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Taylor Claflin 66th Apple Blossom Queen

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 66th Apple Blossom took place at the Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt., on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, and Taylor Claflin was announced as this year's queen. Her dancing partner was Matthew Winter. Members of her court were selected, and they are: Lorelei Bertone, partnered with Logan Roundy; and Molly Tennis, partnered with Armando Stettner.

The contestants selected Lily Farnsworth and Darius Saiful Ambar as Miss and Mr. Congeniality. The Director's Choice Awards went to Molly Tennis and

Matthew Winter. The director, Ashlee White, added a new award category this year. The Junior Apple Blossom MVPs awards went to Juliette Nelson, Adelaide Peck, Melia Willis, Dylan Chase, and Wyatt Paul.

Other contestants in this year's event included Hannah Zierfus and her partner Darius Saiful Ambar, and Lily Farnsworth and her partner Ethan Bertone. The Junior Apple Blossom couples included Jaelyn Briere-Smith with Thomas Jones, Arabella Chessman with Parker Olney, Sawyer Duford with Evan Keefe, Izabella Fraser with Dylan Chase, Olivia Kimball with



Apple Blossom Queen Taylor Claflin (center) and her court. PHOTO PROVIDED

Lincoln Strong, Juliette Nelson with Zurich Messina,

Brynley Patch with Reed Wilson, Adelaide Peck with Wyatt Paul, Ayla Rose with Keoni McDonough, Addalynn Waysville with Brody McCarthy, Ashlyn Wheeler with Michael Blanchard, and Melia Willis with Gavin Willis.

Ashlee White volunteered as the new director, with the assistance of volunteer choreographers Ainsley Bertone and Suzanne Stern. Numerous additional volunteers came forward this year to help with the production. The master of ceremonies, Thomas Field, provided the narrative for the evening. Marie Laplante volunteered, once again,

to be the official photographer. SAPA TV was on hand to videotape the performance, and will have the show for viewing on their website. And the John Sullivan Band provided live music for everyone's entertainment prior to the event and following the crowning of the queen.

Springfield Hospital and the Apple Blossom production team are very grateful to everyone that supported this fundraising event for Springfield Hospital. Proceeds from this year's event provide support for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career Award and the services of the hospital.

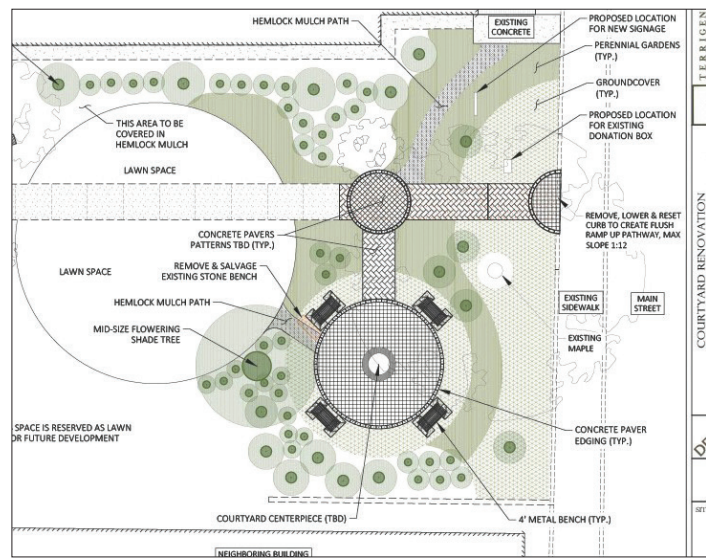
Green on Main reaches its goal

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Green on Main project, to create a welcoming place for all at 77 Main Street, met their goal of raising \$20,000 for a two-to-one matching grant of \$40,000 from Better Places through the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. Construction will begin this summer, and will include an accessible walkway from the sidewalk to a circular patio with benches, gardens with native plants, and a picnic table with a space for a wheelchair.

There are many neighbors, friends, organizations, and businesses who have contributed to our first phase of removing old bushes and trees, and then

to our fundraising goal for a matching grant. With deep appreciation and gratitude, we want to thank the Hope Fund of the Vermont Conference UCC, Laura Di Piazza, Susan Dowdell, Barbara Ball, Barbara Schultz, Peter Andrews, Carol Eramo, Christine Finnie, Marcella Calabi, Jessica Herring, Carol Hanson, Tuckerman Wunderle, Springfield on the Move, Manaslu Gurung, Sarah Bolaslaski, Charles Malinowski, Heather Frahm, Bill Cronin, Jeff Mobus, Michael Schmitt and the Black River Coffee Bar, Walter Martone, Springfield Housing Authority, John and Corky Bond, Christian Craig, Jessica Starr, Franklin Caval-Holme, Jules O'Guin,

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Plan for the Green space in Springfield.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Teen space gifted to Charlestown Library

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Located in Charlestown, the Silsby Free Public Library has been gifted a "teen space" in memory of the recently departed Phil Prouty. Growing up in Charlestown during the 70s and early 80s, and just a few blocks from the library, ironically enough Phil's family were Yankees fans, while living just two doors down from Lee and Cecil Fisk, parents of Red Sox legend Carlton Fisk. Phil was dedicated, beginning his tenure at the library in 1976 when he was in eighth grade, and worked as an assistant librarian with Florence Bingham until he graduated from Langdon's Fall Mountain Regional High School in 1980.

"It was a job he loved, because he was so organized and loved everything to be in its place," Phil's younger sister Deb (Prouty) Gay said in a recent interview. "He greatly enjoyed cataloging books, arranging sections, and doing the paperwork so everything was where it should be."

"Phil also found solace in the library. He was not really involved in sports or after-school activities in high school, so working at the library was just

perfect for him."

In February of this year, Phil suddenly and unexpectedly passed away after one of his weekly tennis matches. He was an evangelist with the Assemblies of God Churches, and lived with his wife Sherri, two sons, and three grandsons in Spring Hill, Fla.

Deb is the driving force behind the dedication of this library teen space, in honor of her brother. "Charlestown means so much to our family, and without hesitation, I knew that I wanted to do something in memory of Phil that would also create a positive impact in our hometown," Deb said.

"It is my desire that young people come to the library and hang out, grab a book to read, or use the internet for homework and research...but mainly to feel safe and enjoy that bit of their youth just as my brother Phil did."

Deb is also an author, and has donated a signed set of all six of her children's books to the newly dedicated space. Additionally, the writer of this article, who grew up in nearby North Walpole and also graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School, is donating a personalized copy of his book, a music biography about the late Benjamin Orr, singer and bass player of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band The Cars.

"We have spent the last

month gathering just the right furniture and décor, and Deb has sent dozens of books to be displayed in the space and to be given away," library director Jennifer Haynes said in a recent interview. "Our vision of what the space should look like is quickly becoming a reality, and we are incredibly grateful for the generosity of Deb and [her husband] Doug. We hope that the new space is not only a welcome place for teens, but also a great representation of Phil's love for the library."

Phil's mother Natalie Prouty worked in the Fall Mountain Regional School District for many years. "I am blessed with a daughter who is so giving and thoughtful in remembering her brother this way. This teen space is a gift that Philip would have truly loved. He will be missed, but we know that we can always go into the library and feel Philip's presence."

The Silsby Free Public Library offers a unique collection of historical material specific to the Town of Charlestown and the Upper Valley Region, and thrives as a cultural center for the surrounding communities. Additionally, residents, property owners, and employees of Charlestown are eligible to borrow from the library at no charge. A small annual fee is charged to nonresidents. To learn more, visit their website at www.silsbyfpl.org.

"Ask the Superintendent" at Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Many Springfield residents have questions about Springfield's school system and its budget. "Ask the Superintendent" is the Springfield Town Library's next Community Conversation.

Originally scheduled for later in May, it has been pushed up to Tuesday, May 14, at 6 p.m., to allow residents to ask any questions they have for Sherri Nichols, the superintendent of

schools.

While in-person attendance is encouraged, SAPA TV will stream the discussion on their public channel (1077 for Comcast, and 160 for Vtel) and their YouTube channel. If people have questions about the stream, their website, www.sapatv.org, should answer them.

The school district has posted answers to frequently asked questions about the budget on the

school website, at 4.files.edl.io/363d/05/03/24/114007-2e0758c7-16ae-442f-bfb-b-08f2077af836.pdf.

Other questions can be submitted to springfield-library@hotmail.com if residents cannot attend in person. Springfield Town Library is committed to providing opportunities for all to get the answers they need before the May 21 budget vote.

Lions food drive success

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Lions Club hosted its annual food drive on April 20, at Shaw's in Springfield. Four hundred pounds of food and \$454 in monetary donations were collected for the Springfield Family Center. Thank you Shaw's Grocery Store for the location, and thank you to the greater Springfield community for all your generous donations to help your neighbors. PHOTO PROVIDED



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“Fill the Cart from the Heart” Springfield Rotary food drive

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club will be holding a “Fill the Cart from the Heart” food drive on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.,

in the Springfield Shopping Plaza, to benefit the Springfield Family Center Food Shelf. Please come and grab a bag, and fill it with nonperishable food

items or personal care products to help those in need. The Rotary Club will be set up by Shaw’s in the plaza, and hopes to see you there.

Silent book club coming soon to Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 14, at 6:45 p.m., Heather Willis-Doxsee starts up a silent book club. Silent book clubs meet up, spend time reading a book of one’s choosing silently, and then have the option to mingle and chat about books. The first silent book club meeting will be held at the Pizza

Palace at 111 Rockingham Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. Subsequent silent book club meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at a different venue around town where readers can choose to purchase a snack or beverage. There is no obligation to do so.

If this sounds interesting,

please share your contact information with the Rockingham Library by calling 802-463-4270, emailing programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stopping by the library at 65 Westminster Street. This club, sponsored by Rockingham Library, is free and open to the public.

Bellows Falls Woman’s Club final meeting of the season

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Bellows Falls Woman’s Club will gather for their final meeting of the club year at the United Church, 8 School Street, on May 14, beginning at 12 p.m. The executive board will host a luncheon for all. Following the meal, officers for the 2024-2026 administration will be installed. Wrap-up reports of committees and the club will be discussed.

businesses in the town. Plans were made for the May 5 antiques appraisal event, with net proceeds earmarked to support the two high school scholarships.

The local library’s grandfather clock, which the club gave to the Rockingham Li-

brary in 1909, has been restored, and will be rededicated on June 1, at 12 p.m., at the library.

The executive board will meet during the summer to make plans for the next year of club meetings, which will begin on Sept. 10.

Cosmos fall to Tigers, defeat Rutland

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On April 18, the Springfield Unified Basketball team traveled to Middlebury Union High School to take on the Middlebury Tigers. It was the Cosmos third game of the season, which ended in a 20-34 loss against the tigers. This was the team’s first away game. Despite loss, athletes learned new skills and improved their game to beat Rutland on April 25, at Dressel Gym in Springfield, Vt.

The Middlebury game was low scoring for both teams. High scorers for the night were Trinity Todd with six points, to follow with four points were Isaiah Short, Emily Toner, and Sam Bailey. Rosie Leon chipped in two points for the Cosmos as well. For the Tigers, high scorers were Tyreese Tucker and Conner Swan, each with eight points, followed by Nate Buell with six points. A thank you to the Tigers for their sportsmanship.

On Thursday, April 25, at Dressler Gym, the Springfield Cosmos defeated Rutland 45-25.

First, Unified would like to thank Springfield students, families and friends, and our community for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come and watch this victory. The Cosmos dominated rebounding and shooting for the night. Aggressive defense by Echo Powers and Lucas Orchitt was phenomenal with his one-to-one defense.

At the end of the first quarter, the Cosms were behind by six with a score of 8-14. During the second quarter, the Cosmos’ momentum soared to gain the lead by four points with a halftime score of 21-17. Buckets from Bailey, Bills, and a free throw shot from Todd allowed for this lead.

It was in the second quarter that the Cosmos decid-

ed they were going to take this game from Rutland. Unified veteran senior Bailey is a strong asset for the Cosmos. He is aware on each end of the court and will beat every player to the block. Freshman Lucas Orchitt is a defensive asset to the team as he helps shut down the opposing team’s leading scorer. Echo Powers is another asset on defense.

Back to Back buckets in the third and fourth quarters from Toner, Johnson, Bailey, and Bills allowed the green and white to reign in a huge win. Nine of 11 players scored in the game.

For Rutland, Agee, Sabino, and Whitcome each contributed two, Morton added one, and Capen scored 18 for the night.



The Springfield Cosmos celebrate their win over Rutland. PHOTO PROVIDED

Stellafane Convention registration now open

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 2024 Stellafane Convention, the 88th convention of amateur telescope makers on Breezy Hill in Springfield, Vt., will be held Thursday, Aug. 1 – Sunday, Aug. 4.

Registration is now open. Register at www.stellafane.org any time before July 29. The lowest admission prices are available to those who register before June 29.

Our keynote speaker is Tony Hull, whose talk will be “From ATM and Stellafane to Polishing the Webb Mirrors,” which he supervised.

Preceding the convention, the Hartness House Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 1. The theme of the event this year will be “Eclectic Astronomy

III,” meaning the workshop will offer a broad spectrum of interesting individual talks. The slate for the day will be a heterogeneous collection of high-quality presentations, on a variety of astronomical subjects, with the usual opportunity to mingle with the speakers and other attendees at the historic Hartness House Inn. See the website for details; additional fees apply.

Other program highlights include a teen robotics program for ages 12-17; Observing Olympics for

binoculars and telescopes; an amateur telescope competition, both optical and mechanical; an amateur telescope-making demonstration; and swap tables; as well as a full program of daytime speakers talking on topics of interest to amateur astronomers and telescope makers at the beginner, intermediate, or advanced levels.

Saturday evening half chicken and half rack of rib dinner packages are avail-

able to order with your registration. Food services will be operating Thursday evening through Sunday morning.

The pink Stellafane Clubhouse was completed in 1924; this year is its 100th birthday. It’s a big part of the Stellafane Observatory National Historic Landmark. We have some special things planned – come be part of this celebration at this year’s Stellafane Convention.

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Vet Center Presentation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Wednesday, May 29, at 6 p.m., join us at the Springfield Town Library for an informative Vet Center Presentation.

Meet veterans outreach program specialist and U.S. Army veteran Morgana Isenberg. She will speak about the Vet Center and its services, including mental health counseling, groups, activities, and referral ser-

ices. Learn about the services and support available to veterans in our community. We’re confident that Morgana will be able to help with any questions you have.

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.springfield-townlibrary.org/calendar.

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I don't see why ennybody should mad at the trooth. If you cant have a spellen be or a bergalry fore excitement why don't sum buddy get up a nother ole folks concert or sumthin?

"Say Al, I perty neer forgot to tell you that me and Mandy went to the Bonvil fare and you no when we got to Rasonvil it took me so long to get to Bonvil count o there bein so meny cars in the rode that we got onto the fare grounds just as they was a playin Home sweet home waltz and i never see nuthin of the hors rasin er nuthin. Seems to me es how it wood be a good idee not to alogh on ottermobils on the rode fare days.

"Al, im sory yure nam sake got beet out for Pre-sedent, not that I think hees the man as shud have

it but just caus I hate to se a nam sake get in trubbel. my wife sais Hoover is the man es ort to hav it, she sais she bot one of them Hoover aperns down to yure store and it cant be beet and her dauter what she had bye her first man and lives down in Boston has got one of them Hoover kitchen cabnets and a man as is smart enuf to git up such useful things has got branes to no what else the people need. Enyhow i don't think it makes so much differense who he is es how folks take hold thereselves. Now fer instance take my nearest naybor hees just so fer ahead or behind al the time. He gets his wood for brekfast just in time fur dinner, plants his corn when he shud be hayin, and gets in his hay and pertaters at the same

time caus he has to get his taters before the ground freeses. Now it seems to me that a man es wood do that it woodent make much odds who was presedent as he is to far gorn to be helpd by ennybody.

"Well es Wil Rogers sais, "al i now is what i see by the papers" and ime going to keep on sawin wood and when Paul gets me i hope ill have enuff in the old teapot to put me in a quiet place.

"Well Al, cours it aint none of my bisnes bout yure paper but folks up here do set a store by it and i do hope you haint give up putting it out eny more specially as i want to put in a ad to sell my old white drivin hoss as Mandy sais she aint



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going to Bonvil fare next year unless she can have a lizzy so she can get there the same day. Well Al, Mandy sais if i don't come to bed shell blow out the candle so here goes. Good nite Al.
"Yure frend B.V.D.

"P.S. Next mornin. Oh, Al! Here's thet ad I spok of las nite in case you go to press agin afore the old white hoss kicks the buckit.

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B.V.D., Sumwheresin, Vt." *This week's old saying: "About all you can do on a shoestring today is trip."*

Athens Meetinghouse Plant Sale

ATHENS, Vt. - The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society, will hold our seventh annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens, Vt.

After a long winter, we relish the idea of this annual outdoor spring event. Visitors will find a variety of perennials, annuals, and vegetable seedlings on the lovely meetinghouse lawn, as well as delightful garden-related raffle prizes. Experienced gardeners will be there to answer questions and offer gardening advice.

The Athens Brick Meetinghouse is historically significant to the Windham County region of Vermont, and particularly the 12 surrounding towns which comprised the "Old Athens Circuit" - Grafton, Rockingham, Townshend, Londonderry, Weston, Chester, Acton, Springfield, Landgrove, Windham, Putney, and Mount Holly. Circuit preachers from Athens traveled out to these towns to perform religious services. Quarterly camp meetings with the Methodist congregants from these towns often lasted two days at the Athens Meetinghouse, which was known as the "Mother



The Athens Brick Meetinghouse. PHOTO PROVIDED

Church."

This national historic landmark, located at 2 Meetinghouse Road just off Route 35, will be open for viewing the meeting-

house sanctuary and vestibule during this event. All proceeds go to support ongoing efforts to preserve this unique historic gem. Donations made to the Athens Historic Preservation Society are fully tax deductible, and will support the preservation of the meetinghouse.

The meetinghouse will be open for visitors during the Plant Sale. For more information, or to make plant or other donations, contact Sherry Maher at 802-275-2835, or follow Athens Meetinghouse on Facebook.

St. Mark's garden plots available

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairgrounds Road in Springfield, announces that their garden plots are ready for "adoption." The garden is located behind the

church. These plots are entirely free. Those "adopting" a plot are responsible for their total care/seeding. Water is available on site. For further info, call Boris at 802-885-4163. Leave a message if necessary.

"400 Miles Down the Connecticut River"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Tuesday, May 28, at 6 p.m., the Springfield Town Library welcomes New York Times bestselling author Michael Tougias for his presentation "400 Miles Down the Connecticut River."

Join us for an exciting adventure as we embark on a thrilling journey down the beautiful Connecticut River. This in-person event promises to be an unforgettable experience.

New England's longest river, the Connecticut, is rich in history. Tougias offers a narrated slide presentation that takes the viewer down

the entire 410 miles of the river, discussing history from the days of loggers, Indian wars, steamships, and canals. Suggestions for day trips and weekend outings are included.

Tougias is a frequent guest on The Weather Channel, ABC's 20/20, NPR, and other national TV and radio programs.

This is a Vermont Humanities Council event, hosted by Springfield Town Library. Visit the library's calendar of events to sign up at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

SoVerA May monthly meeting

REGION - Join the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA) for our monthly Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

This month we will discuss the April 8 solar eclipse, and share our varied experiences of that phenomenon. There will be a brief discussion of the new solar telescope, which SoVerA now owns with two other local or-

ganizations. For those of you who took photographs of the event, please bring your images to share.

Monthly second-Tuesday meetings are a regular feature of SoVerA. You can find the link to our Zoom meetings at the SoVerA website, www.sovera.org.

We look forward to hearing your experience of the eclipse.

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Dance Factory students during a previous Spring Recital.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Dance Factory will present their 40th annual Spring Recital on Saturday, May 11, at Springfield High School in Springfield, Vt.

Students aged preschool through adult will showcase original works of ballet, pointe, modern, jazz, hip-hop, and tap dance in two separate shows, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Teen and adult dancers will appear in both performances.

“The dancers have been preparing for months, during class time and in extra rehearsals on Sunday,” said Dance Factory owner Kate Frizzell-DeRosia. “You can just feel their excitement. They can’t wait to show their family and friends how much they have accomplished this year.”

Advance tickets are available at Tina’s Hallmark and Woodbury Florist in Springfield, Sage Jewelry

and Gifts in Chester, and online through Eventbrite at df2024recital.eventbrite.com. Two-show tickets are discounted. Day-of tickets will be available at the door.

For more information on The Dance Factory’s Spring Recital, please visit www.dancefactoryvt.com, or email DanceFactoryVT@gmail.com.

VAULT Open Wall call for submissions

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time, as well as for seasoned artists.

The next show’s theme is “Sunsational.” You can bring in two works if they are 18 inches by 20 inches

or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc., are appreciated just as much as wall art. The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages. Wire on the back of wall art is needed for our hanging system. The time to bring in your creation is Wednesday, May 15, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Thursday, May 16, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Friday, May 17, from 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; or Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield, Vt. We are open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Fridays, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org or the gallery’s Facebook page. The gallery is ADA accessible.

Bandwagon Series opens with Mehrnam Rastegari

PUTNEY, Vt. — The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series opens its season with Persian musician Mehrnam Rastegari and Mediterranean surf trio Habbina Habbina on Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m., at The Putney Inn, 57 Putney Landing Road in Putney.

“When we kick off the Bandwagon Series, we are looking for an artist that delivers on our Bandwagon promise of diversity, virtuosity, and creativity,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “Mehrnam is a rising star in the New York City world music scene. The pairing of Mehrnam and Habbina Habbina brings joy, dancing, and a unique sonic experience. People should come prepared to dance!”

Mehrnam Rastegari is a prominent Persian musician, film score composer, singer, violinist, and master Kamancheh player. She has been featured in some of the most prestigious

music festivals worldwide, including GlobalFest, Secret Planet, and Ragas Live Festival in New York City; Fajr International Music Festival in Tehran, Iran; the World Music Expo in Tampere, Finland; the International Competition named after Tlep Aspantaily in Astana, Kazakhstan; and numerous concerts across the United States, Germany, Switzerland, France, Iran, and more.

The Brooklyn-based Mediterranean trio Habbina Habbina connects Brooklyn indie to Middle Eastern psychedelia and guitar twang mastery. Habbina Habbina plays what could be described as Mediterranean surf, with a surfing style that owes much to the Middle Eastern side of Dick Dale, or the Western side of Omar Khorshid. Habbina Habbina, named after a beloved song by Syrian singer Farid El-Atrache, takes its inspiration from Egyptian pop, Greek tunes, as well as all sorts of retro Mediterranean hits, James Bond Soundtracks, Umm Kulthum, Aris San, and many more.

The Bandwagon Summer Series is a family-friendly outdoor cultural performance series running from early May through mid-October. More than 20 performances, ranging from a diverse group of musical styles, circus arts, dance, and theater, will take place at ballfields, farms, and parks throughout Windham County. Kids under 12 always get in for free, and a dedicated play area will be available at all shows. Refreshments are sold on site, including the return of the hugely popular Barr Hill cocktails. Bring a picnic and a blanket or fold-up chair to enjoy our concerts.

The Putney Inn is located at 57 Putney Landing Road in Putney. Tickets are discounted in advance at www.nextstagearts.org. For more information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website above.

Support for the Bandwagon Summer Series is provided by M&T Bank, Oak Meadow, The Porch Cafe & Catering, Brattleboro Reformer, and Barr Hill.

Hanneke Cassel Band at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. — Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present Hanneke Cassel Band, featuring Keith Murphy and Jenna Moynihan, plus Yann Falquet, at Next Stage on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m.

Effervescent and engaging, Boston-based fiddler Hanneke Cassel’s fiddle music fuses influences from the Isle of Skye and Cape Breton with Americana grooves and musical innovations. She has performed and traveled across North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Hanneke’s music is a blend of the contemporary and traditional, described by the Boston Globe as “exuberant and rhythmic, somehow wild and innocent, delivered with captivating melodic clarity and an irresistible playfulness.”

The Hanneke Cassel Band features Jenna Moynihan on five-string fiddle/vocals, and Keith Murphy on guitar/vocals. Jenna Moynihan is regarded as one of the best in the new generation of fiddle players. Versatile and inventive, her fiddling style draws strongly from the Scottish tradition, but is in no way bound by it. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, Jenna performs as part of a duo with cutting edge harpist Mairi Chaimbeul and is the regular fiddler for the Seamus Egan Project. Newfoundland-born guitarist Keith Murphy began absorbing his native musical languages – folk songs, ballads, and dance music – from an early age. A proficient multi-instrumentalist, he has long applied considerable energy to the rhythmic side of music, becoming a valued band member and highly sought-after side-

man on guitar, mandolin, and foot percussion.

Together, the Hanneke Cassel Band creates a cutting-edge acoustic sound that retains the integrity and spirit of the Scottish tradition.

Yann Falquet is a very active and creative acoustic guitar player on the Quebecois music scene. He has explored many styles of music, and completed a bachelor’s degree in jazz. Since then, he has developed a personal guitar style for Quebec folk music, inspired by the playing of the accompanists of different cultures (Brittany, Scandinavia, Ireland, North America).

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

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The Take a Break will be back next week due to lack of space

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding

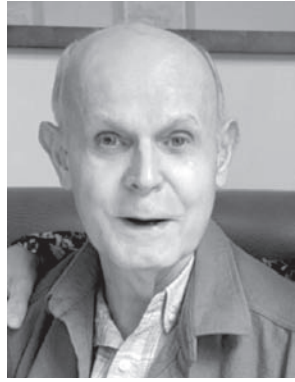
CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Ernest L. Brochu, 1948-2024

LACONIA, N.H. – Ernest L. Brochu of Laconia, N.H., passed away at Concord Hospital – Laconia after a brief illness, with family at his side. Ernie was born on May 17, 1948, to Phillip and Marilyn (Pat) Smith in Hardwick, Vt.

Ernie grew up with his brother Donald “Doni” in Springfield, Vt. As a kid, he was always busy with his paper route and shoveling driveways during the winter, enlisting Doni’s help on all these endeavors. Money was spent on candy and comic books, saving up to buy his first car, a 1956 Chevy Bel Air, and later a ’64 convertible. He was known to wash his cars three times weekly, to keep them shining. After graduating from Springfield High School, Ernie joined the Navy. He was a machinist on the USS Gilmore, a submarine tender; and the USS Barney, a destroyer. He travelled throughout the Mediterranean Sea, and enjoyed sightseeing at the many ports of call. Ernie was very proud to serve his country during the Vietnam War years. After his discharge, he spent more than 35 years as a machinist for Sturm, Ruger & Co. It was here that he met his wife Carrie. After retirement, they moved to Leesburg, Fla., to enjoy the warmer climate, getting away from the New England winters. Following Carrie’s death, Ernie



Ernest Brochu, 1948-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

returned to New Hampshire and lived with his daughter Lori, who helped care for him as his health began to fail.

Ernie was predeceased by his wife Carrie (Templeton) Brochu, and his parents Phillip and Pat Brochu. He is survived by his daughter Lori (and Brian) Hurst of Laconia, N.H.; son Paul Brochu of Leesburg, Fla.; his brother Donald (and Kathleen) Brochu of Weathersfield, Vt.; his stepdaughter Terri Templeton (and Leland) of Windsor, Vt.; and three grandchildren Logan, Sydney, and Ethan.

A graveside service with military honors was held on May 6, 2024, at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Tilton VA Clinic, 630 West Main Street, Tilton, N.H.

To view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinson-bane.com.

David E. Robarge, 1949-2024

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – David E. Robarge of Saxtons River, Vt., passed away peacefully with his family by his side on April 28, 2024, after complications from pulmonary disease. David was born Oct. 24, 1949, in Bellows Falls, Vt. He was the oldest of six children of Richard and Rita (DeMag) Robarge. He graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1967. After high school, he started working with his father as an apprentice plumber, and eventually took over the family business. In December of 1967, he met the love of his life Maureen Robarge (Waryas), and they married three years later on Dec. 31, 1970, at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, Vt. Together they had four children: Becky Bryant (David Jr.) of Springfield, Vt., Joel Robarge (Shana) of Drexel Hill, Pa., Melissa Benson (Adam) of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Joshua Robarge (Nicole) of Alstead, N.H. He enjoyed spending time with his eight grandchildren, teaching them how to “fix” whatever was broken, and passing on “words of wisdom,” whether or not it was elicited. He could be counted on for his wit, and keeping you on your toes. He enjoyed watching birds, feeding his fish, and tinkering.

He is predeceased by his



David Robarge, 1949-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

parents; brothers Richard “Ricky,” Thomas, Lawrence, and Jaime; and a brother-in-law James Waryas.

He is survived by his wife; children; grandchildren David and Branden Bryant, Levi and Eden Robarge, Logan and Elizabeth Benson, and Bryce and Addisyn Robarge; and a brother Clifford Robarge of Windham, Vt.

There will be no calling hours. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Monday, May 6, 2024, at St. Charles Church, at 11 a.m. At a later date, a private interment will be held at the family cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The American Lung Association, 372 Hurricane Lane, Williston, VT 05495.

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

Barbara A. Stoodley, 1951-2024

LOMPOC, Calif. – With sadness we report the passing, after a long illness, of Barbara Ann (Fenderson) Stoodley (May 31, 1951 – April 20, 2024), in Lompoc, Calif. She was the daughter of Ernest and Marjorie (Drew) Fenderson of Charlestown, N.H. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years Dr. Roland Stoodley, and her older sister Virginia (Fenderson) Poisson Pere. She leaves behind an older sister Joanne (Fenderson) Reed and her husband Loren Reed of Charlestown, N.H., and an older brother G.K. Fenderson and his partner Shelton Ramey of Acworth, N.H. She is also survived by her nieces Heather (Poisson) Blackwelder and Betsy (Knight) Mellish, her nephews Fred Poisson Jr. and Aaron Knight, and their spouses and children; as well as Roland’s children Keith, Karen, Dawna, Darcy, and Holley. She was predeceased by her niece Martha (Thomas) Faxon.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful care that Keith and Karen gave to Barbara. They were so caring. She was rightly proud of her academic achievements, which included advanced nursing degrees and bach-



Barbara Stoodley, 1951-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

elor’s degree from Keene State College. She was devoted to her two golden retrievers, and her cat Wendy. She took her golden retriever service dogs to different facilities, so that people in nursing homes and hospitals could pet them.

On Sunday, May 26, an informal remembrance gathering will be held at the home of her brother G.K. Fenderson, 384 Grout Hill Road, Acworth, N.H., at 1 p.m., followed by a brief garden tour. Please bring memories and stories only; food and drinks will be provided. For information, call 603-835-6439, or email Hyddude@myfairpoint.net. All who knew and loved Barbie are welcome. A private burial service will be held later.

Andrew Dufresne service announcement

REGION – The family of Andrew (Andy) V. Dufresne, who passed away Saturday, March 9, 2024, would like to announce his funeral services.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 12-2 p.m., at the American Legion Post #29 in Claremont, N.H. Lunch will be provided.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, June 29, at 10 a.m., at St. Norbert’s Catholic Church in Hardwick, Vt., followed by a reception at St. Norbert’s Julian Room.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial gift be made in his memory to the Disabled American Veterans, 215 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001.

Erma Heidtmann graveside service

CHESTER, Vt. – A graveside service for Erma Heidtmann, who passed away Jan. 12, 2024, will be held on Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m., at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. Reverend James Shea will officiate.

William E. Nelson memorial service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A memorial service for The Rev. William E. Nelson, who passed away Nov. 15, 2023, will be held on May 19, at 1:30 p.m., at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

John Snarski Jr. graveside service

CAVENDISH, Vt. – A graveside service for John Snarski Jr., who passed away Feb. 16, 2024, will be held on May 25, at 11 a.m., at the Cavendish Village Cemetery in Cavendish, Vt. A reception will follow at the Bartonville Grange Hall.

Susan Stebbins, 1958-2024

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Susan Stebbins, 66, of Saxtons River, passed away on April 27, 2024, at the Springfield Hospital. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 30, 1958, to her adoptive parents Grant and Katherine Frazer.

Susan worked many years waitressing at Rita’s Coffee Stop in Bellows Falls, and drove truck for St. Pierre Trucking. Susan loved nature, flower gardening, and all animals. Susan was a history enthusiast, especially local and Vermont-related development. She loved collecting and dealing with antiques, if only for the story behind the items. Her rebellious wit and humor was legendary to all she encountered, and she easily struck up a conversation wherever

she went. Susan loved architecture and construction design and, as such, building was her passion.

Susan is survived by her children Dr. Rachel Stebbins-Navy, Amy Vandergriff, and Caleb Stebbins. She is also survived by her five grandchildren Jasmine Auclair, Noah Auclair, Hope Navy, Amon Bingham, and Lucas Perrigo. She also leaves many friends.

Susan was predeceased by her parents and son-in-law.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, May 8, from 4-6 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home.

CAVENDISH, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.
Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to www.facebook.com/sjamesumproctorsville.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person. Sunday services run from September to early June. Contact chestertvu@gmail.com for a Zoom link for the service.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.
Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
We welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

PERKINSVILLE, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow
Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5
Please join us for church on May 12, at 10 a.m. Communion will be served, and we will have a special service for our mothers. All moms will be given a gift at church, and mothers that are deceased will be remembered. There will also be a children’s message. Rev. Richard O’Donnell welcomes you, and we will have coffee hour after in the Fellowship Hall.

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MAY 9 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Memory Cafe will be held on Thursday, May 9, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the United Church of Ludlow. A memory cafe is a wonderfully welcoming place for caregivers and their loved ones who are challenged with forms of dementia or other cognitive disorders and debilitating conditions. It is a safe and comfortable space where caregivers and their loved ones can socialize, listen to music, play games, enjoy nutritious snacks, and connect. All memory cafes are free and open to all. People with early stage Alzheimer's are welcome and encouraged to join.

MAY 10 –
W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Friday, May 10, from 5-7 p.m., Bob Ray &

Friends will be playing at the West Townshend Country Store's pizza night. The store is located at 6573 Route 30 in West Townshend. For more information, email info@westtownshend.org or call 802-874-4800.

MAY 11 –
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North Springfield Baptist Church will be holding an indoor yard, rummage, and bake sale on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lots of good, clean items to choose from. The church is located at 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield, Vt., and is handicap accessible.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will hold a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. – 2

p.m., at 5 School Street. This will be the nonprofit's first sale of the season, with many great new items available.

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Historical Society will hold its May meeting on Saturday, May 11, at the former Plymouth Elementary School, due to Mothers' Day occurring on Sunday, May 12. The meeting will start at 2 p.m., and all are welcome.

RUTLAND, Vt. – Join The Boot Pro for our second annual free Bike Demo Day at Pine Hill Park in Rutland, Vt., on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring the family and explore the trails at Pine Hill Park on our bikes. We'll set you up on a full suspension e-bike or traditional mountain bike and show you our favorite trails. Come out to ride with The Boot Pros, and learn more about the bikes available for purchase or rental at our shop in Ludlow. Group-guided rides will leave our tent in 30-45 minute intervals. Registration is on site. First come, first served.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield United Methodist Church will hold a bake sale during the farmers market on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the church, 10 Valley Street. Everyone is welcome.

MAY 13 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Monday, May 13, from 12-5:30 p.m., at the Ludlow American Legion. Call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street, will serve lunch on Monday, May 13, at 12 p.m. The menu will consist of baked chicken breast, gravy, mashed potatoes, and tossed salad, with Hawaiian cake with cream cheese frosting for dessert. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-7421. Free cash bingo will follow lunch. All are welcome.

MAY 14 –
W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 14, from 5-7 p.m., The Buzzards will be playing at the West Townshend Country Store's burger night. The store is located at 6573 Route 30 in West Townshend. For more information, email info@westtownshend.org or call 802-874-4800.

MAY 15 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The First Congregational Church of Springfield will hold their May free community lunch on Wednesday, May 15, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The menu will be barbecued chicken legs and thighs, rolls, pasta, and green salad, with pineapple cake for dessert.

MAY 17 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, is hosting a free Pop-Up Oral Health Clinic for people 50 and older on Friday, May 17, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Identification and insurance are not required. Please call 802-289-0588 to reserve an appointment time, or for more information.

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Friday, May 17, from 5-7 p.m., Tam Lin will be performing Celtic fiddle tunes at the West Townshend Country Store's pizza night. The store is located at 6573 Route 30 in West Townshend. For more information, email info@westtownshend.org or call 802-874-4800.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Proctorsville Fire Department has identified the need to upgrade our departments licensure from the license level of Vermont Emergency First Responder to the Basic EMT License Level to operate in Cavendish Fire District #1 (Proctorsville) and is applying for this upgraded licensure by the Vermont Department of Health. This service proposes to begin operation on June 6, 2024 within the geographical boundaries of Cavendish Fire District #1. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Emergency Medical Services Statute, public comments are invited to be received by the department by May 16, 2024.

Address comments to:
 Vermont Department of Health
 Office of Public Health Preparedness and EMS
 P.O.Box 70
 Burlington VT 05402-0070

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.

Candidates are required to hold a VT Driver's License, have a High School diploma or equivalent and a valid CDL Class B Driver's License, successfully pass a background check, and participate in drug testing.

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. 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

Proposals may be sent to Shawna Batogowski, Selectboard Administrative Assistant at 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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NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2023-2024 tax year remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Alpen Woodworks LLC by Warranty Deed of Chad Prouty dated June 2, 2022 and recorded on June 6, 2022 in Book 71 at Page 31 of the Andover Land Records. (E-911 address: Howard Hill Rd. [land only], Parcel #011000087.000)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 6th day of June, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, Vermont this 2nd day of May, 2024

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Amy Altobelli by Warranty Deed of John M. Houlihan, Joyce M. Houlihan, and Robert E. Houlihan dated December 12, 2003 and recorded on December 29, 2003 in Book 45 at Page 163 of the Andover Land Records. (E-911 address: 627 Little Pond Rd., Parcel #011000046.100)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 6th day of June, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, Vermont this 2nd day of May, 2024

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The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to William B. Sepe by Warranty Deed of Arthur J. Connolly and Virginia P. Connolly, dated February 5, 2001 and recorded February 7, 2001 in Book 38 at Page 210 of the Andover Land Records. (E-911 address: Hill Top Rd., Parcel #008200066.000)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 6th day of June, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, Vermont this 2nd day of May, 2024

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It being that portion of those lands and premises situated in Andover, Vermont conveyed to Tater Hill Properties LLC by Limited Warranty Deed of Okemo Limited Liability Company, dated June 30, 2021 and recorded on September 15, 2021 in Book 69 at Page 453 of the Andover Land Records. (E-911 address: Howard Hill Rd., Parcel #011000086.000)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 6th day of June, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, Vermont this 2nd day of May, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Sea Eagle SE 9 inflatable boat with sun canopy, motor bracket, pump, and oars. New, never used, \$650. Electric motor and battery box, \$200, also new. Call 802-384-0347.

Rockingham Library offers museum and park passes

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Looking for something fun, educational, and free to do with family? Have guests coming into town and want to show off Vermont's cultural highlights? The Rockingham Free Public Library offers cardholders passes to museums, parks, and institutions throughout the state and in nearby communities. Passes can be reserved up to a month in advance, and provide free or greatly-reduced admission. Each pass can be checked out by library card holders age 18 and older for three days at a time.

Cheshire Children's Museum in Keene, N.H.

This spring and summer, the Rockingham Public Library invites you to discover Vermont's treasures with trips to museums, parks, and historical sites. This exciting service is provided by the financial support of the Friends of the Rockingham Library, the Vermont Department of Libraries, and individual institutions. For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go online to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

Park and Museum passes available at the library include Echo Lake Aquarium and Science Center in Burlington, Vt.; The Nature Museum in Grafton, Vt.; Vermont's History Museum in Barre, Vt.; Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, N.H.; Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, Vt.; Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock, Vt.; Vermont State Parks; Vermont Historic Sites; and the

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The Take a Break will be back next week due to lack of space

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Andover Select Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024 for the purpose of receiving comment on the discontinuance of the remaining .07 miles of Christmas Tree Road (TH #38) which is currently a Class 3 Town Road. The site visit will begin at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will convene immediately following the site visit at the Andover Town Office.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 1th day of May, 2024.

Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk

Town of Londonderry, VT JOB OPENINGS

Road Crew Member/Equipment Operator

Work includes plowing, grading, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties. A clean driving record, a CDL license, and the ability to pass drug/alcohol tests are required. Highway/road maintenance experience preferred. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits.

Parks Maintenance Employee

Part-time, seasonal Parks Maintenance position to help maintain grounds and recreation infrastructure in all of Londonderry's Town-owned parks.

Transfer Station Attendant

Part-time (5 hours per week) Transfer Station Attendant to work on weekends. Backhoe experience preferred.

Further information is available on the Town website: www.londonderryvt.org. Applicants must complete and submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site. Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Other supporting information from applicants is welcome.

Positions opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.

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 10th, 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)

Other instructions will be provided after making initial contact.

NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee Ballots for the Springfield Town School District Meeting being held Tuesday, May 21, 2024, are available at the Springfield Town Clerk's Office. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, and you didn't already make a request for "all local elections" with your pre-Town Meeting absentee ballot request, please contact the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible in person, in writing, by phone or by email. If you make your absentee request in person, you can choose to vote your ballot and return it before leaving the Town Clerk's Office. If returning your ballots by mail, allow extra time for postal delivery. An Absentee Request Form can be found on the town's website <https://springfieldvt.gov> or you may request your ballots online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. The deadline for requesting absentee ballots is Monday, May 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote any time at the Town Clerk's office or online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. Prior to May 21, 2024, absentee ballots may be returned in-person, through regular mail and after hours through mail slots located in town hall entrances. All voted absentee ballots must be received at the polls by the Town Clerk before the close of polls at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. The polls are located at Riverside Middle School in the gymnasium and will open on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office will not be open on May 21, 2024. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC - 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 (802) 885-2104 tosclerk@vermontel.net

Chester Ambulance Full-time EMT/AEMT

Chester Ambulance is excited to announce a full-time EMT/AEMT position. The ideal candidate will be an AEMT or have the ability to achieve it within one year. Candidate will also have a strong passion for community-oriented health care. Chester Ambulance has a strong passion for the community. As a department we are building a community paramedicine program, interfacility transfers as well as advancing to the paramedic level. The ideal candidate would have strong leadership skills, as leadership opportunities could become available.

Candidate should possess the following knowledge and skills:

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

We work closely with the Chester Police Department and Fire Department and encourage cross-training such as, Fire fighter, Rope Rescue, Swift Water, law Enforcement.

Inquire by sending your resume with a Town of Chester Application to:
Town of Chester, VT
PO Box 370, Chester, VT 05143
Or emailed: michael.randzio@chestervt.gov

WARNING SPECIAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING HYBRID (PHYSICAL AND REMOTE)

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) until 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot for the following article:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY-NINE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED TWO and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$39,496,702.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

Two (2) public informational hearings will be held in-person, and will be accessible remotely by electronic means, at the Springfield High School on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the proposed school budget as presented in Article 1.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS WILL BE ACCESSIBLE REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:

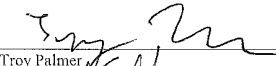
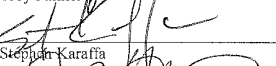

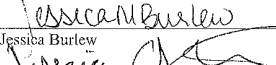
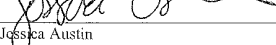
For May 13, 2024:

- GOOGLE MEET ID LINK: meet.google.com/ngd-filhq-tbc
- By telephone: Dial +1 502-632-7392 and when prompted enter the PIN 901 476 534#.
- Meeting link can also be accessed on the home page of the School District Website: ssdvt.org
- Watch live on SAPA TV or stream it from Sapatv.org

For May 20, 2024:

- GOOGLE MEET ID LINK: meet.google.com/oqn-dxum-zkg
- By telephone: Dial +1 240-317-4979 and when prompted enter the PIN 682 684 591#.
- Meeting link can also be accessed on the home page of the School District Website: ssdvt.org
- Watch live on SAPA TV or stream it from Sapatv.org

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.


Troy Palmer

Stephen Karafis

Denise Hunter

Jessica Burlew

Jessica Austin

Board of School Directors
Springfield Town School District

Notice posted in four public places on the 3rd day of May, 2024

M&T Bank Mall
North Springfield Post Office
Springfield Municipal Office
Springfield Town Library
Springfield School District Website: <http://www.ssdvt.org>

Attest: 
Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC

Art Crafts Gifts

GALLERY AT THE VAULT

Art Crafts Gifts & Workshops
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Shop Pottery, Glass, Children's Items, Woodenware, Scarves, Jewelry, Cards, Fine Art, and More
<http://galleryvault.org>

Faces of Mass Incarceration
Portraits by Rein Colts, May 3 to May 24
Reception: May 3, 5-6:30

Silk Scarf Show & Sale by Teresa Flowers
Open Wall: *Thoughts of Spring*
Raku Pottery Workshop w/ Andrew Berends
5/4 & 5/11 <https://galleryvault.org/workshops/>
(07/17/24 - TFN - 13)

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Chiropractor

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(08/14/24 - TFN - 52)

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(05/22/24 - 13)

Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Ludlow Municipal Update
- State Rep. Logan Nicoll Visits ESRB
- Regional Youth Basketball Tournaments from Tech Gym
- Legislative Wrap-Up w/ Rep. Tasha Buss

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 - TFN - 13)

Organic Lawn & Land Care

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(08/07/24 - 26)

health news

LEGAL NOTICES

Grace Cottage Spring into Health 5K

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is hosting its 15th annual Spring into Health 5K on May 11, on the Townshend Common. The event begins with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. You can run, walk, roll, stroll, or push your baby carriage for this fun, family-friendly event. There is a registration fee for adults; children under the age of 18 are free with signed parent/guardian

permission. To register, go to www.gracecottage.org/events. A virtual option is also available. Register at the same link. You can also register in person just before the event. For more information, contact Grace Cottage Foundation at info@gracecottage.org, or call 802-365-9109. All proceeds from this event will benefit healthcare services at Grace Cottage.

Health care talk

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Is your health care unaffordable? Do you have barriers to getting the care you need? Have you been cut off of Medicaid, or are you at risk of losing it? Are you dealing with medical debt? Do you have ideas about health justice to share with others? Join Windham County members of the Vermont Workers' Center at a Health Justice Jam on May 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the Rockingham Free Public Library Meeting Room, for a discussion about how we can work together for a system in which everyone is

able to enjoy the human right to health care. Participants are encouraged to share experiences with the health care system. Local health resources and free blood pressure screenings will be available. Light refreshments will be served. Child care and interpretation by request by May 6 to windham@workerscenter.org or 802-257-4436. RSVP at www.workerscenter.org/2024springtour, to let the hosts know you're coming and to get updates. This program is free and open to the public.

Your input wanted

REGION - Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, the Brattleboro Retreat, and Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital need your input to assess the health needs of our community. Every three years, these organizations conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), to learn more about the health concerns and needs of the communities they serve. Based on the information gathered, each healthcare facility will develop an implementation plan to address these needs.

A community survey is now ready for input at www.tinyurl.com/WindhamCHNA. The link is open until May 27. The survey is for Windham County residents, and those who receive healthcare in Windham County. It can also be accessed via a QR code on the organizations' websites and Facebook pages, and on posters at the three facilities and throughout the county. All answers are anonymous. These healthcare organizations are also seeking input from representatives of groups serving Windham County residents and via focus groups.

Older Americans Month

REGION - In late February, case manager Pam Halme visited one of her clients, Marjorie (not her real name), who was turning 99 soon. Marjorie has polio, and is unable to move herself in any way, but has been able to stay in her own home now for many years. Pam provides care coordination services to Marjorie through Choices for Care, a longterm care program, and ensures that home health aides come seven days per week, twice per day, to assist her. Years ago, when Marjorie was in the hospital, her family was told that she could not live at home, but because of her fierce determination, the consistency of Pam's care coordination, and her home care services, Marjorie is still at home, closely connected to her family.

Established in 1963, Older Americans Month is celebrated every May as a time to recognize older Americans' contributions, and reaffirm commitments to serving the older adults in our communities. You may have a neighbor or a grandmother in circumstances like Marjorie's. This month, we are celebrating older Vermonters who have persevered and continue to thrive in their communities. In the 2023 Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community, the U.S. Surgeon General states, "Loneliness is far more than just a bad feeling - it harms both individual and societal health. It is associated with a greater risk of cardiovascular disease, dementia, stroke, depression, anxiety, and premature death." At Senior Solutions, the area agency on aging serving the southeastern Vermont region, we are charged under the Older Americans Act, established in 1965, to plan and develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and supports for older adults and family caregivers. The strategic and timely help we provide has been especially developed to enable older Vermonters such as Marjorie to thrive at home and in their communities.

The combination of our rural characteristics and our aging population, along with the recent pandemic, creates prime conditions for entrenching social isolation for older Vermonters. It is critical for their wellbeing and the wellbeing of our communities that we reach out to them with information about activities they can participate in and services that help them to stay connected. Services such as the Uber-like microtransit bus service in Windsor and Brattleboro have been a godsend in this regard. Senior centers and local Cares groups throughout the area provide weekly meals and activities for social enrichment. Meals on Wheels delivery drivers bring nourishment in the form of nutritious food, a warm smile, and perhaps some local news. In several towns throughout the region, community nurses are a vital source of health information and care coordination that strengthens their clients' connection to medical services and their communities. Our Memory Cafe events bring caregivers and their loved ones together for peer support and enriching activities for those living with dementia. For anyone who is or has been a caregiver, creating opportunities for social connectedness is paramount to their wellbeing.

At Senior Solutions, we continually seek out new opportunities with our community partners to create networks of services and events to bring folks together to share a meal, a story, or just a smile and a handshake. What can you do to connect with the older citizens in your community? Stop in and say hello. **Written by Mark Boutwell, executive director, Senior Solutions.**

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NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE

William E. Dakin, Jr., Esq., and Patricia G. Benelli, Esq., announce that they are retiring from the practice of law and closing the law office of Dakin & Benelli, P.C., as of June 30, 2024.

If you would like information from your file, please contact info@dakinbenelli.com.

We look forward to finishing the legal work that is in process.

William E. Dakin, Jr.,
May 2, 2024


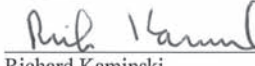

Warning

The legal voters of the of the Town of Plymouth, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that a petition has been filed by at least 5% of the registered voters, of the Town of Plymouth, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, to reconsider Article 6 from the annual town meeting held on March 4, 2024 that was done by a show of hands vote at the meeting. As a result, the Town will hold a Special Meeting at the Plymouth Municipal Building at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at seven o'clock PM (7:00 PM) to re-vote Article 6. The meeting shall be conducted by the Moderator consistent with Robert's Rules of Order. The vote for reconsideration shall be controlled by a simple majority vote of the registered voters present at the meeting. Article 6 stated the following:

Article 6. To see if the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth will vote to exempt the property owned by Bethany Birches Camp Inc. located at 2610 Lynds Hill Road (parcel id: 000167) from the educational portion of the property taxes for a period of five (5) years commencing with the 2024 tax year?

Dated at Plymouth, Vermont, this 15th day of April, 2024.

Town of Plymouth, Select Board

 Jay Kullman, Chairman	4-15-24 Date
 Richard Kaminski	4-15-24 Date
 Keith Cappellini	4/15/24 Date

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)
WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont


Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:00 pm on **Monday, June 3, 2024** to consider the following:

Application # 24-35	Application # 24-35 FINAL PLAT HEARING Jose Guallpa (Owner & Applicant) property located at US Route 5 & Metcalf. The Applicant is requesting a Major sub-division. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Historic Village District; Article IX Historic Preservation Overlay; Article X Agricultural Overlay District; Article VIII Sub-Division of Land (Major Sub-Division) of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.
Application # 24-39	Application # 24-39 Carl Crook & Marni Rosner (Owner & Applicant) property located at 230 Three Dog Lane. The Applicant is requesting a Minor Sub-division. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District and 447 Rural Residential; Article XIV Ridgeline Protection Overlay (Partial); & Article VIII Sub-Division of Land (Minor Sub-Division) of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.
Application # 24-40	Application # 24-40 Daniel Kissel Jr. & Mariah Hayes (Owner & Applicant) PRELIMINARY PLAT HEARING, property is located at Pine Banks Road. The Applicant is requesting a Major Sub-Division. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential District; and Article VIII Sub-Division of Land (Major Sub-Division) of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.
Application # 24-41	Application # 24-41 Eli Reed (Owner & Applicant) property is located at 3320 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting the removal of damaged siding and will paint the original brick in the Historic District. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Historic Village District; Article IX Historic Preservation Overlay of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.



Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator

The Town of Charlestown is accepting applications for a full-time position as an Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator.

Previous experience in municipal water and/or wastewater operations is highly desirable but the Town is willing to train the right applicant. Position requires a good general knowledge of skill and work practices, methods, tools, and equipment appropriate to water and wastewater systems operations and of public works construction and maintenance. Should have a good working knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions necessary in the operation of utility equipment, power tools and working with potentially hazardous chemicals and substances. Must be able to comprehend and exercise work safety procedures as required by law. Applicants must have a good work ethic, positive attitude, be a hard worker and a team player.

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.

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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.

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