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(08/11/23 - TFN - 52)

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#### A BARE CLEANING

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(08/23/23 - 13)

### Okemo Valley TV

#### LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Plymouth Strawberry Festival
- LES Greenhouse Dedication
- Pat & Penny Travel from Paris to Normandy
- Talk with Paula
- Weekly local church services

Okemo Valley TV now has its own app on all of the main streaming platforms! Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Google Play, and mobile (iOS & Android)  
(07/05/23 - TFN - 13)



# arts & events

# LEGAL NOTICES

## Cavendish Concerts begin with Gypsy Reel —

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) and the Town of Cavendish invite everyone to spend an evening having fun on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville on Wednesday, July 5, starting at 6 p.m., when the annual summer music series kicks off with the sounds of Gypsy Reel.



Gypsy Reel will open the CCCA concert season on July 5. PHOTO PROVIDED

For over 20 years, Gypsy Reel has played high energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. They rock their audiences with an exciting synthesis of world rhythms, and influences from three continents. Based in Ludlow, Vt., the band is no stranger to the Cavendish music series, and many fans find this concert to be a highlight.

This concert is sponsored by M&M Excavating.

Join your friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. Murdock's, Outer Limits Brewery, and Singleton's all have take-out food options. It's a fun way to enjoy the summer weather, and either reconnect with old friends, or make new

ones. As always, the concerts are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, please check the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page for cancellation and rescheduling information. For more information, email cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com.

## West Windsor Music Festival

WEST WINDSOR, Vt. – Returning for its second year, the West Windsor Music Festival is set for July 21, 22, and 23. Preparations are underway for four concerts, which are scheduled for July 21 at 7:30 p.m., July 22 at 10 a.m. (a free children's concert and activities), July 22 at 7:30 p.m., and July 23 at 3 p.m.

West Windsor is a rural Vermont community located amidst rolling hills and meadows just west of the Connecticut River. Mount Ascutney rises more than two thousand feet over the village of Brownsville, and provides abundant outdoor recreation opportunities. Boasting miles of spectacular hiking and mountain biking trails, backcountry skiing, a lift-served community ski area, and a tubing hill, the mountain is a destination for outdoor adventure in any season.

Sakiko for piano four hands. Violinist Helen Hwaya Kim will be returning for an evening of amazing performances. And new this year, cellist Brad Ritchie will perform as well.

The festival is another wonderful way to bring the community together. The historic town hall in West Windsor is a beautiful setting for sharing music and unforgettable experiences. Following up on the success of the 2022 festival, the festival endeavors to share remarkable chamber music with our dear friends in the central Vermont region. For more information, visit www.westwindsorvtmusicfestival.com.

Pianist Sakiko Ohashi serves as the festival artistic director. In addition to her performances, pianist Hiroko Sasaki will join

Each of the concerts will take place in the historic town hall, located at 22 Brownsville-Hartland Road, West Windsor, Vt. Tickets can be purchased at www.sevendaystickets.com/organizations/west-windsor-vermont-music-festival. Children 12 and under enter for free.

### TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT

#### 2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of **Equipment Operator/Truck Driver**. This is a full-time, year round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Must possess a valid VT Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, sander, loader and excavator, backhoe and/or grader. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, and equipment operation are a plus.

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Drilling and blasting will occur at the Allard Stone Quarry at 1589 Grafton Street, Chester, VT 05143, between July 10-12, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Saxtons River pie baking contest and festivities —

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – In conjunction with the Saxtons River Fourth of July celebration, a pie baking contest will be held. This year it is actually two contests, one for savory pies, one for sweet.



Participate in the pie baking contest.

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Bakers are invited to submit their delicious creations for judging by the International Union of Pie Judges, Saxtons River, Vt., – a self-appointed cohort of pie connoisseurs. All "pies" are welcome, we require only a crust and a filling. Please surprise us with your traditional summer standards, as well as unexpected interpretations of the "pie." Judges will sample each pie and give scores for overall presentation, flavor, quality of the crust, quality of the filling, and creativity.

Pies are to be delivered to the Saxtons River Inn at 27 Main Street between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. on July 4, or by special arrangement the evening of July 3. Parking on Main Street will be prohibited, so plan

to walk your pie a block or so.

Please plan to enjoy the full experience in Saxtons River – the 5k race, parade, music, and street fair. You can learn more about the event at Saxtons River Fourth of July on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/srfourth](http://www.facebook.com/srfourth).

The winner of the pie contest will be announced from the bandstand around 10:30 a.m., and awarded a basket of baking goodies, including an apron matching 2023 Saxtons River Fourth of July

T-shirts. The pie contest is sponsored by the Saxtons River Village Market. We appreciate the support and contributions made by the market's proprietor, Brandy Tucker-Crowson.

Slices and whole pies will be sold after the judging is complete, on the porch at the Saxtons River Inn. Proceeds will benefit the 2024 Saxtons River Fourth of July celebration. Questions about the pie contest can be directed to Anne Manner-McLarty at [saxtonsriver.us@gmail.com](mailto:saxtonsriver.us@gmail.com).

## Acworth Garden Tour

ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Community Charitable Trust is holding a multi-garden fundraising tour on Saturday, July 8, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Included are the nationally recognized Grout Hill Gardens and Arboretum of landscape architect G. Kristian Fenderson, a plant sale by regional vendors, and various botanical arts for purchase. Adding to the day's events are a book sale at

the town hall to benefit the Silsby Library, and a luncheon and bake sale at the Church on the Hill, hosted by the Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse. More information can be found at [www.acworthtrust.org](http://www.acworthtrust.org).

Garden tour tickets can be ordered from Stella Hapel at [frogwood@myfairpoint.net](mailto:frogwood@myfairpoint.net), or 603-835-2925.

Proceeds from the tour will support the local grant program of the trust. In 14 years, the organization has awarded \$160,000 to

charitable projects benefiting the town of Acworth and its citizens. This year's grants, totaling \$11,850, went to support painting of the Church on the Hill, masonry repairs to the library, purchase of a backup generator for the Acworth Village Store, and New England Heritage Tour participation by Acworth middle school students. Private donations provide the overwhelming majority of grant funds, and new members are always welcomed.

## Springfield Community Band July 4 concert

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a concert at

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, at the Hartness House, located at 109 Front Street, (formerly 30 Orchard Street) Springfield, Vt.



Fourth of July concert. STOCK PHOTO

### 2023 GRIEVANCE HEARINGS TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS

Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be begin on Monday, July 10, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m.

If you wish to discuss your 2023 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, please call the Listers office between 8:30 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday 802-463-1229.

If you cannot make it to an in person hearing and wish to submit your grievance in writing it must be submitted before Monday, July 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Please include property location, owner phone # or email, and a summary of your concern.

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Pursuant to the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rockingham, enacted in accordance with Vermont State Statute 24 V.S.A. § 4464 Chapter 117, Section 4464 of the Vermont Planning and Development Act, The Development Review Board (DRB) shall meet at 7 Atkinson St - 5:00 pm and 154 Westminster St - 5:30 pm on Wednesday July 12, 2023, to conduct a site inspection. The DRB shall reconvene in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of Town Hall at 7 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT at 6:30 pm for persons interested in the proposed Indoor Cannabis Cultivation Non-Conforming Use Review or the Personal Service Change of Use Review or the Demolition Review, to collect testimony from Town of Rockingham staff, the Property Owner/Tenant, interested persons and to review the zoning application and supporting materials. The Notice of Decision, along with the application and materials, is filed with the Town Clerk's office and Planning & Zoning's digital records.

Participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal.

The full permit applications are available on the Town website, DRB page: <https://www.rockinghamvt.org/planning-zoning>

This site visit and DRB hearings are open to the public. If you plan to participate, and/or have questions, please contact Gary Fox (802.376.5425 / [development@rockbf.org](mailto:development@rockbf.org)) for more information or to get copies of the application paperwork.

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# arts & entertainment

## “Buddy” at Weston Theater Company

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Theater Company takes audiences for a musical ride chronicling Buddy Holly’s rise to fame in “Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story,” playing June 28 – July 16 at The Playhouse stage.

Rock out with the one and only Buddy Holly. Transport yourself back to the 1950s with this show telling the story of Holly’s rise to fame, his struggles with the music industry, and his enduring legacy as one of the pioneers of rock and roll. This high-energy, must-see show features all of Holly’s hits, including “Peggy Sue,” “That’ll Be the Day,” and “Everyday.” It’s a heartwarming and inspiring tale that will have you leaving the theater with a smile on your face and a spring in your step.

Now in its 34th year, the “world’s most successful rock-and-roll musical” continues to rock stages worldwide. The Weston production is directed by Meredith McDonough, who says, “We are so excited to transport you back to the 1950s with this amazing music – capturing the time and essence of a musical legend. This show is filled with not only Holly’s greatest hits, but also intimate behind-the-scenes moments – we are celebrating Buddy Holly’s enduring legacy here in Weston. Join Weston Theater Company on a rockin’ ride as they honor his talent – and the power of music to inspire and unite.” McDonough is a Weston alum whose past credits include “An Iliad” and “Always...Patsy Cline.”

The show introduces Billy Finn to the Weston stage as the legendary Buddy Holly. Finn recently played Buddy Holly in the new musical “The Wanderer.” Finn’s New York credits include appearances at Irish Rep, Ars Nova, The Public, New Dramatists, Playwrights Horizons, and more. Ben Johnson joins the cast as Jerry Allison. Johnson most recently performed as Andrej in “Once,” at Pittsburgh MT, Buddy in “Elf” at the Studio, and Mitch in “Dear Soldier Boy” at Blue Gate Musicals. Lena Richard, a New Orleans-based performer whose TV credits include WGN, Black Entertainment Television, Disney, Peacock, and The Oprah Winfrey Network, plays Marlena. Isaiah Reynolds plays Tyrone. A graduate of the Boston Conservatory, some of Reynolds’ favorite credits include “Chior Boy” at Portland Center Stage, and “Five Guys Named Moe” at The Fulton Theater. Ariana Papaleo also makes her Weston debut.

Previous credits include Nina in “In the Heights” at Playhouse Stage Co., Portia in “The Merchant of Venice” at NYU’s Classical Studio, and “A Christmas Story” at Capital Repertory Theater. Jason Cohen, who has previously acted in or musically directed six other productions of “Buddy,” plays Tommy. With his production company Emmett Productions, emmettproductionsllc.com, he creates, produces, and performs theatrical concerts. Maggie Hollinbeck plays Vi Petty. Some of Hollinbeck’s recent roles include “Once” on the 1st National Tour, “Woody Sez” at Ivoryton Playhouse, and “Ring of Fire” at Florida Rep. Adrian Lopez plays Richie Valens. Lopez’s credits include “Spamilton: An American Parody” on the 1st National Tour, “Once,” and “Ring of Fire” at the Geva Theatre Company. Seasoned Weston company member David Bonanno plays HiPockets in his 50th Weston production. Memorable Weston productions include “An Iliad,” “Fun Home,” “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike,” and “The Music Man.” Other credits include “The Light in the Piazza,” Chicago companies of “Ragtime” and “Lend me a Tenor,” and “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” on the National Tour. Music Director Matt Cusack also plays Joe B. Credits include “One Man Two Guvnors,” and “Bandstand.”

Movement and dance are choreographed by seasoned Weston alum Felicity Stiverson, whose past company credits include “Hair,” “Ring of Fire,” “The Fantasticks,” “West Side Story,” and more. Bringing the

50s back to life is award-winning set designer Lex Liang. Decking out Buddy and the Crickets in their swagger is costume designer Kathleen Geldard. Joanna Lynne Staub brings her Broadway, regional, and national experience to her role as sound designer on Weston’s stage. Designer and teacher Marika Kent joins the crew as the light designer.

“Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story” plays at The Playhouse from June 28 – July 16. Discounts are available for Vermont residents. Tickets are available online at [www.westontheater.org](http://www.westontheater.org), and by calling the Weston box office at 802-824-5288.

## Saxtons River Fourth of July Celebration

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The following is a list of events to be held on Main Street in Saxtons River from the morning of July 4 until the early afternoon. Additional information can be found at [www.facebook.com/srfourth](http://www.facebook.com/srfourth).

The Firecracker 5K Race starts at 8 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. Awards are donated by Village Square Booksellers, and medals are sponsored by Savings Bank of Walpole.

The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m., featuring Grand Marshalls Maryann McArdle and Mark Ragonese riding a car provided by Jim Macri, event emcee Aaron Eames, “The Star Spangled Banner” per-

formed by Julie Cermola, Main Street Arts dancers, SambaGanza, Bellows Falls Bike Project, Rockingham Library Bikemobile, Rockingham Energy Commission electric cars, a Cota Oil antique truck, regional fire and rescue vehicles, and maybe a few surprises!

The street fair will begin in the early morning, and last into the afternoon. There will be food and merchandise vendors, including a cotton candy booth run by the SR4 committee, 2023 T-shirts, aprons, totes, and glowsticks for sale at the SR4 booth near School Street, informational booths from various organizations, and games for kids and adults. Games will include mini golf, croquet, an egg toss contest, skee ball, and musical chairs.

There will also be a Hula Hoop contest with Maryann McArdle, and drummers in front of the Saxtons River Village Market, volunteer firemen’s water polo, and a pie contest and pie sales on the porch at Saxtons River Inn. This year, there will be both sweet and savory pies. The winner will receive a gift basket and 2023 apron.

After the parade, there will be music on the bandstand, including SambaGanza, Ezra Holloway, and Debbie and the Downers. The Main Street Arts String Band will perform on the MSA porch.

The Saxtons River Historical Society will be open after the parade.

Aerial photography throughout the day will be provided by Rockingham Recon Aerial Services.

## Kruger Brothers at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present contemporary bluegrass, Americana, and folk trio the Kruger Brothers at Next Stage on Friday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m.

In their ever-expanding body of work, Jens Kruger (banjo and vocals), Uwe Kruger (guitar and lead vocals), and Joel Landsberg (bass and vocals) personify the spirit of exploration and innovation that forms the core of the American musical tradition. Although initially staying fairly close to a traditional repertoire, the Kruger Brothers later turned to songwriting and composition in order to draw more closely from their personal experiences. Their ability to infuse themes and

forms of classical music into folk music creates a unique sound that has made them a fixture within the world of acoustic music.

In addition to the honesty of their songwriting, the melodic banjo style of Jens Kruger has become a hallmark of the trio’s work. Based on the three-finger bluegrass style popularized by Earl Scruggs, Jens’ playing is differentiated by long melodic passages and a more complex com-

positional foundation, often building on jazz or classical themes and techniques.

Originally from Switzerland, brothers Uwe and Jens Kruger began playing North American folk music at an early age. Their first public performances were as a duo, busking on the streets of cities throughout Europe. After gaining a recording contract, as well as a radio show on SRG SSR, the Swiss public broadcaster, they

teamed up with bass player Joel Landsberg, inaugurating a trio that has been playing professionally together since 1995.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or at the door for an additional fee. There is also a virtual ticket option. For information, call 802-387-0102 or go to [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).



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Springfield Humane Society  
401 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, Vt.  
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www.spfldhumane.org

# Bucky Lew, from allyship to a championship

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, July 29, at 11 a.m., join Bucky Lew biographer Chris Boucher at the Springfield Town Library for an interactive author talk. Chris will share photographs and stories from Lew's career, and answer your questions about the man and the game of the times.

Harry "Bucky" Lew was basketball's first black professional. In a career that spanned a quarter century, Lew was the first black player, coach, manager, referee, and team owner in integrated professional basketball. One of the highlights of his career was his time with the Springfield Athletic Club, with whom

he won a state championship in 1907.

Chris Boucher lives just north of Boston with his wife, and near his sons and grandson. He is passionate about basketball, learning, and writing. While his hoops skills remain on the amateur side, he has put in the work to earn master's degrees in education and creative writing to improve there.

"The Original Bucky Lew: Basketball's First Black Professional" is his third book and first biography. Chris' grandparents were neighbors of the Lews in



Back Row—Church c, Benoit rb, Lew lb.  
Front Row—Mathieu rf (capt), Greene (mgr), Lambert lf.  
SPRINGFIELD A. C. BASKET-BALL TEAM

Courtesy of The Boston Globe

Bucky Lew with the Springfield Athletic Club basketball team in 1907.

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Lowell, Mass., where Bucky was a hometown hero. This event is free and open to the public. Call the library at 802-885-3108 if you have any questions.

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