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## Chester discusses class 4 road discontinuance

BY NICK GIBERTI  
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard met Wednesday, Jan. 3, with the majority of their discussion focused on consideration of a class 4 road discontinuance for Town Highway 136, more commonly known as Bailey Hill Road. A class 4 road in Vermont is one which, unlike class 1-3 roads, is not maintained by the town or state, but on which the public is allowed to travel.

The impetus for the proposed discontinuance came from Chester property owner Paul Bidgood, who's property abuts Bailey Hill Road. According to Bidgood, he had submitted to the board documentation which he said demonstrated that the road had been "incorrectly put on the town highway map" in 2010. As a result, Bidgood wanted the board to discontinue the classification of this road as a class 4 road, thereby removing the public right of way for use of the road.

Selectboard Chair Arne Jonynas acknowledged that this was an "extremely serious consideration" with "huge ramifications" for the town, stating that the board would be seeking input from the town's legal counsel before making any decisions on the road's status.

Chester resident and trailmaster of the Chester Snowmobile Club Dick Jewett rose to voice his opposition to the class 4 discontinuance, reading from a letter which he had previously sent to the selectboard. Jewett noted that the club has, over the last 30 years, maintained many class 4 roads throughout Chester, including Bailey Hill Road, spending significant volunteer time and money on trail maintenance and improvement projects. "If the snowmobile club were to lose this section of trail," Jewett told the board, "it would cripple the club, and possibly ruin us." Loss of public access to Bailey Hill Road would mean that the Chester Snowmobile Club would no longer have use of their main corridor to the north, cutting off access to other local clubs and the rest of the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) network, Jewett said.

Jonynas acknowledged the work that the snowmobile club has done to maintain class 4 roads in Chester, and thanked the club for its efforts, reiterating that the board would not be making a decision until consulting with legal counsel. He also suggested that the board should visit the road site.

Conner Eklund of the Stone Hearth Inn and Eat-

ery also spoke to the board regarding the impact that the discontinuance would have on his, and likely other, local businesses. Eklund told the board that "at least half" of the inn's business during the winter comes from snowmobilers traveling the trails, who stop in for food and, in some cases, lodging. "It will impact us greatly," Eklund concluded.

The board assured those present that they would act with the interests of the town in mind, and would continue their investigation into the matter in the forthcoming weeks and months.

The board then moved on to adopting the false alarm policy which had been previously discussed at their Nov. 15 meeting. The policy would impose penalties for repeat automated, false alarms which result in deployment of fire or police personnel to a home, as well as instituting a fee to register alarms with Chester's emergency services. The ordinance will take effect 20 days from the date of the meeting, Jan. 23.

The Chester Selectboard will next meet on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall.

## Cavendish Planning Commission talks STR

BY LORIE STRANGE  
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – At their Jan. 4 meeting, the Cavendish Planning Commission reviewed changes to the Proposed Subdivision Regulations and discussed potential effects of introducing town policies on short-term rentals (STRs).

The meeting progressed quickly to a review of the second draft for the Proposed Subdivision Regulations. Mount Ascutney Regional Commission executive director Jason Rasmussen, who did the majority of the editing, detailed the document's most relevant changes to the commission, and offered brief summaries of the less consequential edits.

Most of the changes were minor, said Rasmussen, but the few larger ones included added language to clarify administrative processes in approving subdivisions, and updating the planning commission's road and bridge standards to match town and state road requirements. Rasmussen had also added detail to the subdivisions waiver section, which allows for the waiver of most town standards on a case-by-case basis.

Chairman Tim Calabrese proposed having an open forum sometime during the early spring to allow the public to review and discuss the proposed regulations before they are formally submitted to the selectboard. The commission brainstormed possible

dates, times, and venues, ultimately agreeing to follow up with town manager Rick Chambers and Selectboard Chairman Bob Glidden before publishing the draft and making further plans.

As requested at the Dec. 11 selectboard meeting, the commission began discussing the possibility of regulating STRs – rental homes that are occupied for at least 14 days a year but no more than 30 days at a time. Unlike other area towns, which have been drawing increased administrative attention to these units since they were popularized by services such as Airbnb and Vrbo, Cavendish does not have any regulations in place for short or long-term rental homes. State law dictates that all rentals must be certified by the state fire marshal or self-certify. However, planning commission member and owner of Open Door Vacation Rentals Noah Schmidt says that lack of education and enforcement around these policies means they are not commonly implemented in town.

As a small town, Cavendish would face many challenges applying more rigorous policies. Schmidt noted that the Vermont Short-Term Rental Alliance had made a guide for towns seeking to add STR regulations, including recommendations for zoning laws and creating a self-reporting registry for STRs. Cavendish does not use zoning laws, but the alternative – developing, maintaining, and enforcing a self-registration system that would amount to "almost a full-time position," according to Schmidt

– calls for personnel that Cavendish does not have or cannot spare. Schmidt and fellow member Bruce McEnaney noted that other Vermont towns, including Chester and Killington, have outsourced this work to third-party private companies such as Granicus and GovOS. These software systems could streamline the self-reporting process for STR owners and make data aggregation easier for the town, but these services would come with a fee. Schmidt said that Ludlow paid around \$26,000 for the initial set-up of the system, and \$40,000 for a year of monitoring, but he was not sure how that would translate to a smaller town such as Cavendish.

All members voiced concerns for safety issues. Developing a registry would give the volunteer fire department accurate information on area building occupancy in the event of a fire. It could also inform management of the town water supply and sewage system, the latter of which McEnaney claims was prone to reach capacity during the winter vacation times before more recent upgrades. Town liability was also a concern, with member Shirley Clark asking if the town could be sued if they did not develop firmer regulations, or if the regulations were not properly enforced.

The planning commission agreed to discuss STR regulations further at a later date.

The Cavendish Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 p.m., in the Cavendish Town Hall and on Zoom.

### Tyson Ladies Aide donates to community

PLYMOUTH, Vt. –Tyson Ladies Aide has wrapped up another successful year of fundraising. The funds were put back into the community, with two \$1,500 scholarship to support local students pursuing higher education, \$1,000 to Ludlow Rotary Club's flood relief fund, \$1,000 to help repair Greven Field in Cavendish, \$1,000 to help repair the Ludlow dog park, as well as support for the Plymouth Fire Department, and providing Christmas gifts to Windsor County Youth Services' Mountainside House.

## Vermont's "destination" dispensary sets new standard

BY JOE MILLIKEN  
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – In September 2023, owners Andi Goldman, Meredith Milliken, and Scott Blair of Down To The Roots Cannabis Retail Store opened their doors with the mission to create a welcoming experience in a knowledgeable, wellness-focused environment with high-quality products for both beginners and legacy consumers.

Located at 7 Pineview Drive in Chester (the former 103 Artisans Marketplace art gallery), it is a beautiful, quintessential Vermont barn, featuring a stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings, and barn wood interiors, complemented by unique impressionistic photos by world-renowned artist Angelo Musco, creating a full spectrum, high quality Vermont "destination dispensary" experience.

Down To The Roots offers a wide selection of locally grown, craft cannabis flower, edibles, drinks,

tinctures, vapes, capsules, and hash rosin products that contain THC, plus an array of CBD-only products, including pet treats.

In this fast-moving cannabis retail space, Down To The Roots proudly separates themselves from other shops as the first adult-use store in Vermont to offer free, in-person consultation sessions with a registered nurse and Certified Ganjier, Jessilyn Dolan, for those interested in learning more about cannabis or CBD from a medical professional.

Down To The Roots is also the first legal cannabis dispensary anywhere to store their cannabis overnight in a custom Cannatrol system built into their vault and, during the day, to store flower in other Cannatrol systems at their "deli-style bar," where customers can view the buds as they are selected and weighed.

With these patented, award-winning Cannatrol systems provided by local company Vermont Dry & Cure Technologies, which



Down to the Roots in Chester. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

serves a global clientele, Down To The Roots controls the dew point of their flower during storage to preserve the most important cannabinoids and terpenes.

Testimonials from happy customers are as noteworthy as their store, flower storage, knowledgeable staff, and product offerings. Down To The Roots also offers discounts for Vermont and New Hampshire residents, seniors, veterans, and cannabis medical cardholders, with rotating specials for every-

one.

The knowledge and experience of the business partners is impressive, and can be seen in the details throughout their operations. CEO and CFO Andi Goldman has been involved in the legal cannabis industry for nearly a decade as CFO, advisor, and investment fund manager. Directly prior to cannabis, Andi was an institutional lender to "mainstream" healthcare companies. She resides full-time in Ludlow, Vt., with wife and business partner Meredith.

Native Vermonter, COO, and general manager Scott Blair also possesses a wealth of cannabis knowledge, plus significant retail management experience. Scott is a Chester resident and multiple-business owner, including The Southern Pie Café. His many connections with local hemp farmers, CBD producers, and cannabis growers throughout the region has benefitted Down To The Roots. CMO and chief talent officer Meredith Milliken is a cannabis angel investor and former swim coach, personal trainer, and marketing corporate relations manager.

This team and location were not the original plan. Andi, Meredith, and fellow Ludlow residents originally tried to convince a majority of Ludlow voters to approval a legal cannabis store in Ludlow for the benefit of their hometown. But that vote failed twice.

"In hindsight, this was actually the best thing that could have happened to us, as it had become clear that we did not have the support

of Ludlow's senior leadership at the time," Andi said in a recent interview. "In the meantime, a Facebook commenter posted that people should instead support 'Scott in Chester.'"

"So, after the disappointing votes, and believing that a high quality, safer alternative to purchase cannabis in the Okemo Valley was more important than our own plans, we located 'Scott in Chester' and offered our full support to him."

Then, after winning the approval of citizens for a Chester cannabis store, Scott, Andi, and Meredith teamed up and joined forces with successful local restaurateur Mark Williams to secure the current property.

After six months of renovations, they hired an already well-educated staff, paid for their training beyond the minimum required by Vermont, and forged additional partnerships with local farmers.

For more information, call 802-374-0095, or visit [www.downtotherootsvt.com](http://www.downtotherootsvt.com).

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# Rotary thanks community

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Area Rotary Club thanks the residents and businesses of the greater Ludlow area for their support in 2023. As a result of your support, we were able to spread this mission by supporting members of our community and beyond. Our annual Penny Sale and Chili Cookoff were hugely successful, allowing us to support local projects and scholarships. We support local organizations such as Mountainside House with grants for needed projects.

This year, our neighbors both near and far were challenged by major storms. After July's torrential rain and devastating flooding, Rotary became the fiscal agent for a collaborative effort with the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. In addition, we donated substantial money to the Ludlow Enterprise Fund, to Black River Good Neighbor Services, and the Cavendish

Family Fund. We quickly secured dehumidifiers that were distributed through the Ludlow Disaster Relief Center. Representatives of the club participated on the flood relief committee to assure financial help was distributed equitably.

To help with clean-up efforts after the flood, we contributed gear and a kayak to the Black River Action Team. Some members of the club went into the trenches, helping with clean-up efforts in homes and businesses. We also financially supported fellow citizens of our country who experienced devastating wildfires in Lahaina, Maui.

Outside our local area, we provide support to Rotary International to help eradicate polio in the world. Rotary International is making great progress in this area, and the world is 99% polio free. We also supported the Montreal Club in their efforts to bring water and

sanitation to over 33,000 beneficiaries in Ghana.

We support an international student exchange program that places high school students in local homes for a year in a foreign country, where they can immerse themselves in a different culture to promote world understanding. Annually, we provide scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from the communities we serve – Ludlow, Cavendish, and Mount Holly, helping them access post-high school educational opportunities.

We are thankful for all the support from the area, and wanted to share with you what your generosity can do. The Ludlow Area Rotary Club meets on Tuesdays at DJ's Restaurant. For more information on the club, or to join, contact Kevin Barnes, membership chairman, at 802-228-8877.

# Tree of Remembrance

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Women's Club (OVWC) thanks you for your generous donations, which go to local charities and scholarships.

This year's Tree of Remembrance shines in memory of the following loved ones: Sharlene Ahern, Joan Albert, Charles Baitz, Priscilla Baitz, John Bazzano, Oscar and Nellie Beckman, Ernie Belanger, Hank Berger, Charlie Bidwell, Mary Bolduc, Earl Bonneau, Dave Brown, Evelyn Bryant, Kim Bryant, Oscar and Margarita Bryant, Roy and Marie Bryant, Stanley and Francis Bryant, Gail Caldwell, Charlotte Chardonnet, Joan, Amelia, John, Vic, and Tony Ciuffo, Dottie Clark Davis and Jim Davis, Nancy DeLong, George and Ethelyn Dever, Kathleen Dever, Suzanne Durgin, Finneas

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To add your loved one's name to our list, mail your tax deductible donation to OVWC, c/o Pat Archambault, 61 Andover Street, Ludlow, VT 05149. Make your check payable to "Okemo Valley Women's Club" or "OVWC." Include the name(s) of those you wish to be remembered.



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# Vermont Emergency Eats

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Vermont Emergency Eats (VEE) program distributed over 49,000 meals made by local restaurants to flood-impacted Vermonters in need between Aug. 7 and Nov. 4. Based on the successful "three-pillar" VEE model, Vermont Emergency Eats meals were made by 30 local restaurants using an average of 25% Vermont ingredients, and received by Vermonters whose food security was negatively impacted by the summer flooding.

The initial \$700,000 invested in the program by the state catalyzed an additional \$1.12 million recirculated by restaurants and farmers into local spending on labor and ingredients, along with a further \$88,000 in private dollars invested in Vermont-owned farms and restaurants on flood recovery, business infrastructure, and equipment.

"We think of Vermont Emergency Eats as being about feeding people, which is true," said Eliza-

beth Schuster of Sustainable Economies Consulting. "But equally important is the benefit to participating restaurants, which reported \$703,500 in flood damages. These restaurants were able to use the cash flow from the meals to start repairing their businesses."

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) contracted with Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to administer the program. The 10 flood-impacted counties were served by six community hub organizations, including Capstone Community Action, Center for an Agricultural Economy, Chester Helping Hands, Green Mountain Farm To School, The Giving Fridge, Springfield Family Center, and Vermont Farmers Food Center.

Schuster and Michelle Klieger's Vermont Emergency Eats Impact Report can be found at [www.vt-emergencyeats.org/impact-report](http://www.vt-emergencyeats.org/impact-report).

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# 1849 Gold Rush

BY RON PATCH

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As New England's population increased in the early 1800s, a slow, westerly migration began. By the 1840s, pioneers in wagon trains were traveling west to Oregon. These pioneers came from New England and other eastern states. Some came from Vermont and New Hampshire.

With the discovery of gold in California, many went west to seek their fortune. These prospectors wrote home to tell family and friends their experiences. Very few ever struck it rich.

Because these letters were mailed back east, they do show up now and then. Not as often today as 40 years ago, but occasionally, I still find one. Below is such a letter.

I have copied it as handwritten the best I could. I

didn't correct spelling or punctuation. I suggest you read it slow and maybe twice. I had to. It's an interesting historical account. It was mailed home to Cavendish.

"Marattan May 9th 1849

Dear Sir

Having a few leisure moments to day I thought I should write you a line to you as you are probably anxious to hear from me. There is a Steamer here direct from San Francisco. I have seen a lump worth \$32 and another worth \$9. It makes a fellows eyes shine to look at them. I have conversed with a man direct from California, he brings news more extravagaus than any that I have before heard Work is \$10 per day at San Francisco. There has been several murders committed lately but they say there is good order there now. A man in the Steam boat says

that a man can dig from 1 to 9 ounces per day. A fellow has got to work if he gets any gold. A person that has never been accustomed to work cannot endure the fatigue of digging gold. There is a great many clerks from New York gone there, they will wilt like hot house plants before a burning [illegible] A stout healthy man is not in much danger. There is some sicknefs at the mines. I cannot give much reliable information now, when I get there I shall let you know all about it We left Vera Cruz on the 14 of March and arrived at San Blas on the 1 of May We sail on a Brigoutine belonging to port of San Blas owned by the French Consul at that place called the Dos Amigos (or two friends) We started from Vera Cruz with a wagon but sold it at Jalapa and bought horses and pack mules. We paid from \$30 to \$40 for our horses and mules and

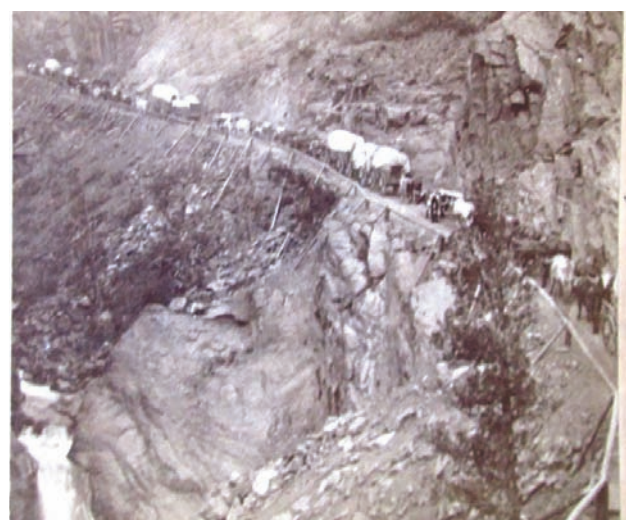
sold them on an average at a lofs of about \$20 per head. I have not time here to give you any particulars in relation to our journey When I get time I shall tell you the whole story I am in a hurry to day I am well and tough as a knot give my respects to all inquiring friends

Respectfully yours D E Harlow

P.S. Please send this to Maria"

There were three main routes to California. Traveling cross-country in a wagon train took months to complete. And of course the Indians didn't welcome the new arrivals. Sailing around the tip of South America to San Francisco was a very long and dangerous journey. The rough seas around Cape Horn claimed a number of wooden ships.

Some traveled overland through Mexico, as the author of this letter did. Either



A wagon train navigating Ute Indian Pass in Colorado, on their way west.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

route was a dangerous trek.

Instead of an old saying, I offer a short story. The town dump was on the Dump Road. Winslow Hale was the dump man. One day, my brother Brian was speeding down the Dump Road in his '66 Chevlelle. As Brian came into a curve, Winslow was coming the

other way. Brian was speeding and Winslow was in the center of the road. Brian swerved to miss Winslow, and ran off the road. Winslow stopped. Brian got out his car and chewed Winslow a new one. Winslow said, "I don't know why you're so upset. You came just as close to me as I came to you."

## MLK Day and "Selma" film at BFOH

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The third Monday in January is designated as Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This year, the recognition falls on what would have been Dr. King's 95th birthday.

The day was established as a result of his assassination on April 4, 1968, to recognize his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. King was a Baptist minister who believed that a platform of nonviolence was the most effective way to address racial segregation, and first gained national attention during the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott in 1955.

He also spearheaded the March on Washington in 1963, eventually leading in 1964 to passage of the Civil Rights Act and receipt of the Nobel Prize for Peace.

The Civil Rights Movement served as a catalyst to bring attention to many

social justice movements, including women's and gay rights. In recognition of this year's important and challenging political landscape for the LGBTQ+ community, Bellows Falls Pride will sponsor a film screening of "Selma" on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Bellows Falls Opera House (BFOH), located on The Square in Bellows Falls, Vt.

The historical film features a star-studded cast including David Oyelowo, Tom Wilkinson, and Tim Roth in key roles. The two-hour saga is a depiction of Dr. King's campaign to secure equal voting rights for African Americans, culminating in the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., led by King and Rep. John Lewis. It was nominated for Best Picture, Best Director, and won Best Original Song for "Glory," performed by John Legend.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. A birthday recognition will be held for Dr. King, with desserts provided by the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union Farm to Table Café at Bellows Falls Union High School.

Bellows Falls Pride is an initiative of the non-profit Rockingham Arts and Museum Project, founded in 1997. The opera house is wheelchair accessible.

Find Bellows Falls Pride on Facebook, or visit [www.bellowsfallspride.com](http://www.bellowsfallspride.com) and [www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com](http://www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com) for more information.

## Saxtons River Art sponsors exhibits

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Members of the Saxtons River Art Guild (SRAG) will display their work during January and February.

Currently on display at the Rockingham Medical Center in Bellows Falls is a solo display of watercolors by Ann Newsmith, and a group exhibit that includes work by Donna Cary, Lori Ebare, Barbara Greenough, Kathy Greve, Ellen Howard, Donna Lund, Marjorie Layman, Linda Rothchild, and Liz Winchester-Larson. These exhibits are open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., through Feb. 28.

Starting Jan. 10, the Whiting Library in Chester will showcase SRAG members, including Carolyn Berglund, Donna Cary, Nancy DiMauro, Lori Ebare, Sandy Greene, Barbara Gre-

enough, Kathy Greve, Ellen Howard, Marjorie Layman, Donna Lund, Ann Newsmith, Lainie Senechal, Kris Stewart, and Liz Winchester-Larson. It is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A reception will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Whit-

ing Library. The snow date is Saturday, Jan. 20, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In Brattleboro, artwork will be displayed at Ramunto's during restaurant hours. The participants include Carolyn Berglund, Sandy Greene, Kathy Greve, Donna Lund, Barbara Greenough, and Liz Winchester-Larson.

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# opinion

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

Dear Editor,

As another successful season comes to a close, the vendors of the Springfield Farmers' Market wish to acknowledge the contributions of all those who made that success possible. Due to the generosity of Bob Flint and the SRDC, we enjoyed a safe and family-friendly location to meet our customers. Many thanks to Alice

and Taylor of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce for working so hard to keep us involved in the chamber's myriad activities.

To our hometown papers, The Springfield Reporter, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper Newspaper, and The Eagle Times, as well as to John Landry of WCFR,

we extend our thanks for the excellent coverage you gave our season. And finally, to our customers, who were there whatever the weather, deepest thanks. We'll see you in the spring!

Sincerely,  
The Springfield Farmers Market

Dear Editor,

This is a fateful year for America. My country. Your country. Our country.

We either will keep our republic, or we will lose it.

America is a democratic republic based on a written constitution and the rule of law. If, in 2024, we choose lawlessness, then we will have voted against America.

America is liberty for everyone. We professed this truth in our Declaration of Independence, that we are all created equal and are rightful heirs to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

America is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, as Abraham Lincoln stated at Gettysburg. America is not a country ruled by one person. No king or queen, no dictator, no supreme religious leader – no one person to dictate how we live or for whom we vote.

America is the promise that we each will have the opportunity to become who we are meant to be. What is required of us as American citizens is to make sure this promise is available to each of us.

America is a union. We the people declared this to be true in our preamble to our Constitution. America does not recognize "red" states or "blue" states.

America has 50 united states. Indeed, we wrote our American constitution to "form a more perfect union," not to divide it.

America is precious. She represents who we want to be as Americans, who we know we can be if we simply remember and live by the words that define us.

America is the embodiment of everything we the people believed to be true and right when we declared our independence in 1776, and when we ordained and established our constitution for the United States of America in 1787.

I love America, and I believe in her still. Do you?

Sincerely,  
Susan Sommer  
Weston, Vt.

## Winter safety tips

**REGION** – We get quite a few calls every winter involving subjects who have slipped and fallen on ice or suffered from exposure because they were unprepared for the conditions or they have been outside for too long. Here are a few cold weather safety precautions.

Dress warmly, preferably with layers, which trap body heat. Use the correct footwear. Wear warm, waterproof boots with good tread, and if needed use clip-on cleats for added traction.

Prep walkways and

steps with railings and anti-slip treads, and use plenty of sand or salt. In addition, walkways, porches, and entrances should be well lit.

Shovel snow carefully and slowly. It can dangerously strain your heart, as well as injure your back or neck.

Know the early signs of hypothermia. If you are violently shivering, are feeling exhausted and confused, have fumbling hands and/or slurred speech, please retire to a warm place.

It is very important for members of the community who wear medical alert bracelets or necklaces to

have them on when they are outside. There is a good chance that a subject unable to stand up unaided will suffer from hypothermia, frostbite, or worse in a short period of time.

We hope you find these tips useful. Be safe out there. There's still quite a bit of winter to go.

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## Food for Life Vegan Potluck

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Join us for the Food for Life Vegan Potluck on Sunday, Jan. 14, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at the Huber building, 80 Main Street in Springfield, Vt. We gather monthly to share good food and socialize.

Why potluck? It is a good way to connect with people and build a sense of community. Why vegan? Everybody

can eat plant-based food, but people who don't eat animal products don't find much they can eat at regular potlucks. Eating just plants cuts out cholesterol, reduces saturated fats, and increases intake of fiber and a wide range of nutrients, so it is healthier for us overall. It is also healthier for the planet. Growing plants for food reduces production of methane, a greenhouse

gas that is much more powerful than carbon dioxide, and uses less open land and fewer fossil fuels than raising plants to feed animals to feed people. You don't have to be vegan to enjoy these potlucks. Just bring something to share that has only plant and mineral ingredients, and enjoy the interesting and delicious foods that are the hallmark of these potlucks.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Resolutions to keep you safe from fraud

**REGION** – January marks a new year; a fresh start. It's a time for resolutions, but sadly, most of us part ways with these best-of-intentions. Resolving to lose weight somehow disappears around Valentine's Day, and pledging to exhibit less road rage dissolves when someone grabs that parking space you wanted. What we fail to recognize is that resolutions require a change in behavior – a long-term commitment. Here are some suggested resolutions from members of our AARP Fraud Watch Team. Many of these suggestions are "one and done" or "set it and forget it," where no follow-up is required, no

behavior change, while others will only succeed if you are persistent.

Contact the four major credit bureaus and put a freeze or lock on your credit accounts. They are Equifax, 800-525-6285; Trans Union, 800-680-7289; Experian, 888-397-3742; and Innovis, 800-540-2505. It may take a little effort to complete, but the peace of mind and security is well worth it.

If you don't know the caller, don't answer the phone. If it's important, the caller will leave a message; if there's no message, then it wasn't important.

Be proactive in your community. Share knowledge with your communi-

ty on Front Porch Forum and other social media, in letters to the editor, or anywhere you can.

Embrace two-factor authentication, every day and every time you log in. Two-factor authentication requires two forms of identification to access your accounts, giving you the ability to monitor and help safeguard your most valuable information.

Add your phone number(s) to the do not call list – 888-382-1222. Scammers do not respect that list; odds are that unrecognizable calls are scams.

Ignore unsolicited text messages and calls from unfamiliar and unidentified phone numbers.

Read every explanation of benefits (EOB) received from health insurance companies, and Medicare Summary Notice (MSN), to verify medical services you received, and report errors to the agency or company sending the notice.

Install a password manager and add one frequently-used password to its vault. As you use it, you'll be pleased by the

convenience, and you'll want to use it for other passwords as well.

If it sounds too good to be true, it is.

Ignore text messages and emails congratulating you on winning prizes, from companies with which you do not conduct business. If you are told you need to pay a tax or fee for your prize, it's a scam.

While adopting these resolutions will not make you scam-proof, they will add to your defenses and possibly save you from becoming a victim of a very sophisticated criminal.

Consider becoming a Fraud Watch volunteer. The training will come from your peers, and the commitment is yours to determine. If you have questions or comments, email [egreenblott@aarp.org](mailto:egreenblott@aarp.org).

*Written by Elliott Greenblott, a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. He hosts a CATV program, "Mr. Scammer," distributed by GNAT-TV in Sunderland, Vt. – [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).*

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# obituaries

## Catherine Hallock, 1952-2023

GRAFTON, Vt. – Catherine “Cathy” Plummer Hallock passed away on Dec. 19, 2023, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., after a short illness.

Cathy was born on Sept. 29, 1952, in Townshend, Vt., to Joseph and Ann Plummer.

Cathy graduated from BFUHS in 1970, and attended Green Mountain College. In 1972, she graduated with a with a medical assistance degree and went to work for Dr. Orr from 1972-1976.

Cathy met Paul Hallock, and they were married on Aug. 11, 1973. Together they owned and operated Hallock Boarding Kennel since 1986.

Cathy loved playing croquet, playing board games, long drives with Paul, and taking pic-

tures of wildlife.

Cathy was involved as treasurer of Grafton Cares for 10 years, Grafton Community Church, Red Hats Society, and loved being part of the Grafton community her whole life.

Cathy is survived by her husband Paul; two sons Rob and his wife Sadie, and John and his wife Kellie; and four grandchildren Abriella, Will, Kory, and Sophia.

Cathy is also survived by brothers John and Joe Plummer, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be announced in the spring.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

## William J. Walker, 1936-2024

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – William Joseph Walker, 87, of Proctorsville, passed peacefully on Jan. 4, 2024, at his daughter's home in Brattleboro, surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on Feb. 28, 1936, in Melrose, Mass., to George and Mary Agnes (Cronin) Walker.

Bill spent three years in Germany with the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict as a military police officer. After his service, Bill attended Merrimack College, where he started out in engineering and later changed his major to business administration. He began his career as a buyer with Pratt and Whitney, and then eventually went into sales. He worked for National Starch and Chemical for 32 years selling industrial adhesives. Although he ended with a degree in business, he always had an engineering mind, tinkering with everything and having a gift for solving problems. He would often go into plants and evaluate problems, only to come home and cook up adhesives on the kitchen stove until he got the right application for the client. During his career for National Starch and Chemical, he was named Salesman of the Year several times. No doubt, his determination to get the right application and his willingness to go above and beyond in order to get it, even if it meant ruining the family cookware, helped earn him top accolades in his career.

While working at his first job out of college, Pratt and Whitney, he attended a wedding of a good friend and met Claire Pettee, who was a friend of the bride. A year later the two married. Bill and Claire were married for 60 years and had four children whom they raised in Newington, Conn., and later Somers, Conn., for 20 years. They are Nana and Grampy to seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bill loved telling stories to his children and grandchildren. He had a knack for storytelling that would captivate his audience and always leave them laughing.

Bill enjoyed downhill skiing and raised a family of skiers, spending weekends and holidays in his Vermont home near Okemo Mountain. His



William Walker, 1936-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

children and his grandchildren share his love of skiing. Bill and Claire also enjoyed spending summers in their home on Deer Isle, Maine. They enjoyed hikes on the island, sea kayaking, golfing, and eating lobster. Bill had a deep love of family, and enjoyed getting together for “Walker Days” with his siblings, nieces, and nephews over the years.

Bill was predeceased by his brothers George and Robert Walker, and his sister Dorothy Walker (Riley). His sister Mary Walker Currier passed away the same day, approximately 12 hours after her big brother Billy. We take comfort that they went into the next life together.

He is survived by his brother Donald Walker, his wife of 60 years Claire Pettee Walker, his daughter Gail Walker Babbitt (Joseph), his son James Walker, daughter Susan Walker Hutton (Thomas), and son John Walker (Erin Evans). In addition he leaves seven grandchildren Tim Hutton (Kaileigh), Andrew Babbitt (Hannah), Natalie Galarza (Joshua), Eric Babbitt, Jennifer Hutton, Aidan Babbitt, and Callan Walker. He also leaves two great-grandchildren Connor Hutton and Lucas Galarza, as well as several nieces and nephews. And lastly, he leaves his beloved dog Pandey, who was always by his side and with him until the end.

When Bill was asked what he would want included in his obituary, he said “I have lived a great life in my almost 88 years, and am proud of my children.”

In lieu of flowers, he has requested donations be made to St. Jude, Shriners, or ASPCA; organizations that he has sponsored during his life.

At this time, no funeral services will be held. Bill's family will hold a private Celebration of Life at a later date.

## Regina A. Borden, 1937-2023

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Regina Andrea (Greagor) Borden was born in West Hazleton, Pa., daughter of Andrew Greagor and Anna (Plitnick) Greagor, on Feb. 26, 1937.

She attended St. Mary's School in Plainfield, N.J., and when a sophomore moved to Stratford, Conn., where she graduated from Stratford High School.

Her first job was secretary to the assistant superintendent of schools in Stratford, Conn., for two years.

After her marriage to Robert H. Borden Jr., they moved to Greenville Air Force Base in Mississippi, where she worked in civil service at the base for two years.

Upon her return to Connecticut, she worked part-time at Raybestos-Manhattan for two years.

The family would then move to Northridge, Calif., where they resided for one year.

In 1964, they moved to Westminster, Vt., where they managed the Westminster Motel and Restaurant for almost eight years. After the business was sold, they moved to Bellows Falls, Vt.

Regina is survived by two children Deborah Ann Borden-Miller and her husband Kevin of Littleton, Colo., and Daniel James Borden of Springfield, Vt.

Regina worked at the Bliss & Lawlor Insurance Agency in Bellows Falls, Vt., from 1965-1981. She worked at Whitney Blake of Vermont from 1981-1987.

She then worked for the Town of Rockingham/Village of Bellows Falls from 1987 until her retirement in 2001. During this period of time she was the village clerk for the Village of Bellows Falls until 2000. During her residency in Saxtons River,

Vt., Regina was the village clerk until 2001.

Following retirement from full-time work, she continued to work part time as a recording secretary for the Town of Walpole Selectboard and the Town of Walpole Planning Board, plus the recording secretary for the Town of Charlestown Selectboard and Planning Board.

While living in both New Jersey and Connecticut, Regina was an avid tap and ballet dancer. She took lessons at the American School of Ballet in New York City, and took tap dancing lessons from Fred Kelly (Gene Kelly's brother). She appeared in many plays, recitals, and was a featured dancer on a local TV show. After moving to Vermont she continued this profession, appearing in the Great Falls Players plays, was choreographer for the Junior Miss Pageants at Bellows Falls Union High School for two years, and gave lessons at the YMCA for children for many years.

Regina Borden was a member of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club from 2008-2017, and on the board of directors for Westminster Cares from 2008-2017.

Calling hours took place on Tuesday, Jan. 2, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at 12:30 p.m., at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls. Burial was on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m., at St. Michael Cemetery in Stratford, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to Westminster Cares at [www.westminster-cares.org](http://www.westminster-cares.org).

Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Roger V. Sheehan, 1954-2023

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Roger Vance Sheehan, 69, of Proctorsville, Vt., passed away on Dec. 30, 2023, at his home.

He was born on April 27, 1954, the son of John Joseph and Betty Lou (Tyrrell) Sheehan.

Roger was in the USMC in 1970, gaining the Marksman Medal. He had worked at Imery's Talc Plant for 35 years, and Topstone Furniture for two years, always working various other jobs. He owned Ironmasters Gym in Proctorsville for several years.

He was very active in his organizations: the Boy Scouts, Proctorsville Fire Department for 37 years, Fire Warden District 1 and 2 for more than five years, Park Grange #249 cooking at the Cornish Fair, the American Legion, Good Sam Camping State Staff, Mid State Sams, Rolling Wheels Instigators, representing the State of Vermont in many national, state, and international rallies, Myrtle Rebekah Lodge #6 for more than five years, Guiding Eyes for Blind, transporting pups, and raising over 45 guide dogs.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, very active in dinner meals, washing dishes, but mainly the potato peeling brigade with Roger and Bill Matthews.

Roger enjoyed weightlifting, hunting, camping, an occasional shot of bourbon, and was always cooking, famously known for his mac and cheese.

He married the love of his life Bessie Ann (Brown) Sheehan on Dec. 9, 1972, celebrating 51 years of marriage.

He is survived by his wife Bessie; two sons Roger V. Sheehan Jr. and his wife Marie of East Wallingford, Vt., and Gordon Edward Brown Sheehan of



Roger Sheehan, 1954-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Weathersfield, Vt.; four granddaughters Courtney Neff and her husband Nick of Brandon, Vt., Emily Sheehan and friend Chad Fontaine of East Wallingford, Vt., and Sonya Sheehan and Alexandra Sheehan, both of Ludlow; great-granddaughter Ellyanna Neff; his mother Betty; brothers Michael of Clarendon, Vt., and Billy of Claremont, N.H.; sisters Kathy of Claremont, N.H., and Dianna of Castleton, Vt.; former daughter-in-law Cindy Sheehan; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and a special brother Scott (Shelly) Gaylord.

He was predeceased by his father John, his brother Larry, his sister Valerie, and a special uncle Ken Tyrrell.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph Church in Claremont, N.H., on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Hill Crest Cemetery in Proctorsville. Reception will be held at the Proctorsville Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Proctorsville Fire Department, P.O. Box 81, Proctorsville, VT 05153.

To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit [www.stringerfh.com](http://www.stringerfh.com).

## Robert E. Gelineau, 1931-2024

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Robert Edgar Gelineau, 92, of Ascutney, Vt., passed away after a period of declining health on Jan. 1, 2024, at his home with his wife by his side. Bob was born on Sept. 30, 1931, in Springfield, Vt.; he was the son of Edgar and Pearl (Watkins) Gelineau. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School Class of 1949, and from the SHS Machine Tool Co-op program in 1950.

Bob served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, beginning in December of 1950, as a machine repairman in the Tug Repair Division in Norfolk, Va., and then aboard the aircraft carrier USS Randolph, being discharged in late November of 1954.

After discharge from the Navy, Bob was employed by the Fellows Gear Shaper Company for 33 years working in various positions, with his final position being pricing coordinator. Bob later was employed by the Fair-Rite Corporation as their courier.

He was a longtime active member of the Springfield High School Alumni Association, serving as trustee, vice president, and president, and was a former honored guest for the annual alumni parade and banquet. Bob was also a longtime member of the Hit or Miss Club. He built and restored homes, and spent many hours in his woodworking shop where he created beautiful and unique birdhouses, flags, clocks, small furniture, and various craft projects.

Bob is survived by his wife Marie; former wife Renate (Schreiber) Gelineau; his children Barbara (Gelineau) Minter, Teri Gelineau, Thomas Gelineau, and Bradley Gelineau; and step-children Suzanne (Fish) Francke, Amy (Fish) Locarno, and Bradley Fish. Also surviving are grandchildren Shayla (Minter) Durfey, Molly Mint-



Robert Gelineau, 1931-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

eer, Trevor Hunter, Joshua Gelineau, and Jessica (Gelineau) Wolfson; step-grandchildren Jacob Coulombe, Lauren (Fish) Pratt, Jonah Francke, Isabelle Francke, and Cameron Locarno. He is also survived by his sister Betty (Gelineau) Robitaille, sister-in-law Lucille (Bugbee) Gelineau; and by nine great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren; as well as by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his grandson Alex Minter; parents Edgar and Pearl Gelineau, sister Ruby (Gelineau) Abbott Scott, and brother Calvin Gelineau.

A service to honor his life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m., at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, with a reception to follow at the church. A graveside service will be held in the spring.

We extend a special thank you to the Veterans Administration and Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire for their kindness, support, and remarkable care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of his grandson Alex Minter to: Friends Way, 765 W. Shore Road, Warwick, RI 02889, [www.friendsway.org/donate](http://www.friendsway.org/donate).

The Cremation Society of New Hampshire has been entrusted with arrangements. To view an online tribute, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit [www.csnh.com](http://www.csnh.com).

## Daniel Putnam, 1949-2023

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Daniel Putnam of Sam Putnam Road died on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H. He was born June 2, 1949, in Springfield, Vt., son of Harvey and Barbara (Fowler) Putnam. Daniel attended Vilas High School, and graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School. He received his associate degree from Manchester Technical College. Daniel worked for many years at Dean Hill Saab, and later for Green Mountain Power. Following his retirement, he enjoyed working on his farm and spending time with family outdoors. Daniel was a former member of the Rotary and Jaycees in Charlestown, N.H.

Survivors include his sons Aaron and his partner Sara, Tra-

vis and his wife Beth, and Sam and his wife Ashley; his brother Brian and wife Edie; his grandchildren Zane, Ajlyn, Wesley, Mia, and Aiden; as well as three great-grandchildren.

Daniel was predeceased by his parents, his brother John Putnam, and sister Sandra Davis.

There will be a private gathering of family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date and time.

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

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# LEGAL NOTICES

**JAN. 11 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Join the post-flood legal clinic on Thursday, Jan. 11, from 1-4:45 p.m., at the Fletcher Memorial Library for flood assistance. Since October, Vermont Law and Graduate School's Entrepreneurial Legal Lab and Legal Services Vermont have been working in collaboration to assist Vermont business owners affected by the summer 2023 floods. Bring photos, receipts of repairs and replaced items, insurance information, household income, any FEMA or SBA documents and log-in information if that applies, and any additional notes, losses, and impacts from flooding.

**JAN. 13 – CLAREMONT, N.H.** – Sound Investment will perform classic rock and modern country music at American Legion Post

29, 118 Broad Street, on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 6-9 p.m. This event is for members and modified guests. For more information, call 603-542-9222.

**CHESTER, Vt.** – There will be a reception for the Saxtons River Art Guild Group Show on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Whiting Library, 117 Main Street. The snow date for this event is Saturday, Jan. 20, at the same time. This multimedia art exhibit featuring members of the Saxtons River Art Guild is on view now through Feb. 28 at the library during their normal business hours.

**JAN. 14 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Food for Life Vegan Potluck will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Huber Building, 80 Main Street, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Bring

a dish to share that does not include anything that comes from animals.

**JAN. 19 – PUTNEY, Vt.** – Next Stage Arts presents improvisational artist and musician Lonnie Holley in performance with Afrofuturist collective Mourning [A] BLKstar at Next Stage on Friday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance online. For information or tickets, call 802-387-0102 or visit [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

**JAN. 20 – WALPOLE, N.H.** – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be having their annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drop Off on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in front of the church on The Common. The church is also collecting school snacks. All of the donated items will be delivered to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

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

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

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

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Rockingham Library hosts a chess club each Monday from 3-5:30 p.m., led by Mike Sola. All levels of players will be welcomed.

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Zumba classes, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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

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

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Free

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

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

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1-2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

**THURSDAYS – CHESTER, Vt.** – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Free Chair Yoga classes for ages 50 and over are held on Thursdays from 9-9:45 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.** – On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright 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.

**GRAFTON, Vt.** – A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities

will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach Tai Chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

**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 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Zumba classes, Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Yoga, Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

**DAILY – REGION** – If you want to drink that's your business, but if you want to stop, that's ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.aavt.org](http://www.aavt.org) or call your local hotline at 802-802-2288 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

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## GMUSD School Board Has an Immediate Opening

The Green Mountain Unified School Board (GMUSD) seeks one Chester Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The Board meets, the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and other as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

GMUSD Board  
c/o Lauren Fierman  
609 VT Route 103 South  
Ludlow, Vermont 05149



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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, February 5, 2023** to consider the following:

**Application # 24-26**

Elizabeth Nieuwsma-Dell: Property located at 257 West Stagecoach Road. The Applicant is requesting a Change of Use – from a Detached Garage to a Small Rental House. Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District; and Section 215 Zoning Permit Procedure** 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.

**STATE OF VERMONT**

**SUPERIOR COURT** Unit **PROBATE DIVISION**  
**Windsor** Unit **Docket No.: 23-PR-07047**

In re ESTATE of: Winston G. Churchill

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Winston G. Churchill  
Decedent

late of Proctorsville  
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: January 4, 2024 Signature of Fiduciary: Winston G. Churchill

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Judith A. Churchill		c/o Parker & Ankuda, Esq. PO Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156	

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal

Publication Date: January 10, 2024

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Probate Division  
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green  
Woodstock, VT 05091

**STATE OF VERMONT**

**SUPERIOR COURT** Unit **PROBATE DIVISION**  
**Windham** Unit **Docket No.: 22-PR-02795**

In re ESTATE of: James H. Twitchell

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: James H. Twitchell  
Decedent

late of Londonderry, Vermont  
Decedent's Town of Residence

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Dated: 12-4-2023 Signature of Fiduciary: Amelia George

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Melvin Twitchell, c/o Amanda L.S. George, Esq.		P.O. Box 578	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-875-7777	<a href="mailto:amanda@amandageorge.law.ca">amanda@amandageorge.law.ca</a>	Chester, VT 05143	

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal

Publication Date: January 10, 2024

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Probate Division, Windham Unit  
Address of Probate Court: 30 Putney Road, Second Floor  
Brattleboro, VT 05301

**STATE OF VERMONT**

**SUPERIOR COURT** Unit **PROBATE DIVISION**  
**Windsor**  Unit **Docket No.: 23-PR-07455**

In re ESTATE of: Mary Thompson

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Estate of Mary Thompson  
Decedent

late of Springfield  
Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 1/10/2024 Signature of Fiduciary: Angela Pero

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Angela Pero		c/o Parker & Ankuda, Esq. - PO Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-2582		Springfield VT 05156	

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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## SEVCA recruiting VITA tax volunteers

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) will provide free tax preparation for lower income taxpayers for the 2023-2024 tax-filing season through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. SEVCA is now recruiting volunteers to help as many families as possible claim the tax credits and refunds available to them.

The VITA program offers free tax help to people who are low to moderate income, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free federal and state income tax return preparation with electronic filing.

Don't know that much about taxes? Don't worry – you'll receive specialized training from a certified VITA instructor, plus IRS online courses. We are

looking for individuals who are willing and able to commit to at least three hours per week, or at least 30 hours total, from the last week in January to the middle of April. Although prior tax preparation experience is not necessary, a commitment to training and certification is required; and don't worry, there won't be much math.

To learn how you can make a difference in your community by becoming a VITA volunteer, contact Emily Strasser at estrasser@sevca.org or 802-722-4575, extension 1603.

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by Linda Thistle

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## King Crossword

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