

Ludlow finalizes board and committee appointments

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Selectboard met for a special meeting on Monday, May 16 to make final decisions on several appointed positions on Ludlow’s various boards and committees, including the newly formed Rental Registry Committee, Development Review Board, Planning Commission, and the Recreation Committee.

The selectboard appointed five Ludlow homeowners from nearly a dozen applicants to the newly formed Rental Registry Committee, which will have a total of eight committee members. Fire Chief Peter Kolenda, Charlie Rimer, Eric Alden, Noah Schmidt, and Penny Tripp were selected and will join selectboard members Justin Hyjek, Scott Baitz, and a yet unnamed member of the Planning Commission, to form the board of eight. Rose Goings, Ludlow’s Director of Planning and Zoning, will also serve as an “ex officio” member, able to participate in the meetings, but without a vote.

Both Charlie Rimer and Noah Schmidt spoke to the challenges of finding affordable housing as a younger person who wants

to stay and live in Ludlow, both because of rising home prices and lack of affordable year-round apartment rentals. Both referred to the rental registry as a first step in dealing with the bigger issue of affordable housing.

Homeowner Eric Alden, who is not a full-time resident but does own rental property, has had experience with setting up a rental registry in Boston, and said that the rental registry does nothing to create additional rentals or make them more affordable, but would help the town make rental units safer. He agreed that the larger conversation was affordable housing. Alden said that, of his rental properties, half are seasonal rentals and half are rented to locals.

The board appointed three candidates, from a list of five, to open positions on the DRB: John Boehrer, Douglas Sheehan, and George Tucker Jr.

Douglas Sheehan was also appointed to the Board of Listers.

Judith Pullinen and Andrea Goldman were appointed from among five candidates to fill the two open positions on the Planning Commission.

The extensive list of appointed Town Officers that were up for renewal went

uncontested and were approved enmasse by the board. Two positions, Tree Warden and Fence Viewer, were left vacant with Ralph Pace’s recent move out of town. Phil Carter was appointed as Tree Warden and Charlie Rimer was appointed as Fence Viewer. The list of appointed Town Officers can be viewed in the town report.

The selectboard also appointed Joe Gurdak, Jeannie Stasz, and Patrick Gray to the Recreation Committee.

At the start of the meeting, the selectboard heard updates for, and confirmed their support of, the proposed mountain bike track being proposed on the “Back 40” behind the elementary school. At their last meeting in early May, the board agreed to move forward with the project, along with a tentative commitment for a \$10,000 funding match, but asked to hear answers concerning insurance coverage and whether Act 250 permitting would be needed, along with details about maintenance costs and personnel.

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Bernard Mowrey, Chester’s oldest

BY RON PATCH
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – This past Saturday, May 15, family and friends paid tribute to Bernard Mowrey on his reaching the age of 104. Bernard was in fine form and wearing his WWII cap. The Legion Color Guard stood behind him.

It was a wonderful occasion. Many familiar faces were in the crowd. The birthday event was held on the Park. Those driving by honked their



Bernard Mowrey with Legion Color Guard.
PHOTO BY RON PATCH

horns. Happy Birthday, Bernard!

Plymouth appoints Town Clerk, postpones tax sales

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – In the May 16 meeting, the Plymouth Selectboard officially announced their newly appointed Town Clerk, went over the town’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and agreed to delay the tax sales for the Hawk Properties.

After four “great interviews,” the Plymouth Selectboard appointed new Town Clerk Jaclyn Olmstead on Monday, May 9, and she began working immediately. Chair Jay Kullman said in a recent interview, “Jaclyn has a well-rounded resume and work experience, and possesses good customer service and communications skills that are essential to the role.”

Olmstead was appointed for a one-year position, which will require her to run for election at the end of the term. Kullman stated, “We are very confident that she’ll do well in the role and be elected to the position [again, next year].”

At the beginning of the meeting, Steven Bauer, from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, made a presentation on the town’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was last updated in 2015, and must be reviewed every six years, which TRORC assists with. The detailed document outlines a plan to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from hazards and emergencies the town may encounter based on the 2015 plan and previous hazards documented over the years.

The purpose of the plan is to show the state that the town is working to identify possible hazards, and preventing them to the best of their ability. In the event of an emergency, the town can apply for financial assistance to recover from the

impacts. Without the plan in place, the town wouldn’t be able to get funding.

The top five hazards recognized in 2022 that are most likely to happen are: flooding, winter storms, thunderstorms, high winds, and extreme temperatures. The state requires the town focus on and prepare for these hazards, but does not limit the town to them.

Hazards such as floods are organized in a table, and are mitigated by keeping culverts in good shape and up to date. Residents and board members discussed the sediment running into Amherst Lake as well as the Emerald Ash Borer invasive species as town hazardous concerns.

The board agreed to send the plan to the Vermont Emergency Management to be reviewed by the state for final approval and adoption. The full Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will be posted at a later date upon finalization.

The board then transitioned to a request from the town’s attorney, Bill Meub, to delay the tax sales on the Hawk properties. Though the town voted in their last meeting to move ahead with the tax sales, both Meub and the town’s tax sale attorney, Steve Ankuda, advised postponing for now.

Meub represents Hawk Resort International, LLC in the upcoming sale of their properties, and stated that they have a contract with “a very good purchaser” to sell what is known as Valley Four, and are expecting to close before July 1. From the proceeds of the sale, HRI intends to pay all of their taxes owed. Meub noted the remaining lots on the hillside are not currently being sold, but HRI does intend to sell those in the next five to six years.

Board member Keith Cappellini asked about the remaining lots, and if they are not being sold, “who is going to own them and who is going to continue to pay taxes?” Meub explained the hillside lots would still be

owned by HRI, who will continue to pay taxes on those properties until they are able to sell them off. He claimed, “I believe we have the ability to pay, and I don’t think we have to prove our ability to pay moving forward... just as anyone else shouldn’t have to prove that they have the ability to pay [their future taxes].”

Meub also explained he would provide an agreement between HRI and the town ensuring that, out of the proceeds of the closing, the town will be paid entirely on the taxes currently owed. Meub suggested that Ankuda assist in the verbiage of the final agreement. Kullman requested legal advice from Ankuda, to which the meeting was brought into executive session.

Upon return, Kullman reported that Ankuda “felt that it was in the town’s best interest that the board appoint somebody to negotiate on behalf of the town and consult with him,” to make a final agreement with HRI. The board nominated Cappellini, and made the motion to delay the tax sale.

Meub commented, “When it closes, you will be very happy with what we think is happening with this property and what the potential is... It will really be beneficial for the Town of Plymouth.”

Board member Rick Kaminski then reported that they do not have any solid bids as planned for the town building renovation project. Out of seven potential bidders, they are down to one sole bidder, VMS Construction out of Rutland. Kaminski wanted to ensure they didn’t receive an inflated bid due to the contractor being the only bidder. Upon reaching out, they agreed to work together with an “open-book process.” Kaminski said the contractor “agreed to negotiate with us, show us all of the subcontract bids, vendor bids, material packages,

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Big turnout at Ludlow fishing derby

BY KYLE LAURITA-BONOMETTI
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – “Start your engines.” With the sun shining and 40 young anglers and their families standing at the edge of Cook Pond in Ludlow, Steven Howard, President of the Black River Rod and Gun Club, hollered to the crowd over the tips of their fishing rods. “Ready!” he cried. “Set! Go!”

On Saturday, May 14, the BRRGC held their annual fishing derby by their headquarters in eastern Ludlow. Tables, loaded with homemade doughnuts and coffee, chips and hotdogs, and charts bearing the names of the young fishermen, stretched out by the forest’s fringe, while families readied to begin casting. Locals and nonresidents alike partook in the festivity, as parents hooked bait and helped their young ones reel in trout that had been stocked in the pond in anticipation of the derby. Some 200 trout had been introduced to Cook Pond to prepare for the event, and between the hours of 9 and 10:30 a.m., Howard was constantly busy as kids



Prize winners at the BRRGC Fishing Derby.
PHOTO BY JEAN STRONG

between the ages of 3 and 16 lined up to have their fish weighed. “6.2 ounces!” Howard would cry to his wife, Maria, who was jotting down the catches. “8.7! That one’s bigger than you!”

The club holds the fishing derby every year. According to Don Lagro, one of the BRRGC’s directors, it started in the early 1950s and was originally held at Jewel Brook. The club shifted to Cook Pond years later and have stayed active by hosting events like the Fishing Derby and their annual Field Day, which takes place every August. “We’re all volunteer based,” said Lagro, as beside him Howard dropped another trout on the scale. “It’s the

volunteers that can allow us to do this.”

Children were awarded prizes for first fish and largest fish caught. A limit of five fish was placed on every angler, and most fishermen caught their five, with a total of 103 fish caught between the participants. From four-year-olds, hardly able to lift a rod, to sixteen-year-olds, who came by themselves to try their luck, the air was full of the whoops and hollers of success throughout the morning. “We try to make it as fun as possible for the kids,” said Howard as a young girl ran up to him, a fish wiggling in her hands. “We want them to fish.”

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Celebration at Cold Spring Park

WESTON, Vt. – On Sunday, May 29, there will be a reception at 4 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the reconstruction of Weston's Cold Spring Brook Memorial Park.

The Park was devastated by Tropical Storm Irene, which, in its lower section, unleashed an erosive torrent carving a channel of little stability.

After years of planning, permitting, funding, and execution, the restoration is now complete. That work was directed and overseen by the Weston Conservation Commission and the Weston Community Association. The stream channel has been re-established and the whole area has been landscaped.

The final steps were the planting of 825 daffodil bulbs last fall by the Green Mountain Gardeners, and



New kiosk at Cold Spring Park.

PHOTO PROVIDED

the recent installation of an informational kiosk designed by Mark Martins and executed by Flying Cow Signs.

Please come and join us; there will be a short informational program at 4:15 p.m. and a duck race and treasure hunt for children,

organized by Wilder Memorial Library. But the best reason to come is to enjoy the restored beauty of this pristine treasure.

After the reception, be sure to stroll over to the Green for the Pig Roast and Square Dance at 5 p.m.

Chester public safety forum

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Police, Fire, and Ambulance will hold an open discussion at the Public Safety Building on Thursday, May 26 at

7 p.m. to get feedback from the community. Come voice your thoughts and ideas on how we can better serve you. If you have input but can-

not be at the forum, please visit www.chestervt.gov/contact-us to submit suggestions. Refreshments will be provided.

Pig roast and square dance

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Community Association, in association with the Farrar Park Association, the Weston Women's Club, and The Hub, is pleased to announce the return of the popular Memorial Weekend Pig Roast and Square Dance, after a two-year hiatus due to Covid. It will take place on Sunday, May 29 from 5–7 p.m.

The event takes place at the Weston Green, with dancing on Park Street and the musicians performing under the portico of The Weston Playhouse. The Green is

located on Route 100, in the center of Weston.

The team from Mount Holly's popular smoked barbeque, Squeels on Wheels, will prepare the meal. Pulled pork barbeque plates, including rolls, sides, soft drinks, and dessert, will be served beginning at 5 p.m. for a fee, with discounts for children. Hot dogs will also be available. Desserts will be prepared and contributed by the Weston Women's Club and The Hub restaurant.

The Cold River Band will again supply the music, which will be performed from 5–6:45 p.m. Try your

hand, or rather feet, at square dancing.

Everyone's invited. Mark the calendar. Bring the family. Bring your friends.

Tens of thousands of people enjoy events each year at Weston Community Association properties, including the Playhouse, Museums (Farrar-Mansur House, Old Mill, and Craft Building), and Cold Spring Brook Park. In this, the Association's 100th year of community service, we again invite everyone to join us and celebrate with friends, family, and neighbors on the Sunday of this Memorial Weekend.

OMARA, two scholarships

LUDLOW, Vt. – Calling all graduating seniors in the

Okemo Valley. OMARA is awarding two \$500 schol-

arships to two graduating seniors that have participated in Winter Snow Sports throughout their academic career. To apply, email omara-scholarships@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name, email, the high school that you are graduating from, and a response to the question: How has your participation in Winter Snow Sports helped better prepare you for what is to come after high school?

The deadline to apply is June 6.

Weston Fire Department calls for volunteers

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Volunteer Fire Department would like to express their deep appreciation to the Thrifty Attic of Londonderry, Vt. for their generous support again this year. Previous donations have been used to upgrade self-contained breathing apparatus, worn by firefighters working in smoky or hazardous conditions, along with other essential safety equipment. During these chal-

lenging pandemic restrictions and now increasingly tight economic times, the Thrifty Attic continues to help local area towns provide solid community service. Thank you.

Speaking of providing service, the WVFD is seeking new members from the entire region. No experience is needed and free training will be provided. Positions available include firefighting, administration, public education, community engagement,

and resilience building. As we know, our populations have grown during these past few years. Learn valuable skills and help us to help our neighbors.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., with trainings held on the other Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Just a few hours a month, even on an occasional weekend and/or weekday will make a difference. Bring a friend and learn about the emergency services together. Call 802-824-3539 or stop by on a Thursday to see how you can be part of our growing team.

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complete estimate, lay it all out for us."

VMS does plan to subcontract out certain parts for the project, like the panel system installation, which they didn't have any solid estimates for to date, and they are also waiting on estimates from the vendor for the structural steel for the main frames. These numbers would affect an overall bid they would feel comfortable standing behind, which they hope to have within seven to ten days.

Kaminski recommended the board wait that time and allow for a bid to come through. He said, "I'm comfortable with this contractor to be upfront and straightforward with us, and show us all their numbers."

The next selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Chester fishing derby

CHESTER, Vt. – This past Saturday, May 15, was the Chester Fishing Derby at Chester Reservoir. It was a warm morning, with bright sun. George Wilson was there from the Chester Rod & Gun Club, registering kids for the derby. At 9 a.m., the derby opened.

As usual, Danny Clemmons and I went. Danny sat with George and watched the kids report their catch. I wandered back and forth across the dam and along the road, talking to kids and their parents.

Excitement was in the air. It was shortly after 9 a.m. when Jacob Studin caught the first fish, a six-inch bass. Speaking of bass, there were two large bass, slowly cruising offshore. They were 15 to 17 inches long.

Right now, the bottom of the reservoir is covered with leaves from last fall. There were a few bare spots where a female bass, using her tail, had swept a small area clear of leaves down to the gravel. She does this so she can lay her eggs in gravel. I pointed this out to a couple people there. They found it interesting.

I've been covering this event for a number of years now. Six years ago, I met three-year-old Addison. I've seen her each year since. She has grown into a fine fisherman. This year, Addison brought her friend Emma.

The catch
There were 48 kids registered to fish. Over 90 fish were caught. This was the best derby in recent years.

Most of the trout measured 9 to 11 inches. However, three trout measuring 12 inches were reported. George carefully measured each fish and recorded it. This was a little difficult as the fish were flopping around on the measur-



Waiting on the dam for 9 a.m.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

ing table. The question for George was how to award the largest fish category, a single prize, to more than one winner.

George solved the dilemma this way: Mathew Studin caught one 12-inch trout; Caleb Spittle caught two 12-inch trout. George awarded Caleb the prize.

As I walked around, I talked with kids and parents. I asked one young girl if she was having trout for supper. Her mom said she didn't know how to cook them. I told her how to clean them, and how I cook them, lightly coated with flour in a hot skillet with a little butter, not olive oil.

It was encouraging to see new faces this year. I hesitated to interfere or make suggestions, but I noticed one boy needing help. He didn't have a good technique. So I said to dad, "I don't like to butt in, but I can show him a better way." Dad said, "Please do, I don't know how to fish."

Another boy was catching trout and releasing them. I cringed when I saw the boy handle a trout with his dry hands. Again, I was hesitant, but I felt I had to say something.

I showed him and his dad how to wet your hands before handling a trout, that is, if you plan on releasing the trout. I explained that trout are covered with a thin mucus-type film. This film protects the trout from disease. Handling a trout with dry hands removes the film from the trout, exposing his sensitive skin to disease. If you wet your

hands first, none of the film will stick to your hands. His dad appreciated what I told him.

I'm hesitant because I don't want to appear as a know-it-all, or as interfering.

Fishermen have always been superstitious. Another kid wasn't having much luck. I told him something an old man told me when I was a boy, which was, "Spit on the bait for good luck." He did, but I don't know what effect it might have had.

George had a steady line of kids waiting to have their fish measured. Kids patiently waited their turn. George had a can of bug dope on his table for people to use. It's a good thing, mosquitoes were abundant.

When I left, I went to say goodbye to Addison and Emma. Emma gave me a big hug.

The next meeting of Chester Historical Society is Thursday, May 26 at the Academy Building on Main Street, at 7 p.m. The monthly slideshow will be photos from the estate of Lucile Carlton. Most photos date to the 1920s and were taken near and around the Carlton house on Goldthwaite Road. Included will be a couple views of the Carlton soapstone quarry off Reservoir Road.

This week's old saying: "A bad day of fishing beats a good day at work."

SMCS is now North Star Health

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Medical Care Systems, an independent, federally qualified health center serving southern Vermont and southwestern New Hampshire, today unveiled a new name and brand identity: North Star Health. Announcing the name change, Bob Flint, Chair of North Star Health's Board of Directors, emphasized, "Our ownership, Board of Directors, and organization have not changed and our locations, providers, and services remain the same."

Importantly, the North Star name will help dissuade any perception that the organization's health and wellness services are geographically limited to Springfield Township in Vermont. Having substantially expanded its service area over the years, the name embraces the wider scope and diversity of the many communities served by the FQHC across two states. The change also signifies a move away from the joint incorporated structure previously shared with Springfield Hospital to a more autonomous and collaborative arrangement that supports a robust continuum of care for patients.

North Star Health includes Charlestown Health Center, Chester Dental Center, Ludlow Health Center, Ludlow Dental Center, Mountain Valley Health Center, North Star Vision (formerly Lane Eye Associates), Rockingham Health Center, and Springfield Health Center, and provides services onsite at four schools and the Edgar May Recreation Center in Springfield.

Officially recognized as "patient-centered medical homes," multi-disciplinary care teams at each North Star Health location are focused on helping individuals identify their health-related priorities. While many people may only visit a doctor when they are sick, North Star encourages patients to consider how they would like to improve their life, from reducing stress, sleeping better, or eating healthy to reducing their risk for chronic conditions like diabetes or hypertension. Screenings for cancer, vaccinations, and annual wellness visits are also reasons to have an ongoing relationship with a healthcare provider.

"We have many patients tell us about what they want to change in their lives, and

who see us as their guide and companion in that effort," explained CEO Josh Dufresne. "Staff remarked how we can be like the North Star. Just as the North Star serves as a guiding light, our care teams meet each person where they're at and help them reach their health and wellness goals." With multiple locations including school-based services, telemedicine visits, walk-in care, and soon a mobile unit, the FQHC is committed to being accessible to everyone across its service area. Accessibility also means providing financial assistance, help with transportation, health education programs, and a range of support services.

The transition to the North Star Health identity will be phased in throughout the year, beginning with the launch of a new website and online materials, with facility signs and other elements updated over the coming months. Community events are also planned to introduce the new brand.

For more information, visit www.northstarfqc.org, or contact Diane Flynn at either dflynn@northstarfqc.org or 802-886-8943.

Fletcher Farm School classes

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts announces upcoming classes. All summer classes are also posted on www.fletcherfarm.org, and new classes are being added weekly.

Q1 – June 3-5 – Liberated Quilting – Susan Balch – Reg. deadline 5/24/22. Learn a process of quilt making with no rules, no patterns, no points to match, and seams that don't have to be exact. It's a great way to use fabric that you have on hand. Your quilt will be uniquely your own. Complete a small quilt or wall hanging, or begin a larger project if you choose. Come with your sewing machine, fabric, sewing supplies, and a curious mind.

S9 – June 10-11 – (12-3 on 6/10, 9-4 on 6/11) –

Barn Quilts – Janet Flinchbaugh – Reg. deadline 5/31/22. Barn quilts are all the rage these days. Come and create your own wooden "quilt" to adorn your house,

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opinion

OBITUARIES

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the front page article "Qualified Immunity Bill could affect police staffing." The article gave only one side of this issue and implied that the bill is still being discussed. In this year's Vermont legislature the bill did not get to a vote and was relegated to a study group.

Qualified immunity can work. It need not be a detriment to good policing but can strengthen citizens' recourse if and when police overstep their own rules.

Do lawyers or doctors or teachers have qualified immunity?

If a police officer infringes on the rights of citizens, I believe citizens should have recourse to file suit, to seek redress.

Your article focused on a view that police need to be protected. All of us, citizens and police need protection. Police must be answerable for their actions. We have seen cases, recently and in the past, where police acted improperly. Qualified immunity protects that, it does not protect citizens nor the police who act responsibly.

Sincerely,
Barbara Ternes
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, April 30, three groups came together to raise money for the Grenier family. Many helped ensure that the meal would be tasty. We especially appreciate the efforts of Lisa Kelley for taking the lead in the kitchen with her wonderful cooking skills. We want to acknowledge the large donation of food by Black River Produce. Many Mount Holly organizations and individuals covered the cost of food so

that all the profits would go to the Grenier family. We were pleased that Shaw's in Ludlow and Hannaford's in Rutland also contributed toward the cost.

Sincerely,
Judy Nevin for the Community Guild, Steve Michel for the Community Historical Museum, and Dennis Devereux for Colfax Lodge 21, IOOF
Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Senator Leahy, Senator Sanders, and Representative Welch for making Vermont the only state in which its entire congressional delegation has co-sponsored the Protecting Community Television Act introduced by both Senator Ed Markey (MA) and Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo (CA-18) as S 3361 and HR 6219.

The FCC is attempting to redefine franchise fee principles that have been in place since 1984. Without this legislation, the FCC will radically reduce the level of monetary support available to run Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access channels across the United

States.

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Sincerely,
Martin Cohn
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Thomas Riley, 1937-2022



Thomas Riley, 1937-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Thomas Lamar Riley, age 84, passed away Jan. 20, 2022 at Advent Health Hospital in DeLand, Fla. Thomas was born Sept. 23, 1937 in Richmond Dale, Ohio. He graduated from Southeastern High School in 1955. He went to the University of Ohio on a basketball scholarship. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1956. He was an electrician working on jet engines until he retired as a Corporal.

Returning home, he worked at Mead Paper Mill in Chillicothe, Ohio in the Research and Development Department. He continued his education, getting an associate degree in Business Administration at the University of Ohio in Chillicothe, Ohio. Thomas later transferred to the Mead Paper Mill in Lee, Mass. in 1969. He then went to the Lydall Corporation in Rochester, N.H. as a production manager in 1971. He then transferred to Lydall-Flash Folder in Fort Wayne, Ind. in 1978, turning the Company around to be profitable. In 1980, he transferred to Corporate Lydall in Manchester, Conn. In 1983, Thomas went to Mountain Paper Products Corp. in Bellows Falls, Vt. He left in 1986 to become the president of an ESOP company in Windsor, Conn.

He retired in 2002. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, William Allen and Maxie Glenna (Gullett) Riley. In

addition to his parents, his siblings, John, Shea, William, Marvin, Retha Underwood, and Zelma Lapp preceded him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Carol Jean (Borders), his children, Thomas L. Riley II of Littleton, Colo., Lori Gilbert of Galivants Ferry, S.C., and Amy Walkowicz of Chester, N.H., his stepson, Daniel Brophy of Chester, Vt., ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; siblings, Earl Riley and Maxine Wright, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was loved both by his family, as the baby of the family, and his many friends. He loved fishing and golfing in Vermont and Florida. He was a soul mate to his wife.

A graveside service will be held June 11, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Ilse Marie McLean, 1966-2022



Ilse Marie McLean, 1966-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Ilse Marie McLean Peppin Vergi passed away peacefully with her husband by her side after a brief illness on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. She was born Feb. 15, 1966 to Henry and Ilse Vergi.

Ilse lived in Springfield, Vt. for the last six years, in her own home. She was employed at Chroma Technology Corp. in Rockingham, Vt. She was also a veterinary technician and massage therapist when living in California.

Peppin graduated from Rutland High School in 1984 and attended the University of San Francisco. Peppin's most famous role was that of playing Mrs. Santa Claus with her husband.

Anyone who knew her was well aware that she was one of a kind and always treasured her friendships.

Peppin loved all animals. She always had them in her life and would go to the ends of the earth to take care of them.

She had many interests: painting, the outdoors, the Yankees, Gun Owners of Vermont for 20 years, and most of all, her mules.

Ilse is survived by her

husband, Tom, her 95 year old father, Henry, brothers, David, Marcus, and Henry, a nephew, Henry Vergi, her mules, Sid, Dollar, Bubba, and Rosie, her cats, Dot, and Akita, her dog, Loki, and best friend of 43 years, Kathy Cesarski. She was predeceased by her mother, Ilse, and her sister, Donna.

Services will be held at her home at a later date. For information or questions, you may call her husband, Tom, at 802-558-0571.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Community Christian Church, 1 Miller Road, Athens, VT 05143 or Long Ears Rescue, 23 Sawmill Road, South Acworth, NH 03607.

Karen W. Scida, 1943-2022



Karen Scida, 1943-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

RUTLAND, Vt. – Karen Weeks Scida died on March 20, 2022 at the Mountain View Center in Rutland, Vt.

She was born in West Stewartstown, N.H. on April 30, 1943, the daughter of Ruth (Gray) and Merrill Weeks.

Karen was raised in North Charlestown, N.H. She graduated from Charlestown High School in 1961. She continued her education at Plymouth State College, earning a B. Ed. in 1965. Her first teaching position was in Randolph, Vt. She met and married Louis Scida of Rutland in 1975. They moved to Rutland, where they lived, until he died in 1993.

Karen received a M. Ed. at St. Joseph College and taught Special Education at the Barstow Elementary School, retiring in 2006. During her retirement, Karen became interested in genealogy. She traced the extensive histories of her parent's families, the Grays and Weeks. As a part of her inquiry, she visited historical societies and cemeteries in northern New England where many of her ancestors lived. She also corresponded with relatives around the United States and Canada who shared her

interest in family history.

Karen was predeceased by her husband and parents. She is survived by her sisters, Ann Pearson (Richard) of Fayetteville, N.Y., and Nancy Pomer of Burlington, N.C.; a brother, Bradley (Evelyn) Weeks of Bellows Falls, Vt.; her aunt, Mary (Leonard) Gray of Charlestown, N.H.; as well as several nephews and nieces, and many cousins.

Respecting Karen's wishes, there will be no funeral. A private burial will be held in Evergreen Cemetery this summer.

Donations in Karen's memory may be sent to The Mentoring Connector, P.O. Box 1617, Rutland, VT 05701, an organization where adult volunteers provide support to young people in the Rutland area.

Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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obituaries

Dorothy Allen, 1929-2022

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Dorothy May Allen, 93, of Back Westminster Rd., died at her home Sunday, May 8, 2022. She was born Jan. 23, 1929, in Tewksbury, Mass., the daughter of Stacy Yuska. She grew up in Westminster, Vt. and was a 1947 graduate of the Bellows Falls High School.

On May 14, 1948, she married John Herbert Allen, who predeceased her in 2003. Together they raised four children. Their home was filled with love, which spread throughout the community. John pastored the Christian Family Circle Church, and she served by his side, counseling and teaching for over 50 years. Together they co-founded Camp Blessing in Saxtons River, a Christian camp for teens and people with special needs. In 1956 John and his three brothers started Allen Brothers with Dorothy by their side. She worked as the bookkeeper and “go to” person for just about everything, until she retired at the age of 90.

Dorothy was lovingly known as DooDoo. She was a great listener and mentor to so many people through family, church, and her work at Allen Brothers. Her greatest gift was hospitality; welcoming anyone in need with a safe place to stay and always, always a warm delicious meal. She was a mom to many people, but her greatest joy was being a grandmother. She wrote the best cards to her grandchildren, telling each of them how much they meant to her and leading each one to believe they were her favorite! Her love for her family was



Dorothy Allen, 1929-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

matched only by her love for the Lord.

She is survived by her daughter Juanita Oftedahl and her husband Doug, her sons Craig Allen and his wife Mary, Lance Allen, and Timothy Allen and his wife Stacey. She is also survived by her grandchildren Brooke Oftedahl, Clint Oftedahl, Joshua Allen, Leigha Allen, Sydney Allen and Kyle Aldrich, Matthew Allen and his wife Jetts, Harrison Allen and his wife Brittany, Whitney Baker and her husband Justin, and five great-grandchildren.

There will be a funeral service on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Christian Family Circle Church in Westminster, Vt. Friends are invited to share memories and a meal together following her service. Calling hours will be held Friday, May 20, 2022 from 6–8 p.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dorothy’s memory can be made to Westminster Cares, 3534 US Route 5, P.O. Box 312, Westminster, VT 05158 or Bayada Hospice, P.O. Box 8081, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Dale A. Knowles, 1963-2022

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Dale Arthur Knowles, 58, of Charlestown, N.H., passed away unexpectedly on March 17, 2022.

Dale is predeceased by his parents, Sandra (nee Seavey) and Duane Knowles, his maternal grandparents, Doris and Donald Seavey, his paternal grandmother, Katherine Knowles, and his uncle, Marcel Knowles. He is survived by his wife, Helen, his sister, Maggie and her husband Mike, his sister, Nancey and her life partner Brian, along with uncles, aunts, cousins, and many close friends who were like family to him.

Dale was born April 25, 1963, in Bellows Falls, Vt., and attended North Walpole

Elementary, Walpole Junior High, and Fall Mountain Regional High schools. He lived in the Fall Mountain region his entire life. Dale was an avid fisherman and was happiest when he was fishing in Pittsburg, N.H. with his dad and Uncle Mark. When not fishing, Dale could often be found hanging out with his friends, Gary or Joe.

A private graveside service will be held at St. Peter’s Cemetery, Walpole, N.H.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad St., Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Henry Kraft

RANDOLPH, Vt. – A graveside service for Henry “Hank” Kraft, who passed away Feb. 2, 2022, will be held May 24, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, Vt. Reverend Harold Noyes will officiate.

Phyllis Pickering

WALPOLE, Vt. – Funeral services for Phyllis A. Pickering will be held at the First Congregational Church of Walpole on May 22, beginning at 2 p.m., with a burial service immediately following at the Walpole Village Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the church after the burial.

Jeffrey Rebideau

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Jeffrey Rebideau, who passed away Oct. 11, 2021, will be held on May 21, 2022 at 1 p.m. at 2275 Old Turnpike Rd, Mount Holly, Vt. 05758.

Sally W. Bratton

CHESTER, Vt. – A graveside service will be held for Sally W. Bratton on Saturday May 28, 2022 at 1 p.m., at Pleasant View Cemetery, High St., Chester, Vt.

Ruth Foster, 1956-2022

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Ruth Foster of Rockingham, Vt. was born on Oct. 31, 1956, in Springfield, Vt. She passed away at Brigham and Women’s hospital in Boston, Mass. on May 2, 2022.

Ruth is survived by her husband Edward Foster, her daughter Beth Muzzey, son-in-law Travis Muzzey, son David Foster, daughter-in-law Christina Clayton, and two grandchildren Kiera Bathrick and Logen Patten. Ruth is also survived by her brother Richard Lafayette, sister Janice Vojtecky, sister Sandy McGivern, brother-in-law Reg McGivern, brother Mark Lafayette, sister-in-law Deb Lafayette, sister Janet Yarosevich, bother-in-law John Yarosevich, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Ruth was predeceased by her parents Francis and Ruth Lafayette, brother Joe Lafayette, sister Francis Anderson, sister-in-law Trilla Lafayette, and sister-in-law Pat Lafayette.

Ruth graduated from Bellows Falls Union High school and, shortly after graduating, she married her high school sweetheart Edward Foster on June 21, 1975. They had many wonderful years together. Ruth worked at Vermont Custom Cabinetry for many years building beautiful kitchens until she retired. She was a very talented wood worker who took great pride in everything she built. Ruth enjoyed gardening both vegetables and flowers and she enjoyed sitting on her swing by her pond watching her



Ruth Foster, 1956-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

goldfish. Ruth was a great cook and a very talented baker who enjoyed making food and sweets for friends and family. She had a very kind heart and always tried to see the best in people. She loved animals of all sorts and had many pets over the years. Her cat Rosie misses her very much as we all do. Ruth was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, and friend to many and will be missed always.

If you would like to donate in her honor, you can donate to Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society in Windsor, Vt., it is an animal rescue and a great place for pets in need. The family will be hosting a celebration of life for Ruth at the Bartonsville Grange on June 5 from 1–4 p.m., 116 Upper Bartonsville Rd., Rockingham, Vt. We welcome all friends and family to come look at pictures and share some memories. Please, if for any reason you are not feeling well, do not come as we do not want anyone at risk to get sick. Thank you.

Andrew L. Lavallee, 1987-2022

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Andrew L. Lavallee passed away on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at his home in Londonderry, Vt. Andy was born in Springfield, Vt. on Sept. 1, 1987 to Deborah L. Carleton (Mathews) and Andrew P. Lavallee.

Andy graduated from Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt. in 2006. He attended SUNY/Cobleskill in Cobleskill, N.Y. for Landscape Construction Management. Andy worked as an excavator operator in the construction field for Waters Excavation, and most recently for Hunter Excavating.

Andy’s son Landon was his pride and joy; he loved watching his basketball and football games and coaching him from the sidelines. He and his son shared a strong passion for New England sports. Watching the Boston Celtics and New England Patriots kept them both entertained, and the team statistics always made for great conversation.

Andy also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and landscaping. He was a kind soul with a heart full of love for his family and friends. He will be sorely missed by many.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Michael Carleton of Londonderry, Vt., his son, Landon J. Lavallee of Whately, Mass., half-brother, Tanner Carleton of



Andrew Lavallee, 1987-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Raleigh, N.C., and grandmother, Brenda J. Mathews of Westminster, Vt., and was predeceased by his grandfather, Lawrence A. Mathews, in 2012.

He is also survived by his father and stepmother, Andrew and Judith Lavallee of Chester, Vt., grandmother, Arlene Lavallee of Ludlow, Vt., stepbrother, Christopher Chico of Arlington, Vt., step-sister, Elizabeth Smith of Sarasota, Fla., along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, June 10, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 2051 North Main St., Londonderry, VT 05148.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Andy’s memory to his son Landon’s college fund. Please send to Debbie Carleton, 6694 VT Route 11, Londonderry, VT 05148.

Connie R. Jones, 1948-2022

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Connie R. Jones of Charlestown, N.H. passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022, Mother’s Day, from complications due to pneumonia and COPD. She was resting comfortably at the hospice center in Dartmouth medical center when she passed.

She was born to Burton and Etta Smith at Springfield Hospital on July 6, 1948, joining several brothers and sisters in the family.

Later Connie was raised by a loving foster family, Bill and Betty Wright.

Connie worked in several community driven jobs such as the Idelnot Dairy, where she was the relief person and did everything in the business from washing out semi-truck tankers, to injection molding when making the one-gallon jugs. Other jobs included being a cook at the Springfield Convalescent Center. Then, working at the Union Street School, where she earned the lead position and was responsible for ordering, cooking, and serving over 175 students and staff. These jobs were very important to mother. She took great pride in her work and herself.

Surviving family include



Connie Jones, 1948-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

sons Shayne and Douglas Hillock, and sisters Carol and Lori, as well as two granddaughters and a grandson.

Connie is predeceased by her mother, father, foster mother, foster father, four brothers, son Nickolas E. Marro, and her loving, wonderful husband of over 25 years, Paul Jones.

Visitation will be held on Monday May 23, 2022 from 5–7 p.m. at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

Our family will be planning a nice day of remembrance this summer and will invite friends and family to come reminisce about Connie.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Jonathan Lescord, 1985-2022

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Jonathan M. Lescord, 36, passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 28, 2022. He was born Feb. 1, 1985.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Leslie and Winifred Hitchcock. He is survived by his father, Gary Lescord Sr., stepmother, Peg Lescord, brothers, Gary Jr. and Joshua Lescord, stepbrother, Darren, three step sisters, Gabby, Whitney, and Katlin Kennett, and his mother, Theresa Benson. He had many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews who he loved like his own. He worked at Wilson and Lawrence, Adams Masonry, and last at Cheever Tire.


Everywhere he worked, he made people laugh. He always had a smile on his face and a heart of gold. Anybody who knew Jonny



Jonathan Lescord, 1985-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

knew he was one of a kind. He will be greatly missed. He loved fishing.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Saxtons River Cemetery, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Old School Bus Depot Pond off of Route 103 in Rockingham, Vt.



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MAY 20 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Farmers Market kick-off fundraiser is Friday, May 20 from 5-8 p.m. with live entertainment, food, raffles, and a plant sale.

MAY 20 – 21
LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Good Neighbor Services is pleased to announce its annual Gigantic Spring Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day. Proceeds from this sale benefit BRGNS’ food and financial assistance programs. For details, email brgoodneighbors@gmail.com.

MAY 21 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Indoor Yard Sale at the Charlestown Senior Center on Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. We have a large assortment of items including books, puzzles, toys, dishes, and more. This is a fundraiser for the senior center and all offers of a donation will be accepted on most items.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be having their Spring Rummage/Yard Sale on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Housewares and multi-seasonal clothing will be for sale as well as homemade baked goods. Our signature Bag Sale will start at noon.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Annual May Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 21 Fairground Rd. We have 18 varied craft artisans and four different flea market vendors, as well as coffee, homemade muffins, cookies, and other treats, and delicious chili (meat and vegetarian options) and cornbread. Listen to live music by the Springfield Springers and Bill Brink and Friends.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Westminster Community Plant and Bake Sale is on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Westminster West Library. Lots of plants including perennials, herbs, and shrubs.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Blessing of the Bikers on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 158 Main St. in Springfield. Local ride to follow with food served after the ride back at the church.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The second Indoor Spring Farmers’ Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Methodist Church in downtown Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Senior Roast Pork Dinner at Springfield Moose Lodge 679/Moose Legion on Saturday, May 21 from 3-5 p.m., 39 South St. in Springfield. Free to all 65 years and older. Fee for others. Deliveries available at 2:30 p.m. To sign up, call 802-885-5370.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, May 21 from 1-4 p.m. Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. Look for the “BEE” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. 18 Maclean Road, first on right, Alstead, N.H. Bring a veil if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Register at lindenamel@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056. This is the second of four workshops.

MAY 22 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga, Meditation, Sound Healing, and Juice Cleanse Retreat on Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration and prepayment required at www.jasperforest.com.

MAY 24 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Community

Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. is sponsoring an informational evening on “Dealing with Dementia” on Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the American Legion in Chester. Jennifer Chambers from Springfield Hospital and Jordon Cotto from the Alzheimer’s Association, Vermont Chapter will be speaking. There will be a time for question and answers. If you need a ride, please contact Debbie at 802-875-6341

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

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

MAY 28 –
ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society will hold our 5th Annual Memorial Weekend Plant Sale on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. - noon at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens. For details, email at athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com.

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

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 –
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 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

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.

WEDNESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, 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.

REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. A 45-minute

gentle flow class with meditation to strengthen, improve flexibility, bring balance, relieve stress, and improve the immune system. Calm the “monkey mind” and help bring peace to your life, whether it is on or off your yoga mat. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden.

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.

FRIDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Friday, 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.

SATURDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. This free program will continue to run as long as there is interest from the community. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

Attention

Proctorsville and Cavendish residents

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

Contact Donna Hamilton at the school office at 802-875-7758 or via email at donna.hamilton@trsu.org.

Part Time School Bus Driver

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

Job Type: Part-timePay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at Michael.Ripley@trsu.org.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
WINDHAM UNIT

PROBATE DIVISION
DOCKET NO: 21-PR-05757

In re ESTATE of: Lisa Marie Dumont

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: LISA MARIE DUMONT, late of WINDHAM, VERMONT:

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 date 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 as described above within the four (4) month period.

Dated: May 12, 2022

/s/ Marc Dumont
Executor
c/o Moore Law Offices, LLC
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
(802) 463-4327
rebecca@moorelawvt.com

Name of Publication:Vermont Journal

Publication Date:May 18, 2022

Address of Probate Court:Vermont Superior Court
Probate Division – Windham Unit
30 Putney Road, 2nd Floor, Brattleboro, VT 05301

Town of Cavendish, Vermont

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111, notice is hereby given that the undersigned parties, within and for the Town of Cavendish have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said town on the **first day of April 2022**; that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the Clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **25th day of May, 2022** starting at 9:30 a.m, the undersigned Assessor will meet at **37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont** to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts as such Assessors, whose objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2022, become the Grand List of said town and each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

If you wish to grieve you MUST submit a grievance in writing by 4:00 on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022. Applications for Grievance can be emailed to Cavendish2022@nemrc.com or mailed to PO Box 126, Cavendish, VT 05142. Grievance Applications are available at our website: www.cavendishvt.com or they can be mailed by request.

Please call 802-321-8025 for a grievance appointment.

Given under our hands at Cavendish in the County of Windsor this 11th day of May, 2022

Town of Cavendish
Al Coonradt, Assessor
Diane McNamara, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WESTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Weston Planning Commission will meet at 5:00 PM on Tuesday June 7, 2022 at the Weston Town Offices at 12 Lawrence Hill Road to hold a public hearing on an application for a final plat review from Christopher Lindgren for a major subdivision of land he owns on Rt. 100 in Weston. Major Subdivisions are reviewed under the Weston Major Subdivision Regulations.

Attendance is subject to then current COVID guidelines at the Town office. There is an option of remote attendance.

Those interested in seeing the applications, submitting written comments, or attending the hearings remotely should contact the town's Zoning Administrator at: Town of Weston P.O Box 98, Weston Vt. 05161, or by calling (802) 824-4669, or emailing to Zoning@westonvt.org.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

State of Vermont


PROBATE DIVISIONDOCKET # 22-PR-02001

IN RE ESTATE OF KATHERINE LENA STARKS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Katherine Lena Starks of Proctorsville

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



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TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on June 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: Michelle Suker
Application No: 22-485-CU
Property Location: 47 Depot St, Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 230472.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to a Conditional Use Permit to change the use from a retail store to a restaurant/deli with 12 seats. This project is located in the Village Residential Commercial District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow’s Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the ZOOM ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk, DRB

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on June 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: The Bodega LLC
Application No: 083-88-CU, AMD 5
Property Location: 117 Main St, Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 230432.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to change the use from a retail store to a retail market and deli with 25 seats. This project is located in the Village Residential Commercial District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow’s Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the ZOOM ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk, DRB

LEGAL NOTICES

AUCTION

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

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carpenter, experience building garages, decks, and porches. Pay depending on experience. Call 802-674-5892.

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WINDHAM, Vt. – Looking for entry-level tile apprentice and/or qualified tile installer. Full time position. Starting pay \$18 and up depending on experience. Paid time off after a year. Call Steve at 802-275-8020 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Server and dishwasher wanted at Café at Delight for Mon, Tue, Fri, approximately 7-3. Must be neat, energetic, and work well with others. Call 802-228-2150.

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

GARDENER – Do you love to garden and spend your time

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Entry Level: Small, family-owned and operated Law Firm, specializing in residential real estate purchases, sales, and refinances; seeks a full time or part time candidate to join our team. Related experience is not required, and we will train the right person. Office skills are helpful, including organization

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Highway Department Position Available

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

Please contact Larry at 802-672-3535.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH INVITATION TO BID

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

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

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

Anticipated project duration is two months.

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

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A public hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Rd., Plymouth, Vermont to consider:

Applicant: Richard Ruggiano

Type of Application: Conditional Use application to build a garage within the Shoreland Overlay

Location: 22 Amherst Rd.

Application Number: 2022-14

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Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv
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Westminster West Library Plant, Bake Sale

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Westminster West Library will be hosting this year's Westminster Community Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The featured plant this year is rudbeckia goldstrum, which is commonly known as a black-eyed susan. This hardy perennial blooms on sturdy stalks, producing a golden burst of 3 to 4-inch, daisy like flowers with large seed heads in late July

through September. This is an excellent flower for a fall bouquet.

The library has a variety of plants available, including perennials like peonies, daylilies, hosta, echinacea, creeping geranium, and jacob's ladder. Herbs, like mojito mint, thyme, lemon balm, and lovage are also available, as well as shrubs and trees like the annabelle hydrangea, lilac, forsythia, and black currant.

All the plants are carefully sourced to be pest-free. They are field-grown, hardy, weed-free specimens, potted with love and care. Come early for best selection and get home-made wonderful baked goods.

We give a discount for volume, so buy more, save more.

All proceeds go to the Westminster West Library.

Annual Chester Plant Sale

CHESTER, Vt. – The annual Chester Plant Sale at St. Luke's Church, the gray church at 313 Main Street near the Village Green in Chester, Vt., has become a marvelous opportunity for the public to purchase a wide selection of proven, large, healthy, hardy plants at bargain prices. The sale features numerous perennials well suited to this part of Vermont, herbs, raspberry plants, dahlia tubers,

and some special annuals and propagated shrubs, plus homemade preserves, fresh rhubarb, a loose-leaf gardening journal, and one-of-a-kind pastel note cards of birds and flowers. The well-groomed plants will have helpful labels and flower photos that will make garden additions easy, and experienced gardeners will be on hand to give advice about planting and garden design.

The sale is scheduled to run on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28 from 9

a.m. – 3 p.m. on both days, and also on Sunday, May 29 from 12–3 p.m. The later timing of the annual event allows for larger and more attractive plants, all organized by kind as well as growing needs on the side lawn of the church. If you have perennials on your property that you would like to contribute, if you have plants to suggest, or you need more information, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

Cavendish Spring Bird Walk

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association is sponsoring a Spring Bird

Walk on Sunday, May 22 at 8 a.m. Walkers will meet at the Proctor Piper trailhead in Proctorsville.

This is the 8th year the Cavendish Conservation Committee of the CCCA has brought the spring bird walk to our community. It is an excellent way to learn more about our local birdlife and to appreciate the environment they inhabit.

Marianne and Michael Walsh of the Mount Ascutney Audubon Bird Association return and join Tim Calabrese of the Cavendish Trail Association in leading the birding walk along the Proctor Piper Trail which links the two villages in Cavendish. The walk is of moderate difficulty with a few stream crossings, some rock hopping, and moderately steep slopes, so wear appropriate clothing and footwear,

and bring your binoculars.

The walk will be slow going as we pay attention to bird song and movement. We will meet at the trailhead where there is plenty of parking. Marianne and Michael will guide us in identifying the birds we find along the way with their knowledge and expertise. May is the best month to observe the return of migrating birds, since by June they have settled into nesting activities.

This walk is limited to 12 people. Please contact Robin at 802-259-2327 for more information and would like to join the group, or email her at robintimko@tds.net.

Weston Fishing Derby

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Rod & Gun Club Annual Fishing Derby returns Saturday, June 4, starting at 7 a.m. There are plenty of fish to go around for youth anglers ages 15 and under. Prizes will be awarded and food will be available. Bring your own equipment and meet at the Weston Recreation Area off Lawrence Hill Road, north of town. Weston R&GC annual memberships will also be available. Come on out and reel 'em in.

Again this year, the Weston Rod & Gun Club will be sponsoring a child for the Green Mountain Conservation Camp run

by the VT Fish & Wildlife Department. Volunteers are needed for a fun-filled weekend to prep the camp facilities for the 2022 season. For details, please go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com and search upcoming events.

We thank the community for their continued support, especially when it comes to educating our youth about Vermont's natural resources.

Weston R&GC meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 982 Route 100. We are a growing group and look forward to new members sharing ideas for future activities.

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Sports schedule

REGION – Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or pho-

tos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

Friday, May 20 –

Girls Softball
Bellows Falls at Poultney, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 –

Boys Baseball
Fair Haven at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.
Green Mountain at Woodstock, 11 a.m.

Girls Softball
Green Mountain at Windsor, 11 a.m.
Fair Haven Union at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 23 –

Girls Softball
Fall Mountain at Raymond, 4 p.m.
Burr and Burton at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24 –

Boys Baseball
Leland and Gray at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.
Bellows Falls at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Green Mountain at White River, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Softball
Bellows Falls at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.
Newport at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.
Green Mountain at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25 –

Girls Softball
Proctor at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 26 –

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

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

Share your Sports News with us
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arts & entertainment

Annual May Festival —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Stop by 21 Fairground Rd. on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. for the Annual May Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting-house. We have 18 varied vendors this year, including jewelry, birdhouses, sewn doll clothes, crocheted items, handmade books, homemade barbecue sauces, and even dog treats. There will be four different flea market vendors, information from VINE Sanctuary, and new this year, Nigerian dwarf goats showing off handmade goat's milk soaps.

Stop for coffee and homemade muffins, cookies, and other treats, as well as delicious chili, both meat and vegetarian options, and cornbread. Listen to the Springfield Springers from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Bill Brink and Friends from 12:30–2 p.m. The festival is outdoors, rain or shine; admission is free.

Annual “Kids Art @ Custer Sharp” opens —

LONDONDERY, Vt. — The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society presents its annual “Kids Art @ Custer Sharp” from May 21 – June 4 at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road. Hours are Saturdays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; admission is free. Additional viewings can be made by appointment. There will also be a reception for artists and their families on June 4 from 1–3 p.m. in honor of art teacher Casey Junker Bailey who is retiring this year.

“Kids Art” displays work from Flood Brook K-8 students created over the past year. It is mixed media and multicultural. Stop by and enjoy the talent and creativity of our Londonderry youth. Parents and students are needed to man the show. Please contact Hilary@LAHS1780@gmail.com.

The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society has a busy season planned for the rest of the summer too.

June 17–19 will feature “Art in Bloom: A Colorful Showcase Celebrating Summer.” Green Mountain Gardeners, our local garden club, will display colorful flower arrangements created to complement the work of local artists who will have multimedia works on exhibit and for sale.

From July 2 – Aug. 16, the society will present an historic exhibit on “The West River in North Derry.”

Aug. 20 – Sept. 14, “Local Artists on Display,” will showcase the talents of the many artists in our area. Please let us know if you have work you would like to exhibit. We want to celebrate and promote all our local artists.

Our annual “Dine-around” fundraiser, a cocktail party at the Custer Sharp House, followed by dinner in a private home, will take place on Friday, Aug. 12.

Visit the LAHS website for more information on other events and programming. To schedule an appointment, email us at lahs1780@gmail.com, or visit www.LAHSVT.org.

Local artist’s open studio —

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. — Vermont Open Studios during Memorial Day weekend is a 30-year old tradition. The Vermont Crafts Council has designed a creative road trip throughout Vermont to connect you with artists in their workspaces.

One new artist to the annual event is the experimental painter and sculptor, Jim Jackson. The public is invited to his studio-gallery on Turkey Mountain slope, overlooking the West River Valley.

Choosing not to be fenced in by the boundaries of any one medium, Jackson embodies this intention in his work. He encourages electric colors to spill and splash onto the frame, which becomes an integral part of each composition.

During this 2022 Open Studio Weekend, Jackson shares a sampling of his 60 artistic years, along with his most current paintings and his “Rot Garden,” which has germinated and grown over the past 13. “My experience with wood sculpture, when exposed to the elements, introduced me to the beauty of natural material rotting away, returning to the earth,” says Jackson. His attentiveness to the fungi and molds that consume wood casts a spell, evoking in his work the beauty of decay in the natural world.

Visitors can walk in the gardens and woods at Jackson's studio to view sculptures made from wood, recycled materials, and the stems and roots of the invasive honeysuckle bush. And then there's nature's own breath-taking art at Jackson's studio – the inspirational, spacious view of the hills lining the West River valley.

The 30th Annual Vermont Spring Open Studio Weekend is the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day. Artists welcome visitors, sharing the artistic and technical aspects of their work. Visitors learn the stories behind the creations, many of which are for sale.

Visit Jim Jackson and his studio-gallery at 329 Windham Hill Rd., West Townshend, Vt. Contact him at 802-874-4706 or jjartist@comcast.net, or visit www.jimjacksonart.com.

“PUFFS” at Springfield Community Theater —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — By now I am sure we are all familiar with the story about a certain boy wizard, but this show isn't about that boy. This tale is about a certain school of magic, and what really happened – but from the Puffs' point of view. Join the Springfield Community Players as the Puffs lead you through the “Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at this Certain School of Magic and Magic,” where each year the Puffs show you that well... they were there, too.

“PUFFS” is a comedy written by Matthew Cox, to run as five performances at The Peoples Improv Theater in New York City. Now, many years later, this show has been produced off-Broadway for more than 600 performances. It was also filmed and shown in movie theaters nationwide. In the foreword from the author, Matthew Cox says, “This thing with words on it you hold is a culmination of lots of love, care, friendship, and oh-so-much work...”

“PUFFS” is the first show to kick off the 2022 season for the Springfield Community Players, and also the first show to be directed by seasoned community player actor, Gregory Villone. Villone got his start with SCP ten years ago in the show, “A Fox on the Fairway,” and since then, he's been hooked.

“I remember being so nervous walking through the door for the audition but by the time I was done I felt like I had found a home. Since that show I've lost count of the shows I've been a part of with the players,” says Villone.

In addition to a laugh out loud show, the community players have some new and returning actors joining the cast: Kallah Jean Turner, Laura Carboneau, Xzavior Fitzwater, Nicole Caron, Sabrina DeWeerd, Samantha Holmberg, Allison Lena Gibbons, Julian Leon, Kristina Meima and Harry Valentin are joined by director Greg Villone to bring this quirky, hysterical show to life.

“PUFFS” will run at the Springfield Community Theater for two weekends, May 20 and 21, as well as May 27 and 28. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. start time. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org, or by calling the theater at 802-885-4098 to make reservations.

This show is rated for mature audiences due to language and sexual innuendo.



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