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Flooding affects the region

REGION – Widespread flooding across the region began overnight Monday, July 10 and continued into Tuesday, with significant damage in Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, and other surrounding towns. Many roads have washed out or been flooded, leading to road closures. Among the roads affected are Route 100A in Plymouth, Route 131 from Cavendish to Weathersfield, Route 100 in Londonderry, and Routes 103 and 100 in Ludlow.

Flood shelters have been opened in several locations, including the Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main Street; Cavendish Elementary School, 573 Main Street; Ludlow Parks and Rec Department, 37 Main Street; Plymouth Community Shelter, 35 School Drive; and Springfield Recreation Center, 140 Clinton Street.

Please exercise caution, and be patient as road crews work to clear the debris and assess the damage to roads. Be safe if venturing outside. Flood water areas can obscure the extent of road damage and be deeper than they appear.



Route 103 in Ludlow.

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Main Street in Ludlow.

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Depot Street in Cavendish.

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Route 103 in Chester.

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Kingdom Pollard Road in Plymouth.

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Chester passes controversial camper ban

BY NICK GIBERTI

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The July 5 meeting of the Chester Selectboard began with two public hearings; the first on

the “administrative” amendment to the town’s unified development bylaws, and the second on the “open space” amendment to the same.

The first hearing was the result of previous discussions at the May 3 selectboard meeting, at which the board had taken issue with some of the wording and proposed additions to the bylaws, sending them back to the planning commission for

further review before deciding whether to adopt them. Among the more controversial topics from the previous meeting was the proposed addition of language which would have banned living in “self-contained travel trailers,” or campers, in Chester. “In the end, we decided to leave [the proposed bylaw about campers] unchanged,” Preston Bristow, Chester’s zoning administrator and town planner, told the selectboard. “Basically, it’s limiting to two camper trailers on a property...not more than 180 days, and if it’s more than that, then it would be considered a campground.”

Chester resident Lenny Newcomb, a neighbor of Planning Commission Chair Hugh Quinn who owns a metal repair business, expressed concern to the board that his business would be affected by the language of the bylaws concerning campers, and his belief that he was be-

ing targeted by the planning commission specifically due to his property’s proximity to Quinn’s. “I have more than two campers on my yard,” he said, explaining that these campers were in his yard awaiting repairs as part of his business. The board was uncertain as to whether or not the bylaw would apply to a business which repaired campers, though both the board and Bristow expressed hesitantly that they did not believe it would be an issue, and ultimately there were no changes made to the wording of the camper bylaw.

It was also discussed at the previous meeting whether a proposed bylaw allowing two principal structures on a lot was necessary, as the town already had a process in place for allowing such a scenario, called a “planned unit development” (PUD). The PUD requires the approval of the development

review board (DRB) and planning commission, while the proposed bylaw would have eliminated these approval requirements. Ultimately, this proposed bylaw was withdrawn, and the process for adding a second principal structure to a lot remained the same, requiring anyone wishing to add a second principal structure to go through the PUD process.

The second hearing, on “open space,” was a new topic of discussion. This bylaw would create a new “open space” district within Chester’s floodplain, in order to attempt to clarify what is and is not permissible within the area of the town which is vulnerable to significant flooding. “It’s a district that we’ve just clearly said this is not an appropriate area for construction of [houses] and businesses,” Bristow told the board.

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Three students awarded Andover Scholarship



Greta Bernier.

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Maisen LaPrise.

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Brodie Massey.

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the goal of improving her artistic blacksmithing skills.

Brodie Massey is a Green Mountain Union High School graduate who will attend Vermont State University, Randolph (formerly Vermont Technical College) to study diesel power technology, with the goal of improving his knowledge for a career as a diesel mechanic. For Brodie’s Eagle Scout project, he built new information boxes for Andover’s three cemeteries.

The Andover Scholarship Committee has been offering scholarships since the mid-1990s to outstanding Andover high school seniors who are continuing their education in colleges, universities, and trade schools. The committee raises money for scholarships primarily through

a fundraising letter. To date, this community support has helped 68 of our young high school graduates take the next step in their education.

The Andover Scholarship Fund is a recognized public charity under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If you wish to donate to the scholarship fund, please send your contribution to the Andover Scholarship Committee, 953 Weston-Andover Road, Andover, VT 05143.

The scholarship committee, whose members are Charlene Huyler, Maddy Bodin, and Carmen Macchia, wishes the three scholarship recipients, and all of Andover’s high school graduates, success.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Thank you to the four youngsters who pulled the winning ducks for the Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions Club Annual Duck Derby following the Londonderry Fourth of July Parade.

After careful consideration, we did not put the ducks in the river to race. After all the recent rains, the water was high and the current was swift, we didn’t want any one injured retrieving rubber ducks.

We put all of the purchased ducks in a kiddie pool and let the kids stir



The annual Duck Derby in progress.

PHOTO PROVIDED

them up and pick the winners.

The winners are: first

place, \$250, Duck #287 Cindy Cooke, Manchester; second place, \$100, Duck #401, Kathy Dorman, Vergennes; third place, \$50, Duck #424, Joe Pickard, South Londonderry.

The new prize given this year is the Lame Duck award, worth \$25, won by the Armor family of Londonderry with Duck #577. Congratulations to all. A huge thank you to all who contribute and donate to the Lions fundraisers in our Tri-Mountain communities. All of these monies go right back into our Tri-Mountain area to help those in need.

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Chester Festival seeks volunteers —

CHESTER, Vt. — The Chester Community Events Committee announces the 49th annual Chester Festival on The Green, a free outdoor event featuring two full days of outdoor exhibits, authentic artisan products, live music, animals, agriculture, food, and other fall fun.

This year's festival will be held in historic Chester, Vt., on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., rain or shine. Current information

is available at www.chesterfestival.org, and a full guide will be published in early September.

For nearly 50 years, hundreds of people have converged on the Chester Town Green for this hallmark celebration of Vermont culture and kick-off to fall foliage season. The 2022 festival featured more than 80 vendors — including painters, potters, woodworkers, glass blowers, jewelers, and fiber artists — alongside artisan demonstrations, animal exhibits, tractor rides,

apple cider pressing, a hay maze, games, and other family-friendly activities. 2023 vendor applications are still being accepted, and are available at www.chesterfestival.org/vendor-application.html.

The Chester Festival on The Green is a nonprofit event entirely sustained by community support. Volunteers can help out in event operations by handing out information to patrons, offering booth assistance to vendors, directing parking, setting up and

breaking down tents, and more. Each volunteer must commit to at least one four-hour shift, and students in need of community service hours are highly encouraged to join. Those interested in becoming a festival ambassador may apply at www.chesterfestival.org/volunteer.html.

Those who wish to contribute but are unable to volunteer may mail donations to Chester Community Events Committee, P.O. Box 707, Chester, VT 05143.

Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers thank supporters —

LUDLOW, Vt. — On Friday, June 23, the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club held a fundraiser golf tournament, dedicated to our long-time member Doug Peabody, at Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt. The club would like to thank all the players, volunteers, sponsors, and Fox Run Golf Club and Calcutta's for making the day such a success. We would also like to thank Killarney's Irish Pub for helping us to open our festivities by hosting our gathering the night before. It was a gorgeous day, Killarney's and Fox Run both did a great job, and a good time was had by all. Much gratitude to the following sponsors of our 2023 golf tournament:

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The Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers is a volunteer club which maintains the snowmobile trails in Ludlow, Vt. The generous support the club received is a major help in funding those efforts. Proceeds will go toward the club's various volunteer efforts in Ludlow, Vt.



Golfers at the Side Hill Cronchers' Tournament.
PHOTO BY PATTY COMPANIK



Tygart Trading Post

LUDLOW, Vt. — The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Tygart Trading Post, in Lamere Square in Ludlow. Chamber Director Carol assists owners Angie and Patrick to cut the ribbon, along with Jared, inventory and online director, Abbey, trading post general manager, and Charlie, ski shop general manager. Angie and Patrick also own Tygart Mountain Sports in Ludlow.

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Tai Chi returns at Black River Senior Center

LUDLOW, Vt. — The Black River Senior Center will be offering Tai Chi classes, hosted by Helena Wu, a certified Tai Chi instructor, starting in August, on Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

This beginner level class is based on Dr. Paul Lam's "Balance and Fall Prevention" techniques. Tai Chi is a steady, rhythmic series of motions that use the whole body. Movements can be mod-

ified to meet a student's individual needs, and chairs are provided for the mobility challenged. Anyone with the desire to strengthen body, mind, and spirit may participate. Side effects may include increased energy and inner peace. Classes are free and limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Black River Valley Senior Center at 10 High Street in Ludlow, 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

and given an opportunity to send in feedback.

Moving on to a vote on the administrative amendments, there was more dissension regarding the travel trailer amendment. Discussion focused on similar issues to the May 3 meeting, regarding whether or not the rule makes sense given the lack of available housing in Chester, and whether or not passing and not enforcing such a rule sets a bad precedent.

"The board had two things that we were very concerned about," said selectboard member Pe-

ter Hudkins, "and the answer from the planning commission was 'we're not gonna change them,' and for me, that's really a big disappointment."

Planning Commission Vice Chair Tim Roper responded to Hudkins, noting that the selectboard had given their input to the planning commission as they reviewed the amendments, and the planning commission had "discussed all of these changes at length." "My sense at the end of that meeting was that we were all in agreement, that yeah, it's not ideal, but that's probably the best way to move forward. We don't want to set up Chester to be a place where...if you don't have a place to live you can get a travel trailer and set it up in somebody's driveway in Chester," said Roper.

Selectboard Chair Arne Jonyas expressed that he felt that continuing to discuss the issue, given all of the discussion which had already taken place, would be a poor use of the planning commission's time going forward. "I am totally against [sending the amendments back to the planning commission] considering all the work that the planning commission has put into this with input from the selectboard, with input from the public...because we think there might be an alternative way, yet we don't have...an idea of what that different way could be."

When the vote was taken, Jonyas voted in favor of the amendment, Hudkins voted against, and members Arianne Knapp and Lee Gustafson abstained. Board member Heather Chase was absent. After more discussion, Gustafson and Knapp voted reluctantly in favor of accepting the amendment.

The open space amendment to the bylaws was adopted without controversy.

Housing commission bylaws were also reviewed, and accepted, with changes made since the previous discussion on June 7. These changes were the number of members, now "between five and nine," as well as changes to language which some selectboard members felt constituted guarantees of housing to all potential residents which could not or should not be made.

The Chester Selectboard will hold only one meeting in August, with the date to be announced.



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Death and taxes

Here's an interesting 18th century Chester document. I have done my best to transcribe it as written. Written in old English, the letter "s" is written as an "f." Until is written as "untill." A few words I was unsure of. Hard money is coin.

I have it pretty close including punctuation. It

is a rare glimpse of days gone by. You may have to read it twice to fully understand it, I did. Jabez Sargent built the house where the Comstocks live today. It's the early house near Squatty's farm stand on North Street. Vermont was not a state until 1791.

"State of Vermont
To the first Constable of Chester in the County of Windfor—Greeting

Where the general Assembly at their Sefson in Castleton, in October 1790 did grant a tax of 5 pence on the pound on the list of all the polls and saleable estate of the inhabitants of this state, for the year 1790, to be paid to the treasurer of this state, on or before the first of Feb.y next in hard money orders, orders ifsued by the supream court, or hard money---

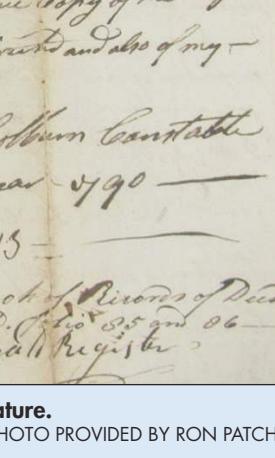
Given at the treafuers ofice in Timmouth, this 20th day of Oct—One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety—

Saml Mattocks Treasurer
Grand List L5200..19
The above is a true copy of the original Warrant

Ezekiel Colburn Constable
for the year 1790

And on the seventh day of Dec'r 1791 at a vendue notified and held by me according to my best judgement and abilities aiming to do as the law directs, for the purpose of collecting the tax...[turn over to continue] laid on Land claimed by Non resident inhabitants or proprietors as they were afeset in the rate bill delivered to me by the Selectmen of Chester, I made sale or struck of to Thomas Chandler merchant in said Chester all the Land afest in said rate bill to Clark

This document was entered into town records Jan. 2, 1793 by Daniel Heald Register.



Constable Ezekiel Colburn's 1790 signature.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

neglect his her or their Just proportion of said tax, you are commanded Distraint his her or their goods or estate, and the same dispose of as the law directs, and also satisfy your own fees—And for want of such goods or estate, you are directed to take their bodies, and them—commit to the keeper of the gaol [jail] in Woodstock within in the said prison Who is hereby commanded to receive him, her or them and then keep safe, until he she or they pay and satisfy their Just proportion of said tax, or be released according to law. And to satisfy your own fees.

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Haven, which appears by his deed now in the Town Clerks office to be three hundred acres, Excepting five acres, as appears on the minutes of said Vendue, for the confesation of said tax and cost as appears in my invoice and the Selectman of said Chester set off said fine to said Clark Havens deed and to which was not sold as above in a manner as above. (viz) Beginning at a beech tree marked as the first bound mentioned in said Clark Havens deed and to run an easterly on the north line of said deed until it comes to land of Jabez Sargeant then south ten degrees west far enough with the closing line to make out the said five acres. A copy of the doings of said Selectmen I have by them sign? In and amongst my minutes---

Chester January 2 1792.

The above and foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant by the Treasurer to me directed and also of my proceedings thereon—Attest Ezekiel Colburn Constable, for the year 1790

This document was entered into town records Jan. 2, 1793 by Daniel Heald Register.

This week's old saying regards someone's politics: "He's a little right of Attila the Hun."

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CHURCH SERVICES

Karl R. Amidon, 1961-2023



Karl Amidon, 1961-2023.
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Karl Robert Amidon, 62, passed away at his home surrounded by his family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born Jan. 9, 1961, at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vt., along with his twin brother, Keith. He is the son of Walter and Freda (Bartley) Amidon. He grew up on Green Mountain Turnpike, attending Green Mountain Union High School before later graduating from Springfield High School. Karl was an avid team member of numerous varsity sports and Babe Ruth Baseball teams. In later years, he played and umpired for the Green Mountain Softball League. He spent his youth riding snowmobiles, fishing, and camping. He considered himself blessed to be part of a large family, and cherished memories made with them. His twin brother Keith was never far from his side. They spent 15 years in Florida, and rode with motorcycle clubs raising money for legion charities.

Karl was known for his wit and sense of humor, often telling stories and even singing ditties or rapping out a song to the amusement of his family and friends. He loved a great party or cookout and frequented the local eateries. He was most at home near the ocean.

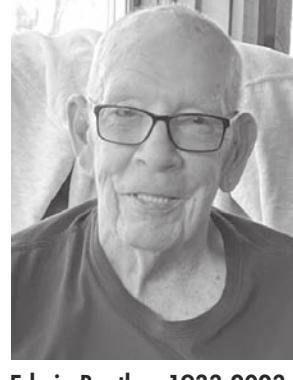
Karl is survived by sisters Jacquelyn Bates (Russel) Farrar and Kimberly Amidon (Alan) Farrar, both of Chester, Vt. He will also be missed by nieces and nephews Matt (Crystal) Amidon, Samantha Amidon, Justin (Jenn) Farrar, Lucas (Kerry) Farrar, Nathan

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edwin (Ed) Bentley, son of Henry and Estelle (Forbes) Bentley and husband to Norma (Arrison) Bentley, passed away peacefully at home on July 5, 2023, at the age of 89, surrounded by family.

Ed was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, who was born and raised in Andover, Vt.

Born Aug. 7, 1933, Ed grew up on the Oxbow Farm, and married Norma Arrison on Sept. 12, 1953. Together they had two children, Katherine and Robert Bentley. Ed attended Andover Elementary School and graduated from Chester High School.

He served as town moderator and Andover Selectman for many years. Ed was a founding and active member of the Andover Mountaineer Snowmobile Club, as well as an avid outdoorsman. He founded Ed's Electric in 1977, and built a successful business before passing it along to his son Bob in 1995. In addition to his wife Norma, Ed is survived by his sister Mary (Bentley) Williams; his daughter Kathy and son-in-law Rolando



Edwin Bentley, 1933-2023.
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Ramos; his son Bob and daughter-in-law Mary-Danna Bentley; his grandchildren Jessica Reid, Anthony Simanskas, Kara Nihan and Sandy Ramos; and his great-grandchildren Alina Simanskas, Kai Simanskas, Cole Nihan, Britton Chow and Braelynn Chow.

The funeral was held on

July 9 at Andover Community Church. All were

welcome to attend and celebrate Ed's life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital or Bayada Hospice Fund.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Theresa Janowski, 1931-2023

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Theresa Janowski, 92, died at her home in Cavendish, Vt., on June 23, 2023. She was born in Cavendish on May 3, 1931, daughter of Joseph and Pauline Janowski.

She graduated from Black River High School in Ludlow, Vt., then attended nursing school for two years.

She is survived by her sister Mary (Janowski) Wilk of Niskayuna, N.Y.

She is predeceased by Stanley, Antoni, Zigmund, Harry, Josephine Chrostowski, Veronica Ka-

zak, Irene, 14 nephews, and six nieces.

A special thank you goes to her nephew Tom Janowski, who, over the course of many years, provided care packages accompanied by much appreciated conversation.

A funeral mass will be held on July 29, at 11 a.m., at the Holy Name of Mary Church in Proctorsville, Vt. Burial will follow at the Cavendish Village Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Memorial Chapel.

will run through Sunday, Sept. 3. For more information, call 802-263-9394.

SPRINGFIELD

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

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

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.

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

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

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

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First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

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obituaries

Sara T. Griffiths, 2023

LUDLOW, Vt. – Sara Twine Griffiths passed away on June 22, peacefully.

Sara left Ludlow, Vt., after graduating Black River High School in 1954, to begin her career in Newport, R.I., for Raytheon. She eventually relocated to Maryland, and in 1984 earned her professional secretary certification for Westinghouse Electric Corp. She retired from Northrup Grumman in 2001.

Sara loved to quilt, crochet, garden, and was often found in her gazebo reading, fondly watching her hummingbirds. She and Bob, her soul mate, enjoyed country music, traveling, and pigeon racing.

Sara's life path led her to

Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, North Carolina, and eventually back to her home state, where she spent her final days with her sister reading and bird-watching.

Sara was predeceased by husband of 37 years retired Air Force Lt. Col. Robert B. Griffiths, her parents Wesley and Louise Grover Twine, brother Leonard Twine, and sister Laura Brown. Sara is survived by her children Wesley Feltner (wife Vicki), Fraser Feltner (wife Kim), and her sister Lucinda Wootton (husband, Michael); her four grandchildren Stephen, Lisa, Nicole, and Daniel; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned at Davis Memorial Chapel, July 18, at 2 p.m.

Lucille Moriglioni Evans, 1935-2023



Lucille Moriglioni Evans, 1935-2023.
PHOTO PROVIDED

vania. She especially liked to roam the many miles of logging road on or around our property.

Lucille was a long-time member of RSVP, and enjoyed driving people to appointments and for shopping. She served as a director on the board of the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, and also as a volunteer. She was a supporter of Black River Good Neighbors, and prepared food for their annual rummage sales.

There will be no calling hours, as she will be scattered in the woods that she loved to wander in.

Donations can be made to Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, Black River Good Neighbors, Cavendish Volunteer Fire Department or to the charity of your choice.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting the family with the arrangements.

OBITUARIES: A basic 200-word obituary is \$75, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. A black and white photo is an additional \$10. Email to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday at 12 p.m.

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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Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

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www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CAVENDISH

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. Online

services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to www.facebook.

com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302. More at

www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

CHESTER

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.

Services are on Wednesdays at 5:30-6 p.m. and on Sundays

at 10 a.m., both in person and by Zoom, followed by coffee

hour. All are welcome. Handicapped accessible. For a link

to the Zoom service or more information about services and

events, please visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

PERKINSVILLE

First Congregational Church of Weathersfield, 79 Yewell Ln.

Services will begin at 10 a.m., and will be followed by a

social gathering with refreshments. Services will be held

indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Rev. Will Hunter

will lead services with inspiring topics, along with group

discussion. All are welcome. Join the church in their beautiful

setting in the Weathersfield Center Maple Grove. Services

calendar

LEGAL NOTICES

JULY 1-31

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

JULY 14 –

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center will hold a free concert with East Bay Jazz Ensemble, sponsored by Mascoma Bank, from 6:30-8 p.m., rain or shine. Refreshments on sale will include hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cold and hot beverages, and a sweet. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Please bring a lawn chair, and join in for a fun

evening of entertainment.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A ballroom dance will be held in the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance instruction this night. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsey Child at 603-504-6671.

JULY 15 –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will be hosting a community event for a beloved resident of

Cavendish, Gloria Leven, to celebrate her 100th birthday, from 1-3 p.m. There will be live music by Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble, as well as a barbecue and cake. There will also be a raffle for two quilts made by Gloria. Come join the fun!

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the school in the North School Recreation Park. The entrance to the school is at 5 School St. The North School Preservation Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the park, and the restoration of the North School building.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield United Methodist Church will hold a chicken barbecue on Saturday, July 15, beginning at 12 p.m. and running through the Springfield Street Fest, which goes from 3-8 p.m.

The menu is a half chicken, pasta salad, cole slaw, and watermelon, for a flat fee. The Springfield UMC looks forward to seeing you at 10 Valley Street. Everyone is welcome.

JULY 17 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the

Ludlow American Legion, 133 Main St., from 12-6 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767, or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter "Ludlow." If you are an eligible type O, B-, or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation, as red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Save up to 15 minutes by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

JULY 21 –

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A ballroom dance will be held at the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance instruction this night.

Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsey Child at 603-504-6671.

JULY 22 –

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

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

JULY 17 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the

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

JULY 25 –

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

SUNDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

MONDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

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.

TUESDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS –

Mad Agnes

PERU, Vt. – The Peru Church will host their third summer concert with Mad Agnes on Saturday, July 29, at 7 p.m. Mad Agnes has won hearts on two continents with their signature

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

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

WEDNESDAYS –

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

THURSDAYS –

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

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

FRIDAYS –

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

SATURDAYS –

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

intricate harmonies, compelling songwriting, and passionate delivery. The genre-bending trio – Mariko Hennebach, Adrienne Jones, and Mark Saunders – creates an exciting, inclusive performance, delivering new original songs, selections from their 13-album catalog, storytelling, and impromptu vocal improv.

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Tickets for all performances are available now through Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.com, or The Peru Church website at www.theperuchurch.org.

The Peru Church is an amazing, intimate venue for all genres of music, located in the beautiful, historic village of Peru, Vt.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN ASSISTANT WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

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

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

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN FIRE FIGHTER AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Town of Charlestown is an equal opportunity employer.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN RECORDING SECRETARY

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

This part-time position is to attend and take minutes of all Selectboard meetings/workshops and produce and deliver meeting minutes within legal time frames. Knowledge of how to take and prepare minutes and the ability to attend weekly meetings each month required. Accuracy is very important. Minutes must be completed within 5 days of the meeting.

Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or GED and strong typing/keyboard and note taking or shorthand skills. Experience with municipal record keeping preferred, but not required.

Job Type: Part-time

Hours per week: Less than 10

Rate of pay per meeting: \$100.00 (this would include your time at the meeting and producing and delivering the minutes)

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

Town of Westminster

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL

Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 7, 2023 to consider the following:

Application # 23-45

Application # 23-45 APPEAL of Permit (Norman Beam/Buck Adams) issued for a Lot Line Adjustment at 99 Beakins Hill. This Appeal will be reviewed under Section 217 Appeals; Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District Zone; of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application # 23-49

Application # 23-49 Daniel Allen (Owner & Applicant) property located at 1554 Back Westminster Road. The Applicant is requesting a Variance to build a Carport 12' x 20' within 11' – 14' away from the fence abutting the highway. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District; and Section 311 Variances of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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YARD SALE

LUDLOW, Vt. - Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15, from

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4. US Citizen.
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**NOTICE
St. Charles Catholic Cemetery**

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

YARD SALE

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Town-wide Yard Sales Saturday, July 15, from 8 am - 3 pm, rain or shine. Maps of sale locations will be available on Main St. (NH Route 12) the morning of the event.

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**Public Hearing Notice
Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulation Amendments**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4441 and §4444, notice is hereby given of a public hearing by the Ludlow Village Trustees to hear comments regarding proposed amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulation Amendments. The public hearing will take place during the Village Trustees meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm.

You may attend the Public Hearing in-person at the following address:
Ludlow Town Hall
37 Depot Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulation Amendments may be submitted verbally at the Public Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Terry Carter, Ludlow Planning Commission Chair, at tmrcarter@gmail.com, or Martha Harrison, Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, at mharrison@marcvt.org, or Bob Brandt, Village Trustee, at bobjbrandt@gmail.com. Pursuant to the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4444(b):

Statement of purpose:

The purpose of the proposed amendments is as follows:

- to ensure that employee housing meets the needs of employees, employers, and abutting property owners;
- to clarify the difference between residential and commercial structures and uses;
- to establish permitting and review processes for employee housing and changes of use;
- to allow for reductions in minimum parking requirements for employee housing under certain circumstances;
- to add Boarding House/Rooming House to the Village R-C as a permitted use;
- to incorporate new and modified definitions in Article 7;
- to modify Section 520.14 Conversions and Changes of Use

Geographic areas affected:

Portions of these amendments apply to all areas of the Village.

List of section headings affected:

The proposed amendments make the following modifications to the Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulation Amendments:

- Article 4, Section 430 is modified to include, Boarding House/Rooming House to the permitted uses of the Village R-C District.
- Article 5 (General Regulations) is modified to include new Section 520.14 Conversions and Changes of Use, and new Section 520.15 Employee Housing.
- Article 7 is modified to include the following new definitions: employee housing, transient, short-term.
- Article 7 is modified to include the following revised definitions: Bed & Breakfast, Boarding House/Rooming House, Inn.

The full text of the amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations is available online at <https://www.ludlow.vt.us>. The proposed amendments can be reviewed in hard copy format in the Town Clerk's Office in the Ludlow Town Hall located at 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
FINANCE OFFICER/STAFF ACCOUNTANT**

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

Responsibilities:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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Answers

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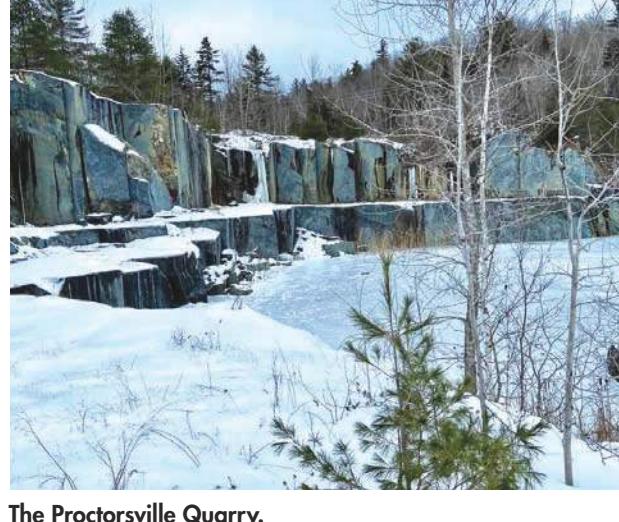
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Proctorsville Quarry Hike —

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. — If you've ever walked through the rotunda of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., were you aware you were walking on Cavendish? The verde antique marble in the gallery's floor is from the Proctorsville Quarry, off Twenty Mile Stream Road. It was chosen because it was a match of the columns of the rotunda, which are made of Italian verde.

On Sunday, July 16, the Cavendish Historical Society will be sponsoring a hike out to the quarry, guided by Tim Calabrese. The walk is about two miles round trip, and it is recommended that hikers wear appropriate shoes and clothing. This event is



The Proctorsville Quarry.

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not recommended for dogs and young children, since there are now deep ponds of water left from the extraction of the stone. Meet at the Cavendish Historical Society Museum at 2 p.m., where a brief overview will be given, and we'll arrange to car pool to the trailhead.

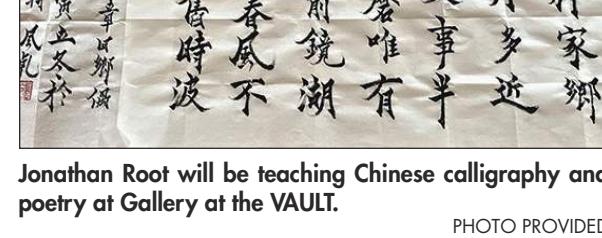
In the event of rain, a notice will be posted to the Cavendish, Vt. Facebook page, www.facebook.com/cavendishvt. The museum will be open that afternoon from 2-4 p.m., and we will reschedule the hike for the early fall.

Chinese calligraphy and poetry at the VAULT —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Gallery at the VAULT is very pleased to offer "Chinese Calligraphy and Chinese Poetry" with Jonathan Root on Saturday, July 22, from 11 a.m. — 2 p.m. This is a relaxing, informative, and enjoyable class.

You will study Chinese poetry and its relation to Chinese calligraphy. Selected poems will be provided, along with an analysis of several basic styles. Calligraphy is a meditative practice which focuses the spirit into the brush, each stroke reflecting the state of mind of the writer.

Jonathan Root grew up in Chester, Vt. He received his



Jonathan Root will be teaching Chinese calligraphy and poetry at Gallery at the VAULT.

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bachelor's degree in mathematics from the College of the Holy Cross in 2010, and his doctorate in mathematics from Boston University in 2016. He spent a year as a volunteer English teacher for World Teach from 2016-2017 in Hunan, China,

where he began his study of Chinese calligraphy with brush.

Brush, ink, paper-weight, and felt mat will be provided, but bring your own if you have them. Please register by Wednesday, July 20.

For more information, please call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermont.net, or come into Gallery at the VAULT, located at 68 Main Street, Springfield. The gallery is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. — 5 p.m., and Fridays from 11 a.m. — 7 p.m. The gallery can be found online at www.galleryvault.org, or on Facebook.



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Springfield Community Band jazz concert —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, at the Hartness House, 109 Front Street (formerly 30 Orchard Street), in Springfield, Vt.

The focus of this con-

cert will be jazz. Among the offerings will be a medley of songs pulled together in tribute to Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, as well as "A Night in Tunisia" by John "Dizzy" Gillespie, and a medley of music by Henry Mancini including "The Pink Panther" and "Peter Gunn."

In addition, the band's jazz combo will perform. And, to top off the evening, percussionist Clay Thompson will demonstrate his mastery of his craft in the often explosive "Concerto for Drumset," composed by Larry Neek.

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

The Gully Boys to perform on Proctorsville Green —

CAVENDISH, Vt. — The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA), on behalf of the Town of Cavendish, invites everyone to the Cavendish concert series on Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m. when The Gully Boys return to the gazebo on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This will be the third of the 2023 concerts that are held on consecutive Wednesday evenings in July and August.

The Gully Boys are a professional rock/jam band from the Green Mountains, influenced by

all the music that creates the backdrop for all our lives. They present an amalgamation of style, sound, and personality that makes them unique, but with a comfortable familiarity. They like to mix up the playlist with originals and cover tunes from all genres. As Vermonters, they feel that music helps bring us all together, and helps to sustain our communities.

The concert is free and open to everyone, so come to Cavendish and join your friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green.

Murdock's, Outer Limits Brewery, and Single-ton's all have takeout food options. It's a fun way to enjoy the summer weather and either reconnect with old friends, or make new ones. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass.

This concert is sponsored by The Castle Hill Resort & Spa.

For more information, please email cavendish-communityconservation@gmail.com. In the event of rain, postponement information will be reflected on the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page.



The Gully Boys performing on the Proctorsville Green.

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Audition for a mystery dinner theater production —

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. — Six actors — three women and three men — needed for a murder mystery dinner theater production to open in August. Actors should have some experience with improvisation.

"Charles Hoyt's Lost Manuscript, a Murder Mystery" will be presented at the Sumner House Restaurant, 122 Main Street, Charlestown, N.H., on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Auditions will be held on the second floor of the Sumner House beginning

at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22. Auditions will also be available by appointment.

For more information and samples of the script, please contact Brian Marsh at 413-758-5572 or spiritstage@yahoo.com.

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Photographs by Hubert Schriebl in Landgrove —

LANDGROVE, Vt. — A show of photographs by Hubert Schriebl opens Sunday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the town hall in Landgrove. Renowned for his photographs of skiing in Vermont, Hubert Schriebl came from Austria in 1961 to teach skiing at Stratton Mountain. This curated

selection of photographs is hosted by the Landgrove Historical Society and will remain on display through Labor Day.

The Landgrove Town Hall is open Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Refreshments for the July 16 opening will be served by the Landgrove Historical Society and

the Landgrove Meeting House. The opening will immediately follow the Landgrove Meeting House summer service at 9:30 a.m. next door where Ian Montgomery, Dean of the Anglican Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Lima, Peru, will speak.

Next Stage Arts presents “The Feeble Fantastical” —

PUTNEY, Vt. — Next Stage Arts presents “The Feeble Fantastical,” a Vermont Suitcase Company production, at Next Stage Arts on Friday, July 21, at 7 p.m.

“Theater is embedded into the fabric of this community, and The Vermont Suitcase Company is one of the threads of that tapestry,” says Keith Marks, Executive Director of Next Stage Arts. “Partnering with them to bring theater to our community is exactly the type of collaboration we envision as we create a thriving,

cultural ecosystem in the region.”

About the show

Argan is very ill (He's not). Thankfully, his doctors take wonderful care of him (They exploit him). His loving second wife dotes upon him, and protects him from those trying to swindle him out of his fortune (It's her). Maybe he could finally get some rest if his maid and his brother would just stop meddling in his affairs (They're actually trying to help). No worries, Argan will make everyone

happy once he marries his daughter to a brilliant young doctor! (He's not brilliant, and she's in love with someone else). Come see what's real and what's imagined in this Vermont Suitcase style take on Molierre's “Le Malade Imaginaire.” It's The Feeble Fantastical!

Next Stage Arts is located at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt. Tickets are free for kids. For information, call 802-387-0102, or visit www.nextstagearts.org.

“Constitution” at Weston Theater —

WESTON, Vt. — Weston Theater Company takes audiences on an inspiring journey through our country's founding document in “What the Constitution Means to Me.”

15-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions held across the United States. In this hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human play, author Heidi Schreck resurrects her teenage self to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives. This powerful play is a love letter to our constitution, giving it new life, and imagining how it will shape the next generation of Americans.

A Tony Award nominee and Pulitzer Prize finalist, “What the Constitution Means to Me” was called “the best and most important new play of the year” by The New York Times, and “endearingly funny and deeply affecting” by The Washington Post.

Director Raz Golden directs the Weston production of the show, saying, “For most of us the Constitution is like gravity; invisible, intangible, yet constantly shaping



The cast of “What the Constitution Means to Me.”
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our reality. This play is exciting because it channels this opaque document through human stories, and transforms it into a living, breathing organism. I'm not sure what the constitution means to me personally, but this show has brought me closer to figuring that out. And I know it will bring audiences on the same journey.”

The show welcomes long-time company member Susan Haefer back to the stage for her 27th Weston role as Heidi Schreck. Haefer's Broadway credits include “42nd Street (Revival),” “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” and “State Fair.” She was on the first national tours of “Billy Elliot” and “Damn Yankees,” with Jerry Lewis. The show introduces recent Burr and Burton Academy (BBA) graduate Kaitlyn Cherry to the stage as Heidi's

double. Theatrical credits of note include “Assassins” at Yale Rep; “Three Sisters” and “Love's Labour's Lost” at Chautauqua Theater Company; “Western Country” and “House of Home” at the Williamstown Theater Festival; and “Twelfth Night” and “King Lear” at the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

Scenic designers for theater and live events Christopher and Justin Swader design the set, while interdisciplinary artist Christopher Darbassie sound designs. Philly-based member of Local USA 829, Krista Smith, joins the team as the light designer, and international costume designer for film and stage Dan Wang designs costumes. Kelsy Durkin returns to Weston as production stage manager.

“What the Constitution Means to Me” plays from July 12-30 at Walker Farm.

young debate competition. At BBA, her credits include “A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum,” “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” and “A Wrinkle in Time.” Lucas Dixon completes the trio as the Legionnaire. Theatrical credits of note include “Assassins” at Yale Rep; “Three Sisters” and “Love's Labour's Lost” at Chautauqua Theater Company; “Western Country” and “House of Home” at the Williamstown Theater Festival; and “Twelfth Night” and “King Lear” at the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

Following “What the Constitution Means to Me,” reminiscence on Hollywood's golden age in “Singin' in the Rain,” escape to the Appalachian mountains in “The Porch on Windy Hill,” and smile at the tale of an unlikely friendship in “Let there be Love.”

Weston Theater Company builds on and enhances the unique assets of its Vermont village campus to produce a diverse, entertaining, and challenging season of live professional theater and high-impact events, enrich the theater-going experience with education and outreach programs for all ages, and make significant contributions to American theater through training programs, play development, and retreats. It is a nonprofit organization supported in part by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, and an ever-growing family of individuals and organizations who believe in the impact the performing arts make on its community.

Art Around Books opens summer show —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Art Around Books held its grand opening on Thursday, June 29. Their summer show, “Land Within the Land Within,” is currently on view through Aug. 5. This show is a retrospective of collages, prints, artist's books, and drawings by California artist James Renner.

Art Around Books is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Art Around Books is an unconventional gallery and idea space featuring fine press artist's books, drawings, paintings, and prints for sale by international, national, and local artists, including an eclec-

tic bookstore specializing in used and rare poetry, art, literary fiction, philosophy, children's books, and first editions. There will also be occasional gatherings for readings, musical events, and artist talks.

Visit their website for upcoming workshops at www.artaroundbooks.com.

Acworth MusicFest rescheduled

ACWORTH, N.H. — After being postponed in June because of heavy rain, the new date for the Acworth Village Store's MusicFest is Saturday, July 22, from 11 a.m. until dusk. Talented local musicians will be featured, and it promises to be another fabulous musical event.

This year, MusicFest will

feature Blue Collar Band, I ness Ensemble, Dan and Faith, Clint Pecor Live, Pointless Culture, Doug Farrell, and Hypnic Jerks.

This year the grill will be cooking hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage,

with lots of yummy sides.

There will also be some homemade baked goods for sale. Along with great music and food, there will be craft vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor for a small fee, please contact Mary Lord at the village store at 603-835-6547.

Entrance is free for this event, and promises to be a wonderful day for all.

Summer Saturdays have begun as well, and continue through mid-September from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Information, including entree details and musicians, is available on the village store's Instagram and Facebook pages. Come on over for some good dinner food and great music every Saturday night behind the village store. Keep an eye out for menus and musicians on the Facebook page, and in the store's emails. Coming soon to the store will be “Corn

Hole Fridays,” going from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Look for details on the store's website and social media.

The Acworth Village Store is owned by the Acworth Historical Society, and run by the Acworth Community Project, which is a New Hampshire nonprofit organization. They hold one board meeting a month, and have some interesting and fun plans for the upcoming year which include historical and educational events, and fundraising activities. If you'd like more information about this community-run village store, please contact Jim Neidert at 603-835-2453.

The Acworth Village Store is located at 1068 Route 123A, South Acworth, N.H. The phone number there is 603-835-6547. The website is www.acworthvillagestore.com, and you can also visit them on Facebook.

Rainbow Girls at Next Stage —

PUTNEY, Vt. — Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present folk, roots, and Americana trio Rainbow Girls at Next Stage on Wednesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Pete Muller & The Kindred Souls will open.

Rainbow Girls are an eclectic folk trio hailing from the golden countryside just north of California's Bay Area. Vanessa May, Erin Chapin, and Caitlin Gowdey seamlessly combine soul-touching harmonies, variegated instruments, and poignant lyrical content into a beautiful sonic tapestry.

Throughout their performance, voices are paired with an ever-changing amalgamation of acoustic and slide guitar, keys, upright bass, harmonica, and an array of vocal techniques creating an engaging and emotionally moving live show.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or at the door for an additional fee. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org.



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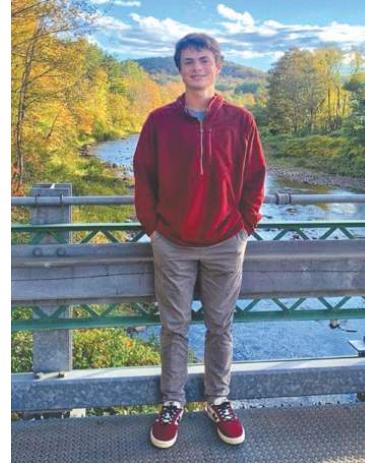
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AMAS Scholarship 2023

REGION – Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society (AMAS) has selected Declan McCullough of Woodstock, Vt., as the winner of its 2023 \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior who lives within certain Vermont designated towns and has demonstrated a strong commitment to the environment. Students are required to submit an application to the Vermont Student Assistance Scholarship Program during the annual application period.

Declan is a recent graduate of Woodstock High School, and is planning on attending the University of Vermont this fall to major in environmental science. In his applying essay, Declan said that, "I have al-



Declan McCullough.

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ways maintained an innate love of the outdoors, and have had a keen awareness of the relationship between humankind and nature. My interest in environmental science comes from the belief in which all people have access to healthy, viable

ecosystems that can be sustained throughout future generations."

Declan has been active with Change the World Kids, and will be traveling to Costa Rica with them this summer for a reforestation project where they will be collecting research and planting new trees in a migratory corridor that is critical to the survival of indigenous birds and neo-tropical species from northern countries, including Vermont song birds.

For more information about the AMAS scholarship, please contact Wilda Pelton at 802-885-9517, or consult with a school guidance department for information on VSAC scholarships.

LVRS and emergency training

LONDONDERRY, Vt. –

While most people in this area know that Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) is an all-volunteer organization, some might not know that all members have the same training and credentials as professional emergency services personnel in Vermont and nationally. All LVRS members have successfully completed, and have been tested, in the level of EMS training for which they are accredited. All have to be re-certified biennially, and have to

prove they have completed the required number of hours of training in order to earn re-certification.

There are four levels of EMS accreditation nationally, and five in the state of Vermont.

1. Vermont First Emergency Responder (VFER) – VFER is a short, 16-hour course. It covers basic life-saving, and serves as an introduction to EMS culture.

2. Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) – EMR is a 70-hour class. An EMR can administer basic lifesaving,

such as CPR and oxygen delivery. An EMR can also assess the condition of the patient while waiting for more qualified personnel to arrive. They can assist during an emergency or during transport.

3. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – EMT is a 150-hour course. In addition to all the responsibilities of an EMR, EMTs can manage cardiac, respiratory, or trauma emergencies. They can immobilize patients, set broken bones, and prepare patients for transport. The training emphasizes skills that can be performed safely in an out-of-hospital setting.

4. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) – AEMT is a 240-hour course. An AEMT scope of practice includes all that EMTs are authorized to do. In addition, they can perform certain advanced procedures and administer some pharmacological interventions to emergency patients. They are able to initiate and maintain IV lines, administer fluids, and draw blood specimens. They must also be able to use the advanced equipment carried in an ambulance.

5. Paramedic – A 1,500-hour course. The summit of the EMS ladder is paramedic. They must have all of the qualifications of AEMT. In addition, they can dis-

pense more medications, and perform more complicated interventions. Paramedic certification courses focus on the most advanced practice of emergency medicine, including multiple trauma, cardiology, and obstetrics. They must be able to perform some surgical procedures in an out-of-hospital setting.

They must also have completed an extensive internship in a hospital and an ambulance service.

Currently on its roster, LVRS has 11 VFERS, two EMRs, 12 EMTs, 14 AEMTs, and five Paramedics.

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MedQuest program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Recently, six high school students from southern Vermont spent five days immersed in activities like how to take blood pressures, start a peripheral IV, participate in a simulated Code Blue training exercise, spend time in a BOD POD to measure their body composition at Vermont State University Castleton Campus, and even observe how to safely administer Narcan when someone is overdosing.

This and so much more was part of Southern Vermont Area Health Edu-



Southern Vermont AHEC's Advanced MedQuest program participants.

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tion Center's (AHEC) Advanced MedQuest program, which took place at Rutland Regional Medical Center. Having already taken the introductory MedQuest program last summer, these students were ready to navigate a more in-depth and accelerated health careers exploration experience. They were also exposed to various job shadows in pharmacy, orthopedics, physical therapy, behavioral health, and medical oncology. Jenna Eaton and Jake Bleau, first year medical students at the Robert Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, helped to create and implement the Advanced MedQuest curriculum, in addition to providing mentoring to the students.

For more information on Southern Vermont AHEC and its programs visit www.svahec.org.

Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to growing and sustaining southern Vermont's health workforce, especially in our rural and underserved communities. We invest our resources in connecting students to health career exploration programs, meaningful college internships, and professional mentoring opportunities that will lead to increased access to primary and preventive care, and healthier communities.

Southern Vermont AHEC is one of two independent, nonprofit, regional AHEC centers funded by federal, state, and community support, working in partnership with the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine's Office of Primary Care and AHEC Program.



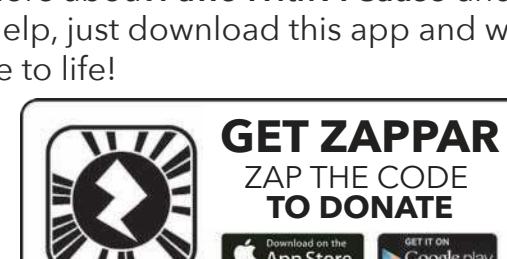
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