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Londonderry talks wastewater projects and budgets

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – At their Jan. 22 meeting, the Londonderry Selectboard discussed the North and South Village wastewater projects, hiring a short-term rental (STR) administrator, and gave updates on the progress of the STR bylaws. The board also approved a cannabis cultivation permit for a tier 1 small grow operation, as well as a retail cannabis permit, which is subject to a regulation compliance review.

Chrissy Haskins from Dufresne Group presented the board with the budgets and design plan options for the North Village and the South Village wastewater projects. In the North Village, the 6,490-gallon collection system option would cost \$3.85 million. The town's local share is 10% of those costs, which comes to \$282,000.

Haskins explained that the town has another option for North Village to increase the capacity to 8,000 gallons, which would create two 4,000-gallon tanks with pretreatment, and bring the total cost to \$4.8 million. "It's a lot of extra money for not a lot of extra capacity," Haskins said.

Haskins confirmed the original plan for 6,490 gallons would serve the current North Village businesses, but doesn't leave room for growth. She also

explained the town needed to decide on one plan now, as the designs would be completely different, and they would not be able to change the plan after they complete one design.

The board agreed to go with the smaller capacity project and add cluster systems later on as more capacity is needed. "It's encouraging to think there's a way to close the gap," to get both sides of Main Street functioning, board member Melissa Brown expressed.

For the South Village, they are looking at increasing the capacity to 12,000 gallons. Haskins explained she had her designer start laying out the field where the collection systems were intended to be installed, but it is entirely in a flood plain, so that is no longer usable space. Haskins said they are planning to move forward with the same plan, which was a single field with a 6,200-gallon system, and a potential to increase to 12,000 gallons with a second disposal field and collection system design in place, to be approved by the state. This project has a total cost of \$4.5 million, which leaves the local share at \$515,000.

Haskins also explained that the budgets for the bond on each project are completely separate, and if funds are not used fully in one village, they cannot be transferred to the other village project.

The board approved

both village wastewater project declarations for the two new systems. ARPA will cover 90% of each system, and the remaining expenses will be funded by a general bond, for a total of \$797,700. The budgets will be discussed at a special informational meeting, scheduled to be held on Feb. 29, at 6 p.m., and voted on at the annual Town Meeting on March 5.

The town's fiscal year 2025 budget of \$2,697,517, to be raised by taxes, will also be voted on at the Town Meeting.

The board then discussed the need for a part time STR administrator, with a salary of \$50,000, to be offset by STR registration fees. Brown said the housing commission has been working on the language on limitations for the STR zoning bylaws, to mirror the language in the selectboard's ordinance. The document is "super drafty," Brown explained, but they are making progress to finalize the bylaws "to have cohesion between the two documents." The planning commission intends to discuss the bylaws at their Feb. 12 meeting, and hope to hold their public meeting in March.

The next selectboard meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 5.

Cavendish Selectboard hears ambulance concerns

BY LORIEN STRANGE
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – At their Jan. 25 meeting, the Cavendish Selectboard approved the Town Meeting warning, discussed the draft of the Annual Report, and heard from resident Wendy Regier about her concerns about using Ludlow Ambulance as the town's emergency transportation service.

Regier said that last year when she needed emergency transportation, Ludlow Ambulance had declined to take her to Mount Ascutney Hospital, saying they were contractually bound to go only to Springfield Hospital. The Vermont State-wide Emergency Medical Services Protocols dictate

that generally ambulances should take patients to the closest and most appropriate hospital, which she said for her would be Mount Ascutney, as that is where her normal physicians and medical records are located. Regier said she spoke to several Springfield Hospital employees about this, and was politely told that their hands were tied. "I would have a stroke and die in my house rather than go to Springfield Hospital," she told the selectboard, saying that many other Cavendish residents shared similar sentiments. Regier was worried that this year's voting by Australian ballot will prevent Cavendish from being able to discuss and amend the Town Meeting article about the Ludlow Ambulance funding. She said she had come to

the selectboard that evening to ensure her concerns were heard.

The selectboard also approved the Town Meeting warning, and discussed some clarifications in the wording of the Annual Report, agreeing that the latter document needed rigorous proofreading. They also discussed the potential effects of holding future Town Meetings using Australian ballot, especially its potential to increase voter participation, but decrease opportunities for article discussion and amendment.

Afterwards, the selectboard went into executive session for the rest of the meeting.

The Cavendish Selectboard holds their normal meetings on the second Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at the town office.

Ludlow STR registry vote fails

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – A motion to create a short-term rental (STR) registry in Ludlow failed in a split 2-2 vote at the Wednesday, Jan. 24 special joint meeting of the Ludlow Selectboard and Village Trustees.

In total, four members representing the Ludlow Selectboard, and two representing the Village Trustees, were present at the meeting, which constituted a quorum of both boards, allowing for votes to legally be taken.

Town manager Brendan McNamara emphasized that the forthcoming vote was intended to be the definitive say on the STR registry issue, after a drawn-out process spanning nearly a half-decade; either the board would vote to tell the planning commission to draft an ordinance, or "you [the board] vote 'no,' we all go home, and we don't talk about this."

The floor was opened to members of the public to give their input to the boards prior to the vote. Several present voiced their opposition to the enactment of an STR registry, citing issues from privacy and prop-

erty rights, to the perceived unfairness and increased burden on STR owners created by a possible registration fee and greater regulation. Some attendees, even among those who were not outright opposed, questioned what the intended purpose of the registry was. "I have attended several of these meetings," said Steve Messina, partner and COO at Mary W. Davis Realtor, "and I'm still at a loss for what the objective of the rental registry is."

Selectboard member, trustee, and Acting Chair Justin Hyjek explained that the primary purpose of the registry, in his view, was safety and education. "We are one of the last mountain towns not to have a registry or ordinance," Hyjek said, despite having one of the highest numbers of STRs per capita. Hyjek felt that a registry would ensure that STR owners were aware and informed of information such as fire safety regulations, maximum occupancy rules, and what constitutes a "bedroom," and would also "regulate a new market," creating a needed revenue stream for Ludlow.

Speaking to the board, Planning Commission Chair Terry Carter reminded them that a survey had been taken in the spring of 2023, asking Ludlow

residents and homeowners whether there should be an STR registry. According to Carter, 60% of the 297 respondents to the survey supported the creation of an STR registry. Of those who supported an STR registry, 80% wanted the town to charge a registration fee.

A motion was put forth by Hyjek that would have given the planning commission the task of drafting an STR registry ordinance. However, the board remained split on the issue, with Hyjek and board member George Tucker voting in favor of the motion, and board members Robert Brandt and Scott Baitz voting against. The 2-2 tie vote resulted in the failure of the motion under Robert's Rules of Order. Hyjek and Brandt also represented the trustees, meaning that vote resulted in a 1-1 tie.

Despite some ensuing controversy concerning whether there should be a revote at the next meeting, with all board members present, it was determined that the legal quorum for a vote had been met, and the vote was therefore officially a "nay" vote.

The Ludlow Selectboard's regularly scheduled meetings occur on the first Monday of every month, at 6 p.m., in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall.

Fullerton Inn welcomes new innkeepers

BY DANIELLE GOODWIN
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – In the heat of the summer last year, AJ and Katelyn Lucas, along with their children, heard the news that they had been selected as the new innkeepers at the Fullerton Inn in Chester, Vt. The couple was thrilled to leave Texas behind and return to their New England roots. The storied inn, dating back to 1885, has had its fair share of innkeepers, stories, and memories from guests that faithfully still make the pilgrimage to the inn in hopes that it will continue for the next generation.

AJ Lucas, with a culinary background, is hard at work getting his footing with the locals, and testing and creating a menu that is peppered with a balance of creativity and farm-to-table creations. Katelyn Lucas, with a marketing background and eye for décor, has her work cut out for her in making the inn a mod-



The Fullerton Inn.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ern and welcoming environment, while not getting too far from the roots of the inn that so many locals have come to love.

The new innkeepers have been hard at work with corporate events, hosting chamber events, and even a surprise visit from Santa this past Christmas season. What happens in the quiet that is now at the inn? You can almost hear the wheels

turning, maybe a new menu? Maybe some new décor? Maybe an eye toward the next generation that may soon love the inn that has quietly and unassumingly kept travelers and locals fed and housed in the arms of an old faithful inn that may still, under the watchful eyes of the Lucas family, indeed have another few generations in her.

Jordan Harper on Dean's List

LUDLOW, Vt. – Jordan Harper has been named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Fla. Jordan is

the daughter of Jarrod and Jennifer Harper of Ludlow, Vt., and is majoring in criminal justice with a minor in child welfare and psychology.



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Beautynerd Skincare & Makeup Artistry grand opening

CHESTER, Vt. – Beautynerd Skincare & Makeup Artistry, a local esthetics studio in Chester, Vt., is pleased to announce a variety of treatments, including four types of facials, two types of mild chemical peels, and makeup services including application and lessons.

Beautynerd Skincare & Makeup Artistry was founded by Deidra Gallagher, a licensed esthetician with 30 years of experience. Having worked at such prestigious salons as Grettacole Beauty, the Clarins Skin Spa at Bloomingdales in Chestnut Hill, Mass., and the Spa at Equinox in Manchester, Vt., in addition to having been a cosmetics business manager at Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue in Boston, Mass., Gallagher is passionate about helping clients achieve their beauty goals and feel confident in their skin.

"I'm so excited to open



Deidra Gallagher offers skincare and makeup services. PHOTO PROVIDED

Beautynerd Skincare & Makeup Artistry and offer my clients a personalized skin care experience," said Gallagher. "I believe that everyone deserves to feel good about their skin, and I'm committed to helping my clients achieve their skincare goals by using only the highest quality, clinical-grade products. I can also customize a personalized skincare routine based on anyone's specific concerns."

If you'd like to improve

your skin health and appearance, consider visiting Deidra for a facial, or even learn how to apply your makeup with a lesson. During the month of February, mention this article and receive a free brow wax. To learn more about Beautynerd Skincare & Makeup Artistry, or to book an appointment, please visit www.beauty-nerd.com, or call/text 617-359-8450.

BRGNS receives donation from Mary W. Davis

LUDLOW, Vt. – Krey Kellington, the director of Black River Good Neighbor Services (BRGNS), recently accepted the third annual donation from Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates partners Stephen Messina and Julie Abraham. A total of \$5,000 was raised again for underserved families in our area.

Again our community came together to donate over the holidays and received a collectible 2023 Vermont Strong Ornament. The Mary W. Davis team generously added a \$2,500 match, and we want



Krey Kellington, BRGNS director, receives a check from Stephen Messina and Julie Abraham of Mary W. Davis Realtor. PHOTO PROVIDED

to thank all the individual donors who gave generously this season. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come. Together, we accomplish great things.

Ludlow Rotary offers free books through Imagination Library

LUDLOW, Vt. – Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIIL) is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age 5. Ludlow Rotary wishes to have all of our area's children receive these books. Inspired by her father's inability to read and write, Dolly Parton started her Imagination Library for the children within her home county.

In 1995, Dolly Parton launched Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIIL). Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. In furtherance of Rotary's mission of literacy and in partnership with DPIIL, the Ludlow Rotary Club offers the program to each child in our service area from birth until their fifth birthday. Every child who lives in Mount Holly, Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish is eligible to receive a free book every month delivered to their home via U.S. Mail.

Ludlow Rotary has "graduated" over 250



The Ludlow Rotary Club is partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to offer free books to children ages 0-5. PHOTO PROVIDED

children to date through its participation in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

A parent or guardian may sign each child up, and inform the Ludlow Rotary Club of any address change. The program is completely free to parents. The Ludlow Rotary Club and the Dolly Parton Foundation underwrite all the cost. The books are excellent reading material, and the children love receiving and reading them.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is all about inspiration and imagination. Since launching in 1995, DPIIL has become the premier early childhood book-gifting program in the world by mailing well over 90 million free books in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the

United States. Currently, the program mails over one million specially selected, age-appropriate books monthly to registered children from birth to age 5. Dolly's vision was to create a lifelong love of reading, prepare children for school, and inspire them to dream.

Registration forms must be filled out by the parent or guardian and mailed to Ludlow Rotary Club, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Registration forms are available online, as well as at www.imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/VTLUDLOW.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, membership chairman, at 802-228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

Sixth annual Runs for Research at Okemo

LUDLOW, Vt. – The sixth annual Runs for Research Fundraiser (R4R) will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Okemo Mountain Resort, with raffle, drinks, and hors-d'oeuvres to follow from 5-8 p.m., at Calcutta's. Runs for Research started as a fundraiser for cancer research when one of our teachers, "Mr. Bob," passed away from cancer. Many people around all of us fight hard against cancer, and sometimes cancer wins.

We want to help make this stop.

This year, in addition to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, the fundraiser will also include support for the American Diabetes Association.

Thank you to all who have helped in the past, we hope you will keep supporting the fundraiser.

If you haven't heard of R4R before, we invite peo-

ple to ski and snowboard for an entire day and take as many runs as possible. Anyone can participate in this event, whether you are a beginner or a high-level skier, R4R is open to all.

Please join us on the slopes, or donate to this important fundraiser to support cancer and diabetes research. For more information, visit our fundraising page, jvblount.wixsite.com/runs4research.

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Signs of the times

BY RON PATCH

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The below is from a June 1927 Carpenter's Store News. "Carp," as he was known, was a gifted writer. Carp wrote under several pseudonyms. Carp signed this story, "DIOGENES."

In part, it reads:
"Signs of the times
Been a pretty spring hasn't it what with the scarlet fever and the rabies quarantine and the mud and everything. Funny - some of the good effects of such a quarantine; it gives the folks a chance to cuss out the docs, and the docs a chance to collect a little unexpected velvet in the way of inoculation fees, and the ministers a lay-off, to say nothing of one for the choirs. You know it takes a choir and an organist to really appreciate a church being closed; personally we

wonder if it isn't more or less a relief to congregations too that can't duck when it comes time for the anthem.

"But those inoculations or something seemed to do the trick, we dodged an epidemic that would have been serious had it developed..."

"Clyde Clark's new house is moving right along, got the garage up and the cellar in, and by the way a cobblestone foundation that looks pretty slick. Clyde makes the sixth new house in town in the last five years in spite of the discouragement and lack of support on the part of the voters. Believe us, it takes a lot of nerve to go ahead and build in the face of high construction costs, higher taxes and little sympathy from the rest of the folks. And these new homes are permanent additions to the wealth of the town, no fly-by-night shop or store that is here today and gone to-morrow -

with our money.
"You'd think by the way they acted at town meeting over that exemption business that after five years these houses would get right up and move to Bellows Falls or somewhere. They talk about Vermonters being long-headed, we don't know, perhaps another four letter word might be substituted for 'long.'

"Memorial Day is here, practically speaking, can't you hear the Grafton band as it crawls on under the influence of the dirge, but all we want is just to pass the word to the Legion that some of their friends hope they will wear the old O.D. this year, course we realize Jack Andrews' is a leetle tight in spots, but no fault of the uniform (!) 'cits."

"But to get down to more serious and weighty affairs, - the High School baseball team is half way

through its schedule at this writing with three victories and two defeats chalked on its slate, which is not so bad at all when you call to mind some of the recent seasons that didn't show a mark in the win column till the last game or so. Remember the times of Charlie Goodwin when the great ambition of C.H.S. was to lick Springfield and Ludlow and most generally did..."

"In the old days, by which we mean pre-war, May was the month of Sunday afternoon walks, summer vacation hadn't come to break up pleasant illusions and the woods were full of couples after Mayflowers. Too bad it's easier somehow now to step on the self-starter and roll up to Plymouth



The Chester baseball team in 1910. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

and Woodstock, or over to Derry, or Grafton, or down through Saxtons River, than it is to get into the old clothes and hike along the ridge by the Skinner place or over the pinnacle to Butterut hill.

DIOGENES"

Last call
I'm still looking for a few stories for my upcoming book, "The Story of Us." February is the deadline for

submissions. If you like to write, I'd like to hear from you. You can write about anything you like, here, there, or anywhere. The book is shaping up nicely. This is last call.

This week's old saying is from 20th century American artist Edward Hopper. "If you could say it in words, there would be no reason to paint it."

Okemo Valley grocery stores ensuring a wonderful winter

REGION - Following the 2023 summer flooding, grocery stores around the region have gone above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional dedication and community spirit. The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce selected six grocery stores as the January 2024 Members of the Month to honor their commitment and the work that they do to serve the region.

The January 2024 award recipients are Chloe's Market at the Plymouth Country Store, Londonderry Village Market, Shaw's Supermarket (online only with local pick up), Singleton's General Store, Smitty's Chester Market, and the Springfield Food Co-op.

At the heart of their operations, these stores care deeply



The 2024 January Members of the Month recipients. PHOTO PROVIDED

about their customers, and they continue to provide high quality and wide-ranging selections during this busy winter season.

The 2023 summer flooding has been difficult, and many have had to spend considerable efforts and finances on rebuilding;

however, stores in the area have remained committed to serving the community. They're focused on creating convenient and welcoming shopping experiences with ease for all.

Recognizing the importance of the busy ski season as a prime time for visitors

and locals, these grocery stores have taken proactive measures to cater to the needs of their customers this winter. From carefully curating their inventory, to stocking up on essential supplies, to expanding their grocery offerings, they are committed to providing seamless and enjoyable shopping opportunities for everyone.

For more information and to hear their stories, visit www.yourplaceinvermont.com/2024-january-members-of-the-month.

We would like to thank these grocery store superheroes for their unwavering dedication to the community and customers they serve within the Okemo Valley region.

Featured pets: Linda and Sugar

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Two-year old Linda and 8-month-old Sugar are mother and daughter, and two of the sweetest kitties. This bonded pair adores people, and they are cat friendly. We know they will complete a home and make some very lucky people very happy.

The Springfield Humane Society is open Wednesday-Saturday, 12-4 p.m., for walk-ins, or call for more information. We are having a vaccine and microchip clinic on March 2, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, call or check out the event on Facebook, Springfield Humane Society VT.

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Windham County Genealogical Interest Group meeting rescheduled
REGION - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the Windham County Genealogical Interest Group's February meeting, the details of which appeared in the Jan. 17 edition of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper Newspaper, has been changed to Saturday, Feb. 24.
The meeting will be held over Zoom only. Please register at www.bit.ly/WCGIGFEB2024. A Zoom link will be sent before the meeting. Pose any questions you have when you register.
Feel free to contact Jerry Carbone and Wayne Blanchard at windhamcountygig@gmail.com.

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opinion

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

Serve Learn Earn helps Vermonters create pathways to high-quality jobs and affordable education. And while the administration did not include us in their initial budget proposal, we remain optimistic and engaged with our champions in the legislature who have understood the importance of service and training programs for our young and disconnected workers. Now in our third year, Serve Learn Earn has demonstrated impact and scale in helping Vermonters create pathways to high-quality jobs and affordable

education. We understand the legislature has hard budget decisions ahead, and they have shown to strongly believe in the value of investing in Serve Learn Earn. Not only because they know we are connecting trained Vermonters to eager employers, but we are also providing critical service with high-priority projects in the areas of affordable housing, conservation, food security, and education.

Sincerely,
Serve Learn Earn

Dear Editor,

Why am I running for Selectboard of Springfield, Vt.? This town is full of potential. Many community leaders have worked hard, and the results are good. More can be done. I believe we must increase the tax base (the grand list) in order to reduce the burden on homeowners and maintain the quality of life we want for ourselves and future generations. According to the U.S. Census, from 2010-2022, "the population of Springfield has decreased by 272 people." I believe our focus should be fostering growth in the resident population, the business community, and visitors. If we do not organically grow the grand list, we have only two options: 1) raise taxes and/or 2) decrease services. So my soap box begins. Broadcast to the world that Springfield isn't just a location - it's the ideal destination for living, working, and visiting! So, what's our plan of action? Below are my key priorities:

1. Actively manage Springfield's reputation with facts and promote Springfield. I believe people need to be informed. Let's embrace the positive. I love what the chief of police is doing to support our schools. The officers are dedicated to daily visits at our schools, fostering positive interactions with students, teachers, and parents. This intentional effort ensures that

we see these police officers in moments of tranquility rather than crisis. River Valley Tech Center, one word, "amazing!" Springfield Hospital, how lucky are we to have a hospital in our town? The care my husband received in the emergency room this year was truly exceptional. Springfield is witnessing the emergence of innovative businesses such as Vermont Wagyu, Mamava, Tenfold, Lucas Industries, and Cannatrol, adding vibrancy to our community. Further, as I invest more time in getting to know the individuals who lead our town, I am increasingly in awe of their dedication and contributions. Parks and Recreation successfully attracts 220 kids, approximately a third of our K-6 students, to participate in programs. Promoting Springfield will include one-page brochures such as "Adventure Springfield VT: History Seekers," and "Adventure Springfield VT: Foliage Seekers." These brochures, available in both hard copy and digital formats, aim to inform not only our community, but also visitors and prospective residents about the wealth of outdoor adventures, historical significance, and all other aspects we wish to share with the world. We are thrilled to introduce Springfield802, a strategic endeavor directed at visitors, residents, and

businesses. Concurrently, we are elevating the quality of all our digital assets to enhance the representation of Springfield.

2. Revitalizing the heart of our town. The vitality of the downtown scene is on the rise, thanks to the incorporation of new establishments like Black River Coffee, Shear Beauty Salon, and Uplift Acrobatics. The Garden Club's endeavors are truly commendable, and it's worth noting that they have a membership of over 80 individuals. I applaud the outstanding efforts of Springfield on the Move, in particular the addition of the new way-finding signs. We also cannot forget some vital tenants to the downtown like Springfield Cinemas 3, the Co-op, CopperFox, and The Vault. I want more. I am eagerly anticipating the ongoing developments and positive transformations at 9 to 31 Main Street! And what about the river? I am convinced that the river stands as one of our town's most invaluable assets. The town/SRDC has recently acquired the dilapidated Parks and Woolson building. Revitalizing that building, enhancing our view, will be a transformative moment for the town.

3. Proliferation of business in Springfield. According to EED, we had 329 businesses registered in Springfield over the last 10 years. We have five businesses with more than 100 employees. I want to continue to support initiatives that retain and attract small and large businesses, and promote Springfield as a business-friendly environment. Yes, there are challenges; yes, we need workforce training, we need housing, but we need employers in order

to elevate the household income levels in Springfield. We could get caught up in the chicken and the egg, but I will not. I aspire to attract a significant employer to Springfield. Initiating the process, we can craft presentations and sales packages to effectively kickstart our efforts. Let's get creative!

I believe I have the qualifications to serve you well as a selectboard member:

1. I am currently on the selectboard, appointed December 2023, to replace Crissy Webster when she resigned to continue to lead her growing business.

2. I was a member of the budget advisory committee (BAC), and have a good understanding of the town's finances.

3. I owned and successfully operated my business, Catalyst, for 15 years, and have my Master's in Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in finance.

4. I have more than 25 years of sales, marketing, and communication expertise.

5. Member of the board for Black River Innovation Campus (BRIC) and Springfield Hospital; former board member of Springfield Co-op.

If you want to know more about me:

- My YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/heatherfrahm802.
- My LinkedIn profile: www.linkedin.com/in/heather-frahm-33a2a628.
- My email: heatherfor-springfieldvermont@gmail.com.

Vote on or before March 5! Early voting begins on Feb. 14.

Paid for by Heather Frahm Springfield, Vt.

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Windsor County Sheriff K9 to get body armor



K9 Kye will receive a donated protective body armor vest. PHOTO PROVIDED

REGION - Windsor County Sheriff's Office K9 Kye will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s Inc. The vest will be embroidered with the sentiment "Honoring those who served and sacrificed." Delivery is expected within 8-10 weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S.-made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s Inc. has provided over 5,435 vests to K9s in all 50 states, at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private

and corporate donations. The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$985 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,800, weighs an average of 4-5 pounds, and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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1 TV schedule abbr.
4 Rotate
8 Exerciser's target
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13 Layered cookie
14 Greek vowel
15 Selflessness
17 Seize
18 Chapeau
19 Slogan
21 Garden figurines
24 Use henna
25 Post-op area
26 Apply cream
28 College study
32 Close by
34 "Gee, ya think?"
36 Golfer's cry
37 Campfire leftovers
39 Clothing protector
41 Sandwich meat
42 "been real"
44 By and large
46 Opposite of candor
50 Eggy quaff
51 Bern's river
52 Halite
56 Egyptian deity
57 Shrek, for one
58 Half of CIV
59 Society newbies

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1 Afternoon get-together
2 Ann Patchett's " - Canto"
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4 Praised loudly
5 Mentalist
6 Take it easy
7 Wanderer
8 Biblical cover-up?
9 Petty of "Tank Girl"

10 - impasse
11 Innocent one
16 Ewe's mate
20 Workout venue
21 Actress Gershon
22 Mark Harmon TV series
23 Melancholy
27 Fella
29 "Atlas Shrugged" hero
30 Exam format
31 "Ratatouille" rat
33 Patty Hearst, for one

35 "Tell -" (Streisand/Dion song)
38 Fr. holy woman
40 Monopoly job selection
43 Seafood
45 Cyclades island
46 Stated
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48 Baby's bed
49 Boo-Boo's buddy
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obituaries

John S. Clark, 1944-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – John Stuart Clark, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away on Jan. 20, 2024, in Citrus County, Fla. He was born on March 27, 1944, in Woodsville, N.H., and was a lifelong resident of Springfield, Vt.

John was the son of Chandler G. Clark and Joan B. Clark. He was preceded in death by his parents Chandler and Joan, as well as his sister-in-law Yvonne J. McNeil, and his beloved boxer Jazmine.

John's education journey began at Springfield High School, where he graduated in 1962. He also attended Northeastern Christian Junior College, further enriching his knowledge and skills.

In 1964, John married the love of his life Beverly G. Clark in Springfield, Vt. They shared a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished memories.

Throughout his career, John made significant contributions to various companies. He worked as a sales engineer and draftsman at Bryant Grinder Corporation in Springfield, Vt., before becoming a senior sales representative at IKO Roofing Company. Later, he served as a project superintendent at Baybutt Construction, demonstrating his exceptional work ethic and dedication.

John's commitment to his community was truly remarkable. He was a devoted member of Homosassa Springs Church of Christ, and had previously served as a deacon and trustee at Springfield Church of Christ, and served as a lifelong Sunday school teacher. He selflessly volunteered as a fireman at the Springfield, Vt., Fire Department, and contributed his time and skills to Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, John served as a volunteer driver for Springfield Community Service, and held the esteemed position of vice president of directors at Bryant Credit Union.

Beyond his professional and community engagements, John had a wide range of hobbies and interests that brought him joy and fulfillment. He found solace in studying his bible, gaining spiritual wisdom, and strengthening his faith. Spending time with family and friends held a special place in his heart, and he cherished the moments shared with loved ones. John also enjoyed hunting and fishing, relishing the beauty of nature. Additionally, he had a passion for antique cars, and loved going for walks, appreciating the simple pleasures of life.

John's remarkable character



John Clark, 1944-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

left an indelible impression on everyone who knew him. He was known for his unwavering kindness, his willingness to lend a helping hand, and his ability to put others before himself. His polite demeanor and sense of humor brought light and joy into the lives of those around him. John's presence was truly a gift, and he will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

John is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Beverly G. Clark, and his devoted children: son Michael J. Clark (Victoria) of Cape May Court House, N.J., son David H. Clark (Joya) of Inverness, Fla., and daughter Janet C. Perry (Christian) of Little Rock, Ark. He will forever be remembered as a cherished grandfather to Kaitlyn McCormick, Morgan Clark, Sarah Aspinwall, Cassandra Usher, Corrine Clark, Lauren Grace Perry, and Caroline Perry. John also leaves behind a legacy as a dotting great-grandfather to Raegan, Cale, Dominic, Vada, Mathias, Walker, and Collins.

He is also survived by his beloved brothers Paul F. Clark of Hampton, N.H., and James C. Clark of Hinesburg, Vt., and his sisters June E. Richardson of Euless, Texas, and Nancy S. Sneve of Hudson, Fla. John will be deeply missed by his sister-in-law Brenda Waysville, brother-in-law Mike Waysville, and his many nieces and nephews, who all shared a special bond with him.

John Stuart Clark lived a life filled with love, kindness, and a genuine desire to make the world a better place. His influence and impact will be felt for generations to come. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his memory forever be a blessing to all who knew him.

In honor of John's memory, donations can be made to Vitas Hospice House in Lecanto, Fla., and Habitat for Humanity in Springfield, Vt., organizations that were close to his heart and aligned with his values of compassion and service.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Louis T. Corbett, 2024

SEATTLE, Wash. – Louis Thomas "Lou" Corbett of The Free Republic of Corbett, Seattle, Wash., and formerly of Westminster, Vt., died from cancer peacefully in his home surrounded by his friends and chosen family, who were also his tireless, loving caregivers, on Jan. 22, 2024. He was 77 years old.

Lou was born and raised in Newark, N.J., the son of Marguerite and Louis Corbett. Lou adored his younger brother William "Billy," later known as "Willie." Willie remembers fondly the "street cred" he had from having Lou as his older brother, and Lou supporting, protecting, leading, and teaching him on the path to a peaceful and thoughtful way of life starting as young children.

Lou attended Catholic schools in Newark, and graduated from Essex Catholic High School in 1964. He attended the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1969 with a degree in sociology. In Scranton, Lou found extended family, lifelong friends, and community. He was instrumental in starting a food co-op there, and traveled to Alexandria, La., with classmates to rescue a Black, Catholic school there, serving as teachers, coaches, janitors, etc.

Also in Scranton, Lou met friends who came with him to Vermont in 1970 to join the back to the land movement, and a whole new community that he deeply loved and who loved him in return. Lou, Willie, and friends loved telling stories of the often harsh, always hilarious, and wonderful times they had trying to burn green wood to heat the insulated "Slum Goddess" shack, cook a frozen solid turkey in a wood stove on Thanksgiving morning, help the neighbor butcher a pig in the dead of winter, grow and smoke pot, avoid the cops and the draft, learn crafts and professions, and living the hippie life.

Lou's great passion was traveling, and not as a tourist. He traveled to Europe, Iceland, North Africa, India, Tibet, Nepal, China, Bhutan, Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan, Myanmar, Indonesia, the Philippines, Jordan, Syria, East Africa, Cuba, Panama, Ethiopia, Papua New Guinea, and more. He loved participating in festivals and living local life, especially in India and Nepal. He had two audiences with the Dalai Lama, as well as several holy men around South Asia. He became a photographer, and



Louis Corbett, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

was known for his intimate, empathic photos of the places he visited and people he met, and sharing them with many.

Lou's move to Washington in 1983 led him to a new community of deep friendships and chosen family. Lou became a radiology technician. He worked in the emergency room of Harborview Hospital, the level one northwest regional trauma center in Seattle. His coworkers and friends remember him for his patience, caring, and expert taking of X-rays at difficult angles. They were impressed at his ability to work at his very physically demanding job until age 74. He was elected UFCW Union Shop Steward at Harborview, and was very proud of that.

In 2016, Lou was inspired to travel to North Dakota and stand with the water protectors of the Sioux Nation to challenge the building of an oil pipeline that threatened the water and the way of life there. He had great passion for the struggle and lived there for six weeks, recognized as a wise elder of the protest community.

Lou was a great storyteller, raconteur, humorist, wise man, and counselor. A friend wrote on Facebook, "His place in White Center was known as the Free State, and it was a place of intelligent conversation, compassion, and free-thinking." Lou often mentioned in one way or another that he loved his family and friends, and tried in his own way to alleviate the suffering of others, either by listening to them, supplying the beer etc., and/or sharing what he could, either financial, emotional, or intellectual, with the clan that he loved. And we loved him.

Louis T. Corbett is survived by his beloved brother William B. Corbett of Saxtons River, Vt., cousins, and chosen family and friends all over the world, as well as his photographs.

Celebrations of Lou's life are being planned in Seattle and Vermont this summer.



Susanne Illingworth, 1941-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

place at St. Peter's Cemetery, Drewsville, N.H., on Friday, Feb. 2, at 12 p.m.

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

Ernest D. Dyson, 1952-2024

CHESTER, Vt. – Ernest Darryl Dyson, 71, of Chester, Vt., passed away suddenly at home on Jan. 15, 2024.

He is survived by his wife Joanne; his children Joey, Jamie, Tammy, and Tanya; his grandchildren Patricia, Rachael, Alivia, Alana, Serenity, Angelo, Alexandria, Anthony, Angelina, Owen, Piper, Max, Ruby, and expected baby Luna; and his great grandchildren Holden, Fenn, and Walker.

Ernest was born in Meriden, Conn., on June 27, 1952. He moved to Vermont in 1986 with his wife and children to set down his roots. Ernest owned "E. Dyson Builders" in Vermont for 30 years, and his craftsmanship can be viewed throughout Vermont and New Hampshire.

Ernest was an avid golfer, and enjoyed spending time with his loving family and with his wife, tending to their annual garden, fishing, camping, and playing with their dogs. He was the most sarcastically witty man. His humor filled many rooms with good cheer and lightheartedness. He had a big heart, the most fierce farm-style dance moves, and a love for baking. He enjoyed passing down his knowledge to his children and grandchildren, and always reminded them that laughter is the best cure for most things. He had a zest for life, always willing to



Ernest Dyson, 1952-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

take on an adventure or challenge head-on, without fear.

Ernest will be missed immensely by his family and friends, and especially by his wife of nearly 50 years, Joanne. They could be seen together for every trip and adventure. They were the genuine definition of soulmates. They took on life as a duo, hand-in-hand for each obstacle, and overcame all that life threw their way, laughing all the while.

He is no longer here in body, however, his spirit will continue on in all of our hearts.

Services will be held at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., on Feb. 9. Calling hours are from 1-2 p.m., and service at 2 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held at 191 River Street in Springfield, Vt. (the VFW), following the service.

See full obituary at <https://www.davismemorialchapel.net/obituary/ernest-dyson>.

Stanley A. Mack, 1947-2023

GRAFTON, Vt. – Stanley A. Mack, 76, passed away on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, comfortably at his home in Grafton, Vt., under hospice care. Stanley was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on Sept. 1, 1947, to Otto and Mildred (Isaacs) Mack.

Stan grew up in Trumbull, Conn., and became a volunteer firefighter for the town at age 15.

Stan graduated from Trumbull High School with the Class of 1965, and then earned his associate degree from the Connecticut School of Electronics.

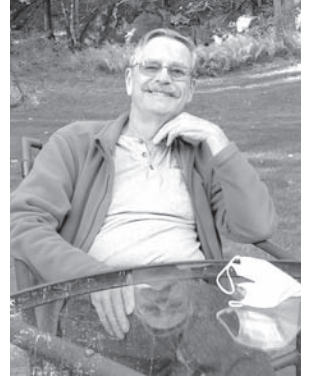
He was the loving husband of Patricia (Lobo) Mack. The two married in Trumbull, Conn., on Feb. 10, 1973.

The two moved to Grafton, Vt., soon thereafter.

Upon arriving in Grafton in September of 1979, Stan soon became the fire chief for 20 years, and was honored by having the fire station named in his honor for initiating and being the driving force behind getting the new fire station designed and built, and replacing the older fire vehicles with newer equipment. He was also an EMT for over 40 years, and devoted his life to helping and protecting others. He also served on the Grafton Selectboard, and was emergency management director for many years.

He began working for the Windham Foundation in 1980 as an electrician and shepherd, along with Doug Wright, to tend the flock of more than 100 sheep, and helped with many lambings (a.k.a. the "Electrical Shepherd"). He soon became their director of maintenance, and remained with the Windham Foundation for almost 30 years.

Stan is survived and will be missed by his loving wife and best friend of over 50 years Pat;



Stanley Mack, 1947-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

his exuberant dog Josephine; his sister Marilyn Gilvear of Charlestown, N.H.; his sisters-in-law Carolyn Lobo and her husband Vince Brunelli of Newtown, Conn., and Lorraine Curley and her husband Bob of Dublin, Ohio.

Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the Stan Mack Memorial Fund, Grafton Firemen's Association, P.O. Box 191, Grafton, VT 05146 for the continued maintenance of the fire station.

A memorial service and celebration of Stan's life will take place on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m., at the White Community Church of Grafton, with a celebration to follow.

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.

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

Susanne Illingworth, 1941-2024

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Sept. 11, 1941, Robert and Margaret Brattebo welcomed their second baby girl into this world. Susanne Helen Brattebo grew up in Bellows Falls with her sister Patricia (David) Lawlor. She attended St. Charles School, and was a graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School, Class of 1966. She married her high school sweetheart Gary Illingworth (predeceased) on Sept. 12, 1970. The couple was married 43 years, and had three children: Geoffrey (Jean), Chad (Tina), and Lindsey (predeceased).

Sue Sue, as her grandchildren Ethan, Brady (the favorite), Madisyn, Kayleigh, and Myleigh called her to annoy her, enjoyed nothing more than seeing her children, and then grandchildren, playing sports, performing in concerts, and attending proms/dances. She was their wrapping paper target at Christmas, and biggest cheerleader throughout the rest of the year. She reveled in the gossip of the day at the Dari Joy, or through talking with her best friend Donna Harty. Having her family go with her on vacations to Maine

and Florida were always memories talked about for a long time afterward. Sue loved days where her entire family would share a meal with Pepsi, swim in the backyard pool, and tell stories with great laughter. She had fascinations with jewelry, pocketbooks, Jodi Piccolt books, bingo, and long fingernails. She was fiercely protective of all those she loved, but didn't hold back on her own opinions. She adored the many pets she had over the years. If there is one thing you could count on, it was Sue always blinged out in purple at many Terrier events.

Sue was active in the community she loved, serving on the Bellows Falls Booster Club, Terrier Hall of Fame Committee (an inductee in 1997), Project Graduation, and various other local community groups.

Over the years, she worked for Peerless Insurance, Simmons Precision, Manning's Phonebook Company, and McGirr's Nursing Home.

On April 4, 2008, she lost two things. Her daughter,

Lindsey, had a car accident, and her faith. With this abrupt loss, Sue's family saw her rise, but never to the full person she had been before. Years of declining health took a toll on Sue's body, mind, and soul. Her family's consolation is that we are sure the reunion in Heaven was glorious on the night of Jan. 23, 2024.

Sue lives on in her children, grandchildren, sister, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom she loved very much. With a final hug and saying, "I love you, honey," may she finally rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rockingham Vet Clinic, c/o Sumi, P.O. Box 98, Chester, VT, 05143.

A Graveside service will take

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LEGAL NOTICES

FEB. 1 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Darn It All! Mending Bee will be held at Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This is not a tailor shop; mend your items yourself in the company of friendly folks. Knitting, embroidering, coloring, drawing, etc., also welcome. The event is free and open to all, regardless of residence. Youth 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The library is ADA-accessible.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Knit Wits will meet on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. For more information, contact Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

FEB. 2 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church Street, will hold their First Friday Supper on Feb. 2, from 5-6 p.m. The menu will be spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, dessert, and a beverage. Vegan and gluten free options will also be available. Takeout is available by calling 802-463-3220 before 5 p.m. There is a suggested donation, with proceeds to benefit the Springfield Humane Society.

FEB. 3 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield-based string band Just the Tip! Will be playing at Crown Point Country Club on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

FEB. 4 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Food for Life Vegan Potluck

will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Huber Building, 80 Main Street. Everyone is invited, just bring a plant-based dish to share if you are able.

FEB. 5 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The next Springfield Senior Center Monday Potluck will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, at 11:30 a.m., at the senior center, 139 Main Street. For more information, contact Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

FEB. 6 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The Creative Aging program at Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street, for area seniors will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The program is free, and a free lunch is included. There is a small, one-time registration fee. For more information and to register, visit www.mainstreetarts.org.

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FEB. 7 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, in making valentines for the nursing home and local veterans on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

FEB. 10 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Comedian and ventriloquist Al Getler will be at the Ludlow Town Hall for a free family event on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m., to celebrate 25 years of William Raveis Vermont Properties.

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 Street 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 Extension, Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.oa.org.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more

information. Private classes are available.

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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions is again sponsoring two Fall Prevention Tai Chi classes in the Great Hall, on Pearl Street in Springfield, on Tuesdays. The advanced class will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The beginner class will meet from 10:40-11:40 a.m. When practiced regularly, Tai Chi not only helps to lower the risk of falling, but also improves concentration, leg strength, balance and coordination, reduces joint pain and stress, and builds a sense of belonging. For more information or to register, contact Sue Rubel at suerub@aol.com, or Sophia Blanchard at SBlanchard@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

WEDNESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Knitting Together, every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., at Village Square Booksellers, knitting hats and mittens for our school kids. We provide yarn, some direction, and an enjoyable visit. Acrylic yarn donations are always welcome. For more information, contact Caroline at 802-463-4653.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Cardio & Sculpt, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aqua Sculpt, Wednesdays at 10:35 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The First Congregational Church

of Westminster's Souper Wednesdays are held every Wednesday until May 1, from 12-2 p.m., in the Church Fellowship Hall, with several delicious soups to try. All are welcome.

THURSDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Thursday, 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.

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

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

FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, located at 96 South Main Street in Chester. If you have a problem with alcohol, this is an understanding place to come to.

SATURDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturdays at 9 a.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

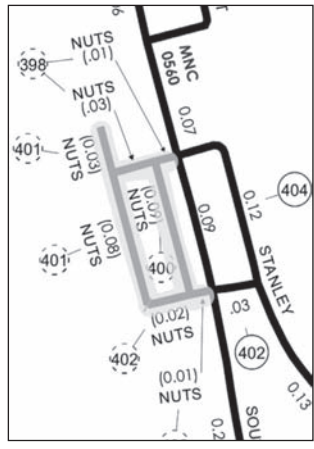
DAILY – REGION – If you want to drink that's your business, but if you want to stop, that's ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-802-2288 and join a meeting.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

Per 19 V.S.A. Chapter 7, the Town of Springfield will hold a site visit and public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 to consider discontinuing the following Class IV roads listed in the Vermont Agency of Transportation highways maps as "not up to standard." The site visit starts promptly at 5:30 pm at the intersection of Stanley Road / South Street and TH 398. The 6:00 pm public hearing will be held at the Springfield Town Hall, Third Floor Selectboard's Hall, 96 Main Street.



The area shown in the aerial photo only shows a few of these roads that existed until 1992. They were removed when this portion of the Southview Housing Development was demolished.



The site visit and public hearing are open to the public. If you plan to participate, contact Charles Wise (802.376.6102 / toszon@vermontel.net) for more information.

TOWN OF CHESTER WARNING NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be by Australian ballot on March 5, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont.
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$380,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of providing grant match to complete construction on culvert replacement on Green Mountain Turnpike and paving the Andover Road? Said projects and paving to be financed for a term of 7 years.
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck for highway in the amount of \$160,000 and a chipper for the highway department in the amount of \$55,000 to be financed for a term of 5 years? This equipment is replacing existing equipment at the end of useful life and are not additions to the town inventory.
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance to be financed for a term of 10 years? This equipment is replacing existing equipment at the end of useful life and is not an addition to the town inventory.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,975,784 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 16, 2024, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the MOOver Rockingham to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizens of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the voters of Chester authorize an annual community appropriation of \$4,070.00 to endorse the Mountain Town Connector, a service providing free transportation to residents of Chester?

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 19th day of January 2024.

[Signature] /s/ Arne Jonnyson, Chairman
[Signature] /s/ Lee Gustafson
[Signature] /s/ Heather Chase
[Signature] /s/ Peter Hudkins
 _____ /s/ Arianna Knapp

Planning Commission 2024 Thursday – February 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing Notice Hybrid Meeting - Heald Auditorium/Zoom

Village of Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulation amendments Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4441 and §4444, notice is hereby given of a public hearing by the Ludlow Planning Commission to hear comments regarding proposed amendments to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations, including the zoning map. The public hearing will take place on Thursday February 22, 2024, 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**

**Or via Zoom Link:
 Ludlow VT Planning Commission Zoom Link - February 22, 2024
 Meeting ID: 999 9677 6407
 Passcode: 428636**

Comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations and the zoning map may be submitted verbally at the Public Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Terry Carter, Ludlow Planning Commission Chair, at tmcarter@gmail.com or Martha Harrison, Mount Acutney Regional Commission, at mharrison@marcvt.org

Statement of purpose:

The purpose of the proposed amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations, including the zoning map, is to:

- implement both the 2019 Municipal Plan and Act 47 (the HOME Act);
- further village revitalization by facilitating commerce in the Residential-Commercial district;
- make it easier to permit additional housing of various types, including affordable housing and senior housing, throughout the village;
- comply with the provisions of 24 VSA §4412, 4413 and 4414.

Please see the Planning Commission's report on the amendments for more detailed information.

Geographic areas affected:

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

List of section headings affected:

The following new sections were added to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations:

- Section 255, Administrative Review
- Section 290, Affordability Requirements
- Section 425, Village Residential-2 (new zoning district)

In addition, amendments are proposed which modify the following sections of the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations:

- In Article 1, Section 140
- In Article 2, Sections 220, 221, 221.5, 224, 226, 227, 260, 260.3, 270.5, 280, and 290.
- In Article 4, Section 410, 420, new section 425 and 430 (including supplemental standards for outside dining and curbside pick-up).
- In Article 5, Section 510.1, 510.3, 520.2 (eliminated), 520.3, 520.8, 530.1, 530.3, and 540, 540.3, 540.4, 540.5, 550, and new section 550.9
- In Article 7, a number of new definitions were added, definitions that aren't used in the document were eliminated, and many existing definitions were revised.
- Minor clarifications and corrections were made throughout the document.

The full text of the amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations, including the revised zoning map and the Planning Commission's report, are available online at <https://www.ludlow.vt.us> The proposed amendments and report can also 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.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Learn about Google software, fraud and identity theft

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Let's learn more about Google on Monday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. Google offers a wide variety of tools, well beyond just searching the internet. This small group class will look at how Google can be used for word processing and other office applications, online file storage, maps, street view, and satellite images, as well as other tools. After a quick overview, the class will focus on the tools that participants are most interested in. The Springfield Town Library has laptops available, or people can bring their own device. Those who do not have a Google account should set one up before the class. If help is needed to set up an account, library staff can assist. This class is limited to four people, and sign up is needed. Please note that if people are placed on the waitlist, this class may be offered again.

professional development the morning of Feb. 5. The library will open that day at 11:30 a.m.

Call the library at 802-885-3018 to sign up for any of the tech classes.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m., join us at the Springfield Town Library for a highly informative event focused on fraud prevention and identity theft. This session will focus on identifying the similarities and differences between identity theft and identity fraud. Chyenne, a representative from M&T Bank, will discuss ways to identify, avoid, and protect ourselves against fraudsters and scams, and learn about some tools and resources we have to better protect ourselves and our information in future events.

You can benefit from M&T's no-cost financial wellness workshops and M&T's Financial Education Center, where you can access information on various topics such as budgeting, credit management, building wealth and retirement, and more. It's like having the expertise and knowledge of an M&T banker wherever you go.

Visit the library's calendar to sign up at www.springfield-townlibrary.org/calendar.

Those who need individual attention on this topic or any other may sign up for a one-on-one help session being held on Feb. 5 and 12, at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. both days. Tech Help classes fill up quickly.

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PUTNEY, Vt. – ReArch Company has been hired by Windham & Windsor Housing Trust and Evernorth Property as the General Contractor for ALICE HOLWAY and will be bidding from 1/31/2024 through 2/22/2024. Construction is anticipated to start in April 2024. This project is Federally and State funded and will adhere to all Federal Procurement, Section 3, Fair Labor Standards and Contracting Guidelines. Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, and Section 3 businesses are encouraged to apply. Seeking all trades! Including, but not limited to, Concrete, Masonry, Steel, Carpentry, Thermal, Siding, Roofing, Windows/Doors, Drywall, Flooring, Painting, MEPF, Sitework, and Landscaping. Interested subcontractors and material providers, please contact Ethan McDonald at ethanm@researchcompany.com.

Countryside Alarms, 495 Old Turnpike Road, Mount Holly, VT 05758, has immediate openings for Licensed Fire Alarm Technicians and Journeymen Electricians. We are a local Vermont company who installs commercial and residential fire and security alarms, access control, and security camera

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

The Town of Springfield Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, to review two zoning applications. (1) a change of use for special events at 182 Skitchewaung Trail and (2) a home business for 167 Park Street. Individuals wishing to participate in the public hearing may do so in person, via Zoom video conferencing, or by submitting written comments. Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom video conference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please contact the Town Planner (802-376-6102 /toszoning@vermontel.net) for copies of the agenda and zoning applications.

Springfield Public Hearing
February 26, 2024 at 6:00PM
96 Main Street
Springfield, Vermont

The Town of Springfield is investigating improvements to Clinton Street from Main Street to Bridge Street, the so-called Clinton Street Road Diet Project. We are hosting a public hearing to gather public input on Alternatives. Please attend and provide your thoughts.

If you are unable to attend and have comments/questions, please contact Martha Harrison, Municipal Project Manager, Mount Ascutney Regional Planning Commission. 802-674-9201 extension 122 or mharrison@marcvrt.org.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
Annual Report Notice of Availability

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Report containing the Town Auditor's Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 will be available February 24, 2024 and may be picked up at the Springfield Town Clerk's Office at 96 Main Street, M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the Springfield Town Library at 43 Main Street, M-F 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Annual Report containing the Town Auditor's Report will be available on the Town's website <https://springfieldvt.gov>. Upon request, the Auditor's Report shall be mailed. After March 31, 2024, the Town School District Report will be available on the School District website <https://www.ssdvt.org>.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk, CVC (802) 885-2104 tosclerk@vermontel.net

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- Catamount Trail Association Event Promo
- Legislative Update w/ Rep. Tessa Buss
- "War Tears" from Local Author & Historian
- Decision on Ludlow Short-Term Rental Registry
- Atty. Gen. Charity Clark: Refunds to Vulnerable VTers

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Farm camp scholarship accepting applications —

WALPOLE, N.H. – Does your child have interest in farms or gardening? Promote their curiosity and send them to a local farm camp this summer.

The Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Camp Scholarship connects young people with agriculture and the natural world around them. This scholarship aims to inspire the next generation of local farmers and food supporters by giving regional children the opportunity to experience sustainable farming firsthand, and watch their efforts bear fruit.

Scholarship-eligible programs include select farm camps and after school programs at Stonewall Farm, Orchard Hill, Kroka Expeditions, UMass Farm Academies, and memberships to NOFA-NH. Scholarships cover the full program cost unless otherwise noted.

The Cheshire County Conservation District is now accepting applications and donations to the Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Camp Scholarship. Applications are due

by March 31.

To learn more about participating programs, view application material, or donate to the scholarship fund, visit our website at www.cheshireconservation.org/jps-scholarship.

Interested applicants may also request a paper copy of the application by contacting the Cheshire County Conservation District at 603-756-2988 extension 4, or info@cheshireconservation.org.

During his lifetime, Jeff Smith was an enthusiastic supporter of sustainability and local agriculture. He firmly believed in the connection of all living things, and stressed the importance of working in harmony with the systems of the universe.

Seeing himself as a “steward” instead of an “owner” of the land, he felt the earth was entrusted to us for safekeeping during our lifetimes, to be passed along intact to future generations. With an eager and vibrant sense of life, his every activ-

ity was geared towards improving the lives of others and the environment through giving freely of his time and efforts.

To keep that vision alive, the Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship Program was created in August 2009. The program’s purpose is to send children to an area farm camp to discover the inherent rewards that come from cultivating with one’s hands and heart.

Seasonal day camps at The Nature Museum —

GRAFTON, Vt. – How can snow keep you warm? What causes sap to flow in maple trees? What is a macroinvertebrate? Learn all about nature with The Nature Museum’s day camps for kids aged 4-11, offering activities designed to educate campers about our regional ecology while providing plenty of outdoor free play, exploration, and hands-on learning.

These all-day camps

take place outside The Nature Museum and surrounding local habitats, utilizing the meadow and garden with native plantings, the newly developed pond, and the Magic Forest Natural Playscape.

Each day or week features a unique theme, from exploring “Snowflake Science” in February, to “Wilderness Trekking” in August.

The winter camps take place over February break (Feb. 20-22), the spring camps over April break (April 23-25) and the summer camps run for five weeks between June and August.

“We’re thrilled to offer these camps again this year. Being outside for long periods provides ample opportunities for observation and learning,” says environmental educator Sam McGonigle. “These sessions help deepen the



Wee Explorers take a look at a tiny inchworm with the education director.

PHOTO PROVIDED

appreciation for our wild neighbors, while providing lots of outdoor exercise and community-building activities. Our campers build connections with each other and with the natural world through play, exploratory learning, and creative exercises that enrich their experiences outdoors.”

Registration is open for the winter and spring camps, and the summer camp registration opens on Feb. 1. To learn more about ages, dates, and program details, visit www.nature-museum.org.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Barton Coburn by Warranty Deed of Milton Thomas Coburn, dated May 30, 2017 and recorded on June 2, 2017 in Book 79 at Pages 766-767 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #019009-502, E911 address: 61 Coburn's Way.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Mountain Energy of Vermont, Inc., f/k/a Green Mountain Energy Systems, Inc., by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Duff and Barbara M. Duff, dated September 4, 2009, and recorded on September 4, 2009 in Book 65 at Page 95 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #104011, E911 address: 3590 VT Route 100)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Duke Enterprises, Inc. by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Brown dated October 14, 1970 and recorded on October 21, 1970 in Book 31 at Page 148 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102023, E911 Address: 2242 North Main St.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to 452, LLC by Quit Claim Deed of Thomas Jones and Elisa Marie Romeo dated January 14, 2019 and recorded on February 4, 2019 in Book 83 at Page 407 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #035010, E911 Address: 452 Carley Lane)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Antone Dias by Warranty Deed of Center J. Merrill dated July 29, 2022 and recorded on August 1, 2022 in Book 95 at Page 536 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102004, E911 Address: 2000 North Main St.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Matthew L. Mosher by Warranty Deed of Roger Thorne-Thomsen, dated December 30, 2011, and recorded on

January 6, 2012 in Book 66 at Page 192 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #105022-100, E911 Address: 2.8 +/- acres off Route 100)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Edward John Brown by Warranty Deed of Lawrence A. Grover and Hazel E. Grover, dated August 6, 1981 and recorded on August 8, 1981 in Book 40, at Page 53 of the Londonderry Land Records. Reference is made to Easement Deed of Duke Enterprises, Inc. to Edward J. Brown, dated August 25, 1982 and recorded on August 25, 1982 in Book 40 at Page 554 of the Londonderry Land Records.

Excepting, however, approximately 0.12 acres of land conveyed to the State of Vermont by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Brown, dated September 27, 1993 and recorded on October 1, 1993 in Book 51 at Page 8 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102024, E911 address: 2296 North Main St.)

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jean Rogers Smith, as Trustee under agreement with Rochester H. Rogers and Lois S. Rogers, dated December 12, 1949 for the benefit of Fergus S. Smith, by virtue of:

1. Warranty Deed of Herbert O. Smith, dated July 10, 1972 and recorded on July 14, 1972 in Book 32 at Page 78 of the Londonderry Land Records;
2. Warranty Deed of Gordon M. Moodie and Helene Moodie, dated September 26, 1977 and recorded on September 27, 1977 in Book 36 at Page 311 of the Londonderry Land Records; and
3. Warranty Deed of Robert Praeger Venner, dated August 18, 1979 and recorded on October 3, 1979 in Book 38 at Page 259 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #027006, E911 address: 340-342 Melendy Hill)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Melonie Bohlen and Corey W. Stoddard by Executor's Deed of Linda A. Smith, Executor of the Estate of James E. Adamson, dated May 22, 2013 and recorded on May 28, 2013 in Book 69 at Page 521 of the Londonderry Land Records. Reference is made to the Quitclaim Deed of Corey W. Stoddard to Melonie Bohlen dated December 29, 2021 and recorded on March 29, 2022 in Book 94 at Page 672 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #063004, E911 Address: 105 Williams St.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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health & wellness

Mom's Day Off funds breast cancer services

PERU, Vt. – On Friday, March 1, Bromley Mountain Ski Resort will hold its annual Mom's Day Off fundraiser. Mothers (including honorary moms and pet moms) ski or ride for a steeply discounted fee when they show the ticket seller a snapshot of their child/children or four-legged kids.

The entirety of the ticket price is donated to breast cancer services at the Dartmouth Cancer Center at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) in Bennington. Last year's 20th annual event raised more



Participants enjoy the 2023 Mom's Day Off fundraiser. PHOTO PROVIDED

than \$8,000 to benefit regional breast cancer services.

The rain date for Mom's Day Off is Friday, March 8.

Bromley Mountain is located at 3984 Vermont

Route 11, Peru, Vt., six miles east of Manchester. The resort has 47 trails and a variety of skiing terrain for all levels. For more information, visit www.bromley.com.

Food for Life Vegan Potluck

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Food for Life Vegan Potluck will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Community Room at the Huber Building, 80 Main Street in Springfield, Vt. Whether you are interested in improving your health, reducing greenhouse gas emissions to curb climate change, being kinder

to animals, or just enjoying good company, this is the place to be. Eating in the late afternoon allows us to skip dinner and clean up so we have the evening free. You don't have to be vegan to join us. Everyone is invited, 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. You are welcome even if you can't bring anything, as we always have more food than we need.

Girls on the Run seeks volunteer coaches

REGION – Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires students in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy, and confident. The ten-week program incorporates movement into its curriculum to empower participants to develop critical life skills, build confidence, cultivate positive connections with peers, manage their emotions, and stand up for themselves and others. Volunteer coaches utilize a curriculum to engage teams of girls in fun, interactive lessons. The spring season begins the week of March 18. Teams meet twice a week for 90 minutes and the program culminates with all teams participating in one of two noncompetitive, celebratory 5K events in Essex and Manchester, Vt.

Coaches do not need to be runners. Girls on the Run Vermont (GOTRVT) provides training so volunteers have all of the tools needed to facilitate the season and to have a positive coaching experience. All volunteer coaches must complete a background check. GOTRVT welcomes high school students to volunteer as junior coaches. GOTRVT is celebrating 25 years in 2024 – a very special season for coaches to participate! Please visit www.gotrvt.org/coach for full details, or email info@girlsontherunvermont.org.

Participant registration opens on Wednesday, Feb. 21, for northern teams attending the Essex 5K and Wednesday, Feb. 28, for southern teams attending the Manchester 5K.

Locations, by county, include: Windham County: Academy School, Central Elementary School, Dover Elementary School, Dummerston Elementary, Flood Brook Union School, Grafton Elementary School, The Grammar School, Green Street School, Hilltop Montessori, Jamaica Village School, Leland & Gray, Newbrook Elementary School, Oak Grove School, Saxtons River Elementary School, St. Michael School, Townshend Elementary School, Twin Valley Elementary School, Wardsboro

Elementary School. Windsor County: Chester Andover Elementary School, Woodstock Elementary School.



Grace Cottage's online auction

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage's Cabin Fever Online Auction is a perfect way to bring fun and joy to your winter. You'll find items that are practical, delectable, delightful, and inspirational. Bidding takes place Feb. 14-28.

Each year, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's Cabin Fever Online Auction includes exotic vacations, Vermont foods, local gift certificates, handcrafted items, jewelry, art, and more. Generous local businesses and individuals donate this awesome array of items. With a wide variety of offerings, there's something for everyone, whatever your interests or budget.

All proceeds support patient care at Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.

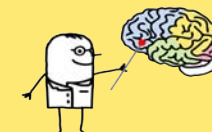
You can visit the auction website now to get registered, check out

the selection, and plan your bidding. Visit www.32auctions.com/GraceCottage2024 and register so you can hit the ground bidding on Valentine's Day.

For more information, visit www.gracecottage.org/auction, or email info@gracecottage.org.



Grace Cottage's Cabin Fever Online Auction. PHOTO PROVIDED



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arts & entertainment

Chocolate Tasting at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You're invited to Gallery at the VAULT's annual Chocolate Tasting on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1-4 p.m. Sample sweet treats from Pop's Biscotti, Sustainable Eats, Springfield Food Cop, Shaw's, and local bakers. Birds and Beans Coffee (which can be ordered through the Audubon Society) will be served. Feast your eyes on the annual Student Art Show, which is up for the month of February (students can still bring in a "Let it Snow" draw-

ing or painting). Enjoy live music, make an origami heart from 1-3 p.m., and find out about upcoming classes. The Chocolate Tasting is free, but donations are appreciated and help support upcoming community arts programs.

Gallery at the VAULT is located on 68 Main Street in Springfield, and is open Wednesday, Thursday, and



Come taste chocolates on Feb. 3. PHOTO PROVIDED

Saturday, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. See www.galleryvault.org for more information.

Springfield Winter Carnival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Winter Carnival is back for the eighth year, to be held on Feb. 9 and 10, at the Crown Point Country Club. All activities, contests, and events are free.

Friday, Feb. 9 – 5-8 p.m.: Open sledding and snowshoeing. 5:30 p.m.: Bonfire. 6:30 p.m.: Guided snow-

shoe walk for all ages, snowshoes provided by Springfield Town Library.

8-11 p.m.: The Connoption Fits perform.

Saturday, Feb. 10 – 12-9 p.m.: Sledding and snowshoeing.

12-3 p.m.: Wunderle's Big Top Circus Adventures, sponsored by ARC Mechanical and Ultimate Auto Body.

12-3 p.m.: Big games inside, presented by Springfield's All-4-One program.

1 p.m.: Eighth annual cardboard sled contest. The theme is wild animals.

2:30 p.m.: Guided snowshoe walk.

3 p.m.: Snowman contest winners announced.

3:15 p.m.: Snowmageddon indoor snowball fight with fluffy balls.

6:30 p.m.: Fireworks, presented by Pyrotecnico and sponsored by Ford of Claremont.

7-10 p.m.: Gr8tful Folk performs.

To enter the snowman competition, build a snowman at home and call 802-885-2727 or send a picture to springfieldrec@hotmail.com. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 9.

To enter the cardboard sled contest, meet at the top of the hill between 12:30-12:45 p.m. for entry, photos, and judging. Bottom of sled must be only cardboard or tape. No other restrictions on size or decorations. For information, email Andy Bladyka at cpcvt@gmail.com.

For more information, visit the Springfield Winter Carnival Facebook page, or visit www.springfieldvtparksandrec.com.

Genticorum at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present traditional, folk, and Celtic music trio Genticorum, with special guests Seamus Egan and Lissa Schneck-enburger, at Next Stage on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Known for their unbridled energy, musicianship, and magnetic stage presence, Genticorum features intricate fiddle, flute, and accordion lines, gorgeous vocal harmonies, subtle guitar textures, and exhilarating foot percussion. The trio's founding members Pascal Gemme and Yann Falquet are both recognized as major contributors to the traditional music scene in Québec,

and, since 2015, they have been joined by accomplished multi-instrumentalist and composer Nicholas Williams. The infectious joie de vivre that these three musicians bring to the stage, playing and creating together, is palpable.

A leading voice in the evolution of Québécois traditional music over the past 22 years, Genticorum showcases the poetry and nuance of French Canada's old songs and step-dance tunes, as their own compositions have become standards at dances and sessions. Gemme, Falquet, and Williams have won multiple Canadian Folk Music Awards, and received Juno and ADISQ nominations. Genticorum has carved out a place for

itself on the international music scene, performing on stages worldwide, from Celtic Connections in Scotland, the Tønder Folk Festival in Denmark, the National Folk Festival in Australia, the Independent Music Festival in Alexandria, Egypt, and the Rain Forest Festival in Malaysia, to countless venues across North America.

This concert is sponsored in part by Howard Printing.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance through www.nextstagearts.org. There is also a livestream option. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website above.

Springfield Community Players auditions

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Players will kick off their 2024 season with a classic murder mystery by queen of crime Agatha Christie, "The Unexpected Guest." When the fog causes him to crash his car, a man seeks help at a nearby house and discovers a body. Who committed the murder? The lovely

widow? The violent brother? The jealous lover? Can you guess before the play is over?

Auditions will take place at the Calvary Baptist Church on Feb. 15, 7-8:30 p.m., and Feb. 17, 1-2:30 p.m. The performances are scheduled for May 11, 12, 18, and 19. There are six male roles and three female roles, though this ratio may change depending on au-

dition turnout. Actors of all ages are encouraged to try out, no prior experience is necessary. A copy of the script will be available at the local library for role preparation. The director will be Miles Ledoux, whom you may have seen as Wadsworth in the recent production of "Clue."

Come be part of this wondrous theatre experience.

Canal Street Art Gallery open call for "Spring Salon"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The "Spring Salon," an exhibition hung in the floor-to-ceiling salon style, is open to all artists of all levels to submit original artwork for exhibition. This is the third edition of the "Spring Salon." The show is open March 17 – June 3.

Image submissions for the "Spring Salon" are due Feb. 26. Artists may submit one to three artworks. Submission is free. The exhibition fee is a sliding scale for one, two, or three artworks. Artwork delivery is on

March 6. To submit, visit www.canalstreetartgallery.com/call-for-entry-spring-salon.html.

The Canal Street Art Gallery's "Spring Salon" brings this classical way of showing art into the contemporary age. The art show is inclusive of all art. The opportunity to exhibit is open to the public. The "Spring Salon" celebrates the abundance and diversity of art created by artists every day. Artists of all career levels, experience, and with or without formal training, exhibit their artwork.

The Salon, which was

popular in the 19th century, can offer the public a unique chance to view art from many more talented local and regional artists than a typical modern group show. At their start, one of the goals of the original Royal Academy Salons was to provide venues where artists, including emerging artists, could show their work and garner patronage. The historic way of installation means art is hung closely together on the wall, with sizes and artists interspersed throughout the exhibit. Before the contemporary gallery and art fair, it was also common in Europe and America to hang both museum and private collections in the floor-to-ceiling manner.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, in historic downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday-Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information about the "Spring Salon" or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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