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## Rockingham votes to move Town Meeting to Saturday

BY PAULA BENSON  
*The Shopper*

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Town of Rockingham held a special town meeting at the Bellows Falls Middle School on Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting was to give voters an opportunity to discuss and vote on whether to continue to hold the annual Town Meeting on Monday nights, or to move it to Saturday.

The selectboard did its due diligence leading up to the vote, sending out a survey to all registered voters to gather their opinions on how to increase attendance at the yearly meeting. A main reason people cited for not attending was that the day and time were inconvenient for them.

Bellows Falls Village President Paul Obuchowski moderated Saturday's meeting, and reminded the 50 residents in attendance that Robert's Rules would be the code of conduct. Rick Cowan, Peter Golec, and Bonnie North from the Rockingham Selectboard were present.

North read the motion to "hereafter hold the annual Rockingham Town Meeting on the Saturday immediately preceding the first Tuesday

in March." North then presented a short slideshow presentation which reviewed the results of the survey that had been distributed in January.

Approximately 10% of voters who received the survey responded, and a majority voiced their preference to hold the meeting on Saturday afternoon, rather than Monday night. Many older residents said they did not attend the evening meetings because they were not comfortable driving after dark.

Cowan reiterated a point he'd made in past board meetings, that his mind "is far clearer at 2 p.m. than at 9 or 10 o'clock at night."

Voters debated the various issues surrounding the change, and some suggested adding a community lunch to the Saturday agenda, as a fundraiser, and to encourage voter engagement.

Some people felt the Town Meeting should be informational only, with all articles to be voted on by Australian ballot.

Resident Ellen Howard remarked, "We're all getting older, and Australian ballot offers the opportunity to vote by absentee ballot."

Bellows Falls resident Doug MacPhee quoted some numbers that illustrat-

ed the low voter turnout. "There were 50 [people] at Village Meeting, and over 2,000 [residents] in the village. 187 out of 2,000 voted via Australian Ballot."

Another resident agreed, "We're having a problem where people aren't voting, whether it's by Australian Ballot or coming to the meeting."

Gary Fox, development director for Bellows Falls, said, "We could do more to get people out and vote. Saturdays can be easier to free up than a Monday evening, for most people." He added, "These are complicated issues with a lot of nuances, and discussion at Town Meeting is really important to understand what we're voting on."

Everyone seemed to agree that more involvement from "younger voters, older voters, all voters" was imperative, and a collective effort should be made to encourage increased participation.

The vote was taken by paper ballot. With 45 "Yes" votes and 7 "No" votes, it was decided Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, beginning in 2025.

## Orchard Hill Breadworks' summer-long Pizza Night fundraiser

BY JOE MILLIKEN  
*The Shopper*

**ALSTEAD, N.H.** – Earlier this month, Orchard Hill Breadworks kicked off their 17th season of hosting Tuesday Pizza Night, a wonderful fundraiser in which they offer outdoor, wood-fired homemade pizza to patrons under the "pizza pavilion," from 5-8 p.m., every Tuesday evening through the week before Labor Day. Each Tuesday, a different local nonprofit receives that day's profits.

Located in Alstead, N.H., Orchard Hill Breadworks is an artisan bakery nestled on a beautiful, third-generation hilltop farm. Since 1997, owner Noah Elbers and his dedicated staff have produced traditional bread using only organic flour, grains, and seeds.

Their retail shop also offers Orchard Hill's homemade pizza crust, vegetable basil pesto, garlic bread spread, whipped honey butter, cider vinegar, and granola, as well as other local delights such as Side Hill Farm's fruit jams, preserves, and honey mustard; Brookford Farm's cheese, yogurt, and milk; American

Wings Farm's maple syrup; Bee's Knees raw honey; and Lark Kitchen's fruit preserves.

Noah's grandparents originally purchased the farm in 1972, and since then, three generations have built homes, planted orchards and gardens, and grown a small bakery into a thriving business and boon to the community.

What started out in 2007 as a simple, Tuesday "friends and family" pizza night at the farm, completely turned into something more important very quickly, and has been growing and evolving ever since.

"Word got out pretty quickly," Elbers said in a recent interview. "And before we knew it, there were over a hundred happy friends, bakery employees, and neighbors showing up to enjoy a Tuesday evening on the hill."

"I loved that everyone enjoyed themselves so much, but with those numbers, the event was pushing beyond what I could do on my own – or offer without charging something – but I had no interest in starting a pizza restaurant in the summer months."

"However, I did like the idea of reaching more people, so I contacted a few local nonprofits and proposed a mutually beneficial arrangement: they round up half a dozen volunteers to help out one night during the season, and I give them the profits, just keeping enough to cover my cost of dough, sauce, and cheese – guests now bring their own toppings."

The Orchard Hill Breadworks grounds are scenic and beautiful, seemingly right out of a classic movie scene. Next to the quaint retail store, the "pizza pa-

vilion" was built in 2014 to accommodate guests, complete with picnic tables and a lawn area where families can spread out blankets. There is also a stage setup for musical entertainment throughout the summer.

"Pizza night is a joyful and lovely gathering of friends and families in the Alstead community and beyond," local resident Ann Burk said in a recent interview. Burk has been attending the event for several years.

"Everyone there seems happy and excited to set up chairs and spread blankets for an evening where they will hear musicians, socialize, and participate in making individual pizzas. It is just so amazing to see this well-organized operation, and to watch Noah bake the most beautiful variety of wood-fired pizza."

"Just about every one of the details of this fundraiser has evolved over the years, but the basics have remained the same," Elbers added. "We sponsor a different group each Tuesday, they send us volunteers to help, guests bring their own toppings, and everyone has a great time."

In the 17 years of Tuesday Night Pizza each summer, Old Orchard Breadworks and friends have raised over \$150,000 for various local nonprofit groups, including everything from environmental conservation and local education, to advocacy, the arts, and public service. A few of this year's beneficiaries will include Feeding Tiny Tummies, Main Street Arts, Westminster Cares, Community Food Project, Alstead Fire Fighters Association, and the Timber Framers Guild. To learn more, visit [www.orchard-hillbreadworks.com](http://www.orchard-hillbreadworks.com), or call 603-835-7845.

## Updated Town Plan, Chief Burnham reports on "bogus" bomb threat

BY PAULA BENSON  
*The Shopper*

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Selectboard met on Monday, June 17, holding two public hearings prior to the regular meeting. The first hearing was a discussion of the revised Town Plan, and the second an opportunity for the public to comment on the town water/wastewater fiscal year 2025 budget.

Town zoning administrator Chuck Wise presented the updated plan after inputting edits and comments collected from the board and Springfield residents.

The board heard from the Inclusion Committee Chair Patricia Jones [editor's note: Jones prefers to spell her name without capital letters], who shared the committee's recommendations with the board. The first request addressed compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at all town buildings. Noting that the plan did mention which buildings were still not up to code, and the intent to eventually upgrade those sites, Jones inquired, "We would like to see a top-level recommendation, not hidden away in the different chapters, that the town sees as a matter of urgency the need to bring all town buildings into compliance."

Jones told Wise and the

board that Chapter 2, "the history and cultural chapter," was the chapter the committee "had the most problem with." Jones said they were left confused by what was included and what was left out of the chapter, and said they had not received proper notice to provide timely input. A proposed revision in Chapter 1 would add the requirement that the planning commission would "consult relevant committees" rather than acting alone in assessing the Town Plan.

The committee was recommending the entire chapter be rewritten. "We would be happy to draft that up," said Jones. "We would also be happy to work with Chuck."

Acting as meeting chair, Mike Martin addressed Jones, saying, "At this stage of the game, we're trying to look for specific items that need to be changed. I would not find the recommendation to scrap an entire chapter and rewrite it as a valid recommendation for this board at this time."

Wise agreed with Martin, but added, "If the board is interested in moving forward on some of these comments, we've already said this is a living document, if the inclusion committee [wants to rework Chapter 2] I would be interested in working with them on that. There are some

long-range goals they have, and we can work together."

Martin went through each of the requests presented by Jones that addressed specific, nonsubstantive word and grammar changes, ultimately recommending that Wise "retool" the document and bring it back for additional review at the next and final hearing, scheduled for July 15.

Town manager Jeff Mobus updated the board on the status of the water/wastewater budget. Speaking of the need to properly fund the water and sewer utility, which is heavily regulated by the state, Mobus explained that the town often has no option but to follow state requirements, which often results in expenses going over budget.

The largest increase percentage was due to higher salary and staff expenses, and a portion can be attributed to the expiration of the agreement between the town and the state correctional facility that required the state to make double payments on their water and wastewater rates for the first 20 years of operation.

Additionally, there are various water lines that are nearing end of life and will need to be replaced. Mobus mentioned that, after many years of inadequate budgeting, the water/wastewater

fund owed the operating fund over \$1.5 million, and now have a plan in place to pay back at least \$50,000 per year.

There were no public comments. During the regular meeting, the board moved to adopt the new water/wastewater rates and approve the fiscal year 2025 budget.

Police Chief Jeff Burnham was in attendance to report on an incident that had occurred earlier that day. The department received a 911 call of a reported bomb in a backpack at the bus stop on Main Street at the Springfield Food Coop. After collaborating with the fire department, state police, and officers from Chester and Weathersfield, it was confirmed the bomb was "bogus," and Burnham was able to reopen Main Street to traffic.

The board considered a request from the Springfield Trails & Rural Economy Committee (ST&RE) proposing an ordinance prohibiting hunting in Hartness Park. After some debate, the board moved to bring the proposal to the ordinance committee for consideration.

The Springfield Selectboard will meet again on July 15.



### Springfield Moose meals

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On June 13, The Springfield Moose Lodge held our annual breakfast for graduating Springfield High School seniors (top).

The Springfield Moose Lodge also held our annual free roast pork dinner for those aged 65 and older on May 18. Thank you to all who helped make this event a great success.

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# Trailblazing Olympian comes to Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – VINE Sanctuary is thrilled to announce that Seba Johnson, a trailblazer in Olympic sports and a lifelong advocate for veganism, will be headlining Rainbowpalooza on Saturday, June 29, from 12-5 p.m., at 21 Fairground Road in Springfield. This family-friendly event is free to the public and promises an inspiring day filled with food, art, craft vendors, speakers, food demos, and music.



Seba Johnson. PHOTO PROVIDED

Johnson, renowned for making history at just 14 years old as the youngest alpine ski racer in Olympic history and the first Black female to ski in the Olympics, will be sharing her remarkable journey and insights on veganism and activism. A vegan since birth, Johnson embodies the principles of a cruelty-free and sustainable lifestyle, making her a powerful voice for both veganism and the LGBTQ+ community.

"We are honored to have Seba Johnson at Rainbow-

palooza. Her story is a testament to the strength and resilience of living authentically and ethically," says Michelle Carrera, project manager for VINE. "By bringing together the vibrant spirit of Pride and the principles of veganism, Rainbowpalooza creates a unique space for education, celebration, and connection."

Rainbowpalooza's mission is twofold: raising awareness about veganism as a healthy, cruelty-free, and sustainable way of life, and elevating the LGBTQ+ community. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to hear

Johnson speak and meet her in person, alongside other dynamic voices in the vegan and/or LGBTQ+ spaces.

The event's speaker lineup includes Johnson; Eloisa Trinidad, founder of Vegan Activist Alliance and executive director of Chilis on Wheels, focusing on animal and human rights; Roger Baraby, winner of the International Gay Games in Mexico and local Vermonter who mentors athletes from Windsor High School; and Tillie Walden, author of five graphic novels and a webcomic, serving as Vermont's cartoonist laureate through 2026.

Rainbowpalooza is made possible with the generous help of the Springfield Town Library, the LGBTQ National Help Center, and numerous sponsors. For more information about the event, visit [www.rainbowpalooza.org](http://www.rainbowpalooza.org).

# Rockingham Library "Winter Garden" book talk

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pick up a copy of "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah at Rockingham Library's front desk today.

Then join the discussion on Thursday, July 11, at 6 p.m. In "Winter Garden," Hannah tells a heartrending, beautiful story which

casts light on the complicated bond between mother and daughter, and explores powerful links between past and present. Kristin Hannah is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of "The Nightingale" and "The Four Winds," and 18 more popular books.



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# Westminster Cares Garden Tour

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Gordon and Mary Hayward's Westminster West gardens will once again highlight the Westminster Cares Garden Tour, which celebrates its 21st anniversary this year. Gordon and Mary helped start the tour in 2003, after a successful garden tour for the Yellow Barn Music Festival.

The tour will be held July 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day. Tickets are good for both days of the tour, and include entry to special events. Children under age 16 get free admission to the garden tour.

In addition to the Haywards, the Adairs' "Sanctuary" garden and the Kebbells' "Mole End" garden will be on the tour.

Two special programs are planned. On Saturday, at 11:30 a.m., Bianca Fernandez will lead a workshop at "Hope Roots," her cut-flower farm. Participants will learn how to grow and arrange cut flowers for color and inspiration 12 months a year. Also on Saturday, at 1:30 p.m., furniture maker, artist, and teacher

Mark Ragonese will lead a hands-on demonstration, "Saplings: Sculpting, Bending and Weaving." Entry to these special events is included with your ticket.

Tickets are available online at [www.westminstercares.org](http://www.westminstercares.org). They can also be purchased throughout the tour at the Haywards' garden, or at the Westminster Institute.

The garden, begun in 1984, is based on the footprint and the remnants of the Ranney farm, including the milking parlor and a stone wall that ran to the silo. Their garden shed was originally a tobacco barn moved up from the Connecticut River Valley.

Mary, originally from the Cotswold region in England, and Gordon, from northwest Connecticut, were teachers who purchased the Ranney Farm, built in the late 1700s, in 1983. Both raised on farms, they treasure the long history of the property. "The house has been part of the life of the community for 200 years, so it's also a celebration of the history," Gordon says.

As part of the tour, visitors can learn about the first

project in Windham County to establish a forested riparian buffer. The project, in conjunction with the Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, is restoring a five-acre field to bird and wildlife habitat. The Haywards have been weeding out invasive species, and planting native species of trees and shrubs, alongside an existing wildflower garden.

Sincere appreciation goes out to our corporate sponsors for their tremendous support and community involvement: Chroma Technology Corp., Allen Bros. Farms, Savings Bank of Walpole, Silver Forest, 802 Credit Union, Cota & Cota, and C&S Wholesale Grocers for printing all promotional materials.

Lunch and cold beverages will be available for purchase in the garden cafe under tents at the Haywards'. Morning Star Perennials & Trees will again have an array of unique and Vermont-hardy plants for sale at the Hayward garden. For more information, visit our website, [westminstercares.org](http://westminstercares.org), call the office at 802-722-3607, or email [westminstercaresvt@gmail.com](mailto:westminstercaresvt@gmail.com).

# Walk the Rock

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Adventure begins at your library this summer as the Rockingham Free Public Library invites the public to come together to "Walk the Rock." Thanks to the Town of Rockingham and Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFD-DA), the "Walk the Rock" trail map includes five trails around downtown Bellows Falls highlighting some of the town's most treasured views, secrets, surprises, and beloved retailers, which hikers and urban explorers will visit to earn prizes. Join us as we walk three of the five trails.

The first group hike is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, at 4 p.m., and will cover the Retail Trail. The following hikes will cover the Riverfront Trail on Thursday, July 25, at 4 p.m., and the Island Trail on Thursday, Aug.

8, at 4 p.m. These events are free and open to the public. Please wear appropriate walking gear, sunscreen, and bring water.

The Walk the Rock project is funded by a Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) community grant to develop connectivity among trails in and around the town of Rockingham, and an economic development plan that will support local businesses while promoting the quality of life that comes with outdoor recreational opportunities. It also highlights numerous efforts by organizations like Windham County Trail Alliance (WCoTA), Windham Hill Pinnacle Association, Saxtons River Valley Trails Initiative (SVTI), and Bellows Falls Historical Society, among others, who have planned, built, worked to fund, promote, and maintain the trails. For more information about Walk the

Rock, visit [www.rockinghamvt.org/walktherock](http://www.rockinghamvt.org/walktherock).

For more information about this program, email [reference@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:reference@rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, or visit the library online at [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), or in person at 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

# Stories that inspired "The Warsaw Sisters"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m., join us for an incredible online event by bestselling author Amanda Barratt as she explores the events that inspired her latest historical novel. From the daring network of women who smuggled hundreds of Jewish children out of the Warsaw ghetto, to Poland's secret army that rose in a heroic and tragic battle for the city's liberation, "The Warsaw Sisters" illuminates the stories of ordinary individuals who fought to preserve freedom and humanity in the darkest of times.

Amanda is a novelist, history nerd, and daughter of the King of kings. From an early age, Amanda wandered through a small-town library, her life has been shaped by countless stories. Amanda is passionate about illuminating oft-forgotten facets of history – be it the story of a group of unsung heroes who fought for hope and humanity behind the walls of the Krakow ghetto, the lives of the university students who stepped from the ranks of the silently complicit in Hitler's Germany, the love story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Maria von Wedemeyer, or the heroism and tragedy of the Warsaw Uprising. It thrills her to search for the snapshot in the sweeping panorama of a historical event, to delve into the quiet valor of ordinary individuals faced with extraordinary times.

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

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# Guilty!

BY RON PATCH

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From my collection is an interesting 1874 court document. It is 150 years old this year, and measures 8 inches by 12 inches. It is 12 handwritten pages with writing on both sides, making 24 pages. It is far too long to record here, so all I can do is skim it for you.

## The 1869 map

I include a closeup from an original 1869 Beers Atlas. If you look at center, you will see a building identified as J.R. Richardson, now Chester Town Hall. To the right, the Marsh place stands today. On the other side of Richardson is N.F. Shedd. Richardson and Shedd are the subjects of this lawsuit.

If you study the map, you will see the railroad station, Smitty's, Cummings Hardware, and Chester House.

On Oct. 24, 1870, there was a disastrous fire at the Richardson Block. There were several businesses in the newly built three-story, wood frame Richardson Block, all lost. Some had

some insurance. Also lost in this fire was the Shedd place. The Marsh place suffered \$600 in damage. It was March of 1868 that the first Marsh place was lost to fire. This was a fresh memory for those fighting to save the Marsh place from burning again.

## The lawsuit

After the 1870 Richardson fire, Norman Shedd began running his mouth that Richardson had started the fire. Shedd made this claim to anyone who would listen. Gleaned from the 24 pages:

"Joseph R. Richardson vs Norman F. Shedd

"Windsor County Court December Term 1874

"Referee's Report

"To the Hon. County Court for the County of Windsor -

"Pursuant to notice, I met the parties and their counsel at the Chester House [author's note: now Salon 2000], in Chester, in said County on the 24th, 25th, and 26th days of March A.D. 1874...

"The Plaintiff is a resident of Chester, and on the 25th day of October, A.D.

1870, was the owner of a three story building [author's note: now Chester Town Hall], situate near the R.R. Depot in said Chester, and known as Richardson's Block...

"The Defendant owned a dwelling house near the Plaintiff's building - and his son in law George Hall, owned and occupied a building - a furniture store - also in the same vicinity, both of which were destroyed at the same time, and by the same fire. The fire originated in the Plaintiff's building..."

Shedd was charged on eight counts.

## Testimonies

[Editor's note: the text reproduced here is transcribed as written, including use of the archaic "medial s" or "long s," which resembles a lowercase f.]

"Granville P. Spaulding testified to conversations he had with the defendant after the fire, and that defendant said, 'that he knew as well as he knew anything, that Joseph Richardson set the building on fire.'

"Quest? State how many conversations you have had

with Shedd, since the fire, about the origin of it?

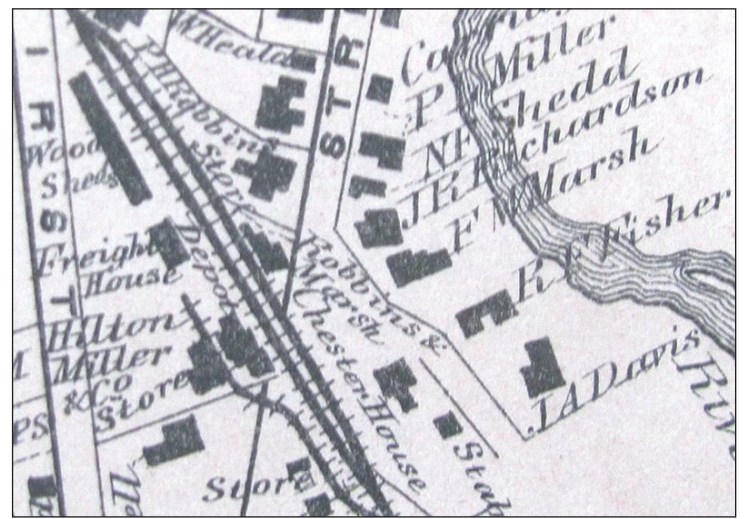
"Ans. This is a wild guess - I don't think less than fifty, and it may be two hundred

"Coleman Saunders testified 'Shedd was at my father's house soon after the fire - He had just come from Henry's office. He talked about the fire - said "God knew and he knew, Jo Richardson set that fire."

"R.A. Earle testified 'I asked him how the buildings took fire? He said 'Richardson set them on fire' said - 'I don't guess about it, I know it'

"F. W. Marsh testified: "Quest? State whether you heard any thing said during that day, the day after the fire as to the origin of the fire?"

"Ans. I did - In substance, the general talk of people I talked with, was, that there was no doubt but what the fire originated from a defect in the



A close-up of the depot from the 1869 Beers Atlas.

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chimney. I had quite a talk that day, in my house, with Plaintiff, P.H. Robbins and Edwards the Photographer. Richardson's idea was, that the fire must have originated in the Milliner's rooms, from some defect about her stove...

## Referee's verdict

"The Defendant claimed that the expressions of his belief, under the circumstances, and in the manner found by the Referee, are not actionable. But the Referee intending to decide accordingly to law, finds the defendant guilty on 'First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Counts,' and not guilty on

the Second Count. "I find for the Plaintiff, to recover the sum of Four Hundred Dollars..."

Today this is equivalent to \$11,000.

There would be one more depot fire, in March 1871. Across from Smitty's, a fire broke out near the apartment house now present. From the 1871 Rutland Herald: "Destruction of two fine stores, the Odd Fellow's and the rail-road passenger depot. Probable Work of an Incendiary..."

*This week's old saying: "Make sure your brain is engaged before putting your mouth in gear."*

## Scottish Festival, Highland Games at Fort at No. 4

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On June 29, a full schedule, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., offers events and demonstrations for all ages: feats of strength including stone lifting, caber toss, and medieval combat by the Portland Reavers reenactment group. Watch spirited Highland dances, and admire border collies

as they skillfully herd sheep. See iconic Scottish cattle, and take in traditional Scottish music, bag piping, and many other family-friendly activities and stirring Highland performances. There are over 20 clan tents, Scottish vendors will offer food and merchandise for sale, and the Fort at No. 4 gift

shop will be open. Pre-buy discounted tickets at [www.festivalatfort4.com](http://www.festivalatfort4.com), or purchase at the gate. Children 6-12 are heavily discounted, and 5 and under are free.

For further information, contact the Fort at No. 4 at [info@fortat4.com](mailto:info@fortat4.com).

## Rockingham Selectboard issues Pride proclamation

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Pride is pleased to celebrate former Bellows Falls resident John Moisis by recognizing his accomplishments in establishing the historic Andrews Inn. At the Rockingham Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, June 11, members reviewed and approved a request that the month of June be known as the John Moisis Pride Month.

Moisis was an openly gay man his entire life. His much-loved family were prominent business owners of the Hotel Windham. But when the business was in jeopardy of closing in the early 1970s, John stepped in with his usual display of bravado to manifest the Andrews Inn. At a time when it was difficult and dangerous to do so, John created a safe space at the

inn for members of the LG-BTQ community to gather without fear. This legacy, carried on by Thom Herman and Jeremy Youst until 1984, remains an important touchstone in the history of Bellows Falls and the larger quest for equality.

The Andrews Inn was recognized by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation with a historic marker, which can be seen at the corner of Rockingham and Bridge Streets, at 36 The Square in downtown Bellows Falls.

## Opinion: Goat pedestrians at Red Light Hill

Dear Editor,

The other day as I was coming down from what is called "Red Light Hill," in Bellows Falls. As the light turned green, I saw what I thought was a cute little dog. Then there were more. As I approached slowly, I noticed that they were, in fact, goats. So, I carefully corralled them towards the old fish fry restaurant and called for backup.

Two women from the town quickly showed up, and we led them together towards where the goats apparently escaped from a hole in their pen. After additional helpers showed up, along with some prodding, coaxing, begging, and finally some grain, the goats were secured safely. Their "owner" arrived and reported that they were only there temporarily until they were going to be transported south to the newly pur-



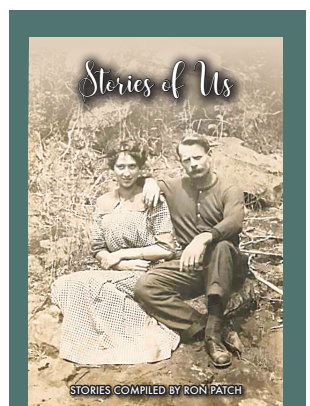
Goats out on the town.

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chased farm in Dummerston - Sweet Tree Farm. So, here there is a happy ending! So, as I reflect upon the pedestrian safety meeting held at the Rockingham Library last evening, there are things to remember. When

driving, be alert and aware, and when walking or riding, be visible.

With Peace and Gratitude,  
Linden  
Bellows Falls, Vt.



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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Linda M. Bushway, 1941-2024

UNITY, N.H. – Linda Marie Bushway, 83, formerly of Springfield, Vt., died on the evening of May 27, 2024, in North Port, Fla., her 63rd wedding anniversary. She was born Feb. 27, 1941, in Brattleboro, Vt., the daughter of Jacob and Helen (Wilbur) Koson. She graduated from Bellows Falls High School, Class of 1958, and later from the Chandler School for Women in Boston, Mass.



Linda Bushway, 1941-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

On May 27, 1961, she married Gerald J. Bushway in Bellows Falls, Vt. They made their home in Springfield, Vt., for many years, more recently living in Unity, N.H., and wintering in North Port, Fla.

Linda worked as a paralegal with the Parker & Ankuda Law Firm in Springfield, Vt., full time from 1969-2003, and part time from 2003-2019. She enjoyed spending her time and living on Crescent Lake, in the cabin that Jerry built, camping, snowmobiling, dancing, reading, and playing shuffleboard.

She is survived by her husband Gerald; three children Deborah (Dave) Hryckiewicz from Cavendish, Mark Bushway

(Sherry Kasparowicz) from Perkinsville, and Heidi Bushway Verkler (Jerry Verkler) from Kings Beach, Calif.; and her three grandchildren Koson Verkler (Montana), Reid Hryckiewicz (Vermont), and Keadle Verkler (California); as well as several nieces and nephews across the country. She was predeceased by her parents, and a sister Mary Ann Vaccaro (Waltham, Mass.).

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 27, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Burial will be in the Vermont Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

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

### Virginia Blanchard, 1927-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Virginia Gabert Blanchard passed away peacefully on June 17, 2024, at her daughter's home in Springfield where she had been living.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1927, in Weston, Vt., the daughter of Henry Clifford and Susie Ellen (Pease) Gabert. She married Carlos Blanchard on March 23, 1946, in Ludlow, Vt. He passed in 2007.

She graduated from Chester High School in 1944, and from Rutland Business College in 1945. She was employed by CVPS, Jaquith Co., Vermont Country Store, and the Inn at Long Last, until she started work for S.R. Youngs in Springfield, where she worked as a bookkeeper for over 40 years.

She was secretary of the Chester/Green Mountain Union High School Alumni Association for many years, and active in the alumni parades.

She is survived by her four daughters Elizabeth "Betty" (Dean) Kinsman, Wanda Blanchard, Judy (Victor) DeRosia, and Carla (Mike) Kangas; as well as her dear friend Lindy; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-



Virginia Blanchard, 1927-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Carlos; her parents; her sisters Pauline (Earl) Capron, Vivian, and Fay Sr. (Viola); and a grandson Joshua Kangas.

Per Virginia's wishes, she will be cremated. If you desire, please send a contribution in her honor to the Miller Dutton Fund, 77 Hartness Avenue, Springfield, VT 05156, to benefit Springfield Fire Department, or to Bayada Hospice Foundation at donatenow.networkforgood.org/1441751, or a charity of your choice.

There will be a private burial at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston, Vt. A Celebration of Life will be held at the American Legion in Chester on Sunday, July 14, from 1-3 p.m.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

### Rachel I. Clark, 1925-2024

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Rachel Irene Clark (Briggs), age 99, passed away at her home in North Springfield, Vt., on June 19, 2024.

She was born in Ludlow, Vt., on March 29, 1925, with her fraternal twin brother Richard, to Harry and Alexina (Petelle) Briggs. Rachel attended school in Ludlow, graduating from Black River High School in 1943. She was trained as a pastry cook at the Fanny Farmer School in Boston, Mass., graduating with honors. She married Allen Clark on Sept. 4, 1954, and they raised three daughters Theresa, Diane, and Linda. During this time, she also worked part time as a preschool teacher. They remained together until Allen's passing in 1987, and Rachel remained in the same house in North Springfield until her passing.

She enjoyed knitting, sewing, reading, playing card and board games, and listening to country and Western music. Rachel and Allen were members of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Springfield, Vt. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, especially children.

Rachel is survived by her three daughters Theresa (Wayne) Smith, Diane (Leonard) Clark-Epstein, and Linda (Randy) Clark;



Rachel Clark, 1925-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

four grandchildren Randy (Shana) Clark Jr., Roxanne Clark, Erica Smith, and Katrina (Nicholas) Comenga; and one great-grandchild Allen John "A.J." Clark. She also has many nieces and nephews.

Rachel was predeceased by her husband of 33 years Allen, her only son Francis Allen, her older sister Clarinda (Jesse) Gilson, and her twin brother Richard (Ella) Briggs.

The family wishes to thank her many caregivers at Bayada, and her case manager Pam at Senior Solutions.

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A graveside service is planned for the early fall. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

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Walk with Ease is being offered by Black River Valley Senior Center, and is open to all residents. It is a six-week program in which

participants will meet twice a week. Each session will consist of a warmup, walk, and stretching component.

Materials will be provided to enable individuals to chart their progress from week one to week six, and also offer strategies to continue with a walking routine.

The group will meet on Monday and Thursday

mornings, at 10 a.m., beginning on July 8, at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Registration is required. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, July 1, at 10 a.m., at the senior center. If you are unable to attend the informational meeting or need further information, contact coordinator Kay O'Hare at 802-228-2983.

## Valley Cares to change name to Valley Village

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – A local senior housing nonprofit, Valley Cares, is announcing

momentous plans to change its organizational name to Valley Village. This organization in Townshend, Vt., opened its housing in 2007 to provide affordable assisted living and independent living for seniors. Their community is unique in combining a model of subsidized affordable housing with a continuum of supportive healthcare services to help people age in place with others.

The decision to change the organization's name resulted from a strategic planning process during the winter of 2023-2024. In the years leading up to that, the assisted living had experienced a high vacancy rate, which significantly impacted the organization's financial stability.

"We received a lack of appropriate applicants for our assisted living," said executive director JoAnne Blanchard. "We also found that some people did not know we provided assisted living and independent living for seniors...There are many wonderful Cares groups in Vermont, but they do not provide independent and assisted living for seniors, like we do."

With their strategic planning expertise, Greg Hessel and Joe Heslin of ReGeneration Resources found several external factors that should create an environment where Valley Cares has opportunities to help: an aging population, a housing shortage crisis, and a lack of adequate supports such as transportation, workforce, etc., for older Vermonters to remain in their homes as they age. ReGeneration Resources also found that staff and residents had very high opinions of the organization and its leadership.

However, the strategic planners also identified a few areas that could be improved: management had limited time in their schedules to perform marketing and outreach, and the application processes for affordable housing and Medicaid coverage significantly slowed the referral and admission process, resulting in potential residents moving elsewhere where they can get in quicker.

Valley Cares' team is working on a multipronged approach to improve these areas. They are devising ways to decrease the time needed to process referrals to the assisted living by assessing and gathering more information from candidates when they come for a tour. They are also overhauling marketing efforts.

To accommodate new priorities, the organizational structure changed slightly, with the nurse supervisor, Mary Jo Dansereau, assuming a new role as assisted living director, to allow executive director JoAnne Blanchard to focus more on marketing and admissions. As the assisted living director, Dansereau will continue to work with Heidi Carley, RN, to oversee care staff. She will also take over supervision of the housekeeping and activities departments.

Blanchard said Valley Cares, soon to be Valley Village, is working with legal counsel on the rollout process for our new name, so that everything is done properly. "This new name underscores our commitment to providing housing, exceptional care, and a strong sense of community," Blanchard stated. "This is our community," she said, "Valley Village."

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# CHURCH SERVICES

# obituaries

## Elaine Kirkpatrick, 2024

**FAIRFAX, Vt.** – Elaine Kirkpatrick, 83, of Fairfax, Vt., passed away June 13, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Pepperell, Mass., to Forrest and Marion Shattuck.

After graduating Pepperell High, Elaine attended UMass Amherst, receiving a bachelor's degree in math, and marrying her first husband Anatol Furman. She taught math for 20 years at Bellows Free Academy while raising two children, Natalie and Geoffrey.

In 1975 she married Robert Kirkpatrick, who predeceased her. She is also predeceased by her sisters Patricia, Barbara, and Sally.

Elaine was a lifelong accordion player. She enjoyed line dancing and being a member of the Red Hat Society.

She also served her community, and was involved with the United Church of Fairfax, Order of the Eastern Star, Fairfax Historical Society, retired teachers, and many others.

Elaine is survived by her children Natalie (Easton) Nelson and Geoffrey (Alethea) Furman; and by her five stepchildren Bill (Linda) Kirkpatrick, Robert (Jane) Kirkpatrick, Jean (Ernie) Blake, Thomas (Sui) Kirkpatrick, and James (Steven) Kirkpatrick; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held Friday, June 28, from 5-7 p.m., at Rich Funeral Home in Fairfax. A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 29, at the United Church of Fairfax, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Katherine Arthaud officiating.

## Lynn P. Mellish, 1943-2024

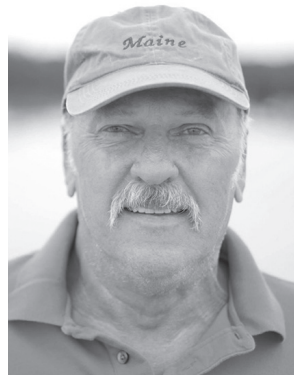
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Lynn Park Mellish, 80, of Bellows Falls, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, N.Y., with his wife and daughter by his side. Lynn was born on Nov. 23, 1943, in Bellows Falls, and is the son of Park and Priscilla Mellish. He attended Bellows Falls High School until he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1966, serving for four years. After his time in the military, he worked many years in the autobody business, and also for Bryant Grinder for 25 years, and then worked part time for CNC North in Springfield, until ultimately retiring in 2012.

On Nov. 26, 1966, in Grafton, Vt., he married Susan Lake, who survives, as does his son Mark Mellish, and daughter Melanie LaRoss. Lynn also leaves behind two sisters Debra Monahan of Bellows Falls, Renea Allwood of Virginia, as well as several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Standing by his side for the last six years were his loving wife and daughter Melanie, as well as her husband Mike and their two children Owen and Ava LaRoss. His grandchild Amanda Mellish and great-grandchild Elise were also a huge support to Lynn and Sue.

Lynn was predeceased by his parents, one brother Wayne, and two sisters Sandra Adams and Susan Haskell.

Lynn and Sue went on several adventures together over the last several years, including trips to Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, New Orleans, and Virginia, but by far, they loved their time in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, the most. They would vacation in Maine every summer, eventually buying a camper in 1996 that they brought to Maine, where they would spend every weekend, which would then turn into most of the summer, that then turned into from spring to fall. Lynn loved Maine, and found joy in walking the beach searching for sand dollars, which was a tradition that he passed down to his daughter, nieces and nephews, and all of their friends, who lovingly called Lynn "Uncle Lynn." Being the kind soul that Lynn was, while searching for sand dollars, if any of the kids didn't find one, he always had a spare one in his pocket that he would throw down in the water so the kids could experience the excitement of finding a sand dollar. Lynn, who was nicknamed the



Lynn Mellish, 1943-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

"Mayor of Old Orchard" loved OOB. He loved the excitement of downtown, the carnival games, the pier fries, the loud motorcycles, and the hot rod cars, but also loved his campground community. Lynn had "the shed," which was open to everyone and anyone who needed any kind of tools, straps, nuts, bolts, surfboards, or whatever. You name it, Lynn had it. Friends of the family fondly remember their children saying, "Don't worry about us while we are in Maine, Uncle Lynn will take care of us."

Another joy of Lynn's was his love for yard sales. The hunt for yard sales would start early in the morning and go most of the day. Lynn would typically buy something little (or big) at every sale, because he would feel bad for the people having the sale and wouldn't want to leave emptyhanded. And all of these purchases ended up in "the shed." Lynn was kind and caring, and would give anyone the shirt off his back if they needed it.

Six years ago, after Lynn suffered a stroke, his address would become Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington, Vt., where he received excellent care after health issues became too much for Sue to manage at home. Brandon Boulevard would be Lynn's unit, and the staff lovingly took care of Lynn as well as Sue. The best times were when Lynn's daughter would bring her dogs to visit him, which also brought him much happiness, and Lynn was always excited to share the dogs with other veterans on his unit, because they were "good dogs!" From birthdays to holidays, to simple visits, the staff on Lynn's unit became part of his family, and Sue and Melanie will always remember their kindness.

There will be a service on July 7, at 2 p.m., at the Houghtonville Cemetery in Grafton, Vt., for friends and family.

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

## Barbara A. Nichols, 1930-2024

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Barbara A. Nichols passed away on June 19, 2024, at Pine Heights in Brattleboro. Barbara was born on Jan. 28, 1930, in Bellows Falls, to Reuben Merrill and Flora Hussey. Barbara worked at Robertson Paper Mill for over 30 years. Barbara married Fredrick Nichols, who predeceased her. One of Barbara's favorite things to do was play bingo.

Barbara is survived by her son Gary and his wife Carol of Westminster; her grandchildren Amber and Jennifer; as well as six great-grandchildren; and sisters Madeline Taylor, Arlene Blake, and Lorna Merrill. She is predeceased by her parents and husband; as well as her brothers Robert, Kenney, Winston, and Edward Merrill; her sisters Nancy Narchewicz and Olive Jimerson; and grandson Gregory.



Barbara Nichols, 1930-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Visitation will take place on Wednesday June 26, from 1-2 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt. A graveside service will take place following, at the New Cemetery in Westminster, Vt.

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

## Raymond F. Williams Jr., 1933-2024

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – Raymond F. Williams Jr., better known as Pat, passed away on June 12, 2024, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., at the age of 91. He was born March 17, 1933, in Londonderry, Vt., the son of Raymond and Abby (Starr) Williams Sr.

A lifelong resident of Londonderry, Pat attended grade schools in Londonderry and graduated from Chester High School in Chester, Vt., Class of 1951.

Pat proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1953-1955. He was a member of the West River Anchor Mason Lodge #57 for 67 years.

Pat married Jean (Mathews) Williams on Dec. 21, 1963. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Pat worked at South End Garage, Ball Mountain Dam, Fellows Gear Shaper, Stratton Corporation for 25 years, and Flood Brook School as a bus driver. He retired the day before his 80th birthday in 2010.

He is survived by his wife Jean; his daughter Shelley Williams of Londonderry, Vt.; son Michael Charlton



Raymond Williams Jr., 1933-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

of Londonderry, Vt.; son Jeffrey Charlton (Diana) of Lexington, S.C.; a sister Joanne Pomar of Milton, Vt.; four grandchildren Brooke (Charlton) Hartwell, Lyndsay Charlton, Tyler Charlton, and Sarah (Charlton) Fisher; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, and a brother Kenneth Williams.

Memorial contributions in Pat's memory can be made to Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 911, Londonderry, VT 05148.

A private gathering for family and close friends will be held at a later date. Per Pat's request, no other services are planned. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Londonderry, Vt.

## Thank you from Elizabeth Landon

I would like to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards and attended Bill Landon's Celebration of Life.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Landon

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**JUNE 27 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – A retirement party for Ludlow Fire Chief Peter Kolenda will be held on Thursday, June 27, from 4-7 p.m., at the Ludlow American Legion. Chief Kolenda has served as Ludlow's fire chief for 25 years. Help celebrate his accomplishments and wish him good luck in his new chapter to come. All are welcome.

**JUNE 28 –**  
W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Friday, June 28, 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](mailto:info@westtownshend.org) or call 802-874-4800.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Cruzin will be performing a free concert on Friday evening, June 28, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road. Refreshments will be on sale, including burgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, hot and cold beverages, and something sweet. We will also have a 50-50 raffle. Be sure to bring a lawn chair, and please join us for a fun evening of entertainment. Dance to the music if you feel inspired. Concert will be moved inside if necessary due to inclement weather.

**JUNE 29 –**  
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society, 5 School Street, will hold an antique and classic car show on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., weather permitting. Admission is free.

WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven Music School will hold a Senior Session Faculty Concert on Saturday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m., at Kinhaven Concert Hall. A free wine and cheese gathering will be held outside of the concert hall before the concert, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts](http://www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts).

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Step into a realm where magic intertwines with movement, and the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Uplift Acrobatics and Dance present "The Enchanted Forest," a mesmerizing journey through a world where dance and acrobatics breathe life into the mysteries of nature. Performance dates are June 29, at 6 p.m.; and June 30, at 2 p.m., at Claremont Opera House. Tickets can be purchased at: [www.cohnh.org/event/uplift-acrobatics-and-dance-presents-the-enchanted-forest](http://www.cohnh.org/event/uplift-acrobatics-and-dance-presents-the-enchanted-forest).

**JUNE 30 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Gypsy Reel will be playing live music on Sunday, June 30, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow. The rain venue is the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit [www.ludlowtparksandrec.com](http://www.ludlowtparksandrec.com).

WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven Music School will hold a Senior Session Student Concert on Sunday, June 30, at 4 p.m., at Kinhaven Concert Hall. For more information, visit [www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts](http://www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts).

**JULY 4 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Stars & Stripes 7.4K and 4K run and walk will take place at the Toonerville Trail on Tuesday, July 4, at 8:30 a.m. This event is a fundraiser for

Springfield High School Cross Country. Registration is discounted prior to race day at [www.runlikeardy.com/races/starsstripes](http://www.runlikeardy.com/races/starsstripes).

**JULY 5 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Join the Ludlow Parks and Recreation Department on Wednesday, July 5, at the Okemo base area, for fireworks, food, music, and fun. Squeals on Wheels and other vendors will begin selling food at 6:30 p.m., and live music by Rustie Bus begins at 7 p.m. The fireworks display begins at dusk, sponsored by Magris Talc and William Raveis Vermont Properties. There is a rain date of July 6.

WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven Music School will hold a Senior Session Student Concert on Friday, July 5, at 4 p.m., at Kinhaven Concert Hall. For more information, visit [www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts](http://www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts).

**JULY 6 –**  
JAMAICA, Vt. – TommyFest 2024 will be held on July 6, at 2 p.m., on Pikes Falls Road, at the Giant Jamaica Jam in Jamaica, Vt. The rain date will be July 7. TommyFest gives free instruments and lessons to new and old musicians. Donations are accepted at [www.gofundme.com/ny6qu-Tommy-fest](http://www.gofundme.com/ny6qu-Tommy-fest). Information on donating instruments can be found at [www.tommyfest.fun](http://www.tommyfest.fun), and general information can be found at the TommyFest Facebook page.

**JULY 7 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band will be playing live music on Sunday, July 7, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow. The rain venue is the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit [www.ludlowtparksandrec.com](http://www.ludlowtparksandrec.com).

WESTON, Vt. – Kinhaven Music School will hold a Senior Session Faculty Concert on Saturday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Kinhaven Concert Hall. A free wine and cheese gathering will be held

outside of the concert hall before the concert, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts](http://www.kinhaven.org/kinhaven-concerts).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Cardio & Sculpt, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach tai chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

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

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

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Townshend Farmers Market is held on Fridays, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., every Friday from May 24 – Oct. 11, at 6573 Vermont Route 30 (behind the post office/WRCPC building), rain or shine. There will be wood-fired pizza, vendors, farmers, artisans, ceramics, clothing, crafters, woodworking, blown glass, beverages, baked goods, and more. Leashed dogs are welcome, and the farmers market is handicap accessible. EBT is accepted.

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

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

### TOWN OF CHESTER

#### Local Cannabis Control Commission

Looking for an opportunity to serve your community? The Local Cannabis Control Commission has a three year volunteer position open for appointment. This commission was formed to assess and control the sale and distribution of retail cannabis in Chester. Interested parties should submit a letter to [julie.hance@chestervt.gov](mailto:julie.hance@chestervt.gov) or Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 by July 26, 2024.

### TOWN OF CHESTER

#### Temporary Road Closure

Please be aware there will be a temporary road closure for Green Mountain Turnpike beginning July 8, 2024. The road will be closed at Rhoman Wai Farm, 686 Green Mountain Turnpike, for approximately 3 weeks for a culvert replacement. The road will be accessible from both sides only up to this point. Please seek alternate routes during this closure. Thank you for your patience.

### TOWN OF CHESTER, VERMONT

#### [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov)

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

On June 19, 2024, the Selectboard of the Town of Chester, Vermont, adopted an "Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Short-Term Rentals" pursuant to the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. § 2291(29) and 24 V.S.A. § 1971 et seq. which supersedes and replaces an Ordinance of the same title adopted on December 7, 2022. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of the adoption of this ordinance and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove the adoption of this ordinance.

#### CONCISE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

The purpose of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance is to require the annual registration of short-term rentals within the Town of Chester. The Ordinance adopted on June 19, 2024, will raise the annual fee for a non-hosted short-term rental from \$300 to \$600, impose a one (1) year waiting period after the sale or transfer of a property before it can be registered as a short-term rental, set a town-wide registration cap of sixty-five (65) short-term rental registrations per year, and allow a person or entity to register only up to two (2) short-term rental dwelling units in the town in any calendar year.

The full text of the ordinance may be examined at the Chester Town office at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont, and may be examined during regular office hours.

#### CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove the adoption of the ordinance by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the adoption of the ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the adopted "Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Short-Term Rentals" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

#### PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this ordinance may be obtained by contacting Julie Hance, Town Manager at 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 or by calling (802) 875-2173 during regular office hours.

### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

#### 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](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov). An application may be found at [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov) or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee Ballots for the State Primary being held Tuesday, August 13, 2024, will be available at the Springfield Town Clerk's Office on June 29th. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please contact the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible in person, in writing, by phone or by email. 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 an absentee ballot is Monday, August 12, 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>. Absentee ballots may be returned through regular mail (use 2 "Forever" stamps), after hours at town hall through the mail slots located in the entrance doors, or at the polls. All voted absentee ballots must be received at the polls by the Town Clerk by the close of polls, 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The polls are located at Riverside Middle School and will open on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will not be open on August 13, 2024. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 (802) 885-2104 [tosclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:tosclerk@vermontel.net)

### PART TIME WINDOW CLERK

The Town of Charlestown seeks qualified applicants for the position of Part-Time Window Clerk, working under the administrative direction of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

Issuing motor vehicle registrations, plates and titles; Tax collection; Issuing vital records; birth, marriage and death certificates; Maintaining official municipal records; Issuing licenses, including Fish and Game and dogs; Assisting with elections, including voter registration.

You must be highly organized and detail oriented, with ability to process transactions efficiently and accurately and provide information in a positive manner to all stakeholders, including Town departments, Boards, Commissions/Committees and the general public. You must be a self-starter and possess excellent cash handling and computer skills, including Excel; will be focused on customer service and opportunities to enhance operational procedures; and, must be bondable. Ability to handle sensitive information, employ good judgment and communicate effectively is essential. Must have strong communication skills and be able to work cooperatively with all Town departments.

Education: A high school degree is required.

Experience: Two to three years of progressively increased responsibility in applicable office operations; experience in a municipality, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Please submit a Town of Charlestown application, cover letter and resume to: Town of Charlestown, Attn: Patricia Chaffee, PO Box 834, Charlestown, NH 03603 or by e-mail at [patricia@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:patricia@charlestown-nh.gov). Applications accepted until position is filled.

# LEGAL NOTICES

# A&E/classifieds

## Brooks Heley joins the VAULT —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Gallery at the VAULT is pleased to welcome Brooks Heley to the gallery with his distinctive pottery.

Heley grew up on a North Dakota farm making fun designs in the sandbox, and as a teenager got into big trouble for doing the same thing on a much larger scale while disking/tilling a field. “When I took my first ceramics class in college, I failed world literature

because I was spending so much time in the clay studio. I started teaching art in 1967, and retired in 2018 — you do the math. All the while I worked in clay.”

In the 90s he started teaching internationally, working and traveling to five continents. He was able to observe several cultures and their approaches to working with clay. Heley is now “retired.”

“After teaching interna-

tionally, I could land anywhere; Vermont chose me. Now I get to spend most of my time with my childhood dream of making mud pies with clay.”

His mugs are sturdy, well balanced, and generous in size. His dog dishes will not skid across the floor, and his planters and bowls are a work of art.

For more information, and to see Heley’s work,

please visit Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. The gallery is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.; and Friday, from 11 a.m. — 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org or Facebook/Instagram. The gallery is handicap accessible.

## Chester Summer Music Series schedule

CHESTER, Vt. — We are thrilled to announce the upcoming 2024 Chester Summer Music Series. Once again, families, friends, and visitors will gather on the academy lawn to enjoy the music of Vermont’s finest musicians and the warmth of Chester’s hospitality. This year, our rain venue will be the restored Upstairs @ Town Hall, at 556 Elm Street. All concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and go until 8 p.m. Concerts are free and open to the public. Feel free to

bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic to your heart’s content.

This year’s schedule is: July 11, Luminous Crush, original bluegrass, alt country, indie rock, and whatnot; July 18, Dave Keller Band, outstanding blues and soul; July 25, Yankee Chank, traditional dance music from southwest Louisiana; Aug. 1, Chad Hollister Trio, eclectic, acoustic original songs and sounds; and Aug. 8, The Stockwell Brothers, contemporary folk and bluegrass.

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### LMHUUSD School Board Has an Immediate Opening

The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District (LMHUUSD) seeks one Ludlow Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025. The Board meets regularly, the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:  
LMHUUSD Board c/o Lauren Fierman  
609 VT Route 103 South  
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

### Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

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### Okemo Valley TV

#### LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

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- Ludlow Fire Dep. & American Legion- Cookout & 5K Promo
- Expeditionary School at Black River Graduation 2024
- Talk with Paula
- Yoga with Liza

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# arts & events

## LEGAL NOTICES

## Gypsy Reel at Ludlow bandstand

LUDLOW, Vt. – It is now over 40 years since Graham and Camille Parker moved to Ludlow and formed Gypsy Reel. The Ludlow bandstand on The Green seemed like the perfect place for a summer concert, so they started a tradition that continues to

this day. Now with the kind support of the Ludlow Recreation Department, Gypsy Reel is happy to launch this year's Summer Concert Series.

Featuring fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, upright bass, and stunning four-part

harmonies, and presenting original and traditional music garnered from the whole world but with a Celtic twist, Claudine, Camille, Graham, and Silas look forward to seeing you at the bandstand on Sunday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m.

## Uplift presents “The Enchanted Forest”

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Springfield's own Uplift Acrobatics and Dance studio is pleased to announce its upcoming stage event, “The Enchanted Forest,” taking place on June 29 and 30, at the Claremont Opera House in Claremont, N.H. This magical performance promises to transport audiences into a realm where dance and acrobatics come together to weave tales of wonder and enchantment.

This year's dreamlike production welcomes over 200 dancers to the stage, who will transform before your eyes into woodland creatures, mystical beings, and guardians of the forest. The show includes performances from all Uplift dance and acrobatics classes, specialty dance classes, and the Uplift

Dance Company. Through the art of movement, dancers will uncover the secrets of the forest – its whispers, its shadows, and all its glorious untamed beauty.

“Across centuries, folklore has woven countless tales within the enchanted forest – an arena of risk, challenge, refuge, magic, and adventure,” remarked Kaitlyn Knapp, owner and certified dance and acrobatics instructor at Uplift. “It's a realm where limitless possibilities unfold, much like the boundless world of dance within our studio.”

From the delicate flutter of fairy wings, to the powerful strides of ancient tree spirits, every performance promises to be a breathtaking spectacle of artistry and athleticism. “The Enchanted Forest” awaits, ready to ignite your senses and leave you spellbound. Tickets are

available now for two performances at the Claremont Opera House: Saturday, June 29, at 6 p.m.; and Sunday, June 30, at 2 p.m. “The Enchanted Forest” plays for two hours, with one intermission.

“The Enchanted Forest” provides a mesmerizing backdrop for our talented dancers, reflecting their personal journeys of growth in knowledge, dance, acrobatics, and confidence throughout this year at Uplift,” added Knapp. “We invite you to join us for this captivating presentation, and immerse yourself in a world where dreams soar and creativity flourishes boundlessly.”

Tickets for “The Enchanted Forest” can be purchased through the Claremont Opera House box office at [www.cohnh.org/event/uplift-acrobatics-and-dance-presents-the-enchanted-forest](http://www.cohnh.org/event/uplift-acrobatics-and-dance-presents-the-enchanted-forest).

## Bondeko at Bandwagon Summer Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents Maine-based multicultural collaboration Bondeko on Saturday, July 6, at 6 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney.

Bondeko is the unlikely collaboration of neighbors in Portland, Maine's migrant community: an Albanian crooner, a Guinian drummer, a French singer-songwriter, and a Latin musician from Texas.

The result is a mix of hypnotic Roma melodies, festive Cumbia rhythms, Malenke sing-alongs, and relentless Balkan tempos, peppered with heartwarm-

ing waltzes, and maybe even a lullaby in Portunhol if the vibe is right.

Bondeko is proudly from Portland, Maine, proudly international, and proudly multigenerational.

This concert is funded in part by the New England States Touring Program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program and the six New England state arts agencies.

The Bandwagon Summer Series is a family-friendly outdoor cultural performance series. Kids under 12 always get in for free, and

a dedicated play area will be available. 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.

Tickets are discounted in advance at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org); kids under 12 get in free. For more information, visit the website or call 802-387-0102.

Support for the Bandwagon Summer Series is provided by M&T Bank, Lawson's Finest Liquids, Oak Meadow, The Porch Cafe & Catering, Brattleboro Reformer, and Barr Hill.

## Aleda Bliss first album release

REGION – Vermont born and raised performer, producer, and songwriter Aleda Bliss presents her debut album “Every Song on This Playlist Is For You,” available now on Bandcamp and all music streaming services – Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, et al.

Written as she returned to her home state in the private grief of the pandemic, the album was coproduced with

indie-pop producer Christopher Hawthorn over the course of three seasons in Burlington, Vt.

“As I was writing and recording,” Bliss recalls, “I was sorting through the (sometimes literal) relics of my past, waving at ghosts, unraveling the future. And I kept finding mix CDs my teenage crushes gave me.”

With an extensive background in theater, Bliss

approached the making of the record with a director's eye and a performer's touch. “The playlist” became the framework for what she thinks of as a film: “The songs are the scenes... and they're love songs. It's a love story.” And then, with a laugh, “Is there any other kind?”

You can find Aleda on Instagram at [@aledabliss](https://www.instagram.com/aledabliss).

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Green Mountain Power Corporation

Project No. 2490-031

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION READY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS

(June 12, 2024)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
- Project No.: P-2490-031
- Date filed: August 30, 2022
- Applicant: Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP)
- Name of Project: Taftsville Hydroelectric Project.
- Location: On the Ottauquechee River, in the Village of Taftsville, Windsor County, Vermont.
- Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791 (a) - 825(r)
- Applicant Contact: Jason Lisai, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05446; (802) 770-2195; or [jason.lisai@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:jason.lisai@greenmountainpower.com).
- FERC Contact: David Gandy at (202) 502-8560; or [david.gandy@ferc.gov](mailto:david.gandy@ferc.gov).
- Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Taftsville Hydroelectric Project (P-2490-031).

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- Project Description: The existing Taftsville Project consists of: (1) a 220-foot-long by 16-foot-high concrete gravity dam; (2) a 194-foot-long spillway section with a crest elevation of 637.12 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29), topped with 18-inch wooden flashboards; (3) a 4,600-foot-long, 20.5-acre reservoir at a normal water surface elevation of 638.6 feet NGVD 29; (4) a powerhouse containing one 0.5-megawatt vertical Kaplan generating unit, with a minimum hydraulic capacity of 95 cubic feet per second (cfs) and maximum hydraulic capacity of 370 cfs; (5) a 200-foot-long tailrace section; (6) a 40-foot-long transmission line connecting the powerhouse to the Distribution Substation; (7) the Distribution Substation and Transmission West Substation; and (8) appurtenant facilities. Approximately 290 feet of the Ottauquechee River, between the dam and tailrace channel, are bypassed during normal operations. The project generates 1,038 megawatt-hours annually.

The current license requires GMP to operate in run-of-river mode such that outflow from the project approximates inflow. GMP meets this requirement by maintaining a stable impoundment elevation at 638.6 feet. The current license also requires GMP to provide a continuous minimum flow of 15 cfs over the spillway to the bypassed reach, or inflow, whichever is less. The project is equipped with 18-inch wooden flashboards which are removed in late fall and replaced in the spring. After re-installation the impoundment is re-filled by reducing downstream flows to no less than 100 cfs, or inflow.

GMP proposes no modifications to the existing project facilities. GMP proposes to continue operating as it has under the existing license with modifications to: (1) use no more than 10% of inflow to refill the impoundment after maintenance drawdowns; (2) consult with resource agencies prior to conducting maintenance and unplanned drawdowns and repair work; (3) restrict the removal of trees greater than or equal to 3 inches in diameter at breast height in the project boundary to the period of November 1 through March 31 for protection of the northern-long-eared bat; and (4) update the historic properties management plan to address and mitigate project effects on historic properties.

- A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “REPLY COMMENTS”, “RECOMMENDATIONS”, “TERMS AND CONDITIONS”, or “PRESCRIPTIONS;” (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 C.F.R. §§ 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

- A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.
- Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, agency terms and conditions, and prescriptions	July 2024
Deadline for the licensee to file reply comments	August 2024

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,  
Acting Secretary.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Great River Hydro, LLC

Project No. 1904-078  
Project No. 1855-050  
Project No. 1892-030

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (June 5, 2024)

On May 1, 2017, and materially amended on December 7, 2020, Great River Hydro, LLC filed applications for new major licenses to operate its 32.4-megawatt (MW) Vernon Hydroelectric Project (Vernon Project; FERC No. 1904), 40.8-MW Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project (Bellows Falls Project; FERC No. 1855), and 35.6 MW Wilder Hydroelectric Project (Wilder Project; FERC No. 1892 (collectively, projects). The projects are located on the Connecticut River in Orange, Windsor, and Windham Counties, Vermont; and Grafton, Sullivan, and Cheshire Counties, New Hampshire.

During the application pre-filing process, on December 21, 2012, Commission staff issued Scoping Document 1, initiating the scoping process for the projects in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Commission regulations. On April 15, 2013, Commission staff issued a revised scoping document (Scoping Document 2). In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on February 22, 2024, Commission staff issued notices that the projects were ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed during scoping and in response to the REA Notices, staff has determined that relicensing the project may constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above-captioned projects.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed in response to the REA notices, and on the draft EIS, will be analyzed by staff in a final EIS. Staff's conclusions and recommendations will be available for the Commission's consideration in reaching its final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Issue draft EIS	December 2024
Draft EIS Public Meeting	January 2025
Comments on draft EIS due	February 2025
Commission issues final EIS	August 2025

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131 or [stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov).

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,  
Acting Secretary.



# arts & entertainment

## Saxtons River Art Guild small works exhibition —

**JAFFREY, N.H.** – The Saxtons River Art Guild is excited to participate in our first exhibition, from June 28 – Aug. 3, at the Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, N.H. A reception for the three current shows at the Jaffrey Civic Center will be held on Friday, June 28, from 5-7 p.m., at the Jaffrey Civic Center. Artists from the Saxtons River Art Guild will be present to talk about their artworks, and refreshments will be available.

From June 28 – Aug. 3, the current exhibition in the showcases on the first floor of the Jaffrey Civic Center features 13 members of the Saxtons River Art Guild working in various media,

including watercolor, oils, acrylics, pastel, colored pencil, and sculpture. Participating artists are Pilar Abaurrea, Maria Bergeron, Carol Corliss, Lori Ebare, Barbara Greenough, Kathy Greve, Marsha Hewitt, Sarah Larson, Carolyn LaVoie, Marjorie Layman, Donna Bascom Lund, Anne Ward, and Liz Winchester-Larson.

Founded in 1976 by a small group of artists who lived in Saxtons River, Vt., that got together informally for painting classes with various instructors, the Saxtons River Art Guild is now a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote and encourage the advancement of the fine arts

with members throughout the Monadnock region in New Hampshire and the southern Connecticut River Valley area of Vermont. Their activities include exhibit and sales venues, classes and workshops, open studio time September-May at the United Church of Bellows Falls, plein air gatherings June-August, luncheons with guest speakers and demonstrations, and trips to museums and galleries. An art scholarship is awarded yearly to a qualified senior from an area high school who is going on to a four-year major in the arts.

## Saxtons River Fourth of July events

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** – The Saxtons River Fourth of July celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4. This is a tradition that has been going strong for 75 years. Bring your sunscreen, and maybe a chair, to join in the fun and help to make it the best it can be.

Everyone is invited to participate in the parade. This year's theme is "Parade through Paradise," and there is a \$500 prize for the best parade entry. To learn more, visit the website, [www.srvt-fourth.org](http://www.srvt-fourth.org), or join one of the participating groups. For example, the Bellows Falls Bike Project invites all bikers, trikers, and unicyclists to meet up at 10:15 a.m. on Shepard's Lane in Saxtons River to decorate their rides in advance of the 11 a.m. parade.

This year's celebration will be hosted by our Grand Marshals Thad and Jan Guild.

Grab a snack from the street fair and settle in to enjoy The Creekside Ramblers, a vibrant folk and Americana trio made up of local musicians Natalie Padilla (Low Lilly) on fiddle, Jake Grieco (Outbound Traveler) on rhythm guitar and lead vocals, and Jake Morrow on mandolin and other strings.

Collectors' T-shirts will be on sale outside the Saxtons River Village Market on Saturday, June 29, and for sale during the celebration while supplies last. The sales will support the Fourth of July celebration event.

This year Anna Clark, local artist and designer of this year's poster and shirt graphic, will be screen printing live at the street fair. Bring your own shirt or other fabric item to print. A suggested donation will support the event. Handprinted, signed posters will also be available.

Calling all bakers for the pie contest. Please enter pies

in one or more of three categories: sweet, savory, and gluten-free. Pies are to be dropped off at Main Street Arts, at 8:30 a.m. Pie will be sold after the judging, and prizes will be awarded at noon.

The Firecracker 5K road race will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please preregister at [www.stillmiling.com/saxtons-river-firecracker-5k](http://www.stillmiling.com/saxtons-river-firecracker-5k).

Cool off in the spray as our local gladiators battle it out on Main Street in volunteer firefighters water polo.

A pickup softball game starts at 5 p.m., at the Saxtons River Recreation Area. All are welcome.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out the day of the event. Most tasks only require a little of your time. If you can lend a hand, please connect with our volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@srvtfourth.org](mailto:volunteer@srvtfourth.org).

## Cavendish concert season begins with Gypsy Reel —

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** – The Town of Cavendish and the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association invite the public to join in an evening of fun on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville on Wednesday, July 3, at 6 p.m. The annual Cavendish Summer Music Series begins with the sounds of Gypsy Reel.

Gypsy Reel is well known for high-energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition. They rock their audiences

with an exciting synthesis of world rhythms and influences from three continents. Based in Ludlow, the band is no stranger to the Cavendish music series; many fans find this concert to be a highlight of the season.

Join your friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the Green. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back on the grass and relax. Murdock's Restaurant, Outer Limits Brewery, and Singleton's Market offer takeout food options,

and are located on or near the Green. It's a fun way to enjoy the summer weather and reconnect with old friends, or make new ones.

As always, the concerts are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, cancellation and rescheduling information can be found on the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's Facebook page. For more information, email [cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com](mailto:cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com).

This concert is sponsored by M&M Excavating.

## Cantrip at Next Stage

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an evening of Celtic music by high-energy bagpipes/fiddle/guitar quartet Cantrip at Next Stage on Friday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m.

From the strong base of its Celtic roots, Cantrip branches out into the music of other European cultures. With swirling border pipes, raging fiddle, thunderous guitar, and three rich voices, Dan Houghton, Jon Bews, Eric McDonald, and Alasdair White take audiences on a cultural journey, putting their own spin on each musical style.

Dan Houghton (bagpipes, flutes, whistles, guitar, bouzouki, vocals) has won the Scottish Lowland and Border Pipers' Society Open Borderpipes and New Composition events, as well as the Maitre de Cornemuse at St. Chartier. Eric McDonald (guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, vocals) found his way to traditional music through the rich music scene in Boston,

and studies with guitarist/mandolinist John McGann and cellist Eugene Friesen at Berklee College of Music. A prize-winning graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Jon Bews (fiddle, vocals) came to Scots music from a classical education by way of Goth rock, quickly becoming one of Edinburgh's most in-demand fiddlers. Alasdair White (fiddle) is widely regarded as one of the leading exponents of Scottish fiddle

music, touring, teaching, and performing with some of the best-known names in Scottish, Irish, and Breton music on both sides of the Atlantic.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org); there is also a livestream option. For more information, call 802-387-0102. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar.

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## Brownsville Independence Day events

**BROWNSVILLE, Vt.** – After the July 3 evening celebrations with spectacular fireworks, great food, and streaming music, come to Brownsville Village the next morning on July 4. The day's events run from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., when you'll find a scrumptious community breakfast, crafty vendors, more tasty truck food, a "Hootin' Holleran" barn dance, an abundant book sale, more great music, an ice cream social, and the famous Brownsville Independence Day Gala Parade.

At 1:30 p.m., the Gala Independence Day Parade will process down the hill on Brownsville Hartland Road. Our theme this year is "Country Road, Take me Home," and we're looking for

floats; antique cars, trucks, and tractors; marching troops and veterans; equestrians; and cute goats pulling little carts, too. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to each of three categories. Please note that the Brownsville Hartland Road will be closed to all through traffic starting at 1 p.m.

If you would like to participate in the parade, you can enter a float by contacting Siobhan Hulihan at [jadahan1@live.com](mailto:jadahan1@live.com), or by text or phone at 703-581-2017. Contact Mark Isenberg for all other entries (marchers, antique vehicles, animal entries, etc.) at [markndogs@aol.com](mailto:markndogs@aol.com). For nonparade inquiries, please email [BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com](mailto:BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com).

This annual celebration is all made possible by generous donations from Independence Day Celebrations (IDC) business sponsors, individuals, and the Town of West Windsor. Here's a big thank you to the 2024 IDC business sponsors that have stepped up so far, including Adam Boyce Vermont Fiddler; Brownsville Butcher & Pantry; Canon Tires; Dark Horse Realty; Ennis Construction; Four Generations; Kurtzhalz Excavation; Dan Lesnick Excavation; Mascoma Bank; Parris Hill Farm; Tami's Headlines; Gordon E. R. Troy, Esq.; Vermont Facial Aesthetics; and West Windsor Moonlighters. Business owners wishing to sponsor the 2024 IDC can contact Bill Ley at 802-299-2057 or

[BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com](mailto:BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com).

Individual donations by check, payable to the Brownsville IDC, should be mailed to Brownsville IDC, P.O. Box 37, Brownsville, VT 05037. Donations can also be made at [www.fundrazr.com/Brownsville-IDC-2024](http://www.fundrazr.com/Brownsville-IDC-2024).

Tickets for the Ascuney Outdoors/Brownsville Independence Day Celebrations 50-25-25 Fundraiser Raffle will be available at the June 28 and July 3 events at the AO Center, at the festivities in town on July 4, or by contacting Linda Ley at [BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com](mailto:BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com). Be sure to include your phone number. The drawing will follow the Gala Parade on July 4, and you don't need to be there to win.

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# Lakes Region bests Ludlow in Legion baseball opener

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Lakes Region baseball team is integrating a handful of new pieces for the American Legion season.

One of those new guys is Proctor ace Aaron Brock. Brock shined in his first American Legion start, helping lead the Lakers to a 6-1 victory against Ludlow Post 36, on Wednesday night, at Pullinen Field on the campus of the old Black River High School.

The game was the return of Legion baseball to Ludlow, and it looked like it might be a good return early on. Tanner Swisher and Milo Tucker both singled to get the bottom of the first inning going, and Swisher scored on an Aiden Garvey groundout to tie the game 1-1 at the time.

Those good vibes would

quickly be snatched away as Brock settled in nicely, not allowing another hit in final four innings of work.

“The first inning, [Aaron] was just trying to figure out how Legion ball works as a first-year player,” said Lakes Region coach Parth Patel. “I think as he got confident he did a pretty good job. He was pounding the zone and trusting the defense and that’s the only thing I ask of him.”

The defense behind Brock was elite all day, playing errorless ball. Brock contributed to that himself as well, making great stab to his left on a grounder that got him out of the fifth inning.

The Proctor standout pitched into the sixth inning, but was relieved by Alex Patch after Brock walked Swisher to open the

frame. Brock allowed just those two first-inning hits and gave out two free passes, while striking out five in his Legion debut.

“It was the first time these guys have actually seen him,” said Ludlow coach Jeremy Parker. “We’re a young team and [Lakes Region] has a lot of talent. A lot of these kids have never played Legion baseball. Here we are, we’re building it up.”

Lakes Region got its first inning run from an error on a ball that Fair Haven alumnus Carson Babbie hit and scored Otter Valley’s Jacob Warrell, but the Lakers really took control in the third inning, where they plated three runs.

Warrell got the inning going with his second walk

of the day, and two batters later, Babbie rocketed a ball into the gap. Cleanup man Cody Nelson came up next and drove in a run, before Babbie scored on a passed ball, and Nelson scored on a walk to Fair Haven’s Luke Senecal.

That was the beginning of a great day for Nelson, who drove in the final two runs for Lakes Region, in the fourth and sixth, both on singles. The first plated his brother Caleb Nelson and the second Warrell.

Cody and Caleb Nelson, from Granville, N.Y., broke onto the Lakes Region scene last year, and should be key cogs this summer as well.

“Cody is one of the older guys, and he does a really good job not only on the field, but taking care of the

team,” Patel said. “He’s a great leader. We lost a lot of great leaders from last year, like Sawyer [Ramey] and those boys.”

Ludlow showed some signs of life with the bats in the bottom of the seventh. Garvey was hit by a pitch to open the inning, and Green Mountain’s Evan Farrar notched the team’s first hit since the first inning, before Tate Pellerin walked to load the bases.

Post 36 had the tying run at the plate with lefty batter Cole Blodgett, but Patch got him out to end the game.

Lakes Region (1-0) hosts a doubleheader against Manchester Union Underground on Saturday, at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., at St. Peter’s Field. Ludlow Post 36 is at Bellows Falls Post 37 for a doubleheader at the

same times on Saturday.

Post 36 made Wednesday’s game an experience with pregame introductions, an honorary first pitch, and a booming concession table along the first-base side.

Parker and his squad love having Legion baseball back in Ludlow. With Black River High School closing a handful of years ago, something has been missing in the town.

“It means a lot. I’ve been coaching some of these kids, some of them since they were 7 or 8,” Parker said. “It’s special for the town, too. I’m hoping we can keep it rolling for many years.”

*Written by Adam Aucoin, Rutland Herald sports editor*

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