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Chester enacts revised STR ordinance

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard held their second monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 19, once again discussing two pending ordinances, and eventually enacting their long-discussed short-term rental (STR) ordinance.

The STR ordinance has been through multiple rounds of revision and comment by both the board and Chester's attorney, Jim Carroll. Prior to the enactment of the ordinance, Chester resident Ian Montgomery, who owns an STR, rose to address the board, telling them he believed the ordinance should provide further clarity on several issues. Montgomery was particularly concerned with the definition of "dwelling unit capacity," and whether, for instance, a renter inviting over relatives who live nearby in excess of

the unit's capacity as stated on the STR registration for a visit, and not to sleep, would be grounds for a complaint or violation.

The board was reluctant to change any language pertaining to occupancy in the ordinance, as it had been reviewed by Carroll, and was in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes, with which the State of Vermont fire codes also comply. Currently, the ordinance sets the dwelling unit capacity for STRs which host fewer than eight people at two per bedroom, plus two extra people. STRs which intend to host more than eight people must be inspected by the state fire marshal, who will make a final determination about occupancy limits.

Ultimately, because occupancy limits are calculated by number of bedrooms, the board expressed that their understanding was that they

applied to those sleeping in an STR unit, and not to temporary visitors.

After some back and forth, Board Chair Arne Jonynas told the board that he believed the ordinance should be put to a vote, saying "I think we've overanalyzed this... it's time to put this to bed." The STR ordinance passed unanimously.

The board also made minor adjustments to the proposed nuisance ordinance, though no action was taken. An updated draft of the ordinance will be presented to the board at their next meeting.

Finally, the board set the tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year at \$0.9870 per \$100 of assessed value.

The Chester Selectboard's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 3, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall.

Londonderry sends zoning bylaws back to planning commission

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Selectboard held a public hearing prior to the June 17 meeting to get feedback from the community on the proposed zoning bylaws. Town moderator Doug Friant said, "This is your opportunity to tell us what you don't like...be specific."

Zoning administrator Will Goodwin, who also serves for Weston, Landgrove, and Peru, was in attendance to answer questions and concerns from the audience, and help clarify the language and regulations. Goodwin explained that the biggest concern from previous meetings was that people were reading the bylaws that were meant to be commercial regulations, and thinking they applied to residences. "I can't tell you what's right for Londonderry," Goodwin said, "but I can tell you what's normal."

that he thought it was unreasonable that if a complaint is made against you, you are "guilty until proven innocent." He expressed that if there is a simple conflict and a complaint is made, it seems unreasonable to fight your case to prove your innocence. Goodwin stated that you would have a right to appeal the complaint.

Emails and written questions and concerns were also read aloud to be addressed. One letter referenced outdoor lights, swimming pool size, number of people allowed on a property, landscape design, and garage sales. Goodwin responded that outdoor light restrictions are for new commercial properties. Generally speaking, above-ground swimming pools do not need permits, while in-ground pools do. A public comment mentioned that the bylaws restrict pools from being in the front yard or side yard, and Goodwin said he could see changing that. Yard sales are restricted to three consecutive days to keep from having permanent yard sales. Goodwin said that plantings and landscape should be addressed on a case-by-case basis, and he didn't think there were any bylaws that restricted the number of vehicles allowed on a property.

back to the planning commission, and time is wasted that the commission could have been working on them. Cavanagh estimated a four to five hour meeting every week to go through the bylaws line by line.

Board member Martha Dale expressed that she liked the feedback they received, and she was willing to put in the time after the planning commission had worked so hard. She said they could work hard and "strive to get there in time... I'm willing to do that...to help our town."

Member Taylor Prouty added, "I think it's important for us as a board to represent all of you in things that you have expressed to us, and make this not feel like something that's been pushed on you, but a process that you have been a part of...It is going to be a lengthy process, but a worthwhile one if we work on it all together."

The alternative step is to reject the bylaws as written and send them back to the planning commission to make adjustments from the comments made. They would have a head start on the process, Cavanagh said. "I have nine pages of concerns and questions," he expressed. "I think myself, I'd have a hard time getting it done in 150 days."

It was clarified that the planning commission would not have any time constraints on the process. They would also, during the editing process, be working off the preexisting bylaws. If the selectboard were to take over the process, the planning commission would have to use the old and new bylaws for every new permit application, which would likely cause a delay in many permits.

Goodwin expressed, "I think either process can work, but the clock is ticking with the selectboard."

The audience voiced they thought it was best to send it back to the planning commission for the time constraints, and for the ease of using one set of bylaws during the process until the new bylaws can be adopted.

Dale expressed her concern that once you send the bylaws back, they're gone, and we're back to the old bylaws. "My recommendation would be to pause, and don't take any action, purposefully," to let Goodwin go back to the drawing board.

Cavanagh stated he heard what the public wants. Cavanagh moved to reject the bylaws and send them back to the planning commission. Flemming seconded the motion. Prouty agreed in favor, while Dale opposed. The motion passed to reject the bylaws, with applause from the audience.

The Londonderry Selectboard meets on the first and third Mondays, at 6 p.m.

Ludlow discusses merger, local options tax

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Selectboard and Village Trustees met jointly on Monday, June 17, to hold public discussions on two perennial issues facing the municipality. Namely, these were the possible merger of the Town and Village of Ludlow, and a possible 1% local options tax.

Launching into the town and village merger discussion, town manager Brendan McNamara explained that this was to be the first of multiple meetings, but that the consensus of both the selectboard and the trustees was that the merger would be the "best option for the municipality of Ludlow."

"From my perspective," McNamara elaborated, "the redundancy of what goes on, just at the administrative side of things, is a burden, which can also contribute to an increase in cost." McNamara did note that the merger will come with certain issues, such as delineating who pays for water and wastewater service in absence of a town and village border, but that these issues can be addressed as the merger process unfolds. "This will go on the ballot, ultimately," Mac-

Namara said.

When asked what the negatives of the merger would be for the village specifically, McNamara responded that, "From where I'm sitting, the cons are negligible," explaining that he believed day to day operations would not be affected to the extent that most residents would notice a change. The main changes, McNamara said, would be operational, and eliminate certain inefficiencies in administration.

The boards then inaugurated a discussion of a potential local options tax, something that has been discussed off and on in the past. This tax would be a 1% tax levied by the municipalities, and could apply to any combination of three categories: retail, room and meals, and alcohol. Of the 1% collected, the State of Vermont would take 30%, leaving Ludlow with 70%. "We have a number of major infrastructure projects coming up that are hundreds of thousands of dollars," McNamara said. Board member George Tucker explained that, in light of these upcoming projects, if the town does not find an alternative way to fund these projects, it will fall to town property taxpayers.

Several members of the

community who spoke were open to the idea of the tax, but wanted to see more data, particularly with regard to how much of the revenue from the tax would be collected from visitors to Ludlow as opposed to locals. One resident who spoke was particularly concerned that, while the money may be earmarked for certain projects in the short term, when those projects are completed, the tax will remain as a permanent burden on Ludlow residents and businesses. Selectboard member Noah Schmidt responded by noting that Killington, for example, had enacted a local options tax, and eventually chosen to repeal it.

The boards ultimately gave consensus to McNamara to begin forming committees to investigate the issues further and eventually make recommendations to the board. More meetings and public hearings to discuss both issues will be held in the future.

The Ludlow Selectboard's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 1, at 6 p.m., in the Heald Auditorium.

Flood resilience meeting

LUDLOW, Vt. – On June 28, from 4-7 p.m., the Mapping for Resilience research team will host a community meeting for residents and people who work in the greater Ludlow and Cavendish area, at the Ludlow Community Center. This event is being held so that folks can connect or reconnect, share stories and memories of responding

to folks' needs during and after the flooding in July 2023, and hear about what the Mapping for Resilience team is trying to do with their research.

This event is being hosted by the Mapping for Resilience research team. We are a research team based at Dartmouth College and Colorado School of Mines, working on a project about

the social, ecological, and technical challenges of last year's floods.

While this is a free event, registering would be much appreciated, as we will provide some food and childcare for attendees. To do so, please fill out the registration form at

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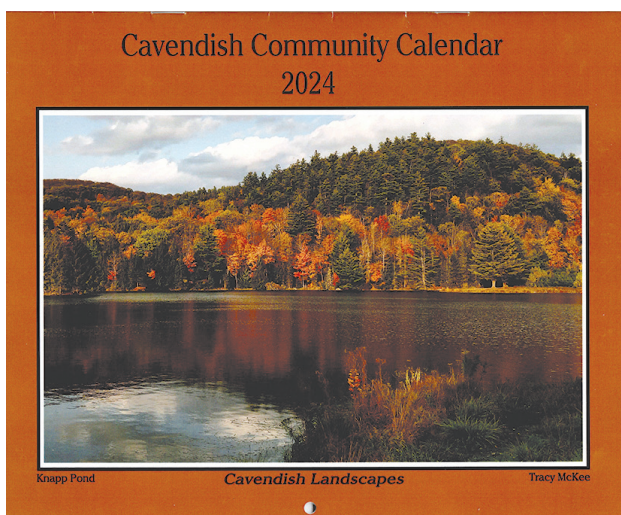
Cavendish calendar

voting –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Your friends and neighbors have submitted their photos for the 2025 Cavendish Community Calendar, and now is the time to vote for your favorites.

The calendar is published every year by the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association.

The photos are on display at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library until July 10. Participation is the hallmark of community, so come cast your vote. This year, anyone who votes will be entered in



2024 Cavendish Calendar.

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a raffle for a gift certificate from the Vermont Apple Pie Bakery.

The library is open Tues-

day, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., and can be reached at 802-226-7503.

2024 Cavendish summer concert schedule

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA), on behalf of the Town of Cavendish, presents the lineup of bands for the annual summer concert series on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville.

The season starts on July 3 with local favorite Gypsy Reel. Soul Rockers take the stage on July 10. Another returning favorite, Yankee Chank, plays Cajun/zydeco music on July 17. A newcomer to the Proctorsville summer concerts, The East

Bay Jazz Ensemble performs on July 24, followed by Rick Redington & Tuff Luv on July 31. The series concludes with Ludlow-based Bear Mountain Boys on Aug. 7.

All performances begin at 6 p.m. In case of inclement weather, check the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association Facebook page for postponement and rescheduling information.

This is the 15th year that CCCA has proudly assisted the town with this Wednesday evening event. In recog-

inition of this milestone, the CCCA is selling limited-edition commemorative T-shirts to memorialize the concert series. This is in addition to the annual raffle, the profits of which are used to defray the costs of the concerts.

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, email CavendishCommunityConservation@gmail.com.

Fletcher Memorial Library hosts discussion on “The Boys in the Boat”

LUDLOW, Vt. – Please join the Friends of the Fletcher Memorial Library for a lively discussion of the book and movie “The Boys in the Boat” by author Daniel James Brown on Wednesday, July 10, at 6 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library. Copies of the book are available at the library.

It was an unlikely quest from the start. With

a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington’s eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. Drawing on the boys’ own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared

dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man’s personal quest.

This program is free and open to the public. Fletcher Memorial Library is located at 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. Please call for additional information at 802-228-8921, or visit our website, www.fmlnews.org.

Treasures on the Green in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – The Treasures on the Green, the townwide tag sale conducted by the Weston Womens’ Club that helps fund local nonprofits, is returning this year on Saturday, Aug. 10.

More “treasures” are needed. What are “treasures?” They are all those things in your drawers, closets, and attics – items in fine condition, but which you have not touched in years: implements, small appliances, tools, cookware, serving accessories, even art-

work, etc. You get the idea. Good stuff you’re just not using.

Please give them a second chance at life, clear your home of some clutter, and help support our local nonprofits while offering your neighbors some bargains.

We will be collecting in a couple of different locations; you will need to call Jeri Gerold or Maureen Brandt to make an arrangement for where and when to meet us. There is no general drop-off site, but we can be available at your

convenience. Jeri can be reached at 802-856-7032, and Maureen at 802-824-5486. Just leave a message if we aren’t home.

Keep in mind we do not take clothes, books, or outdated electronics, and we would ask that everything come to us clean, operable, and ready to go to the sale.

Any questions about what we will take, just ask. Any big items you need picked up, again, just ask. Thank you for your support.

More about the day of the sale to follow.

Best of Vermont Summer Festival 2024

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce new additions

and returning favorites for their fourth annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival, which celebrates everything about summer in Vermont.

New this year, the Best of Vermont Summer Festival will be bringing you an exciting update to the five-act music line up, mouthwatering fudge waffles from the Waffle Cabin in the dining tent with Okemo and others, and a brand new beer garden sponsored by Brewfest Beverage. The vendor list is on track to fill up, with over 100 vendors for the weekend. Also, the raffle is being updated to be bigger and better than ever.

Returning this year, Dan Moore of Barker Farm will be showcasing his antique tractors and vintage machines. This is a showcase of Vermont-made engines and

machinery, including working exhibits from the 1900s. Also, a festival favorite for kids of all ages, Wunderle’s Big Top Adventures will be joining for clowning around and fun kids’ programming all weekend long.

The Best of Vermont Summer Festival takes place on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 12-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Okemo Field on Route 103 in Ludlow.

With festival favorites and new additions, there’s something for everyone. This festival invites locals, new residents, second homeowners, and visitors to enjoy the best of Vermont – maple, cotton candy, funnel cakes, ice cream, local cheeses, handcrafted artisan products, fine art, live music, agricultural demos, children’s ac-



Troy Wunderle walks on stilts at last year’s Best of Vermont Summer Festival.

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activities, and so much more.

Thank you to all of our sponsors for making this event possible. To see the full vendor list, music line-up, programming, and continued updates, go to the chamber’s special festival website page, www.yourplaceinvermont.com/info. The chamber’s festival committee is still seeking additional sponsors, vendors, and volunteers. Sponsor and vendor forms are available on the festival website page, www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival.



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The event will be at the Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt., behind the army tank. We’ll have food, childcare, and a \$10 Visa gift card for folks who participate. We will facilitate two activities designed to better understand the impacts and challenges the floods have created, and look forward to your stories and insight. We are also hoping to collect photos and videos of flooded areas by consent of property owners. Our goal is to make this collaborative, supportive, and engaging for everyone.

If you can’t make it, but want to talk about sharing stories about the flood, please reach out and let us know. You can also see more information about the project and get our email addresses at sites.dartmouth.edu/mappingforresilience.

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?

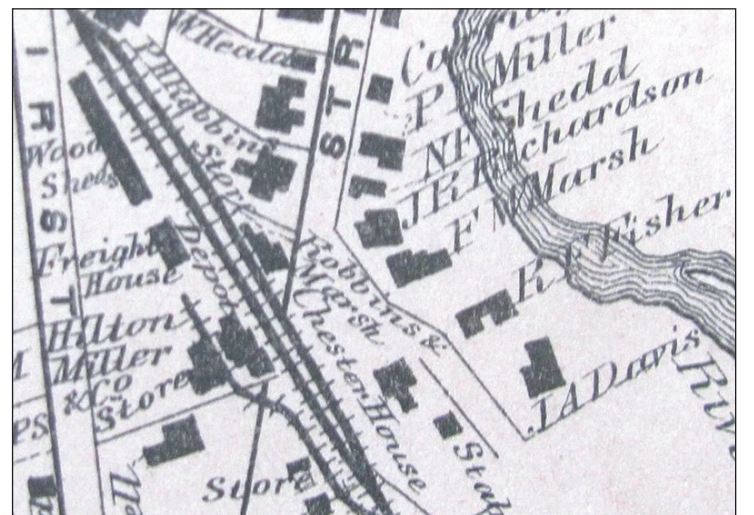
"Ans. This is a wild guess - I don't think less than fifty, and it may be two hundred

"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, 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.

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-



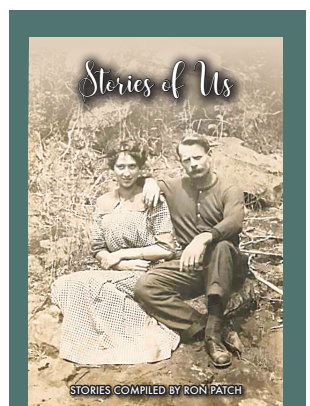
Goats out on the town.

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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.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Senior Solutions, Attn: Mark Boutwell, 38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

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

Walk with Ease in Ludlow

LUUDLOW, Vt. – Do you want to add more steps to your daily routine? The Walk with Ease program, developed by the Arthritis Foundation, will help you make a personal walking plan with realistic goals for improved fitness.

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."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

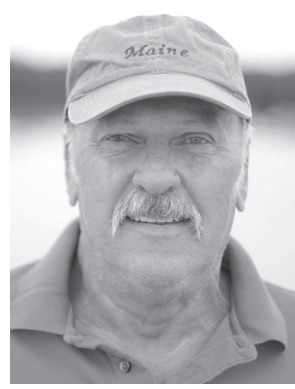
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Lynn Park Mellish, 80, of Bellows Falls, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, N.Y., with his wife and daughter by his side. Lynn was born on Nov. 23, 1943, in Bellows Falls, and is the son of Park and Priscilla Mellish. He attended Bellows 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

ATHENS, VT.

Community Christian Church of Athens, 126 Brookline Road

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and prayer meetings are held Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. If you have questions, call 802-869-2513. The 9:30 a.m. Sunday service is also streamed on Facebook Live at the Church's Facebook page.

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

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

PERKINSVILLE, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.

A diverse, informal, and welcoming congregation. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Jon Bliss, minister, at 802-824-4452 or email easthillfarm@vermontel.net.

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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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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. Information on donating instruments can be found at 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 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 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 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

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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. An application may be found at 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

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. Applications accepted until position is filled.

LEGAL NOTICES

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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

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- Expeditionary School at Black River Graduation 2024
- Talk with Paula
- Yoga with Liza

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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.

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; 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.
- FERC Contact: David Gandy at (202) 502-8560; or 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, (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. 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.

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.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
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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, 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.

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.

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.

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; 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 jadah1@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. For nonparade inquiries, please email 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.

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.

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. 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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