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CTES principal Amy Bohren decides not to return next year

BY PAULA BENSON
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The search is back on at Cavendish Town Elementary School (CTES) for a new principal to start in the 2023-24 school year. Last Wednesday, March 29, Principal Amy Bohren announced her departure, after just over one year in the position.

In an email sent to parents, Bohren communicated that she'd been "doing a lot of reflecting," and had decided not to return next year. "I am not sure where my life journey will lead me," Bohren wrote, "but for now, I am taking a pause to be with my family and reflect on where I think my strengths as a professional will lead me." Bohren is the third CTES principal to resign in the last five years.

Prior to 2020, Principal George Thomson served at CTES for more than 30 years and was awarded the Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year honor for the 2018-19 school year. After Thomson's retirement Deb Beaupre was hired. Beaupre resigned in June 2020, leading the Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) to make the decision to have Katherine Fogg, principal of Chester-Andover Elementary School (CAES), step in to head up both schools.

Less than two years later, that decision was reversed, and in March 2022, Bohren was hired. Prior to being offered the job, Bohren participated in an open forum where she provided some details on her 22 years of teaching and school administrative experience, answered questions from

the community, and expressed enthusiasm for CTES and its teachers, commenting at the time on how impressed she was by the practices that were in place. "When you walk on this campus, there is a certain feeling that you get. There is a sense of calm and excellence. The teachers are rockin' it, I have to say."

Bohren expressed gratitude to CTES parents in her email, writing, "Thank you for embracing me as a newcomer and welcoming me into your community."

The school is currently interviewing for the position. Superintendent of Schools Lauren Fierman stated via email, "We have begun the search for our next principal who will be a full-time administrator at CTES."

LEMP, Local Tax dominate Ludlow Selectboard meeting

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

UDLOW, Vt. – On Monday, April 3, the Ludlow Selectboard met to discuss their annual board reorganization, as well as the town's local emergency management plan (LEMA), and a local 1% tax option. Appointments to various committees were made, and can be found on the town of Ludlow's website, www.ludlow.vt.us. It was noted that the entire developmental review board was up for reappointment at the same time, which should not be the case. In order to correct this issue, it was decided that two members would be appointed for three-year terms, two members would be appointed for two-year terms, and one member would be appointed for a single year term, with three-year terms for all appointments thereafter.

Up for discussion next was the town's local emergency management plan (LEMP), which several community members felt was insufficient in its current form. Ludlow volunteer firefighter Angela Kissell, a candidate for town emergency planner, raised concerns about the need for improvement in Ludlow's preparedness for winter storms and other emergencies. "I don't know that there's any procedures to say what we do if and when a disaster happens,

and to be reactive when we know there's a storm coming versus proactive I think is unfair to the community," Kissell told the selectboard. Former selectboard chair Bruce Schmidt also voiced questions about the conditions under which the plan is set in motion, and who is involved in creating the plan, saying, "the ambulance coordinator isn't even on the [emergency planning commission], so maybe we don't even have the right people on there...how does the plan get enacted? It has to be more than feedback on social media that we start opening up places." The selectboard tabled the issue, with agreement to discuss who should be involved in the creation and enacting of the LEMP before the next meeting.

The selectboard then signed paperwork authorizing a loan for the purchase of a new ambulance, as approved by the town's voters last year. The ambulance should be delivered to the town by the end of the month.

Also on the agenda was the discussion of a 1% local tax option. While this tax would need to be put to the town's voters for final approval, there was discussion about to what the tax could be applied. Selectboard member Robert Brandt explained that the tax option could apply to any combination of alcohol, meals, and short-term rentals, saying "I think that will be very beneficial to the town." Citizens present at the meeting expressed varying opinions

about the costs and benefits of enacting such a tax, with support on both sides of the issue. "The question is how much more are we gouging the hand that feeds us?" said resident Alan Couch, "I don't think we need another reason to put a wedge between the town and the people who come up here and support us." Voicing support for the measure, local business owner Glenn Heitsmith noted that, while he had spoken against the local tax option previously, he doesn't "see that as such a big problem right now."

"That's extra money to spend to fix up our infrastructure, maybe build a parking deck or something like that," Heitsmith said. As a point of order, selectboard member Justin Hyjek noted that, while Killington was the first town to authorize a local tax option, it was also the first town to de-authorize one. Several others present at the meeting voiced concerns ranging from transparency about where the money would go, to the fact that businesses, rather than consumers, would ultimately be eating the cost of the tax. The tax discussion was tabled for review at a later date, with the intention to put out information on local TV informing town residents that it is under consideration.

The Ludlow Selectboard meets on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m., with alternate meetings on the third Monday of the month, if necessary, in the Heald Auditorium at the Ludlow Town Hall.

ESBR thanks Ludlow voters

UDLOW, Vt. – The March 6 Ludlow Town Meeting was a phenomenal lesson in how democracy can work for the betterment of a community. Thank you to all who voted to help sustain the Expeditionary School at Black River's (ESBR) vision, situated right here in the heart of Ludlow.

From its inception, creating a cost-effective financial model for educating youth that is more community-focused and locally controlled has been a priority of ESBR's leadership team, who believe schools must be designed so that a student's community can be their classroom. By creating a cost-efficient school, ESBR's vision is to revitalize local economies and create opportunities for community engagement.

ESBR was founded as a reaction to the Act 46-driven closure of middle and high schools for the communities of Mount Holly and Ludlow, a vote that was cast based on the belief that it would improve outcomes and reduce costs. Five years later, the per-pupil expenditures across Vermont continue to increase, while outcomes across this state and throughout the U.S. school system continue to decline.

Famous Vermonter and education philosopher, John Dewey, captured how the expeditionary model is designed to achieve its educational objectives when he said "give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results."

Similarly, having lived through World War I, Kurt Hahn set out to create a school where students would "do things, not listen to stern teachers' lectures. It would be a school designed to help kids discover their

interests and passions, not just prepare them for tests." Hahn's methods of instruction paved the way for the expeditionary learning (EL) model in the United States. ESBR's curriculum development and strategic plans are influenced by EL Education's framework for school improvement.

Building on the policies mandated for schools that are currently funded by the State of Vermont's Education Fund, Vermont's Act 77 and EQS (2015) share the vision put forth in EL Education's "We Are Crew: A Teamwork Approach to School Culture" by Ron Berger, Anne Vilen, and Libby Woodfin (2020). In 2020, when ESBR opened its doors, the school's philosophy followed the precedent set by EL Education, which states, "Schools need to be organized around the principles of social and emotional learning, not just the teaching of skills." We could not agree more.

ESBR's founding board members chose to anchor the school in the expeditionary learning framework because getting students out and about, learning in the natural environment, is a strategy for developing both social and emotional learning skills.

ESBR is a State of Vermont recognized independent school that has been philanthropically funded to date, having received \$0 from the State of Vermont's Education Fund. The initial application for approval to have school choice tuition dollars from students residing in school choice towns was submitted in July 2021. Nineteen months later, in December 2022, the Vermont Agency of Education (VT-AOE), the entity overseeing the Independent School Approval process, ordered ESBR's

leadership team to submit a second application and start the approval process over again.

The entire initial review process never once engaged the voices and perspectives of the parents and students choosing to attend ESBR. A decision was made without any dialogue with the constituents who contribute to the education fund. The families choosing ESBR continue to pay taxes, yet that contribution does not follow their children to the schools those parents and guardians have identified as being in their children's best interest. Typically, evidence of continuous improvement is factored into the final decision to approve or not approve. That wasn't the case for Ludlow's community-based school. Ludlow's vote to give \$75 thousand to help bridge the gap between now and when ESBR's second application is complete reminds us that local control is where meaningful change occurs.

The outcome of this year's town meeting tells us that community-based schools make a difference in the lives of those living near them. It underscores the importance of making sure an affordable, high-quality learning experience is accessible to all students and their families.

Thank you again for endorsing our efforts and for believing in the positive impact ESBR has on this region, and on current and future generations of students.

To get involved, and for more dialogue, contact Kendra Rickerby, the head of school, at krickerby@esblackriver.org.

Plymouth hires Angela Kissell as town clerk

BY PAULA BENSON
The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Selectboard began the April 3 meeting by discussing the scheduling conflict between the school board and the selectboard, which both meet on Monday evenings. The concern is that schoolboard members' ability to attend selectboard meetings is very limited due to the meeting overlap, and there are often issues both bodies need to address collectively. Unresolved, this remains an ongoing discussion.

Updates to the Town Employee Handbook, which the board reviewed last week, were approved with a contingency stating the medical benefits section is still pending, but the revisions will be implemented. Board member Rick

Kaminski confirmed, "the text is not materially different from what [the board] approved."

Board Chair Jay Kullman was pleased to announce, "last Friday we all approved the appointment of Angela Kissell as our new town clerk. She will be starting in a couple of weeks." Officially Kissell's start date is April 17, 2023 and she will be a welcome addition to the small town office staff.

Regarding the proposed short-term rental ordinance, Kaminski reported that he'd met with Steve Radones and Mike Coleman to draw up new documents which were currently with the town attorney. "As soon as I get those back," Kaminski explained, "we will incorporate a special meeting into one of our regular selectboard meetings, and we'll have a vote on the ordinance. We'll have a public meeting."

Additionally, the board

moved on the final approval of funding reserves for the building project as presented at the town meeting on March 6, and voted 'yes' to spend approximately \$500 on the purchase of blackout curtains for one room at the community center. The curtains will be utilized during Sunday afternoon movie events sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Society. "Anything we can do to get the community out and gathered together, and providing entertainment is a good thing," Kaminski offered.

Kullman questioned the current status of a zoning permit inquiry for usage of the cellphone tower on Grandview Lodge Road. Elaine Pauley, assistant town clerk, was planning to look into it and report back to the board with an update.

The Plymouth Selectboard meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m.

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Chester Community Garden registration

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens, in conjunction with the town of Chester, is now taking reservations for garden plots in the community garden. Anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Chester can apply. There is a suggested donation to sign up for a plot, and a refundable deposit. Scholarships are also available. All levels of gardening experience are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer for a gardening experience, we also have plots designated for the Chester Andover Food Shelf that will need tending and care. For more information, to reserve a plot, or to donate to the scholarship fund, please email chestergreenhouse@gmail.com, or call 802-875-5414. Reservations must be made by April 30 and are on a first come, first served basis.



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Whiting Library student art exhibit

CHESTER, Vt. – The Whiting Library is happy to host a student art exhibit through the month of April. New pieces of art from GMUHS students are currently on display in the Suzy Forlie Memorial Reading Room. Chester-Andover Elementary School student art will begin being shown on April 4 and will be displayed throughout the library’s first floor. Please come and enjoy the works of some of the talented children in our community.

For more information about library events, please visit www.whitinglibrary.org or call us at 802-875-2277.

Okemo Valley Women’s Club March meeting

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Women’s Club met for their March meeting on Monday, March 13. The club met at 6:30 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center. Thirteen women were present, despite the winter weather. The members held a business meeting to

discuss upcoming volunteer and fundraising projects, including the recently successful annual fundraising bake sale, which was held Feb. 17, and the months-long Tree of Remembrance project. The club’s fundraising events help to support their scholarship programs, local community assistance, and volunteerism.

Telescope showcase at Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. – Please join us on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. for a hybrid monthly meeting. Southern Vermont Astronomy (SoVerA) President Patrick Porch will be providing a tour of telescopes. The in-person meeting will be at the Chester Town Hall and the virtual meeting will be available at www.zoom.us/j/94691230307.

Thinking about buying a telescope, upgrading the one you have, or maybe just understanding telescopes better? SoVerA member Pat Porch will discuss the different types of common telescopes, how they work, the pros and cons of each type, commercial buying vs. building your own, and new vs. used. These suggestions could help you decide on your next telescope purchase.

This will be a hybrid event, with telescopes on hand for a close up look for those attending in person. The Chester Town Hall is located at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vt.

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Future projects will include the annual Garden Project at Mountinside House and the Gill Home in Ludlow, Kind News distribution in local elementary schools, and Dress A Girl, an important dress-making project which helps to protect young girls in African nations.

The club also supports the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) statewide Barbara Jean Barker scholarship, which helps to return displaced women to the workforce through a scholarship to assist with their continuing education. This scholarship is in its 29th year in Vermont.

The club also discussed the upcoming State meeting to be held in Castleton, Vt. on April 15. The state meeting will feature speakers from New Story, a Vermont battered women’s shelter. The

club voted to donate funds to the shelter, and members who attend the state meeting will bring kitchen, bath and personal items to donate to the shelter.

The next meeting of the Okemo Valley Women’s Club will be held Monday, April 10 at the Black River Valley Senior Center in Ludlow. Anyone wishing to attend may contact President Penny Trick at 802-975-0313, Membership Chairwoman Suzanne Garvey at 802-236-4341, or any member.

Art for a Paws benefit

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Great Hall in Springfield will host the first annual Art for a Paws: A Benefit for the Springfield Humane Society. During the month of April, original artwork will be displayed. Online bidding is open until April 30 at www.go.rallyup.com/art-for-a-paws. See the art in person Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. the entire month of April.

On Saturday, April 29, from 3-7 p.m., join us in the Great Hall to enjoy art, live music, entertainment, appetizers, and to learn about the Humane Society’s mission.



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Chester telephone history

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I was asked some time ago if Chester ever had any telephone booths. I hope I manage to make such a mundane story interesting.

On the upper end of Park, in the 50s and 60s, there was a phone booth. Nearby, up over Meditrina was the Park Theater. When the theater let out after a movie, kids would call their parents to come pick them up.

There was a Vermont Transit bus stop at the drug store. Ken Barrett remembers a pay phone inside the drug store. Passengers on the bus needed access to a phone. "Come pick me up" was the typical message. The booth on the Park saw heavy use. I remember the operator interrupting to say, "Deposit 20 cents for the next three minutes."

I recall a phone booth between the Country Girl and the Sunoco station. Now my memory gets a little hazy so I checked with Ted Spaulding, Ken Barrett, and Danny Clemons.

I think there was a booth at Warren's store. Today this location is Vermont Pickers on North Street. Those I checked with also think there was a booth here.

In some cases, our memories fade. I seem to recall a booth outside of town hall. Others came around to this thinking. Ken Barrett thinks the booth was on the little island in front of Salon 2000. This is probably correct.

I have a 1912 poster. Actually it's a Chester phone directory. The photo with this article is the top third of this directory. Customer's phone numbers are listed alphabetically. You can see the name of the phone com-

pany was, "West River Telephone Co." I estimate there are 300-350 names listed, so we know how many phones were in town at the time.

Danny Clemons remembered hearing years ago that the switchboard was in George Marsh's kitchen. Marsh lived in the large house next to town hall. Others had no knowledge of this history. At the top of this directory at right is, "G.F. Marsh, Mgr., Chester Depot, Vt." I'll take Danny's word on this.

I went to see Ted Spaulding. Here's what I learned from Ted.

At the corner of School Street and Common Street is a brick building. Over the years this building has hosted many businesses. When I was young it was Central Vermont Power Co.

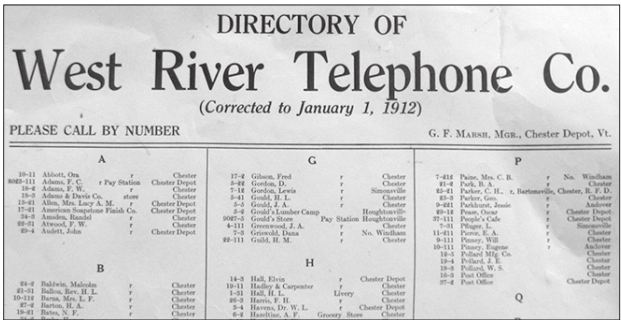
Ted said the phone company was upstairs over the power company. George

Marsh owned it. I have no memory of this location. Ted thought it was in the mid-50s when they moved over near the entrance of the old high school. This location I do know. Ted said George Cahill ran installations.

I had a science project at Chester Junior High School. Mr. Clough was our science teacher. I decided to build an electronic device. I needed a transmitter so I went to the telephone location by the high school. Milton Stowell was there and eager to help when I told him my project. He unscrewed a mouthpiece from a handset and gave it to me. I completed my project with some success.

Ted said that by 1938 dial telephones had arrived in Chester. Chester prefix we know as 875 was Tremont and Springfield was Turner.

Bill Burton worked for the telephone company in



1912 West River Telephone Co. Directory.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

the early 70s after he got out of the service. Bill remembers other pay phones in Chester. There was one at Barney's Texaco, the old Soap Shed location. There was one at Danny's Spaghetti House, south of Green Mountain High School on the left. There might have been one at Buzzies, the old Jiffy Mart. Bill says there were probably others that he's forgotten.

Bill said pay phones were not profitable for the phone company. They had to pay an employee to drive around to empty change boxes. The expense of an employee and

a vehicle was probably more than the income. There was an additional expense of repairing damage done by vandals. Broken glass, cut phone cords, etc.

Someone told me there was a switchboard in Larry Fuller's house on Maple Street. His wife Evelyn was the switchboard operator.

Today pay phones are obsolete. Most everyone today has a cell phone. I do not have nor do I want a cell phone.

This week's old saying: "Old age is best taken one day at a time."

Frederick Law Olmsted, New England's beloved son

REGION – On Thursday, April 13, at 1 p.m., join the Springfield Town Library for a Zoom presentation on Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of landscape architecture, who designed our first city parks, park systems, and model suburban communities. He promoted environmentalism and the subsequent creation of the national park system.

This talk by Ann McEntee begins with a brief overview of Olmsted's early life here in New England and his numerous jobs before partnering with the architect Calvert Vaux to design Central Park. The talk then turns to two of his New England

works, the Emerald Necklace and Shelburne Farms, that display his fundamental design principles and techniques. Through both works, we can understand how the majestic scenery of New England shaped and then directed his work as a designer of great landscapes.

Ann McEntee is a former communications and theater professor. She left teaching to earn a masters of landscape architecture from the University of New Mexico. While living in Santa Fe, she earned her certification as a master gardener, and more recently, her advanced master gardener certification.

Ann currently teaches architectural and landscape history for Keene State College's Cheshire Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) program and works part-time as a landscape consultant. The former lead gardener at the Cathedral of the Pines, she presents garden talks to area townships and organizations.

This program is free, accessible, and open to the public. Contact the library at 802-885-3108 if you have any questions. Go to our website to sign-up for this event www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

"Mr. Destiny" kicks off the FOLA movie series

LUDDLOW, Vt. – The Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) will screen Mr. Destiny on Saturday, April 15, at 7 p.m., in the Heald Auditorium of the Ludlow Town Hall. This kicks off FOLA's 2023 movie schedule that will continue in May with the movie musicals "Show Boat," on Saturday, May 20, and the perennial classic "Grease," on Saturday, May 27.

Jim Belushi stars in this poignant and funny exploration of 'what if' when Lawrence Joseph "Larry/L.J." Burrows finds himself in an alternate reality where he didn't strike out in

the baseball championship game when he was 15. The 90s movie also features Linda Hamilton, Jon Lovitz, Hart Bochner, and Michael Caine.

The movie starts out on Larry's 35th birthday. The family station wagon stalls out and he heads into a local bar to call for a tow truck. The bar tender Mike, played by Michael Caine, is Larry's guardian angel, so Mike serves up a special cocktail so that his wish comes true. Larry wishes that he had hit the home run and not struck out back when he was fifteen.

Larry then experiences a very different life, which leads him to ponder what he really values in life.

"Mr. Destiny" will be shown on the big screen in the Heald Auditorium, located on the second floor of the Ludlow Town Hall, on Saturday, April 15, starting at 7 p.m. The screening will run approximately two hours.

The United Church of Ludlow will provide the water. Admission is free to all. Donations are always welcome and help us to provide quality offerings for the enjoyment of Ludlow-area folks.

Springfield Hospital honors organ donors

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital is partnering with New England Donor Services during the month of April to celebrate National Donate Life Month. This month-long celebration includes local, regional, and national activities designed to help inspire people in the U.S. to register as organ and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

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To help facilitate organ recovery and placement, Springfield Hospital works directly with New England Donor Services. For more information, contact Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or speplau@springfieldhospital.org, or visit www.springfieldhospital.org. Springfield Hospital is located at 25 Ridgewood Road.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the Rutland Hospital staff for their great care over the last eight weeks, with three stays of about three and a half weeks under their care. Thanks for the cleaners, nurses, and special thanks to the doctors, especially my primary doctors, Dr. Mark Stickney and Dr. Robertello, for their great service. Thanks for my family and

friends and great neighbors for all of their help. I am home recovering over the next few weeks. Many thanks to our lord Jesus and all the good folks who helped out so I can enjoy life a while longer. In Vermont. Many, many thanks, Herbert B. Van Guilder Ludlow, Vt.

A Picture Frame of Vermont Beauty – a poem by Glenn Beatty

Walking among hearing gazing gleefully at natures charms
The green green green, pure green embracing arms...
Trees, a forest of, Trees! Each telling a tale IF we watch, touch, listen
Inside and inside out and outside in!
Oh, Glory!
Just GLORY in the blessing of peace as it covers protects massages your spirit in their place where all and every obeys Gods laws because that is simply the way it is. (That's why it feels so good to be here.)
Oh, Glory!
Spellbound should we be as we "hear" her – his – story and outwardly glisten in the rush of beings: Infant, toddler, teen, smitten old-or-young- buck, keen or un-aware, beautiful or not, flamboyant show-off, introvert, extrovert, ignorant or Awake!
Each and every, immaculate-majestic-perfect-resplendent

Serving each other – a community interdependent, a world of the selfless attentive standing dawn to dusk shimmering engendering landing in sunlight, unmoving, defiant and yet accepting all Natures fully giving, root systems silently helping all grow tall
The olds' nutrients passed to young as they fall.
Forever serving, crown of thorns proud, proud to show their age
W/ cut/severed limbs bent, dying/dead leaves, wounds of the warrior sage.
Full, standing tall, shimmering needles/leaves
Rain sun, Almighty God's gift to earth pains... an ease.
Vermont, oh, Vermont, Bless all and every tree
That shades cool caresses us, brings peace to beings, Magnificent, wondrous with the power to mystify, seeming To conjure seemingly simple... but not so.
If we wake up, if we magnify micro to macro and back; plus All joy, all wonder, all humanity, all amazement and finally and most Importantly... they reflect all of us.

“Your Money & You” by SEVCA

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Do you know where all your money is going? Would it feel better to have your money work for you? It is always easy to spend money, but keeping track of rising costs is difficult. These are some of the topics we will discuss to help us gain an understanding of how we can manage money and not have money manage us. Join Southeastern Vermont Community Action's (SEVCA) Financial and Energy Coach, Kevin O'Brien, at a free

workshop on Monday April 10, to gain a clearer picture of your money management opportunities. The financial world is confusing and often predatory, but there are tools we can use to understand how to make the system work for us. We will review some of these tools and talk about current rebate and incentive programs that can help to lower monthly costs. Additional topics will include the basics of loans, credit score and credit reports, and understanding how to protect your personal information,

plus what to do if someone steals your identity. The workshop will be held on April 10 from 6-8 p.m., both in-person in the upstairs meeting room of the Brooks Memorial Library, as well as online. SEVCA's financial and energy coach is supported through the Green Saving Smart program, which is guiding Vermonters to a sustainable financial future. For virtual sign up, setting up a one-on-one appointment, or more information contact kobrien@sevca.org As the region's designated

community action agency (CAA), SEVCA works with local and state partners and in coordination with CAAs nationwide to help resolve crises, create opportunities for all people to thrive, build strong, resilient communities, and work toward a more equitable society. SEVCA was founded in May 1965 and has been meeting needs and changing lives in southeastern Vermont for 57 years. More information is available at www.sevca.org, www.facebook.com/SEVCAorg, or by calling 800-464-9951.

Vermont Everyone Eats comes to a close

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – After 32 months, seven program extensions, and over 3.6 million meals distributed, the Vermont Everyone Eats (VEE) pandemic relief program ended on March 31. Between August 2020 and March 2023, VEE has benefited tens of thousands of Vermonters by providing economic stabilization for independent restaurants, strengthening their relationships with farmers and food producers, and contributing significantly to statewide anti-hunger efforts during a time when food insecurity hit record highs. With its unique cross-

sector approach, engaging local restaurants in providing prepared meals with local ingredients for community members in need, the Vermont Everyone Eats program leveraged over \$46 million in federal Covid relief funding. According to Environmental Economist Elizabeth Schuster, VEE's multiplier effect—recirculating a single federal dollar across multiple local businesses—has likely catalyzed as much as \$66 million in additional local spending. At the start of the Covid emergency, state agency representatives, local and regional anti-hunger advocates, and economic development organizations established this innovative, wide-scale, multi-

sector emergency response. Collaborating entities in creating and coordinating Vermont Everyone Eats include Capstone Community Action, the Center for an Agricultural Economy, Chester Helping Hands, the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Food Connects, Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Hunger Free Vermont, Intervale Center, Localvore, MamaSezz, Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA), ShiftMeals, Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), Springfield Family Center, The Collaborative, The Giving Fridge, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS); Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (VDAIL), Vermont Community Foundation (VCF), Vermont Department of Public Safety, Vermont Emergency Management (VEM), Vermont Farmers Food Center (VFFC), Vermont Foodbank, Vermont Fresh Network (VFN), Vermont Independent Restaurants (VTIR), the Vermont State Legislature, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund (VSJF), Vital Communities, Wilmington Works, and others, including over 700 restaurants, farms, food producers, community organizations, and distribution partners throughout Vermont. With multiple state and federal benefits programs ending or decreasing, and

the economic challenges of the pandemic still lingering, it is a difficult time for many individuals and businesses. But the successes of VEE are spurring local partnerships to develop new ways to address community needs and creatively driving conversations around what comes next. The VEE Task Force, in partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation, has funded several local initiative pilot projects to carry forward elements of the VEE model. The VEE momentum is also fueling other initiatives in communities across the state. Some examples: • Senior Solutions, Chester Helping Hands, and Springfield Family Center are collaborating to provide restaurant meals as a supplemental option for existing Meals on Wheels recipients in areas of Windsor County. • The Giving Fridge, a Middlebury-based initiative launched in December 2020, will continue to distribute donation-funded meals via automated refrigerators and heated food lockers. • New Moon Catering in Burlington continues to raise funds through their business and recently received ARPA funding, which will allow them to continue offering free meals in partnership with a local café. • Vermont Farmers Food Center has launched Rutland County Eats, a VEE-inspired program that will distribute 200 meals per week after VEE ends, funded by an on-line market where additional prepared meals are sold to the wider community. For more information on VEE-inspired local initiatives, ongoing food resources, and program partners, visit the Vermont Everyone Eats website at www.vteveryoneeats.org.

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20 Round Table titles
22 First lady?
24 Expected
27 Facts and figures
29 Congers
32 Elvis Presley hit song
35 Spiked club
36 Mandolin's kin
37 UFO crew
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DOWN

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9 Personal bug-aboo
10 Power co. supply
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23 Victory sign
24 Poorly lit
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30 Allow
31 Soon-to-be grads
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EASTER SERVICES

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BELLOWS FALLS, VT. –

First Baptist Church

Breakfast will be served for the First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church on April 7. There will be eggs, pancakes, waffles, meat, potatoes, and beverages. Vegan and gluten free options will be available. Food will be served from 5-6:30 p.m., for take out call 802-463-3220 between 3:30-5 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the Rockingham Recreation Programs.

There will be Easter Services at the First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls. There will be a sunrise service on Sunday, April 9, at 6:30 a.m. at the Oak Hill Cemetery Gazebo in Bellows Falls, breakfast to follow at the church. There will be a Traditional Easter Service at the church on Sunday, April 9, at 10 a.m.

Immanuel Episcopal Church

Please join us for our Holy Week services, either in person or via zoom. To access Zoom, email immanuelepiscopal@gmail.com.

Maundy Thursday service, April 6, begins at 6 p.m. in our chapel. We will move about the church proper to recreate the last supper that Jesus would have shared with his disciples.

Good Friday service, April 7, Stations of the Cross, begins at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. We proceed through the stations, taking time to pause at each with a brief reading.

Easter Vigil is held on Saturday, April 8, at 6 p.m., to accommodate those who do not wish to rise early or stay up late.

Holy Easter service, April 9, begins at 10 a.m., in person, only in the sanctuary.

All are welcome at Immanuel Episcopal Church to participate and receive communion.

BROWNSVILLE, VT. –

Brownsville Community Church

Sunday, April 2 was Palm Sunday, the start of the celebration of Easter Week.

On Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Maundy Thursday Service.

Friday, April 7 brings the community a free Good Friday Concert at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Good Friday Service at 2:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. there will be the Great Brownsville Community Church Easter Egg Hunt! This will happen in Tribute Park, adjacent to the church, and will continue until all 1,500 eggs are found. Each egg will contain a treasure or two, special to youngsters.

The Sunday Sunrise Service on April 9 will start at 7:30 a.m. at Ascutney Outdoors, where the morning view will provide a dramatic back drop for those attending. There will be warmth from the fire pit if weather allows.

Enjoy the Community Easter Breakfast at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at the church, where volunteers will be serving up pancakes, sausage, and maple syrup. Then join your neighbors at the Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. Donations are welcome.

The Easter Sunday Service follows breakfast at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary, which will be adorned with beautiful spring flowers.

WESTMINSTER, VT. –

The First Congregational Church of Westminster

Holy week services at 3470 US Route 5, in Westminster, Vt. You can also meet our new pastor Rich O'Donnell, who will be leading us in worship.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a simple meal of soup and bread around the table followed by communion. In addition, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a short service in the sanctuary. On Good Friday, April 7, join us for music and meditation from 12-3 p.m. to commemorate the three hours of Christ's suffering on the cross.

In addition there will be a Good Friday service at 5:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, at 6:19 a.m., there will be a sunrise service at Kurn Hattin, in front of the Mayo building, with a beautiful view of the Connecticut River Valley at sunrise. Dress for the weather. Afterwards there will be an Easter breakfast in the church fellowship hall at 7 a.m.

Please RSVP by calling 802-518-0321 if you would like breakfast. At 10 a.m. there will be a special Easter service in the sanctuary, complete with songs, celebrations, and flowers. Alleluia!

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Thomas J. Bystrek, Sr., 2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Thomas John Bystrek, Sr., 75, of Chester, Vt., passed away on March 31, 2023 at Middlesex Hospital. Born in Middletown, he was the son of the late John and Katherine (DeGraff) Bystrek.

Thomas had lived in East Berlin, Berlin, and Chester. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion Post #67 in Chester. Thomas worked for Mobil Corp for ten years and Balf Savin Company as an operating engineer for many years until he retired. He enjoyed big game hunting, trapping, fishing, and bird watching in his later years.

Thomas is survived by his son, Thomas J. Bystrek, Jr. and his wife Denise of Cromwell, Conn; his daughter Cheryl L. Bystrek of St. Cloud, Fla.; two brothers Joseph Bystrek of Hillsborough, N.H. and Richard Bystrek of Brooksville, Fla.; two sisters Katherine Sleming of Brodnax, Va. and Pauline Phillips of Brooksville, Fla.; three grandchildren Christian Bystrek, Ryan Ogden and Nicholas Matias; two step grandchildren Stephen Hennessey Jr. and Kaitlyn Tobias; ten great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Middlesex Comfort Care



Thomas J. Bystrek, Sr., 2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Unit and Foxtrot Unit at Sgt. John L. Levitow Veterans Health Center for their comforting and compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 10 a.m. at the Cromwell Funeral Home, located at 506 Main Street in Cromwell, Conn. Burial will follow at Saint Mary Cemetery in Portland, where full military honors will be accorded. Family and friends may call on Wednesday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Thomas's memory may be made to Middlesex Comfort Care Unit, 28 Crescent Street, Middletown, CT 06457 or Sgt. John L. Levitow Veterans Health Center, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

Ruth Ann Sheldon, 1946-2023

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Ann Sheldon, 76, born Ruth Ann Heynig on Nov. 2, 1946, to Arthur A Heynig Sr. and Ruth Heynig (Barrell), died on March 29, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

She grew up in Hartland and Proctorsville, Vt., living most of her life in Proctorsville.

On Aug. 2, 1964, she married Vernon Sheldon Sr. Together they had six children. They later divorced in 1985.

In the early to mid 70s, Ann worked for the 5C program, providing in-home educational support to pre-school aged children in Windsor and Springfield, Vt. She later worked for Jewell Brook Mills in Ludlow, then Mac Molding Company in Cavendish, retiring in 2012.

She enjoyed playing cribbage, crocheting, and knitting. She loved spending time at the ocean, walking along the beach and listening to the rolling waves and the call of the seagulls. This was a place that brought her a sense of peace. She also loved spending time with her family. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her an abundance of joy and pride.

Ann is survived by her six children, whom she loved fiercely and unconditionally; four sons, Butch (Jackie) of Hubert, N.C.; Joe, Rick, and Andy (Wendy) of Proctorsville, Vt.; her two daughters, Barbara of Proc-



Ruth Ann Sheldon, 1946-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

torsville, Vt., and Ann Marie of Springfield, Vt. She is survived by 12 grandchildren Robin Surething, Shawn Bixby, Christopher and Corrie Roberts, Courtney, Marc, Katie, Sarah, and Jonathan Sheldon, Holly and Josh Benton, and Jessica Corwin, and 16 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Kathy (Jeff) Blackmon, brother Frank Heynig, Aunt Edith White and Uncle John Barrell, four nephews, a niece, and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Arthur A. Heynig Jr.

Services are being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Hospice of Vermont/New Hampshire and the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society in Windsor, Vt.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Dorothy Elizabeth Mann (Deware), 1943-2023

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Dorothy Elizabeth Mann (Deware), 79, of Charlestown, N.H. passed away peacefully on March 19, 2023, after battling a prolonged illness. Dorothy was born on April 27, 1943, to Rainsford Deware and Helen Deware (Day) of Harvard, Mass. Dorothy was the wife of David Mann of New York. Dorothy and David had three children, Robert Mann of Claremont, N.H., Robin Mann of Gilford, N.H., and Richard Mann of Charlestown, N.H.

Dorothy was better known as Dottie, Dot, or Dot Dot by her loved ones. A charismatic woman with a booming soul, she was outgoing and outspoken, and did not hold back when it came to the people or things she loved in her life. Dottie was a woman of profound faith, passionate, and a caretaker to many that crossed her path, touching many people's lives through the years. She was an outstanding baker and was always on the go, though she did enjoy her late afternoon naps. Dottie was the matriarch of the family from early on in life. She played a big part in raising her younger sisters while establishing her own growing family, and hosted many holidays and family gatherings at her homes in Vermont.

Dottie spent countless summers in York Beach, Maine. She enjoyed these times with her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers-in-law, and nieces. When she wasn't relaxing at the camper or on the beach enjoying the sand, waves, and good books, she kept busy by working at the infamous Goldenrod and various retail shops in the York and Ogunquit areas. Later in life she took to traveling cross-country with her husband while he worked as a tractor-trailer driver in the transportation



Dorothy Mann, 1943-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

industry, sharing many adventures and seeing many sights along the way, eventually retiring in Charlestown, N.H. Dorothy was predeceased by her parents Rainsford and Helen Deware, her husband David Mann, and her sister Susan Cornelius (Deware). She is survived by her children Robert Mann, Richard Mann, and Robin Mann and her husband Jeff Henslee; grandchildren Stephan Lee, Matthew Lee, and Benjamin Mann; great grandchildren Maddox Lee, Noah Lee, Logan Lee, Sawyer Lee, and Wyatt Lee, brother Rainsford Deware Jr., sisters Debra Lowe and Wanda Loasby, brother-in-law George Loasby Jr., nephew Rainsford Deware III; nieces Justine Atlas, Yvette Lorraine, Heather Loasby, Amanda Lowe, and Jessica Lowe, as well as many other extended family members and friends.

The family plans to hold a Celebration of Life ceremony in the coming months, in which they will gather to reflect on all the love they have for Dottie, and the memories of her beautiful life. She will be greatly missed. Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

Martin Nitka, 2023

LUDLOW, Vt. – Martin Nitka, 80, of Ludlow, Vt., passed away on Thursday,

March 30, 2023. A full obituary will follow in a later edition.

CHURCH SERVICES: We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at www.VermontJournal.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

APRIL 6 – LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be a turkey dinner on Thursday, April 6, at noon, in the Ludlow Community Center Cafeteria, located at 37 Main St. in Ludlow. Meals will be provided by Black River Good Neighbor Services, all are welcome free of charge. Bingo will follow the meal.

APRIL 7 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – Dance the waltz, swing, cha cha, tango, fox trot, and more in the beautiful Owens Hall at the Claremont Senior Center on April 7, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Comfortable table seating will be available. There will be music you can dance to, yet still carry on a conversation! Bring

your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks will be provided. The Claremont Senior Center is located at 5 Acer Heights Rd, in Claremont.

APRIL 17 – LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be music by Rust and Ruin from 1-3 p.m., on April 17, at the Black River Valley Senior Center, located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. Event is free of charge.

APRIL 21-22 – ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Female Charitable Society sale will be held Friday, April 21, from 3– 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Church on the Hill. All sales are by donation. Drops offs for Rummage Sale call Alva Grant at 603-835-6848. Nothing dropped off to church before 4/10. All donations must be clean and in good condition. No electronics please. Also there will be a box for eyeglasses and frame donations.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

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 – 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 for more information. Private classes are available.

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

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

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS –

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-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.

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

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

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.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant

loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

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

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

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

FRIDAYS – 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. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org or visit www.edgarmay.org.

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

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CAVENDISH, VERMONT

The Town of Cavendish has an immediate opening for a full-time Highway Department crew member.

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Applications, resumes and inquiries should be directed to:

Cavendish Select Board
Town of Cavendish Municipal Building
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Cavendish, Vermont 05142
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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windsor ☒ Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 23-PR-00969

In re ESTATE of: Eben C Jewett


NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Eben C Jewett

late of Springfield, Vermont

Decedent
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 3-30-2023 Signature of Fiduciary: 

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
Doris Jewett		21 Clark St
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802-886-1055		North Springfield, VT 05150

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal - The Shopper

Publication Date: April 5, 2023

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
OF INTENT TO APPLY HERBICIDES
RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

To prevent safety hazards and the interruption of electric service, National Grid is obligated to maintain its rights-of-way and carefully control the growth of certain tree species under transmission lines. The most effective method of accomplishing this is selective herbicide treatment. The herbicides that are used have been registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Certified and experienced applicators will apply the treatments with handheld tools. A permit has been applied for through the Secretary of Agriculture by National Grid for the purpose of making a selective ground-based treatment of the following herbicides: Garlon 4 Ultra (Triclopyr); Krenite S (Ammonium salt of Fosamine); Escort XP (Metsulfuron Methyl); Rodeo (Isopropylamine Salt of Glyphosate); or Polaris (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr) on its rights-of-way in the following towns:

Town:	Right-of-Ways:
Guilford	1621
Hartford	1830
Vernon	1601, 1621
Wilmington	1835

The treatment will start on or about June 19, 2023.

National Grid uses GIS based topographic maps to locate public water supplies, which will be avoided. Vermont regulations require National Grid to warn residents to protect private water supplies and environmentally sensitive areas. It is the responsibility of the residents to notify the Company contact person of the existence of private water supplies or other environmentally sensitive areas located within 100 feet of the right-of-way.

Landowners with questions regarding private water supplies on the Company's rights-of-way maintenance program should contact:

Mariclaire Rigby
National Grid
939 Southbridge Street
Worcester, MA 01610
Telephone: (781) 290-8310 or mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

Residents who wish to submit comments regarding this vegetation management treatment should contact:

Vermont Department of Agriculture
State Office Building, 116 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
Telephone: (802) 828-2431

Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for garden maintenance for both Memorial and Buxton Parks. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Wednesday April 12, 2023.

Shane O’Keefe, Town Administrator

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 100 Old School St at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 19, 2023 to hold a public hearing for a request by Hunter Kaltsas to reconsider some of the conditions of the decision rendered by the board on his applications for two quarries on Rowes Rd in South Londonderry.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 446(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

Application materials and information on how to attend remotely are available by emailing the town's Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org.



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P.O. BOX 385
CHARLESTOWN, NH 03603

Tel: (603) 826-4400
Fax: (603) 826-3709

www.charlestown-nh.gov

FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a full-time Finance Clerk. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to; processing accounts payable weekly, log general ledger entries, revenue accruals, and corrections, etc. Preparation of quarterly budget reviews and various quarterly fund financial statements. Responsible for yearly budget preparation. Responsible for balancing funds with Treasurer and Tax Clerk. Assist with answering incoming phone calls, walk in customers. Applicants must be detailed oriented and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Business Management Systems, Inc (BMSI) is a plus, but we are willing to train the right person. Interested persons may obtain an application in the Selectboard Office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town's website www.charlestown-nh.gov. Applications/Resumes may be emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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The Town of Charlestown seeks an energetic Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard.

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Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

Charlestown Town Office
Human Resources Department
PO Box 385
Charlestown NH 03603
Or email to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St.

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River Valley
job fair

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Department of Labor is gearing up for a spring full of job fairs, which provide a valuable opportunity for job seekers to connect with employers. The job fair for our region will be held on April 14, from 3-6 p.m., at Riverside Middle School in Springfield. For more information, visit www.rivervallemploymentfair.org.

“We’re always excited to help connect folks looking for new jobs, face-to-face with employers,” said Commissioner Harrington. “There are many eager employers, with great career opportunities right here in Vermont who need help today.”

All employment events are free for jobseekers, and everyone is welcome to attend. To connect with a local job center near you, visit www.labor.vermont.gov/workforce-development/job-centers.

For additional information on general career services and resources, visit www.labor.vermont.gov/jobs.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Second shift available, various hours between 11-9, Direct Care for Elderly in Family-owned Assisted Living. Call 603-826-0840.

LONDONDERRY AREA – Looking for weekly, part time help for our property management company. Must be able to work alone, follow details, and have a drivers license. Jobs change with the seasons and can change daily, but consist of plowing, shoveling, sanding, fire wood deliveries, sometimes furniture removal or trucking, spring cleanups, mowing, brush clearing. Subcontractors or part time help all welcome. Will pay well. 802-345-5110.

YARD SALE

POWER & HAND TOOL SALE on April 15, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 368 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pre Moving Barn Sale Rain or Shine April 14-16, 14 Webb Terrace. Records, CD's, 45's, Books, Jewelry, Dishes, X-Mas Village, Games, Tools, Small Appliances, Outdoor Furniture, Canning Jars, Soap Molds, Air Conditioners.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of William W Watkins, late of Springfield VT. 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 4 months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be preset to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Robert Gammon Administrator
158 Will Dean Rd
Springfield, VT 05156

Vermont Superior Court
12 The Green
Woodstock, VT 05091

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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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TOWN OF CHESTER

556 Elm Street
P.O. Box 370
Chester, VT 05143

(802) 875-2173
Fax (802) 875 2237

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
YOSEMITE FIRE HOUSE
WINDOW and DOOR RESTORATION

The Town of Chester is seeking qualified bidders who are proficient in working with historic windows and doors. The Town of Chester has been awarded a Historic Preservation Grant from the Division of Historic Preservation for the State of Vermont. These grant funds were obtained for the purpose of conserving and restoring 10 large 6-over-6 double hung windows, two 2-over-2 windows, one 1-over-1 window and two single light fixed windows, to include painting of all wood surfaces as well as the installation of historically compatible storm windows.

This project also includes restoration of a sliding vehicle door as well as the installation of a new hinged door located behind the sliding vehicle door. In addition, restoration or replacement of a paneled wood door and an appropriate wood storm door. Architectural renderings will be supplied at the mandatory site visit.

Due to the use of Historic Preservation funds, all work will be done with the historic nature of the Yosemite Fire House in mind. If necessary, traditional materials should be replaced in kind with materials that match the original and are joined in the same or a similar way. In addition, all work will need to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

There will be a mandatory site visit held at the Yosemite Fire House, 716 Depot Street, Chester, at 9:30 a.m. on April 19, 2023. Please contact Julie Hance at (802) 875-2173 or julie.hance@chestervt.gov for a copy of the Bid Specifications.

Any Contractor selected must be able to provide a Certificate of Insurance for General Liability and Property Damage and must identify the State of Vermont as an additional insured. Said policy shall have limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operation Aggregate and \$50,000 Fire/Legal/Liability. In addition, any Contractor selected must provide proof of Workers Compensation Insurance and Automotive Liability Insurance.

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Yosemite Fire House Window and Door Restoration" and should be forwarded to the Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or **before 12:00 noon on Friday, May 19, 2023.**

TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR
SUBDIVISION PERMIT

Linda Smith has applied for a Subdivision Permit for a property located at 379 Coach Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed minor subdivision will divide an existing lot (parcel #57-50-01.100) of 26.04 acres into two lots of 13.53 and 12.51 acres.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 379 Coach Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing 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.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 30th day of March 2023.

Preston Bristow
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestervt.gov

CHESTER SELECTBOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED
DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS

The Chester Selectboard will convene a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. The proposed development bylaws amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission and submitted to the Selectboard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4441(g).

The principal purpose of the proposed development bylaws amendment is to encourage workforce housing in the village districts, clarify uses that are exempt from zoning, define primitive camps and short-term rentals, require new private roads to conform to Chester's Road and Bridge Standards, streamline the subdivision review process, and allow more non-resident employees in home occupations and home businesses. The proposed amendment will affect every geographical area of Chester. The amended Sections of the Bylaws include 2.14-Flood Prevention Overlay District, 3.1-Accessory Dwelling Unit, 3.11-Home Occupation, 3.12-Home Business, 3.14-Lot and Yard Requirements, 3.19-Non-Conformities, 3.20-Off-Street Parking, 3.22-Renewable Energy Facilities, 3.30-Short Term Rentals, 4.3-Exemptions, 4.9-Performance Standards, 4.10-Planned Unit Development, 4.12-Subdivision Review Procedures, 5.2-Road Design, 7.16-Waivers, and 8.2-Definitions.

The full text of the proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office and on the home page of the Town's website at www.chestervt.gov.

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 under Zoom Meetings: Select Board Meeting.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 3rd day of April 2023.

Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont

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Crossing Boundaries in Thread and Paint
Fiber Art Show by Julie Crabtree
Artist Reception April 1 1-3

4/15 Create a Spring Mandala with Julie Crabtree

4/28 & 29 Machine Stitchery Landscape with Julie

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Legislative Update w/ Rep. Tesha Buss
- Governor Scott Press Conference
- Pat & Penny Travel to Israel & Jordan
- VNH Let's Talk
- Funky Food with Dave

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

summer camps

ENTERTAINMENT

Climb, swim, explore

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center invites children ages 7 to 14 to participate in our 2023 Adventure Summer Camp, which will run five days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adventure Camp is available for eight weeks this summer: June 26-30, July 3-7, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 31-Aug. 4, Aug. 7-11, Aug. 14-18, and Aug. 21-25.

“We’re really excited for the return of adventure camp and to add two more weeks to the program this summer,” says Christian Craig, executive director.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, campers will

use our 40-foot rock climbing wall and learn important skills, terminology, and safety measures. This dynamic activity is a full body work out, with many health benefits including increasing range of motion and flexibility, building strength and endurance, and boosting brain function. Campers will also cool down in our pools with engaging water games, swim lessons, and BOGA classes.

On Tuesday and Thursday, campers will travel off-site to Vermont State Parks, museums, nature centers, and more. An example of a few of these locations are the Vermont Institute of

Natural Science (VINS) in Quechee, Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock, Grafton Nature Museum, Montshire Museum in Norwich, and Bromley Adventure Park.

Students ages 13 to 15 are invited to participate in camp as counselors in training. CITs will assist counselors with leading activities for the younger campers as well as learn valuable leadership and management skills.

A 10% second child discount and financial assistance is available for adventure camp. For more information about the Edgar May’s Access for All

sliding scale financial assistance, go to www.edgarmay.org/financial-aid. Registration and additional information are available at www.edgarmay.org/summer-camps. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is located at 140 Clinton Street in Springfield, and provides area residents of all ages with the opportunities and resources necessary to live an active and healthy lifestyle in a safe, clean, and supportive environment.

STEM science camps at ESBR

LUDLOW, Vt. – STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) science camps will be available this summer through the Expeditionary School at Black River’s (ESBR’s) partnership with the New Hampshire Academy of Science. There will be two separate weeklong camps open for registration.

These camps feature hands-on learning opportunities in the science fields, and as previewed at our open house earlier in

March, where the students showcased their projects, it is clear how much they have taken to the STEM subjects. All interested students are welcome.

To register or for more information about the two camp opportunities go to our website www.esblackriver.org/summer-learning-2023.

Please feel free to spread the word to any interested student learner. We are honored to host these upcoming camps.



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Massucco concert series continues with Steel Wheels

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Steel Wheels have long been at home in the creative space between tradition and innovation, informed by the haunting music of the Virginia mountains where the band was formed, but always moving forward. Quickly staking their claim as one of the best bands in the burgeoning Americana scene when they emerged in 2005, The Steel Wheels have since logged tens of thousands of miles on the road

and scored a well-deserved reputation as a live act that gives its all at each and every performance. They headline the second Ray Massucco Concert Series show on Friday, April 7, at the Bellows Falls Opera House.

Opening the show is another well-loved and well-traveled veteran, singer songwriter Peter Mulvey. “One of the things that really distinguishes this show is the fact that I’ve never seen either act mail it in,”

says Ezra Veitch of Ray’s the Roof Productions, organizers of the series. “Both Peter Mulvey and the Steel Wheels play like they mean it, because they do mean it.”

Stubbornly independent and committed to their vision, the Steel Wheels have cemented a tight bond with their devoted audience. Nowhere is this more evident than at the band’s annual Red Wing Roots Music Festival, a weekend-long celebration of music and

community in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, not unlike Rockingham’s beloved Roots on the River, which was helmed by Ray Massucco from 2008 until 2019, and which the band headlined in 2016.

Massucco, a beloved local lawyer and indefatigable music supporter, passed away unexpectedly in September 2022. The Ray’s the Roof team of Veitch, Maridee Serebrov, Patrick Leblanc, Crystal Powers,

and Charlie Hunter quickly came together to present a series of concerts at the opera house in his name. Next Stage Arts of Putney is co-presenting the series. Guitar wizard Chris Smither will appear with The Suitcase Junket on Sept. 23, with the final concert of the 2023 series on Nov. 5, featuring the Vermont Symphony Orchestra with vocalist Kat Wright.

They, and other friends, are also involved in organiz-

ing a Celebration of Life for Massucco that will be held on June 11 at the Rockingham Meeting House.

The Bellows Falls Opera House is located at 7 Village Square, Bellows Falls, Vt. Doors at 6:30 p.m., showtime at 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information at www.BellowsFallsOperaHouse.com, or call 802-387-0102. The Ray Massucco Concert Series is presented by Next Stage Arts and Ray’s The Roof Productions.

Spring Mandala in Stitches at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Are you interested in embroidery or adding a new dimension to what you already create? Gallery at the VAULT is excited to offer “Spring Mandala in Stitches” with Julie Crabtree on Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Create a stitchery mandala, learning many hand embroidery stitches. Refresh your memory or add new stitches to your embroidery vocabulary. This is worked in the round, finished in a six-inch hoop ready to hang or frame as a mandala sampler. All threads, fabrics, hoops, and needles will be provided, just bring scissors. Ready to hang in a

six-inch hoop, which is provided. This promises to be a delightful learning experience.

While you are at VAULT, enjoy Julie’s amazing, colorful show “Crossing Boundaries in Thread and Paint,” up until April 26.

Julie has been teaching workshops in creative mixed media stitchery, free motion sewing, hand stitchery including experimental work, and creating design through art exploration. She has degrees from Mansfield College of Arts and the City and Guilds of London, England and has won many awards for her work. Her teaching background is extensive, having taught beginners to

advanced levels in England and the U.S.

“Julie is encouraging and inspiring at all levels, she works individually with each student. I really appreciate the personal advice on my efforts.”

There is a fee, register by Wednesday, April 12.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street, in Springfield, Vt. The gallery is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit our website www.galleryvault.org.

“Supporting Native Plants Supports Bird Populations”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Desiree Narango, conservation biologist from the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program “Supporting Native Plants Supports Bird Populations” on Tuesday, April 11, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

She will discuss the interdependence in the ecosystem between plants and animals. Birds depend on insects from native plants to feed their young. She’ll consider the disappearance

of many bird species in our area if the plants aren’t here to provide their usual food source. By planting and encouraging more native plants in our gardens, yards, and fields we will support the native fruits and berries and insects that feed upon them, thus providing the food source that our local birds are accustomed to for raising their young.

Desiree’s research focuses on biodiversity conservation and habitat restoration in the face of global change. Desiree’s ultimate goal is to help land managers and communities implement effective and efficient action to support biodiversity and people in a rapidly

changing world.

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