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New owners continue a family tradition at the Colonial House Inn

BY PAULA BENSON
The Vermont Journal

WESTON, Vt. – Long-time Vermont resident John Nunnikhoven passed away on April 1, at age 87, leaving behind a legacy of a true “mom-and-pop” family business.

A beloved presence in the community, and known for their friendly hospitality, Nunnikhoven and his wife Betty were the proprietors of the Colonial House Inn and Motel in Weston, Vt., from 1979-2002. They then sold the property to their daughter Kim and her husband Jeff Seymour, who ran the business for more than 20 years. John had been proud to say all three of his children, and two of his kids-in-law, worked at the inn over the years.

Kim was attending Castleton College when her parents purchased the five-acre property on Route 100. She said they’d been living in Danbury, Conn., and wanted to find something they could do together. The couple



The Colonial House Inn.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

had fallen in love with Vermont when they first visited the state in the 1960s.

In 2014, Kim began working for the Town of Weston as the town clerk and treasurer, a big decision for her family at the time, because of the work required to run the motel and inn. “Initially, I wanted a part-time job,” Kim laughed, “but it wasn’t as part-time as I thought it would be.” She admits, however, that she loves the work,

and being of service to her adopted hometown.

Kim feels grateful for her years at the inn, and having the opportunity to work alongside her family. Kim’s mom Betty is now 86, and Kim said, “Up until three years ago, she was still coming to the inn to make cookies and jellies.”

In May 2023, after more

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Londonderry’s proposed zoning bylaw amendment

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – At the May 6 meeting, the Londonderry Selectboard heard from planning commission member Dick Dale on the proposed updated zoning bylaws, which were voted on and approved by the planning commission at their April 28 meeting. The amended bylaws would replace the 2008 zoning bylaws.

Dale thanked the current zoning officer Will Goodwin, the selectboard, and town administrator Shane O’Keefe for their help and support along the way. He said members of the development review board also came out to the planning commission meetings and actively participated in creating the language, and helped fix any errors or mistakes they found.

The board voted and accepted the planning commission’s submission of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment. Next on the agenda was to set a date for the public hearing, in order to get public feedback and officially approve the amendment as written.

Selectboard Chair Tom Cavanagh expressed that he wanted a little more time to look over the packet, indicating that it was extensive. Any changes or corrections that the board may want

to make to the amended bylaws would need to be done before holding the public hearing, which needs to be warned 15 days prior to the meeting date. This meant that setting the date depended on the decision to approve the amended bylaws as written.

Board member Melissa Brown urged, “These folks have worked really hard for four years,” obtaining feedback and comments from many boards and the public officials to get it right. “It’s unlikely that everyone is going to be happy with the unified development bylaws,” Brown continued, “but a lot of work has been done to get this as right as possible.” She pleaded that time is of the essence in getting the bylaws approved, and keeping the process moving by setting a date for the public hearing.

Cavanagh held up the large packet, “Have you seen this?”

Brown countered, “It’s not like you just got that today... you’ve followed this pretty closely and offered a lot of recommendations.” Brown also stated that the document is “summarized pretty carefully.”

Cavanagh said, “It’s not too much to have a couple of weeks to look through.” Board member Jim Fleming agreed, “I don’t think he’s wrong to ask for time to look through it.”

The board voted, and it was determined they would meet Monday, May 13, to approve the language as written or make changes,

and set the date for the public hearing. Details from that special meeting will be reported on in next week’s May 22 paper.

Brown thanked Dale for his time and efforts.

The board then heard from Andy Dahlstrom, the newly appointed short-term rental (STR) administrator. He asked questions and confirmed details of the STR ordinance, to better clarify the information so he could effectively help applicants fill out paperwork and understand the process and regulations more clearly.

Dahlstrom noted that the language may be slightly vague when it comes to the number of people that can occupy an STR, being two people per bedroom plus two additional people. Brown said that may need to be updated to make it more enforceable.

Dahlstrom also discussed fire alarms, which it was determined is a state regulation, and not necessary to regulate at a town level. Cavanagh explained that if something is not up to code, Dahlstrom should report it to a state official or fire marshal in this case. It was discussed that fire marshals are very busy, and can’t come out to inspect every STR location, though they can come out if they are called. Brown suggested that the STR administrator should have the ability to uphold regulations, regardless of them being state or

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Ludlow-Mount Holly School Committee approves revised budget

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Mount Holly School Committee met on Monday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 8, and unanimously approved a revised budget for a new vote on Tuesday, June 4. The reductions in the approved budget combined with actions of the state legislature would reduce the tax increase to an estimated 1.74% in Ludlow, and 4.38% in Mount Holly, compared with 6.57% and 9.32% respectively in the original budget.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) Superintendent Lauren Fierman and business manager Cheryl Hammond presented four options to reduce spending. The school committee selected Option A, which would reduce spending by \$95,212 compared with the budget rejected by the voters on April 23. Committee members felt that additional cuts would result in excessive harm to students.

Fierman and Hammond explained that the legislature changed the formula for financing schools for 2024-2025, to provide additional funding for districts like Ludlow-Mount Holly that have a large number of students from families with low incomes. This additional funding would have allowed us to maintain the same base tax rate as the current year, however, due

to the failed budgets and need to reduce that tax rate, the funds were not utilized, in order to reduce the impact of the state’s estimate of the increase in property values (CLA) of 11% in Ludlow and 13% in Mount Holly.

They also explained that the major items that increased in the budget are not within the district’s control. Because middle school and high school students attend schools of their choice, the district must pay the announced tuition rates for public school and the average announced rate for independent or private school. Federal and state regulations establish eligibility for special education, and the district must provide the services needed by each student. Health benefits are determined by the state. Salary scales were negotiated several years ago, and cannot be changed. The only way to further reduce spending would be to eliminate positions by having larger classes and fewer services for students.

The only capital project included in the proposed budget is the replacement of the boiler in the Mount Holly School. All other work that would have been covered by the bond is being deferred. If the Mount Holly boiler is not replaced

this summer, there is a significant risk that it could fail next winter, forcing the school to close until a replacement could be installed. Although other work, including repairing the roof in Ludlow and replacing the Ludlow boiler, will have to be done soon, the administration believes it can be deferred at least one year.

The school committee agreed that it needed to do more to inform voters about the budget. In addition to articles in the Vermont Journal, a mailing will be sent to all voters explaining the provisions in the budget, and there will be postings on local websites. They hope that providing greater information will encourage more people to vote. More information about the budget can be found on the TRSU website, www.trsu.org, or by calling the central office at 802-875-3365.

The vote will be held at the Ludlow Town Hall and the Mount Holly Town Office on Tuesday, June 4, from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Voting can also be done in advance of that date any time the town offices are open, or voters can request absentee ballots to mail in.

Ludlow Rotary continues literacy program

LUDLOW, Vt. – Continuing its program of literacy training, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) recently delivered custom-printed books to students of the Cavendish Town Elementary School (CTES).

George Thomson, a LRC Rotarian and former CTES principal, presented the selected books to the first grade CTES class and read the book to them, each book personalized with the student’s name.

He described the book, “School is Fun,” thusly, “In the book, the teacher is doing a special theme on raccoons, and she is going to show the kids a real raccoon in a cage after their study; however, the raccoon has gotten out and the student is the one who finds the raccoon and saves the day with the surprise visit!”

Thomson noted that the kids were delighted with the books, and, when given to them at



George Thomson and CTES students with their books, provided by the LRC.

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the end of the presentation, they searched through the script looking for the personalization.

Similar programs sponsored by LRC are conducted in other service areas of the club.

In Mount Holly, Brigid Sullivan is delivering books to students at the Mount Holly Elementary School. The same program is offered in Ludlow, where Sharon Bixby presents books

to the Ludlow Elementary School.

This LRC program’s purpose is to provide young readers with books on a periodic basis, to foster an interest in reading and enhance literacy capabilities of young students. The club has been sponsoring this program for over 27 years, “And, based on the success of it, we have no plans to discontinue it,” proffered Thomson.

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Ludlow Volunteer Day for trail clean up

LUDLOW, Vt. – Over the past few years, a dedicated group of community members have rallied together to utilize the space known as the “Back 40,” the lot behind the elementary school and high school baseball field, as municipal sports trails. Through the town, a mountain biking terrain was developed in the spring of 2023. However, a formal opening was delayed that summer due to the damage from the July flooding. The trails survived, although some maintenance was required. Thanks to this dedicated group of community members, there is a local chapter of Vermont Mountain Biking Association (VMBA), which was formed to oversee the new Ludlow trails’ wellbeing. Known as Ludlow Area Sports Trails (LAST), this group has already been

hard at work assessing and prepping next steps so that the trails will finally be ready for public use.

VMBA is well known for their impressive volunteer gatherings, and now LAST will host its own Volunteer Days to finish cleaning up the Back 40 trails. With an official grand opening and member meet/barbecue set for June 15, the Volunteer Clean Up Days will be Sunday, May 19, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., and again on Sunday, June 2, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Tasks will include raking, lopping roots, moving branches, and some other usual spring clean ups. Any interested community member volunteers are encouraged to attend.

The mountain biking trail has been a few years in the making, a tremendous shout out to the community members and LAST for

their hard work in seeing this to fruition. The trails will be a tremendous asset to the community. Mountain biking is a popular draw in Vermont, and helps towns find a way to thrive year-round when ski resorts are closed. Ludlow is honored to finally host its own public trail and provide an exciting resource for the community, with the plan to expand trails in the coming years and offer more variety for different skill levels. For more information, please visit the VMBA webpage for LAST at www.vmba.org/welcome-ludlow-area-sport-trails. The Ludlow Recreation Committee and Department commend this group, and we hope to see you all on Volunteer Day.

Fletcher Memorial Library book discussion

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Memorial Library invites everyone to join in a discussion of “The Women” by Kristin Hannah on Wednesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. “The Women” is a historical fiction novel that prompts thought-provoking discussions of the Vietnam War – each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal, and the real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

a dangerous time, and an epic tale of a nation divided. “The Women” shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm’s way, and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, “The Women” is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine, whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

Come chat with us at Fletcher Memorial Library on May 22. The library is located at 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. If you have

questions or need more information, give us a call at 802-228-8921. This program is free and open to the public.

Grafton Village Cheese store grand opening

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Grafton Village Cheese invites the public to help celebrate the grand opening of their new Okemo Valley retail store over the Memorial Day Weekend. A ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce will kick off the event on Friday, May 24, at 12 p.m. The celebration will continue Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., wrapping up Monday at 12 p.m. Each day will include cheese and gourmet food samples, live entertainment, daily raffles, and kids’ activities. The new store is conveniently located at 2568 Vermont Route 103 in Proctorsville, just east of downtown Ludlow.



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than 40 years of one family overseeing the inn, the Seymours made the decision to retire, and Kim was thrilled to meet another young family ready to take over and create their own memories at the historic property.

Lane and Alexandra “Ali” Knaack, their four-year-old daughter Rosie, and two dogs Raven and Blinkin have moved in, and are excited to establish roots in Weston, keeping the inn’s traditions alive while modernizing some of the amenities. They’ve updated some of the decor, are now offering online booking, and are awaiting a shipment of high-end, U.S.-made Saa-

tva mattresses. Eventually, they have plans for a keyless, contactless check-in service.

Lane was living in Manchester, Vt., in the late 90s, and attending Okemo Mountain School in Ludlow. He said he used to drive past the Colonial House Inn “all the time.” His roots in the snowboarding community are deep, and he called on his friends for help once he and Ali made the decision to dive in. “Trial by fire,” Lane remarked.

“We could not have done it without Lane’s connections in the community,” Ali stated.

“My best friend, my niece and nephew, and so many others showed up right when the U-Haul arrived,” Lane recalled. They essentially became like a fire brigade, carrying everything into the inn.

On Friday, May 10, a team of workers hammered away, installing a new roof, and by Tuesday, May 14, Lane and Ali would be hosting dinner for participants of the Vermont Inn to Inn Walking Tour, an event that started in 2019, and which, after being suspended during Covid, has grown in popularity every year from 2021 to today.

A self-guided tour, the event runs from May to October, with four inns participating: The Colonial House, the Governor’s Inn in Ludlow, Golden Stage Inn in Proctorsville, and Inn Victoria in Chester. The tour offers guests dinner and one night’s lodging in each of the inns, with days spent walking (or driving) up to 13

miles per day, while enjoying the peaceful scenery of Vermont’s lush green mountains.

The Colonial House Inn and Motel has stunning views of both Bromley and Magic Mountain, and is only 10 miles from Okemo Mountain.

The Weston Priory, a community of Benedictine monks, isn’t far from the inn, and some visitors have been coming for decades, staying at the Colonial House. Ali mentioned that one of their first guests was an 80-year-old nun who said she’d been coming to the visit the priory for over 40 years.

Previously, Ali worked in commercial real estate, and Lane said she’s been the brains behind the successful startup. “She’s a badass,” he stated, proudly.

“Their feet are well planted, and they have great energy,” Kim commented. “I think they will do really well here.”

The Seymours will be moving up the road a bit, after purchasing some land from a longtime employee of the inn, Byron Hart. Hart, and most of the inn’s staff, has stayed on, and Ali said they have all been incredibly helpful, especially Hart.

The Knaacks look forward to welcoming the winter sports crowds, and hosting events, dependent on what the Town of Weston allows. Happy to be neighbors of the Weston Playhouse, and for everything the town has to offer, they are ready to become an active part of the community.



LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotarians learned about local efforts to help children impacted by the war in Ukraine at the May 7 luncheon at DJ’s Restaurant. Past Rotary District Governor J.B. Siemienowicz, second from right, spearheaded a multipronged program that raised \$225,000 for backpacks and books about survival skills for children in Dnipro, folk musical instruments for kids in Zaporizhzhya, and sleeping bags for more than 80 children in Kharkiv. Ludlow Rotary Club President-Elect George Thomson, left, stands beside Ukrainian-born Sophia Sushailo, now a U.S. citizen. At right, Charlene Lovett is the president of the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club in New Hampshire.

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town regulations, in order to “take some pressure off” state officials.

The STR application was then discussed, being that it is “self-serving,” meaning STR owners fill it out themselves and hang it in their STR units. Board member Martha Dale suggested random surveys where the town can conduct inspections at their discretion.

The board then approved a West River Farmers Market vendor permit for use of Williams Park, a coin drop near Hells Peak Road on Sept. 14, and One Lon-

donderry Parkrun to use Brooks Lane and other town roads for a walk or run event every Saturday from Memorial Day through Columbus Day.

The board waived the bidding process for the town office renovation project construction and asbestos remediation contracts, and awarded the job to Catamount Inc. for \$16,250, to be paid by town reserve funds. They also ratified the contract for the storm damage excavation services for Memorial Park, awarded to Holder Excavating.

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

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Chester Fishing Derby

BY RON PATCH

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The Chester Fishing Derby was held Saturday, May 11. It was a chilly morning with overcast skies, limiting the number of anglers. There were 29 kids registered.

As in the past, George Wilson from the Chester Rod & Gun Club registered the kids and awarded prizes. This year, George was joined by Kent Armstrong, vice president of the club. Danny and I got the skinny on the rod and gun club's progress on the damage from last July's flood. Things are looking better.

Those who came had a great time. For our entertainment, a father trying to help his son land a nice brookie slipped into the

water, getting one leg wet to just below the knee. In the process, he lost the trout, a bummer for a young kid. Minutes later, they successfully landed a brook trout. I commented, "You caught the one that got away."

Some kids fished on the dam, some along the road. Many kids used a bobber with only 2 feet of line below the bobber. Trout like cold water, so they swim near the bottom. They seldom see the bait so far above them. Those that fished on the bottom had better luck.

Prizes

James Ludlam caught the first trout. His prize was a new tackle box, and a rod and reel. George asked if he wanted a closed-face reel or open-face reel. "Open face," James said. A wise choice.

Seth Muguira caught his

limit of five trout, one 11 inches long, so he won a prize for the first to catch his limit and another prize for the largest fish. He also won a tackle box with rod and reel. In total, 39 fish were caught. All of the kids had a great time.

I can't say enough about the contribution the rod and gun club makes to Chester. In addition to the fishing derby, they sponsor kids for the summer Green Mountain Conservation Camp, and offer a hunter safety course each year. At the range they have two target ranges, and a very active group of trap and skeet shooters.

At one time the club had their own breeding pools raising trout they stocked in the kid's brook. The kid's brook is the brook behind Buttonwood Farm. The

1927 flood washed away these breeding pools. They were never rebuilt. Today, Vermont Fish and Wildlife stocks the reservoir shortly before the derby.

The reservoir dam

Last July's flood was historic in some ways. The reservoir was built in 1915 by men working with horses. At the historical society is a 1915 photo of Clarence Balch, and other men, building the dam with the aid of horses. To my knowledge, the dam has never been compromised.

Last July, the water rushed over the spillways. Water was pouring into the reservoir at a rate greater than the spillways could discharge it. As the water level rose, it overflowed the dam. As the water rushed over the dam it washed out the backside of the dam.



Anglers along the dam. Notice how still the water is. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

This may have been a first. It was soon repaired by the town.

I've heard rumors that the dam was going to be taken down. I went to see Chester town manager Julie Hance with questions. Julie assured me she didn't support that idea, and that a dam inspector was to assess the dam for structural safety. I hope the dam is preserved. It's a great asset for the town.

During the summer when I fish up there, I often see people in kayaks or canoes paddling around. Gary Parker is one such participant. I know there are some huge bass in the reservoir. Gary has seen these huge bass when he paddles around the upper shallow end.

This week's old saying: "A bad day of fishing beats a good day of work."

Saxtons River Fishing Derby winners

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - A couple dozen young fisher folk took to the banks of Derby Pond to cast their luck in the annual Saxtons River Recreation Area Fishing Derby on May 4.

Trophies were awarded to the winners in each category as follows: in the age group 4-6, Nolan Fisher swept the field with first, biggest, and most fish, and Riley Duby did the same in the 11-14 age group. In ages 7-10, the lineup was Joshua Dupuis, first fish; Max Goyette, biggest fish; and Carson Mack, most fish.

Contributions to the event were made by Best Septic Services, the Justin



Left to right: Nolan Fisher, Joshua Dupuis, Max Goyette, Carson Mack and Riley Duby, with Stella Heidbrink in front offering congratulations.

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Beebe Memorial Fund, the Area, and the Bellows Falls Opera House.

Bellows Falls petroglyphs presentation

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Annette Spaulding and Kchi Pontegok Project team members will present results of their two-year effort to better understand and recognize the Bellows Falls petroglyph site. Long listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Project sheds new light on the site by letting the land speak for itself.

The petroglyph site is located at the Great Falls along the Connecticut River in Bellows Falls Village at the Vilas Bridge. The site has particular importance to the

Abenaki community as part of a sacred landscape. The petroglyphs are a form of awikhigan, an instrument that can be used for communication amongst the living, for recording and remembering, for persuasion, for marking a journey, for telling a story, or for sealing a promise. They are a life form, marking and grounding the community in the scheme of things, a pivot point along the flow of the Connecticut River.

Presentations will be held at Westminster Institute and Library, Westminster, Vt., on May 15, from 6-7 p.m.; Charlestown Public Library,

Charlestown, N.H., on May 16, from 4-5 p.m.; the Rockingham Free Public Library, Bellows Falls, Vt., on May 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and Springfield Art and Historical Society, Springfield, Vt., on May 25, from 2-3 p.m.

The Kchi Pontegok Project is made possible by funding from the National Park Service Underrepresented Communities Grant Program, and supported in part by Vermont Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed do not necessarily represent those of the National Park Service or Vermont Humanities.

Windham County Genealogy Interest Group meeting

REGION - The next meeting of the Windham County Genealogy Interest Group (WCGIG) will cover the topics "Researching a Grandparent" and "Strategies for Finding Problem Ancestors," on Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Zoom only. This meeting is free and open to all. Please register at forms.

gle/janUysG1cEaaPGwB9. A Zoom link will be sent before the meeting. Pose any questions that you may have for the presenters when you register.

Using sources such as census records, vital records, city directories, archives at the New England Conservatory and Framingham State University,

Sanborn maps, photos, an autograph book, and a family genealogy, WCGIG member Michael Bosworth will present the why and how - including the occasional serendipity - of his research into his paternal grandfather William Ezra Bosworth Sr. of Williamantic, Conn., and Holyoke, Mass. He was a piano tuner,

and later a restaurateur, and weighed 300 pounds. Michael never knew his grandfather, but through this process gained much appreciation of his high and low points. The review will focus on the first half of William's life, 1877-1910.

Then, Wayne Blanchard, cofounder of Windham County Genealogy Interest

Group and genealogy volunteer at Rockingham Public Library, will give us his insights applied to "Strategies for Finding Problem Ancestors." As anyone who has done some genealogy knows, unraveling one's family history involves overcoming roadblocks. Recently, someone contacted the library for help finding out about the life of a man named Ralph Parker Smith, who was born in Vermont in 1795. He married a woman named Ruth, and they had four children, all born in Stockholm, N.Y.: Darius H., 1821-1910; Albert E., 1829-1898; Hiram C., 1834-1890; and Myron Walter, 1838-1917. They moved to Cleveland,

Minn., where he died in 1879. The challenge is to find out where he was born, who his parents were, what Ruth's maiden name was, and who her parents were. Wayne will share his strategies to try to answer the questions, but those attending are encouraged to see if they can solve the problem also. No prizes, but anyone with an answer will have genealogy bragging rights.

The Windham County Genealogy Interest Group is an informal organization whose members are dedicated to genealogy education, research, and best practices. Meetings are held every other month on Zoom.

Fletcher Memorial Library hosts seed library

LUDLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Memorial Library, in partnership with the Ludlow Area Community Garden, has started a seed library for our community members. A seed library is a place where community members can get seeds for free. This season, our seed library is full of seeds donated by Burpee Organics - lettuce blends, herbs such as basil, dill, oregano, parsley, and flowers such as nasturtium, moonflower, mina lobata, and morning glory. The library is also sharing "The Vermont Rain Garden Manual, Gardening to Absorb the Storm," a publication from the UVM Extension Services.

Gardening is known to lighten our mood and lower our levels of stress and anxiety. It is also very grati-

fyng to plant, tend, harvest, and share food and plants you have grown yourself. Gardening is a great way to respond proactively to climate changes and flooding. The library will be hosting several gardening programs this summer, such as container gardening and seed saving, provided by the

UVM Master Gardeners local volunteers.

Fletcher Memorial Library is located at 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. Please call 802-228-8921 for more information or with questions. You may also visit our website at www.fmlnews.org.

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OBITUARIES & CHURCH

Dear Editor,

I'm running for village trustee because Bellows Falls has been a wonderful place to live, and I want to contribute to my community and its growth. My wife and I moved to Bellows Falls in 2021, and had our first child here. When we were looking to return to New England from Washington, D.C., we were drawn

to the village by the vibrant community. As a trustee, I will work with those that are already making Bellows Falls a great place to live. Last summer I managed the Bellows Falls Farmers Market, and I currently serve on the Rockingham Planning Commission. Through these efforts, and conversations with neigh-

bors, I have learned about many local efforts and possibilities.

I have worked in education, community development, and public policy. My wife and I grew up in a small town an hour south. In Washington, D.C., my work focused on federal policy. I hold a bachelor's degree and an MBA,

and would like to put these skills to use serving Bellows Falls. I now work in higher education, and we live just off the Village Square. Thank you for being my neighbor!

Paid for by
Taylor Pichette
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

It is difficult to think that my representatives in the Vermont Legislature, along with the rest of the Democrat/Progressive supermajority, are working in the interests of the people and the natural environment of this beautiful little state.

The added tax burden that they have voted for in the current session is an extraordinary set of tax increases, and new taxes that will harmfully reduce

the discretionary income of those they swore to represent. In turn, small businesses will be undermined by both higher taxes and loss of customers and clientele.

Vermonters have told them that the education tax is too high, even as the student population in the state grows ever smaller. Now that a number of towns have voted down their school budgets, repeatedly,

some of their party have suggested legislation that would allow the vote of town citizens to be bypassed and leave final budget decisions to school boards. What a reactionary and regressive idea – to circumvent the democratic process, to negate the will of the people. The idea resonates with new Democrat/Progressive legislation that allows local town and regional plans to be bypassed or ignored in the interests of "renewable" energy projects, again a regressive move away from local decision making and the interests of Vermonters.

Vermonters have told them they are worried that they will not be able to keep themselves warm in winter because of the expected increase in the price of heating fuels, \$0.70 per gallon at a minimum – one consequence of the so-called Clean Heat Standard. One Democrat senator half-jokingly suggested that an additional blanket would address the problem.

Vermonters have told them that the plan to get rid of all fossil fuels in the state is unrealistic and punitive to the citizens and businesses of this state. A universal fuel tax that subsidizes those who can afford heat pumps amounts to taxing the poor to benefit the rich, again a regressive policy.

The electric grid operators have cautioned that complete electrification of the state's energy supply is beyond the capacity of the grid and that the upgrade is beyond the financial wherewithal of our state. The grid operators have also warned of the likelihood of blackouts because of inadequate backup energy sources for those inevitable times when the wind does not blow and the sun does not shine. The Democrat/Progressive extreme push for so-called renewables without heed to cautions from citizens, farmers, business people, environmentalists, energy specialists, and the state's own officials is irrational and unworkable.

It is difficult to think they are working in the interests of Vermonters.

Sincerely,
Anna Vesely Pilette
Grafton, Vt.

Walter Stankevich, 1928-2024



Walter Stankevich, 1928-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Walter Stankevich, 95, died on Monday, May 6, 2024, at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt., surrounded by his family. He was born Aug. 13, 1928, in Perkinsville, Vt., the son of Kostanti and Zophia (Ripchik) Stankevich. He attended schools in Weathersfield and Springfield.

Walter worked on the family farm, and worked at the Mill and the Foundry. He later drove tractor-trailers for JP Goddard, until he was drafted in 1950. He served from 1950-1952 in the Army during the Korean War, stationed in Germany. After his military service, Walter returned to work at JP Goddard Bakery.

On Jan. 31, 1953, Walter married Jacqueline Moore at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She predeceased him on July 28, 2022.

In 1953, Walter went to work as a machinist at the Fellows Gear Shaper Company in Springfield, retiring in 1991.

He enjoyed summers in Maine, building things for his family, hunting, fishing, ice fishing, bowling, playing cards, and cookouts with family. He was also an avid Red Sox fan.

Walter had a great love for his family, and was always looking out for them.

He is survived by his three

children Kathy (Brien) Ravlin, Bill (Karen) Stankevich, and Karen (Don) Nelson; five grandchildren Julia Ravlin, William J. Stankevich, Danielle Stankevich, Amanda Renne, and Chelsea Nelson; and five great-grandchildren Zoey McIntyre, Parker Stankevich, Alex, Gracie, and Ryan Renne.

He was predeceased by his parents; siblings Zina, Carl, Nick, Lizzie, and John; and stepsiblings Alexander, Nicholi, Helena, and Joseph.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 14, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend James Shea will officiate. Burial will follow at the St. Mary's Cemetery, with a reception to follow the burial at the Nolin-Murray Center.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

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CYM Youth Group. PHOTO PROVIDED

This Youth group is facilitated by two of the moms that attend St. Charles Catholic Church in Bellows Falls, and Our Lady of the Valley Church in Townshend. All youth ages 12-18 are welcome to join us at St. Charles Social Center, 31 Cherry Hill Street, Bellows Falls, Vt. We gather on the third Sunday of

the month, from 2-5 p.m. Parents are welcome to join us. Please note that non-Catholics are welcome to attend this youth group. Hope to see you there.

For more information, please call or text Sara Frost - Our Lady of the Valley and West River Mission at 802-380-4765, or Celeste Marquise at 802-376-3507.

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obituaries

Colleen Barrett, 1944-2024

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Colleen Barrett, known as the woman who created the heart and culture of Southwest Airlines Co., passed away Wednesday, May 8, at the age of 79. Colleen will be remembered by her son Patrick Barrett; daughter-in-law Melodie Bateman Barrett; her pride and joy grandson Evan Daniel Barrett and his wife Liz; brother Pat Crotty and his wife Heidi; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and, of course, her beloved Southwest Airlines family. Her mother Barbara Crotty Blanchard, her father Rich Crotty, her brother Dick Crotty, and nephew Joshua Druke preceded Colleen in death.

Before Colleen dedicated her heart and soul to Southwest Airlines, she came from humble beginnings in the small rural town of Bellows Falls, Vt. Colleen graduated with highest honors from Becker Junior College in 1964. She was a diligent student, who thought briefly of becoming a nun. However, her path led her to a high calling of another sort – that of Southwest Airlines. In 1967, Colleen was a young military wife and mother seeking a job in San Antonio. She convinced a San Antonio law firm to allow her to work for free for two weeks under the agreement that, if they did not like her work, they did not have to pay her. That “volunteer” role is how she came to work for Herb Kelleher, cofounder of Southwest Airlines, a hotshot attorney with a brilliant legal mind and an office in disarray. Colleen became an irreplaceable fixture as his valued executive assistant, and supported him as he fought many court battles on behalf of Southwest Airlines.

Though Herb passed away Jan. 3, 2019, they were a dynamic work duo for over 50 years. Herb and Colleen initially focused on his law firm clients in San Antonio, which included Southwest Airlines even before it began flying. When Herb stepped in to serve as Southwest’s acting CEO in 1978, Colleen assumed the role of Southwest’s corporate secretary – a role she held for 40 years, until 2008. As time went on, Colleen became an integral part in forming Southwest’s dynamic employee culture and relentless focus on customer service. She was honored to serve in several positions of leadership, including vice president administration, executive vice president customers, president and chief operating officer, and finally, president of the airline from 2001 to July 2008, making her the highest-ranking woman in the commercial airline industry at that time. She also served on Southwest’s Board of Directors from 2001-2008, as corporate secretary.

Colleen dedicated herself to putting employees first, and encouraging them to deliver positively outrageous customer service, which became the very signature of Southwest Airlines. She was responsible for instilling the golden rule among the employees of Southwest, and she was the architect of the company’s famous corporate culture. Colleen’s fervent mantra was to treat people as they want to be treated – with kindness and respect – and the rest will follow, including profitability and shareholder satisfaction. To share this leadership philosophy, Colleen coauthored with Ken Blanchard the book “Lead with LUV: A Different Way to Create Success.” She believed that Southwest was truly “a customer service organization,



Colleen Barrett, 1944-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

which just happened to fly airplanes.”

Colleen received high accolades, including winning the Outstanding Woman in Aviation Award in 2007, and being named to Forbes’ list of the 100 Most Powerful Women in Business on more than one occasion, as well as being made an honorary lifetime member of the Transport Workers Union. In October 2007, she was the first female recipient of the Tony Jannus Award for distinguished achievement in commercial air transportation. Colleen was named to the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 2011, received the Horatio Alger Award in 2005, and received the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy from the National Aeronautic Association in 2016. She was also inducted in 2024 into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. Committed to giving back to the community, Colleen was active in numerous civic and charitable organizations in Dallas, and served for many years on the board of directors for JC Penney Company Inc., and the Dallas Hearing Foundation. Colleen was also dedicated to her alma mater, Becker College in Worcester, Mass., where she served on the board of trustees, and established the Colleen C. Barrett Center for Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which served as the epicenter of innovation, entrepreneurship, learning agility, leadership, and problem solving on the Becker campus.

Colleen wanted to extend heartfelt thanks to her caregivers Dorothy Simmons, Carol Dickey, Wanda Dory, and Jo Shaw; Pathway Hospice Nurses Stacie and Kelli; and her doctors Carrie Carter, Carol Croft, Jule Carew, and Richard Anderson. Colleen’s family also wishes to thank her “posse” of friends Melinda and Mike Russ, Cindy Ritner, Vickie Shuler, Toni and Joe Crayton, Elvie and Juan Gonzales, Tim McClure, and Keith Wilson.

Colleen’s family desires that memorial donations honoring her life, legacy, and love for people be made to the Southwest Airlines Employee Catastrophic Charity, Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Dallas Hearing Foundation, or the charity of your choice. Most of all, Colleen would encourage you to extend love and respect to one another, and make a positive difference in the world. A vigil service and visitation for family and friends will be held Wednesday, May 15, from 6-8 p.m., at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas.

The Funeral Rite will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, in the sanctuary of Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Road, Dallas, Texas.

OBITUARIES:

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Richard B. Barrows, 1936-2024



N. WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Richard Byron Barrows, 87, of North Westminster, Vt., died unexpectedly at his home on May 2, 2024.

Richard was born on Aug. 3, 1936, to the late Clayton Barrows and Bernice (Hathorn) Barrows, in Bellows Falls. He graduated Bellows Falls High School in 1954, and went on to Vermont Technical School in Randolph, Vt., for a two-year degree in agriculture.

On Sept. 15, 1956, he married Patricia Evelyn Burke at St. Joseph’s Church in Walpole, N.H. Richard and Patricia were married for 67 years, until her recent passing this February. He is survived by their three children Catherine Moore and her husband Glen Moore of Alstead, N.H., Cynthia Lisai and her husband Brent Lisai of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Richard P. Barrows and his wife Karen Barrows of Ossipee, N.H. He is also survived by his grandchildren Jesse Moore, Nicole Gorman, Kirstina Barrows-Smith, and Kyle Barrows; and one great-grandchild Madison Haskell. He is predeceased by his parents, his wife, and his brother Ernest Barrows of Keene, N.H.

Richard was in the Army National Guard, Company A, 8th Battalion, 3rd Training Regiment Infantry, where he was also selected for the Army National Guard Color Guard. He served in the Vermont National Guard for six years.

In 1957 he went to work driving truck for Cray Oil Company of North Walpole, N.H., and in 1967 he started a 28-year tenure at St. Johnsbury Trucking in Bellows Falls. After their closure, he drove for various trucking companies until he retired at the age of 80. In a national truck rodeo competition at the Indianapolis International Speedway, he won second place in the five-axle class. He was a mentor and teacher of driving and driving safety to many, and he was the best trailer man Cindy and her



Richard Barrows, 1936-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

horses could have ever asked for. He took great pleasure helping people with backing up, parking, and driving their trailers.

He was a proud member of American Legion Post 37, The New England Teamsters and Trucking Industry, The New England Draft Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, and the Cheshire Fair Horse Show Circuit where, at the age 86, he entered his first show class in the Western Halter Division, and was awarded Reserve Champion at the year-end banquet, receiving a standing ovation. He was a great lover of farming, agriculture, local fairs, livestock, horses, horse pulls, and horse shows, Saturday night beans and hot dogs, fried scallops, spaghetti and meatballs, Johnny Cash, and Charlie Pride, but yet most especially his family.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, May 22, from 5-7 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. A Memorial Mass will be held on May 23, at 11 a.m., at St. Charles Church. Burial will be held in Lower Langdon Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Cheshire Horse Show Series, attn: Hazel Young, 90 Old Leonard Farm Road, Swanzey, NH 03446.

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

Shirley Littler, 2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Shirley Littler, 85, of Springfield, Vt., passed away peacefully at the Jack Byrne Center on May 3, 2024.

If you are reading this, my spirit is gone from my body. My body is still on this earth, but my spirit is in heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ. I didn’t get here by myself. I got to heaven because Jesus died for me. He loved me so much that he died so I wouldn’t have to pay the consequences of my sins. He did that for me, so please rejoice with me! I am in His loving arms!

My last wish is that you might know that Jesus died for your sins too, and that you also might be a sinner saved by grace.

As for my life here, I was born in Rutland, Vt. My family consisted of my parents Charles Henry Prior “Charlie” Littler and Sarah Philinda Mayo “Sadie” Littler, and my brother Richard Charles Littler and his wife Marsha Kelly Littler, who all passed on before me. I was also blessed with good Christian friends Joan Creelman (deceased) and Joan’s family in the Philadelphia area, who have become my own over the years, Ann Waldmann (deceased) and her family, David and Linda Batchelder and their large and extended family, and Floreen Bishop. I also have many quilt-



Shirley Littler, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

ing and support group buddies, and the wonderful staff at the Jack Byrne Center. Thank you all for caring for me in many ways!

I was a nurse and worked lastly at Springfield Hospital in maternity. I became a massage therapist in 1985, and worked in private practice and at the Waller Chiropractic Clinic for many years.

Joys in my life have been many, including my friends and my rescue dogs (unspoiled fur babies!), most recently Lovey.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m., at Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. If you come, please do not wear black, as this will be a joyous event!

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Howard Barton Sr. graveside service

LUDLOW, Vt. – A graveside service for Howard Barton Sr., who passed away Jan. 29, 2024, will be held on June 1, at 11 a.m., at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt.

Dennis N. Rhodes, 2024

CHESTER, Vt. – It is with deep sorrow that we announce the loss of Dennis N. Rhodes of Chester, Vt. Dennis was a gentle yet passionate person, who enjoyed both solitude and his loved ones. Throughout his life he was at home in the outdoors, working skillfully with wood and stone to fabricate beautiful carvings and stone walls, among many other things. Full obituary and arrangements will be posted in the near future.

Catherine G. Knight, 1952-2024

LACONIA, N.H. – Catherine G. “Casey” Knight, 72, of Sanborn Street, passed away Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at Concord Hospital in Concord.

Catherine was born Jan. 10, 1952, in Bellows Falls, Vt., the daughter of Peter T. Golec and Frances A. (Godrick) Golec.

Casey enjoyed reading, walking along the ocean shore, loved her various dogs and cats, and enjoyed bird watching. She loved her family dearly, and always enjoyed the various holidays and gatherings with them. She always was keeping up with all the things happening in the lives of her son Brian, stepson Jeffrey, and her nieces and nephews.

Casey is survived by her husband of 16 years Russell Knight of Laconia, N.H.; son Brian Clark and wife Milisa of Carrollton, Ohio; two stepdaughters Dawn Knight of Salem, N.H., and Laura Lyons and her husband Mark of Somersworth, N.H.; her brother Peter S. Golec and his wife Ellen of Saxtons River, Vt.; three sisters Jane M. Golec of Bellows Falls, Vt., Theresa Szklennik and her husband Marten of Walpole, N.H., and Mary D. Trombly and her husband George of Springfield, Vt.; two grandchildren David and Ashley; and two great-grandchildren Rylee and Nolan. In addition to her parents,



Catherine Knight, 1952-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Casey is predeceased by two siblings Frances M. Thibault and Stanley M. Golec. Also predeceasing her is a previous husband of many years, Lawrence Poitras.

Casey was a loving and caring person, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. There will be no services at this time, but there will be a Celebration of Life sometime this summer.

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MAY 16-18

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester-Andover Family Center (CAFC) Thrift Shop will hold a three-day sale from May 16-18. Discounts on clothing and accessories, including shoes, but not including jewelry. The expanded hours for the Thrift Shop are May 16, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; May 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and May 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The CAFC Thrift Shop is located at 908 Vermont Route 103S, Chester, Vt. For more information, call 802-875-3236.

MAY 17 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On May 17, at 6 p.m., Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square, host a talk by novelists Eileen O’Finlan and Eileen Charbonneau on “Witches and Vampires: When Old World Nightmares Invaded the New World.”

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

more information.

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

MAY 18 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Moose Lodge #679, 39 South Street, will host a free dinner for seniors aged 65 and older. The meal will be offered to those under 65 for a small fee. You must sign up in advance to attend. Sign-up sheets are located at the Springfield Senior Center, The Maples, The Huber Building, The Whitcomb Building, and the Moose Lodge. For more information, call 802-885-5370.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – On Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Westminster First Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship will be holding their Spring Sale on the church lawn, 3470 U.S. Route 5, Westminster, Vt. There will be all kinds

of plants for sale – annuals, perennials, bushes, and garden starts. Also for sale will be baked goods and garden crafts. Buy a ticket for the chance raffle, which will be drawn at the end of the day. There will be local gift certificates and other donated items. The cookout lunch will include hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, peppers and onions, and chili. Take it to go, or sit and visit at our outside cafe.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles F. Andros, former New Hampshire/Vermont apiary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, May 18, from 1-3:30 p.m., at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, N.H. Look for the “BEE” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Registration is required, email lindenamel@gmail.com, or call 603-756-9056.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Saturday, May 18, the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield

Road, will be holding their annual yard sale, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. We have an extensive variety of items, including household, dishes, toys, books, and all sorts of treasures. All items are by donation only. This yard sale is an important fundraiser for the senior center, and we wish to thank all who have so generously donated items and their time to organize it. Please come check it out and help support our Charlestown Senior Center.

MAY 21 –

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 21, from 5-7 p.m., Bob Ray & Friends will be playing at the West Townshend Country Store’s burger night. The store is located at 6573 Route 30 in West Townshend. For more information, email info@westtownshend.org or call 802-874-4800.

MAY 23 –

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Second Congregational Church, 2051 North Main Street (Vermont Route 11) in Londonderry, is thrilled to announce the first Community Lunch of 2024 on Thursday, May 23, at 12 p.m. World-renowned chef Patty Pettit, assisted

by expert sous-chef Eris Proctor, will be preparing a sumptuous feast for all. Our servers will cater to your every need. Fun, fellowship, and great food available for all. A freewill offering will be gathered. For more information, call the church office at 802-824-6453.

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.”

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.

SUNDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

MONDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension, Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.oa.org.

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

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

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

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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.

27 Upper Bartonville Road

For the years 2022-2023. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Melvin W. Hakey and Prudence I. Hakey to Orman M. Richards, Jr. by deed dated June 9, 1978 and recorded in Book ____, Page 498 of the Rockingham Town Land Records. Blanche M. Richards is now deceased. Reference is made to the Contingent Remainder Deed from Orman M. Richards, Jr. to Robert M. Richards dated July 11, 2019 and recorded in Book 392, Page 267 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 Citigroup 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

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FOR RENT

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

FOR SALE

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

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.

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NOTICE OF WESTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD HEARING

Hells Peak LLC has submitted an appeal of a notice of violation for a house located at 19 Hells Peak Rd. This house is taller than is allowed in the town of Weston. The application will be reviewed under Section 251 and Article VIII of the Weston Zoning Regulations.

The meeting will be held on June 5, 2024 at 5:00 at the Weston Town Offices, 12 Lawrence Hill Rd. Anyone interested in seeing the application, submitting written comments, or attending the meeting online should contact the Zoning Administrator at: Town of Weston P.O. Box 98, Weston Vt. 05161 or Zoning@westonvt.org.

Town Of Weston
PO Box 98
Weston, VT 05161

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PAINTING ANNEX BUILDING (THE LITTLE SCHOOL) OUTSIDE

The Town of Weston is requesting bids to paint the outside The Little School located on 8 Lawrence Hill Rd Weston, VT 05161

• Please visit the Town of Weston 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 May 17, 2024. In person and emailed proposals must be in by **May 17, 2024**, proposals may also be mailed with a postmark date no later than **May 17, 2024** addressed to: **Town of Weston Selectboard PO Box 98, Weston VT 05161 Attn: Annex Painting**

All proposals will be opened at the Selectboard meeting scheduled on **May 28th, 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 Londonderry, VT JOB OPENINGS

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

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

Minutes Taker
Part-time position for a person to take minutes for Selectboard meetings and other board and commission meetings as assigned. In-person meeting attendance is preferred, but remote attendance (either real-time or viewing video recordings of meeting) is acceptable. Meetings are normally held in the early evening with occasional daytime meetings, and the job requires timely drafting of accurate, thorough and informative minutes.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING Cavendish Municipal Water System Tuesday, May 21st, through Thursday, May 23rd, 2024 During the hours of 8 am to 5 pm

System users are reminded that: Flushing hydrants may cause temporary discoloration and turbidity of the water. We apologize for any inconvenience to our users, however this very important system maintenance procedure must be conducted each spring and fall. The flushing program allows the pipes to be purged and the hydrants checked for proper operation. Users are advised to avoid drinking the water or washing clothes (especially whites) while discoloration is in evidence. Following hydrant flushing in your area, users should run cold water until it clears before resuming normal use. It is also a good idea to flush residential water heaters after the water clears following a hydrant flush in your area. Thank you for your cooperation,

Cavendish Municipal Water System
For additional information call 802-226-7291

Town Of Weston
PO Box 98
Weston, VT 05161

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 20KW GENERATOR

The Town of Weston is requesting bids for the purchase and installation of a 20KW generator for the Town Office Located at 12 Lawrence Hill RD, Weston VT 05161

Please visit the Town of Weston website for 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 May 17th, 2024. In person and emailed proposals must be in by **May 17, 2024** mailed with a postmark date no later than **May 17th, 2024** addressed to: **Town of Weston Selectboard PO Box 98, Weston VT 05161 Attn: Generator**

All proposals will be opened at the Selectboard meeting scheduled on **May 28th, 2024**

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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

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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

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".

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.

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

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- Legislative Wrap-Up

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Canal Street Art Gallery new artist opportunities —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery announces a call for entries of original art from local and regional artists for its upcoming Vermont Summer Group Show, followed by the new “Ceramic | Fiber” show, and wrapping this year up with the Art For All Seasonal Group Show. Additional opportunities for artists include the Working Artist Program,

and artist representation. To submit for all opportunities, please visit www.canalstreetartgallery.com/call-for-entry, where artists must complete the artist registration form, artwork submission, and email artwork images. Submissions for all call for entries and opportunities for artists are free and open to the public.

The sixth annual Vermont

Summer Group Show brings new artwork to Bellows Falls from local and regional artists. There is an exhibition fee for acceptance of up to three submissions, with a maximum measurement of 36 inches in any direction. The deadline for submission is May 27. This year, the public is invited to participate in the voting process for awards given to three art-

works in the show. Votes for favorite artworks are cast by in-person ballot at the gallery.

The “Ceramic | Fiber” show brings the medium focus show back, presenting two mediums side by side: fine art ceramics and the fiber arts. The exhibition fee is pay-as-you-wish, for acceptance of up to nine submissions, with a maximum measurement of 60 inches in any direction. The deadline for submission is Aug. 26. As with many of the gallery’s exhibits, the “Ceramic | Fiber” show wishes to allow the artists to define their art rather than making them fit a mold. This is exemplified with this show by opening the definition up to the breath of a medium. Both ceramic and fiber are materials which are intertwined with art, agriculture, society, and survival.

The 2024 Art For All Seasonal Group Show shares the gifts from the many artists of this region, and marks the gallery’s eighth year. The

exhibition fee includes acceptance of up to four submissions, with a maximum measurement of 36 inches in any direction for one artwork, and 12 inches for three artworks. The deadline for submission is Oct. 21. Canal Street Art Gallery announces the reintroduction of its sliding commission scale for the Seasonal Group Show. This effort to make art more affordable takes a lower percentage commission on artwork priced under \$200, featured on the “Affordable Art Wall.” Additional works may be submitted to be accepted for the “Affordable Art Wall.”


Canal Street Art Gallery’s Working Artist Program and artist representation both accept submissions on an ongoing basis. Artists are invited to share 12 artworks, along with an artist’s statement and biography, through the gallery’s call for entry page on its website.

The Working Artist Program provides artists with an affordable space within the gallery, where they may

complete a project, explore a new body of work, or gain exposure and sales. Artists process their own sales and curate their own space, with an exhibition fee per month. Working Artists are expected to interact with gallery visitors, discuss their artwork, process, and practice, and answer questions.

Artist representation is a yearly promotional agreement with a signing fee. Representation offers artwork consignment listed on individual artist pages on our website, inventory kept in the gallery’s visible storage and flat file, as well as inclusion the gallery’s once-a-year New Work show, opportunities for solo shows, and a growing list of venues in the gallery’s Touring Exhibitions Program.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, visit www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.




TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Town of 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 or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH. The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.




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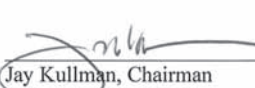
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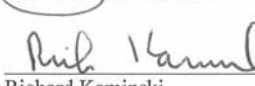
The legal voters of the of the Town of Plymouth, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that a petition has been filed by at least 5% of the registered voters, of the Town of Plymouth, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, to reconsider Article 6 from the annual town meeting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

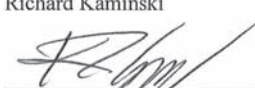
Article 6. To see if the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth will vote to exempt the property owned by Bethany Birches Camp Inc. located at 2610 Lynds Hill Road (parcel id: 000167) from the educational portion of the property taxes for a period of five (5) years commencing with the 2024 tax year?

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

Town of Plymouth, Select Board


Jay Kullman, Chairman
Date: 4-15-24


Richard Kaminski
Date: 4-15-24


Keith Cappellini
Date: 4/15/24

SRAG ink and watercolor workshop with Zimmerman –

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The Saxtons River Art Guild (SRAG) will offer a workshop on ink and watercolor with Lynn Zimmerman on Saturday, May 19, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School Street, Bellows Falls. All materials will be supplied, but artists are invited to bring watercolors, watercolor pencils, and watercolor crayons, inks,

brushes, paper, etc. All that is needed is an open mind and a willingness to experiment and have fun.

This workshop is for experts and novices alike, watercolor painters or not.

It’s an opportunity to step out of your usual art practice and take time to experiment and explore in ways that will inspire your return to your regular art practice with fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and

energy. Participants will explore the magic of line and color, and how painting and drawing can support each other in surprising ways. Using India ink with a G-nib dip pen and an odd assortment of other tools, artists will create a variety of intriguing marks and spice up their work with water-based media color.

Lynn Zimmerman is excited by color and the beauty of natural things, and she combines those in her work in watercolor, oil, acrylic, gouache, colored pencil, and ink painting. Her works show her love of detail, as well as a grasp of the bigger sweep of life and light.

Lynn studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art and the Rhode Island School of Design. She has worked as a graphic designer and illustrator for more than 30 years. Lynn offers instruction in watercolor, oil, and gouache painting, as well as drawing, book arts, and collage. Her emphasis is always on gently supporting each student along his or her creative journey.

The workshop fee is discounted for SRAG members. Coffee and tea will be available, and participants should bring a lunch. To register for the workshop, please email Carolyn at pohbear@ne.rr.com.

NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

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

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

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

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

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

IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS
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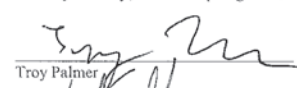
For May 13, 2024:


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

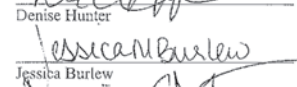
For May 20, 2024:


- GOOGLE MEET ID LINK: meet.google.com/oqn-dxum-zkg
- By telephone: Dial -1 240-317-4979 and when prompted enter the PIN 682 684 591#.
- Meeting link can also be accessed on the home page of the School District Website: ssdvt.org
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Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.


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Stephen Karaffa


Denise Hunter

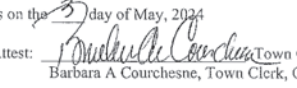

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Notice posted in four public places on the 2nd day of May, 2024

Attest: 
Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC

arts & entertainment

Concert to close out Fun(d) Run

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Phoenix presents a benefit for the Divided Sky Foundation with the inaugural Music on the Mountain, a live music festival created to celebrate recovery, on Saturday, May 18. This afternoon festival, held at the base of Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vt., will take place at 2 p.m., following the Divided Sky Foundation's annual Fun(d) Run, which occurs at 9 a.m. that morning. Featuring performances by Anders Osborne, Dogs In A Pile, and Saints and Liars, Music on the Mountain will have vendors offering food, water, and nonalcoholic beverages for sale.

All proceeds from event ticket sales and other donations benefit Divided Sky Foundation, a nonprofit residential recovery retreat in Ludlow, Vt., that was founded by Phish's Trey Anastasio. The facility recently opened in the fall of 2023.

"As a person in recovery, I understand how valuable it is to individuals in early sobriety to have access to an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive community where they can begin to build a solid foundation for

their new sober lives. At The Divided Sky Recovery Program, our mission is to deliver supportive and compassionate programming with dignity and respect for individuals and their families affected by addiction. We do this by offering a safe environment for men and women to build the foundation necessary to live a productive, healthy, and sober life," says Anastasio.

The event is ticketed (registration through Eventbrite is required) at a suggested donation, though participants in the Fun(d) Run can register for free. The event is family-friendly, though parents of children under 18 will be required to complete a waiver upon entry. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, picnic blankets, etc., and enjoy the sights and sounds of Music on the Mountain. The Phoenix will provide wellness activities through-



Music on the Mountain. PHOTO PROVIDED

out the weekend, such as yoga, meditation, and arts. Through Music on the Mountain, the organizers hope to create a movement to provide more sober-inclusive music events and festivals.

"I am really excited to be part of this amazing event on Okemo Mountain," says headliner Anders Osborne. "Please join us and support Divided Sky and Phoenix while jamming super hard to some outstanding music, craft, and food, while dancing and laughing together."

More information and tickets are available at www.musiconthemtn.com.

Sullivan holds "Form and Flora" show at MSA

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Join local artist Stephanie Sullivan for an artist reception for a new gallery show, "Form and Flora," at Main Street Arts (MSA) on Saturday, May 18, from 2-4 p.m. MSA is located at 32 Main Street in Saxtons River.

"Form and Flora" will feature several paintings by Sullivan. The show will run from May 18 – June 23. Gallery hours will be on Saturdays and Sundays, from 1-4 p.m. The paintings will be available for purchase through MSA.

Sullivan's lifelong connection to nature provided respite from life's challenges, and influenced her art. "As early as I can re-

member, art and nature have always provided me with moments of rest and rejuvenation. The time and space for my dyslexic mind to play, free from the complexities of modern life...I use my creativity as a bridge towards a greater understanding and connection to our larger living planet," she said.

The forest led Sullivan to her new pieces of art. "This is part of a new body of work. These pieces invite you along on a forest wander, sharing expressions of the ferns, moss, lichen, and other organisms that inspire my work," she said.

"Combining leaf print, brush strokes, drips, and splatters, I create playful and dynamic little landscapes that convey my admiration

for the humbling complexity of the forest ecosystem."

After working within the arts community in western Massachusetts for many years, Sullivan relocated to Vermont in 2018. Since then, she is focused on her own artistic work, supporting the local community, and managing habitat stewardship projects on the 54 acres of forest she calls home. Visit www.sullivanart.net for more about her work and current projects.

Main Street Arts' mission is to strengthen personal and community wellbeing through diverse arts experiences and social connection. For more information, please visit www.mainstreetarts.org, or email gallery@mainstreetarts.org.

Rupert Wates with Tom Pirozzoli at Stage 33

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Stage 33 Live welcomes the return of London-born, Oxford-educated Rupert Wates and his thoroughly American acoustic folk steeped in deep wells of cabaret and jazz on Sunday, May 19, at 7 p.m. Sophisticated yet endearingly casual Tom Pirozzoli will open.

With the lyricism of Gordon Lightfoot and the attention to craft of Richard Thompson, Rupert's highly developed songwriting is by turns vulnerable and bold, featuring intricate lyrics and memorable melodies, exceptional guitar skills, and a smooth, expressive voice. He's released 11 acclaimed solo albums, and won dozens of song-

writing awards. The doors to large venues and big festivals are open to him, but he prefers intimate, up-close audiences in small listening rooms, where the emphasis is on the music. The recognition that regular people are what make the world extraordinary reflects in his vivid, sophisticated songwriting.

Tom Pirozzoli's recordings have had national and international success, and he's in the Smithsonian Folkways Collection. He's been on the Top 40 AAA charts, had a featured release at Tower Records, and has worked with artists like Greg Brown, Jesse Winchester, Doc Watson, and Willy Porter. Sophisticated guitar playing forms a rich backdrop for his warm tenor, with melo-

dies and lyrics exploring a wide range of the human and global experience. His encounters with people, cultures, and ideas while traveling Europe, South America, India, Southeast Asia, China, and Tibet continue to enrich and deepen his music. His relaxed stage presence is endearing, funny, insightful, and spontaneous. Pirozzoli only performs a handful of times annually these days, as he focuses on his successful fine art career.

Stage 33 Live is located at 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance at www.stage33live.com, or can be purchased at the door. 100% of ticket sales support the performers. Admission is limited to 40. The event will be recorded and filmed.

Bandwagon Summer Series presents Yasser Tejeda

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents Dominican jazz guitarist Yasser Tejeda on Saturday, May 25, at 6 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney.

"This Bandwagon Series, we're excited to have a lot more Latin-influenced artists like Yasser Tejeda," says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. "Yasser was one of the headliners at this year's GlobalFest at Lincoln Center, and when I saw his virtuosity on the guitar, his expression, and the joy he brought to the music of the Dominican Republic, I knew he'd be a great fit for our programming."

Yasser Tejeda is an award-winning Dominican composer, guitarist, vocalist, and producer. According to Billboard, Tejeda is giving traditional folkloric music a new spin with jazz, rock, and Caribbean rhythms in "a frenzied celebration of ancestral union." At the same time, Juan Luis Guerra, the most influential Dominican artist in the world, praised his mission, calling it a "marvelous example of what's happening with Dominican music." Yasser hopes to incite an awakening while inspiring new generations to explore, promote, and uplift their roots.

Tejeda has released three commercial albums, "La Madrugá" in 2023, "Kijombo" in 2019, and "Mezclansa" in 2009, with his

group Palotré, while also surprising his followers with an acoustic EP called "Interior" in 2021. Mezclansa was dubbed one of the "100 essential recordings of Dominican music" by the Dominican National Association of Art Writers (Acroarte). His second album "Kijombo" received six awards from Dominican Republic's Premios Indie, including Best Album. "La Madrugá," which is Tejeda's latest offering, features his latest collaboration with Vicente García, "En El Naranjo," as well as the singles "Tu Ere' Bonita" and "Todo Va a Marchar."

The Bandwagon Summer Series is a family-friendly outdoor cultural performance series running from early May through mid-October. More than 20 performances, ranging from a diverse group of musical styles, circus arts, dance,

and theater, will take place at ballfields, farms, and parks throughout Windham County. Kids under 12 always get in for free, and a dedicated play area will be available at all shows. Refreshments are sold on site, including the return of the hugely popular Barr Hill cocktails. Bring a picnic and a blanket or fold-up chair to enjoy our concerts.

Cooper Field is located at 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney. Tickets are discounted in advance at www.nextstagearts.org; kids under 12 enter for free. For more information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website.

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

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