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Music on the Mountain at Jackson Gore

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LUDLOW, Vt. – Presented by the sober-active community The Phoenix, Saturday's Music on the Mountain festival at Jackson Gore welcomed a capacity crowd to the mountain for a joyful celebration of music, community, and recovery. After scattered morning rain showers, the sun shone through dramatic afternoon clouds, which added to the radiant energy of the spring day.

The family-friendly concert ran from 2-7 p.m., and entrance was free, with suggested donations benefiting the Divided Sky Foundation in Ludlow, a rehabilitation and addiction recovery program founded by Phish frontman

Trey Anastasio. Featured performers Vermont's own Saints & Liars, the Asbury Park quintet Dogs in a Pile, and New Orleans-inspired singer-songwriter Anders Osborne entertained the exuberant crowd of over 1,000 attendees with an eclectic mix of psychedelia, jazz, fusion, funk, folk, and roots rock 'n' roll.

During the Dogs in a Pile set, a group gathered at the front of the stage to dance to the group's popular songs and extended jam sessions. While on stage, Osborne mentioned his own struggle with drugs and alcohol, and expressed his gratitude for 15 years of sobriety. "I'm almost 50," Osborne told the crowd. "And I'm still here."

For most of the afternoon, folks lined up for barbecue from the Hangry



The Inn at Jackson Gore hosts Music on the Mountain.

PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

Hogg, pizza from Goodman's American Pie, and natural baked goods, smoothies, and espresso drinks from Sustainable Eats food truck. Tonique,

an alcohol-free mobile bar out of Burlington, was set up, serving some tasty mocktails such as the Tropical Okemo, a refreshing, fizzy drink mixed with

house-made organic coconut syrup, nonalcoholic bitters, lime and pineapple juice, and soda water.

Visitors were welcome to attend mixers and group hikes on Friday, May 17, and Sunday, May 19, and approximately 300 runners joined the 5K Fun(d) Run that kicked off at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Jackson Gore Inn. Saturday afternoon's festivities included yard games on the green slopes of Bright Star Basin at the foot of the Coleman Brook Express Quad. People were scattered across the grass on picnic blankets and lawn chairs enjoying the sights and sounds.

Divided Sky is a non-medical recovery program that seeks to provide people "access to an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive

community where they can begin to build a solid foundation for their new sober lives," Anastasio states on the website. Anastasio has been sober since 2007, and opened the residential rehabilitation facility in Ludlow in October 2023.

The Phoenix is a national, recovery-based movement that organizes hundreds of weekly sober social events and activities, with the purpose of "creating safe spaces for all individuals to connect, build friendships, find support, and have fun." The organization also offers free, online classes, meditations, and podcasts that support recovery and human connection.

More information can be found at www.thephoenix.org or www.dividedskyfoundation.com.

Londonderry's heated discussion on zoning bylaws

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Monday, May 13, the Londonderry Selectboard held a special meeting to go over the proposed zoning bylaws, and to set a public hearing date in order to approve the amended bylaws. Setting the public hearing date was on the agenda at the regularly scheduled May 6 meeting, but Board Chair Tom Cavanagh pressed for additional time to look over the extensive packet.

Cavanagh opened the May 13 meeting, stating that he found many changes that he'd like to make to the bylaws before the public hearing date should be set. As in the previous meeting, board members Melissa Brown and Martha Dale disagreed with Cavanagh, expressing their desire to move forward with the public meeting and make changes after the bylaws are approved, "not go through it line by line tonight," said Dale.

Brown reiterated the planning commission has been working on these amendments since 2018, to update the bylaws from 2008. There have been nine public sessions to go through this information. Brown expressed that she'd like to move forward and "put the mind at ease."

"It doesn't seem to be at ease right now," Cavanagh stated, "look around the room." There were a handful of local firewood processing business owners who attended this meeting to express their concerns and displeasures with the amended bylaws that restrict the times and locations of their business.

One citizen said they were shocked with the changes. Dale asked why none of them had attended any of the planning commission meetings, and why they were only coming forward now. "That's a problem," she said. "The process has been that this has been open dia-

logue all along."

Cavanagh countered that the packet, in full, had only been made available on the town's website for a week prior to the May 6 meeting. "It is our duty to go through this line by line before we set the hearing."

Brown expressed, "It's unfortunate you've waited this long to go through the document so we didn't have to wait until the eleventh hour to make this decision." She then asked the audience how they heard about this meeting, being that they weren't aware of or attended any previous meetings. Levi Dryden indicated he got a text from Cavanagh.

Steve Twitchell said he "appreciates anyone who is able to sit through those meetings, and I feel ashamed I wasn't able to attend them... I feel there's going to be some strife over this." He felt the bylaws needed changes and clarifications before presenting a more finalized set of bylaws to the public.

Dick Dale of the planning commission was in attendance to help answer questions. He explained the planning commission worked diligently to update the bylaws, and came up with "the very best consensus of people that we heard from... So it does represent the will of the majority of people in town." Clarifications are not significant changes to the bylaws, which can only be approved by the selectboard. "Most votes were 7-0," expressed Dale. "What we are giving you is our very best effort."

Cavanagh voiced his concerns with the bylaws regarding all of the new limitations to firewood processing. "Are you trying to put every firewood company out of business?"

Dick Dale explained that the limited acreage in which "logging," "forestry," and processing can be done is six acres due to the Act 250 regulations, and allowing the free roam of animals

within the framework of those districts. Cavanagh interrupted, saying it's not "logging" or "forestry." Dale also explained the time restraints were limited to weekdays, from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., which was in response to citizens who expressed that quarrying, logging, and other tasks alike were loud and disturbing during the hours they are home.

Cavanagh clarified that this meant trucking and delivering couldn't happen outside of those hours. This also meant someone processing in another town could deliver to Londonderry after hours or on weekends, but a local resident would be in violation of the bylaws for delivering, trucking, or processing outside the hours of operation.

The board explained there may be some unintended consequences, but that doesn't discredit the entirety of the bylaws. Changes could be made later on to better accommodate these concerns. Twitchell disagreed, saying it could take "eight years" to make changes. "I would argue to present it at its complete form."

Chad Stoddard then began a more heated dialogue, saying, "Dick Dale doesn't even know what the bylaws are...hes saying 'logging' and 'forestry.'" He then read the bylaws aloud, detailing the firewood processing regulations. "That's what you worked so hard on," he directed at Dale.

Dale replied that he was willing to go back to the planning commission on this matter, reiterating that they gave it their best efforts. A hearing "will surface not only the gentlemen that came tonight, but others as well," despite the fact that the planning commission tried to publicize their meetings and

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BRVR Group aids flood victims

REGION – Established as a group of community nonprofit agencies and organizations, Black River Valley Resources (BRVR) supports long term recovery for individuals and families affected by the July and December 2023 floods. Since its establishment, BRVR has successfully assisted many households with flood-related repairs, ensuring that families in our communities can recover and thrive. The mission of this group is to support longterm recovery and enhance community resilience.

The group identifies and assists recovery and reconstruction efforts of individuals and families residing in the communities of Belmont, Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, and Proctorsville. Members of the group include Black River Good Neighbor

Services, Ludlow Emergency Management, Black River Action Team, Fletcher Memorial Library, Plymouth Town Clerk, Cavendish Baptist Church, Mount Holly Emergency Management, Cavendish Connects, and community advocates Melissa Rockhill and John Merrow.

With support from the Vermont Community Foundation, BRVR hired Melissa Rockhill as a home repair and construction coordinator to aid low- and moderate-income households whose primary residence was damaged by flood. Working closely with the organizations that comprise this group, along with the Long-Term Recovery Group, (LTRG) aligned with the State of Vermont Emergency Management and the State of Vermont Chief Recovery Officer, BRVR plans to make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by the floods. The

group works to identify, support, and assist in managing recovery and reconstruction efforts of individuals and families residing in the aforementioned communities.

Reconstruction and recovery from the July flooding continues, keeping the work of this group both intentional and significant. With the diverse collection of members, Black River Valley Resources maintains and tracks necessary information relating to ongoing flood repair, work, and need.

Community organizations are welcome to join BRVR in making a difference. Whether through volunteering, donations, or spreading the word, together, we can rebuild stronger than ever before. For information or assistance regarding any flood-related damage, please contact Krey Kellington, Black River Good Neighbor Services, at 802-228-3663.

Courtney Rohrig inducted into the VPA Hall of Fame

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Vermont Principal's Association (VPA) held the Hall of Fame induction ceremony honoring the 2024 inductees. The event took place on Friday, May 10, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Montpelier, Vt. Among the 12 candidates being honored was former Black River High School standout athlete Courtney Rohrig. Recognized as a three-sport athlete for Black River High School from 2006-2010, Rohrig was instrumental in the success of the soccer, basketball, and softball teams. In soccer, Courtney scored 142 goals, along with 50 career assists, leading her team to three straight championships. She was also named to the Lion's Cup Soccer



Courtney Rohrig is inducted into the VPA Hall of Fame.

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runs, claiming three straight Division IV State Titles.

In accepting the honor, Courtney recognized and gave special thanks to her family, teammates, coaches, and a special thanks to the community of Ludlow. She will fondly remember the impromptu celebrations after capturing state titles, and the firetruck parades through town. She also felt especially honored in receiving this award, as Black River High School has closed its doors as of 2020.

Accompanying Courtney was her mother Brenda Clark, her brother Bobby from Tampa, Fla., and her sister Nicole with her daughter from Monkton, Vt. Also in attendance was her former soccer coach Patrick Pullinen.

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Lake Rescue Association environmental scholarship

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Lake Rescue Association in Ludlow, Vt., is offering the \$1,000 Mary Rita Batesole Environmental Education Scholarship to graduating high school seniors in Windsor County or surrounding towns, who are pursuing continuing college or vocational environmental education, broadly defined. Students must

demonstrate a strong commitment to the environment, and be planning to earn a degree or certificate in any field related to understanding and promoting environmental health and/or environmental sustainability.

This scholarship was created in 2019, in memory of Mary Rita “M.R.” Batesole, whose many years of com-

mitted stewardship of the environmental health and wellbeing of Lake Rescue and Lake Pauline in Ludlow, Vt., was unwavering. The application deadline is May 31. For more details and the application, or to donate to the MRB scholarship fund, visit www.lakerescue.org/events-press/scholarship.

Londonderry 5K FreeRun

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The first Londonderry 5K FreeRun will be held on Saturday, May 25, starting at 9 a.m., with subsequent FreeRuns held every Saturday during the summer.

The Londonderry 5K FreeRun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 5K community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate – it’s up to you. This is a weekly event that we



Scan for directions. PHOTO PROVIDED

hope to run through the summer and the fall. All are welcome, including leashed dogs. We hope you’ll join us.

Participants will meet at the end of Edge Hill Road, having entered off of Route 11. Runners from Londonderry FreeRun will lead the course. Please park at the main shopping plaza near the Mobil station on Route 100 and walk east on Route 11 to Edge Hill. The race takes place on a trail which is accessed from Edge Hill Road off Route 11 by the West River Bridge in Londonderry. Parking is restricted to the plaza, a 10-minute walk to the start. No parking along Edge Hill Road or Main Street, as these are private and commercial properties. Parking is allowed at the Londonderry Historical Society as well. The QR code with this article will take you to Google Maps for directions.

The FreeRun is free of charge – just show up. For more information, please search for “Londonderry 5km FreeRun” on Facebook.

Artisans Alley Pop-up Market in Chester

CHESTER, Vt. – A new vendor opportunity is coming to Chester, beginning May 24. Artisans Alley Pop-up Market will be opening on Fridays, from 3-7 p.m. This is an extension of the outdoor market that has been in place on Sundays since 2019.

Located just off the Green in Chester, Artisans Alley will host vendors from around the region who showcase what they grow, make, or create. This is a free venue for participants. The goal is to help local entrepreneurs find a place to set up shop for a few

hours each week and grow their business. Most of the brick and mortar shops on the Green, including Songbird Wellness, Kit Kats Embroidery, Sage Jewelry and Gifts, Sharon’s on the Common, and Chester Candy, will stay open later on Fridays as well, so there will be lots of shopping opportunities available for everyone.

In conjunction with Artisans Alley, Common Street Market will also be open on Fridays, from 3-7 p.m. Common Street Market, an indoor, year-round venue located at 54 Common Street on The Green, is home to several local entrepreneurs, including

quilting, pottery, cheeses, baked goods and breads, and expanding to include a new ice cream stand. Common Street Market will be open each weekend through the warm months on Friday, from 3-7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Artisans Alley Pop-up Market will be open, weather permitting, each Friday, from 3-7 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information, or to find out how to participate, please inquire at popupsundays@vermontel.net, or visit www.commonstreetmarket.com.

Pig Roast and Square Dance

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Community Association, in conjunction with the Farrar Park Association, the Weston Women’s Club, and The Hub, is pleased to announce the 2024 edition of its popular Memorial Day Weekend Pig Roast and Square Dance on Sunday, May 26, from 5-7 p.m.

The celebration takes place at the Weston Green, aka Farrar Park, with dancing on Park Street and the musicians performing under the portico of The Weston Playhouse. The Green is located on Route 100, in

the center of Weston.

Mount Holly’s popular smoked barbeque team Squeels on Wheel will again prepare the meal. Pulled pork barbeque or barbequed rib plates, including rolls, sides, soft drinks, and dessert, will be served beginning at 5 p.m., with discounts for children. Hot dogs will also be available. Ribs will also be available as full and half racks to take home. Desserts will be prepared and contributed by the Weston Women’s Club and The Hub restaurant. Our thanks to them.

The Cold River Band will again supply the music, which will be performed

from 5-6:45 p.m. Try your hand (or feet) at square dancing. Everyone’s invited. Bring the family, bring your friends.

Every year, tens of thousands of people have enjoyed events at Weston Community Association properties, including the Playhouse, Museums (Farrar-Mansur House, Old Mill, and Craft Building), and Cold Spring Brook Park. In 2024, the Playhouse remains closed to the public until critical repairs are completed from the devastating flood of last July. Freewill donations to help fund those repairs will be accepted at the Pig Roast.

Nominations to Okemo Valley TV

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV, the nonprofit community TV station and media center, is accepting nominations to its board of directors in advance of its annual meeting. The election will be held during the annual

meeting on Thursday, June 27.

Any resident of Andover, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Reading, or Cavendish who is at least 18 years of age is eligible to serve on the board. Visit the board page at www.okemovale.tv/board

directors for more information. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate or nominating someone they know should email executive director Patrick Cody at pcody@okemovale.tv, or call the station at 802-228-8808.

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Courtney currently resides in Portland, Ore., and works as a physical therapist. She joins other fellow Black River Alumni and VPA inductees John Witalec (2018/Official), Stewart Schmidt (2014/Official), and Bruce Stryhas (2023/Athlete).

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have citizens’ feedback reflected in their work. Cavanagh stated he would like to have the planning commission attend the next selectboard meeting to address all of his concerns, and to have the planning commission make “significant

changes” and hold another hearing.

Town administrator Shane O’Keefe went over the guidelines and process, and stated that the selectboard could hold their own hearing, instead of the planning commission. Cavanagh insisted that the planning commission should hold another meeting.

Board member Taylor Prouty expressed, “I’ll be honest with you, I thought the way this process went was we’re going to set a date

for a public hearing and all of this would happen at that hearing. I don’t see a problem either way, because we are going to get a chance to hear the concerns.”

Twitchell thanked the board, “I appreciate you listening to us, guys, I know you worked hard on this... we really do appreciate it.” Prouty noted the planning commission has done most of the work thus far.

Dryden expressed his appreciation for the text message he received from Cavanagh, given that he had no prior knowledge. “That’s the selectboard’s job, to make sure [citizens] know what’s going on.” He agreed that the board “can’t make everyone happy,” but that he appreciates the opportunity to participate in the next meeting with more questions.

The board then awarded the town office renovation project contract to GPI Construction Inc., in the amount of \$1,729,514. They also heard about mitigation funding for the firehouse in South Londonderry, and opened a dialogue and process for working with the fire department on their options to get them up and running again.

The regular selectboard meeting was held Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m., and will be reported on in next week’s May 29 edition.

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Local history

Centenarian to receive France's highest honor —

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

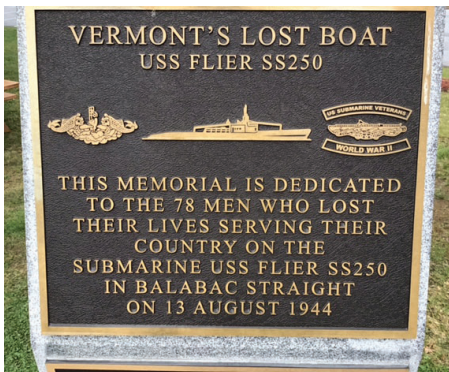
sachusetts Amherst. He then worked a storied career in product development with the Campbell Soup Company.

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

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

Vermont's lost submarine, USS Flier Memorial

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



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

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

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

The Museums of Mount Holly to open on May 25

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAHS summer schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit the LAHS website, www.lahs.org, for more information on other events and programming, or email us at LAHS1780@gmail.com.

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HEALTH

Dear Editor,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
David Martin
Ludlow Mount Holly School Board

Dear Editor,

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

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

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

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

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

Food as Medicine at Springfield Family Center

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

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



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

PHOTO PROVIDED

for you and delicious.

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

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

“We are thrilled to have

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

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

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

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

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

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

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

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

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

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

Kristi C. Morris, Chair
Springfield Selectboard

Chester Plant Sale

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

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

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

Precision Valley muzzleloader shooting competition

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

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

TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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



Village Trustees 2024

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

Public Hearing Notice

Hybrid Meeting - Heald Auditorium/Zoom

Village of Ludlow Zoning & Flood Hazard Regulation amendments

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

You may attend the Public Hearing in-person at the following address:

Ludlow Town Hall
37 Depot Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

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

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

Statement of purpose:

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

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

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

Geographic areas affected:

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

List of section headings affected:

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

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

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

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

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



TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

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

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

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

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

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Assistant Water & Wastewater Operator

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

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

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

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Water/Waste Water Licensed Superintendent Level 2 Facility

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

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

Qualifications:

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

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Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens plots available

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

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

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

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

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

year as well.

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

We really appreciate the participation and support.

Cavendish Bird Walk

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

Memorial Day weekend is a wonderful time to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

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

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

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-003

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

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

Parcel No. 230472-000

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

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

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

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

Parcel No. 040255-000

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

APPLICATION NO.: SUB23-015, Amendment # 1

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

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

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

Parcel No. 030109-000

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

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

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

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Director of Planning and Zoning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-001, Amendment #1

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

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

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: 502-24-AP

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

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

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

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

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

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: 503-24-VA

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

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The Hurtgen Forest

BY RON PATCH

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

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

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

England and France

Jim arrived in England.

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

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

Winter of 1944-1945

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

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

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

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

Jim's words

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

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

can would be warm and fit to eat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

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Memorial Day Services & Events

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

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

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

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

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

Ludlow American Legion Memorial Day events

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

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

All are welcome to take part, watch, and join us at our open house at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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Bellows Falls Open Studio

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

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

says Robert McBride, founder and director of The Rockingham Arts & Museum Project (RAMP).

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

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

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

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

The Stockwell Brothers on Putney Tavern lawn

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

387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.

Bruce, Barry, Alan, and Kelly Stockwell's music spans traditional and progressive styles, but their trademark acoustic sound features new singer/songwriter material recast with banjo, alternative rhythms, and three-part harmonies. Featuring 2005 Merlefest bluegrass banjo contest winner Bruce Stockwell, The Stockwell Brothers

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

Bandwagon Summer Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents contemporary klezmer/rock ensemble Midwood on Saturday, June 1, at 6 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney.

"Midwood is a who's who of klezmer, jazz, and world music. Richie

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

Doris Ingram in Open Studio Weekend

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

portraits to benefit the Weston Theater Company and Neighborhood Connections.

Doris is an enthusiastic teacher who enjoys painting in lovely washes and bright colors with her students. Her studio is filled with paintings of Vermont barns, landscapes, flowers, and paintings from her trips to France and Italy.

The studio is located at 83 Trout Club Road in Weston. Open Studio is Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days.



Doris Ingram in her studio. PHOTO BY DEBORAH TWOMBLY

Robert O'Brien in Vermont Open Studios

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



"Rake and Apple," watercolor. PHOTO PROVIDED

color paintings, prints, note cards, and other art-related items. Refreshments will be served both days, and all are welcome. Look for the bright yellow signs to lead your way. O'Brien will be in Studio 77. Maps are available at travel centers and many places of business elsewhere statewide. It will be a great weekend to celebrate the beginning of the summer season, and view great art.

For more information on O'Brien's work, visit www.robertjobrien.com.

NXT Gallery presents paintings by Jana Zeller

PUTNEY, Vt. – NXT Gallery is pleased to announce an opening reception for its forthcoming exhibit "A World Adjacent: Paintings by Jana Zeller." The reception will take place on Friday, May 31, from 5:30-8 p.m. The exhibit continues through Aug. 11.

According to Zeller's artist statement, "I grew up in a family of internationally touring puppeteers, and started working for our theater in my teens, painting props and puppets and designing sets. I saw many puppet shows. During this time I discovered my passion for painting, and spent many years creating backdrop-size oil paintings full of puppet-like characters and theatrical settings. I worked as a set painter for the theater, the movies, the opera, and TV. Then I began developing and touring my own puppet shows, exploring my puppet work, often from a visual perspective. I have been performing and teaching puppetry for two decades for thousands of children and adults, working across the U.S. as well as in Canada, Mexico, Germany, and India."

and the spirits that haunt them. I recognize the similarities in my painting and my puppetry practice; my love of working with metaphor, of staging and lighting an idea, of constructing absurd situations. In a world full of problems, I reach for humor and mystery to lift our spirits and to suggest that extraordinary things can happen. I invite my audience to explore my propositions with their own imagination."

Jana's career as a working artist spans 30 years, three cities, and five countries. As a painter, she has worked for the opera, theater, television, and the movies, and has created a large body of oil paintings inspired by theater and magical realism. As a puppeteer, she has created and performed multiple shows that have delighted audiences nationally and internationally in theaters, libraries, schools, museums, and street fairs. She teaches workshops in puppetry, and art classes for children in her own studio in Brattleboro, Vt. She is blessed with a wonderful family, and a feisty little parrot named Mango.

The exhibition will continue through Aug. 11. The Next Stage Gallery, located at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, is open during events, and by appointment with the artist, or by contacting Next Stage at info@nextstagearts.org or 802-451-0053.

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