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## ESBR Legion Barbecue donation to BRGNS —

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – In August, at the very end of the summer, the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) and Ludlow Legion hosted a sold out chicken barbecue, raising just over \$2,000. The barbecue had been agreed upon back in the spring, at which time ESBR was still in the midst of the Vermont State Board of Education's approval process. Although it was important for the school to continue a steadfast fundraising plan, after the July flood hit, ESBR knew they needed to share the proceeds of whatever would be raised at the chicken barbecue, and it was cemented that half the proceeds would be donated to the Black River Good Neighbor Services (BRGNS) to assist their efforts in flood relief.

As mentioned above, the chicken barbecue was a huge success, selling out of over 120 chicken meals. On Sept. 26, and as part of this year's curriculum learning about various departments and organizations within the community, students ventured over with ESBR Chair and volunteer lead instructor Gary Blodgett,



ESBR and legion donate \$2,000 to BRGNS. PHOTO PROVIDED

to present the \$1,000 check to BRGNS. As one of the students wrote later in their daily journal entry, it was "to help them give back to the community even more and to help the community after the flood."

A tremendous thank you to the Ludlow Legion and Black River Good Neighbor Services, and the community as a whole. It was evident at the barbecue, from the Legion volunteers to hungry patrons, how much they care about supporting causes such as these. It is also inspiring to see the students interact

with these various community groups, which is one of the main pillars of expeditionary learning. It is amazing to see it in action.

Further information on ESBR is available at [www.esblackriver.org](http://www.esblackriver.org). If you would like to learn more about the school or get involved, please contact Gary Blodgett, chair of the board, at [gblodgett@esblackriver.org](mailto:gblodgett@esblackriver.org) or 802-558-3147. Donations can be made on the website, or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

## Ludlow Rotary honors Heidi Baitz —

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – At their Oct. 24 meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club surprised Ludlow Elementary's longtime sixth grade teacher Heidi Baitz by presenting her with its annual Vocational Service Award. Baitz, who retired in June, thought she was going to a craft show with her sister at the United Church of Ludlow. She arrived to find the Ludlow Rotary Club meeting where she was the honored guest. Her husband, Mike Normyle, was there waiting as well.



Heidi Baitz receives her Vocational Service Award. PHOTO PROVIDED

Rotary's Past President Jim Rumrill emceed the awards ceremony, listing many of Baitz's outstanding contributions during her 38-year career at Ludlow Elementary School. Heidi coached sixth grade teams for Odyssey of the Mind for many years, qualifying for Worlds two times. She worked with parents and students to fundraise for field trips to Boston and Washington, D.C. Rumrill and Bruce Schmidt shared tributes from former students to Mrs. Baitz, crediting her for setting them on the

road to success.

Mrs. Baitz always made sure the students were involved in community service, helping them understand the importance of it. Sharon Bixby spoke about Baitz's role in her students' developing permanent exhibits at Black River Academy Museum, including historic downtown Ludlow, and the Flood of 2011 compared to 1927. Baitz was the epitome of a comprehensive educator, according to former town manager Frank Heald, who added that "if you searched Wikipedia

for 'educator,' the definition would read 'Heidi Baitz.'"

Given the chance to speak at the end, Heidi stated that she loved her job, which made it so wonderful to work for so many years with Ludlow's students and their families. She was presented with flowers as well as the Vocational Service Award.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, membership chairman, at 802-228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

## Sweethearts & Heroes brings HOPE to Ludlow —

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Benson's Chevrolet Inc. in Ludlow has partnered with an amazing team of superheroes without capes to spread more HOPE (Hold On, Possibilities Exist) at Green Mountain Union High School and within the local community.

Pat Fish of Sweethearts & Heroes will be at Green Mountain Union High School on Thursday, Nov. 2 and Friday, Nov. 3.

Sweethearts and Heroes is a student empowerment and empathy activation team that aims to prevent bullying and suicide, with a focus on the basic components of social-emotional learning (SEL). Sweethearts & Heroes offers a profound, engaging signature presentation that calls for HOPE, empathy and action; Circle, which is built on the ancient ritual of communicating in a circle to build empathy; and BRAVES Buddies, which trains older students in bully drills that they, in turn, teach to students in lower grades.

The Sweethearts & Heroes team is Tom Murphy, director and founder, of St. Albans, Vt.; Ret. U.S. Army Sgt. Rick Yarosh, a HOPE expert and motivational speaker from New York who was burned se-



Pat Fish leads a Circle with Sweethearts & Heroes. PHOTO PROVIDED

verely while serving in Iraq; and Pat Fish, BRAVES and Circle leader, who first saw Sweethearts & Heroes when he was a student in South Glens Falls, N.Y.

Fish's upcoming work in Ludlow will focus on Circle. He will run Circles in 7th and 8th grade classrooms, along with a few mixed-grade high school classrooms (for more on Circle, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q286yIL9L1E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q286yIL9L1E)). Yarosh and Murphy were at Green Mountain Union High School last February; Fish's visit is a natural follow-up to their work.

Fish said, "Circle is an opportunity for amazing stories to be shared and heard. Amazing isn't good or bad. Some amazing stories I've heard are heartbreaking, others are heartwarming, and others are hilarious.

But every single one of us has an amazing story, because we all have unique experiences. Circle allows everyone the chance to share those stories and, more importantly, to practice listening so that we can learn from others' amazing stories. Also, there are various social-emotional skills practiced in Circle. What sets us apart? We make it fun! Everywhere we go, there's a thirst for Circle from students of all ages, social groups, and backgrounds. They want to connect further with the people around them. Circle is a vehicle for that."

Benson's Chevrolet Inc. sponsored Sweethearts & Heroes events

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## The Weston opens on Main Street

**WESTON, Vt.** – The Weston is a bucolic departure from all things quotidian. Nestled on Main Street, the country-style retreat is set against the backdrop of Vermont's Green Mountains, creating an escape for the discerning traveler, and an experience that transcends the ordinary. With curated adventure waiting to be uncovered, guests can immerse themselves in the allure of the surrounding nature, explore the scenic mountain trails, and stroll around local artisanal shops.

Nestled between two exquisitely restored buildings, the property boasts nine one-of-a-kind guest rooms and suites, each offering a haven of its own. Every room tells a unique story through distinctive design elements and featured amenities, perfect for refined relaxation.

The Weston's suites, an alluring fusion of West Indies and the Far East influences, seamlessly come together through a harmonious blend of fabrics, furnishings, original art, and 18th-century antiques. Continuing to showcase its calm splendor, the sophisticated master baths are adorned with spacious vanities, featuring the finest Lefroy Brooks hardware, accompanied by indul-

gent walk-in showers and inviting soaking tubs for absolute leisure. Adding to the charm of the suites, each features a private deck for al fresco dining,

alongside a dedicated space for indulging in exquisite in-suite dining experiences. With a meticulous attention to detail, each element mirrors an unwavering commitment to impeccable design, fostering a harmonious yet familiar and intimate ambiance throughout.

Delight in an extensive list of property amenities such as an indoor yoga studio, wellness center, spa, kitchen gardens with outdoor gathering areas, bocce ball courts, and more. Guests can also indulge in the finest relaxation experience at Le Spa.

From wandering its idyllic property grounds to relishing the calm splendor of its thoughtfully designed rooms, The Weston sets the stage for an unforgettable experience.

Rooms can be booked exclusively at [www.thewestonvt.com](http://www.thewestonvt.com).

In addition to the accommodations, The Left Bank

restaurant offers French country cuisine inspired by the world's best bistros. The Left Bank presents tradition, flavor, and preparation through all its courses, made from locally sourced purveyors. Superior dishes, an adventurous wine list, and an au courant cocktail bar create a unique ambiance. The kitchen is overseen by the accomplished executive chef Bretton Combs, previously at the helm of both Emeril Lagasse and Cat Corra's Kitchen, who oversees a dynamic, weekly-altering repertoire of seasonal epicurean delights.

The restaurant's curated wine program was designed in close collaboration with Vermont Artisanal Cellars. The daily selection places an emphasis on wines that convey the nuances of craftsmanship, and provides an opportunity to explore and taste unique bottles not ordinarily available.



There are nine one-of-a-kind guest rooms. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# Cavendish Community Fund grant applications –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community Fund has announced that it is now accepting grant applications for fall 2023 awards. The fund has given grants twice each year for the past 16 years. Grants will be awarded for cultural, educational, or artistic programs, projects, or events that benefit the people of Cavendish in some fashion.

The Fund considers applications filed anytime, but will only award fall 2023 grants to those who file by Nov. 30. The next round of grants will be paid next year.

This year, the fund has streamlined the application process. Anyone can now file an application

online. Instructions for applying and online filing can be found at [www.cavendishcommunityfund.com](http://www.cavendishcommunityfund.com). Please click on the “Application” tab.

Application instructions can also be obtained and applications can be submitted by emailing [CavendishCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:CavendishCommunityFund@gmail.com), or by mailing to the Cavendish Community Fund, P.O. Box 154, Proctorsville, VT 05153.

Projects for which funds are sought must directly benefit the Cavendish community. A panel of local citizens reviews all applications, and recommends grant awards based on the quality and feasibility of each proposal. Grants are not expected to exceed

\$1,000 each. Funding will depend primarily on the number of applications received, and the amounts requested.

Past grants have been distributed to schools, churches, the library, the fire department, and a variety of nonprofits in Cavendish. If you have a project to benefit Cavendish and need financing, you can contact the fund to discuss your idea.

For further information on applying, on eligibility, on any other aspect of the grant program, or for help completing an application, please call Douglas McBride at 802-226-7142, or Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

# Cavendish Tree Identification Walk

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) will hold a Tree Identification Walk on Saturday, Nov. 4, beginning at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the end of Pratt Hill Road in Proctorsville, and will walk the Proctor Piper Trail.

For this tree identification walk, local writer and naturalist Michael Metivier will focus on tree bark as the primary means of learning how to identify native trees,

as well as teach some basics of central New England forest composition and history. This walk is perfect for beginners, including interested young people.

Michael Metivier is a poet, naturalist, lexicographer, and the former tree warden for Windsor, Vt. He earned his master’s in environmental studies from Antioch University New England in 2012, where he studied landscape history and forest ecology.

Everyone is invited. If you

wish to attend, for planning purposes, please email Sarah Ripley at [sarah@ripleydesignco.com](mailto:sarah@ripleydesignco.com).

This is another event in the Walk and Talk series presented by the conservation committee of the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association, which serves the people of Cavendish. For more information about the CCCA, please email [CavendishCCCA@gmail.com](mailto:CavendishCCCA@gmail.com), or go to [www.cavendishccca.org](http://www.cavendishccca.org).

# SoVerA virtual monthly meeting

CHESTER, Vt. – Please join us on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., for a virtual monthly meeting. SoVerA is proud to again host SoVerA member and NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Gregory Shanos who will be presenting “The OSIRIS-Rex and Hayabusa 2 Sample Return Missions to Asteroids Bennu and Ryugu.”

This virtual meeting will be available at [www.zoom.us/j/94691230307](http://www.zoom.us/j/94691230307).

Greg resides in Sarasota, Fla., and joined SoVerA during the Covid lockdown of 2020. His presentation will cover the Bennu samples from the OSIRIS-Rex mission that were returned to earth on Sept. 24, and shown to the world on Oct. 11. JAXA’s Hayabusa 2 samples from Ryugu were returned to earth on Dec. 5, 2020, and have since been thoroughly analyzed. Greg will present the current

findings from both missions from these two carbonaceous asteroids.



OSIRIS-Rex presentation. PHOTO PROVIDED

# HOPE

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at Green Mountain Union High School last February. The dealership is also sponsoring Fish’s follow-up visit on Nov. 2 and 3. The North Country Chevy Dealers group is a passionate partner of Sweethearts & Heroes.

“This is a program we are very proud to sponsor,” said George Benson of Benson’s Chevrolet Inc. “Anything we can do to help support our schoolchildren is what it’s all about. We all want joy and happiness, and it starts with our young children and adults. Growing up in today’s world is very challenging for all our children, as we all know. Sweethearts & Heroes provides an extra opportunity for our children, so they don’t get ‘left in the dark.’ This is not our first sponsorship for Sweethearts & Heroes, and the feedback we’ve received from the teachers confirms that Sweethearts & Heroes is truly helping our com-

munity.”

Murphy said, “We’re cultivating compassion and empathy in schools again this year, and we’re glad that our friends in Ludlow invited us back. We aim to stop students from making destructive decisions and help them treat each other with kindness. We also make our messages sustainable in schools, so that they also have an eventual and sustainable effect on the local community. The spider web effect is powerful, and there’s HOPE for everyone.”

To ensure such sustainability, Sweethearts & Heroes created the HOPE Classroom, a digital subscription service designed for various grade levels and different school sizes. This value-packed offering can allow Sweethearts & Heroes to be in every school in the U.S. For more information, visit [www.thehopeclassroom.com](http://www.thehopeclassroom.com).

Green Mountain Union High School Counselor Allyson Oswald said, “We are excited to have Pat’s skillful facilitation of Circles in our classes with students and to share those skills

with teachers. It’s a valuable skill to create spaces for students to share their stories and lives with one another and places for them to be heard.”

Oswald added, “At Green Mountain, we value a culture of collaboration and a strong school community that looks out for one another. Sweethearts & Heroes has provided opportunities for our students to come together and share their stories. Their framework and Circle practices are a great way to focus on building our skills and making positive change in school communities. Several staff members attended and enjoyed the summer training that Sweethearts & Heroes offered in Rutland, and are excited to have Pat in the school and continue Circle work.”

For more than 16 years, Sweethearts & Heroes has presented what Murphy calls “the ‘stop, drop, and roll’ of bullying” to more than 2.5 million students in school districts from New England to Hawaii and north into Canada. Sweethearts & Heroes also tailors its presentations and workshops for businesses, nonprofits and civic groups. Murphy said, “We go where we’re needed. That’s what heroes do.”

In 2021, Sweethearts & Heroes released “13 Pillows For Affective Teachers,” a novel that covers the themes of HOPE, empathy, and action in the Sweethearts & Heroes curriculum. “13 Pillows” is based on real students and teachers that Sweethearts & Heroes has encountered. Murphy cowrote the book with Brian McKeon of New York. “13 Pillows” is available on Amazon. Digital or printed copies are available upon request. The audiobook is on Audible. More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/13Pillows](http://www.facebook.com/13Pillows).

For more information on Sweethearts & Heroes, visit [www.sweetheartsandheroes.com](http://www.sweetheartsandheroes.com).

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# Deer hunting

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Deer hunting today compared to deer hunting 50 years ago has changed.

To begin with, 50 years ago you could only shoot one deer each calendar year. If you got a deer in October bow season, you couldn't shoot a buck in rifle season. You were done. Today you can shoot four or more deer with bow, rifle, muzzle-loader, and permits.

Deer hunting 50 years ago was serious business. When rifle season ended, some hunters began counting the days to next year. As summer progressed into fall, you began hearing from other hunters how they had seen a large buck in someone's field.

Dad had two weeks of vacation each year. Dad took one week in the summer, to work on our property in Shrewsbury. The second week he saved for the first week of deer season.

As rifle season neared, excitement grew. We'd hunt rabbits and birds in the month of October, always watching for deer signs, and getting to know the lay of the land.

About the worst thing that could happen to a serious hunter was to get his deer early the first morning. Now, after all of the planning, over a period of months, his hunt was over. Yes, he got his deer, but what to do with the coming week? The fun was the hunt. He could only hunt bear now. In those days, few ever saw a bear. Imagine how he felt the third or fourth day of his week off, when he saw a trophy eight pointer over 200 pounds, and couldn't shoot it.



Frank Clark's pet deer in Popple Dungeon in 1916 Fish & Game law book. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

put on our outer clothing until we were ready to leave the house. If you did, you would be too warm, and sweat.

The conversations as we scurried around the house so early in the morning were exciting. I was the youngest and looked up to Dad. Brian would always say, "This is it!"

Many mornings were 10 degrees above zero. As we sat in the cold, sweat would freeze and so would we. This is why we didn't fully dress until we left the house. Dad always made us each two fried egg sandwiches for our lunch. A thermos of coffee was always at hand.

A cold fried egg sandwich with ketchup wasn't that great, but I was happy to be part of the hunt. We had a 1962 Scout. Dad drove with Brian in the front passenger's seat. I rode in the back.

We would meet back at the Scout around noon. We'd have our egg sandwiches and report what we had seen. Dad had seen several deer but no horns. Brian would tell how another hunter nearby got a nice four pointer.

Then we laid out plans for the remaining daylight. Brian would go to the old rusted out Model-T in the woods, Dad up top, where two stone walls intersected, and me down low in the hemlocks. This was our strategy, and it often worked.

Sometimes Ma would write a permission slip to the school excusing me from school as I was out hunting.

*This week's old saying is from Kim Kendall: "Old men get bony asses."*

The same is true of my buying antiques. The fun is hunting for them. There's nothing like getting into an old attic. Selling antiques isn't very exciting – buying is. I think many antiques dealers would agree. It's about the hunt.

We hunted in Mount Holly and Shrewsbury for years. Dad would be up by 4 a.m., preparing breakfast for Brian and me.

### The spider

Dad's parents were born in the late 1800s. He grew up hearing old names and terms for items that some would not recognize today. He always cooked bacon in the "spider."

In my grandparents' time, a spider was used for frying. A spider is a cast iron skillet with three equally spaced legs on the underside. These cast iron legs can be two to four inches long. In the fireplace, the spider was placed on the hot coals. The legs kept the bottom of the spider off the coals so the food didn't burn.

### Back to deer hunting

I can still see Dad in his white long johns. We didn't

# Tales from Miss Bellows Falls Diner

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Former owner of Miss Bellows Falls Diner and host of "Travels with Charlie" on FACT-TV, Charlie Jaras brings us an evening of stories and anecdotes from employees and customers alike on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Rockingham Library.

In just over five months reviving, restoring, and rejuvenating, the Miss Bellows Falls Diner, built 80 years ago and shuttered since the pandemic, has gone from a mere idea to a fast-moving project. Now the project organizers want to invite interested citizens to continue the conversation.

In early 2023, community organization Rockingham For Progress (RFP) reached out to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, Windham Regional Commission, and the Brattleboro Area Development Corp. These groups helped RFP develop a plan for a community-supported enterprise, whereby a nonprofit purchases the building,

oversees renovations, and then leases it to a qualified operator. The business stays on the tax rolls, the new operator is provided a viable operation unencumbered by debt, and Bellows Falls keeps its diner.

Over the last few years, moisture has penetrated the diner's steel and porcelain exterior, foundations have cracked, wood has buckled and rotted, and the limited seating and cramped quarters have daunted prospective operators. It is no secret that a 32-seat lunch car faces a challenging future in today's competitive food service world. What will the future bring, and what should it look like for the Miss Bellows Falls?

By the beginning of 2024, restoration work should be underway, and by May of 2025, the diner's 81st anniversary of arriving in Bellows Falls, the hope is that the diner will reopen. The Rockingham Free Public Library, the Historic Preservation Office of the Town of Rockingham, and RFP join together in a series of conversations about the diner's past and its future with free events at the library, at 65 Westminster Street.

Rockingham For Progress invites interested persons to follow their story at [www.rockinghamforprogress.org](http://www.rockinghamforprogress.org) or on their Facebook page. This program is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities.



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## Divided Sky holds open house –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Divided Sky Residential Recovery Program, located at 262 Fox Lane in Ludlow, held their open house on Friday, Oct. 6. Divided Sky's mission is to deliver supportive and compassionate programming with dignity and respect for individuals and their families affected by addiction, by providing a safe environment for men and women to build the foundation necessary for a sober, productive, and healthy life.



Divided Sky facility.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Divided Sky utilizes an abstinence-based, 12-step program, which incorporates mindfulness and solution-based programming to encourage its guests to learn coping strategies, life

skills, and communication skills taught in workshops and daily lessons. Their program offers acceptance and commitment workshops, 12-step facilitation, recreational activities, spiritual support, art and music, nutrition, and emotional

sobriety skills, with 24/7 staff support and nutritious food prepared on site.

For more information, visit [www.dividedsky-foundation.com](http://www.dividedsky-foundation.com), or email [questions@dividedsky-foundation.com](mailto:questions@dividedsky-foundation.com).

## LVRS first responder class –

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – There are still openings for the Vermont Emergency First Responder (VEFR) course hosted by Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS). If you are interested in helping out in the community, now is your chance. To be eligible for this VEFR certification course, you must be 16 years old or older. The registration deadline is Nov. 4.

Emergency First Responder class is a perfect way to introduce yourself to EMS and EMS culture. The primary focus is to learn how to initiate immediate life-saving care to critical patients. A certified VEFR will have the skills and knowledge to provide life-saving interventions while waiting for additional, and more skilled, EMS personnel to arrive. A VEFR will also be able to assist higher level personnel

at the scene and during transport.

The course will be taught in-person over five nights, Mondays and Tuesdays, from Nov. 6-20, from 6-9:30 p.m. There is a fee payable to LVRS. This fee will be reimbursed for those who become VEFR certified and become full members of LVRS.

To enroll, please go to [www.londonderryrescuevt.org](http://www.londonderryrescuevt.org) and click on the orange field at the top of the home page.

## Foxy Fund receives grant from Banfield Foundation

REGION – Banfield Foundation has awarded the Senior Solutions Foxy Fund \$5,000, to assist with extraordinary expenses incurred by the fund as a result of this past July's flooding throughout Vermont.

The Foxy Fund is Senior Solutions' program to assist seniors with food and veterinary care for their pets. The July disaster created unanticipated and costly situations for clients with pets. Thom Simmons, who oversees the program, said that in some cases, seniors could no longer live in their homes, and were housed temporarily in hotels and lodges that did not permit pets. These pets then needed

to be boarded while suitable housing was found. In other cases, pet food supplies were destroyed by the raging floodwaters, including a Ludlow sheep barn that was wiped out of hay. In still other cases, pets that had survived the rising waters were caked in mud and needed grooming and other veterinary care.

"The Foxy Fund met the challenge, but it also left our funding precariously low, given our ongoing commitment to providing pet food and financial veterinary assistance to low-income seniors. We are extremely grateful that Banfield Foundation stepped in at the perfect moment to help us out."

Since 2015, Banfield Foundation has been making preventive care pos-

sible for the pets that need it most. Through grants and partnerships, they provide medical supplies and resources to nonprofit partners in need; support pets, people, and communities in crisis; and enable veterinary professionals to deliver compassionate and inclusive preventive veterinary care in underserved and diverse areas across the United States and around the world. They also leverage the expertise and passion of Banfield Pet Hospital, part of Mars Veterinary Health, and its associates to care for pets in need. The Banfield Foundation is committed to living their collective purpose: "a better world for pets." For more information, visit [www.banfield-foundation.org](http://www.banfield-foundation.org).

## Featured pet: Zero

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Not only is Zero handsome, but he is one smart cookie! This boy knows sit, lay down, and paw. He walks well on the leash as well. Zero is a sweet boy that does lack some confidence. This 1-year-old has been nothing but a gentleman. He is very clean in his kennel. He does sometimes like to sing and can be quite vocal when he plays with other dogs. He does well with other

dogs, and lived with a dog in his previous home. He was friends with the kitties in his previous home too. Zero would do best in a home with teens and up as he was overwhelmed by the 6-year-old child in his previous home.

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Dear Editor,

What is going on, readers of the Vermont Journal and The Shopper? My name is Nick, and I'm the host of Almost Canon Podcast, a radio-like show that can be found on apps like Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Amazon Music.

We are a small, up and coming podcast, produced

out of southern Vermont. We focus on subjects that revolve around the "unknown." Whether it's mysterious creatures like Bigfoot or Dogman, alien abductions, demonic possessions, cursed castles, haunted mansions, dark rituals, scary folklore, mythical cites, lost treasure, and everything in

between.

We also provide a safe place for those who have experienced the "unknown" to share their stories and encounters. We have talked with individuals like master diver and underwater archaeologist Annette Spaulding about her discovery of the "ghost of Charon lake," as well as other strange things she's experienced beneath the surface; award winning, high altitude cinematographer Thom Pollard about his part in discovering the body of George Mallory on Mount Everest, as well as his voyage aboard the reed

ship known as Viracocha 2; Vermont's very own paranormal author and keeper of mysterious lore Joseph Citro; Bennington YouTuber Brad Martin of Green Mountain Metal Detecting; as well as so many others.

While most of our work comes from the Almost Canon Studio, we also head into the field from time to time, and one project we've been planning for several months involves a local professional who is a friend of the show, and a very interesting location she found along the Williams River.

This is potentially a first of its kind investigation, and we are extremely confident in favorable results. We can't say much more than that now, but follow Almost Canon on Facebook at Almost Canon Podcast, as well as Instagram at @AlmostCanonPod for more. We also encourage listeners to contact us with their own encounters with the "unknown" at [almostcanonpod@gmail.com](mailto:almostcanonpod@gmail.com).

Nick Willard, Host  
Almost Canon Podcast

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# CHURCH SERVICES

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## ASCUTNEY, VT.

**Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.**  
Sunday services are being held in the church. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit [www.obbcvt.org](http://www.obbcvt.org).

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.**  
Pastor Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Fellowship Facebook page, and Living Hope Fellowship Youtube. Services can also be found at [www.sapatv.org](http://www.sapatv.org) and [www.fact8tv.com](http://www.fact8tv.com).

## CAVENDISH, VT.

**Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.**  
Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to [www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302](http://www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302). More at [www.CavendishBaptist.com](http://www.CavendishBaptist.com) or call 802-226-7131.

## CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

**Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd.**  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to [www.charlestownbiblechurch.org](http://www.charlestownbiblechurch.org). Call 603-826-5121 for more info or to request a personal Bible study.

**Charlestown Seventh-day Adventist Church, 242 Main St.**

Saturday Services include Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. and a healthy lunch for all after the service. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

## 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).

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.**

Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to [www.stmaryjoseph.com](http://www.stmaryjoseph.com).

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.**

Sunday Services are at 10 a.m., in person and on Zoom. For more information, go to [www.uspringfieldvt.org](http://www.uspringfieldvt.org).

**United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.**

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

## 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.

**Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.**

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org).

*In memory of*  
**Teri McAllister (Hillary)**

It has been one year as of Nov. 4 she has been gone. We had our good times and bad times together when we were younger. She is missed and loved.  
Love,  
Arlene (Clinton).

## Nancy Band, 1962-2023

LITCHFIELD, N.H. - Nancy Elaine Band passed away on Oct. 26, 2023, at the age of 61 in Litchfield, N.H. She is survived by parents Thomas and Elaine Bowen of Saxtons River, Vt.

Nancy was a loving individual who cherished her family, children, and grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by her husband Geoffrey Band, her children Nicholas and Rachael Walcott, and Benjamin and Jackie Walcott.

She is also survived by her best friend and sister Katherine Gallagher Clark, her husband Steven Clark, and her nephew James Thomas Gallagher. Nancy was preceded in death by her sister Elizabeth Batchelder Beutler.

Nancy attended Maynard High School in Maynard, Mass., and later pursued a career in financial services. She excelled in her field, leaving a lasting impact on her colleagues and clients.

In memory of Nancy



**Nancy Band, 1962-2023.**  
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Band, contributions can be made to Our Family Foundation "Our Promise to Nicholas" at P.O. Box 10106, Bedford, NH, 03110. This charitable organization held a special place in Nancy's heart.

Nancy's warm presence, love for her family, and dedication to her career will be remembered by all who knew her. May she rest in peace, and may her family find solace in the cherished memories they shared together.

## Raymond Latelle, 1923-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Raymond C. Latelle, 100, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Oct. 28, 2023, at the Cedar Hill Health Care Center in Windsor, Vt.

He was born on March 7, 1923, in Berkshire, Vt., to the late Doria and Alice (Dupre) Latelle.

Ray graduated from Springfield High School, Class of 1941. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps Cadet Program. Before being accepted for pilot training, he attended Davidson College in North Carolina and the Air University at Maxwell Field, Ala. Ray flew the B-25 Mitchell Bomber, and felt that having served during World War II was an honor and privilege.

In 1946, he returned to civilian life. Having a Commercial Pilot's License, he considered joining and flying for one of the major airlines, but decided to return to working for the Fellows Gear Shaper Co., and pursue a career in engineering. He worked in several design engineering departments. He was a field application engineer, and later went into sales. He was manager of sales and service in charge of the Asian market, and did extensive travel assisting sales representatives in that region. Ray retired in 1986 as manager of sales and technical services, after 44 years of service with Fellows.

Ray was involved in a variety of community activities throughout his life. In the 1950s, Ray was a Boy Scout leader for the Elks Scout Troop. He was instrumental in the design and building of the 40-meter ski jump at Springfield Hartness Park, and was president of the Springfield Ski Club. The Ski Club had a hill next to the Union Street School, which had a rope tow and offered night skiing. He enjoyed all outdoor sports, but skiing was the main family sport. Skiing at Okemo with other Springfield families was always most enjoyable. Ray had a passion for cars, and he truly enjoyed touring in his sports car. He was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. Ray served 17 years as a board member of the



**Raymond Latelle, 1923-2023.**  
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Springfield Savings and Loan.

Ray continued to fly as a sport, and was an active member of the Springfield Soaring Club. He had a Sweizer Model 1-26 glider, and shared ownership in another glider. He enjoyed taking friends up for a flight, many for their first time in an aircraft. He was an excellent carpenter, and designed and built his own home and sugarhouse.

Ray was the longest tenured member of the Springfield Elks Lodge #1560, having joined the club in 1942 before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Ray was predeceased by his wife Helen, after 66 years of marriage, a grandson David, and two brothers Romeo and Leon. He is survived by his daughter Jean Rae Latelle, his son Dr. Bruce C. Latelle, two grandchildren Stacy and Justin, and two great-grandchildren Lincoln and Anastasia.

The family would like to thank Lea Norway for her care and compassion with Ray, and the nurses and staff at the Cedar Hill Health Care Center.

A visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, from 10-11 a.m., at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, with a funeral service to follow starting at 11 a.m.

Burial will take place in the Oakland Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in Raymond's name to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel, located at 99 Summer Street, Springfield, Vt.

## Christine Brannon, 2023

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Christine Brannon of Charlestown, N.H., died Oct. 7, 2023. She was 77.

Christine was the only child of the late Elizabeth and Dr. Francis E. Temple of Rhode Island. She lived in Warwick, R.I., before moving to Charlestown with her husband Jack, son Mark, and daughter Kelley. Jack passed away in 1989, leaving Christine a single parent. She did an excellent loving job in bringing up their children after his passing. Her love of all animals and horseback riding also meant the world to her.

Christine attended the University of Rhode Island, received a Master's of Arts in teaching from Rhode Island College, and worked in local schools before retiring in 2021.

Christine also leaves behind her cousin Margo Ann D'Angelo and husband John of Warwick, R.I., her cousin Edward J. Temple and wife Anne of Abing-



**Christine Brannon, 2023.**  
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don, Md., and her brother-in-law James Brannon and wife Carol of Ames, Iowa.

Christine is sorely missed by all who came to know her. She was a loving person who is now at home with the Lord our God.

There will be a funeral service on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Road in Claremont. Burial will follow at the Pine Crest Cemetery, Old Claremont Road in Charlestown.

## Kevin W. Switzer, 1955-2023

WALPOLE, N.H. - Kevin W. Switzer, 68, of Main Street, passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 13, 2023, at Keene Center in Keene, N.H. He was born on July 19, 1955, in Northfield, Vt., to Lawrence V. Switzer and Norma Fuller Switzer. He attended school in Walpole, and was a 1973 graduate of Fall Mountain High School.

Kevin worked for many area businesses, including the Sawyer Farm, Valley Farm, R.N. Johnson, Tractor Supply, and lastly, Jake's. It was at R.N. Johnson and Jake's where he found his true calling, greeting and waiting on customers! He was known for his sense of humor and parting comments, such as, "Have yourself a wonderful day now!"

On July 29, 1995, he married Gail Thompson Leining, who survives. He is also survived by his mother of Whitefield, N.H., brother Lawrence V. Switzer Jr. of Walpole, aunts, uncles, cousins, and his dear lifelong friends Andy and Jim Sawyer.

At Kevin's request, there



**Kevin Switzer, 1955-2023.**  
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will be no services. Donations in his memory may be made to Walpole Volunteer Fire and Rescue or Monadnock Humane Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls.

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# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOV. 3 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls will hold their First Friday Supper on Friday, Nov. 3, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the church, 9 Church Street. The menu will be turkey, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert, and a beverage. Vegan and gluten-free options are also available. Dine in or take out. The meal is free; donations to benefit Our Place Drop-in Center will be accepted. If you want more information, call Jane French at 802-463-4311.

**CLAREMONT, N.H. – A** ballroom dance will be held at the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, on Nov. 3, 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.

**NOV. 4 – N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The North School Preservation Society will hold their Holiday Sale and Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., rain or shine, at 5 School Street.

**NOV. 11 – CHESTER, Vt. –** There will be a Christmas Holiday Sale held inside the Gassetts Grange on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. There are still tables available for those who would like to sell items at the fair. If you are interested in renting a table, please call Donna at 802-591-4290.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Springfield Elks Lodge #1560, with support from VFW Post #771 and American Legion Post 18, will host a Veteran's Day Lunch on Nov. 11, from 12-2 p.m. This lunch is free to all veterans, and available to non-veterans

for a fee. Curbside pickup is available. There will be two menu options. Option one is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, garden salad, a roll, and cookies. Option two is baked ziti, garden salad, a roll, and cookies. Please sign up before Nov. 4 by stopping by the lodge at 49 Park Street, or by calling 802-885-3100.

**LANGDON, N.H. –** The Fall Mountain Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, N.H. This annual event features over 60 local vendors, concessions, and childcare, and benefits the Fall Mountain France and Spain 2024 trips, the French and Spanish Clubs, and the Art Club.

**NOV. 23 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Toonerville Trail Turkey Trot 5k Run and Walk will be held on Nov. 23, starting at 9 a.m., at the Toonerville Trail. This event is a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, and Springfield High School cross country. The registration fee is discounted if you register in advance. To register, go to [www.runlikeardy.com/races/toonerville-trail-turkey-trot](http://www.runlikeardy.com/races/toonerville-trail-turkey-trot).

**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 Street in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

**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 – 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.

**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.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Free Gentle Hatha Yoga classes for ages 50 and over are held on Mondays from 10-11 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

**TUESDAYS – 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).

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Senior Solutions is again sponsoring two Fall Prevention Tai Chi classes in the Great Hall, on Pearl Street in Springfield, on Tuesdays. The advanced class will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The beginner class will meet from 10:40-11:40 a.m. When practiced regularly, Tai Chi not only helps to lower the risk of falling, but also improves concentration, leg strength, balance and coordination, reduces joint pain and stress, and builds a sense of belonging. For more information or to register, contact Sue Rubel at [suerub@aol.com](mailto:suerub@aol.com), or Sophia Blanchard at [SBlanchard@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:SBlanchard@seniorsolutionsvt.org).

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Free Chair Yoga classes for ages

50 and over are held on Tuesdays from 9-9:45 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

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

**LUDLOW, Vt. –** Aqua Sculpt, Wednesdays at 10:35 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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**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.

**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.

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The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking an experienced individual to fill a full-time Maintenance Worker III position within the Public Works Department. Desired candidate must have the ability to perform skilled technical work in the operation and servicing of light and heavy construction equipment. The MWIII serves as the principal operator of all light and heavy-duty construction equipment in a skillful and accomplished manner. Applicant must have the ability to make technical, operating, on-site decisions often in the absence of supervision; must have the ability to plan and work out operations on-site relative to use of light and heavy equipment and must have the ability to lead a work crew in the proper accomplishment of a task. A valid motor vehicle operator's license and a valid CDL (B) are required. This position is non-exempt and requires the employee to be on rotational call. Pay Grade 16, Pay Scale \$19.54 - \$21.11 per hour 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.

### NOTICE OF WATER FLUSHING VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 through Thursday, November 9, 2023 the Village of Ludlow's Water Department personnel will be flushing the water system and testing the fire hydrant system. The flushing will take place between the hours of 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Businesses and residents may experience discolored water during this time. Please be sure to let your cold water run until your water runs clear.

Thank you for your patience while we perform our annual distribution system maintenance.

If you have any questions, please call the Water Department at 802-952-8410 or the Municipal Office at 228-2842.

### TOWN OF CHESTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WATER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

The Town of Chester has a full-time employment opportunity available in its Water/Wastewater Department. This job is specific to the position of Operator of the Wastewater Plant and Municipal Water System. Minimum requirements are:

- \* High School Diploma or equivalent
- \* Minimum of a VT GD 2 Domestic WW Operator Certification preferred but will train the right applicant
- \* Minimum of a Grade 3 Water Certification or the ability to obtain the Grade 3 Certification within 2 years
- \* Two years applicable experience in all phases of water/wastewater system operation and maintenance preferred
- \* Significant knowledge of Vermont regulatory and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with all conditions of water and wastewater permits preferred.
- \* Ability to deal with the public in a positive manner
- \* General contracting and basic maintenance skills a plus
- \* Willingness to work alongside other departments

Starting salary will be determined based on experience with a competitive benefits package. The position will remain open until filled. Please submit Employment Application and Resume to the Chester Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT, 05143.

### TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Scott Lemaire and Whitten Road, LLC have applied for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a 6-cabin campground at the property located at the end of Whitten Road in the Town of Chester.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 2:30 PM on Monday, November 20, 2023, meeting opposite the driveway for 318 Whitten Road, and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. The application, exhibits, and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov).

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 27th day of October 2023.  
Preston Bristow  
Zoning Administrator  
(802) 875-2173  
[zoning@chestervt.gov](mailto:zoning@chestervt.gov)

### TOWN OF CHESTER Whiting Library Board of Trustees

The Whiting Library is seeking an individual to be appointed to the Board of Trustees. This position involves attending monthly meetings; working with other trustees overseeing the general operations of the library; assisting with budget preparations; promoting and advocating for the library in the community; and other necessary duties. Letters of Interest must be emailed to Matthew Gorsky at [mgorsky@whitinglibrary.org](mailto:mgorsky@whitinglibrary.org) no later than November 13, 2023.

### TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

David Doucette has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to host weddings at the property located at 76 Goldthwaite Road in the Town of Chester.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 3:30 PM on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 76 Goldthwaite Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. The application, exhibits and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Town Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Transfer Station Attendant.

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  2. Assisting residents and commercial users in the appropriate placement of refuse and recyclables.
  3. Assist the Road Agent in all matters related to the operation of a solid waste/recycling facility.
- Additional requirements are a good working ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player.

Interested candidates should complete an application and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, PO Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email [Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov). An application may be found at [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov) or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

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Looking for a reliable person to snowplow and take care of sidewalks. Snow Blowers on site to use. Easy plowing, apartment complex. Must be able to salt and sand. Salt provided for walkways. Willing to do a contract price or per plow. Readsboro, Vt. Call 802-

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### Town of Plymouth, Vermont Lister Position Available

The Town of Plymouth has an opening for a part-time Lister. Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Plymouth. This position is approximately 15-20 hours a week with a flexible schedule. Initially, there will be in-depth, outside, training provided to maximize Listers time with a review within six (6) months.

- A Lister plays an important role in the Town as it is the official who is charged with determining the value of real property in the Town on which the Select Board will set a tax rate.
- Listers will appraise all taxable property in the Town at the fair market value. The estimated fair market value is the price that the property will bring in the open market when offered for sale.
- Listers must set all real property in the Grand List at one percent of its listed value on April 1 of the year of its appraisal.
- Listers will provide an annual abstract of the Grand List to the Town Clerk for forwarding to the Vermont Department of Taxes Division of Property Valuation and Review. Timely filing is necessary for the receipt of State Highway and Education Aid.
- Listers hold grievance hearings for tax payers who wish to grieve their appraised value. The decisions of the Listers may be appealed to the Board of Civil Authority, and the Listers may appear before the Board to defend the appraised values in question.
- The Listers sit as part of the Board of Tax Abatement to determine whether a taxpayer may have his or her taxes abated.
- Many of the Listers' job responsibilities have requirements concerning timing, notification, and format, as well as substance, which must be strictly adhered to. Towns have lost appeals because procedural details were overlooked. You must carefully read, understand and follow the statutes.
- Assist the public by answering questions and explaining everything from the valuation process to homestead/house site values as well as the appeal process.
- Be able to unravel complex questions regarding mapping and parcel data.
- Data organization and filing from appeals, bills, purchase requests, etc.
- Building permit data entry and spreadsheets when the CAMA System AssessPro is in place.
- Be able to find a value for each parcel in ownership of multiple parcels.
- Correspondence
- Stay up-to-date by attending classes, seminars and webinars.
- Knowledge of NEMRC, VTPie, word, and excel a plus, but not mandatory.

Please submit your resume and/or a completed application to the Plymouth Town Clerk's Office at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont 05056 or email [clerk@plymouthvt.org](mailto:clerk@plymouthvt.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Plymouth is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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with Chris Mix 11/5 (on Zoom)

*Joyful Calligraphy Workshop* with Jorika Stockwell 11/11

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- Talk w/ Paula: Seasonal Affective Disorder
- Local church services

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# arts & entertainment

## Saxtons River Art Guild workshop

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Saxtons River Art Guild (SRAG) announces a one-day workshop on using watercolor pencils given by Lynn Zimmerman on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School Street. The workshop theme is “Amazing Watercolor Pencils: Oh, What They Can Do!”

Watercolor pencils are amazing tools for exploring the essentials of art. We'll test several different techniques for their use while we investigate fundamental art concepts. By the end of class, you will have created a

reference book of the many ways these pencils can be used. If you have your own set of watercolor pencils, a list of suggested supplies will be sent upon registration. However, if you wish, you do not need to bring anything; all high-quality tools and materials will be supplied, including watercolor pencils. Artists of all levels are welcome. The workshop fee is discounted for members. There will be coffee and tea available, please bring a lunch.

To register for the workshop, please email Carolyn at [poohbear@ne.rr.com](mailto:poohbear@ne.rr.com). Please let Carolyn know if

you need a list of supplies. Masks and Covid vaccinations are required to attend the SRAG workshops.

Lynn Zimmerman studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art and the Rhode Island School of Design. She has worked as a graphic designer and illustrator for more than 30 years. Lynn offers instruction in watercolor, oil, and gouache painting, as well as drawing, book arts, and collage. Her emphasis is on gently supporting each student along his or her creative journey.

## Joyful Calligraphy at Gallery at the VAULT

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to have Jorika Stockwell back with a new calligraphy workshop, entitled “Joyful Calligraphy,” on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Jorika is a pleasure to work with, and highly knowledgeable.

Learn several different styles and scripts of calligraphy through writing the word “joy.” You will cover basic pen skills, or if you already know calligraphy, you will learn some interesting twists. At the end, you will create a simple greeting card from your

most joyful work.

Pilot parallel 2.4 millimeter pens will be available for purchase in class, or bring your own 2-3 millimeter flat pen/nib. Ink is provided. There is a small materials fee, and the registration fee is discounted for members. Register by Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield. The gallery is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Fridays,



**VAULT calligraphy workshop.** PHOTO PROVIDED

from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email [galleryvault@vermontel.net](mailto:galleryvault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org).

## Wild Goose Players presents “Claire in the Chair in the Cimetière”

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – Wild Goose Players will present “Claire in the Chair in the Cimetière” at Next Stage Arts in Putney, Nov. 10-19, directed by David Stern.

“Claire in the Chair in the Cimetière” is a whimsical comedy about life and death,



A display of props and cast photos.

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and finding one's purpose in the unlikeliest of places.

When 27-year-old Claire moves into the local cemetery, she believes her “real life” will finally begin.

Her twin sister Blaire has arranged for everything: food, water, soap, books, clothes. Everything has been prepared for Claire's long life with the dead.

Except she hasn't told the local gravedigger, tombstone maker, and undertaker that she's not dying. Each one of whom, it turns out, have a pressing need for Claire's life to be as short as possible.

Find out if death is the ultimate punchline in “Claire in the Chair in the Cimetière,” a sparklingly dark comedy that reminds us that in the midst of life, there is death. Or maybe it's the other way around? Tickets can be found at [www.wildgooseplayers.com/tickets](http://www.wildgooseplayers.com/tickets).

## Springfield Community Players: “Clue”



The cast of “Clue: On Stage.”

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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Community Players are proud to present “Clue: On Stage,” based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn, written by Sandy Rustin.

The show revolves around quirky guests invited to a dinner party at Boddy Manor. “Clue” is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery, which is inspired by the 1985 Paramount movie, based on the Hasbro Board game.

The story takes place during the Red Scare, which caused hysteria over the perceived threat posed by communists

in the U.S. Our six quirky guests arrive for a dinner party on a dark stormy night at Boddy Manor. As the story unfolds, we find out they are all being blackmailed, and the murders begin. As the body count rises, Wadsworth (Miles Ledoux), Miss Scarlet (Maritza Garcia), Professor Plum (Tom Field), Mrs. White (Ashlee White), Mr. Green (Craig Woodbury), Mrs. Peacock (Jet [Janet] Trimboli) and Colonel Mustard (Scott Magnuson) race around Boddy Manor trying to find the killer.

Patty Greene-Pawelczyk makes her debut as a director with “Clue: On Stage.” She stated that she is fortunate to have such a hard-working, talented cast, this made her job so much easier. They are not only working hard to bring you a great show, but a fun stage. Come join us for a night of laughter, mystery, and yes, murder. Was it Mrs. White in the study with the rope?

Show dates are Nov. 11 and 18, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 12 and 19, at 2 p.m. Doors open a half hour before show time.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.springfield-communityplayers.org](http://www.springfield-communityplayers.org), by phone 802-885-4098, and at the door on the day of the performance.

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### King Crossword

<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Netting</p> <p>5 Composer Porter</p> <p>9 "I'm not impressed"</p> <p>12 Dog food brand</p> <p>13 Send forth</p> <p>14 Chopper</p> <p>15 "Arrivederci"</p> <p>16 Marathon fraction</p> <p>17 Blemish</p> <p>18 Difficult</p> <p>19 JFK info</p> <p>20 Gentle soul</p> <p>21 Victory</p> <p>23 Greek X</p> <p>25 Quick run</p> <p>28 Cry of distress</p> <p>32 Exact moment</p> <p>33 Broadcast again</p> <p>34 Rouse</p> <p>36 Caviar provider</p> <p>37 "Xanadu" band</p> <p>38 "Blue?"</p> <p>39 Family fight</p> <p>42 Zodiac animal</p> <p>44 Frost</p> <p>48 Hostel</p> <p>49 Future tulip</p> <p>50 Tex. neighbor</p> <p>51 Scribble (down)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>13</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>14</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>16</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>17</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>19</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>20</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td></td><td></td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>28</td><td></td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>32</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>33</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>34</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>35</td><td></td><td>36</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>38</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>39</td><td>40</td><td>41</td><td></td><td></td><td>42</td><td>43</td><td></td><td></td><td>44</td><td>45</td></tr> <tr><td>48</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>49</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>50</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>51</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>52</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>53</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>54</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>55</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>56</td><td></td></tr> </table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12					13				14							16				17		18					19				20					21	22			23	24			25	26	27					28		29	30	32								33			34						35		36											38			39	40	41			42	43			44	45	48					49				50		51					52				53		54					55				56		<p>7 Fragrant flowers</p> <p>8 Summer on the Seine</p> <p>9 Crib cry</p> <p>10 Physical</p> <p>11 Basil or thyme</p> <p>20 Bread and butter, so to speak</p> <p>22 Chip giant</p> <p>24 Seraglio</p> <p>25 Resort</p> <p>26 "Wham!"</p> <p>27 Estuary</p> <p>29 — de cologne</p> <p>30 "Top Gun"</p> <p>31 target</p> <p>35 "Take your time"</p> <p>36 Panda's diet</p> <p>39 South Pacific nation</p> <p>40 Eve's grandson</p> <p>41 "Do — others —"</p> <p>43 Sax range</p> <p>45 Gumbo veggie</p> <p>46 Friend</p> <p>47 Beams</p> <p>49 Some coll. degrees</p>
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