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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 loca-

tions, including the Caven-dish Baptist Church, 2258 Main Street; Cavendish El-ementary School, 573 Main Street; Ludlow Parks and Rec Department, 37 Main Street; Plymouth Com-munity Shelter, 35 School Drive; and Springfield Rec-reation 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 out-side. 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.

PHOTO BY JULIA BALDWIN

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” amend-ment 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 discus-

sion 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 decid-ing whether to adopt them. Among the more controver-sial topics from the previous meeting was the proposed addition of language which would have banned living in “self-contained travel trail-ers,” 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 select-board. “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 con-sidered a campground.”

Chester resident Lenny Newcomb, a neighbor of Planning Commission Chair Hugh Qinn who owns a metal repair business, ex-pressed concern to the board that his business would be af-fected 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 by-law.

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 ap-proval of the development

review board (DRB) and planning commission, while the proposed bylaw would have eliminated these ap-proval requirements. Ulti-mately, this proposed bylaw was withdrawn, and the process for adding a second principal structure to a lot remained the same, requir-ing anyone wishing to add a second principal structure to go through the PUD process.

The second hearing, on “open space,” was a new top-ic of discussion. This bylaw would create a new “open space” district within Ches-ter’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.  
PHOTO PROVIDED



Maisen LaPrise.  
PHOTO PROVIDED



Brodie Massey.  
PHOTO PROVIDED

**ANDOVER, Vt.** – The Andover Scholarship Com-mittee is pleased to award scholarships to three grad-uating high school seniors in 2023. Each of these im-pressive students has dem-onstrated both a love of and service to the Andover community, in addition to completing their high school studies.

Greta Bernier is a Green Mountain Union High School graduate who will attend the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine, and will focus her studies on marine biology and geology, with the goal of becoming an educator.

Maisen LaPrise is a Bel-lows Falls High School graduate who will continue her studies at the Virginia Institute of Blacksmithing in Waynesboro, Va., with

the goal of improving her artistic blacksmithing skills.

Brodie Massey is a Green Mountain Union High School graduate who will attend Vermont State Uni-versity, Randolph (formerly Vermont Technical Col-lege) to study diesel power technology, with the goal of improving his knowledge for a career as a diesel me-chanic. For Brodie’s Eagle Scout project, he built new information boxes for An-dover’s three cemeteries.

The Andover Scholarship Committee has been offer-ing scholarships since the mid-1990s to outstanding Andover high school se-niors who are continuing their education in colleg-es, universities, and trade schools. The committee raises money for schol-arships 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 Schol-arship 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 Schol-arship Committee, 953 Weston-Andover Road, Andover, VT 05143.

The scholarship com-mittee, whose members are Charlene Huyler, Maddy Bodin, and Car-men Macchia, wishes the three scholarship recipi-ents, and all of Andover’s high school graduates, success.

Londonderry Lions Duck Derby

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – Thank you to the four youngsters who pulled the win-ning ducks for the Lon-donderry Tri-Moun-tain Lions Club Annual Duck Derby following the Londonderry Fourth of July Parade.

After careful con-sideration, 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 in-jured retrieving rubber ducks.

We put all of the pur-chased ducks in a kiddie pool and let the kids stir



The annual Duck Derby in progress.  
PHOTO PROVIDED

them up and pick the win-ners.

The winners are: first

place, \$250, Duck #287 Cindy Cooke, Manches-ter; second place, \$100, Duck #401, Kathy Dor-man, Vergennes; third place, \$50, Duck #424, Joe Pickard, South Lon-donderry.

The new prize given this year is the Lame Duck award, worth \$25, won by the Andorr fam-ily of Londonderry with Duck #577. Congratu-lations 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.chester-festival.org](http://www.chester-festival.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](http://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](http://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.



## 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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# 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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**Golfers at the Side Hill Cronchers' 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.



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## CHESTER

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“We tried very hard to make it clear that civic activities can happen there, that it's perfectly fine to have a fair or something like that...a baseball dugout, or a fence for a backstop...and certainly agricultural and forestry things are allowed there,” he continued. Affected landowners were sent a map clarifying where the district was, as well as an explanation of the rules for the district, Bristow said,

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 Jonynas 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, Jonynas voted in favor of the amendment, Hudkins voted against, and members Arianna 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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BY RON PATCH

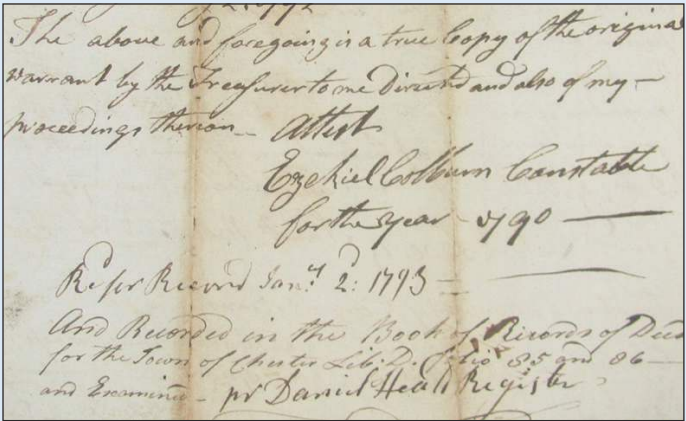
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## Death and taxes

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.



Constable Ezekiel Colburn's 1790 signature. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

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There are therefore in the name and by the authority of the state of Vermont, to command you, to collect of the inhabitants of Chester aforesaid 5 pence on the pound, on the list of all the polls and rateable Estate for the year 1790, in hard money orders, or orders ifsued by the supream court or hard money and pay the same into the treafury of this state, on or before the first day day of Feb.y—next—

And if any perfon or perfons shall refuse or neglect his her or their Just proportion of said tax, you are commanded Distrain 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, untill 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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The above is a true copy of the original Warrant Ezekiel Colburn Constable for the year 1790

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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."*

## “That’s One for the History Books” podcast

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield resident Marty Cohn and his colleague Hugh Ryan of Westerly, R.I., have launched a new podcast, “That’s One for the History Books,” in which they profile Americans who made important contributions to our country, but who have been largely overlooked by our history books.

The first American profiled is Vermont U.S. Senator Winston Prouty, a man who served Vermonters, and, through his activity in the House and Senate, the entire nation, during some turbulent times for 20 years.

Cohn first became aware of Senator Prouty when he became a public relations consultant to the Winston Prouty Center for Child and Family Development in Brattleboro, Vt. A search of its historical archives found that Senator Winston Prouty of Vermont was a co-sponsor of the Handicapped Children’s Early Education Assistance Act of 1968. To honor him made sense, since the center was one of the first preschools in the country educating children with disabilities, and is now a center of excellence for early education and support for child and family development, both on-site and in the community. But Cohn wanted to know more about this 20-year veteran of Congress from 1950-1970.

Sen. Prouty was identified with many issues, including federal aid for school construction, federal funding of courses for students with special needs, arts and music education, and senior citizen needs to include health care and expansion of Social Security eligibility. In addition, he was a longtime advocate for returning passenger rail service to Vermont, and helped to create Amtrak. And, he was a leading voice in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Cohn and Ryan, longtime public relations practitioners, decided to tell Prouty’s story through a podcast. Future episodes will include Maxwell Rabb, a key aide to President Eisenhower who was the White House go-to person on equal rights for African Americans and other minorities; William Stetson Kennedy, who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan and exposed its secrets to authorities and the outside world; Mabel Walker Wilebrandt, the highest-ranking woman in the federal government, who used her intellect and her network to enforce Prohibition and reform the prison system; Haym Solomon, an American Revolution hero; Kate Warne, the first female private detective in American history; and Sergeant-Major Abraham Cohn, a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient.

New episodes will be published every Wednesday. You can listen to the podcast through Spotify.

## Mike Familant talks Bigfoot

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m., join Mike Familant, a New Jersey native, at the Springfield Town Library as he shares his 12-year experience of researching and tracking down North America’s most iconic cryptid, Bigfoot. Mike, a full-time lead investigator and producer of the show “In the Shadow of Big Red Eye,” has traveled from the Florida swamps to the North Country of Maine, and everywhere in between, in search of this large, bipedal hominid. He will present some extraordinary evidence backed by facts that he and his team have collected throughout his journey, along with some of the unfortunate experiences that come along with Bigfooting.

After the presentation, there will be a Q&A session, and Mike will be available for photographs and autographs. You can also find all of Mike’s shows, including “Squatchables,” on his YouTube channel, “Sussex County Bigfoot,” and follow his Facebook page, “In the Shadow of Big Red Eye,” to keep up with the team’s expeditions and newest evidence.

Mike is a 33-year-old EMT, firefighter, and graphic designer, who first got into Bigfooting in 2011 on an expedition in North Florida. He created his show, “In the Shadow of Big Red Eye,” in 2016, after becoming frustrated with the lack of true research expedition shows on TV. In 2018, he also created a docuseries called “Squatchables,” which was designed for people who are just getting into Bigfooting, sort of a “Bigfooting 101.”

All of Mike’s episodes and more can be found on his website, www.shadowofredeye.com. If there is one thing that Mike hopes people gain from his shows, it’s for families and friends to get off the couch and outside into nature to explore what this amazing world has to offer.

The Friends of Springfield Town Library have made this event free and available to everyone. If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact the library at 802-885-3108.



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## Foraging Safely with Gaal Shepherd Crowl

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Artist and author Gaal Shepherd Crowl will share her years of foraging knowledge to help guide those in their own practice. Since taking her first class about mushrooms at VINS in 1988, Gaal has gained confidence in her ability to identify fungi, and by training the eyes to see subtle differences to have safely eaten 52 varieties. “Mushroom hunting is a lot like treasure hunting. Very interesting and sometimes exciting when you happen upon a big find! But it is for the seriously careful,” shared Crowl.

The class is free but space is limited to 15. Pre-registration is required. Call the Whiting Library at 802-875-2277 or email director@whitinglibrary.org to reserve your spot or put on the waitlist. For more upcoming library events, please visit www.whitinglibrary.org or call the number above.




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# opinion

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Op-Ed: flooding devastates the region

As we put this paper together to the best of our ability, our hearts go out to everyone that has been impacted by the flooding throughout the region.

Emergency service crews have been working tirelessly to keep us all safe, clear debris from roadways, and close roadways and bridges that have been flooded, washed out, and deteriorated. If officials evacuate you, please follow their instruction. There are shelters available throughout the region in Cavendish, Ludlow, Plymouth, and Springfield. We

will keep those locations updated as often as we can.

As you may assume, our office is closed to the public, and we are currently working remotely with limited access to the office, in order to get news, information, and updates out to our communities as it is provided to us. We will continue to print and distribute papers to the best of our ability. Mail will be limited as post office workers are able to deliver. Pick up locations will also be limited, but we will leave papers for pickup at our normal

drop spots that we can access. We will continue to post information on our Facebook page as well as online at [www.vermontjournal.com](http://www.vermontjournal.com).

Damages are seen to be worse than hurricane Irene. But we are a community, and we are strong. Come together, help one another, and be safe.

Yours truly,  
Shawntae Webb  
Publisher  
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper Newspaper

Dear friends and supporters,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. With heavy hearts, unwavering determination, and absolute faith in our storied resiliency, we're writing today to share that our beloved town and the historic Weston Playhouse are facing significant flooding and damage from the rains that have damaged towns throughout the Northeast. We are glad to report that all our company members are safe, and we are immensely grateful to our amazing staff for their swift action and great care in taking care of their colleagues. We are also thankful to the emergency management teams of Weston and Ludlow, and to all the wonderful friends in

our community who have stepped in to help us provide shelter and transportation.

As we evaluate the extent of the damage, we want to assure all of you that we are committed to rising above these challenges. The West River flood has left our beloved Playhouse in a state of disarray that rivals the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. Even as the rain keeps falling and the water continues to rise, our dedicated staff, community, and emergency responders are working to assess the full impact, salvage what we can, and to chart a course for the days and weeks ahead.

During this period, we ask for your patience and understanding. We will do everything we can to keep

you informed about the situation and updated on our progress. Together, we will weather this storm and emerge stronger, with new stories to tell and memories to create.

For over 87 years, Weston Theater Company has flourished as an exceptional theater in an exceptional community. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and love for the arts have carried us through difficult times before, and we know that together we will get through this too.

With gratitude for all that you do, we look forward to seeing you back at the theater soon.

Sincerely,  
Susanna and the Weston team  
Weston, Vt.

Dear Editor,

In a recent Oxfam study on worker wellbeing, the U.S. came in last of the 38 countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The countries in the OECD include not only Western European countries, Canada, and the U.S., but also Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, Poland, Hungary, Turkey, Israel, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Mexico.

Since most of us are workers, this is a big deal. Most people thought the U.S. was at the top; why is it at the bottom?

For at least the last 40

years, the U.S. has steadily decreased worker's rights, and increased protections for large corporations. Safety standards have also dropped, because OSHA has experienced repeated funding cuts. Unions have been undermined, so that workers have no voice. Taxes for the rich have decreased, while taxes for rest of us have gone up. Most of our representatives in Washington act like they believe that the wellbeing of the people of the country is not the business of government. Some state directly that taking care of people is not what they are about, and supporting the military and the wealthy and attacking marginalized people is the proper role of government. As a result of this, we have increased poverty, increased homelessness, and many people working long hours and still not making enough money to get by on.

Even people in our country who seem to be doing well are often one illness or injury away from becoming homeless.

Is this why the CDC says life expectancy is dropping in the U.S., and why it is below most industrialized countries?

If you are a worker and aren't in the top 20% financially, does how you vote affect your personal quality of life and the lives of the people in your community in a positive or negative way? Are you okay with being on the bottom in terms of worker wellbeing?

If you want more information on this study, go to [www.prospect.org/labor/2023-06-26-were-number-one-oxfam-worker-survey/](http://www.prospect.org/labor/2023-06-26-were-number-one-oxfam-worker-survey/).

Sincerely,  
Norman Emmons  
Charlestown, N.H.

## Stefanie Schaffer “Finding New Roads Tour”

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Stefanie Schaffer ended her “Finding New Roads Tour” here in Ludlow recently.

Stefanie is from Rutland, Vt., and her story begins in the summer of 2018 when her family had planned a summer vacation to the Bahamas. They had three glorious days together as a family. On the fourth day, Stefanie's family had planned a boat tour to the island of Exuma to visit the swimming pigs, one of the Bahamas most famous attractions. But this trip did not turn out to be the fun day the family had planned. The boat

they were traveling on exploded three short minutes after departure. The explosion occurred directly under Stefanie's seat. She does not recall the events from the explosion to one month later, when she awoke from a coma in a hospital in Florida and was told she had lost both of her legs, that her spine had shattered and she was paralyzed, her organs were failing, brain bruised. She was in for the fight of her life.

Stefanie fought, and she fought hard. She has been able to be fitted for prosthetic legs, and continues to work rehabilitation with every effort she has. She has endured over 40 surgeries since 2018, and is currently living in California after finding a clinic that specializes in intensive rehabilitation for those with spinal cord injuries and paralysis like hers.

She published a book called, “Without any Warn-

ing: Casualties of a Caribbean Vacation,” a memoir by Stefanie Schaffer.

Stefanie shared her story to a nice crowd on hand at Benson's Chevrolet, and shared a copy of her book with those in attendance. The North Country Chevy Dealers, which Benson's Chevrolet is connected with, partnered with Stefanie and gave her a new Chevrolet Equinox in 2019 with hand controls, allowing her to drive on her own, visit family and friends, drive to her physical therapy appointments, to simply drive her own car with the windows down and enjoy music playing and find new roads.

She is now able to ride her hand cycle independently, and has learned how to walk her dog from her wheelchair. She hopes to ski this winter with adaptive equipment.

Stefanie has a Facebook page, “Stefanie Schaeffer Finds New Roads.”

## MSA presents “Ondine,” a mermaid play

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** – Main Street Arts presents French playwright Jean Giraudoux's “Ondine,” the tragicomic love story of Hans, a wandering knight, and Ondine, a spirit of the sea, in performances directed by John Hadden, director of last summer's “Hamlet.” Shows runs on weekends, July 15-30.

Hans has been sent on a quest by his betrothed. In the forest he meets and falls in love with Ondine, who is attracted to the world of mortals and has been raised by an older couple deep in the woods by a lake. Their marriage is wonderful and catastrophic.

By turns satirical, en-

chanting, and tragic, “Ondine,” written as the Nazis were preparing to occupy Paris, is considered by some to be Giraudoux's finest work. The play features Sean Roberts and Kimm Johnson as the lovers, and includes a generous handful of beloved faces from past MSA Productions, including David Zucker. David played the King in “Hamlet,” and is back this year to play – the King!

Tickets are discounted for children under 18. Performances are Saturday evenings at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org), or at the door.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**ACROSS**

1 Ego

5 Curved line

8 Easy targets

12 Geometric calculation

13 "The Matrix" hero

14 Conspiracy

15 Elephant's ancestor

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21 Rice recipe

24 Colorations

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26 Magazine staff listing

30 Leary's drug

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33 Became an expert in

35 Actress Ward

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37 Cancel

38 Where Gauguin painted

41 Football filler

42 Milky gem

43 Large dogs

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52 Game caller

**DOWN**

1 America's uncle

2 Historic time

3 Guitar expert

4 Nabob

5 Tennis champ

6 Old Olds

7 Mixed up

8 Swimming pool sound

9 "Roots" author Haley

10 Corn concoction

11 Jazz great

16 Klutz

20 Reply to "Shall we?"

21 Tropical tree

22 "Casablanca" role

23 Pot covers

24 Long-eared hoppers

26 Philosopher

27 Always

28 Rights org.

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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Karl R. Amidon, 1961-2023

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



Karl Amidon, 1961-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Farrar, Kalob (Jay) Farrar-King, Abrah (Jon) Farrar, Tessa (Zack) Corliss, Josh Dezaine, Shaun Amidon, and Brianna (Freddie) Hale, as well as many great nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, and his brothers Jimmy, Lee, and Keith.

Karl worked for Chester Building Supply, had his CDL, and worked with many transport companies. He was employed as maintenance supervisor in various companies throughout Vermont and Florida.

He proudly served with the Vermont Army National Guard from 1990-1994, was a member of the Chester American Legion Post 67, and often presented in the Color Guard.

We'd like to thank Felicity Haseltine of Senior Solutions, and the VNH Hospice nurses who provided loving care to Karl and his family.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 22, at 1:30 p.m., at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt., with a reception to follow at the Chester Baptist church.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Davis Memorial Chapel.

Philip P. Hobbs, 2023

NEWMARKET, N.H. – Philip P. Hobbs passed away at the age of 59 on Monday, June 19, 2023. His home for over 20 years and his current residence was in Newmarket, N.H. He was a talented project engineer working for E Tech Group. Philip leaves behind one parent, Beverly Hobbs (Matthews), who still resides in his childhood home in Springfield, Vt. Philip graduated from Springfield High School, and graduated from Vermont Technical College with an associate's degree in engineering. He was also a veteran of the United States Army.

Beverly loved Phil dearly and always spoke of him as "the apple of her eye." He leaves behind two siblings, Donald N. Hobbs residing in Massachusetts, and Gail M. Johnson (Hobbs) married to David P. Johnson, currently living in Reading, Pa. Phil also leaves behind one nephew Bradley P. Johnson, residing in Hawaii. Bradley proudly carries his uncle's first name,



Philip Hobbs, 2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

"Philip," as his middle name.

Phil was known for his love of sailing. As a solitary individual, he was a man of few words. Even so, Philip demonstrated a great sense of humor, always making those around him laugh. His only sister Gail writes, "He's had a killer smile, full of fun, mischief, and loved adventure. Phil had a sailor's heart and liked family tradition".

A private memorial service for Philip will be held at his mother's home in September 2023.

BELLOWS FALLS

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in-person. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch or to our website 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/CavendishBaptistChurch-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

Edwin Bentley, 1933-2023

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. PHOTO PROVIDED

Ramos; his son Bob and daughter-in-law Mary-Dana 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, Zigmunt, 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.

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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.

WESTMINSTER

First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

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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 Wooton (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 Evens, 1935-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On July 5, 2023, after a long battle with Alzheimer's and recently Covid, Lucille Moriglioni Evens started her journey to join her family.

Lucille was born at home on Meadow Street, Ludlow, Vt. on May 11, 1935, to Anthony and Flaura Mason Moriglioni.

She was predeceased by her parents; brothers Anthony and twin brothers John and Jim; and sister Elaine Stryhas.

She is survived by her husband Robert, whom she married on Oct. 7, 1972, her sister-in-law Barbara Moriglioni, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In 1975, they built a home on Nicholson Road, Fort Ann, N.Y., in which they lived until February 1992, at which time they both retired from Continental Insurance Company in Glens Falls, N.Y. They then moved to Moriglioni Road, Cavendish, Vt., to the home which was her brother Anthony's home and which she inherited from her mother.

In 1998 they sold 500 acres to the Vermont Land Trust, who in turn donated it to the state of Vermont, and it became part of the Knapp Pond Wildlife Area.

She and Bob enjoyed many vacations on the Maine coast and Aroostook County, Maine, and to the Amish country in Pennsylv-



Lucille Moriglioni Evens, 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.

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**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.

**JULY 15 –**  
CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will be hosting a community event for a beloved resident of

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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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The ideal candidate is a team player, self-motivated, hon-est, 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](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov).

The Town of Charlestown is an equal opportunity employer.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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](mailto:sdoyle@springfieldmed.org).

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School St Ext. in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.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](http://www.dgbodyworks.com) for more information. Private classes are available.

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

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 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@edgarmay.org), or visit [www.edgarmay.org](http://www.edgarmay.org).

## 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

intricate harmonies, compelling songwriting, and passionate delivery. The genre-bending trio – Marg- o 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.

In their current iteration, Mad Agnes uses primarily one microphone around which they form and re-form, early-radio style. Their ease with one another on stage invites the audience into their world of human connection and spontaneous fun. Well-crafted instrumentation – using guitars, mandolin, ukulele, piano, melodica, an inventive keyboard, and three-part harmonies as tight as jeans from the dryer – enr-thralls audiences again and again.

Tickets for all performances are available now through Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), or The Peru Church website at [www.theperuchurch.org](http://www.theperuchurch.org).

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



**Town of Westminster**  
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158  
Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816

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:

<b>Application # 23-45</b>	Application # 23-45 <b>APPEAL</b> of Permit (Norman Beam/Buck Adams) issued for a Lot Line Adjustment at 99 Beakins Hill. This Appeal will be reviewed under <b>Section 217 Appeals; Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District Zone;</b> of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.
<b>Application # 23-49</b>	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 <b>Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District; and Section 313 Variances</b> 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.



LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

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REGION – Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

Mechanic Wanted – P&M Auto is looking for a mechanic. Pay depending on experience. Please stop in or call Angie at 802-885-4963 for information or an application.

YARD SALE

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

9-5, across from Jackson Gore on Buttermilk Falls Road, first bridge on right, follow signs. Old and new, fishing and more.

**\$1000 sign on Bonus Awake Overnight Advocate**

Want to come be apart of the change? Want to be apart of a small caring team? Want to help give Vermont youth a safe place to be? Then this is the place for you. \$17 with a \$2 shift differential. Must have a valid Driver's License and be able to pass a Criminal Background check.

**Job Description**

- To provide direct care, support and supervision of residents, including random bed checks at 15 minute intervals. Nightly chores and deep cleaning of house.
- To assist in supervision of residents during morning routine.
- To enforce house rules and policies and procedures.
- To perform related duties.

Contact Sydney Sprague  
sprague@windsorcountyyouthservices.org

**NOTICE**  
**St. Charles Catholic Cemetery**

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

**TOWN OF CHESTER**  
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Candidate should possess the following knowledge and skills:

1. Possess a valid Vermont AEMT/EMT license.
2. Possess a Highschool diploma or GED.
3. Ability to pass a background check.
4. US Citizen.
5. 18 Years of age or older.
6. 2 years of healthcare experience.
7. Ability to lift 50 pounds.
8. Possess VT drivers license

Inquire by sending your resume with a Town of Chester Application to:  
Town of Chester, VT  
PO Box 370  
Chester, VT 05143

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.

**Submit your Classified Online!**

[www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com)

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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**King Crossword**

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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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 [tmgcarter@gmail.com](mailto:tmgcarter@gmail.com), or Martha Harrison, Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, at [mharrison@marcvct.org](mailto:mharrison@marcvct.org), or Bob Brandt, Village Trustee, at [bobjbrandt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:amie.obrien@chestervt.gov). This position is open until filled.

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**Annual Flower Show** by 13 Artists

**Chinese Calligraphy and Chinese Poetry Workshop** with Jonathan Root 7/22 11-2  
Register at Vault or [galleryvault.org/workshops/](http://galleryvault.org/workshops/)

**On the Wild Side Open Wall Show**  
*Dance of Color* next Open Wall theme  
(Art pick up & drop off: July 12, 14, 15 11-5)

**Artful Flea in the Alleyway** July 15 10-5  
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# arts & entertainment

## 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.



The Proctorsville Quarry.

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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

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](http://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, paperweight, 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 [gallervault@vermontel.net](mailto:gallervault@vermontel.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.gallervault.org](http://www.gallervault.org), or on Facebook.

## 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 Neeck.

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 Vermonterers, 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](mailto: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 Summer 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](mailto: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 Moliere’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](http://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.” PHOTO PROVIDED

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 Haefner back to the stage for her 27th Weston role as Heidi Schreck. Haefner’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 Kaitlynn Cherry to the stage as Heidi’s

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. 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.

## 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 eclectic

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](http://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, Isness 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](http://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, varietextured instrumentals, 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](http://www.nextstagearts.org).



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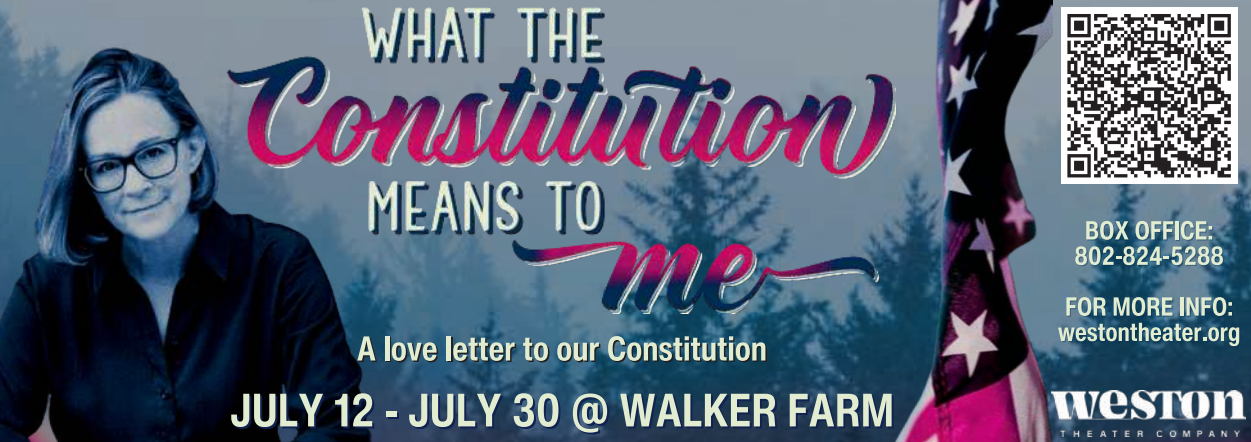
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# AMAS Scholarship 2023

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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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 lifesaving, 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-

# Southern Vermont AHEC 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 Educa-



Southern Vermont AHEC's Advanced MedQuest program participants. PHOTO PROVIDED

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. “By offering health career exploration programs like Advanced MedQuest, students are gaining invaluable skills and experiential learning opportunities in the field of health care. They discover so many career possibilities that they never dreamed possible,” said Amanda Richardson, director of health careers exploration for Southern Vermont Area Health Edu-

cation Center. “These types of programs can be defining moments for students in helping them decide which career pathway they want to pursue.” For more information on Southern Vermont AHEC and its programs visit [www.svtahec.org](http://www.svtahec.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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