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Study recommends fire department consolidation

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – After a recent study conducted by AP Triton LLC, a Wyoming-based firm specializing in fire service, fire prevention, and emergency medical services, it has been recommended to the towns that three local fire departments – Bellows Falls, Rockingham, and Saxtons River – merge into one, district-wide fire department.

The study was recently discussed during a joint meeting at the Rockingham Town Hall between the Rockingham Selectboard, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees, and the Saxtons River Village Trustees. At the meeting, AP Triton project manager John Stouffer gave a remote presentation discussing several options. The study was conducted through private, online surveys with the fire department's employees and elected town officials, as well as gathering detailed descriptions of each facility and its functions.

Another option discussed during the Zoom meeting was to combine the Rockingham and Saxtons River fire departments by building a new fire station/community center at the Saxtons

River Recreation Area on Pleasant Valley Road. However, it was uncertain whether the deed on the property would allow a fire station to be built on the land. Currently, the Saxtons River fire station is reportedly in poor condition, and too small to serve the department properly.

A third scenario discussed would be to continue maintaining three stations, but with limited equipment housed at the two smaller facilities. This scenario also recommends the hiring of two full-time firefighters, to be based at the Bellows Falls station.

After the meeting, the three boards decided to present all the options to the Rockingham Fire Equipment Committee for further consideration. The fire equipment group is comprised of the three fire chiefs, Bellows Falls' Shaun McGinnis, Saxtons River's Art Smith, and Rockingham's Kevin Kingsbury, and also one representative from each of the three boards, as well as Rockingham town manager Scott Pickup.

"After the tri-board meet-

ing in April, a unanimous decision was made to kick the study back to the fire equipment committee for an implementation plan," Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis said in a recent interview. "The committee will look at the study and tailor a plan that we feel works for the town, and then we'll make our recommendation to the tri-board."

The next committee meeting is June 10, at the town hall, and then the next tri-board meeting is set for June 25. At this time, the Rockingham and Saxtons River Fire Departments are staffed by volunteers, with the Bellows Falls Fire Department staffing a paid fire chief and paid, on-call firefighters. Previously, Bellows Falls employed a full-time fire department, but it was eliminated more than three years ago.



Bellows Falls Fire & Police station. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

Springfield must repair main sewer lines

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – At Monday night's May 13 Springfield Selectboard meeting, two representatives from Vermont Telephone (VTel) were in attendance to present the board with a plaque recognizing the Town of Springfield as a Smart Rural Community (SRC). The first town in Vermont designated as an SRC, the recognition acknowledges Springfield as one of the top 50 work-from-home locations in the country.

Amber Wilson, director of customer care for VTel since 1997, and Andrea Spaans from VTel's sales and marketing division, were in attendance, stating they were proud to recognize Springfield as "one of our state's rising stars – with a strong dedication to local community, economic progress, and an openness to change."

Calling the town "Vermont's prize technological hub," Wilson stated, "As a local business ourselves, [VTel] couldn't be prouder to see Springfield continuing to attract smart entrepreneurs and developers looking to invest resources locally."

Town manager Jeff Mobus reported on two vacancies, one on the library board of trustees, and the other on the Springfield Trails and Rural Economy (ST&RE) Committee. Mobus declined to officially recommend the candidate

for library trustee because she is his daughter, Carrie Mobus, but recommended the board appoint Susan White to ST&RE.

The board moved to approve the appointment of both candidates, and library director Sue Dowdell thanked the board for acting to fill the vacancy. "I think [Carrie will] be an excellent asset," Dowdell remarked.

As in past years, the board voted to grant a permit to Mainly Marathons to hold an event on the Toonerville Trail on June 13, from 5 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mobus mentioned the town had already received a certificate of insurance from the group, and since there had been no incidents reported in prior years, he recommended the approval of the permit.

At the last regular selectboard meeting, Mobus told the board that, because of the recent sewer main break near 100 River Street, the State of Vermont had required further investigation into the incident. Mobus reported on the additional investigation, which showed the adjacent and down-flow lines to be in very poor shape, and now the state has given the town a deadline of May 18 to develop a plan that will address the conditions of the lines.

Mobus detailed actions taken so far by Wastewater Superintendent Nate Fraser and the Dufresne Group, to apply for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) money and contracting with Dufresne to prepare a preliminary engineering report (PER), a requirement of receiving SRF funding.

Explaining that the project will likely require additional funding, Mobus said the proposed timeline includes a bond vote in March 2025, prior to the start of construction that summer. In the meantime, Mobus asked for board approval to purchase a bypass pump that will allow the town to minimize any environmental damage caused by a future sewer line break.

There was some discussion over the initial cost of hiring Dufresne to develop a PER and timeline for the process, quoted at \$45,000. Added to the cost to purchase the bypass pump, \$45,758, the total of \$90,000 was already a large amount to cover for a nonbudgeted expenditure, and that was to be only the beginning.

Mobus summarized what will be part of the Dufresne Group's scope of work, including camera inspections of mains on River, Main, and Mineral Streets. Mobus then spoke about increased expenses associated with replacing damaged water lines, past failures to successfully plan for yearly costs which contributed to the current shortfall, rising salary and benefits expense, and the general need to increase funding to the water and wastewater budget.

Mobus remarked, "The town has a plan to improve our roads over time, the RSMS, [and] we really should have a similar plan to improve our water and wastewater lines."

The next regular selectboard meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, moving it from the original date of May 27, Memorial Day.

Trustees switch to summer meeting schedule

BY PAULA BENSON
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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – At the Tuesday night, May 14, meeting of the Bellows Falls Trustees, Rockingham town manager Scott Pickup presented the summer schedule for the joint boards. With the exception of handling urgent matters, the trustees agreed to a once-per-month schedule, and set their next meeting for June 18.

Pickup announced that the police department, in collaboration with FACT TV, will be producing a short video/public service announcement to inform the public about traffic and pedestrian safety in the downtown Bellows Falls area. The PSA will run ahead of movie screenings at the Opera House.

"The PSA will remind folks about using crosswalks, and basic pedestrian awareness and safety," said Pickup.

Continuing with regular business, the trustees approved open air permits for annual events at the Bellows Falls Middle School and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The board then addressed some items of note presented by Pickup, including an update to a no-parking

traffic ordinance at the Griswold Drive trailhead.

Trustee Conor Floyd presented a counter argument to the parking ban, as an advocate for creating more accessible trails in Rockingham. While at the same time acknowledging the homeowners' concerns, Floyd commented that there was "a public interest in access to the Griswold Drive trailhead."

Pickup brought up the Kissel Hill water plant project, which had been previously discussed and warned, but as Pickup stated, some of the residents are protesting the project. "If folks had questions or comments about the proposed Kissel Hill project," said Pickup, "this would be the time, I think, if the board wanted to entertain that."

A resident of Kissel Hill was at the meeting. He did not state his name, but asked the board permission to speak. "I just found out about this very recently," he stated, "and I think part of the problem I have with this is the process, since we're not residents of Bellows Falls, we don't get notice of these meetings, we don't get notice of this agenda item, and we are not allowed to participate in the vote."

He went on to say that, ac-

ording to the proposal, it's a tax that only affects Kissel Hill residents. "By my calculations," he continued, "this will be to the tune of \$16,000 per household. It's a \$650,000 bond proposal, and I believe there are 39 households on Kissel Hill."

"I think that's about right," agreed Pickup.

"That's quite a hefty tax," the resident commented. "Not being able to vote on that tax is the definition of taxation without representation."

Referring to the 2007 water agreement between Westminster and Bellows Falls, he said, "It pretty clearly doesn't allow this." He then read from the agreement to support his comments. He went on to point out that when there are repairs in Bellows Falls, the Kissel Hill residents contribute to the cost of those, and this repair should be treated no differently.

Pickup told the resident that they are waiting for approval for an additional \$650,000 from the State Revolving Loan Fund. "This ACP line that we talked about," said Pickup, "is an asbestos distribution line, and it was put in in 1971 and it's approaching failure. Our attorney feels if we are successful and we get bond

authorization and the state pays 50% of the cost, it would be in the best interest of the Kissel Hill residents to pay for that additional cost. If they don't, his legal advice probably at this point is to say there's no reason to continue this agreement."

"If the people of Kissel Hill don't want this done, then we won't do it," remarked board member James McAuliffe. "You keep saying it's a tax, but it's not a tax. It's a cost of providing the water service to you." He added, "If you don't want this done, and you want to build wells for your water, that's perfectly acceptable as far as I'm concerned."

Bellows Falls Village President Paul Obuchowski reviewed and assigned the articles for the annual meeting on May 20, and the board discussed agenda items for the next meeting, including an update on the fire feasibility report and parking and traffic study.

Springfield Rotary Club food drive a success

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club's Fill the Cart from the Heart Food Drive was held on Saturday, May 11, at the Springfield Shopping Plaza, to benefit the Springfield Family Center Food Shelf. Seven hundred thirty-nine

pounds of food and \$1,577 in monetary donations were collected. Thank you to Shaw's for the location, and a big thank you to the greater Springfield community for all your generous donations to help your neighbors in need.



Left to right: Ed McQuaide, Jim Fog, Bob Flint, and Karen Longo were on hand to help make the Springfield Rotary Club's Fill the Cart from the Heart Food Drive a success. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Kurn Hattin Career Awareness Program visits Len-Tex

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – In May of 2023, when Don Lennox, Len-Tex Corporation founder and president, invited Kurn Hattin Homes' middle school students to visit his company in North Walpole, little did he realize that the experience would launch a new program that would be interwoven with the Homes' academic curriculum, but that's exactly what happened. As a result of the students' participation in the step-by-step process of designing and producing their own high-end vinyl wallcoverings at Len-Tex, many other businesses and organizations throughout the Monadnock region have opened their doors to the Kurn Hattin Homes Career Awareness Program (CAP).

Sue Kessler, Kurn Hattin Homes' assistant executive director, was part of last year's tour. She recalls, "It was amazing to see how the students engaged in the pro-



Kurn Hattin Homes' students pose with tour hosts (left to right) Craig Curtis, manufacturing supervisor; Dan Valerio, CAD designer; and Heidi Porter, new business manager.

PHOTO PROVIDED

cess, especially working with Dan to create their own designs. The students' interest and engagement led us to investigate and partner with other businesses in the area, so that the students can have first-person experiences in a variety of areas. It's our hope that by putting students in a real-world environment, we spark an interest that might guide choices as they pursue further education and career

opportunities."

This year's visit to Len-Tex was hosted by new business manager Heidi Porter, and also began with a visit to CAD designer Dan Valerio. Dan introduced the students to the computer-aided design (CAD) phase of the process, and worked with them to develop two unique patterns: "Space Party," which includes special characters drawn by each student, and "Future Famous Autographs," which includes each student's first name. As Heidi told the students, "If you can dream it, we can make it."

The second part of the Len-Tex tour brought the students through the preparation, printing, and production areas in the manufacturing facility. They were able to see how inks are mixed, how screen-printing works, and how a giant roll of blank vinyl can become the culmination of design dreams for customers all around the world.

As was the case last year, the students were fascinated with the multi-phased process, but they agreed that designing their own wallcovering was a definite highlight. Their custom wallcoverings will be on display, along with other Kurn Hattin Homes' student artwork, at the annual Keene Art Walk in downtown Keene from Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 9.

Career exploration trips such as this one to Len-Tex are great student motivators. They open young minds to new ideas, and encourage them to think about where their paths forward might lead. The Career Awareness Program will be part of the Kurn Hattin Homes' 2024-2025 academic year, with visits planned at Keene State College, Subaru of Keene, Fireworks Restaurant, the Monadnock Broadcasting Group (WKNE), Whitney Brothers, Savings Bank of Walpole, the Colonial Performing Arts Center, Keene Beauty Academy, RE/MAX Town and Country, and Monadnock Community Hospital, with other destinations in the planning stages.

If you would like to discuss adding your organization to the list of Career Awareness Program destinations, please contact Lorie Rogers at 802-721-6917 or lrogers@kurnhattin.org.

Second Pride Whistlestop Tour

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The second annual Pride Whistlestop Tour, organized by Bellows Falls Pride, will begin in St. Albans, Vt., and continue through to Brattleboro on Saturday, June 8. Local communities throughout Vermont and southern New Hampshire will gather at Amtrak train stations to celebrate Pride month and the LGBTQ+ community as the Vermonter travels south. Station decorations, flag and sign waving, bubbles, music, and invited guests are a few ways to show solidarity and support at each train stop.

In Bellows Falls, arrive

downtown at the Flat Iron Cooperative, which is sponsoring a Pride Tea beginning at 10 a.m., before walking down Canal Street to the train station at 11:30 a.m., in advance of the arrival of the Vermonter. Parking is available on Canal Street, and at the train station lot.

The public is welcome to join with local Pride groups to show their support. Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Arrive about 30 minutes in advance of the Amtrak train schedule to meet your neighbors.

Unified Basketball ends regular season



The team enjoys a postgame meal.

PHOTO BY JENNIE SHAW

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On May 6, the Unified Basketball team traveled in cars to Manchester, Vt., to take on the Burr and Burton Bulldogs.

Into the first quarter it was the Bulldogs' Lane Bryant who scored 11 points in the first half, along with buckets from Staples and Kujovski, each with two points. For the Cosmos, they were able to score eight points with baskets from Toner and Bailey. All the Cosmos could do is stand tall in front of Bryant, however, as his height overpowered each of their athletes, ending the first quarter with a score of 8-15 in favor of Burr and Burton.

The second quarter was when the Cosmos scored some points, 16 to the Bulldogs' 12. For the Cosmos, Bills was on fire, leading with six points. Springfield's Salo,

Short, Orchitt, Bailey, and Johnson each contributed two points. Bryant from the Bulldogs was unstoppable, scoring 10 points, bringing the halftime score to Springfield 24 – Burr and Burton 31.

Going into the second half, the Cosmos played a box and one. The green team was starting to tire out Bryant. The Bulldogs scored 10 points in the third quarter to the Cosmos' four, but Bryant only scored 6.

It was in the fourth quarter that the Cosmos were able to get closer to the Bulldogs, within single digits. However, the Cosmos could not jump ahead, resulting in a 40-54 loss to Burr and Burton. Lane Bryant for the Bulldogs led his team with 28 points. The Cosmos 40 points were a combined effort from seniors Bills and Todd; juniors Toner, Bailey, Short, and Salo; sophomore Johnson; and freshman Orchitt.

A to Z World Food at Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Do you ever get tired of eating the same things? Well, the Springfield Town Library has something exciting for you. It's called A to Z World Food, and it's all about trying tasty dishes from around the world.

With A to Z World Food, you can find recipes from 174 countries.

That means you can make foods from places like Italy, India, or Mexico, right in your own kitchen. From appetizers to desserts, there's a recipe for every part of your meal.

A to Z World Food isn't just about recipes. It also teaches you about food cultures from different countries. You can learn about how people eat in different places, and what makes their food special.

"We think trying new foods is really fun," says adult services coordinator Tracey Craft. "With A to Z World Food, you can discover delicious dishes from all over the globe."

A to Z World Food isn't just for chefs. It's great for students doing reports, food clubs, and even culinary schools. Plus, you can use it on your phone or tablet, so you can cook from anywhere.

Ready to spice up your meals? Visit the Springfield Town Library's website today at www.springfield-townlibrary.org. Click on "Online Resources," find A to Z World Food, and use your library card to start your culinary adventure with A to Z World Food.

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Local history

Centenarian to receive France's highest honor —

TOWNSHEND, Vt. — On Wednesday, May 29, representatives of the French government will bestow the Legion d'Honneur (Legion of Honor) upon Richard Jackson, a decorated veteran of World War II and resident of Townshend, Vt. The honor will be presented by Consul General Mustafa Soykurt, in the presence of other representatives of the Consulate General of France in Boston, at Valley Cares Assisted Living in Townshend, Vt., in a 12 p.m. ceremony.

This esteemed honor, first created by Napoleon Bonaparte, recognizes members of society with particularly notable achievements in military, agriculture, industry, science, art, and sport. The Legion d'Honneur is the highest civilian and military honor in France, and is awarded by decree of the president of France.

Although the Legion of Honor is normally awarded to French nationals, in exceptional circumstances it can be awarded to foreigners. It was this qualification that prompted Karsten Olsen, a seventh grade student at Long Trail School who has dual French and American citizenship, to write to

the French Consul General, with the suggestion that the French government consider Jackson for the prestigious honor.

Jackson served in the famous 100th Infantry Division, known as the "Sons of Bitche," which liberated the fortified town of Bitche and the surrounding villages in France during some of the fiercest battles of World War II. Dr. Jackson was awarded two bronze stars by the U.S. Army for his heroism during these pivotal battles.

There was a personal connection for Karsten, whose grandparents live in one of the villages liberated by Jackson and other members of the 100th Infantry. In his letter to the French Consulate last year, Karsten wrote, "Dr. Jackson fought in the Second World War, notably at the Battle of Bitche as a mortar gunner. He was one of the famous 'Sons of Bitche,' the 100th infantry division that liberated the fortified town of Bitche. His division also liberated Simserhof, an entrance to the Maginot Line, where my family comes from."

Following his honorable discharge, Jackson earned a master's degree and a doctorate in food technology from the University of Mas-

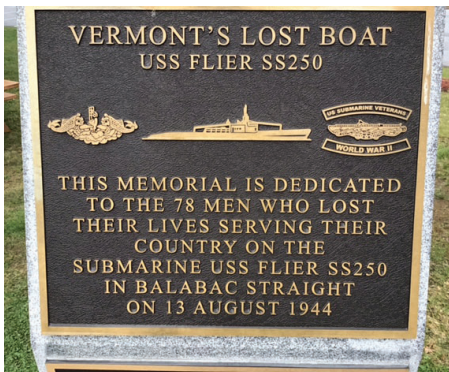
sachusetts Amherst. He then worked a storied career in product development with the Campbell Soup Company.

Jackson, who celebrated his 100th birthday last October, is well known in the Townshend, Vt., area. He is a former member of the Townshend Selectboard, a former lister for Townshend, a former assistant town clerk, and a former board member of the Windham County Solid Waste District. Dr. Jackson continues to take pleasure in his active life and neighbors at Valley Cares. His friendly demeanor and positive attitude make him a joy to visit with, and his dedication to fitness and nature leads him to enjoy outdoor walks virtually every day of the year.

When asked about the honor soon to be bestowed upon him, Jackson humbly states, "This accomplishment was not possible by just by one man. My buddies in Charlie Company 399 Infantry Regiment were critical. Our company received two Distinguished Unit Badges. This honor, too, is in recognition of all of them."

Vermont's lost submarine, USS Flier Memorial

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. — At the Veteran Administration (VA) in White River Junction, Vt., there is a distinct memorial dedicated to the submarine USS Flier (SS-250), lost during World War II. Ever mindful of our lost shipmates, friends and family that have served in the submarine service of our country, the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI), had assigned each state one of the 52 lost submarines from World War II, with California and New York receiving two each of the lost submarines. Vermont was assigned the USS Flier. The Green



A plaque commemorating the USS Flier at the VA. PHOTO PROVIDED

Mountain Base Chapter of USSVI is ever mindful of the memorial, and the significance of our fellow submariners that were lost. If you are ever at the VA, the memorial is in the park where the flag is flown along with several other significant me-

morials at the park dedicated to our veterans. The submariners in Vermont remember the USS Flier, and the men lost and on eternal patrol this Memorial Day. For more information about the Green Mountain Base Submariners and the USSVI, contact Bill Mattoon at cmattoon@vermontel.net. Information websites that may be of interest about the USS Flier are: www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Flier, www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-flier-250.htm, and www.archive.navalsubleague.org/1996/to-sink-and-swim-the-uss-flier.

The Museums of Mount Holly to open on May 25

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. — The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is scheduled to open on Saturdays and Sundays, from May 25 through the end of August. The hours are 2-4 p.m., or by appointment by calling 802-259-2460 or 802-259-2049.

The Will White Blacksmith Shop on Tarbellville Road contains the tool collection, farming equipment, early school

items, the post office, and the surrey that was used to bring people to the village from the railroad stations. Also on display are the creations made by a travelling druggist who was the last person to live in the building.

The Perkins House Museum on the Belmont Village Green holds the family items, elementary school student murals about the railroad history, and our state's terrestrial fossil, the

mammoth tusk, an Estey organ used across the street in the Methodist Church, the museum's albums, a Civil War display, and information about the Chase Toy Factory.

Both buildings date to the 1840s, when the village was known as Mechanicville. Mammoth-related items are also offered for sale, and please check the website, www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org, for special programs.

LAHS summer schedule

LONDONDERRY, Vt. — The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society (LAHS) invites residents and guests to come to one of the many events we have planned for the summer.

June 1 – June 15 will be the Kids Art Show, featuring the works of students from Flood Brook School.

On Thursday, June 12, at 6 p.m., there will be a panel discussion with Alli Lubin (The Westbank), Ed Brown (The Mill Tavern), and Ron Prouty (Casey's Pub), and led by Jonathan Wright, titled "Londonderry's Watering Holes of the 1970s." This is the society's annual meeting.

The exhibit "Londonderry's Bygone Buildings – What Are They Like Now?" from June 29 – Aug. 10, will explore the many and varied uses of Londonderry's old and abandoned buildings.

The Local Artists Show will be on display from Aug. 17 – Oct. 14. This annual exhibit features the talents of our many local and regional artists. This is a great time to support our local talent, and purchase a painting for a spare wall. 20% of the proceeds benefit LAHS.

And at a date still-to-be-determined, LAHS will hold our ever popular Dine-Around Fundraiser.

The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., or by appointment.

The mission of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is to be a beacon, helping people understand the rich history and culture of our little town, bring-

ing stories of the past to light, igniting curiosity and awareness of how earlier Londonderry residents lived and thrived, and presenting creative works by past and current artists that highlight the rich cultural dimensions of our area.

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Dear Editor,

Please vote “yes” on the Ludlow Mount Holly School Budget on Tuesday, June 4. Unlike some districts, the tax increases in our towns are lower than inflation – about 1.3% in Ludlow, and 3.9% in Mount Holly. These increases have been dramatically reduced since the original budget by the combination of spending reductions and actions of the state legislature.

not send a message to Montpelier, as the legislature has adjourned for the year. All that another rejection would do is force reductions in the number of teachers and support staff in our schools, and reduce the quality of our students’ education.

If you have questions about the school budget, please join our informational meeting on Tuesday, May 28, at 6 p.m., at Mount Holly School and on Zoom. If you

are unable to attend the informational meeting, you can email the superintendent at lauren.fierman@trsu.org, or call the office at 802-875-3365.

Ludlow and Mount Holly have excellent schools with better results than the Vermont average, even though we are spending less than the state average per weighted pupil. Please support our students and teachers by voting “yes,” either in person on Tuesday, June 4, or any time the town offices are open before that.

Sincerely,
David Martin
Ludlow Mount Holly School Board

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all those who helped with publicity, refreshments, and ushering, and participated in the recent Play Every Town concert in Weston, number 56 in the series of “Concerts for a Cooler Climate” taking place in each of the 252 Vermont towns. UVM professor David Feurzeig wowed the audience with his technical wizardry on the Old Parish Church grand piano, performing Chopin, Debussy, and other classics alongside his own compositions, which included jazz and ragtime. Weston resident and VSU professor Pe-

ter Miller joined him on the violin for a Handel sonata, and soprano Anne D’Olivo threw in a couple of classic rock numbers to round off the diverse program of music. The ever-generous Weston community raised a record amount of Play Every Town donations at the door for the flood-damaged Weston Playhouse. Sadly, the total amount needed for repairs will far exceed that amount, so further contributions are much appreciated. If you would like to send a check for Weston Playhouse repairs, please make it payable to the Weston Com-

munity Association and send c/o Old Parish Church, 100 Main Street, Weston, VT 05161.

If you missed this wonderful concert, you can still hear David Feurzeig in one of the many towns he will visit over the next few years. For information on the series, visit dfeurzei.w3.uvm.edu/PlayEveryTown/about.

Thank you,
Reverend Jon Bliss, minister
Anne D’Olivo, music director
Old Parish Church
Weston, Vt.

Food as Medicine at Springfield Family Center

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – North Star Health and Springfield Family Center are once again inviting the community to attend a Food as Medicine pop-up cooking demonstration on May 30, at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at the new location of Springfield Family Center in the Springfield Plaza.

This event, similar to the Food as Medicine event held in February, will feature a live cooking demonstration by Jason Tostrup, a local chef and the director of food services at Vermont Academy. Participants will have the opportunity to witness chef Tostrup in action as he cooks spinach and mushroom black bean burritos featured in the “How Not to Die Cookbook.” Samples will be provided to attendees, giving them the opportunity to discover that whole, plant-forward food is both good



Chef Jason Tostrup cooks unfried rice for those attending a previous Food as Medicine event.

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for you and delicious.

This free Food as Medicine event is made possible through the generous support of the Ardmore Institute of Health, and food donation from The Vermont Academy. This program is a collaboration between Springfield Family Center and North Star Health.

Tostrup, a survivor living with multiple sclerosis, is passionate about healthy eating to manage chronic conditions. Despite living with the condition, Tostrup continues to excel in the culinary world, proving that a focus on nutritious foods can positively impact one’s health. During the last demonstration, he candidly shared his experience of being diagnosed with and learning to manage his condition to a packed house of attendees. You can find a recap of the even on SAPA TV.

“We are thrilled to have

chef Jason Tostrup share his expertise and passion for nutritious cooking with the community,” said Dr. Adam Ameele, a provider at North Star Health. “The philosophy of Food as Medicine empowers patients to take control of their health through informed dietary choices, enabling them to manage and prevent health conditions while achieving their wellness goals.”

As part of the event, participants will have the opportunity to “grill the chef” about his cooking techniques, experience living and managing a chronic condition through nutrition, and more.

Don’t miss this chance to be part of this unique experience. Mark your calendars for May 30, at 5:30 p.m., and join us at the Springfield Family Center, located next to the laundromat in the Springfield Plaza.

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Obituaries

John M. Balla, 1976-2024

ACWORTH, N.H. – John Matthew Balla, 47, passed peacefully on Saturday, May 11, 2024, with family by his side. Matt, as he was known, was born in 1976 to John W. Balla of South Acworth, N.H., and Glenda Duchane of Alstead, N.H. Matt graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, N.H., followed by a career in the trades.

Matt was a mover and a doer, he never sat for long and filled his time with a gleam of mischief in his eyes. A true master of off-roading, wheelies, burnouts, mechanicals, and firearms, if he didn't know how to do something instinctually, he figured it out through trial and error. He could fix anything – whether the right way or the wrong way, he made things work. This might mean strapping a car battery to the handlebars of his motorcycle, or rigging up a stand to hold a gun for target shooting when his body wouldn't allow him to do so safely. Matt also became a master at adapting. Fiercely independent and proud, he made concessions to adjust to the changing needs his body demanded through primary progressive MS. When this disease set its hooks into Matt, he was up for the challenge. Unfortunately, that challenge would ultimately become more than any one human can handle.

He filled an abundance of life in those short 47 years, however, living his best life in the woods, enjoying trees, birds, critters, and nature. Loving nature didn't mean it was always peaceful though, and he really knew how to



John Balla, 1976-2024.
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make a racket; giant lifted trucks ripping through the mud, dirt bikes defying gravity over any possible form of a jump, his beloved panhead roaring through the night. Matt is survived by his mother Glenda (Cissy) Duchane of Alstead, N.H.; his father John W. Balla (Tara) of South Acworth, N.H.; and his sister Jessi Dussault (Griffin) of Langdon, N.H.; nephews and nieces Eli, Charlie, Maebel, and Lila; and his partner Katie Whitcomb of Acworth, N.H. Calling hours took place Tuesday, May 21, from 5-7 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. Funeral services will take place Saturday, June 22, at 11 a.m., at the Acworth Church on the Hill. Burial to follow at the Acworth Cemetery. May Matt live on in the stories we tell and the memories we hold close to our hearts. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Matt's honor to the Acworth Fire Department.

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

Dennis N. Rhodes, 1953-2024

CHESTER, Vt. – Dennis was born in Springfield, Vt. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1971, and then attended the (former) Greenfield College of Art in Greenfield, Mass. He worked at Green Mountain Log Homes for many years, and most recently worked for himself, hewing and peeling logs and also building beautiful stone walls.

He was an artist and a master carver. Dennis had an easygoing way, a wonderful sense of humor, and a fun-loving spirit. He enjoyed old Westerns, and was fond of animals, and of being outdoors.

He was predeceased by his partner Darlene Knight, his parents Wilmer and Dorothea Rhodes, and his brother Kim Rhodes. He leaves behind his son Justin, and granddaughter Riley Rhodes; brother Gary (wife Randi) Rhodes of Quarryville, Pa.; sister Cynthia (husband Sydney) Veysey of Ver-



Dennis Rhodes, 1953-2024.
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shire, Vt.; a sister-in-law Denita (wife of the late Kim) Rhodes of Springfield, Vt.; an uncle; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dennis will be truly missed by all who loved him, but his artistic hand is evident in the items and in the places that he has touched.

There will be a Celebration of his Life on Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m., at 165 Cider Mill Road, North Springfield, Vt.

Laura A. Ulitsch, 2024

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Laura A. Ulitsch of Rockingham, Vt., died April 1, 2024, after an unexpected brain hemorrhage.

"Laurie" grew up in Broad Brook, Conn., where she attended and graduated from East Windsor High School.

She followed in her father's footsteps in becoming an electrician.

She married, had a child, divorced, and found the love of her life Phillip Clark. Together they created an electrical business, Clark & Ulitsch. They worked, lived, and traveled together for 35 wonderful years.

Laurie was full of life, adventure, and fun. She loved to travel and went to Lithuania, China, and Argentina, etc.

She was very proud of her Lithuanian heritage, and brought her parents there to visit.

Laurie made friends easily, and loved to entertain at her firepit. She was an avid sports fan and loved the Patriots.

She was predeceased by her parents Laura (Pelozie) and David Ulitsch of Westmoreland, N.H.

Herbert B. VanGuilder graveside service

LUDLOW, Vt. – A graveside service for Herbert B. VanGuilder, who passed away Jan. 29, 2024, will be held on June 8, at 1 p.m., at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Ludlow American Legion.

Pauline L. Bearse, 1934-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Pauline L. Bearse, 89, died on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Aug. 13, 1934, in Brockton, Mass., the daughter of Arthur and Mabel (Wilbur) Nystrom. She graduated from Oliver Ames High School in North Easton, Mass., Class of 1952.

On Jan. 1, 1954, she married Elliott C. Bearse in South Easton, Mass. He predeceased her on May 2, 2023.

Pauline was a mother and homemaker, and worked from 1975-2000 as secretary at Elliott's Truck Service and Valley Truck Repair and Service in Springfield, Vt.

She and Elliott enjoyed square dancing for many years. She enjoyed flower gardening, canning, cooking, and crocheting. She assisted Elliott with cutting and baling hay over the years, driving trucks and tractors. She was very dedicated to her family, and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She was also an avid Red Sox fan.

She is survived by her son



Pauline Bearse, 1934-2024.
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David E. Bearse of Weathersfield, daughter Denise G. Fekete of Austria, two brothers Theodore F. Nystrom of West Bridgewater, Mass., and John F. Nystrom of Goshen, N.H., three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and by two brothers Charles W. Nystrom and Arthur H. Nystrom.

A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family.

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

Rachel F. Densmore, 1936-2024

ROCHESTER, Vt. – Rachel F. Densmore, 88, daughter of Clarence and Ellen (Bouffard) Benware, passed away at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H., on May 9, 2024. She was born Jan. 27, 1936, in Westfield, Vt., and she grew up in Rochester, Vt.

She graduated from Rochester High School in 1954, and then from the Thompson School for Practical Nurses in Brattleboro in 1955. She worked for Jeanne Cutler at White Acres Nursing Home. She spent winters in Florida with her husband from 1990-2006.

Rachel liked to travel, read, do puzzles, play cards, and was a Red Sox fan. She also enjoyed the Little League World Series.

She is survived by three children Patsy Densmore of North Springfield, Vt., Wayne Densmore of North Carolina, and Larry Densmore of Acutney,

Vt., two grandchildren Derek Densmore and Heather Duff, four great grandchildren, sister Ruth Brown of Fort Edward, N.Y., sisters-in-law Doris Benware of White River Junction, Vt., and Patricia Monahan of Darien, Conn., and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Richard in 2008, two grandchildren, brother Adeloid Benware, and sisters Evelynna and Rita.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at DHMC in Lebanon, N.H. A special thanks to VNA and Hospice.

There will be a private graveside service.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Springfield Elks Club on June 22, from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Calvin M. Lewis, 1932-2024



Calvin Lewis, 1932-2024.
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Calvin M. Lewis, 91, died on May 16, 2024, at his home in Springfield, surrounded by his family. He was born Oct. 14, 1932, in Orchard Park, N.Y., the son of Raymond and Carrie (Thompson) Lewis. He graduated from high school in Berlin, Conn., and served in the United States Navy from 1953-1955.

On Oct. 15, 1955, he married Joan Rehnberg in Kensington, Conn.

Calvin was employed with Ferndale Dairy in Kensington, Conn., for 15 years, before joining Idlenot Dairy in Springfield, Vt., for 23 years, and the Springfield school system for 21 years.

He enjoyed doing yard work, and loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Joan; four children Gary (Kim) Lewis, Bob (Robin) Lewis, Carol (Tom) Champine, and Alan Lewis (Cindy Metzler). He is also survived by one sister Elsie Davis, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

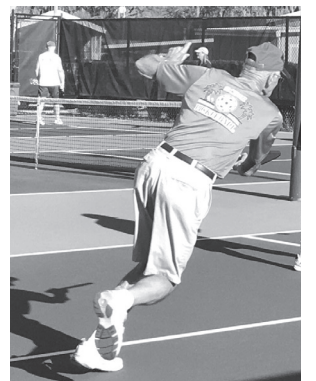
He was predeceased by his parents, and four siblings Grace Taricani, Lillian Klotz, Edith Parsons, and John Lewis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/donate, or by mail to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

There will be no services at this time.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

William R. Buskey, 1940-2024



William Buskey, 1940-2024.
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – William R. Buskey passed from this life to a peaceful rest on May 13, 2024. Born Dec. 20, 1940, to Regis and Jeanette (Guillette) Buskey in Derby, Vt., Bill graduated from Springfield High School in 1959, and shortly after joined the Navy for four years, where he never once stepped aboard a ship. He served in the Philippines and Guam, and was honorably discharged in 1963.

He returned home to Springfield, where he married Donna Matalounis, and they had a daughter and son before they divorced. In 1980, he married Cathy Thurber Byers, who had two daughters and, by 1985, they had a son and daughter.

Bill worked over 30 years at Fellows Gear Shaper in cutter sales, later retiring from nine years at Springfield Printing, where he worked as proofreader. His hobbies included reading, keeping up on local and national sports, walking, and playing card games. He also did some coaching for youth basketball. After retiring, he discovered pickleball, and that became his focus. It was a good addiction, and a terrific venue for meeting and making many new friends from all over the U.S. and Canada.

The Buskeys spent eight winters in Zephyrhills, Fla., where Bill enjoyed horseshoe league, pickleball instructing and tournaments, washer toss, and he loved getting on stage at the jams to sing some Buddy Holly.

Bill was a quiet, humble man of faith, trusting completely in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sin and his justification. This is how and why he had such peace after receiving his cancer diagnosis. He knew his bible well, and prayed every day for his fam-

ily. He was predeceased by his parents, and two grandsons Connor Buskey and Maximus Chiari. He is survived by his wife Cathy of 43 years; children Andrea Watkins (Scott) of Perkinsville Vt., Stacey Buskey (Phoebe) of White River Junction, Vt., Hilary Conkling of Alexandria, N.H., Darcie Kirkland (Kenny) of Campton, N.H., Gabe Buskey (Vanessa) of Springfield, Vt., and Brigitte Chiari (John) of Derby, Vt.; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He has also left many cousins who he grew up with and were dear to him.

The family is most grateful for the VA palliative care group in White River Junction, Vt., and the Dartmouth Health Visiting Nurse and Hospice care received over the last several months. If you are so inclined, a donation to your local hospice would be most welcome.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, May 20, from 12-3 p.m., at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont N.H. In Bill's honor, pie was served!

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, N.H. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

Albert J. Lambert, 1964-2024

LUDLOW, Vt. – Albert J. Lambert, 59, passed away at his home in Ludlow on May 9, 2024. He was born in Mount Holly, N.J., on Aug. 26, 1964, son of Albert R. and Barbara (Lewis) Lambert.

He attended grade school in North Clarendon, and graduated from Black River High School in Ludlow, Vt. In his younger years, he worked for Black River Produce, and did painting for different contractors.

Joe loved sports, and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

He is survived by his mother

Barbara; sisters Cyndi Christensen (Stef), Valerie Bloomberg (Jason), and step-sister Peggy Bailey (James); nephews Brenden and Aaron Stevens, and Winston and Timothy Mathews; nieces Addie Turbin and Carla Mathews; and many aunts and uncles.

He is predeceased by his father and grandparents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Castle in Proctorsville, Vt., on June 30, from 1-3 p.m.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

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LEGAL NOTICES

MAY 24 – **ANDOVER, Vt.** – Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover Inc. (CCN) will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Andover Town Hall, 953 Andover-Weston Road. The menu will include spaghetti with choice of sauces, salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. Admission is by donation at the door. CCN is a community volunteer organization whose mission is “helping seniors stay in their homes longer, safely.”

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Green Mountain School of Crafts, 50 Hearstone Lane in South Londonderry, will hold two classes on Friday, May 24. The first will be on making needle felted owls, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The second will be on making stained glass earrings, from 5-8 p.m. For more information, or to sign up, visit www.greenmountainschoolofcrafts.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The first of this year’s Dump Days will be held on Saturday, May 25, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. or so, at St. Mark’s, 33 Fairgrounds Road. Free set up for selling various “treasures.”

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Friday, May 10, from

5-7 p.m., Bard Owl (www.bardowlmusic.com) 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 25 – **BELMONT, Vt.** – Colfax Lodge is holding a ham dinner at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont on Saturday, May 25. The meal starts at 5 p.m., and offers eat-in or take-out options, with take out available at 4:45 p.m. The cost is discounted for kids under 12 years old. Call 802-259-2460.

PLAINFIELD, N.H. – The annual Plainfield Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Plainfield Community Church on Route 12A. Donated plants will be accepted the two days prior, May 23 and 24, at the big tent outside the church. If you would like to be a vendor at the plant sale, please email elisabethlynnmalloy@gmail.com.

MAY 28 – **W. TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – On Tuesday, May 28, from 5-7 p.m., The Tin Lizzies will be performing old time string tunes and songs 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 29-JUNE 1 – **SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield VFW Post 771 and American Legion Post 18 will hold a joint book sale on four consecutive days: May 29, from 5-8 p.m.; May 30 and 31, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and June 1, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Hundreds of books will be offered. Payment is by cash or check. Donations may be made at the VFW until May 18, Wednesday-Saturday, from 2-6 p.m. All profits support VFW and American Legion Veterans programs. For more information, email Bill.Mattoon@cmatton.vermontel.net, or call the VFW Post at 802-885-6008 and leave a message.

MAY 31 – **W. TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – On Friday, May 10, from 5-7 p.m., The Buzzards 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.

JUNE 1 – **LUDLOW, Vt.** –

You’re invited to the groundbreaking of a new garden at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts on Saturday, June 1, from 1-3 p.m. The pollinator garden and outdoor art display will be dedicated to our wonderful and giving longtime volunteers Hal Bosco, Sue Chadwick, Joyce Fuller, Cynthia Noyes, and Debi Orton, to commemorate their steadfast loyalty and years of service. This event will be held at the Meadowview building on the Fletcher Farm campus, 611 Route 103S, Ludlow, Vt. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at www.fletcherfarm.org/Garden-Party.

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

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

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

TUESDAYS – **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.

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

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach tai chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m.,

at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

FRIDAYS – **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach tai chi and qi gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street, will hold the “Originals & Traditionals” Open Mic Night on the fourth Friday of every month, from 7-9 p.m., hosted by musician Putnam Smith. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m. All material should be original or “traditional” (i.e., in the public domain). Each performer can perform two songs or up to 10 minutes, whichever comes first. If you have any questions, please contact Smith at putnamsmith@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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 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

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDHAM COUNTY, SS

NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of land in the **Town of Rockingham and Village of Bellows Falls**, in the County of Windham are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years indicated are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

1489 Brockways Mills Road

For the years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Fred O. Lescord and Elaine L. Lescord to Wayne E. Davis by deed dated May 23, 2001 and recorded in Book 259, Page 677 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

37 Old Terrace

For the years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Michael W. Dawson to Ashley A. Dawson by deed dated April 25, 2017 and recorded in Book 371, Page 268 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

696 Pleasant Valley Road

For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and two mobile homes conveyed by Arnold M. Fisher and Elaine E. Fisher to Roger Dolloph by deed dated April 2, 2003 and recorded in Book 273, Page 262 of the Rockingham Town Land Records, along with a right of way conveyed to the aforesaid Dolloph by Moch Easement recorded in Book 273, Page 469 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

1762 Brockways Mills Road

For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Ruth F. Donaldson to Trustees of the Donaldson Family Trust by deed dated December 22, 1970 and recorded in Book 169, Page 19 of the Rockingham Town Land Records. Subject to enrollment in the Vermont Land Use Program.

35 Rounds Road

For the years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Shawn A. Westney and Rebecca A. Westney to Edna J. Hunt by deed dated April 8, 2005 and recorded in Book 292, Page 154 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

55 Village Square

For the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being those premises conveyed by Philip Donovan, Jr. and Mary Ann Donovan to Alexander Lawrence by Bill of Sale dated December 5, 2013, and recorded in Book 343, Page 411 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

37 Front Street

For the years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Sherry Lee McAllister to Sherry Lee McAllister and Elizabeth J. McAllister by deed dated May 20, 2016 and recorded in Book 362, Page 170 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

23 Main Street

For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Joseph J. Steiner to Brian Mudgett and Betsy S. Mudgett by deed dated December 21, 2016 and recorded in Book 368, Page 59 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

25 Hapgood Place

For the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by

Eliot G. Morse and Lori A. Morse to John Noe by deed dated March 12, 2007 and recorded in Book 305, Page 309 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

243 Williams Road

For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Robert L. Lupinski and Jolanta Lupinski to Ernest J. Palmiter by deed dated May 21, 2009 and recorded in Book 319, Page 306 of the Rockingham Town Land Records. Subject to a Contingent Remainder conveyed by Ernest J. Palmiter to Seth E. Palmiter and Corey O. Palmiter by deed dated August 6, 2014 and recorded in Book 346, Page 438 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

57 Atkinson Street

For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Peter S. Higgins and Shannon R. Higgins to Leah Quinn by deed dated March 19, 2018 and recorded in Book 381, Page 31 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

85 Parker Hill Road

For the years 2022-2023. Being the remainder of the premises conveyed by William Casey, Jr. to Melvin Rice and Gretchen Rice by deed dated July 2, 1996 and recorded in Book 238, Page 225 of the Rockingham Town Land Records. Said premises is subject to an easement conveyed to the Vermont Agency of Transportation by deed dated September 18, 2010 and recorded in Book 326, Page 501 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

1153 Rockingham Road

For the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Patricia A. Soboleski to Brannan Saunders by deed dated May 19, 2010 and recorded in Book 324, Page 487 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

1 Center Street

For the years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee of the Citi-group Mortgage Loan Trust Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FX1 to Lindsay Van Schoick and Courtney Van Schoick by deed dated April 26, 2017 and recorded in Book 372, Page 17 of the Rockingham Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Rockingham Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 13th day of June, 2024 at Ten O’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must contact Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk, by phone at (802)463-4336 ext. 1102, via email at clerk@rockbf.org, or via mail at 7 Sq 2nd Floor, Bellows Falls, VT, 05101.

Dated at Bellows Falls, Town of Rockingham, County of Windham and State of Vermont, this 29th day of April, 2024.

Scott Pickup, Collector of Town, Village, Town School District Taxes, Water and Sewer Taxes

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

FOR RENT

LUDLOW, Vt. – 2 bedroom, 2 bath for rent, everything included. Call 802-558-3374.

YARD SALE

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Fri, May 24, 12-5pm. Sat and Sun, May 25 & 26, 8am-4pm. Mon, May 27, 8am-12pm. Household

goods, furniture, tools, 100's of DVDs, electronics, clothing, and misc. stuff. Most stuff must go. No early birds please! 614 Rockingham Road.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Multi-family yard sale Memorial Day Weekend. Saturday, May 25, 9-4. Sunday, May 26, 1-4. Sunday, May 27, 9-1. 58 Harvard Street.

CHESTER, Vt. – Garage Sale Sat and Sun, May 25 and 26, and possibly Mon, May 27. Lots of

miscellaneous items and vintage items. No glassware or furniture. 339 Mattson Road.

CHESTER, Vt. – Garage sale Friday-Sunday, May 24-26, from

8-4. 858 Church Street.

WESTON, Vt. – Yard Sale Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Furniture, old tools, household items. 83 Trout Club Road.

Town Of Weston PO Box 98, Weston, VT 05161 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM

The Town of Weston is requesting bids to install a new septic system per permit # WW-2-0030-3 at 43 Greendale Road Weston VT

- Please visit the Town of Weston website for the Scope of Work at www.westonvt.org

Proposals may be sent to Shawna Batogowski, Selectboard Administrative Assistant at selectboard@westonvt.org and must be received by **June 4th, 2024**. In person, email and mailed proposals must be received no later than **June 4th, 2024** mailed proposals must have a postmark dated by May 17, 2024 and be addressed to: **Town of Weston Selectboard PO Box 98, Weston VT 05161 Attn: Town Garage Septic**

All proposals will be opened at the Selectboard meeting scheduled on **June 11th, 2024**

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.

The Town of Weston is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Town of Chester Job Opportunity Assistant Assessor/Zoning Administrator

The Town of Chester is seeking an individual to work as an assistant to both the Assessor and Zoning Departments. This full-time position will serve both departments and create continuity between offices. Responsibilities include maintaining and administering the Grand List and tax maps, assisting in the preparation of appeals, identifying properties which should be inspected, appraised, or reappraised, administering and implementing the Town of Chester's Unified Development Bylaws, enforcing ordinances, processing permits, investigating complaints, issuing violations, and other duties as required. This position entails an ability to work with a diverse group of people and to adapt to an environment of rapidly changing rules, regulations, and systems.

This is a full-time job opportunity with an extensive benefits package. To see full descriptions of the position, visit www.chestervt.gov/employment-opportunities. Interested parties should send a resume to julie.hance@chestervt.gov or Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 by June 6, 2024.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TOWN OF CHESTER

Emergency Watershed Program – Engineering Services

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

All bids are due no later than **May 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m** and should be sent via email to julie.hance@chestervt.gov with subject line "Chester EWP Proposal".

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

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

David and Janet Van Alstyne have applied for a Boundary Line Adjustment of their properties located at 924 Grafton Road and 121 Linden Way in the Town of Chester. The proposed Boundary Line Adjustment will reduce the land owned by Leslie Viets at 255 Linden Way by 1.29 acres and increase the lands owned by David and Janet Van Alstyne by 1.29 acres. No new parcel will be created.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will meet at 924 Grafton Road at 4:45 PM on Monday, June 10, 2024, to conduct a site visit, and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 10, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 16th day of May 2024.

Preston Bristow
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestervt.gov

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION PERMIT

Linda Smith has applied to amend a Subdivision Permit for a property located at 379 Coach Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed subdivision amendment will relocate a driveway right-of-way across an approved lot of 13.53 to access an approved lot of 12.51 acres.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:15 PM on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 379 Coach Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 16th day of May 2024.

Preston Bristow
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestervt.gov

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION PERMIT

Betsy Hart has applied for a Subdivision Permit for a property located at 69 Willard Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed minor subdivision will divide an existing parcel of 8.78 acres into two lots of 3.02 and 5.76 acres.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:35 PM on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 69 Willard Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 16th day of May 2024.

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Springfield, Vt., 802-885-3997, www.spfldhumane.org.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Cavendish Fire District Annual Meeting
- Average Daves Movie & TV Talk- Top 1980s Movies
- Governor Scott Administration Press Conference
- Ludlow's "Code Red" Emergency Alert
- Story Times with local Librarians

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)
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outdoor news

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

The Town of Springfield is soliciting contracting services for a drainage project located at 10 Randall Street. The work includes diverting surface waters on private property and tying it into the public stormwater system. Interested contractors must email Charles Wise at toszoning@vermontel.net to request the complete solicitation. Bids are due on Friday, June 14, 2024.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

The Town of Springfield invites qualified consultants to submit written proposals to develop a comprehensive and implementation-ready Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that promotes community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Springfield's CRS project is funded by Vermont's Municipal Planning Grant program and qualified consultants will respond based to the grant's scope of work and budget. Interested consultants must email Charles Wise at toszoning@vermontel.net to request the full solicitation. Proposals are due 10am, Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Town of Springfield - Selectboard Notice of Public Hearing June 17, 2024

The Town of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 17, 2024 for the purpose of receiving public input concerning the July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025 Springfield Water and Wastewater Budget. This will be a hybrid meeting. The Public Hearing will be held at 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont. It will also be possible to attend via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87323608803>
Meeting ID: 873 2360 8803

Kristi C. Morris, Chair
Springfield Selectboard

Chester Plant Sale

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Plant Sale at St. Luke's Church, the gray church at 313 Main Street near the Village Green in Chester, Vt., is a great opportunity for people to purchase an impressive selection of proven, large, healthy, hardy plants at bargain prices. Well-groomed plants with helpful labels make garden additions easy, and experienced gardeners will be on hand to give advice about planting and garden design.

The sale is scheduled to run on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. both days, and on Sunday, June 2, 12-3 p.m. The later timing of this annual event allows for larger and more attractive plants - all organized by kind and growing needs on the side lawn of the church. People who have perennials to contribute in advance, or plants to suggest, or who need more information, are encouraged to contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall to consider the following application for a major subdivision: **Application: #11/9.4/24/4/18, Applicant/Owner:** Harry L. Gordon, Jr., **Property Location:** 1998 Simonsville Rd., **Reason for hearing:** Application to request a major subdivision of one existing parcel into four lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 16th day of May, 2024
Jonathan W. Stevens, Secretary, Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment

Invitation to Bid The Town of Andover is seeking Winter Sand bids for the 2024/25 season

Submit bids for 2,000 yards of winter sand both FOB and delivered. The sand must be available for our trucks to haul as of July 1, 2024 and meet town quality specifications. Please indicate whether more will be available if needed.

Bids will be received until June 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened at the Select Board Meeting on June 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Office.

Please mail bids to:
Andover Town Office - Winter Sand
953 Weston Andover Road
Andover, Vermont 05143 or email to:
clerk@vermontel.net

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

Dated at Andover, VT this 16th day of May, 2024.
Jeanette Haight, Clerk



Precision Valley muzzleloader shooting competition

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - On Saturday, June 1, the Precision Valley Fish and Game Association will hold a muzzleloading smoothbore/shotgun shoot on Route 106 in Perkinsville, Vt., about a mile south of Downers Four Corners (Exit 8 off Interstate 91), from 10 a.m. until mid-afternoon.

Shooters are welcome to bring any modern-made or safe antique shotgun or

smoothbore - single barrel, double barrel, side-by-side or over-under, caplock or flintlock, etc. This is a blanket shoot. Every competitor donates a prize related to muzzleloader shooting; the top shooter for the day gets first pick from the prize blanket, then the second-place shooter, and so on. Everyone wins something. Prizes should be worth \$15 or more. Shooting consists of 10-shot strings of thrown clay pigeons. There is a nominal fee for registration and reentry. Bring a lunch and drinking water. Spectators are welcome. For more information, contact Eric Bye at bye@vermontel.net or 802-886-1777.



TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Andover Select Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 24, 2024 for the purpose of receiving comment on the reclassification of TH #60, Stear Road and TH #32, Red Top Road which are currently Class 3 Town Roads. The site visits will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Red Top Road, then move to Stear Road. The hearing will convene immediately following the site visits at the Andover Town Office.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 16th day of May, 2024.
Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk

Village Trustees 2024

Tuesday - June 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing Notice

Hybrid Meeting - Heald Auditorium/Zoom

Village of Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulation amendments

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4441 and §4444, notice is hereby given of a public hearing by Ludlow's Village Trustees to hear comments regarding proposed amendments to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations, including the zoning map. The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, beginning at 5:30 pm.

You may attend the Public Hearing in-person at the following address:
Ludlow Town Hall
37 Depot Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Or via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/99996776407?pwd=SVdjanFDUTFRS3FEZkV4VTZiaVZuZuQT09>
Meeting ID: 984 2249 8745
Passcode: 045593

Comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulations and the zoning map may be submitted verbally at the Public Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Brendan McNamara, Ludlow's Town Manager at tmanager@tds.net or Terry Carter, Ludlow's Planning Commission Chair at tmgcarter@gmail.com.

Statement of purpose:

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

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

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

Geographic areas affected:

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

List of section headings affected:

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

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

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

- In Article 1, Section 140
- In Article 2, Sections 220, 221, 221.5, 224, 226, 227, 260, 260.3, 270.5, 280, and 290.
- In Article 4, Section 410, 420, new section 425 and 430 (including supplemental standards for outside dining and curbside pick-up).
- In Article 5, Section 510.1, 510.3, 520.2 (eliminated), 520.3, 520.8, 530.1, 530.3, and 540, 540.3, 540.4, 540.5, 540.6, 550, 550.1 and new section 550.9
- In Article 6, Section 660.
- In Article 7, a number of new definitions were added, definitions that aren't used in the document were eliminated, and many existing definitions were revised.
- Minor clarifications and corrections were made throughout the document.

The full text of the amendments to the Village of Ludlow Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations, including the revised zoning map and the Planning Commission's report, are available online at <https://www.ludlowvt.us> The proposed amendments and report can also be reviewed in hard copy format in the Town Clerk's Office in the Ludlow Town Hall located at 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.



TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Town Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Transfer Station Attendant.

This position is part time and year-round. Weekly schedule is Tuesday through Saturday. Duties include but not limited to:

1. Maintaining the recycling area and insuring the proper disposal and classification of all recycled materials.
2. Assisting residents and commercial users in the appropriate placement of refuse and recyclables.
3. Assist the Road Agent in all matters related to the operation of a solid waste/recycling facility.

Additional requirements are a good working ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Interested candidates should complete an application and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, PO Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

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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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outdoor news

Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens plots available

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens is excited to start our 2024 season, and would love to have you join us this year.

Our organic community garden is located on Canal Street in Chester. There are 10-foot by 10-foot plots ready to plant, and are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Limited equipment is provided through a

generous donation by Erskine's Grain and Garden. Seeds are available at the seed library, and through gardener sharing. If you would like to volunteer for a gardening experience, we also have plots designated for the Chester Andover Food Shelf that will need tending and care.

There is a yearly donation, and a one-time refundable deposit, and scholarships are

available; a garden is available to anyone that wants one. Details can be found in the gardener agreement on our website. Additional donations are welcome, and go towards maintenance, infrastructure, scholarships, and future expansion goals. Two plots will again be designated for cutting flowers for all gardeners and neighbors to enjoy. Please make bouquets for yourselves this

year as well.

If you'd like to join, to reserve a plot, or to donate to the scholarship fund, please email chestergreenhouse@gmail.com. Electronic payment can be made upon request. Please also visit www.chestercommunitygreenhouseandgardens.org, and our Facebook page.

We really appreciate the participation and support.

Cavendish Bird Walk

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association will host its annual Cavendish Bird Walk with Marianne and Michael Walsh of the Ascutney Audubon Society on Sunday, May 26, at 7:30 a.m. This year the walk will begin at 731 Stevens Road in Cavendish.

Memorial Day weekend is a wonderful time to

wander our beautiful landscape and visit our feathered friends. This is a quiet stroll on wooded, hilly trails, and is of moderate difficulty. Please bring your binoculars and your curiosity, and wear good shoes and long pants for tick prevention.

Please RSVP to Robin Timko at 802-259-2327. For more precise directions, contact Julia at 802-522-2675.

Development Review Board Town of Ludlow, Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing June 10, 2024 at 6:00pm

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 10 June 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, and via Zoom.

APPLICANT: Brookhaven Homeowner's Association
P.O. Box 367
Ludlow, VT 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 32 Route 103 South
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel No. 230544-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is to replace pool fencing and patio surface damaged by the Great Flood of 2023. The project is in the Town Residential-Commercial I district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 361-12-FHR, Amendment #1

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.

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

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APPLICANT: Jonathan Dubinski
8 Hickory Drive
Morris Plains, NJ 07950
PROPERTY LOCATION: 81 Pleasant Street
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149
Parcel No. 230649-100

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for the subdivision of one 2.45 Acre parcel into three (3) parcels, 0.61, 0.62, and 1.24 Acres. This project is located in the Village Residential district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-003

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.

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APPLICANT: Michelle Suker & Vermont Bliss Catering, LLC
900 Upper Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738
PROPERTY LOCATION: 47 Depot Street
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel No. 230472-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is to convert two (2) parking spots into outdoor seating. The project is in the Village Residential-Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 22-485-CU, Amendment #1

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.

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APPLICANT: Gill Terrace, LLC
Eric Alden
3 Darling St.
Boston, MA 02120
PROJECT LOCATION: 15 Gill Terrace
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 040255-000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Application is for Final Plat Approval of a subdivided 1.5 acre lot into three (3) parcels.

APPLICATION NO.: SUB23-015, Amendment # 1

The above application is available for inspection 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.

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Director of Planning and Zoning

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APPLICANT: Gregory Mauriello and Janet Johnson
410 Buttermilk Falls Road
Ludlow, VT 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 410 Buttermilk Falls Road
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel No. 030109-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for the restoration and stabilization of a river bank damaged by the Great Flood of 2023. The project is in the Town Residential district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 041-92-FHR, Amendment #2

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.

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Director of Planning and Zoning

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APPLICANT: Jewell Brook, LLC
31 Halls Point Road
Branford, CT 06405
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149
Parcel No. 220548-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is to review a condominium development project that consists of 4 buildings and a total of 22 bedrooms. The project is located in the Village Residential-Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 300-07-CU, Amendment #8
458-17-ACT250, Amendment #4

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.

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31 Halls Point Road
Branford, CT 06405
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149
Parcel No. 220548-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for Final Plat Approval for a subdivision of one 2.2 acre parcel into four (4) parcels. The project is located in the Village Residential-Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-001, Amendment #1

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APPLICANT: Peter G. Raymond, Esq.
SHEEHEY FURLONG & BEHM P.C.
30 Main St. 6th Floor
P.O. Box 66
Burlington, VT 05402-0066
PROPERTY LOCATION: 145 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149
Parcel No. 230409-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Appeal is to contest a Notice Of Violation issued to the Mill Condo Owner's Association on April 16, 2024. The project is located in the Village Residential-Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 502-24-AP

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A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 10 June 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, and via Zoom.

APPLICANT: Patrick Williams
1493 Gaston Street
Wantagh, NY 11793
PROPERTY LOCATION: 2 Wilbart Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149
Parcel No. 230604-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a variance to install a deck and hot tub that extends beyond the property setback regulations. The project is in the Village Residential-Commercial district.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 503-24-VA

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.

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The Hurtgen Forest

BY RON PATCH

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I first met Jim Carr about 25 years ago in Bellows Falls. Jim was always walking on Atkinson Street. Over time we became friendly. Jim is 98.

One day I was having a yard sale on Atkinson Street when Jim stopped in. On a table I had a few books for sale. I was standing beside Jim as he thumbed through a World War II book. Jim turned a page. On the two facing pages were Hurtgen Forest battle photos. Jim looked at them and said, "Yes." Jim was there as a replacement in the 28th Division.

On Feb. 1, 1944, Jim turned 18. He was drafted soon after and sent to Fort Devens. At Devens, Jim ran into Paul Caron. Jim had known Paul when he was driving truck to Springfield, Mass. Paul worked for J.M. Giddings, delivering goods to A&P and Finast stores. Jim also met Bill Campbell that day. These three men served through the war, all three came home on the train together. They had survived.

England and France

Jim arrived in England.

After a brief stay in England, Jim was sent to Le Havre, France, to a replacement depot. He was here three days, when he was sent to the 112th Infantry Regiment, E Company. Jim and Paul stayed in the same unit. Bill went to another squad, all as replacement riflemen. Jim was made a BAR rifleman. The BAR was a .30-caliber machine gun weighing 24 pounds.

Jim learned the previous BAR man had been killed the day before. I try to imagine being 18, in a foreign land, and handed a weapon whose previous owner was killed the day before. It had to be a sobering experience.

Winter of 1944-1945

Jim and Paul were sent to Hurtgen Forest, which was part of the Battle of the Bulge. In February 1945, Jim's company was sent to the mountains of Colmar in France. It was bitter cold, with lots of snow. The men slept in foxholes, yet to be issued winter clothing. It was 20 below zero or colder. Try to imagine suffering this duty with only summer uniforms; very few had winter gear.

This past winter was rarely below zero. Imagine being dressed in summer

clothing, sleeping out on your lawn during this below zero weather. Day after day, week after week, this was Jim's life.

Jim's feet were frostbitten. This is why Jim did so much walking when I first knew him. His feet never fully recovered. Walking kept the blood in his feet circulating.

Jim's words

"One night we were tagged for a patrol to the village, and to check on the anti-tank crew that was there. We did not have much to eat except cold K rations. Tank men had C rations. C rations had bacon, all fancy stuff, and it came in a big can. I took a can of bacon, and when I got back to the hole, I could not cook it, as we could not have a fire. [Author's note: having a fire would give away your position.]

"Our rations were called 'K Rats.' They consisted of a couple crackers, a chocolate bar, two cigarettes, and a small can of maybe ham and eggs, beef and potato. It was not fit to eat when cold. When we had the chance to ride on a truck, every time the truck stopped, we would put the small can on the manifold. The next time the truck stopped, the

can would be warm and fit to eat.

"The supplies that came to us had to be brought up the mountain by mules and French Moroccans. This had to be done when the Germans could not see them, so it was seldom that we had rations.

"Finally, we were relieved by the 63rd Division, and the BAR man left his belt and clips lying on the ground and I grabbed them. I was sick of carrying only one clip. We did not have any good footwear, and these guys had had snow packs - L.L. Bean no less. Trench foot was a big thing at that time. Most of us carried a spare pair of socks under our shirt to keep them dry. We could not wash, brush our teeth, or change our clothes. We could not get out of our dugout to go to the bathroom, and had to use a wine bottle.

"After we came down from the mountains, the brass had volunteered our company to be armored infantry. Paul and I rode the tank. Paul manned the .50-caliber machine gun, and I still had the BAR. What a deal that was. It was still cold and wet. As we were going up a long

hill approaching a small town, the last tank started to shoot at a farmhouse. There was a German tank at the house. We got it and we came into the town, and the bridge was blown up and around the area it was all mud..."

One summer day a few years ago I visited Jim. Jim showed me his vegetable garden. He had raised beds and containers for vegeta-

bles in a very small area. It was impressive to see. Jim has given it up today. When I asked Jim, he smiled and pointed to two five-gallon pails with tomato plants in his driveway. He has another container with a couple pepper plants. Never give up.

Jim and his wife Gloria have been married 74 years. It is an honor for me to know Jim and Gloria.



Jim Carr at home, holding a photo of himself in uniform during World War II.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

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Memorial Day Services & Events

Bellows Falls American Legion Ceremony
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37, 42 Rockingham Road, will be held on Monday, May 27, beginning at 10 a.m. Wreaths will be placed at nine cemeteries and memorials. Snacks will be served at the post after. For more information, call 802-463-9700.

Cavendish Memorial Day activities
CAVENDISH, Vt. - Cavendish Memorial Day activities will take

place on Thursday, May 30. At 10 a.m., there will be a program at the Cavendish Town Elementary School in Proctorsville, that will be followed by a parade in Cavendish Village. The parade will stop at the Mill Street Bridge for the tossing of the wreath and remembrance. The parade will then proceed to the Cavendish Village Cemetery. This event is free and open to the public.

Springfield Memorial Day Ceremony
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m., in Me-

memorial Park (across from the Black Rock restaurant) in Springfield, Vt.

Ludlow American Legion Memorial Day events
LUDLOW, Vt. - On May 27, The American Legion Family of Ballard Hobart Post 36 is having a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American Armed Forces. Starting at 9 a.m., we will have the post color guard, firing squad, bugler, and veteran marchers starting at Pond and Main Street, and proceed to the Main Street Bridge, then to Veteran's Memorial Park, then to the Pleas-

ant View Cemetery, and return to the post. We will say a prayer, lay a wreath, and perform a three-volley salute and playing of taps at each stop.

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Bellows Falls Open Studio

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Vermont Crafts Council’s annual Open Studio tour will be held on Memorial Day weekend. This year, the annual statewide tour boasts over 125 artists and galleries putting their studios and crafts on display. The studios are open Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days.

Bellows Falls will be hosting seven artists, all within walking distance from each other. Artists participating are Chris Sherwin, Phyllis Rosser, Robert McBride, Mindy Fisher, Dellamano Glassware, and the River Artisans Cooperative. “We will be highlighting artists, events, shops, and restaurants that contribute year-round to the vital and cultural richness and economic stability of the community,”

says Robert McBride, founder and director of The Rockingham Arts & Museum Project (RAMP). Bellows Falls is a walkable community that makes it easy to visit downtown studios. Lunch and snacks are available at the Moon Dog, Rockingham Roasters, or Flat Iron Cooperative Cafe. Village Square Booksellers and Arch Bridge Books will be open, as well as J&H Hardware and Halladay’s Flowers and Gifts. The Bellows Falls Opera House shows movies on the big screen with surround sound. Wunderbar and Ciao Popolo offer fine dining in the evening.

The Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA) is working closely with local businesses to engage residents and visitors

to explore the work being created by local artists, and to promote the “BF vibe.” BFDDA will post all community events participating in the May celebration on their website, www.bellowsfallsvt.org/things-to-do-in-the-bellows-falls-region. Bellows Falls artisans have also created a great source for sharing and finding art information in the area, www.facebook.com/Art-inBellowsFalls.

For more information about Open Studios in Bellows Falls, contact the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) at 802-463-3252 or ramp@sover.net, or visit www.ramp-vt.org or the Vermont Crafts Council website, www.vermontcrafts.com.

The Stockwell Brothers on Putney Tavern lawn

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music launches its 21st Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series of bluegrass, folk, rock, world beat, jazz, pop, and Zydeco summer concerts on Sunday, May 26, with contemporary folk and bluegrass quartet The Stockwell Brothers. The seven-concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 18. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney, on the Putney Tavern lawn – bring a lawn chair or blanket – or at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill, in case of rain. Copresented with Next Stage Arts Project, the series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, The Mockingbird Tavern, Rod’s, and many other Putney-area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public (donations are accepted), and food will be available. For more information, call 802-

387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org. Bruce, Barry, Alan, and Kelly Stockwell’s music spans traditional and progressive styles, but their trademark acoustic sound features new singer/songwriter material recast with banjo, alternative rhythms, and three-part harmonies. Featuring 2005 Merfest bluegrass banjo contest winner Bruce Stockwell, The Stockwell Brothers

have performed alongside artists from Bill Monroe, Doc Watson, and Earl Scruggs, to Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Jonathan Edwards, and Asleep at the Wheel, recorded with Mike Audridge and Phil Rosenthal of the bluegrass supergroup The Seldom Scene, and toured throughout the United States, and in Canada and Europe.

Bandwagon Summer Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents contemporary klezmer/rock ensemble Midwood on Saturday, June 1, at 6 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney. “Midwood is a who’s who of klezmer, jazz, and world music. Richie

Barshay, the drummer, has played with Herbie Hancock and Chick Corea. The violinist, Jake Shulman-Ment, is one of the most sought-after klezmer and traditional violinists in the world,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “We’re bringing some of the old world to Putney for a

Doris Ingram in Open Studio Weekend

WESTON, Vt. – Watercolor artist Doris Ingram, a longtime resident of Weston, is joining the Open Studio tour for the first time. She is a signature member of both the Vermont Watercolor Society, and the Delaware Watercolor Society. Doris loves to capture the essence of the old homes and barns that are rapidly disappearing from our landscape. She has donated numerous house

portraits to benefit the Weston Theater Company and Neighborhood Connections. Doris is an enthusiastic teacher who enjoys painting in lovely washes and bright colors with her students. Her studio is filled with paintings of Vermont barns, landscapes, flowers, and paintings from her trips to France and Italy. The studio is located at 83 Trout Club Road in Weston. Open Studio is Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days.



Doris Ingram in her studio. PHOTO BY DEBORAH TWOMBLY

Robert O’Brien in Vermont Open Studios

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Local artist Robert O’Brien will be participating in this year’s Spring Open Studio Weekend, sponsored by the Vermont Crafts Council. The dates are Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. O’Brien’s studio is located at 2811 Weathersfield Center Road in Weathersfield Center. He will be exhibiting some new water-



“Rake and Apple,” watercolor. PHOTO PROVIDED

color paintings, prints, note cards, and other art-related items. Refreshments will

be served both days, and all are welcome. Look for the bright yellow signs to lead your way. O’Brien will be in Studio 77. Maps are available at travel centers and many places of business elsewhere statewide. It will be a great weekend to celebrate the beginning of the summer season, and view great art. For more information on O’Brien’s work, visit www.robertjobrien.com.

NXT Gallery presents paintings by Jana Zeller

PUTNEY, Vt. – NXT Gallery is pleased to announce an opening reception for its forthcoming exhibit “A World Adjacent: Paintings by Jana Zeller.” The reception will take place on Friday, May 31, from 5:30-8 p.m. The exhibit continues through Aug. 11. According to Zeller’s artist statement, “I grew up in a family of internationally touring puppeteers, and started working for our theater in my teens, painting props and puppets and designing sets. I saw many puppet shows. During this time I discovered my passion for painting, and spent many years creating backdrop-size oil paintings full of puppet-like characters and theatrical settings. I worked as a set painter for the theater, the movies, the opera, and TV. Then I began developing and touring my own puppet shows, exploring my puppet work, often from a visual perspective. I have been performing and teaching puppetry for two decades for thousands of children and adults, working across the U.S. as well as in Canada, Mexico, Germany, and India. “During the pandemic, I circled back to my painting work and, although my brush stroke was rusty, my passion for painting was unchanged, and I had a refreshing new access to the content of my work. Cut off from the theater, I painted abandoned theater spaces

and the spirits that haunt them. I recognize the similarities in my painting and my puppetry practice; my love of working with metaphor, of staging and lighting an idea, of constructing absurd situations. In a world full of problems, I reach for humor and mystery to lift our spirits and to suggest that extraordinary things can happen. I invite my audience to explore my propositions with their own imagination.” Jana’s career as a working artist spans 30 years, three cities, and five countries. As a painter, she has worked for the opera, theater, television, and the movies, and has created a large body of oil paintings inspired by theater and magical realism. As a puppeteer, she has created and performed multiple shows that have delighted audiences nationally and internationally in theaters, libraries, schools, museums, and street fairs. She teaches workshops in puppetry, and art classes for children in her own studio in Brattleboro, Vt. She is blessed with a wonderful family, and a feisty little parrot named Mango. The exhibition will continue through Aug. 11. The Next Stage Gallery, located at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, is open during events, and by appointment with the artist, or by contacting Next Stage at info@nextstagearts.org or 802-451-0053.

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