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## Chester updated on flood response

BY NICK GIBERTI

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – Like many of the surrounding communities, Chester faced considerable damage wrought by the flooding on Monday, July 10. Several days later, on Thursday, July 13, the Chester Selectboard held a special meeting to hear updates from town manager Julie Hance on the flood's impact, the town's emergency response, and the plans for rebuilding going forward.

"Almost all municipal roads had some impact on them," Hance told the board, noting that the vast majority of Chester's roads are dirt roads, which erode much more easily than paved ones. Six roads had what Hance called "extreme damage," including Smokeshire Road, an important thoroughfare which runs along the Williams River. As a result, there was no connection between Chester and Ludlow, and would not be "for a while."

Hance noted, however, that mitigation efforts put in place in the wake of hurricane Irene had done as intended, making the damage less severe. Infrastructure such as bridges had held, and structural assessment on all five of Chester's bridges was to be carried out by VTrans engineers the next



Damage to the Chester Reservoir Dam. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

day, Friday, July 14.

A boil water order had been put in place in the wake of an eight-inch water main break, though as of the meeting on Thursday the order had been lifted. There was only minor damage to the sewage plant, said Hance.

The Chester Reservoir Dam was the greatest concern at the time of the meeting, with "significant damage to the earthen part of the dam," Hance told the board. As of Sunday, July 16, engineers had surveyed the dam, and the earthen part of the dam had been backfilled and stabilized. The Town of Chester continues to monitor the dam's stability.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) was, according to Hance, going to be arriving in Vermont at the "beginning of next week," a timetable which had been pushed up from previous estimates of several weeks. This would allow property and business owners to apply for disaster relief funds. Hance noted that, unlike during the aftermath of Irene, property owners did not need to hold off on making repairs until FEMA was able to see the damage, but did need to thoroughly document all damage and work done on their properties. FEMA funding, Hance said, was currently set at

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## Ludlow hears flood updates

BY NICK GIBERTI

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Village of Ludlow saw significant flooding on Monday, July 10, with storm waters rising to cover Main Street and Pond Street both in the early morning and mid afternoon.

Around 4 p.m., town manager Brendan McNamara could be seen under the traffic light in the center of Ludlow, talking with residents and helping to coordinate the emergency response as the waters flowed past the Mill, turning Main Street into a shallow river. Small groups of people, some displaced from their homes, gathered in areas the floodwaters had not reached. On Andover Street, the normally placid Jewell Brook had risen several feet, eroding its banks enough to cave in half of the road, and slamming small trees, some stripped of their bark, into the wrought iron guardrails of the bridge leading to Lamere Square.

By Wednesday, July 12, as the Ludlow Selectboard and Trustees held a special meeting to hear updates from McNamara on the emergency response, the waters had receded, but the damage was only beginning to be assessed.

"The town is in a tough spot, and we're reacting to it as best we can," McNamara told those gathered, extending his thanks to Ludlow's emergency management personnel.

"Their response to this as a group has been tremendous...we're not doing this without them."

McNamara told the boards that the dams had all held, but that "the wastewater treatment facility is gone." Engineers had been there in the morning, assessing the extent of the damage. A boil water order had been enacted as a precautionary measure by the state, though nothing had specifically been detected in Ludlow's water. Tests were being done as of Wednesday afternoon to confirm that the water was safe.

"FEMA will be involved in this, no doubt," McNamara said, noting that at least some of the helicopters which had been circling the town since Monday afternoon were likely surveying the damage for that purpose. "[This has] to meet certain state and federal thresholds for a national disaster to be activated, which no doubt it will." The town must document all damage and repairs, McNamara continued, and some things must be a "temporary fix" for now, with any repairs over \$250,000 needing to go to bid.

There was also discussion of where donations could be sent, with McNamara telling board member Scott Baitz that the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Ludlow Rotary Club were working on setting up an official monetary donation page for Ludlow disaster relief. As of Friday morning, July 14, that page had been set up, and can be found at [www.yourplaceinvermont.com/accepting-donations-for-flood-relief](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/accepting-donations-for-flood-relief).

Chief of the Ludlow Ambulance Department Stephanie Grover told the boards that volunteers were making trips to Rutland for prescriptions for those who were out of theirs and could not get to a pharmacy themselves, if the prescriptions could be transferred. At least ten people had notified the ambulance service that they were out of their prescriptions. As of the meeting Wednesday, it appeared that the damage to at least one of the pharmacies in town was not extensive. As of Tuesday, July 18, Ludlow Pharmacy at 57 Pond Street had reopened. Rite Aid remains closed.

The board also discussed waiving transfer station fees temporarily, to avoid the possibility of people disposing of garbage along roadsides, or penalizing people for disposing of items which may have washed up in their yards.

Finally, the boards enacted an emergency clause in the town's purchasing policy, which bypasses the normal need for all purchases over \$5,000 to go to bid, instead giving the town manager and department heads the authority to make purchases, with the board and town manager to be notified of all purchases over \$5,000.

Recovery efforts continue in Ludlow and across the region, and will be ongoing for the foreseeable future. As this is an evolving situation, please check town websites and those of other relevant agencies for up-to-date information when necessary.

## Londonderry advises caution on roadways

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – An emergency meeting was held in Londonderry on Tuesday, July 11, to assess road conditions and flood damage across town. They advised extreme caution on all roadways as work is underway. The board also advised that residents should have their well water tested, and boil water to be safe.

Londonderry emergency management director (EMD) Rich Phelan stated that road crews had been working with several outside contractors to get destroyed roads to be semi-passable with at least one lane open. "Considering what happened, we're in much better shape this afternoon than this morning," he commented at the July 11 meeting.

Selectboard member Taylor Prouty reported that Rinehart Road had three sections of six-foot culvert that were washed out and recovered down stream. Roberts Road was in similar condition. Spring Hill Road's culvert was out by Cobb's Lumber Mill as a 53-foot tractor trailer truck unit went over it and "crashed through the culvert," Prouty said, so that road will likely

remain closed for a longer period of time. Thompsonburg Road will also remain closed; the side close to Bel Air Drive was repaired, but there are really bad spots from there to Carley Lane. Lyons Road needed 20 loads of material. Rose Road was still under water as of the time of the meeting.

Carley Lane is passable. Cross Road was repaired and is open. Winhall Hollow Road is open from South Londonderry all the way to Route 30, and opposite direction all the way to South Road to Peru. The South Londonderry Bridge is open, and more work will be facilitated.

Many people were concerned with conditions of all their roads, or lack thereof, and the possibility of at least getting more cones around damaged areas. Prouty stated, "Just to be clear, none of our roads are in good shape. Everyone should use extreme caution and treat even our best open roads as single lane passable. We don't have enough orange cones to put out...every cone that we own is out on the roads."

Board member Melissa Brown reminded residents, "take [your] time, go a little bit slower... there are a lot of edges that are starting to fold in."

There was also concern of having enough material for all the areas that needed to be filled. Prouty said crews are using six-inch minus rock on most of the roads, and in some places with less damage they were able to use shurpac.

"Right now David Chaves is keeping everybody going," Prouty said. There were lines of 15-20 trucks going at a time, and they were all "really well serviced." Prouty continued, "An unbelievable amount of material is needed, but they have it... and they're making it as we speak."

Many residents have already been out working on their own driveways and properties, which the town encourages. Each landowner must put in their own claim with FEMA to receive their own funding and assistance.

Alyssa Sabetto from Windham Regional Commission stated that landowners should report damages to 211, and they are compiling a list of people who need assistance and will evaluate on a need-to-need basis.

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## Plymouth flood assessments

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The selectboard held an emergency meeting Tuesday, July 11, to get an assessment of the condition of town roads after the July 10 flooding.

Emergency coordinator Al Poirier updated the town on emergency services. A shelter was opened in the community center on Monday, July 10, and aided 10-12 people that had been stranded by the flood. A few people were extracted from their flooded homes after the storm, and there were also campers stranded at Coolidge State Park, who were able to shelter in place until they were rescued out of the park.

Board chair Jay Kullman reported that "about five to six homes were severely damaged," and emergency management might encourage them to contact FEMA.

Road foreman Larry Lynds gave an update on



Drive with caution.

PHOTO BY JULIA BALDWIN

the road conditions. Hale Hollow, Johnson Farm, Messer Hill, Grand View Lodge, and Kingdom roads all have severe damage. Subcontractors have been hired to help the town road crews in providing temporary repair work, with one lane access in most locations, until FEMA can assess the damage and approve permanent repairs. The town had

scheduled an appointment with FEMA for this week.

Kullman said, "The highway department has done a great job at getting most of the roads passable," but there was still question about Kingdom Road and its condition as of July 17. A temporary fix on the Route 100 Bridge should also be

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# Ludlow Rotary Duck Race

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary will be holding their 24th annual Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race on Saturday Aug. 5, with the Duck Drop at 12 p.m.



The annual duck on race Aug. 5. PHOTO PROVIDED

This year the funds raised will benefit Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA).

Tickets are on sale online now via PayPal; visit [www.ludlowrotary.com](http://www.ludlowrotary.com).

Physical tickets will be out by July 25, so rent your ducks today. You can purchase a single duck, a Quack Pack which includes five ducks, or any business is urged to buy a Corporate Duck to support our friends at FOLA.

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the last little duck that crosses the finish line.

If you have any questions, contact Head Duck Sharon Bixby at Ludlow Insurance, who can take your cash or checks and reserve your ducks before the tickets arrive, at [seb1@tds.net](mailto:seb1@tds.net), or call the office at 802-228-8823, or home at 802-228-4530.

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75% reimbursement, with the possibility of increasing to 90%, pending continued action by the state.

Selectboard Chair Arne Jonynas thanked Hance for her work, and issued a warning to motorists driving on roads

around Chester. “I want to make sure that people go slow on these roads,” he said, “because there’s places that are undermined that we don’t even know about.” Jonynas also noted that “20 or 30” water rescues had been performed on the first day of the storm, thanking the emergency services and personnel who had been involved in carrying out those rescues.

Hance told the board that she would continue to compile a list of takeaways from this response, and present them to the board at a future meeting. One takeaway she did note was that, while the town used social media to communicate information via direct posts, they are unable to respond in a timely fashion to social media comments. The best way to be in touch

about urgent matters is to call or email the town office, Hance said, explaining, “We cannot monitor social media comments during an unfolding disaster.”

There was discussion of a possible update meeting the week of July 17, with the date to be announced. Otherwise, the selectboard’s next scheduled meeting is Aug. 2, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall.

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Chris Company, also of Windham Regional Commission, explained that support is going to be for people who don’t have the means to do it themselves, but it will take time for them to go through lists of requests, so “there won’t be an immediate response from the state.”

Resident Bob Wells shared that Neighborhood Connections has a van and drivers and is available to help get people to where they need to go, whether that be appointments or for any need. Call 802-824-4343 and they will “make sure people are taken care of.”

Board chair Tom Cavanaugh stated that Phelan has access to a six-wheeler and can also facilitate getting medications and supplies out to those who need them.

Esther Fishman, solid waste manager, said the Vermont department of environmental conservation contacted the the solid waste center, because “they’re concerned with hazardous waste from the flood getting mixed in with household trash.” Fishman is staying in contact with the state to see if there is funding

for hazardous waste contractors.

Adam Grinold from Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) responded on assistance for local businesses. He said the state has “not yet determined how they’re going to connect damage to dollars.” Businesses should start to report damages, and keep record of those damages, expenses, volunteer work, and time. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which supports community development activities, “is months out.”

Mike & Tammy’s damage is pretty bad; Jelly’s was totally under water; the parts store had the basement cleared out; the butcher shop is in rough shape, and they’ve been helping other businesses ahead of their own; and many other businesses were affected.

The church is working to organize volunteers and coordinate where people should go to help to assist businesses and homeowners. Natalie Boston, EMD for Weston, has a large list of around 80 volunteers ready to help. Anyone who can volunteer any time and skills is encouraged to drop in to those locations that were hit and see how you can help.

Town administrator Shane O’Keefe announced that he

and Cavanaugh met with environmental conservation about Cobble Ridge Bridge, which needs to be replaced. They are trying to get an emergency repair, or an accelerated bridge program, to get access to property owners who are trapped.

The town set up an emergency road access agreement with landowners Chad and Jessica Landman, which will grant a right of way across their property for “stranded Cobble Ridge Road and Stone Hollow Road residents and guests.” The board chair was authorized to sign the document on behalf of the board, who all met on Zoom, and the motion was passed and approved unanimously.

Brown added that she wanted to be transparent with the Landmans about the Air B&B that was on one of the properties that may need to use this right of way access. The board agreed to update them, and to look at regulating traffic at a later time. The Landmans did request that traffic be limited, and that mail and packages not be delivered through their property. O’Keefe suggested the town office be a

drop off and pickup location for mail and other items for those residents.

Prouty extended a thank you to Duane Hart his wife Melissa, who introduced the town to the owners on Stone Hollow who got out through Londonderry woods temporarily, and also to the Landmans for the use of their land.

Vice chair Jim Fleming expressed gratitude for all the work that contractors are putting in, “We are fortunate to have the people we have, the companies they run, and all the men that work for them...We owe them a great deal of thanks.”

Prouty listed help the town has received from Hunter Excavating and his crews, David Chaves Excavating for material and his crews in the pit and on the roads, Alvin Rawson, Larry Wyman, Reg Paré and Woodland Earthworks, and several others.

Brown added, “I’m moved by the way our first responders and town employees responded to this event, and it makes me really proud to say that I live in this community. I hope we all continue to move forward.”

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completed by the end of this week to get it opened back up.

Vermont river management engineer Todd Menees added that the town must get any municipal road permits and stream alteration permits necessary as the road repairs proceed. He also said the town should be aware of the proper terminology used in FEMA documents; for example, “landslide” should be termed “mass slope failure.”

Kullman asked about applying for a line of credit to cover the expenses of the work and materials needed to repair the roads. Lynds suggested a line of credit for at least \$1.5 million, to be repaid as the town receives FEMA reimbursements.

The board discussed leasing a trailer to be on site for storing all FEMA documents and to be used for meetings with FEMA representatives. They stated this will be a multi-year process, and will require meticulous record keeping in order for the town to be reimbursed for all the expenses related to the storm.

The board also signed the Series 2 Loan document for the \$800,000 bond for the municipal building, which was due to the Vermont Bond Bank by July 12. The loan was approved by the Vermont Bond Bank’s board of directors, and will be dispersed upon closing on or around Aug. 10.

A regular selectboard meeting was held Monday, July 17. Details will be reported in the next paper, July 26.

### Bolton graduates Summa Cum Laude

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Ashley R. Bolton of South Londonderry, Vt., graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor’s of science in marketing and communications from Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. Ashley is a member of the national honor society, a trustee scholar for her senior year, and was named to the president’s list for both semesters of her final year.

### Gloria Leven’s 100th birthday party postponed

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The 100th birthday party for Gloria Leven, which was scheduled to be held July 11, was postponed due to flooding. A new date will be set, and an entry will appear in the calendar section of The Vermont Journal.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Floodtide of 1927

Nov. 3-4, 1927, the State of Vermont was visited by a drastic flood. In late 1927, "Floodtide of 1927" was published. Below is the Springfield section. From the introduction

"Nature never smiled more kindly on good little old Vermont than she did during the autumn of 1927. The outdoors was glorious....



Standard Oil Co and foundry in Springfield in the aftermath of the flood of 1927.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

...With but two or three frosts coming late in October, and only one of these a killing freeze, the harvest season, favored by plenty of clear weather, was long and propitious...The barns, silos, storehouses and cellars of the hard-working Vermont farmer were full of products of the field and orchard...

...During the evening of Wednesday, November 2d, a warm rain began to fall...It appeared like a mere shower - the more so as, almost from the start, it rained hard. When morning came, the rain continued right along without diminution in volume... Hour after hour the rain fell without slackening or giving any sign that it was about over...

And then word spread that the streams were very high and rising fast—higher than in '25...The familiar brooklet or river, leaving its usual low channel, had swollen in angry flood... If there was a dam or protecting wall in its way it pounded with the force of ten thousand demons at it, crying, "Let me through, let me through!"...

...And still the rain fell as hard as before, feeding these already gorged streams with ever-growing flood force. Would it never stop?"

### Springfield

"With the waters in the Black River abated, Springfield faced a heavy property loss. Factories inundated, houses swept away, bridges carried out, streets and highways gullied, and stores submerged was the story.

Although practically all of Springfield's industrial plants suffered some damage, the Fellows Gear Shaper [100 River Street] and Vermont Snahe Company [near Edgar May Center] experienced the heaviest losses.

The first floor of the Fellows Gear Shaper factory was submerged to a depth of eight feet and receding waters Saturday left a badly damaged, mud-caked plant. Two corner walls of the Vermont Snahe Company's plant were washed away by the high water which did damage in other

sections of the buildings. Six houses were swept away by the swift current and many more were damaged. Families were taken from flooded homes in boats.

The water swept through the business section of the town, flooding at least seven of the principal retail establishments on main street.

Water washed across the Main street in several places. Clinton street was under water to a depth of eight feet and a new stretch of macadam laid last year was gutted and carried away.

The large iron bridge over the Black River near the plant of the Vermont Snahe Company went out Saturday and the lower Clinton Street Bridge was wrecked beyond repair. A dozen smaller bridges within the confines of the town were carried away.

All highways out of Springfield, with the exception of the road to Chester, were blocked by heavy washouts or submerged under several feet of water and the town was without outside communication until late Saturday night.

The Springfield Terminal Railway was a heavy loser. The flume at the power house near Gould's Mills, as well as the gate at the dam, were swept away by the flood, and heavy damage was done to the track when the waters, breaking through after the gate had gone, gullied out the highway and roadbed for a distance of more than a 100 yards near the power house, leaving the rails suspended in the air.

The same condition existed at Seaver's brook,

where the river broke through the retaining wall and completely swept away the highway for a distance of nearly 100 yards. The tracks at Middle Switch [near the Paddock], below Gould's Mills, also were washed away with a goodly portion of the roadbed. Water stood 20 feet deep over Middle Switch at dark Friday night."

### The photo

I asked Hugh Putnam of Springfield Art and Historical Society to describe the photo with this article.

"This picture was taken from somewhere on Hartness Avenue. The building on the right is the foundry building where the Springfield Fire Station is today. The Black River is on the far side of the foundry building. The oil tank and buildings are the Standard Oil Company near where HB Energy is today. You are looking down the Black River behind J&L. The water in the foreground is all floodwater. Bridge Street goes in front of the Oil Company. Two bridges are hidden by the foundry building, one a railroad bridge to the foundry, the other going to Bridge Street. This bridge was destroyed by the flood."

Vermont Lt. Governor Hollister Jackson lost his life in this flood.

*This week's old saying: "He can resist anything except temptation."*

## Seaver's Brook Bridge

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The bridge in this photo was on the Charlestown Road at Seaver's Brook below Jones & Lamson. It crossed the Black River to the brass foundry and connected with the lower end of Commonwealth Avenue. The brass foundry, in a field, was vacant at the time of the flood, and was destroyed. Frank Corliss had just built cabins for tourists across the bridge, and a gas station and oil business on the Charlestown Road side.



Flood of 1927, car bridge over to Commonwealth Street. PHOTO PROVIDED BY HUGH PUTNAM

The bridge was badly damaged, removed, and never replaced. The debris you see is what was left of the gas business, note the Tydol tank at the far right. This picture also shows just

some of the damage to the Springfield Terminal Railroad.

Written by Hugh Putnam, Springfield Historical Society.

## The Ludlow Mill

RIGHT: The Ludlow Mill during the 1927 flood.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH  
BOTTOM: The Mill in Ludlow, July 10, 2023.

PHOTO BY NICK GIBERTI



## North Springfield Dam


RIGHT: The North Springfield Dam July 10, 2023.

PHOTO BY AMANDA DAILEY MCLEOD  
BOTTOM: The dam after hurricane Irene, Aug. 29, 2011.

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# opinion

## Op-Ed: We are a community

As I finally got back into Ludlow Thursday morning, July 13, I was devastated to see the impacts that the flooding had on this town, and so many other surrounding areas. Bridges and roadways completely destroyed, homes and businesses in distress.

But it warmed my heart to see our community coming together, crews working to rebuild, neighbors helping neighbors, communities donating to other communities.

It was troubling to hear we were expecting more storms Thursday evening, July 13, with "confidence that many storms [would]

contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornadoes," according to the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center, and more flood watches through the weekend. It was very relieving that the storm wasn't as hard hitting as they anticipated.

Shelters are still available to those in need, along with donation locations with food and supplies. We will continue to keep those resources up to date as they become available to us. All of the information is ever changing, however, so what we print will be the most current information as of our press deadline.

We are posting the resources online at [www.vermontjournal.com](http://www.vermontjournal.com) and on our Facebook page as well.

We are all in this together, and we will get through the impacts of this storm like we made it through hurricane Irene. Please continue to be patient as crews work on our roadways and town centers. We will continue to rebuild our homes, businesses, roads, towns, and communities.

Yours truly,  
Shawntae Webb  
Publisher

Dear Editor,

Despite the devastation, we're back with good news. Thanks to the unwavering perseverance of the cast, crew, and creatives behind "What the Constitution Means to Me," and the sup-

port of our community, the show still opened on Monday, July 17, at Walker Farm. The "Constitution" team has been in the trenches with us while continuing to prepare for the

performance all week, and we are so grateful for their steadfast spirit.

Sincerely,  
Weston Theater Company

## Senior Solutions volunteers —

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ence by volunteering. Visit our website, [www.seniorsolutionsvt.com](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.com), for more information. Come join this group of amazing active volunteers.

Dear Editor,

As a 2019 transplant from Connecticut to Ludlow, I did not witness the local devastation from Hurricane Irene in 2011. From all accounts that I recall hearing about and discussion with many residents who did bear witness to Irene's wrath, the Ludlow community was hit hard. It is, then, rather extraordinary to have experienced the storm of July 10, and hear the consistent observation that its power and fury far exceeded that of Irene. Thus, it is

within the context of this comparison that I laud and profoundly thank Ludlow's town employees and the numerous contractors – local and from afar – who, without hesitation, mobilized remediation efforts before the rain even stopped falling. The volume and pace of work performed by these tireless heroes would be beyond comprehension if it weren't so readily obvious to everyone. These men and women are warriors, and they deserve every accolade that can be bestowed upon them. Equal praise

and thanks must go to the leaders and employees of our numerous area businesses and charities who, first and foremost, stepped in and up to provide aid and comfort to those who lost so much.

In short, it has been an extraordinary effort from ordinary people who just care about each other and their community. What a pleasure and honor to behold.

Sincerely,  
Timothy R. Hertweck  
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Board of Trustees for the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) is pleased to report that after a long arduous process, ESBR is now an Approved Independent School by the Department of Education of Vermont. This means that students who come from a choice or sending town can have their tuition paid for by the state education taxes. This will allow us to expand our teaching staff and student enrollment. This approval was completed on June 29, one day ahead of the July 1 moratorium on further independent school approvals. Although grateful we passed, the late timing delayed decisions for previous staff and students for the upcoming year. It also delayed our reaching out to prospective students,

until we had the approval and funding to know we could increase our staff.

Therefore, we are hustling to acquire new staff and are excited about the future of ESBR.

With that being said, we are announcing that we are opening our enrollment to interested seventh through 12th grade students for the 2023-2024 school year. If students live in a choice or sending community, such as Ludlow and Mount Holly, then as was said, their tuition will be covered by the state's educational tax dollars. If a student is not from a sending community, they can still apply. The doors will open Aug. 30.

As you are aware, ESBR is a small independent school that provides a hands-on, project-based education utilizing many local and state resources, with many outdoor activities. It is an important local option for middle and high school students in the area, and is important for the health of our community, especially now as the area rebuilds from the sudden flash flooding destruction

on July 10. People have come together near and far to help neighbors clean up, as well as restore local business establishments.

An innovative and flexible school option offers much stability for the families of this community.

We want to especially thank all of our supporters that have helped us get to this stage. We could not have reached this goal without you. We are interested in hearing from you with questions or comments at [gblodgett@esblackriver.org](mailto:gblodgett@esblackriver.org) or 802-558-3147, and you can also visit our website at [www.esblackriver.org](http://www.esblackriver.org).

Also, please share our information with any prospective students or anyone interested in joining the ESBR Board, which we are eager to expand as well.

With much thanks,  
Gary Blodgett  
ESBR Board Chairperson  
And the ESBR Board of Trustees  
Suzy Buckley, Patrick Pulinen, Julie Abraham, Stephen Messina, and Marissa Selleck

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

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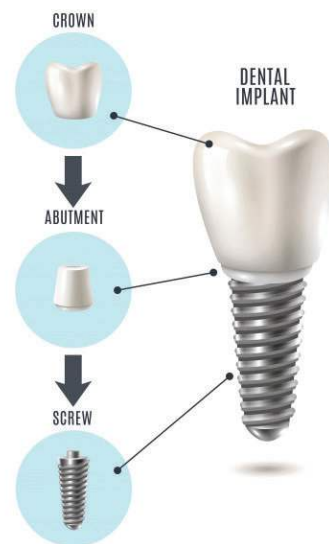
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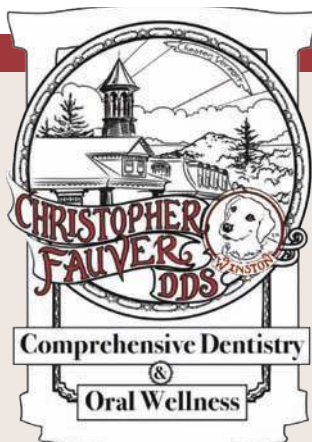
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## ALSTEAD, N.H.

**Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.**  
Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m., led by Pastor Maureen Adams. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. For more information, email [alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com](mailto:alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com), call 603-835-6358, or go to [www.facebook.com/Third-Congregational-UCC-Church-of-Alstead-NH-120645387960916](http://www.facebook.com/Third-Congregational-UCC-Church-of-Alstead-NH-120645387960916).

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St.**  
Traditional Baptist Services held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Masks are optional. Handicap accessible. 802-463-3220.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/UMCOFNorthCharlestown) for more information.

## Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.

Worship is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in person. For more information, go to [www.hroc.org](http://www.hroc.org).

## CHESTER, VT.

**First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North**  
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person. Sunday services run from September to early June.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:terry.bascom@pm.me) or call 802-228-2480.

## MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

**Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.**  
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## Sandra Jerome, 1948-2023

ANDOVER, Vt. — Sandra Jerome, 74, formerly of Andover, Vt., passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at her granddaughter's home in Bristol, Vt. She was born Nov. 5, 1948, in Burlington, Vt., the daughter of Elliot and Thelma (Beaudwin) Lahoue.

Sandra attended and graduated school in South Burlington, Vt.

She married Charles H. Jerome on Jan. 24, 1970, at the First Congregational Church in Burlington.

Sandra is predeceased by her husband, her parents, and her brother Bruce Lahoue.

Sandra held many different jobs during her life, mainly working in customer service. She had a passion for human connection, and would do anything in her power to help someone. She loved volunteering at

several churches, and that's where you would find her most days after the loss of her husband. Like her father, she loved art, drawing, painting, and crocheting, which were a few ways she passed time. She adored her animals and enjoyed shopping.

She is survived by two sons Justin Jerome and fiancé Jessica Coleman, along with Jessica's two children of Rutland Vt., and Jason Jerome and wife Jaime Jerome and their four children of Bristol, Vt.; five grandchildren Darian, Traven, Autumn, Austin, and Layla Jerome; along with four great-grandchildren (soon to be five); and many other family members who loved and cherished Sandra.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Sandra's honor on July 23, at 1 p.m., at 1103 Carlstrom Road in Bristol, Vt.

## Susan Kneebone, 1943-2023

LUDLOW, Vt. — Susan Miller Kneebone of Ludlow, Vt., died peacefully on June 29, 2023, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Her loving husband Bill was by her side.

Susan was born on March 5, 1943, in Galesburg, Ill., daughter to Robert Miller and Jean Miller. As the daughter of a colonel in the army, Susan spent her childhood living in various places including Texas, Maryland, and Germany, before heading back to Illinois to attend MacMurray College, where she met the love of her life, Bill Kneebone.

Susan and Bill married on Oct. 26, 1963, and raised their two sons in Illinois, Colorado, and Kansas, before settling down in New Providence, N.J., which was their home for more than twenty years, before retiring to Steamboat, Colo., and finally Ludlow, Vt.

They spent the years following Bill's early retirement traveling the world and enjoying precious ski time on the mountains of both Colorado and Vermont. Susan was an incredibly gifted artist, earning a fine arts degree from Kean University and designing greeting cards for the Fravessi Greeting Card Company. She spent many hours sharing her talent with her five grandchildren, overseeing their numerous arts and crafts projects while serving up a batch of her own special recipe, "Grammy's Famous Cocoa." Her creativity also led to her passion for gardening, and Susan Kneebone's garden bloomed in full force every spring. She was very active in her community of Ludlow, organizing numerous programs and events, including the community art project "Llamas



Susan Kneebone, 1943-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

of Ludlow," and serving as president of the Ludlow Garden Club. She was also involved in many programs at The United Church of Ludlow.

Susan is survived by her husband Bill Kneebone; son Robb and his wife Kerry (Mattapoisett, Mass.), and son John and his wife Beth (Chatham, N.J.); and her grandchildren Jake, Tess, Cate, Grace and Emma. Susan also leaves behind a sister Karen (Kay) Rothman (Knoxville, Tenn.) and brother Craig Miller (Salt Lake City, Utah).

A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Church of Ludlow on Saturday, Aug. 19. Friends are invited to stop by the Ladies' Parlor from 10-11 a.m. to visit the family. A service will be held in the sanctuary at 11 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon at D.J.'s in Ludlow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, or the United Church of Ludlow. Condolences may be sent to Bill Kneebone and Family, P.O. Box 12, Ludlow, VT 05149.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Services are still streamed at [www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt](http://www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt). For more information, go to [www.calvarylovesspringfield.com](http://www.calvarylovesspringfield.com).

### Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at [SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist](http://SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist). Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email [jckurpiel@yahoo.com](mailto:jckurpiel@yahoo.com). If no answer, call 802-886-2670.

## 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](http://www.stjohnswalpole.org), email [pastor@stjohnswalpole.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnswalpole.org), or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

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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.

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN ASSISTANT WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

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### JULY 1-31

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – United Ag & Turf and United Construction & Forestry are holding a food drive for the month of July. All donations will be given to Springfield United Methodist Church, to be distributed to those most in need. Donations can be dropped off at 300 Clinton Street.

### JULY 20 –

TONWSHEND, Vt. – Janice Z Dog Training of Townshend will be hosting an online webinar on Zoom titled "Why Does My Dog Do That?" at 12:30 p.m. In this webinar, Janice Zazinski of Janice Z Dog Training will discuss why dogs behave the way they do, cover common behavior issues, debunk some dog behavior myths, give ideas for immediate help, and recommend when to consult a professional. The registration fee will be shared equally with the Windham County Humane Society. Register at [www.janicezdogtraining.com/webinars](http://www.janicezdogtraining.com/webinars).

### JULY 21 –

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Firehouse 6 Dixieland Band will perform the last free concert of the summer, rain or shine, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Refreshments on sale will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cold and hot beverages, and a dessert.

There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Please bring a lawn chair and join for a fun evening of entertainment. There may even be some dancing.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A ballroom dance will be held at 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 Betsey Child at 603-504-6671.

### JULY 22 –

BELMONT, Vt. – A baked ham supper will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., beginning at 5 p.m., to benefit the Mt. Moriah Masons. The menu will include roasted potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and dessert. All you can eat for a minimal cost. Takeout will be available starting at 4:45 p.m. For more information, call 802-259-2460.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will host "Sheryl Faye Presents: Ruth Bader Ginsburg," beginning at 1 p.m. This one-woman

show shares the life and achievements of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The actress Sheryl Faye has brought her performances of historical women all over New England, and the library is thrilled to be hosting her. This is a free event.

### JULY 25 –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – For the 90th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will host author and historian Marty Podskoch, who will speak about the history of the Cavendish and Proctorsville CCC Camps, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event.

### JULY 30 –

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be having their annual Chicken Barbecue, with pick up from 5-6 p.m. The menu will include take out half chicken, and a full meal of half chicken, potato salad, three-bean salad, a roll, and a beverage. Tickets are available at Galloway's Real Estate in Walpole, or call 603-209-7622.

### SUNDAYS –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield.

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

### MONDAYS –

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

### TUESDAYS –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call

802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aquatic Aerobics, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

### WEDNESDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1–2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

### THURSDAYS –

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Thursday, 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).

CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Cardio & Sculpt, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aqua Sculpt, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright 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.

GRAFTON, Vt. – A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

### SATURDAYS –

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturdays at 9 a.m., join Lori Wright 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.

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

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Candidate should possess the following knowledge and skills:

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2. Possess a Highschool diploma or GED.
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4. US Citizen.
5. 18 Years of age or older.
6. 2 years of healthcare experience.
7. Ability to lift 50 pounds.
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PO Box 370  
Chester, VT 05143

### 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@chestervt.gov](mailto:amie.obrien@chestervt.gov). This position is open until filled.

### TOWN OF CHESTER INVITATION TO BID Severe Storm Repair and Supply

In order to comply with FEMA requirements following the Natural Disaster which occurred on July 9, 2023, the Town of Chester is extending an Invitation to Bid to local contractors and gravel/stone suppliers. Contractors are needed for road rebuilding to include heavy equipment as well as trucks for hauling material. This bid also extends to gravel/stone suppliers for material costs.

Please respond to Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester via email at [Julie.hance@chestervt.gov](mailto:Julie.hance@chestervt.gov) with the following information:

Equipment Available  
Equipment Rate with Operator  
Trucking Rate  
Gravel price per yard  
Stone price per ton

Please direct all questions to Julie Hance, (802) 875-2173.

### NOTICE St. Charles Catholic Cemetery

Neal and Carolyn Hammerschmidt, the parents of Daniel James Hammerschmidt, who was interred in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Westminster, VT, in 2001 working together with the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, VT are placing this notice for the disinterment and the reinterment in the new section of St. Charles Cemetery pursuant to Vermont statutes 18 V.S.A. ~ 5212 (b). This notice must contain this statement that the spouse, child, parent, sibling or descendent of the deceased, or the town cemetery commissioner or other authority responsible for the cemeteries in the municipality, may object to the proposed removal by filing a complaint in Vermont probate court. This notice will run in the Shopper for two consecutive weeks. Following that, the Westminster town clerk will issue a removal permit 45 days after the date on which the notice was last published unless an objection is made in probate court, in which case the clerk must issue the permit upon order of the court 18 V.S.A. ~ 5212 (c).

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Answer

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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### Town of Mount Holly Seeks Highway Maintenance Worker

The Town of Mount Holly seeks an experienced highway maintenance worker to join its road crew starting August 1, 2023. A detailed description of the position and employment application can be found by visiting [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org) and navigating to Announcements->Job Openings and Employment. Paper copies of the job description and application can also be picked up in person at the Mount Holly Town Office at 50 School Street in Mount Holly.

Interested candidates should submit questions and letters of application to the Mount Holly Select Board at [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com) or can mail letters to Mount Holly Select Board at PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Applications can also be hand-delivered to the Town Office.

Caitlin Boyle  
Clerk, Mount Holly Select Board  
Mount Holly, VT  
[mounthollyvt.org](http://mounthollyvt.org)

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-07295

In re ESTATE of: Malcolm Felton

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Malcolm Felton  
Decedent  
late of Chester, Vermont  
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 6/21/23 Signature of Fiduciary:

Executor/Administrator	Mailing Address
Ann F. Fujii, c/o Amanda L. S. George, Esq.	P.O. Box 578
Phone Number	City, State, Zip
802-875-7777	amanda@amandageorge.law.ca Chester, VT 05143

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal & Shopper Newspaper

Publication Date: July 19, 2023

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

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

ACT 250 NOTICE  
MINOR APPLICATION 250478-12  
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

Application 250478-12 from Chester-Andover Family Center PO Box 302, Chester, VT 05143 was received on June 14, 2023 and deemed complete on July 6, 2023. The project is generally described as the removal of the 8' x 12' attached storage shed on the southeast corner of the Chester-Andover Family Center building and replacement with of a 12' x 35' addition to be used as an enclosed storeroom and an open sided shelter for equipment. The project is located at 908 VT-103 in Chester, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database: (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=250478-12>).

No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**, a party notifies the District 2 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrp.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 2 Office at: [NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov](mailto:NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov). Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact Quin Mann at the email address or telephone number below.

Dated this July 13, 2023.

By:   
Quin Mann  
District Coordinator  
100 Mineral Street, Suite # 305  
Springfield, VT 05156-3168  
802-661-8041  
[Quin.Mann@vermont.gov](mailto:Quin.Mann@vermont.gov)

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 23-PR-03459

In re ESTATE of: Rodger Capron

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Rodger Capron  
Decedent  
late of Springfield  
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 7/10/23 Signature of Fiduciary:   
Christa L. Martin

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

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal - The Shopper

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(08/23/23 - 13)

## Okemo Valley TV

### LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Emergency Responses in Ludlow & Cavendish
- Okemo Valle Disaster Relief Fund
- Gov. Scott Administration Flood Relief Press Conferences
- Summer Concert Series- Gypsy Reel
- President Coolidge Essays

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## DONATION LOCATIONS

- Shaw's in Springfield is collecting food items for Ludlow flood victims.
- Calcutta's Restaurant in Ludlow is collecting items for food and shelter.
- Gamebird in Ludlow is collecting food donations and giving away food and meal kits. They have also set up a gofundme at [www.gofundme.com/69137BB3](http://www.gofundme.com/69137BB3).
- Cavendish Baptist Church is accepting food and other donations for their shelter. Food and supplies, gift cards, and checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 425, Cavendish, VT 05142.
- Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry is accepting donations at [www.secure.givelively.org/donate/neighborhood-connections-inc/flood-relief](http://www.secure.givelively.org/donate/neighborhood-connections-inc/flood-relief), to be used in the local community relief efforts.
- Cavendish Baptist Church is accepting food and supplies for their shelter, food containers for meals for delivery, and monetary donations can be made to P.O. Box 425, Cavendish, VT 05142.
- The Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield is accepting donations, 21 Fairground Road.
- The Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department is accepting monetary donations at P.O. Box 81, Proctorsville, VT 05153.
- Springfield Area Parent Child Center requests items for their diaper bank program, in particular diapers size 5 and 6; 2t/3t, 3t/4t, and 4t/5t pullups; and wipes. Purchases can be made via Amazon wishlist. Please email [sapcc@sapccvt.org](mailto:sapcc@sapccvt.org) to alert the center of donations.
- Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow is accepting monetary donations via their PayPal at [www.brgn.org](http://www.brgn.org).
- "Operation Ludlow," a group of volunteers that have come together to be a center point for collecting all physical donations, is accepting donations at 37 Main St. (Ludlow Community Center) from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. every day until further notice.
- The Town of Ludlow's officially-approved monetary donation page can be found at [www.yourplaceinvermont.com/accepting-donations-for-flood-relief](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/accepting-donations-for-flood-relief). This has been set up by the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Ludlow Rotary Club. Also note that you must specifically tag "Ludlow Town and Village" as the donation location.

## DAMAGES

- Report your residential property and business damages
- Vermont 211 at [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org).
  - FEMA Vermont at [www.fema.gov/locations/vermont](http://www.fema.gov/locations/vermont).

## FREE MEALS

- Gamebird in Ludlow is collecting food donations and giving away food and meal kits.
- The Eatery by Vermont Bliss in Ludlow is donating meals to those who can't pay.
- Chester Helping Hands, Southern Pie Café, and the Pizza Stone in Chester set up community meal resources, bag lunches, and free personal pizzas, with donations coming from Black River Produce.

## SHELTERS

- Belmont Fire Station, 52 Church Street, Mount Holly
- Mount Holly Town Office, 50 School Street
- Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main Street
- Cavendish Elementary School, 573 Main Street
- Calcutta's Restaurant, 87 Fox Lane, Ludlow
- Londonderry Flood Brook School, 91 VT Route 11
- Londonderry Town Hall, 100 Old School Road
- S. Londonderry First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent Street
- Plymouth Community Shelter, 35 School Drive

## SUPPLIES

- Donated supplies (paper products, food, other staples) can be picked up at the Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main Street, Ludlow.
- Snacks, dry goods, and personal care items are set out in the red tub in front of Tacos Tacos in Ludlow. Please take whatever you need, and feel free to add as well.

## LUDLOW POST OFFICE UPDATE

The USPS District has deemed the Ludlow Post Office unsafe to open and they are re-routing all Ludlow mail to the Proctorsville Post Office on Depot Street in Proctorsville. By Saturday, July 15, carriers were loading up in Proctorsville and continuing to do their normal route deliveries. Ludlow P.O. Box customers will have to go to Proctorsville to pick up their mail. The lobby is open with parcel lockers for each customer, just ask the clerk at the desk for your mail with your box number. The window is currently open 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on weekdays. Amazon packages will not be delivered through the postal service for a month or more.

## STATE ROAD CLOSURES

- 511 road closures at [www.newengland511.org](http://www.newengland511.org).

## Tunes for our towns

**CHESTER, Vt.** – There will be a concert on Sunday, July 23, from 5-7 p.m., on the Chester Green in the Alley of the Annex. Proceeds will go to flood victims for our communities of Ludlow, Cavendish, Londonderry, Weston, Plymouth, Andover, and Chester. There will be food and a few musicians performing. A great time bringing our communities together, take a break from the hard work, and raise some money for the flood victims.

## Fundraising to help nonprofits in Weston

**WESTON, Vt.** – A fundraising effort through GoFundMe has been set up to help nonprofit organizations in Weston, Vt., raise money to assist their cleanup and recovery efforts after the recent catastrophic flooding in town. The effort is sponsored by Friends of the Weston Community, a nonprofit, volunteer organization founded in 2021 to support projects and programs that benefit the Weston Community. Donations will be gathered by Friends and then fully disbursed to needy organizations requesting assistance in the town. The Friends can help carry the burden of fundraising, allowing the organizations to focus on the work of recovery.

Community service, educational, recreational, and cultural organizations in town, many set along the West River, have been devastated. The Weston Volunteer Fire Department, the Weston Community Association that owns the Playhouse and museums, the Weston Theater Company, The Little School, the Weston Recreation Center, and other organizations suffered terrible damage that will take a long time and significant funds to repair.

Interested donors are encouraged to go to [www.gofundme.com/a9e70fb3](http://www.gofundme.com/a9e70fb3) to make a tax-deductible donation to help these vital organizations in Weston. Nonprofit organizations in Weston wishing to request funding may contact [friendsofthewestoncommunity@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestoncommunity@gmail.com).

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Cavendish flooding, Mack Molding in the back right. PHOTO BY ALLEN CLARK

## Vermont Community Foundation flood recovery fund

**REGION** – The Vermont Community Foundation announced that it has created a fund to help the people and communities of the state recover from devastating flooding that constitutes one of the worst natural disasters Vermont has ever seen.

Donations to the Vermont Flood Response & Recovery Fund 2023 will help with immediate and longer-term efforts to assist Vermont people and communities. Flooding caused by torrential rains over the past five days has put downtowns under water, forced residents to evacuate from their homes, washed out roads and bridges, destroyed crops, and threatened dams.

Dan Smith, president and CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation, said the fund will help Vermont rebuild and pull together in a time of great need.

“One of the defining truths about Vermont is that Vermonters look out for one another,” Smith said. “We saw it during the pandemic; we saw it during Tropical Storm Irene. As we watch the updates come in from across the state today, we see it again. Emergency responders, public safety officers, federal and state agencies, businesses,

and volunteers coming together to manage a major crisis as it unfolds.”

Giving to the Flood Response & Recovery Fund will help Vermont respond as nimbly as possible as the full scale of the flood’s impact emerges in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

“Our teams here at the VCF are in conversation with the Red Cross, FEMA, the state’s community action agencies, the Governor’s office, and our partners throughout the state to coordinate a philanthropic response,” Smith said.

Holly Morehouse, vice president for grants and community impact at the Vermont Community Foundation, said the fund will help people join together in Vermont’s recovery efforts.

“I am so proud and appreciative of the way that Vermonters step up to help one another, and the incredible power of collective giving is never more apparent than in challenging times like these. Gifts to the Vermont Flood Response & Recovery Fund will help to cover immediate support as Vermont moves through this crisis, as well as essential and far-reaching recovery efforts that will be needed to build back across our towns and villages, farms

and families, watersheds, and homes.”

This is not the first time the Vermont Community Foundation has coordinated the philanthropic response to a crisis. The Foundation’s Vermont Covid fund put nearly \$11 million to work in Vermont communities, and the foundation also raised substantial funds to rebuild communities after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

Visit [www.vermontcf.org/vtfloodresponse](http://www.vermontcf.org/vtfloodresponse) to give or learn more about the fund.

## Senior Solutions flood updates

**REGION** – By noon on Tuesday, July 11, it was abundantly clear that the record-breaking rainfall that had washed out roads, kept people stranded in their homes, and flooded our villages, would mean that nearly 250 Meals on Wheels recipients in southeastern Vermont would not receive the food they depend on.

With our highways and many local roads damaged or closed, the prospects of resuming meal deliveries anytime soon seemed extremely doubtful. By just two days later – through the heroic efforts of community organizations, emergency

responders, and town officials – meal deliveries had been restored to all but a handful of recipients.

In the past three days we have heard stories of care and compassion – of pharmacies working to refill prescriptions for evacuees, farmers’ markets and grocery stores donating food to senior centers and other local meal sites, meal sites ramping up production to feed hard-hit areas, and deliveries being made by emergency workers on ATVs. Local healthcare organizations have expedited requests for financial assistance, town offices and fire departments have been collecting donations of cleaning supplies and other needed items, and

neighbors are helping neighbors pump out basements and dig out homes.

Those of us at Senior Solutions, the area agency on aging in southeastern Vermont, extend enormous gratitude to the workers and volunteers who continue to work long hours to ensure that our neighbors are safe and having their needs met during this unprecedented disaster.

We count ourselves as extremely fortunate to be able to work with our community partners for the benefit of Vermonters, particularly those with the greatest needs.

We are in constant communication with our meal site partners, community organizations, and state agencies to receive timely updates on the areas of greatest need, and the resources available.

Our offices in Brattleboro, Springfield, and Windsor are fully staffed, our HelpLine at 866-673-8376 or 802-885-2669 is active as an important resource, and our Springfield office is open for walk-in assistance. Our case managers have reached out to all their clients, and we have been in touch with town officials to confirm that our clients are safe.

We at Senior Solutions will continue to extend support as we work together to reach Vermonters in need.

## Flood relief scams

**REGION** – In the wake of recent storms, criminals are attempting to take advantage of disaster victims.

Be cautious in seeking a home repair contractor. Check references and contact the Better Business Bureau, as well as your Attorney General’s Office regarding complaints filed against the contractor. Do not pay for repairs until they are completed.

Be wary of calls or emails from insurance companies. Do not pro-

vide personal or account information until you can verify identity. If approached by an insurance company representative, reach out to your insurance provider using the information on your policy or invoice to confirm the legitimacy of the contact.

Watch out for scammers impersonating charities. If you donate, begin with local organizations. Don’t provide information or money unless you can verify identity.

Be wary of anyone contacting you who is offering assistance on behalf of

a government agency in person, by phone, or online. Don’t provide personal information unless you have clear proof of identity. Officials visiting homes will have photo IDs; emails, text messages, and phone calls should be confirmed by making contact using an official source, not a number or email address used to contact you.

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## Mark Huntley and Friends in Cavendish

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Town of Cavendish will continue its summer music series with a concert by Mark Huntley and Friends on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, Wednesday, July 26, at 6 p.m.

Mark Huntley has been an integral part of the Vermont music scene for many years, on his own and as drummer with a variety of other bands. A resident of Cavendish, Mark brings his unique percussion talents to every gig he plays, anchoring each band with his distinctive and inimitable style.

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) is coordinating the concert series on behalf of the Town of Cavendish. All concerts are free and open to the public, so grab your lawn



Mark Huntley performs at a previous CCCA concert.

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chair, a picnic, and a cold drink, and join your friends and neighbors to enjoy plenty of good music from the gazebo. Singleton's and Murdock's both serve take-out food and drink for your picnic.

The summer concert series has a long history in Proctorsville, and many area

residents reserve Wednesday evenings to listen to the live music. As always, the concerts will be held unless severe weather threatens. In case of rain, alternative plans will be announced on the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page.

This concert is sponsored by The CCCA Trails Committee.

If you would like to help, The CCCA would like to hear from you. Email Cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com to volunteer, or for more information on the concerts.

## Springfield Community Band in Walpole

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, at the gazebo on Elm Street in

Walpole, N.H. The band will play “Symphonic Ger-shwin,” “First Suite in E-flat for Military Band” by Gustav Holst, music by Henry Mancini, as well as various jazz pieces. The concert will end with the

“Concerto for Drumset,” featuring percussionist Clay Thompson at his explosive best. Please bring a chair.

Please note that the program could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

## The Gaslight Tinkers on the Tavern Lawn

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music continues its 20th Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of folk, world beat, jazz, Americana, rock, and bluegrass summer concerts on Sunday, July 23, with roots and world music quintet The Gaslight Tinkers. The seven-concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 20. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney, on the Putney Tavern lawn – bring a lawn chair or blanket – or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Co-presented with

Next Stage Arts Project, the series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, Green Mountain Well, Soundview Paper Company, Rod's, and many other Putney area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public, donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772, or visit www.twilightmusic.org.

The Gaslight Tinkers' blend of global rhythms creates a joyous world beat sound around a core of traditional New England old time and Celtic fiddle music, merging boundless positive energy with melo-

dy and song. Drawing from their extensive musical backgrounds in traditional folk, Caribbean, old time, Celtic, and rock, the quintet crafts a sound that brings world traditions together.

Since its formation in 2012, the band has lit up the nation coast to coast, as well as the Caribbean, headlining clubs, dances, and major festivals. The Gaslight Tinkers have performed at Green River Festival, The Iron Horse Music Hall, The Parlor Room, Old Songs Festival, Caffe Lena, Strange Creek, Rock and Roll Resort, Old Songs, Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals, and Wormtown festival.

## Springfield Community Band plays movie soundtracks

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m.

on Tuesday, July 25, at the Hartness House, 109 Front St (formerly 30 Orchard Street) in Springfield, Vt.

This concert, a band fa-

vorite, is a collection of soundtracks and theme songs from movies and TV shows.

Among the selections played will be musical numbers from “Moana,” “Wicked,” “Encanto,” and “Aladdin,” as well as theme songs written by Henry Mancini (“Moon River,” “Peter Gunn,” etc.) and Alan Silvestri (“Polar Express,” and “Forrest Gump,” etc.)

The program could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

## “An Architecture of Circumstance”

WINDHAM, Vt. – The Fourth Corner Foundation celebrates the life and legacy of its founder Robert Shannon with a retrospective of his work. The exhibit unveils a new gallery space that Shannon was working to com-

plete before he passed away earlier this year.

On view are Shannon's paintings, drawings, furniture, and architectural models for everything from housing developments to spaceships, and even a dollhouse. Visitors will travel up a continuous ramp through walls of wood lattice specially designed to display art. The building's sculptural metalwork, colorful patterning, and layered textures echo the sensibilities of Shannon's painting and drawing to create a uniquely blended work of art both inside and out.

The title, “An Architecture of Circumstance,” was Shannon's description of his own emergent process. A graduate of Yale Architecture School in the early 70s, his work in Vermont exemplifies both the inventive, ecological approach of the design/build movement, as well as a passion for the history of architecture itself. People will find his concern

for the environment and his vision for sustainable housing are as relevant as ever.

No R.S.V.P. is necessary. The opening will be held on July 29, beginning at 5 p.m. The Windham Philharmonic will perform at 7 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

The Fourth Corner Foundation is devoted to the artistic possibilities of designing with nature. The life-work of architect Robert F. Shannon, the property was the site for his ongoing, creative experiments with passive, solar architecture. The foundation features multiple buildings, and three acres of perennial gardens that are open to the public.

The Fourth Corner Foundation is located at 578 Hitchcock Hill Road in Windham, Vt., and is open daily from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. for self-guided tours. Appointments for guided tours can be made by emailing info@4CFoundation.org.

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## Len Emery joins Canal Street Art Gallery

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Canal Street Art Gallery in Bellows Falls, Vt., is pleased to present Len Emery, the newest artist to participate in the Working Artist Program. Emery is on view from July 7 – Sept. 29. The Working Artist Program now provides two artist studios and exhibition spaces within the Canal Street Art Gallery. Artists process their own sales and curate their own space, all during regular gallery hours.

Join the gallery on thrid Friday Gallery Night from 5-7 p.m. on July 21, to welcome two artists in the Working Artist Program, including Judy Forman. Forman has completed three installments exhibiting as a Working Artist at the Gallery, and is a metal artist creating one-of-a-kind artist jewelry.

Len Emery, based in Springfield, Vt., is an aerial, photojournalism, and fine art photographer. Emery continues his darkroom practice on a small, environmentally friendly scale, and has fully embraced the digital technology available for photography. Emery has built a digital workstation in the Working Artist studio space, including a custom-

built copy stand, and scanner. At his studio in Springfield, Vt., the artist produces and prints all his own work on archival inkjet printers. While in the Working Artist Program, Emery is offering new services – artwork photography and fine art printing. Please email lenemery-photo@gmail.com for more details.

Len Emery began work in the second Working Artist space at Canal Street Art Gallery while photographing and digitizing “Thunder Basin,” a 71 page graphic novel written and illustrated by Charles W. Norris-Brown. This was during the late artist’s first posthumous solo show at the gallery. The show presented the full collection of finished, first draft, and rough draft pages, including a manuscript, created by the artist from 2016-2022 for the “Thunder Basin” project. Produced by Len Emery Photography, The Charles W. Norris-Brown Estate is now offering archival pigment prints on uncoated Arches 100% rag paper of a growing number of artworks from “Thunder Basin.”

During Emery’s time as a Working Artist he is sharing his process of book binding

while continuing to produce hand made copies of his own books. Currently using the relatively straightforward method of stab binding, in development is the much more complex way of case binding. Emery is working to produce more copies of an 89 page, stab bound, 11.5 by 8 inch photo essay, called “Down East Journal, The Fishermen of Washington County Maine.” The second book is “Vermont From One Thousand Feet, an Aerial Photo Essay Volume 1: Orange, Windsor and Windham County,” 2022, 80 pages. There are four more volumes to follow, encompassing the remaining counties in Vermont.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in the historic downtown Village of Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information about the Working Artist Program, or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

## Next Stage presents Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents Somerville, Mass.-based Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band on Saturday, July 29, at 6:00 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney, Vt.

“The power of a large Balkan brass band just can’t be denied,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “We’re thrilled to have Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band lead our community in a dancing and fun evening of music.”

Raunchy circus roots. Polished precision performances. A joyful cacophony of Balkan, Klezmer, and funk, with a tasteful thrash of metal thrown in for good measure. No matter the occasion, Emperor Norton’s Stationary Marching Band (ENSMB) has got the brass to get you up and dancing. Some whisper in hushed tones that ENSMB is the ultimate herald of mirthful discord, while others have gone mad at the mere mention of the name. It’s music shrouded in mystery and wicked intrigue. But there’s one thing we know for sure: Dance! Party! Vibes!

Better come see for yourself. Horns will wail. Shoulders will shimmy. Faces will melt.

Food from Crossroads Tacos and Vermont Gelato will be available for purchase at this concert.

This concert is funded in part by the New England States Touring program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program and the six New England state arts agencies. This concert is also funded in part by Vermont Country Deli.

The Bandwagon Summer

Series is a family-friendly outdoor cultural performance series running from early May through mid-October. More than 20 performances ranging from a diverse group of musical styles, circus arts, dance, and theater will take place at ballfields, farms, and parks throughout Windham County. Kids under 12 always get in for free, and a dedicated play area will be available at all shows. Refreshments are sold onsite, including the return of the hugely popular Barr Hill cocktails. Bring a picnic and a blanket or fold-up chair to enjoy the concerts.

Support for the Bandwagon Summer Series is provided by Brattleboro Reformer, Landmark College, Oak Meadow, Barr Hill, Vermont Public, The Porch Café & Catering, and Southern Vermont Solar.

Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or at the gate for an additional fee. Children under 12 enter free. Next Stage will provide a cash bar. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website above.

## Áine Minogue at SOTH

**WESTON, Vt.** – Sundays on the Hill (SOTH) concert series is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and is proud to have the talented Irish harpist Áine Minogue grace the stage on July 23 in the Church on the Hill (Community Church) in Weston, Vt., at 4 p.m. The cost of admission is still minimal, thanks to generous support from Patrons of Sundays on the Hill concert series and other anonymous donors. Children 12 and under may attend at no charge. Please be aware that the doors open at 3:30 p.m., and there are no reserved seats, no advance tickets, and admission is paid at the door. More informa-

tion is available at www.sundaysonthehill.org.

Áine Minogue is an Irish harpist, singer, arranger, and composer, now living in the Boston area. She has recorded 13 solo albums in styles generally categorized as Celtic, world, folk, spiritual, and new age. Her website can be found at www.aineminogue.com.

As traditional Irish music and dance continue to enjoy phenomenal success both here and in Ireland, Áine Minogue is an artist who has long explored its themes and who captures its very essence. Her voice reflects the lyricism and richness to be found in Irish music, mythology, and poetry, with a voice undeniably her own, and a diverse group

of instruments that add to the traditional flavor of her work.

According to Billboard Magazine, “Áine Minogue is close enough to her Celtic sources to be nourished by them, but not so close that they root her to the spot.”

“Ms. Minogue is at home with love songs sung in Gaelic, the foot-tapping rhythms of jigs, reels, and Irish hornpipes, those plucked from Irish history, and the classical music of the masters. She’s at home with Irish music based on the rhythms of Bach, with her own compositions, with the music of contemporary composers, and the music of great Irish composers,” according to South Shore News.

## Mount Holly Garden Tour

**MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** – The 16th annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 6.

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Tickets include entry into our garden themed gift raffle, featuring floral pillows, landscaping

plants, and locally created products. Tickets can be purchased the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library/Community Center on The Green in the Belmont section of Mount Holly. Children 12 and un-

der may participate for free.

All proceeds benefit the ongoing restoration of the Mount Holly Library and Community Center.

Come enjoy garden inspiration and community spirit in the town of Mount Holly.

### Kim’s Car Care BBQ cancelled

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