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## TRSU Board approves revised budget —

**BY LORIEN STRANGE** 

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) Board has approved the revised school budget of \$10,897,278, representing a 13.65% increase from last year's budget. Down from the \$11,047,939 that voters rejected after Town Meeting Day, the new budget will be brought separately before the Green Mountain Unified School District (GMUSD) and Ludlow Mount Holly Union Unified School District (LM-HUUSD) boards, before a public informational meeting and its return to the ballot later this spring. The spreadsheets for the new proposed fiscal year 2025 budget are available on the homepage of the TRSU website, www.trsu.org.

Superintendent Lauren Fierman reminded the board of the changes they had approved at their last meeting on March 7, including removing salaries for outgoing employees, adding new-hire information, state unemployment rate adjustments, and reducing the contingency rate for the supervisory nonbargaining union's unit employees. Since that meeting, director of technology Lauren Baker was able to shave off some software costs after factoring in federal E-Rate funding, and removing an unused subscription to an accounting software that the office had previously forgotten to cancel. The new budget also incorporates corrections to benefits and adjustments to the GMUSD and LMHUUSD contingency rates for nonbargaining employees. "If you want us to cut further percentage points, we're talking about cutting people," Fierman said of the budget.

Joining remotely, Mount Holly representative Dave Venter asked Fierman what was driving the \$7,094,105 for special education, which represents a 10.79% increase from what the district had budgeted for special education in fiscal year 2024. Fierman explained that in addition to a larger number of students requiring these services this year, the costs of health insurance, transportation, services, and outside special education programs have all increased. The district also has to replace its special education transportation van, contributing to the

\$35,000 equipment cost. Fierman and Baker said that, of TRSU's roughly 900 students, 249 - over 25% have an individualized education plan. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the national average for students receiving services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in the 2021-2022







### **Easter Basket drawing winners**

Anabelle from Cavendish, Harold from Charlestown, and Jane from Chester won our Easter Basket prizes from our Easter activity page. Congratulations!

PHOTOS BY PAULA BENSON

school year was 15%.

Director of student support services Mary Barton said that there are around 20 special education teachers, which does not include TRSU's behavioral interventionists and paraeducators. "It is an unfunded mandate," Fierman said of the requirements for supervisory unions to cover these special education costs, later correcting herself: "Partially-funded mandate; I want to be fair." She said the union receives

some reimbursement in the form of a block grant, "a chunk of money" that is supposed to help the supervisory union to learn to manage its costs more effectively. Fierman said the funding has also been complicated by changing special needs identification requirements. Special education is not one of the areas considered by the controversial pupil-weighting system that the state legislature passed last year.

Fierman asked the

boards to hold their separate votes on the new budget on April 23, or no later than April 30, which she said would provide enough time but adequate urgency for publicity and decisionmaking.

The board also appointed Adrienne Williams of Baltimore as chair. The full annual board reorganization will happen at the board's next regular meeting on April 4, at 6 p.m., at Ludlow Elementary School and on Zoom.

### Preach for all five

### seasons

BY DANIELLE GOODWIN

The Vermont Journal

WHITE RIVER JUNC-TION, Vt. - Preach. It is hard to go wrong when you go by a name like Preach. It is not surprising to see another dispensary pop up in the White River Junction, Vt., area. However what is new is the approach.

Some of you may be old enough to remember a show called "Cheers," and its mesmerizing and comforting effect on the customers that came in to occupy a seat at the bar. Although Preach may or may not be old enough to remember that show, the way in which he is conducting his business is in much the same way. Your name may not be "Norm," but Preach

will remember it. Preach opened his dispensary as a proud Afghanistan veteran. Together with a couple of longtime friends and partners, he decided that his vibe was going to be fun, "out of this world," with murals and merchandise to match. He would try and stay in his lane, in hopes of catching the local attention, while not detracting from other dispensaries in the area.

The dispensary has been open a few months, and when I asked Preach what makes him stand out, he proudly discussed his relationship with the small growers - in fact, he and his partner go around the state to try and seek out new vendors, instead of just hoping that they walk through the door. You can tell that Preach has a prior background in hospital-



Preach at Five Seasons Cannabis Dispensary.
PHOTO BY DANIELLE GOODWIN

ity, because, even as we spoke, he was still in "meet and greet" mode, with a sixth sense when someone looked unsure, or new to the industry, always trying to make them feel comfort-

When you spend any amount of time with Preach, you are sure to see his infectious smile; he is just ready to have a good time, make the customer feel at ease, and tell some of his famous stories that keep you coming back. Five Seasons dispensary, aka "Preach's Cheers," is open seven days a week, with hours from 9 a.m. -9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and Sunday hours from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Preach is committed to helping those that are coming from all walks of life with various discounts, however, most notable is a discount for customers coming from the retail industry. Are you a cook at a restaurant? Preach has a discount for you at 52 Bridge Street in White River Junction, Vt. Just look for the bright yellow building, and on 4/20, look for all of the fun on site, by checking out his Facebook or www.fi-

veseasonscannabis.com.

### Ludlow holds annual organizational meeting — **BY NICK GIBERTI** on the first Monday of each

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Selectboard met on Monday, April 1, for their first meeting since Town Meeting Day.

The board nominated Brett Sanderson to continue in his role as chair, and Justin Hyjek to continue as vice chair. This was the first meeting for newly-elected board member Noah Schmidt, who was also appointed to serve as se-

lectboard clerk. Seletboard meetings will continue to be held

month, at 6 p.m., with the third Monday held as an alternate date if the board needs to reschedule or hold an additional meeting. The Vermont Journal and Rutland Herald will also continue to serve at the board's papers of record.

The board then appointed interested parties to non-elected and vacant elected positions, a full list of which can be found on the town website, www. ludlow.vt.us.

The board also set a meeting date of Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m., to discuss ARPA funds, which are set to expire at the end of 2024 if not allocated. This will be a public meeting, open to Ludlow residents to voice opinions on how the town should use the money allotted to it by the Covid-era ARPA bill.

Town manager Brendan McNamara also discussed with the board a proposal to use the now-vacant Timber Inn Motel property for fire department training. The Timber Inn has recently completed a long running effort to secure a FEMA buyout, and as a result the property now belongs to the town, and the building on it must be demolished within 90 days.

Prior to demolishing the building, however, McNamara suggested that the Ludlow Fire Department could use the building to practice techniques, such as forcible entry, which are otherwise difficult to train in prior to encountering them in life-or-death situations. The board was

supportive of this effort, and gave McNamara their affirmative consensus to utilize the building for fire department training.

Two bids were approved for town expenses: one for an F-660 Evo truck for the Ludlow Highway Department, with sanding and plowing capabilities, for a total of \$173,837, from Claremont Ford. This was the only bid the town received, of five requests sent out. The other bid was for paving of the Okemo Access Road from the trestle up, funded in part by a Class 2 Roadway grant, leaving the town with 20% of the total cost. A bid from Fuller Sand in the amount of \$264,070 was approved. While the town had previously been awarded the Class 2 grant, the village had not, meaning only the area from the trestle up can currently be slated for paving. However, McNamara was optimistic that the village could acquire a Class 2 grant this year, enabling the entire Okemo Access Road to be paved at once.

Finally, McNamara told the board that Ludlow had posted an opening for the position of full-time fire chief, and and a committee had been put together to interview potential candidates. He also acknowledged that several areas of the town would need continued cleanup from last year's floods in the coming months, among them the dog park and the former Little League field.

The board's next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, at 6 p.m., in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall.

### Flag retirement ceremony -



Troop 0136 members demonstrate a proper flag retirement.

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. -Flag retirement ceremonies hold a profound significance in American culture. They are not just a procedure for disposing of a worn-out flag; they are a respectful tribute to an emblem that symbolizes the nation's values, history, and sacrifices. A flag retirement ceremony is conducted to ensure that Old Glory, as the

American flag is affectionately known, is honored in its final moments.

On March 20, at 7:50 a.m., Brownsville Trail Life Troop 0316 demonstrated for Albert Bridge School students the proper and respectful way to retire Old Glory.

Trail Life Troop 0316 is sponsored by the Brownsville Community

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## Chester-Andover Family Center receives EpicPromise Grant ——

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester-Andover Fam-Center (CAFC), thanks in part to a \$5,000 EpicPromise Grant, is pleased to announce the opening of our expanded thrift shop space and new thrift shop hours. We are also excited to welcome thrift shop manager Mike Antonowicz.

Mike brings small business management experience to our thrift shop. His most recent venture, prior to retiring and moving to Chester, Vt., was turning a vacant building in Providence, R.I., into a thriving business with 55 vendors and nearly 100 consigners. Mike loved his work and is excited to bring his small business skills to our CAFC Thrift Shop. His interest in our community aligns with the goals and mission of the Family Cen-





Thrift shop manager Mike Antonowicz.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ter, making him a perfect fit mand for food and finanfor our organization.

Our thrift shop expansion project is now complete, and we are excited to welcome the public to stop by the first weekend in April to see our new storage space. The entrance, on the left side of our building, is where all are invited to drop off donations and step inside for a tour. As promised, we have retired the "no donations today" sign.

Our new space accomplishes many important goals. In addition to the need for structural repairs to our building, the CAFC board recognized that, to meet the increasing decial assistance, our thrift shop needed to generate more income. We already have a thriving thrift shop, and knew that longer open hours with more available merchandise for sale would lead to increased revenue. We now have a safe space for volunteers to receive, sort, and store donations. This new area also frees up a large, secure room for shelf-stable, nonperishable provisions for our food shelf, allowing for bulk purchasing.

The CAFC Board of Directors thanks Vail, our loyal donors, and all the volunteers who supported this project. This was truly a community

Beginning the first weekend in April, the thrift shop, located at 908 Vermont Route 103 in Chester, will be open on Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Art Adventures Summer Camp at Fletcher Farm –

LUDLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is thrilled to offer two one-weeklong "Art Adventures" summer day camps for young artists ages 7-12 this July. The affordable camps are made possible through generous community support.

Local art teachers have volunteered their time to instruct the five-day workshops, running July 15-19 and July 22-26, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily. An extended day option until 5 p.m. is also available. All art supplies are provided at no cost to

Full-time residents

of Ludlow, Cavendish, and Proctorsville receive a tuition discount, thanks to a partnership with the Fletcher Farm Foundation. Other students may apply for Young Artist Scholarships covering half the tuition cost.

Funding for scholarships is contributed by the Young Artist Scholarship Fund and the Ballard-Hobart American Legion Post 36 in Ludlow. This allows a session to be discounted for many need-based students. "We're so grateful to the art instructors donating their expertise, and the American Legion's financial support," said interim executive director Susan

Damone Balch. "Their generosity ensures this enriching experience is accessible to all young artists in our community."

Registration is firstcome, first-served until all spots are filled. Parents can download an application online at www.fletcherfarm. org/art-adventures-2024. We would like to give thanks to our community sponsorships, as without them, the low tuition cost would not be possible.

"Art education sparks creativity, confidence, and skills that serve kids for life," said Balch. "We're delighted to make this opportunity accessible to as many local children as possible."

### LRC offers free books through Imagination Library

LUDLOW, Vt. - Since 2012, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) has made the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program a reality in Mount Holly, Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish. With the help of local educators, a large proportion of children resident in our area are now registered to receive these books. At the Ludlow Rotary, we have a passion to make sure our kids have every opportunity to succeed.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a bookgifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family's income. Dolly was inspired to start this program by her father's inability to read and

The unique Dolly Parton Imagination Library program mails a new, ageappropriate book to the homes of children every month. Dolly's Imagination Library is designed to inspire the love of reading in children, by spending time with family and friends sharing these wonderful books together. Dolly understands that reading is the key to a strong education, and that a child's imagination is the center of his or her dreams and creativity. By combining the two, this program inspires children to dream more, learn more, care more, and be more.

An easy way to register your preschool child or children for this program is to visit the children's' section of Ludlow's Fletcher Memorial Library, where there is a display of Imagination Library books and lots of registration cards. Registration cards can also be obtained from the Ludlow Rotary Club, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. The privacy of the children is strictly honored.

The signature book of the Imagination Library, "The Little Engine That Could," is recognized by most parents. The books are addressed and mailed directly to the children, much to their delight. The mailings

start about six weeks after the date of registration.

Researchers have concluded that children that participate in this type of program get a real boost in their performance - doing much better in kindergarten and throughout their academic career. We think this investment in our children is more than worth the cost.

As participation in the Imagination Library increases, the Ludlow Rotary welcomes outside financial assistance in this important work from those that are not immediate members of the families that benefit. The books each child receives cost about \$25 per year. You can contribute to the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, indicating "Imagination Library" in the memo section of your check, and mailing it to the Ludlow Rotary address shown above. So far, the most frequent contributors are grandparents whose grandchildren live out of area.

For additional information, please contact Tom Harris at thomas.harris@ wellsfargoadvisors.com. Further information about the Ludlow Rotary, its projects, and membership opportunities, is available at www.ludlowrotary.com.







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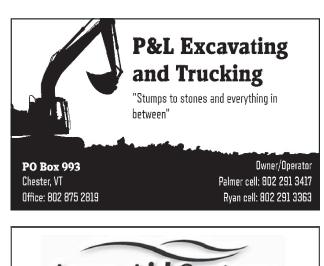
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## Things to ponder

**BY RON PATCH** 

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Sometimes, my deadline to send in my weekly article sneaks up on me. Suddenly I can think of nothing to write about. So here you are.

**Fishing** 

April is here. It won't be long before Danny and I go fishing at the boat landing by the toll bridge. We choose a warm sunny morning, take our lawn chairs, prop up our poles, sit back, and visit. It's a popular place to fish.

We see the same people year after year. In some cases, we don't know eachother's names, but we are always happy to see each other after a long winter. It's a friendly community. The game warden always shows up to check licenses. We get to ask him fish and game law questions. He enjoys it as much as Danny and I do. Between Danny and I are

150 years of life experiences. Danny has done a lot in his day. I like hearing his stories. Right out of school he worked for a utilities company. Occasionally, as we drive around, he'll point to a steep mountain, telling me he was on the job there setting utility poles in 1962.

Danny worked for St. Johnsbury Trucking in Bellows Falls 20 years. Later, he worked for St. Johnsbury Trucking as terminal manager in Plattsburg, N.Y. When St. Johnsbury went out of business, Preston Trucking of Bellows Falls hired Danny as terminal manager.

When he was in Florida, Danny took up with a hot air balloon company. He was crew chief, traveling around this country setting up for hot air balloon shows. Some of these hot air balloon shows were in Canada. Danny told me about one night flight.

He also told me about one flight that didn't go as planned. "One time in Ottawa, Canada, the pilot of Magic Carpet had to set down in a four way intersec-

"The pilot said he could see the intersection ahead of him. The crew and I rushed to the intersection, and stopped all the traffic.

The pilot asked how long it would be before the police would show up. I told him on the radio, 'They are already here.' All five of the crew were police officers on the Ottawa police force."

Danny hunted a lot in Virginia and out west. We always have something to talk about.

Stuff

I collect all kinds of stuff. I collect old rod and gun club, political, and teamster pins. Whatever I find for a dollar or two, I pick up. Not long ago, I picked up the pin you see with this article. It made me smile. It reads, "I'M THE GUY THAT PUT DOTS ON THE

it. On the reverse, under the pin, is a paper cigarettes. I looked on-

pins are known as, "I'm the guy," pinbacks. It turns out a series of these pins was produced.

Another thing

I need a few old cigar boxes. They come in handy for storing small parts and pieces. Another thing I could use would be old spool cabinets. These are small cabinets with shallow drawers, quite often with tiny partitions. Again these come in real handy for someone like me. I love small cabinets with drawers. Let me know if you have any.

A short story All winter long, I've spread table scraps, coffee grounds,

DICE.

I knew nothing about label advertising Clix line and learned these

> picture - anything organic, on my small vegetable garden. I have fun watching the critters paw this stuff over.

"I'm the Guy" pin next to a nickel.

eggshells - well you get the

The other day I took a pail of chicken bones, stale bread, potato peelings, and other such tasties to the garden. I had rendered a chicken, so I had bones and skin. I skimmed the fat off the pot I rendered the chicken in the next day. The fat I put in a container.

At the garden, I spread everything around. I like to watch the crows and ravens scratch the snow, looking for a morsel. They do an excellent job turning everything over. I had a bottle of rancid olive oil. I sprinkled this around on stale bread, and some just in the snow.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

I see foxes left their footprints in the snow. They paw away looking for something the ravens missed. I see footprints from a bobcat that came in to supervise. Fox and cats can detect the slightest scent in the snow. They can smell the chicken fat. Birds lack this fine nose. The foxes and cats dig around, further working in my compost.

This week's old saying: "Rat trap cheese will curl

## So Many Reasons to Love Trees" at OLLI

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -John Snell, Montpelier Tree Board director, will present "So Many Reasons to Love Trees," for the Osher Lifeling Learning Institute (OLLI) group on April 9, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center, next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

In all seasons, trees are our intriguing partners in life. We'll have a good excuse to enjoy photographs of trees, while looking closely at many of the things we don't always pay attention - from bark and leaves, to shade and shapes, from seeds and fruits, to wood and carbon dioxide. Along with our speaker, we'll marvel at these living things and their long lives.

Snell has been very actively involved in the caretaking of the trees of Montpelier since he joined the tree board in 1992, and is deeply gratified to see the difference that planting trees has made in that time. John's training in ecology has served him well. He enjoys admiring trees with his camera, and looks forward to sharing his photographs of trees with us as he discusses the importance of trees in our lives. This program is cosponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

OLLI is sponsored by the University of Vermont, and is run by local volunteer members. It is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and older, who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons, at 2 p.m. and last about an hour and a half.

There is a membership fee for the semester. Nonmembers are welcome and encouraged to attend individ-

ti-box. After pursuing sepa-

rate solo singer/songwriter

careers, they joined forces

in 2015, and have since

toured across the country from Maine, to Texas, to ual programs for a single program fee.

Preregistration is highly recommended. We can no longer take any payments onsite at the door. If you do attend and have not preregistered, we will welcome you and provide an easy form for you to take to send in payment or pay online after the program.

Registration can easily be done online with a credit card by going to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/ springfield. You may also register over the phone with your credit card by calling the UVM Non-Credit Registration Office at 802-656-8407 during regular business hours, or email noncredit@uvm. edu. The full semester program descriptions and dates can be referenced at the above registration website address.

## Lippert speaks at Next Stage Arts -

**PUTNEY, Vt.** - Next Stage Arts announces the return of the NXT Curators Series, offering an opportunity for audiences to hear from curators in various arts and humanities fields.

On Sunday, April 7, at 7 p.m., join Angelina Lippert, the chief curator of Poster House, the country's first museum dedicated to the art and histo-

### Book Signing at SAHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Springfield and Historical Society (SAHS), 65 Route 106, North Springfield, Vt., will host a book signing on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. John N. Swanson, retired history teacher at Riverside Middle School and valuable volunteer at SAHS for many years, will present his book "War Tears: A Journey from Vermont to Gettysburg." Books will be available for purchase, and he will be happy to autograph it for you. For more information, call 802-886-7935, or email sahs@vermontel. net. This program is open ry of posters, for an evening discussing the fascinating history of Art Deco advertising. From the Paris Exhibition of 1925, up through the 1939 New York World's Fair, this talk covers everything from the Great Gatsby up through the Great Depression. Discover the true meaning behind the definition of "deco," and how it became the first global art movement.

Lippert is the author of "The Art Deco Poster," and has lectured at the School of Visual Arts, The Cooper Union, New York University, the Pratt Institute, The New York Times, Columbia University, and The Sotheby's Institute of Art. She has written for Muse by Clio, and is currently a reviewer at the New York Journal of Books. She holds a master's degree in the art of the Russian avant-garde from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, and a bachelor's degree in theology and art history from Smith College.

The NXT Curator Series is sponsored in part by the Putney Public Library. Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. All talks are free to attend, but donations are appreciated. Advance registration is available at www. nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102.

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### Ordinary Elephant and Early Risers –

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Mesmerizing folk duo Ordinary Elephant has spent the better part of the last decade on a neverending tour. The songs are timeless, rooted in rich, character-driven storytelling, and the performances are similarly transportive, fueled by delicately intertwined banjo, guitar, and octave mandolin. It's the sound of sincerity and commitment, of patience and gratitude, of learning to let go of expectation and revel in the simple beauty of the moment.

Early Risers are the Vermont-based folk duo of Ashley Storrow and Put-British Columbia. Their nam Smith. Both rootsy and debut album, "Making lyric-driven, their original Life Sweet," went to numsongs feature close vocal ber one on the national harmonies and arrange-Folk DJ Charts in Noments on a wide array of vember 2019. instruments: banjo, guitar, mandolin, piano, and shru-

Tickets are discounted in advance at 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.



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### Grace Cottage family-friendly 5K event

TOWNSHEND, Spring weather is just around the corner. Mark your calendar now for the 15th annual Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's Spring into Health 5K. The event begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, May 11, on the Townshend Common.

You can run, walk, roll, stroll, or push your baby carriage for this fun, familyfriendly event.

There is a registration fee per participant - children

ages 17 and under are free with signed parent/guardian permission - and registration is open now at www.gracecottage.org/ events. A virtual option is also available. Register at the same link.

For more information, contact Grace Cottage Foundation at info@ gracecottage.org, or call 802-365-9109. All proceeds from this event will benefit healthcare services at Grace Cottage.



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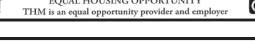
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### CCCA Walk and Talk Series, martens

CAVENDISH, Vt. -The next presentation in the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's (CCCA) Walk and Talk Series will take place on Tuesday, April 16, at 6 p.m., at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, 573 Main Street in Proctorsville.

Brehan Furfey, a wild-

life biologist and leader of the furbearer project at the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, will speak about an animal that lives in our state, is seen only rarely, and that most of us know little about: the marten.

Martens are slender and agile, weasel-like mammals, with bushy tails and large paws featuring partially retractable claws. They inhabit coniferous and northern deciduous forests across the northern hemisphere. Their fur varies from yellowish to dark brown, depending on the species, and was valued by animal trappers for the fur trade.

Furfey will give a synopsis of the biology and history of martens in Vermont, before diving deeper into their conservation success story. The talk will also focus on measures that biologists are taking now, as well as their plans for the future. Come learn more about this beautiful animal.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Robin Timko at 802-259-2327.

### Our Place receives Foodbank grants -

Vt. - Our Place Drop-

in Center has received two grants of \$3,500 each from the Vermont Foodbank, to increase its capacity to provide food for those experiencing food insecurity.

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A second grant will be used to purchase a glassfront refrigerator to display fresh produce in the food pantry, making the contents more visible and encouraging more choice of fresh produce by those using the pantry.

"We are trying to in-

crease the availability and use of fresh produce by our community," said Our Place director David Billings. "Local produce not only supports our local economy, but it also provides a sense of place and pride in one's community by sharing the bounty that comes from it."

In season, Our Place secures fresh produce from Black River Produce, Harlow Farm, Pete's Stand, and the overabundance of local gardeners.

Our Place is a commu-

nity food center located at 4 Island Street, that provides 100 breakfast and lunch meals on weekdays, monthly food pantry visits for 100 families, and a monthly delivery to 30 homebound seniors. It serves families in Rockingham and the surrounding area, and in Walpole and North Walpole, N.H. Information is available by contacting Our Place at 802-463-2217, emailing info@ourplacevermont.org, or online at www.ourplacevermont.org or on Facebook.

### Jupiter's moon Europa talk ——

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Project scientist of NASA's Europa Clipper Mission Bob Pappalardo will be speaking at the Rockingham Library on Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m. Take this unique opportunity to but one of Jupiter's more learn from the expert about why Europa may be one of the best places to look for environments where life could exist beyond Earth. Even though Europa is

than 90 moons, it has been singled out for its special characteristics. Find out what these characteristics are, and when, in the near future, the Europa Clipper will be sent up to conduct a detailed reconnaissance.

Bob Pappalardo is the surrogate son of Rockingham Library patrons Rosemarri and Hans Roth. This program, of interest to curious people aged 14 and up, is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities.

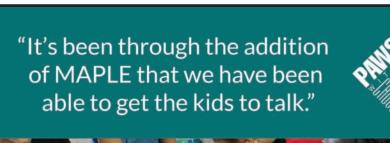
### "North Woods" book discussion

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Pick up a copy of "North Woods" by Daniel Mason at Rockingham Library's front desk today. Then join the discussion on Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m.

"North Woods" is a sweeping novel about a single house in the woods of New England, told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries.

The Boston Globe, NPR, Kirkus Reviews, and Chicago Public Library chose "North Woods" as the 2023 Best Book of the Year. It was also starred as Editor's Choice by the New York Times Book Review.

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## obituaries

### Rohr B. Cook, 2024

WESTMINSTER, Vt. -Rohr Bryan Cook, 62, of Westminster, Vt., passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family and the comforting sounds of Pink Floyd on March 21, 2024.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., to John and Gloria (Parker) Cook. He grew up in Gageville, Vt., and graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1979.

He had two children Parker and Ashley with his former spouse Deborah (Rounds) Lique.

Over his long career in construction, he built everything necessary for running a town: schools, libraries, banks, churches, and countless homes. He even worked on a castle.

Rohr was an adventurer at heart. In his childhood and teen years, he would often rope his brother Chris into schemes, once ending in the coast guard having to save them off the coast of Maine. When his children were young, he would tell his family to pack their bags and proceed to take them on a mystery trip, not realizing the destination until they had arrived. In his youth, he may have driven his car on the frozen Connecticut River, who's to say? He once braved the skies with his son Parker during a skydiving excursion. If Rohr ever mentioned knowing a shortcut when driving, the shortcut always took twice as long, but it was sure to be an adventure.

A devoted son, Rohr has a tradition of giving his mother a rose bush every Mother's Day, continuing until her yard could hold no more. He made it a point to call his parents daily.

He taught his kids how to ski, the fine art of avoiding trees with an overly greased

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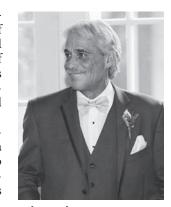
at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to www.

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Rohr Cook, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

runner sled, and the importance of creative problem solving.

In his retirement, Rohr enjoyed helping his children with projects, reading stacks of books from the library, bragging about his grandchildren, and cherishing moments with his faithful dog Charlie.

He is survived by his parents; his siblings Christopher Cook and his wife Cheryl, and Melissa Martin and her husband Keith; his children Parker Cook and his wife Sunya, and Ashley Cormack and her husband Alex; and his grandchildren Evy Cook, and Danny Cormack and girlfriend Marilyn

Visiting hours will take place on Sunday, April 14, from 12-2 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. A memorial service will start at 2 p.m., at the funeral home. There will be a reception at the Moose Club in Bellows Falls, starting at 2

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to the Butterfield Library in Westminster, Vt.

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

### Eleanor H. Johnson, 1926-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Eleanor H. "Ellie" Johnson, 97, died on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Nov. 20, 1926, in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Nelson and Dorothy (Ordway) Hance. She attended Springfield schools, and graduated high school in San Diego, Calif.

On Oct. 2, 1954, she married Austin W. Johnson in San Diego, Calif.; he predeceased her on March 9,

Eleanor lived and worked most of her life in California, moving back to Springfield, Vt., in 1995.

She is survived by her daughter Pamela McQuaide, two granddaughters Erin Tsai and Jennifer McQuaide, and two great-grandchildren Aidan and Caitlin Tsai. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents; her siblings Calvin Hance, Myrtle Bicknel, and Bernice Dennett; and longtime companion Richard Gorton.

Special thanks go to her caring team of ladies for their daily support the past

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 3 p.m., at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Michael Mario will officiate.

Eleanor enjoyed going to the senior center, and was selected as "Senior of the Year" in 2003. Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

### Garry Sharon, 1957-2024

PERU, Vt. - Garry Sharon, age 67, of Peru, Vt., passed away on March 23, 2024, in Bennington, Vt., at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, following a recent and sudden battle with pancreatic cancer and organ failure.

Garry was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., on Feb. 11, 1957, son to the late Walter and Elsie (Wade) Sharon. He was raised and educated in Charlestown, N.H., graduating from Fall Mountain Regional High School in the Class of 1975, and went on to the University of New Hampshire and matriculated in 1979, after completing his studies in animal sciences.

This love of animals and farming led him to make a life of a dairy farmer, as well as become an active member in the community. This led him to becoming a volunteer firefighter in Londonderry, Vt.

Garry was a dedicated and longtime member of The Grange, most recently of Bartonsville Grange #481, holding the position of overseer. He was also a brother at the Adoniram Lodge #42 Masonic Lodge in Manchester Center, Vt., where he was a member for more than 20 years, and achieved the level of master mason. Over the years, he held several offices in both organizations, including being the deputy state Grange master, and was secretary of the lodge since 2019. Just last summer 2023, he retired from his job as a probation and parole officer for the State of Vermont, where he had been working since

Garry was also active in the Peru Congregational Church, where he shared his musical talents playing and singing in the church with the "Who's In Town Band." Over the years, he was in multiple bands and played several instruments, including guitar, bass, mandolin, trumpet, and trombone. He loved history and sharing his knowledge, but never made you feel dumb for not knowing. He always had random trivia facts about seemingly everything.

Garry was known for his big smile, teasing na-



Garry Sharon, 1957-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

ture, and advocacy against domestic violence. A true Vermonter through and through. He will be deeply missed by so many.

He is survived by his adopted sisters Lisa Martel of Witchita Falls, Texas, and Darlene Kimball of Marlow, N.H.; as well as several nieces and nephews Chad and Shane Blodgett of Claremont, N.H., Carrie and Krystal Martel of Wichita Falls, Texas, Elijah Kimball of Tigard, Ore., Isaiah Kimball of Honea Path, S.C., Mariah Reid (Kimball) of Greenland, N.H., and Leah Johnson (Kimball) of Windham, Vt.

Calling hours will be held from on Friday, April 5, from 5-7 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessy Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Celebrations of Garry's life will be held Sunday, April 7, at Garry's home church, Peru Congregational Church, Main Street in Peru, Vt., at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, April 27, at Garry's home Grange, 116 Upper Bartonsville Road in Rockingham, Vt.

A graveside ceremony will be held at a later date for family and close friends.

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### Patrick K. Kelly, 1962-2024

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Patrick K. Kelly, 61, of Atkinson Street, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at home surrounded by his family, after a short illness. Pat was born on April 28, 1962, in Bellows Falls, to Maurice and Loretta (Brooks) Kelly. He attended schools in Bellows Falls, graduating from BFUHS in 1980.

Pat worked as a plumber in the Bellows Falls area for almost 40 years. In July 1996, he married Bridget (Stevens), who survives. His much-loved children Hannah and Ryan were his pride and joy. He is also survived by his sister Kathleen Kelly, nephews Connor (Jessica) and Hunter, and his brother Brian Kelly (Darlene) and nephew Brendan, and nieces Molly and Meagan, as well as several cousins who he enjoyed spending time with, along with his mother-in-law Margaret. He was predeceased by his parents.

Pat always had a big hug and kiss for everyone. He treasured his friendships and his Friday afternoon "marketing" time with them. He enjoyed family vacations, especially their trip to Ireland, sharing with Hannah and Ryan their Irish heritage.

Pat was a longtime fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football, and Boston Bruins hockey. He loved

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Patrick Kelly, 1962-2024.

sharing that passion with his family and friends. He was a member of the Pierce Lawton Post 37 American Legion and BPOE Elks #1619.

Calling hours were held on April 3, from 5-7 p.m., at Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls. A Memorial Mass will take place on Thursday, April 4, at 11 a.m., at St. Charles in Bellows Falls. Burial will follow at St. Charles Cemetery.

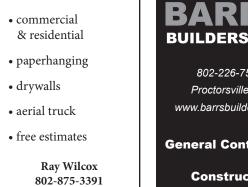
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## calendar

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### APRIL 4 -

CHESTER, VT - St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host a Memory Café on Thursday, April 4, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Memory Cafes are non-judgmental places where caregivers socialize, share stories, and learn about resources. Senior Solutions staff and volunteers will engage with your loved one while you meet with other caregivers. Come with your loved one who has dementia, Alzheimer's, or Parkinson's. Music and refreshments provided. Free for everyone.

#### APRIL 5 -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church Street, will hold their First Friday Supper on Friday, April 5, from 5-6:30 p.m. The menu will be mac 'n' cheese, pulled pork, green salad, dessert, and a beverage. Vegan and gluten-free options will also be available. For take out, call 802-463-4311 before 5 p.m. Net proceeds will benefit the Saxtons River Community Fund.

CHESTER, Vt. - Upstairs @ Town Hall will host poet Sydney Lea on Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall. Lea was the poet laureate of Vermont from 2011-2015. In 2021, he received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. He will read from and sign his book "What Shines." The event is cosponsored by the Stone Village Pottery Experience. Admission is free.

APRIL 6 -SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join

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APRIL 7 -SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Food for Life Vegan Potluck will be held on Sunday, April 7, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Huber Building, 80 Main Street in Springfield, Vt. Everyone is invited, just bring a plantbased dish to share if you are able.

#### **APRIL 13 -**

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Community Bike Project will hold a silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, from 6-9 p.m., at the Moose Family Center, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. There will be live music by local jazz ensemble Swing Low. The cost of admission includes a raffle ticket for a basket of your choice. The baskets will include gift certificates and other unique items. There will also be a 50-50 cash raffle, and delicious hors d'oeuvres and baked

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#### **APRIL 15 –**

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street, will be serving lunch on Monday, April 15, at 12 p.m. The menu will consist of American chop suey, tossed salad, and cupcakes. Free cash bingo will follow. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-7421. All are welcome.

#### APRIL 18 -

CHESTER, Vt. - Upstairs @ Town Hall will host jazz musician Eugene Uman on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. Uman is the director of the Vermont Jazz Center, and an extraordinary musician, composer, arranger, and educator. He will perform with some of the best jazz musicians in New England. Admission is free.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - There will be a Bingo Evening and Basket Raffle on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m., at VFW Post 771, 115 River Street, to benefit the Edgar May Stingrays youth swim team. This event is for ages 16 and up. Doors open at 5 p.m. There will be many games, food and beverages for purchase, as well as a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the Stingrays youth swim team.

#### **APRIL 27 -**

PROBATE DIVISION

Docket No.: 24-PR-01335

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -There will be an indoor yard sale to support the Bellows Falls Moose Legion on April 27, at 8 a.m., at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street. No customer entry before 8 a.m. Setup time for sellers is 7 a.m., and the fee for a table is paid the day of the sale. Contact todd.ager@gmail.com with questions.

#### **APRIL 28 -**

LUDLOW, Vt. - The United Church of Ludlow invites the community to a service and reception on Sunday, April 28, to kick off a \$50,000 Capital Campaign to restore its historical bell. With the campaign theme "Ring Out Love," the United Church is seeking support from the community as it works to not only repair the disintegrating supports on its venerable bell, but also to make upgrades to improve accessibility, and to help neighbors in need. The kickoff begins with the 10 a.m. Sunday service in the sanctuary, followed by a reception at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MAY 1 -PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. -On Wednesday, May 1 at 6 p.m., the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will host "Sheryl Faye Presents: Amelia Earhart." This one-woman show shares the life and achievements of Amelia Earhart. The actress Sheryl Faye has brought her performances of historical women all over New England, and we are thrilled to be hosting her for a third time at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library.

#### **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.

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - The Plymouth Historical Society, located in the former Plymouth Elementary School on Route 100 in Plymouth Union, is open Sunday afternoons, from 2-4 p.m. Visit our museum, or do research on your Plymouth ancestors. Watch for the "Open" flag.

### **MONDAYS** -

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. - The GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club meets on the second Monday of every month, from September through April, at 6:30 p.m., at the United Church of Ludlow on Elm Street.

#### TUESDAYS -

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 suerubl@ aol.com, or Sophia Blanchard at SBlanchard@ seniorsolutionsvt.org.

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

### WEDNESDAYS -

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

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

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.

#### 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.

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.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

GRAFTON, Vt. - A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

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

### FRIDAYS -

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 -

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

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

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

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#### Town of Londonderry, VT Job Opening - Parks Maintenance Employee

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is accepting applications for a part-time, seasonal Parks Maintenance position. This position will help maintain grounds and recreation infrastructure in all of Londonderry's Town-owned parks.

A hiring package including the job announcement, job description, and employment application can be found on the Town website: www.londonderryvt.org. Position open until filled. EOE.

#### Town of Londonderry, Vermont Notice of Adoption of Amended **Short-Term Rental Ordinance**

The Town of Londonderry Selectboard hereby gives notice pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972(a)(1) that on March 25, 2024, the Board voted to adopt an amendment to the Ordinance to Regulate the Operations of Short-Term Rentals (also referred to as the "Short-Term Rental ordinance"). The amendment establishes that 1) annual inspections by the Vermont Division of Fire Safety are not required for Short-Term Rentals with an occupancy of 8 or less, and 2) that inspection reports by the Vermont Division of Fire Safety for Short-Term Rentals with greater than 8 occupants must show satisfactory inspection results.

The complete text of the amendment to the Ordinance to Regulate the Operations of Short-Term Rentals can be examined on the Town's web site (www.londonderryvt.org) or at the Londonderry Town Clerk's office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Questions or comments regarding this proposed ordinance amendment can be directed to Town Administrator Shane O'Keefe by phone at 802-824-3356, by email at townadmin@londonderryvt.org, or by US Mail at 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

Notice is hereby given of the right to petition for a permissive referendum vote on this ordinance amendment an annual or special meeting as provided for in 24 V.S.A 1973. Such petition for a permissive referendum must be signed by not less than five (5) percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Londonderry and shall be presented to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption. Absent such a petition, the Ordinance amendment shall take effect 60 days following the date of adoption.

#### **ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION 2W0111-3** 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

Application 2W0111-3 from Greater Rockingham Area Services, 1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls, VT was received on January 3, 2024, and deemed complete on March 21, 2024. The project is generally described as the replacement of the existing heating system within the 1 Hospital Court building with a biomass steam boiler (interior), a low-pressure (LP) back-up steam boiler (interior), and the construction of an exterior wood chip silo (19 ft). The proposed scope of work also involves the relocation of an existing generator shed, the removal of an inactive 10,000-gallon heating oil UST, and the removal of an existing 15,000-gallon heating oil UST and replacement with four (4) 1,000-gallon propane USTs. The project is located at 1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 in Rockingham, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database: (https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=2W0111-3).

No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Tuesday, April 23, 2024, a party notifies the District 2 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c) (1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: https://nrb.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form, and email it to the District 2 Office at: NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact Quin Mann at the email address or telephone number below.

Dated this March 29, 2024.

Quin Mann District Coordinator 100 Mineral Street, Suite # 305

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Quin.Mann@vermont.gov

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#### Landgrove PC/ZBA Hearing

The Landgrove Planning Commission/ Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at the Landgrove Town Hall 88 Landgrove Rd at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 24, 2024, to hear an application for a setback variance/addition at 129 Ridge Rd. This application was submitted by Ryan Foster for landowners Williams and Lam. Those interested in seeing the application, submitting written comments, or attending the hearing remotely should contact Landgrove's Zoning Administrator at: zoning@landgrove.vermont.gov.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

#### **NOTICE OF** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **TOWN OF CHESTER**

**Emergency Watershed Program - Engineering Services** 

The Town of Chester is requesting proposals to complete designs and provide bid and construction oversight for ten pre-approved watershed protection projects. This project is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service who administers the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Please contact the Chester Town Office to obtain a full copy of the Request for Proposal.

All bids are due no later than April 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m and should be sent via email to Julie.hance@chestervt.gov with subject line "Chester EWP Proposal".

#### Town of Londonderry, Vermont **Public Hearing Notice Londonderry Planning Commission**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 4444, the Londonderry Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, and via Zoom remote meeting software at:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9076503251 Meeting ID: 907 650 3251

The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments on the proposed comprehensive revision of Londonderry's Zoning Bylaw to establish Unified Development Regulations, including the Zoning Map. The proposed changes affect all property in the town of Londonderry. The list of section headings of the proposed Regulations is as follows:

- 1. GENERAL
- 2. ZONING DISTRICTS
- 3. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT 5. DEFINITIONS

Copies of the full text of the proposed regulations are available for review at the Twitchell Building/Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT, and www. londonderryvt.org link for online access. The Planning Commission has prepared a report summarizing the changes that are also available at the locations listed above.

The Planning Commission encourages residents and property owners to also submit written comments on the proposed Unified Development Regulations in advance of or at the public hearing. Comments may be sent to Londonderry Planning Commission, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155, and /or PlanningCom@ londonderryvt.org.

Posted on 3/26/2024 at:

- The Town of Londonderry webpage www.londonderryvt.org • The Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South
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- The South Londonderry Post Office, 67 Main Street, South Londonderry, VT
- The Londonderry Post Office, 5660 VT Route 11, Londonderry, VT

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#### TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mount Holly Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Mount Holly Town Office and via Zoom to consider an Application for a Minor Subdivision, #2024-01.

Property Owners: Vincent J. Turco & Maurice C. Turco Property Location: 961 Branch Brook Road

**Application for:** Minor Subdivision of an approximately 134 Acre lot into 2 lots (89.2 +/- acres, 44.8 +/- acres)

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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Link to the Zoom meeting will be on the web site: http:// www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/

Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) in advance of the hearing to Mount Holly Planning Commission at planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org or mail to Mount Holly Planning Commission at P.O. Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Executive Orders 11998 (Floodplain) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding for an action located within a floodplain. Funding would be provided through the Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Chester for the Jeffrey Well Generator project.

The action is located off Route 103 and would provide a permanent standby power source for the Jeffrey Well site. Jeffrey Well is critical infrastructure, as it is the only source of potable water supply available for the town.

Work would involve the replacement of the existing 1500 linear feet of piping, 13 hydrants, and the motor control center for the well pump at the Jeffery Well House. As a permanent solution, a 135-kilowatt generator with an automatic transfer switch and a 1000-gallon above-ground liquified petroleum gas tank system would be installed on a newly installed concrete pad.

The proposed project site is located within a large open field off Route 103 and is within a mapped special flood hazard area (Zone AE) and adjacent to a mapped floodway. The project must be at this site because it is critical infrastructure, however the generator and its components would be elevated out of the floodplain. A map of the area of available upon request.

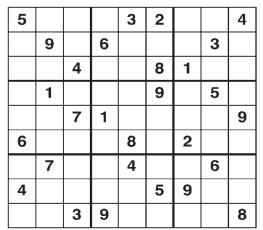
Alternatives considered included the "No Action" alternative and a temporary generator alternative. The selected project is the most practicable and cost-effective option that also meets state standards and greatly reduces impacts from flooding from small and large storm events. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

Kari Elkins, Environmental Protection Specialist Federal Emergency Management Agency, Cambridge, MA kari.elkins@fema.dhs.gov; (256) 343-3570

### Weekly **SUDOKU**

### by Linda Thistle



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