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## Chester hashes out STR ordinance, community health

BY NICK GIBERTI  
*The Vermont Journal*

**CHESTER, Vt.** – The Chester Selectboard met for their second monthly meeting on April 17, covering many issues that have been ongoing for the town over the last year. Chief among these issues was the long-running discussion of the town's looming short-term rental (STR) ordinance.

The proposed STR ordinance had been returned to the board by the town's attorney Jim Caroll, with Caroll's concerns about certain aspects' potential to trigger lawsuits against the town, and how to potentially remediate those concerns. One of Caroll's largest concerns was the way in which the ordinance treated hosted STRs – those in which a property owner or caretaker lives on site – differently than unhosted STRs. This different treatment was something the selectboard had discussed at length, and had been largely united in support of, given the perceived difference in value to the community between the two. In particular, Caroll felt that the application of different waiting periods between purchase and registration, and different caps on the numbers of hosted and unhosted STRs, could be used to litigate against the ordinance, claiming dis-

crimination.

There was some discussion amongst the board on how to rectify this, with recently-elected board member Tim Roper suggesting that, if part of the issue with STRs is a reduction in primary-residence housing stock, then the caps and waiting period should be kept and applied evenly to both hosted and unhosted STRs. "Allowing...more full-time residences to become short-term rentals is going the wrong direction...I would caution against extending the number of the cap, and I would advocate for applying the waiting period to all, since we can't split it," Roper told the board.

Board member Arianna Knapp was less convinced that the waiting period was appropriate, but did support keeping the cap. "I struggle with the waiting period," Knapp said, explaining that she felt that it made sense to guard against properties being purchased purely as investments, but not to deter those who may wish to purchase a property they intend to live in, who then rent out extra space in their home to pay for the property.

Ultimately, the board as a whole sided with Roper, electing to change the ordinance to apply the waiting period and cap on the number of units to all STRs in Chester, whether they

are hosted or unhosted. The ordinance will be returned to Caroll for his feedback on the changes.

Moving on, the board discussed the ongoing Community Health Initiative, with particular focus on the proposal to keep Chester's older ambulance to be used in the running of a revenue-generating, non-emergency transport service, rather than selling it off when their new ambulance is delivered. This revenue would, in part, fund some of the proposed expanded services to be taken on by Chester's emergency departments as part of the initiative. The town was also seeking a pilot grant to test several services for a period of three years, after which the program would be reevaluated. Ambulance Chief Mike Randzio was also seeking approval from the board to train as a paramedic, which would allow him to provide a higher level of service to Chester residents.

Town manager Julie Hance summed up the initiative to the board by explaining that it is meant to "keep people out of the hospital at [a lower level of care], so that...your doctors, your nurses can

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## Plymouth road names, meeting for Bethany Birches revote

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB  
*The Vermont Journal*

**PLYMOUTH, Vt.** – At the April 15 Plymouth Selectboard meeting, the board provided a list of roads that would establish name changes. They heard concerns and debates on the recent petition to revote on Article 6, which was voted on at Town Meeting, to exempt Bethany Birches from the educational portion of property taxes for five years.

Board Chair Jay Kullman read the list of roads to be updated: Gilmore Road, a class 4 road between Kingdom Road and Dix Hill Road; Caroline Road, a private road off Great Roaring Brook Road; Duck Pond Road, a private road off Route 100; Plymouth Estates Road, a private road off Route 100A; and Hennessy Way, a private road off Lynds Hill Road.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Coleman explained that the names will not change any road classifications, but just establish names and install proper signage to be in

compliance with emergency services. Coleman also stated there would be a few more roads listed in the next few months.

The board approved the Local Emergency Management Plan, and board member Keith Cappellini noted that Plymouth Press was being used to notify residents in the event of an emergency.

Member Rick Kaminiski discussed needing a new grader, and that the town is planning to replace it in four to five years, and should have funds in reserve to do so. He said a new piece of equipment would be around \$500,000, which would last 35 years or more. Maintenance on and rebuilding the current grader could cost up to \$150,000, with no guarantee of how long it would continue to service the town without issues. The board and citizens agreed that leasing a new grader might be the best option.

The board also discussed a recurring complaint about a dog owner not properly restraining his dogs. Kullman said they need to investigate and see if the owner is in violation of the dog and animal control ordinance. If the owner does not comply,

the town has the authority to issue penalties and impound the dog. Citizens didn't like that aggressive dogs could be "impounded and disposed," and it was discussed to amend the ordinance to shelter the dog, with any fees incurred to be passed on to the owner. Kullman said unless there's an immediate danger to the community, this situation would likely end in a civil penalty.

The board then approved the warning to hold a special meeting to host a revote on Bethany Birches Camp being exempt from educational taxes for five years. The topic became heated, with resident Robert Lambert asserting that the issue had already been voted on. "We voted!" Lambert exclaimed. "In my opinion, we shouldn't be voting again on this for five years." He stated that residents should be aware of what is being voted on, and attend Town Meeting if they want a vote on an issue.

Cappellini expressed, "Bob, your point is valid... but Vermont statute allows for this." The board explained that it wasn't a board

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## Londonderry discusses grant funding, projects

BY LORIE STRANGE  
*The Vermont Journal*

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The April 19 Londonderry Selectboard meeting saw Andy Dahlstrom hired as short-term rental (STR) administrator, and the appointment of Martha Dale and Tom Cavanagh as the selectboard representatives to the STR Working Group.

The selectboard also discussed which projects to apply for funding through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) mini-grant, approved an amendment to the architectural services contract for the town office renovation project, awarded Boulder Excavating a contract to repair storm damage to Memorial Park, appointed a town representative for the Deerfield Valley and Southern Vermont Communications Union Districts, reappointed parks board members, and approved several liquor and tobacco licenses for a few local businesses.

Chair Tom Cavanagh said that after Londonderry had been approved to qualify for an MTAP mini-grant, he and town administrator

Shane O'Keefe discussed a list of projects that might be eligible for funding from that grant with Gretchen Haverluc, a contractor working with the Windham Regional Planning Commission. O'Keefe said Londonderry is only able to participate in the program because of last summer's flooding. Towns that normally qualify for the grant were given precedence in the application process, and as a result, the money in the grant pool was smaller than the town had expected. "The funding's drying up," said Cavanagh, "and we've got to have something big... that we'll actually get funds for – that can compete with everyone else."

O'Keefe had developed a list of flood-related projects, and of these, Haverluc suggested that the town submit a proposal for a scoping study for alternate access to Cobble Ridge Road and Stone Hollow. O'Keefe said that building a connection from Derry Woods Road could be a "much less expensive and sooner-to-occur" project than rebuilding the Cobble Ridge Road Bridge, and a scoping study could determine if this was feasible. The selectboard ap-

proved submitting the application for this project.

O'Keefe said that in the process of renovating the town hall, the architect had discovered two unexpected services necessary to completing the project: structural engineering for installing solar panels on the meeting hall roof, and fixing some structural deficiencies in the meeting hall floor. However, the town had also budgeted \$5,000 for site permitting, which turned out to be unnecessary, so reallocating those funds meant that the additional funds needed "would really boil down to only \$1,400," which O'Keefe said was "not a big deal – in the grand scheme of things, it's nothing." The selectboard approved the additional \$1,400. O'Keefe said he does not know how much of the initial budget has been spent so far, a figure selectboard member Melissa Brown suggested he bring with him to the next meeting.

The Londonderry Selectboard meets on the first and third Mondays of the month, at 6 p.m., at the town office.

## Little Mexico serves up big flavor in Ludlow

BY PAULA BENSON  
*The Vermont Journal*

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Last July, restaurateur Oscar Torres was ready to move forward with opening his new venture, Little Mexico, in Ludlow, Vt. He excitedly signed the lease to take over a vacant space in the Okemo Marketplace Plaza, a prime location at the base of Okemo Mountain Ski Resort.

One week after signing, Vermont experienced the epic July 2023 flood disaster, and the plaza took on a landslide of water, mud, and debris that filled the parking lot, flooded the shops, and left destruction in its wake.

Even though the restaurant was "a complete mess, with everything destroyed," Torres was not deterred. "We had to start over, from the ground up," he recalled, matter-of-factly.

When Torres and his team were finally able to celebrate the restaurant's grand opening in late February 2024, the space was a renovated, functioning work in progress. Even today, as they prepare for Cinco de Mayo festivities, there are some final touches yet to be completed. But their kitchen is wholly operational, the restaurant and



A mural adorns the interior of Little Mexico.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

bar are fully staffed, and the general atmosphere is bright, friendly, and casual. The bar area has a celebratory feel – open, inviting, and sporty, with a pool table, and a big screen TV.

They offer a full bar, and the menu features classic Mexican dishes like tacos, burritos, and enchiladas, as well as Torres' bar food recipes, like mozzarella sticks with Mexican marinara sauce, and jalapeño poppers. Torres plans to keep the menu ever-changing, implementing new ideas when they come to him, which is often. He admits he is always experimenting with new recipes.

Torres started working in kitchens when he was young. His parents were in the restaurant business, and he opened his first, small

taco shop at 20 years old. His family's roots are in Monterrey, Mexico, and Torres grew up mostly in Texas. He currently owns another restaurant located in Tewksbury, Mass., called Oscar's Pinatas, and admitted he's looking toward opening more Mexican American eateries in the future.

Working alongside Torres to run Little Mexico are Tim McEnaney, general manager Casey Crompton, and Katie Fitzpatrick, who works the front of the house, among others.

Fitzpatrick thinks people come to Little Mexico for the food, but also for the laid-back atmosphere. She said they plan to start hosting karaoke nights soon.

Little Mexico is open seven days a week, 3-9 p.m., and offers take out.

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# Annual Ludlow Rotary Penny Sale

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Ludlow Rotary Club's (LRC) 66th annual Penny Sale returns on Saturday, April 27, in the Ludlow Elementary School's gymnasium, at 6 p.m.

This will be the 66th edition of this traditional event, which features hundreds of prizes donated by area businesses and individuals, plus a raffle. The Penny Sale is free and open to everyone. In addition to the prizes and raffle, refreshments will be available.

The raffle, normally conducted at the close of the Penny Sale, will offer the following prizes: first prize is \$500, second

prize is \$250, third prize is \$150, fourth prize is \$100, and fifth prize is \$50. You do not have to be there to win one of these raffle prizes, but, if you are in attendance, your award is increased by \$25.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from LRC members, by accessing the LRC's website at portal.clubrunner.ca/2939, or by sending a check to LARCF, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Each round of the Penny Sale will include a hundred various prizes and awards from area businesses and individuals. Prior to the start of each round, Rotarians will sell special tickets.

These tickets are then deposited in a rotating drum, where a ticket will be randomly selected for the winner of the announced prize or award.

The proceeds from the Penny Sale help LRC underwrite its annual scholarship program for area graduating high school seniors planning advanced educational programs, and fund donations to Ludlow area charitable organizations. Through this program, LRC has awarded over \$165,000 in scholarship awards during the past 22 years. The annual scholarship awards last year totaled \$9,000.

# Historian to discuss local connected farm buildings

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – The Landmark Trust USA (LTUSA) invites the community to learn more about one of our region's most distinctive architectural typologies, one that many northern New Englanders call home: the connected farm building.

On Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m., LTUSA will host noted scholar and vernacular architecture historian Thomas C. Hubka to speak on his seminal book "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn." The lively and informative presentation will take place at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt., and will be simultaneously livestreamed online.

The book, which re-

ceived the Abbot Lowell Cummings Award from the Vernacular Architecture Forum, has been in continuous publication for 40 years, and has become a scholarly and popular standard for New England architectural history and cultural studies. This engaging talk will highlight the four essential components of the stately and beautiful connected farm buildings made by 19th century New Englanders, that stand today as a living expression of a rural culture, offering insights into the people who made them and their agricultural way of life. It will feature numerous local examples, as well as The Landmark Trust USA's Amos Brown House. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

"May is Preservation

Month, and these special buildings are an important part of our architectural and cultural heritage in northern New England, unique to our region," says executive director Susan McMahon. "Whether you live in a connected farm building, or have just noticed them while driving along New England back roads, this talk will provide a new appreciation for why they're here and what they say about us as a people."

This program is supported in part by Vermont Humanities, with space provided by Next Stage.

For more information and to register for the livestream, visit [www.landmarktrustusa.org/events](http://www.landmarktrustusa.org/events). No registration is required to attend in person at Next Stage.

# ESBR accepting students

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. ESBR is housed in the former Black River High School building, at 43 Main Street in Ludlow, Vt. ESBR is a small, independent school that emphasizes individual support and student interests. Community involvement and field trips are also emphasized. Learning by doing is a key concept

for ESBR. Besides regular classes in English, math, social studies, the sciences, the arts, and foreign language, the school supports independent study of student interests.

Interested students in grades 7-12 may apply to ESBR. If the student lives in a choice community, such as Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Weathersfield, the student's tuition is paid by the State of Vermont. If your child is interested in ESBR and doesn't live in a

choice community, financial scholarships are available.

If attending a local, small, exciting, individual student-based school sounds right for you and your family, please contact ESBR's Board Chairperson Gary Blodgett at [gblodgett@esblackriver.org](mailto:gblodgett@esblackriver.org), and ask for an application. An open house at the school is also happening on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

# Rep. Heather Chase constituent meeting

**CHESTER, Vt.** – State Rep. Heather Chase, Windsor-Windham district, will be at Whiting Library, 117 Main Street in Chester, Vt., on Saturday, April 27, from 9:30-

10:30 a.m., to meet with residents of the Town of Chester, to discuss issues of concern or questions you may have regarding current matters being reviewed by the Vermont

Legislature.

If you are not able to attend, you may contact Rep. Chase by email at [hchase@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:hchase@leg.state.vt.us), or by phone at 802-875-4663.

## HEALTH

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address people that need [a higher] level of care." This would be accomplished by allowing emergency department staff like Randzio to train in certain procedures that could be carried out in the home, rather than in an office or hospital setting. The board approved both the retention of the old ambulance, as well as Randzio's proposal to train as a paramedic.

Finally, the board discussed the proposal to add a full-time fire chief position to the town's fire department. This would

round out the town's emergency department heads, making all three of the positions full-time. One of the board's concerns was that, while the position may be necessary, it was not immediately apparent to Chester residents why this was needed, as things appeared to be functioning smoothly on the surface. Police Chief Tom Williams spoke in support of the measure, saying, "I think it will solve a lot of problems, and keep a lot of liability off the town." Williams told the board that the measure would greatly streamline communication and cooperation between emergency departments, allowing him to have a full-time counterpart in the fire

department with whom he could coordinate, and thus allow the emergency departments to work together more fully. The addition of this position, plus the Community Health Initiative programs approved in the previous agenda item, would cost the town a total of \$60,000, a cost the board and Hance felt were justified given the town's growing emergency department needs, and the expanding scope of their duties. The board approved the full-time fire chief position, slated to start on or around June 15.

The Chester Selectboard will next meet on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m., in the Chester Town Hall.

## REVOTE

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decision. A petition was submitted to the town, with 10% of registered

voters' signatures, confirmed by town clerk Angela Kissell. By law, the petition only needs 5% of registered voters' signatures, and requires that the town hold a special meeting and host a revote on the article in the same manner as Town Meeting, where it was originally voted, which was by hand on the floor.

Changing the manner in which the town votes to Australian ballot was also discussed. Karen Evans, justice of the peace, explained that in this case, the revote must be held in the original manner, and whoever shows up gets their vote. "We don't make the rules, but we have to abide by them," Evans stated. The town can vote to change the voting process to

Australian ballot in the future, where there would be an informational meeting, and all voting would take place on voting day by ballot.

Evans continued, "Town Meeting is the only time you can voice your opinion and make changes," explaining that you cannot change or amend an article on an Australian ballot. "I don't want to give up that right to discuss and amend things at a Town Meeting."

The special meeting regarding Bethany Birches will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m., hosted by the town moderator, where a revote will take place.

The next selectboard meeting will be held Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

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# The Chester Students' Miscellany

BY RON PATCH

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Below is from the May 1, 1854, *The Chester Students' Miscellany* newspaper. It was published by Chester Academy students. This is Route 35. In part, it reads:

**"The Gulf"**  
"...But it was not our object to describe all of the scenery of Chester, but to attempt a description of one of its natural curiosities. 'The Gulf' as it is called is a deep cleft in the hills between Chester and Grafton. It seems to be a place where in some convulsion of nature, the hills have been cleft asunder down to their very base, and some good people say it was made so just on purpose for a road, at least there is a very good road through it now, at no incon-

siderable expense.

"As we enter this road from Chester through a pleasant grove of beech trees, a steep cliff towers up on our right some 250 feet; as the snow melts in spring the water flows down the side in several places forming beautiful cascades. Here are numerous clefts in the rocks forming small caverns, where it seems some lonely hermit might pass his days in seclusion, and if we were in sunny Italy instead of Vermont, we might well fancy them the secret home of some ancient bandit.

"Following the road which winds under overhanging rocks on the right side and descending a hill, we find ourselves in the bottom of the Gulf. Steep banks arise on either side, but the most precipitous on the right, these are covered with trees,

which overhang the road, and a small brook murmurs along by our side, a belt of blue sky stretches far above our heads, and we look up and around with feeling of sublimity and awe.

"We seem in one of nature's secret chambers, and look around in wonder on her rough architecture. Thus we ramble on for a half a mile with the steep rocks towering on either side, and shut out as it were, from all the world.

"Suddenly we leave the defile and come out on a small open space and find ourselves in Grafton. We look around with feelings of regret, to find the pleasant dream broken, and turn to retrace our steps. As we enter the Gulf again from the Grafton side we are reminded of Virgil's description of

the entrance to Hades...

"...But here the resemblance ends, for we find none of the horrid shapes which terrified the gaze of Aeneas, nought but the singing of birds, the murmuring of the brook, and the sighing of the wind through the boughs of hemlock and spruce. The Gulf is well known to the students of botany.

"Here bloom nearly all the wildflowers which are found in this vicinity. Many a pleasant ramble have I had in this wild place with some fellow student, in search of some new flower, and almost as often has our search been rewarded by finding something new and beautiful.

"This Gulf is often selected by the students for their 'May walk,' and many

a bright May morning has found the Gulf alive with boys and girls, searching for the first wild flowers, climbing the rocks on either side and making all resound with shouts and laughter.

"One bright May morning a large company formed in the valley and scaled the steep cliff on the right side to its very summit. This was no easy matter, but perseverance and energy accomplished it, and the glowing cheek and heaving breast, when arrived at the top gave evidence that for once their blood was fairly started.

"Last year we paid our annual visit to the Gulf on May day morning, and after gathering our hands full of flowers around the entrance, went deeper into the Gulf and had a spirited battle

with snow-balls, the gentlemen were fairly beaten by the fair sex, and made a safe retreat.

"But darker deeds have been enacted in this pleasant Gulf. A few years ago a wealthy inhabitant of Grafton was returning home late in the evening, and while passing the darkest part of the Gulf, a large stone was thrown, probably with the intention of knocking him from his wagon, but falling a little behind him it struck his wagon, this frightened the horse, and aided by a few sharp blows of the whip he soon bore him from all danger. But enough of Chester Gulf, if any one wishes to pass a pleasant hour, and admire the beauties of nature let them not to forget to visit the Gulf."



The masthead for *The Chester Students' Miscellany* newspaper.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

## Raku pottery workshop —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Gallery at the VAULT is excited to offer a raku pottery workshop with Andrew Berends on two consecutive Saturdays, May 4 and May 11, from 1-5 p.m. each day. Register by Saturday, April 27.

Andrew will be teaching the exciting Japanese firing technique known as raku. Raku is a 16th-century technique developed in Japan for making tea ceremony ware. It has been developed in this country to produce really interesting pottery. The firings take about an hour, and you get a finished piece at the end. Raku is a technique where pots are fired to 1,840 degrees, pulled out of the hot kiln, and manipulated with sawdust and water to change the look of the glazes. The glazes can be metallic and/or have a crackle effect, making each piece unique and one-of-a-kind.

We will also fire pots with a new technique known as "horse hair" raku, which creates interesting designs on the clay. The raku firings can be done indoors, or outdoors depending on the weather.

The class will include wheel throwing, slab making, as well as extruding instruction. The first day will include making all types of clay work, and the second day will be glazing and firing all the pots in the raku tradition. Emphasis will be on being creative and learning the basics of pottery, including making the work, glazing, as well as firing. The class is geared towards teens through adults, and limited to four students.

Andrew Berends has been a master potter for over 30 years, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the New York State College of Ce-

ramics at Alfred University, as well as a Master of Fine Arts from Montana State University. Upon moving to Vermont in 1988, he became a professional production/art potter, where he exhibited internationally, as well as being represented by over 180 galleries nationally.

The cost of the class, discounted for gallery members, includes 25 pounds of clay, glazes, and firing costs in a gas-fired kiln. Wear old clothing, and bring pottery tools if you have them. Directions to Andrew's studio in Springfield will be given at registration.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street, Springfield. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

## Folk performances in Grafton

GRAFTON, Vt. — John Lomax III, of America's multigeneration folk music family, brings his Lomax On Lomax presentation to Vermont for his New England debut on Saturday, May 4.

Prodigiously talented fiddle legend John Specker and his gifted daughters Ida Mae and Lila (The Speckers) will open the show at the Brick meeting House, 2 Main Street in Grafton, Vt.

Local resident George Alexander is promoting this one-of-a-kind event.

Alexander says, "Growing up, some of the favorite songs in my grammar school songbook were 'Home on the Range,' 'Red River Valley,' and 'Streets of Laredo.' I was amazed to meet the Lomax family after moving to Houston, Texas, and learning that their efforts had preserved those

folk songs for us. Bringing this show to my new home town of Grafton is a real joy."

The Speckers and their triple-fiddle performance will kick off the proceedings on Saturday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m., with Lomax following after a brief intermission.

Tickets will be available at the door on the evening of the performance.

## Antiques appraisal and fundraiser

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Collectors will be able to find out if that family heirloom is worth hanging onto at an antiques and uniques appraisal event Sunday, May 5, in Bellows Falls.

The fundraiser runs from 1-5 p.m., at the United Church on School Street, and is a benefit for the Bellows Falls Woman's Club (BFWC) scholarship fund. Admission is free.

Several appraisers will be on hand to evaluate items and provide information about them. Up to three items can be presented, or a box lot of coins, stamps, postcards, jewelry, or the like, for a nominal fee. Firearms, knives, ammunition, and other weapons are excluded, as well as rugs larger than 6 feet by 9 feet. Large furniture pieces can be evaluated through pho-

tographs.

Appraisers currently scheduled are Stephan Brandstatter of Brattleboro, who specializes in music-related items; Kit Barry of Brattleboro, whose expertise is ephemera; Sharon Boccelli of Westminster, well-known local auctioneer; and Dan Yelin, owner of Colony Antiques in Keene, N.H.

Barry describes ephemera as "any paper material...covered from 1700s through today, [including]...catalogs, booklets, pamphlets, letters, labels, products with labels still attached, product boxes, greeting cards, invitations, tickets, programs, photographs, school report cards, menus, newspapers, maga-

zines, forms, etc."

Textiles, furniture, currency, coins, clocks, watches, sterling, objets d'art, books, fine china, jewelry, oriental rugs, entertainment memorabilia, American and European art glass, fine art, pottery, musical instruments, and vintage clothing are suggestions for items that can be appraised.

Access to the venue is through the rear of the church at the ground level. Parking is limited in the rear, but additional parking is available in the Hetty Green Park lot behind TD bank.

Further information can be found on the BFWC Facebook page and website, www.bellowsfallswomanclub.weebly.com.

## "Cycle of Memory"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — The documentary film "Cycle of Memory" will be shown at the Rockingham Library on Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. "Cycle of Memory" follows filmmaker Alex Leff and his younger sibling Koby, as they try to uncover the past and capture the present, in order to be remembered in the future.

Their grandfather Mel Schwartz escaped the Great Depression on a bicycle adventure he'd remember for the rest of his life — until Mel lost his memory to Alzheimer's. Now, over 75 years later, his grandchildren set out to recreate his life-changing journey, and find those memories before they slip away. This film explores the importance of intergenerational connection, healing painful pasts, and leaving a meaningful time capsule for the future. Guided by old photographs of the 1945 trip, they search for



"Cycle of Memory" shown at the Rockingham Library. PHOTO PROVIDED

places aged by time. But, while searching for Grandpa Mel's past, the two are confronted with their own fraught history. If they're going to complete the turbulent journey, they'll have to face their own emotional potholes and tumultuous relationship.

With the help of a grandmother learning to live alone for the first time, Mel's lifelong friend and coadventurer on the bike trip, and a family collection spanning 1950s film reels to 1990s video tapes, "Cycle of Memory" explores the importance of intergenerational connection, healing painful pasts,

and leaving a meaningful time capsule for the future.

"Cycle of Memory" appeals most readily to bicyclists, adventurers of all types, and anyone who is affected by a loved one with Alzheimer's. However, all of us are involved with the cycle of life, which this film adeptly portrays as well. For those who wish to stay, there will be a brief discussion after the film. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

## String quartets at Old Parish Church

WESTON, Vt. — Two string quartets will perform in concert on Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m., at Old Parish Church in Weston. The Castleton Quartet, comprised of four central Vermont musician/educators, as well as the Vermont State University String Quartet, four leading student musicians from

the Castleton Campus, will play "From Boccherini to Beyonce," a varied and lively program of classical, fiddle, rock, film, and popular music. The program, organized by New Thought

Vermont, is free of charge, and is being presented to encourage donations in support of the music programming presented for the community by Old Parish Church.

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# health & wellness

## Kayla Bapp graduates Snelling Center Early Childhood Institute

**N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Snelling Center for Government is pleased to announce that Kayla Bapp of North Springfield has graduated from the Early Childhood Leadership Institute. The Class of 2024 celebrated with family members, colleagues, and friends in attendance at graduation on April 13, at Burke Mountain Resort.



Kayla Bapp (center).

PHOTO PROVIDED

Bapp is currently the PCC specialist at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. As a participant in the Early Childhood Leadership Institute (ECLI), Bapp joined 21 other leaders from around the state for a unique series of six overnight sessions designed to foster meaningful relationships and explore some of the most important issues facing early childhood care and education in Vermont. With session themes including personal leadership adaptation, complex systems thinking, public policy and advocacy, and use of data, the program challenges and supports participants to develop self-awareness, and acquire knowledge and skills that result in strong, effective

leadership and thoughtful action.

With Graduation as the culmination of the ECLI journey, this year's keynote address was delivered by Jubilee McGill, legislator from Addison County. McGill reflected on the landscape of early childhood care in Vermont, and the importance of this profession and leadership in the field. She thanked the cohort for their work and leadership.

The Class of 2024 is the sixth graduating class, and

Bapp now joins a professional network of over 1,000 Vermont Leadership Network alumni, including more than 150 ECLI graduates who are positively influencing Vermont's future for children and families.

To learn more about the Early Childhood Leadership Institute and the Snelling Center's other professional development programs, please visit [www.snellingcenter.org](http://www.snellingcenter.org), or call 802-859-3090.

## Medicaid information at Rockingham Library

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Vermont Workers' Center is hosting drop-in informational hours on May 7, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Rockingham Free Public Library Meeting Room. All are welcome to stop in to get updated about Medicaid, Medi-

care Savings Programs, and other health care resources. If you have been cut off of Medicaid and are wondering if you still qualify, or whether you qualify for other programs, stop by for the latest information. You can also find out about your rights in the Medicaid redetermination process,

and review any communications you have received about Medicaid or other health insurance. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street.

## MedQuest Health Careers Expo

**RUTLAND, Vt.** – According to the American Hospital Association (AHA), there will be a shortage of up to 3.2 million healthcare workers by 2026. America will face a shortage of up to 124,000 physicians by 2033, and will need to hire at least 200,000 nurses per year to meet increased demand, and to replace retiring nurses. There are also critical shortages of allied health and behavioral professionals, especially in marginalized rural and urban communities.



Find a career in health care at the MedQuest Career Expo. PHOTO PROVIDED

The mission of Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is to enhance community efforts to grow and sustain

the health workforce in southern Vermont. One of the ways we do this is by delivering pathway programs, which connect students to health careers.

Southern Vermont AHEC, in partnership with Come Alive Outside, is hosting its first MedQuest Health Careers Expo for students 14-21 years of age on Wednesday, May 8, from 3-7 p.m., at the Rutland Recreation and Community Center, 134 Community Drive in Rutland. This event also coincides with Southern Vermont AHEC's 25th anniversary celebration. Admission to the expo is free and open to the public.

Individuals seeking assistance or guidance are encouraged to visit [www.hcrs.org](http://www.hcrs.org) for more information on available resources.

New this year, Vermont's new Mobile Crisis services provide an in-person response for not only mental health, but also substance use crises. Vermonter can access this program through [www.gethelpvt.org](http://www.gethelpvt.org), or by calling 988. This enhanced crisis service is spearheaded by HCRS, in partnership with the nine other community mental health agencies across the state.

Karabakakis is thrilled that HCRS is able to provide this enhanced service. "HCRS took the lead in the development and implementation of Mobile Crisis services across the state. This best-practice model of a two-person, in-person response is changing the way community members are supported during a substance use, as well as a mental health, crisis."

Join HCRS in raising awareness and promoting education around alcohol misuse and addiction during National Alcohol Awareness Month.

To receive alcohol services in southeastern Vermont, reach out to HCRS by calling one of their toll-free lines: Hartford area, 855-220-9430; Springfield area, 855-220-9429; or Brattleboro area, 855-220-9428. You can also view their website, [www.hcrs.org](http://www.hcrs.org), for more information.

There will be more than 20 Vermont health careers represented, ranging from clinical and nonclinical roles in medicine, oral health, mental and behavioral health, public health, emergency response, and much more. Immerse yourself in interactive displays, innovative technology, and connect with seasoned professionals. Among the more than 40 exhibitors will be virtual reality (VR) simulations and mobile medical units. Students can enter a drawing to win VR headsets, with health careers exploration modules and training simulations for their school. DJ Brett Myhre will provide music, and there will be giveaways, a 50-50 raffle, and other fun prizes. Come Alive Outside will host a Nerf skills course, and the Rollin' Rooster and Mr. Ding-a-Ling ice cream truck will be on site.

Check out [www.svtahec.org](http://www.svtahec.org) for more details. We want to thank our phenomenal sponsors Rutland Regional Medical Center, VNA & Hospice of the southwest region, Community Health, and Springfield Hospital, plus recognize our tech-savvy partners at Tranfir.

## National Alcohol Awareness Month

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – As April marks National Alcohol Awareness Month, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), the community mental health agency in southeastern Vermont and a preferred substance use services provider, is raising awareness about the pervasive issue of alcohol misuse and addiction, both nationally and within our own community. With startling alcohol statistics from both national and local sources, it's evident that concerted efforts are needed to address this public health concern.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), excessive alcohol use is responsible for more than 95,000 deaths in the United States each year, making it the

third leading preventable cause of death in the country. Moreover, the economic burden of excessive alcohol consumption amounts to nearly \$250 billion annually.

Closer to home, a recent VT Digger article revealed that Vermont continues to rank among the highest in the nation for binge drinking and alcohol use disorder. This alarming trend highlights the pressing need for comprehensive support, and resources within our local communities, to combat the adverse effects of alcohol misuse.

In response to these concerning statistics, HCRS remains steadfast in its commitment to providing essential resources and support for people struggling with alcohol addiction

and misuse. Through its comprehensive programs and services, the nonprofit agency strives to offer accessible and effective treatment options tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual.

George Karabakakis, CEO of HCRS, emphasizes, "In recent years, the spotlight has been on the critical challenge of opioid overdoses, but alcohol use disorder remains a significant concern. National Alcohol Awareness Month is a great reminder that we need to create greater awareness of this preventable issue."

HCRS offers a range of alcohol misuse and addiction resources, including counseling services, support groups, and specialized treatment programs.



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# obituaries

## Barbara I. Amidon, 1936-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Barbara I. Amidon of Springfield, Vt., passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Barbara was born on Jan. 17, 1936, to Irvin and Dorothy Pockette, in Rutland, Vt.

Barbara graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in Rutland, Vt., and subsequently married Frederick Amidon, also of Rutland. The two enjoyed 66 years of marriage before Fred's passing in September 2023.

Four children survive Barbara: Jennifer (and Ray) Byrd, Raleigh, N.C.; Fred (and Patty) Amidon, Cornish, N.H.; Sue Gifford of Wade, N.C.; and Michelle (and Allen) Kuusela of Springfield, Vt. She had six grandchildren, including Jessica Sheckler, Raleigh, N.C.; Marshall Coats, Johnson, Vt.; Sara Brooks of Wade, N.C.; Miles Gifford, Wade, N.C.; Stephanie Gifford, Wade, N.C.; and



Barbara Amidon, 1936-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Hunter Kuusela, Springfield, Vt. Barbara also left four great-grandchildren.

An avid fan of Elvis, Barbara enjoyed a recent trip to Graceland, and took extensive pleasure in her dog (Vinnie) and cat (Bandit). She also enjoyed reading, spending time with her family, and going to the beach.

She will be sorely missed.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., assisted with the arrangements.

## Dorene E. Benson, 1959-2024



CHESTER, Vt. – Dorene E. Benson passed away on the morning of Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Genesis Lebanon Center, Lebanon, N.H., after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. She was 64 years old.

Dorene was born on Oct. 21, 1959, in Springfield, Vt., daughter of Raymond S. Benson and Doris (Holton) Benson. She grew up in Weston, Vt., and graduated from Green Mountain Union High School in 1977.

Over the years, Dorene worked at James & Lamson in Springfield, Vt., Mack Molding in Ludlow, Vt., and Ron Bacon Painting in Londonderry, Vt. She served in the United States Army from 1986-1987. Upon her return, she worked for B&B Mini Mart in Andover, Vt., then at Jelley's Mobil in Londonderry, Vt., for more than 30 years, until her health failed in 2020.

Dorene was an avid car enthusiast, enjoyed NASCAR and DIRTcar racing, country music, and mowing her big lawn. She was a good friend to many, and knew everyone. She will be remembered as a low-keyed woman, with an entertaining, often unexpected, sense of humor. She will be greatly missed, and will always be remembered for her quick wit and nicknames for those close to her.

She is survived by her sister Norene Grout and brother-in-law Gary Grout of South Londonderry, her nephew Kodi Grout of



Dorene Benson, 1959-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Chester, Vt., great-nieces Adrianna Grout and Aleah Grout, her Uncle Casey Rowley of Londonderry, Vt., her Aunt Claire Holton of Osprey, Fla., and many cousins.

Dorene was preceded in death by her parents, her niece Tara Grout, and her special canine friend Peaches.

Special thanks to Historic Homes of Runnemed, Windsor, Vt.; Genesis Lebanon Center, Lebanon, N.H.; and Bayada Hospice, for the great care given to Dorene over the past three years.

A graveside service for family members will be held at a later date. Per Dorene's request, no other services are planned. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston, Vt.

Memorial donations in Dorene's memory can be made to the Springfield Humane Society in Springfield, Vt., or to the American Parkinson's Disease Association – Vermont Chapter.

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

## Laurie J. Devoe, 2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Laurie Jane (MacDonald) Devoe of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024. She was 76 years old.

Laurie is survived by her husband of 37 years William Devoe.

Laurie is also survived by her brother Scott MacDonald; her sons John Christian Benson, Tobias Devoe, and Robert Dorn-Devoe; and her daughters Stacie Merritt, Shannon Benson, Meredith Devoe, Maryjane Devoe-Kolenda, Altanai Winston, and Alysha Devoe. Laurie also leaves her 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, and the many children that she cared for over 18 years of foster parenting. Laurie cherished family.

Laurie graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1967. She raised her children in Bellows Falls, Chester, and Springfield, Vt.

Laurie dedicated her life to working for the families of the State of Vermont. She started as a receptionist with the Welfare Office, before moving on to the Office of Child Support as an intake



Laurie Devoe, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

worker, advancing to paralegal, and retiring as the regional supervisor for all of southern Vermont.

Laurie spent her retirement with her loving husband in Springfield, Vt. She had her family and her close friends, Jaci and Russell Farrar of Chester, Vt., nearby.

A service will be held on June 15, at 11 a.m., at Oak Hill Cemetery, Bellows Falls, Vt. The service will be followed by a Celebration of Life.

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

## Elizabeth M. Lombard, 1927-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Elizabeth Marie Lombard passed away peacefully at home with family and friends on April 12, 2024.

She was born in Tyson, Vt., on Dec. 26, 1927, to Henry and Marie (Frye) Gruber, both from Germany.

Liz attended schools in Ludlow, and graduated from Black River High School in 1946. After high school, she was employed at the Ludlow Telephone Company as a switchboard operator, and in 1947 married Gordon Lombard.

During World War II they lived in Virginia for a short stay, where Gordie was stationed before going overseas. When they moved back to Ludlow, after residing in numerous apartments, they bought the house at 2 Pond Street, where she lived for 68 years. Liz worked with Marge Roberts, assisting in her preschool/kindergarten classes. When she retired, Liz took over the classes, and began teaching upstairs in her own home. When her youngest son had finished the program, she stopped teaching and went to work in the kitchen at Okemo Mountain. Liz was kitchen manager for 14 years.

After her husband passed away in 1985, she left shortly after that and went to work as a teacher's aide at the Ludlow Elementary School until 2004. Liz enjoyed so many things – painting, cooking, crafts of any kind, picking berries, shopping with friends and family, sharing her history knowledge, and lastly her biweekly book club meetings. Liz served as a Eucharistic minister at



Elizabeth Lombard, 1927-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

the Catholic Church, was known for her homemade baked beans at chicken barbecues, and supported many additional fundraisers when asked. She was predeceased by her husband Gordon of 39 years, both parents, her brother Tony Gruber, and her sister Ann Morgan.

She is survived by her older brother Harry Gruber; brother-in-law Robert Lombard; her three sons Mark (Beth), Craig, and Kurt Lombard; five grandchildren Josh (Marina), Jake (Emma), Joel (Krystal) Lombard, Julie (Kevin) Zaloudek, and Angela Stanley; six great-grandchildren; and loving nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside service at Pleasant View Cemetery on May 17, at 11 a.m.

A Celebration for 96 years of Life will follow, and be held at The American Legion Post 36, second floor.

Liz was involved with many nonprofits, and many assisted her in the later years. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the organization of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Davis Memorial Chapel, Springfield, Vt.

## Bonnie G. Smith, 1948-2024

WALPOLE, N.H. – Bonnie G. (Wetherby) Smith, 75, of Walpole, N.H., died in the comfort of her home after a short battle with cancer, surrounded by her family and friends, on April 1, 2024, while listening to her beloved country music. She was born May 10, 1948, in Richford, Vt., to Orville and Shirley (Martin) Wetherby. Bonnie attended school in Bellows Falls, and lived most of her life in the Bellows Falls/Walpole area. Bonnie worked at a variety of jobs, including her parents' taxi business in Bellows Falls, James Plumbing and Heating, Silver Forest, and Whelen. The last more than 15 years were spent providing child care for her grandchildren and her "adopted" grandson Matty Brough.

Bonnie enjoyed gardening in her yard, and spent much time on her front porch, which became the "social hub" of her neighborhood. Bonnie was an avid cribbage player, and passed this passion on to her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed frequent family dinners to celebrate birthdays and holidays in the home she shared with her daughter Traci. Bonnie was a great support for her family in their times of need, and encouraged them in their endeavors. Community service was a priority for her, as evidenced by her support of the Walpole Fire Department, of which her son, daughter, and two grandsons are members. Country music was her favorite. She and her friend Kevin were able to take a long road trip to



Bonnie Smith, 1948-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Nashville last summer, stopping at all the sights along the way.

She married Vance Smith in 1969. They later divorced, but remained lifelong friends. When Vance remarried his new wife, Debbie also became a close friend with Bonnie. Both were present when she passed.

Bonnie was predeceased by her parents, and her brother Greg Martin. She is survived by her children Bryan Wetherby (Jeanne), Tammi Wetherby Boles (Daniel), Crystal Trayhan, Traci Smith, and Matthew Smith (fiancee Tonya). She also leaves her grandchildren Blaze Trayhan, Emma and John Wetherby, Matthew Wetherby, Krystal Schram, Vanessa McCalister, Colby and Jordan Smith, Hayden and Ryan Smith, and several great-grandchildren. Bonnie requested no funeral or calling hours. Bonnie has requested to have a Celebration of Life ceremony at her home. This will be held on May 11, from 1-4 p.m., at 1015 Main Street, North Walpole, N.H., with a rain date of May 18.

## Erma Heidtmann memorial service

CHESTER, Vt. – There will be a memorial service for Erma Heidtmann on May 4, at 2 p.m., at Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. Friends and family are welcome.

## Mabel Ward graveside service

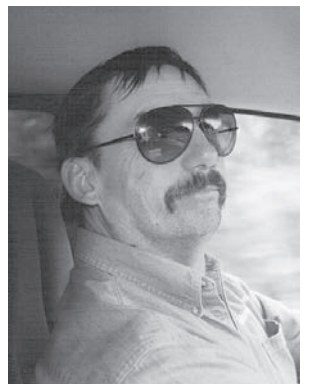
CAVENDISH, Vt. – A graveside service for Mabel Ward, who passed away March 18, 2024, will be held on May 3, at 10 a.m., at the Cavendish Village Cemetery.

## David C. Noyes, 1955-2024

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – David Carl "Dicker" Noyes, 69, passed away April 20, 2024. David was born to Arnold J. and E. Carroll (Chadwick) Noyes on Feb. 28, 1955, in Bellows Falls. David attended school in Bellows Falls, and graduated from BFUHS in 1973. On Oct. 12, 1991, he married Laurie (French) Noyes. His working career included F.W. Whitcomb, Community Feed, Gays Fuel Service, and Cota and Cota, from which he retired in 2018. David's biggest joys were his home, of which he was a proud fourth-generation owner; his family; and his trucks, tractors, and motorcycle.

He is survived by his wife Laurie; his daughter Ella (Noyes) Cademartori (Elijah); his stepchildren Philip Clark (Theresa) and Alison (Clark) Amidon (Jesse); his siblings Richard (Dotsie), John (Elaine), Ellen Allman (Robert), Nancy Tenney (Edwin), and Linda Noyes; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 27, at his favorite place,



David Noyes, 1955-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

6 Noyes Road, at 2 p.m., with a reception to follow. Donations may be sent to the Bellows Falls Alumni Association Scholarship Fund in Dicker's memory.

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



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## LEGAL NOTICES

**APRIL 27 – 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](mailto:todd.ager@gmail.com) with questions.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield United Methodist Church is having its Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 10 Valley Street, Springfield, Vt. There will be many great items available, as well as coffee and donuts for sale. Everyone is welcome.

**ALSTEAD, N.H. –** Charles F. Andros, former New Hampshire/Vermont apiary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, April 27, from 1-3:30 p.m., at 18

MacLean Road, Alstead, N.H. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion will be early spring management – locating apiaries, equipment, handling bees, feeding syrup and supplements, making nuclei, reversing, and requeening. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Registration is required, email [lindenamel@gmail.com](mailto:lindenamel@gmail.com), or call 603-756-9056.

**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.

**MAY 2 – CHESTER, Vt. –** Chester Ambulance will be hosting a community outreach event on Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall. This event will be a panel discussion with local health and social services. The intent is to inform the community on all the different resources available to them, and how Chester Ambulance can assist in facilitating. Organizations attending will be Springfield Hospital, North Star Health, Community Cares Network, Neighborhood Connections, and Bayada.

**MAY 4 – CAVENDISH, Vt. –** Daffodils are blooming, so it's time to get outside and spruce up our Village Green. Wear work gloves,

bring your favorite tool, and join the volunteer crew of Cavendish Streetscapes to clear away winter's debris from the Proctorsville Green and surrounding gardens on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or shine. Dig in and enjoy good conversation.

**CHESTER, Vt. –** Upstairs @ Town Hall will host a Teen Open Mic on Saturday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m., open to ages 13-17. Sing, play an instrument, dance, or recite. Solo, duo, or trio. A music stand, vocal mic, and amplifiers for guitar and bass will be available. Ten minutes will be allotted for each performance. Admission is free.

**LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** Springfield Supported Housing Programs is having our annual fundraiser on May 4, at Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vt. Doors open at 5 p.m., and music begins at 7 p.m. Come groove with us for "Cinco Dead Mayo," with Zach Nugent & Dead Set. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.facebook.com/events/408682795077221](http://www.facebook.com/events/408682795077221).

**WALPOLE, N.H. –** The First Congregational Church of Walpole, on the Common, will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be all seasons clothing and select housewares on sale, as well as food, including grilled hot dogs starting at 10 a.m. A bag sale will be held from 12-1 p.m.

**SUNDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The

Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

**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](mailto:sdoyle@springfieldmed.org).

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

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

**TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and

have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

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

**WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Cardio & Sculpt, Wednesdays at 9:30 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 – TYSON, Vt. –** The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

**N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email [dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

### Municipal Fire Chief Employment Opportunity Ludlow Fire Department, Ludlow Vermont

#### Summary

The Town of Ludlow is actively seeking candidates for a Full Time Municipal Fire Chief. For a complete job description and application information please visit the Town of Ludlow Website at [Municipal\\_Fire\\_Chief\\_Position\(Ludlow\\_VT\).pdf](http://Municipal_Fire_Chief_Position(Ludlow_VT).pdf) or contact the Ludlow Municipal Office at 802-228-2841.

The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### Development Review Board Town of Ludlow, Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing May 13, 2024 at 6:00pm

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 13 May 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, and via Zoom.

APPLICANT: Ronald Kemperle  
27 Pleasant Lane  
Oyster Bay Cove, NY 11771

PROPERTY LOCATION: 158 Snowbridge Road  
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

Parcel No. 030424-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a Site Plan Review for residential landscaping. The project is located in the Mountain Recreation district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 500-24-SITE

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda, posted at [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us).

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Director of Planning and Zoning

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APPLICANT: Winterplace COA  
P.O. Box 370  
Ludlow VT, 05149

PROPERTY LOCATION:  
101 White Loop - H303  
Parcel No. 030213-015  
46 Fowler Lane - O302  
Parcel No. 030222-014  
46 Stewart Lane - P306  
Parcel No. 030224-018  
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to convert attic space into bonus rooms. The project is in the Mountain Recreation District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 081-94-PRD,  
Amendment No. 19

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda, posted at [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us).

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### TOWN OF ANDOVER 953 Weston-Andover Road Andover, VT 05143 INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Andover seeks bids for bridge deck repair work on East Hill Road:

LOCATION: Bridge #6 on East Hill Road  
(43.32654, -72.72207)

SCOPE OF WORK: Replace membrane and pave deck including removing any loose portions of concrete on the deck, sand blasting existing steel and repouring with 3,500 PSI concrete. Deck will be paved to 3" with Superpave Bituminous Concrete Pavement. Curb slots will be cleaned and filled. Contractor responsible for signage and keeping one lane open.

CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE: The Contract shall be completed on or before November 1, 2024.

PRE-BID: A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Andover Town Garage.

Sealed bids must be received in the Andover Town Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024 and will be opened at that evening's Select Board meeting.

QUESTIONS: Contact Road Foreman Charlie Golden at (802)875-3247 or [garageandover@gmail.com](mailto:garageandover@gmail.com).

The Town of Andover reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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APPELLANTS: Leslie & Marc Stewart  
5 High Street  
Ludlow VT, 05149  
Cathleen & Lee Ellmaker  
3 High Street  
Ludlow, VT 05149

PROPERTY LOCATION: 3 Gill Terrace  
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

Parcel No. 230259-100

REASON FOR HEARING: Appeal is in opposition to an approved permit for a single family residential home. The project is located in the Village Residential district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 501-24-AP

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda, posted at [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us).

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APPLICANT: Okemo Limited Liability Company  
77 Okemo Ridge Road  
Ludlow, VT, 05149

PROPERTY LOCATION: 77 Okemo Ridge Road  
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

Parcel No. 030673-000

REASON FOR HEARING: To reopen the hearing of the relocation of the Starlight Carpet, for additional evidence. This project is located in the Town's Mountain Recreation district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 288-05-CU, Amendment No.2  
092-95-PUD, Amendment No.4  
478-20-ACT250, Amendment No.2

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### DESTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

SPRINGFIELD VERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
301 South Street  
Springfield, Vermont 05156  
(802) 885-5121

The Springfield School District (Vermont) will be conducting a "Destruction of Records." These are special educational records and personally identifiable information used within the Individuals With Disability Education Act but are no longer needed to provide educational services to students. The aforementioned records for students with a birth year of 1998 or earlier, will be available for pick up or will be destroyed if arrangements are not made for pick up before May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any person desiring their records must submit that request in writing or in an email to the Special Services Department.

Requests must include the student's name (including any possible name changes) and the student's date of birth.

Please send your request in before May 10th, 2024, to:

Director of Special Services  
Springfield School District  
301 South Street  
Springfield, Vermont 05156  
(802) 885-5121  
(email requests to: [dgray@ssdvt.org](mailto:dgray@ssdvt.org))

Other instructions will be provided after making initial contact.



# LEGAL

# classified/church

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

### Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in person. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ImmanuelEppiscopalChurch or to our website [www.immanuelepiscopal.org](http://www.immanuelepiscopal.org).

## CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

### North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to [www.facebook.com/UMCofNorthCharlestown](http://www.facebook.com/UMCofNorthCharlestown) for more information.

### Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.

Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

## CHESTER, VT.

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

Services are on Wednesdays at 5:30-6 p.m. and on Sundays at 10 a.m., both in person and by Zoom, followed by coffee hour. All are welcome. Handicapped accessible. For a link to the Zoom service or more information about services and events, please visit [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org).

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

### Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at [www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org](http://www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org) to be sent a link to the live stream.

## LUDLOW, VT.

### Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on

Sunday at 9 a.m. For further information, see our website at [churchoftheannunciation.org](http://churchoftheannunciation.org), or call us at 802-228-3451.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at [SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist](http://SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist). Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email [jckurpiel@yahoo.com](mailto:jckurpiel@yahoo.com). If no answer, call 802-886-2670.

### Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

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

### Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday Services are at 10 a.m., in person and on Zoom. For more information, go to [www.uuspringfieldvt.org](http://www.uuspringfieldvt.org).

## WALPOLE, N.H.

### Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org).

## WESTMINSTER, VT.

### First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at [westminstercongoline@gmail.com](mailto:westminstercongoline@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057](http://www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057).

## FOR RENT

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, open kitchen dining room and living room with cathedral ceilings, primary bedroom on main floor. Monthly or yearly, \$2,600/month. Call 802-770-0569.

## FOR SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 2015 GMC Terrain SLT for sale, excellent condition, 124,500 miles, one owner, \$7,500. Call 802-683-8061.

## HELP WANTED/VOLUNTEER

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Volunteers wanted, docents (tour guides) to give tours of the Adams Grist Mill on weekends for the season. Call 603-313-8585 and leave message, or email [jim.narkiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:jim.narkiewicz@gmail.com).

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Please call 802-732-8494 Mon-Fri

## Kindergarten Registration Ludlow Elementary School

April 30th, 2024 by Appointment (802) 875-5151 For children who will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2024.

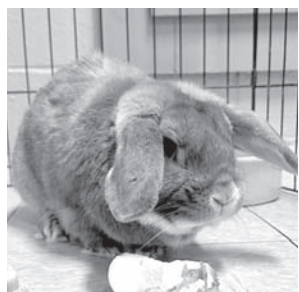
Please bring the following:

1. Birth Certificate
  2. All immunization records
  3. Proof of residency
- Preschoolers will be invited to see the Kindergarten classroom in the morning on May 15

## Shawn

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Shawn is a handsome, 6-year-old lop looking for an indoor home to call all his own. Shawn loves his veggies and fruits. He is very good about using his litter box. He is a bit shy, as most rabbits are, so would do best in a rabbit-experienced home. If you can give Shawn a loving home in his golden years, stop by Wednesday-Saturday, from 12-4 p.m.

*Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, Vt., 802-885-3997, [www.spfldhumane.org](http://www.spfldhumane.org).*



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### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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## Water/Waste Water Licensed Superintendent Level 2 Facility

The Town of Charlestown is accepting applications for this full-time position.

The Water/Wastewater Licensed Superintendent is responsible for overseeing the operation, maintenance, and management of a Level 2 water/wastewater facility in accordance with state and federal regulations. This role requires a strong background in water and wastewater treatment, as well as leadership skills to manage a team of operators and ensure the facility operates efficiently and effectively.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Science, or related field.
- Valid Water/Wastewater Operator License (Level 2) issued by [State Licensing Board].
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in water/wastewater treatment operations, with at least 1 year in a supervisory role.
- Strong knowledge of water and wastewater treatment processes and equipment.
- Excellent leadership and management skills.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work effectively with regulatory agencies and other stakeholders.

Wages commensurate with qualifications and experience. Full Benefit package including paid vacations and holidays. Interested candidates may obtain an employment application in the Selectboard office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH or on the Town Website. Applications and Resumes should be emailed to [Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov).

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*Flowers in Texture & Color w/ Julie Crabtree 4/27*  
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(04/24/24 - 1FN - 13)

## Builders/Contractors

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(11/20/24 - 52)

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(06/05/24 - 52)

## Campground

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(05/08/24 - 13)

## Chiropractor

### FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC

Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.  
(08/14/24 - 1FN - 52)

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(10/02/24 - 26)

## Electrician

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[kjelectric63@gmail.com](mailto:kjelectric63@gmail.com)  
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(01/29/25 - 52)

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(05/22/24 - 13)

## Okemo Valley TV

### LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Municipal Update from Brendan McNamara
- Average Daves' Star Wars Special
- Local Church Services
- Gov. Scott Weekly Press Conference
- Tech Gym Youth Sports

Okemo Valley TV now has its own app on all of the main streaming platforms! Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Google Play, and mobile (iOS & Android)  
(07/03/24 - 1FN - 13)

## Organic Lawn & Land Care

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# community/opinion

# LEGAL

Dear Editor,

The statehouse is an extraordinarily busy place at the moment. The legislature is in the last month of its two-year 2023-2024 biennium, which means that if bills don't pass in the next four weeks, they are "dead" until January 2025, when they can be reintroduced. So, for many issues and bills, this is crunch time. As a result, most of our big bills are in negotiation.

For example, both the Senate's big housing bill, S.311, and land use bill, S.308, are being incorporated into the House's Act 250 (land use) update bill, H.687. This represents a substantial amount of time and effort by three committees. The action at the moment on all three of those bills is in Senate Natural Resources and Energy. So, if you are interested in following the developments in these areas, H.687 will be voted out of that committee in the next week. It will

then go to both the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, as it has spending and tax proposals in it. And, after that, it will go to the Senate floor to be voted on. Following that, a conference committee will be named, made up of three members of the House and three of the Senate, and it is in this committee that the final negotiations on two of the legislature's top priorities, housing and land use planning (updating Act 250), will take place.

Another bill generating quite a bit of interest is this year's ethics bill, H.875. Vermont had been one of the only states without some form of an ethics commission, and without a state code of ethics. For the last eight years, the legislature has worked to rectify that. We now have both an ethics commission and a state code of ethics. The Ethics Commission website, which has lots of information, includ-

ing the State Code of Ethics, can be found at [www.ethicscommission.vermont.gov](http://www.ethicscommission.vermont.gov).

Each year we work to update and add to aspects of the State Code of Ethics. This year, we are addressing municipal ethics. In response to last year's legislative request for a report from the Ethics Commission on how to implement a municipal code of ethics, the House Committee on Government Operations crafted this bill, which is now being considered by the Senate Government Operations Committee, on which I serve. Evidently, a signifi-

cant number, almost 50%, of the complaints lodged at the Ethics Commission are municipal in nature. Most frequently cited concerns are conflicts of interest, preferential treatment, retaliation, and financial impropriety.

Currently all three branches of state government, the legislature, judiciary, and the executive branch, have established codes of ethics. Most ethics complaints are funneled through the Ethics Commission to the appropriate state body, which, in turn, has a system designed to address these issues. Most of H.875 seeks to strength-

en the code of ethics at the state level, and the last third of the bill establishes one at the local level. It is not meant to target any size of town or area of the state. We are continuing to work on this bill - trying to make sure we don't place undue burdens on towns. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns is helping us appreciate what is realistic for most municipal governments. In all this work, our objective has been to create a standard, clear, and consistent code of ethics, one that all public servants are required to abide by. Vermonters ex-

pect nothing less.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email at [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us), by phone at the statehouse Tuesday-Friday at 802-828-2228, or at home Saturday-Monday at 802-457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website, [legislature.vermont.gov](http://legislature.vermont.gov).

Sincerely,  
Alison Clarkson  
Windsor district state senator

## "The Home Buying Process" workshop

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - On Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m., join Will Cronin from Barrett & Valley Associates Inc. at the Springfield Town Library for a presentation called "The Home Buying Process: A Step-by-Step Guide."

Discover the step-by-

step process of buying a home, from securing a loan, to avoiding overpayment, and addressing closing costs. Learn about each step in the process.

Will has lived in vastly different places, from Boston, to Como, Italy, and Vermont. However, one

thing that always caught his attention, no matter where he was, was real estate. Will enjoyed admiring the ancient medieval buildings of Como, and comparing them to the suburban houses he grew up in around Boston. Now, Will is passionate about helping people take a

significant step in their lives by finding their first home, comfortably.

This event is free and open to the public. Call the library at 802-885-3108 with any inquiries, or visit our calendar of events to sign up at [www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Subject to space. May be edited for clarity, grammatical errors, and libelous statements. Must be kept under 400 words. Must include name and town for publication. Viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper.

### POLITICAL LETTERS

Due to the volume of political letters we receive during elections, and the increased cost of adding pages to the paper to print them all, as of March 2023 we are charging a fee for political letters at the rate of \$75 for 200 words, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. Political letters include electioneering for a specific candidate, party, or article that may impact one's vote.

### TOWN OF WESTON ROAD CREW

The Town of Weston seeks to add full-time, year-round member to our Road Crew. We take pride in maintaining the Town's equipment, roads, and facilities and creating improvements where we can, the successful applicant will be team players willing to do their best and learn along the way.

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This position has benefits, including health care, and a retirement package. The position is eligible for overtime.

Mail or return your resume to: Town of Weston PO Box 98 Weston VT 05161 or drop off at the Town Office. You can also email the application to [selectboard@westonvt.org](mailto:selectboard@westonvt.org). Applications will be reviewed as received with the position open until filled. The Town of Weston is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Town Of Weston PO Box 98 Weston, VT 05161

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TWO-BAY ADDITION TO TOWN GARAGE

The Town of Weston is requesting proposals for a two-bay addition. Building will be steel and attach to the existing building.

Proposals shall include details for the addition and line-item pricing for each of the following Scope of Service Components:

- Design plans
- Excavation and site preparation
- Concrete foundation and floor
- Steel building with standing seam roof
- Build a firewall with door in between new and old building
- Provide and install Heating system
- Provide and install all Electrical for addition
- Please visit the Town of Weston website for more information on the Scope of Work [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org)

Proposals may be sent to Shawna Batogowski, Selectboard Administrative Assistant at [selectboard@westonvt.org](mailto:selectboard@westonvt.org) and must be received by May 10th, 2024. Email proposals will be printed and placed in sealed envelopes. Proposals may also be mailed with a postmark date no later than May 10th, 2024 addressed to: Town of Weston Selectboard PO Box 98, Weston VT 05161 Attn: Town Garage RFP

All proposals will be opened at the Selectboard meeting scheduled on May 14th, 2024

The selected firm(s) shall report to and be responsible to the Town of Weston Selectboard. The Town of Weston reserves the right to withdraw this Request for Proposals, to accept or reject any or all proposals in part or in their entirety, to advertise for new proposals if it's in the best interest of the Town to do so, and to award a contract as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Weston.

During the evaluation process, the Town of Weston reserves the right where it may serve the Town's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposing firms. The Town of Weston reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal, regardless of whether that proposal is selected.

Compliance with the Law- The selected contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in the performance of service. The selected contractor must be registered with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Vermont and be certified to conduct business legally in the in the State of Vermont.

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### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

The Town of Springfield Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 14, 2024, to review a proposal to add 3 residential units to the property located at 2 White 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 is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please contact the Town Planner (802-376-6102 /[toszoning@vermontel.net](mailto:toszoning@vermontel.net)) for copies of the agenda and zoning application.

of art on display, the event not only demonstrated the creative talents of HCRS staff and clients, but also underscored the profound therapeutic benefits of artistic expression for mental health.

The Spring Art Show, held at and sponsored by 118 Elliot in Brattleboro, unfolded into a vibrant cel-



HCRS staff at the HCRS Spring Art Show opening. PHOTO PROVIDED

bration of creativity, resilience, and unity. Attendees were treated to a diverse array of artwork, ranging from paintings and sculptures to mixed media and photography. Each piece served as a testament to the unique journeys and perspectives of the artists, offering a glimpse into their inner worlds.

One of the highlights of the evening was the live music performances that filled the air with melodies of inspiration and hope. The audience was captivated by the soulful tunes, culminating in a special performance by none other than HCRS' esteemed CEO George Karabakakis. This demonstration of leadership not only showcased the CEO's artistic talents, but also exemplified the organization's commitment to fostering creativity and connection at all levels.

Art has long been recognized as a powerful tool for promoting mental health and wellbeing. Through the act of creation, individuals can express emotions, process experiences, and

cultivate a sense of empowerment and self-discovery. For those facing mental health challenges, art therapeutic activities offer a safe and supportive outlet for exploration and healing.

The success of the HCRS Spring Art Show serves as a testament to the transformative power of art in healing and recovery. By providing a platform for expression and connection, HCRS continues to enrich the lives of its clients and the community at large.

HCRS case manager Jonathan Mattoon adds, "We have witnessed many individuals grow, build social relationships, and continue to create and connect with the arts beyond their experiences at HCRS."

The art show remains open through the end of April, with open hours on Fridays, from 4-7 p.m.; Saturdays, from 12-4 p.m.; and Sundays, from 12-4 p.m.

## Westminster Community Festival seeks participants

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** - On Sept.14, The Westminster Community Festival will feature a display of objects and ideas created by the people of Westminster. We invite painters, printmakers, sculptors, glassblowers, woodworkers, jewelers, potters, tile-makers, authors, musicians, quilters, weavers - anyone who produces from their head, heart, and hands, to make our community and the world a more beautiful and special place.

We'll share your vision with the public at an exhibition in the Westminster Institute during the festival with a creative community collage.

Participation is free and open to Westminster residents. If you would like to participate, or want more information, please contact [kathy.traugott@comcast.net](mailto:kathy.traugott@comcast.net).

### STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT WINDHAM UNIT PROBATE DIVISION DKT NO. 23-PR-06596

In re ESTATE of: CAROL CHURCH

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: CAROL CHURCH, late of WINDHAM COUNTY, VERMONT:

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

Dated: April 15, 2024

/s/ Linda L. Church  
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[assistant@moorelawvt.com](mailto:assistant@moorelawvt.com)

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### STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 24-PR-00931

In re ESTATE of: Alicia Saunders

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Alicia Saunders Decedent

late of Springfield, Vermont Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated:

3/29/24

Signature of Fiduciary

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# outdoor news

## Herricks Cove Wildlife Festival

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – If you're a wildlife enthusiast itching for spring, then be sure to check out the Herricks Cove Wildlife Festival on Sunday, May 5, at beautiful Herricks Cove on the Connecticut River in Rockingham, Vt. The festival is presented by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society, and made possible with support from Great River Hydro, Ben and Jerry's, Magris Talc, Mascoma Savings Bank, Decker's Tent Rentals, HB Energy, and One Credit Union.

This is a family-friendly festival, with an emphasis on the wildlife and natural resources of Vermont.

The festival will feature live animals, nature-focused walks, kids' activities, presentations by environmental and nature organizations, and demonstrations that include the return of Vermont Game Warden canine units – all this and more, with a focus on getting outdoors and enjoying nature. There will be food offered by a variety of local vendors, as well as wildlife art, craft, book, and gift vendors there through the day.

"The Herricks Cove Wildlife Festival gives participants a chance to learn about and experience our native fish and wildlife, and the importance of conserving their habitats so future generations can appreciate them as well," said Mary-Beth Adler, a state wildlife technician with Vermont Fish and Wildlife.

Gates open at 9:30 a.m., and activities are scheduled from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., rain or shine, with an early morning bird walk at 7 a.m. There is a small suggested donation, but no one is turned away for lack of funds. Pets are not allowed. Visit the festival website for updates and more information at [www.amasvt.org/herricks-cove-wildlife-festival](http://www.amasvt.org/herricks-cove-wildlife-festival).

Herricks Cove is located just off Route 5, less than three miles north of Bellows Falls.

## Introduction to bullhead fishing clinic

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is holding a series of introductory bullhead fishing clinics this spring, highlighting a seasonal opportunity to target one of Vermont's most overlooked fish species.

"The arrival of spring brings increased opportunities to catch bullhead as they begin moving into their spawning grounds," said education specialist Corey Hart. "In addition to being a blast to catch, bullhead – or 'horned pout,' as they are also known – are excellent table fare."

Each clinic will explore different fishing styles used to target brown bullhead, which are found in many of the shallower, muddier lakes, ponds, and rivers of

Vermont. Bullhead, like other species in the catfish family, are nocturnal bottom feeders. So, the clinics will take place in the evening, to take advantage of increased bullhead activity.

These clinics are open to people of all ages and levels of experience, including those who are completely new to fishing. Equipment will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own rods as well. Participants should also dress for the weather, and bring a flashlight or headlamp.

Space is limited to the first 30 registrants, and seminars fill up quickly, so sign up as early as possible. Preregistration is required, and can be completed in the events calendar on Ver-

mont Fish and Wildlife's website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Directions to the meeting spot will be given upon registering.

This area's clinic will be held on Wednesday, May 15, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Hoyts Landing in Springfield, Vt.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information. Please send an email to [corey.hart@vermont.gov](mailto:corey.hart@vermont.gov), or call 802-505-5562 (voice), or 1-800-253-0191 (TTY).

## Chester Fishing Derby

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Rod and Gun Club will sponsor the annual Children's Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., at the Chester Reservoir. Children 12 years old and younger may participate in the event, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Children's Fishing Derby is hosted each year with the cooperation and assistance of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. The reservoir will be stocked with trout shortly before the event. Prizes will be awarded to the lucky anglers who



Last year's fishing derby.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

catch the first fish, the longest fish, and the first to catch their limit of five fish.

For additional information, please contact George Wilson at 802-236-1746.

## Green Mountain Conservation Camp Workcation Weekends

REGION – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is looking for volunteers to join them for fun-filled weekends to get the Green Mountain Conservation Camps (GMCC) ready for the 2024 season. This year, the GMCC Kehoe Workcation Weekend will be May 11-12, and the GMCC Buck Lake Workcation Weekend will be May 18-19.

"We look forward to Workcation Weekend all winter long," said education specialist Hannah Phelps. "With the help of local volunteers, we spruce up both camps in preparation for the summer, and enjoy being outdoors knowing it's for a good cause – environmental education for today's youth."

Volunteers can participate for as long as they are able to – one hour, one day, or both days. They are welcome to stay overnight in onsite cabins, or they can bring their own tents. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

The Buck Lake camp is located in Woodbury, and the Kehoe camp is on Lake Bomoseen in Castleton. This is an excellent community service

opportunity for Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, as well as high school and college clubs. The Conservation Camps are looking for help with general repairs, construction, landscaping, painting, cleaning, firewood, and gardening. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, but the camps will have some available.

For more information and to register as a volunteer for one of these weekends, please email Hannah. Phelps@vermont.gov, or call 802-249-4199.

Vermont's conservation camp program is unique, because it is sponsored and directed by the Fish and Wildlife Department professionals who conserve Vermont's fish and wildlife species. Working biologists,

foresters, wardens, and conservation educators teach young people about their role with Vermont's forests, wetlands, wildlife, and fish through interactive activities.

The Green Mountain Conservation Camp program's greatest strength is connecting young people to the outdoors. The camp program is sponsored in part through a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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## Hydropower relicensing on the Connecticut River

REGION – Five hydroelectric facilities on the Connecticut River in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts are being relicensed, and you can submit public comments through May 22. The flow of the river is controlled by Great

River Hydro and FirstLight Power Services, and the licenses last for 30-50 years. Hydro facilities use a public trust resource – your river – to produce power, and they're required to provide benefits to the public and ecological health of the

river. Let's make sure they do. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to speak up for recreational access and a healthy river. To learn more, visit Connecticut River Conservancy's website at [www.ctriver.org/hydro](http://www.ctriver.org/hydro).

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## GREEN UP DAY

### Cavendish Green Up Day

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Join the Town of Cavendish Recreation Department and the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association on Saturday, May 4, for Green Up Day. Let's pitch in and help clean up all of the Cavendish roads. Volunteers can pick up bags any time at the town office from now until May 4.

You can always do your own clean up ahead of Green Up Day, or meet on

the Proctorsville Green on Saturday, May 4, from 9-10 a.m. You will receive a road assignment if you don't already have one, and you will be given collection bags and instructions, then start cleaning. Meet back on the Proctorsville Green between 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for sandwiches, salads, and drinks.

If you can't make it on May 4, the whole month is Green Up May, and you can walk your road picking

up trash on any day of the month.

And remember these safety tips: tie your bags and bring them to the transfer station, or to the Cavendish Green on Green Up Day; work your road facing traffic, up one side and down the other; wear long pants and check for ticks; if you see a needle or sharp material, find an adult, put it in a thick, sturdy container, and place the container in the regular trash; to claim a road you can clean, go to the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association Facebook page, or claim your road at the Cavendish Town Office, 138 High Street in Cavendish.

For more information, check [www.cavendishccca.org](http://www.cavendishccca.org). You can also call Stephanie at 802-384-0205, or email Bonnie at [bdayaemig@gmail.com](mailto:bdayaemig@gmail.com).

### Chester Green Up Day

CHESTER, Vt. – With a steadfast commitment to preserving the natural beauty of our town, volunteers are eagerly preparing for another impactful Green Up Day on Saturday, May 4. Join us by picking up your free Green Up supplies and dedicating an hour or two to cleaning up litter around town. Your efforts make a significant difference, and contribute to the sense of pride in our community.

The organizers of Chester's Green Up Day, Frank Kelley and Carrie King, extend their heartfelt appreciation to all volunteers for their unwavering support and dedication to this community-driven initiative. Their tireless efforts significantly enhance the aesthetic appeal of our surroundings, leaving a lasting positive impact.

Residents can collect Green Up bags from

various locations, including the Whiting Library, Chester Hardware, R.B. Erskines, and Chester Town Hall. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Whiting Library, aiming to assist Green Up Vermont in setting a new volunteer participation record. A designated Green Up Day dumpster will be stationed at the town garage from May 3-8, for the disposal of filled Green Up bags. Please place tires beside the dumpster.

Participants are reminded to wear bright attire, bring a companion, adhere to Covid safety protocols, and remain vigilant against sharp objects and ticks.

Additionally, volunteers are encouraged to visit the

Seed Sowing Station at the Whiting Library on Green Up Day, to sow seeds as a token of appreciation. Attendees can also explore the Seed Library, generously sponsored by the Whiting Library.

The Green Up Mentor Program offers local high school students an opportunity to earn community service hours while actively contributing to the Green Up initiative. Interested students are encouraged to seize this chance to make a meaningful difference in our community.

For further information, visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org), or contact Frank Kelley via email at [fjkelly@gmail.com](mailto:fjkelly@gmail.com), or by phone at 802-289-1540.

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### Andover Green Up Day

ANDOVER, Vt. – The snow is finally melting from the roadsides, revealing a lot of litter. As in the past, Andover volunteers are encouraged to rid the roadsides of trash, and also to give our cemeteries and town grounds a spring clean up.

Join us to make our neighborhood shine. It takes all of us lending a hand to keep our community healthy and clean. Pick up trash bags on Green Up Day at the town hall, starting at 9 a.m., and grab a coffee or water. To get a

head start, volunteers may obtain bags from the town office. Green Up trash can be placed in the dumpster in front of the town garage.

At noon, we will gather at the town hall to celebrate our hard work, and to enjoy a potluck picnic. Hotdogs and soft drinks will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring a side dish, if possible.

Please let us know if you have a road you would like to reserve by contacting Deb Moser, Green Up coordinator, at [dmoser6468@gmail.com](mailto:dmoser6468@gmail.com).

### Spring cleaning

REGION – Spring has arrived, and it's the perfect time for some cleaning. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) encourages residents to properly dispose of or recycle unwanted household items.

DEC Commissioner Jason Batchelder urges homeowners "to keep hazardous and recyclable materials out of the trash. Proper disposal not only protects our communities, but also reduces the risks associated with harmful chemicals and potential battery fires."

Unwanted items like old TVs, leftover fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermostats, leftover paint, and expired batteries can be taken to free special recycling locations across the state. Visit [www.vtrecycles.com](http://www.vtrecycles.com) and click on the orange "Special Recycling" symbol to find a collection location near you.

Responsibly disposing of household hazardous waste (HHW) – including any household, automotive, lawn, or garden products labeled "caution, toxic, danger, hazard, warning, poisonous, reactive, corrosive, or flammable" – is an important step in personal and public safety. Residents can bring HHW to collection events or HHW facilities. Learn about local collections from your waste district or town's website at [www.802recycles.com](http://www.802recycles.com).

For other spring cleaning questions, visit [www.dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt](http://www.dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt), which explains how to get rid of items like tires, scrap metal, medications, and more.

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