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## Josh Mosher Memorial Benefit a rockin' success

BY JOE MILLIKEN  
*The Shopper*

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose Lodge recently hosted a music celebration to honor the life of Josh Mosher, a local musician and Westminster native who tragically lost his life in February.

The celebration was created and organized by several of Josh's bandmates and music friends from the past 20 years, who all wanted to help ease the sudden financial burden placed on his family. The special 12-hour "family friendly" event featured seven area bands, many of

which featured musicians who had recorded and performed with Josh.

The bands performing included Just The Tip, Off The Hook, Rust And Ruin, Tothar, Curst, Vale End, and Day to Attend. There was also an "open jam session" to conclude the festivities.

Several area businesses were gracious in donating some \$1,400 worth of prizes and gift certificates to support the raffles throughout the day. The celebration raised a total of \$3,300, with all proceeds going directly to the Mosher family.

A special "compilation



Day to Attend performing at the Josh Mosher Memorial Benefit. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

CD" titled "180 Seasons," compiled and produced by Jeff Richards, was also available at the event, featuring

all original songs that Josh played and sang on from several of the bands he was a part of over a much too

short, 20-year span.

"Our family wishes to thank Joshua's music friends in the various bands who performed, and all those who attended our Celebration of Life," Josh's father, Gary Mosher, stated after the event. "Everyone showed a tremendous outpouring of love for our Joshua. Many thanks to all who were involved in putting this benefit together for our family, and I know Joshua was watching down with a huge smile... he is so proud of you all."

Everyone involved in the Josh Mosher Memorial Benefit would like to thank the

following businesses and friends who donated items and gift certificates for the raffles: Bellows Falls Opera House, Car Quest, Springfield Cinema, Imperial, Diamond Pizza, Dari Joy, Westminster Auto, Faith's Ford, O'Reilly's, River Side Auto, Lisai's Corner Deli, Smitty's, Cobb Co., Famous Pizza, Dog Daze, Pizza Palace, Pete's Farmstand, Green Mountain Classics, D & R And Sons Auto, and Joe Milliken.

Special thanks go out to Todd and Debbie Westfall, Robert J. Obremski, Tim Heidbrink, Jeff Richards, Peggy Jellie, and the Moose Lodge staff.

## Grafton Fire Department celebrates 100-year history

BY PAULA BENSON  
*The Shopper*

**GRAFTON, Vt.** – On Saturday, July 20, the Grafton Trails and Outdoor Center will host the annual Food and Antique Tractor Festival, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Along with music, food, arts and crafts, a silent auction, and a raffle to win one of two locally made quilts, there will be the opportunity to donate to the Windham County Humane Society through a purchase from Phinney's Friends, or a tarot card reading for your dog or cat courtesy of Anuszka.

Of course, the festival will feature an array of antique tractors, as well as a cash bar with beer and wine provided by the Grafton Inn.

A bonus this year will be the return of the town square dance, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Grafton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad. Dancing will take place under a tent at the outdoor center from 6-10 p.m., called by Don Stratton, local musician and biologist at the University of Vermont.



Antique tractors belonging to Barker Farm's Dan Moore. PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

It was at a 1924 Town Meeting that the Grafton Fire Company was first officially approved. In 1925, the company took over a garage on Kidder Hill Road, where they housed a hand-drawn and hand-operated pumper. Built circa 1830, the pumper is on display at the Grafton Historical Society.

Food will be available from Jamaican Jewelz and Biker Bob's Burgers and Dogs.

"It's going to be a wonderful event," remarked Grafton librarian Michelle Dufort. "We haven't had a town square dance since I first moved here 30 years ago."

## Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football and Flag Football signups

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football and Flag Football League (CVPWFL) is entering its 56th year of football and will have their yearly signups and tryouts on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 5:30 p.m., at the Bellows Falls Union High School. Also, equipment issue will be on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 5:30 p.m. Please wear shorts, T-shirts, and sneakers to tryouts, which will take

place after registration. It is open to children entering third grade through eighth grade throughout the Connecticut Valley, including Vermont and New Hampshire residents.

There is now a third grade team. Grades fourth-sixth participate in Pee Wee Football, and grades seventh and eighth participate in our junior high program.

You must attend one of the signup nights to register, and players already in the league must attend one of these dates as well,

or make arrangements by calling Ed Vancor at 802-376-5902. Cheerleaders, ages 4-14, must also sign up on one of these dates, or contact Ashley Buffum at 603-477-7439.

There are no weight limits. Every kid is welcome.

Again this year, we will be offering flag football for the younger players. The age groups are 4-7 years old. Signups will be at the same time as Pee Wee Football dates.

There is a cost to participate in each of the programs.

## Springfield Rotary learns about the Peace Corps

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Rotarian Bill Bridgeford, the senior recruiter for Peace Corps in Vermont, gave an overview of the Peace Corps to the Springfield Rotary Club at its club meeting on July 9, at Maebelline's.

Bridgeford began his Peace Corps career as a volunteer in 2016, just a few months before his 60th birthday. His first assignment was North

Macedonia.

Peace Corps volunteers in over 60 countries, and those volunteers work within six different sectors – agriculture, environment, community development, health, education, and youth in development. The Peace Corps is a program that was founded in 1961 with the goal of helping countries interested in meeting their need for trained people, promoting a better understanding of Americans on the part of the people served, and helping to promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

Bridgeford's message was, "Do you have dreams of traveling? Do you strive to better the world, or simply feel best when helping others? Look no further than the Peace Corps, an organization dedicated to helping communities across the globe."

To become a Peace Corps volunteer, you must apply



Bill Bridgeford, Peace Corps senior recruiter. PHOTO PROVIDED

online at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov), but Bridgeford encourages everyone interested in applying to contact him at [bbridgeford@peacecorps.gov](mailto:bbridgeford@peacecorps.gov).

The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in 1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally. For more information, visit [www.springfieldvtrotary.org](http://www.springfieldvtrotary.org).

## The Chester Festival to celebrate 50 years

**CHESTER, Vt.** – This September, the Chester Festival on the Green will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with more fun and entertainment for the whole family. This extensive fall market features more than 70 regional artisans selling handmade products, including jewelry, glass, pottery, fine woodwork, fiber art, and photography. There will also be food and refreshment vendors.

Held on Chester's historic Common, this year's festival is expanding its Vermont Culture Corner with a new maker's space of artists performing live demon-

strations. Festival-goers are invited to watch and learn about everything from glass blowing and ceramics, to chainsaw carving and maple syrup boiling. They will be treated to live music, street performances, historical tours, games, sheep herding, and other animal encounters.

This two-day event will be held Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free.

Current information is available at [www.chester-festival.org](http://www.chester-festival.org). The 2024 vendor application period is closed.

To honor the festival's 50th anniversary, an online vendor profile series, called Meet the Makers, spotlights this longstanding event. Meet the Makers will be published throughout the summer at [www.chester-festival.org/blog](http://www.chester-festival.org/blog).

Nestled in the rolling hills of southern Vermont, the Chester Festival on the Green was established in 1974 by a small group of artists looking to celebrate harvest season and sell their wares. For one weekend every September, they gathered on the Town Common (known colloquially as "the Green"), where

locals and leaf peepers converged at shops and restaurants.

Later, various local groups, including the Chester Rotary Club, formalized planning and fundraising initiatives that helped solidify the Chester Festival as a hallmark celebration of Vermont culture. By the mid-2000s, festival grounds stretched far beyond the Green and hosted thousands of people annually. In 2020, planning and

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# Building Bridges through Living Room Conversations

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m., the Springfield Town Library invites you to their “Empathy in Action: Building Bridges through Living Room Conversations” talk. In Living Room Conversations, people come together to talk in a friendly and organized way, even with dif-

ferent opinions.

Join us for an engaging event, focused on fostering empathy and understanding through Living Room Conversations. This is your chance to connect with others, share your experiences, and truly listen to different perspectives. Let's come together to build bridges and

create a more empathetic community. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a difference.

This event is free and open to the public. To sign up for a reminder, visit our calendar of events at [www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar).

# Savings Bank of Walpole virtual mortgage seminar

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Savings Bank of Walpole will host a free virtual seminar, “The Mortgage Financing Process: How it Works, What to Expect,” on Thurs-

day, July 25, from 5:30-7 p.m. During this free online seminar, Savings Bank of Walpole's mortgage lending team will provide an overview of the mortgage

financing process, including how to get started and what to expect during the lending process. To register, please call Christine Greenwood-Smart, 603-355-1653, NMLS #865412, or visit [www.walpolebank.com/free-seminar-mortgage](http://www.walpolebank.com/free-seminar-mortgage). Please register by Tuesday, July 23. Attendees will receive a link to the seminar via email.

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# Candidates at the Coffeehouse

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with local legislators, statewide officials, and fellow change makers in your community? Join local and statewide legislators at the Flat Iron Cooperative, 51 The Square, Bellows Falls, Vt., for Candidates at the Coffeehouse. The series will start on Saturday, July 20, at 10:30 a.m., continuing every third Saturday of the month from July-October.

Local legislators in attendance this election season will include Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun, Rep. Leslie Goldman, Sen. Nader Hashim, and Sen. Wendy Harrison. Statewide elected officials will include Vermont Attorney General Charity Clark, Vermont Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas, and Vermont State Treasurer Mike Picciak.

The Candidates at the

Coffeehouse series is an excellent opportunity for the community to engage with Vermont legislators from both the local and state levels. For the first session on July 20, the statewide candidate will be Attorney General Charity Clark, a native of southern Vermont. Clark says she “has made protecting Vermonters a trademark of her administration, suing Monsanto for PCB contamination and Meta for its harms to young users of social media. She has been a strong advocate for data privacy protections for children. In addition, she has made domestic and sexual violence a focus of her administration.” Rep. Goldman of Rockingham and Sen. Hashim of Dummerston will also be available for the first Candidates event.

Rep. Bos-Lun remarked, “We’re looking forward to connecting with residents of Windham County in the coming months and introducing some candidates running for statewide of-

“I look forward to engaging with constituents and discussing what matters most to them.” As Larisa Demos, the co-owner of the Flat Iron said, “Some of the seven co-op principles focus on education, democracy, and concern for community. We are excited to host the Candidates at the Coffeehouse series to help educate our community about democracy and encourage engagement with local and state officials in conversation. In 2022, we were awarded Evergreen Status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for our participation in civic engagement and their Coops Vote initiative. We look forward to continuing this conversation with the current election year.”

For more information, please contact Rep. Bos-Lun at [michelleforvt@gmail.com](mailto:michelleforvt@gmail.com), or Rep. Goldman at [leslieforwindham3@gmail.com](mailto:leslieforwindham3@gmail.com).

# Savings Bank of Walpole to host community cookouts

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Savings Bank of Walpole will host a series of three community cookouts in Keene, Walpole, and Winchester as a way to say thank you to both customers and the community.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., the bank will serve hot

dogs, chips, and drinks on the Green in Walpole. The cookout will be followed by a musical performance from the River Valley Dance Band.

Other cookouts will be hosted on Friday, July 19, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at 84 Marlboro Street in Keene, and on Thursday, Aug. 8, from 5-6 p.m., at

the Main Street Gazebo in Winchester.

“Our Community Cookouts are SBW’s way of thanking our customers, friends, and neighbors in the Monadnock Region,” said Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole.

For more information, visit [www.walpolebank.com](http://www.walpolebank.com) or call 603-352-1822.

# Rockingham Old Home Days sponsorship opportunities

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to present our upcoming event, Rockingham Old Home Days, on Aug. 3, at the Waypoint Center in Bellows

Falls, Vt. At the chamber, we are a strong advocate for business, a vital strategic partner in building a sustainable community, and committed to creating resources and opportunities not only

for member success, but for the continued prosperity of our region’s economy. Our Rockingham Old Home Days event celebrates our important historical figures and the buildings that still surround us today, as well as provides fun family activities like music, arts, area crafters, and area food creators at little to no cost for everyone, before the best fireworks display over the Connecticut River.

Your partnership for this event would mean exceptional brand visibility, networking opportunities, and the chance to showcase your commitment to the chamber and the communities that we serve.

We have created various sponsorship opportunities to suit various budgets and objectives. Your sponsorship will contribute to our event’s success, and demonstrate your continued commitment to our community and its initiatives.

## Springfield Food Coop not collecting plastic bags

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Food Coop is not a collection site for plastic bags. Please visit the Springfield Town Library or Shaw’s.

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operations were absorbed by the Chester Community Events Committee, a non-profit group of volunteers, who manage everything from marketing, planning and outreach, to set-up, cleanup, and safety.

Historical information about the Chester Festival will be on display at a 50th anniversary booth and inside the Chester Historical Society, which is open to the public during event hours.

The Chester Festival on the Green is sustained by volunteers. Ambassadors provide critical support by managing information booths, assisting vendors, directing parking, and more. Those in need of community service hours are encouraged to apply. In addition, donations may be mailed to Chester Community Events Committee, P.O. Box 1177, Chester, VT 05143.

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# Yankee wisdom

**BY RON PATCH**

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In a shameless act of self-promotion, I remind you of my latest book. They tell me it's an anthology. Many contributed stories for this book, "Stories of Us."

I like them all, but I do have a few favorites. The following story was written by Lee Kendall. Lee and Kim are brothers. Kim and I are classmates and close friends.

I titled this article "Yankee Wisdom" for a reason. How quick Kim was to come up with this plot is impressive. Thinking on the fly is what I call it. This took place at Kendall's Barn.

You can get "Stories of Us" at Stone House Antiques Center, The Framery of Vermont, and Lisai's in Bellows Falls. If you enjoy this story, you will enjoy others in the book.

## Catch Me If You Can

Our parents bought the old farmhouse with all the attached barns and outbuildings just before I started my sophomore year at Chester High School. Time passed. The family dispersed and my brother Kim ended up living in the farmhouse. He and a cousin of ours ran an antiques and collectables business there. All the barns and outbuildings were filled with artifacts from the past, and all were for sale.

My wife and I, and our young daughter often visited my brother. My daughter loved to visit there. She liked her uncle and liked looking in all the barns full of history. Any kid would have liked it there. In addition to the buildings, there were a few chickens running loose and a pet potbellied pig. There was a swing set and lots of room to run and play.

One summer day we were visiting. We were all outside in the front yard when Kim's phone rang and we learned our mother had been taken to Springfield Hospital. My wife and I thought we should go to the hospital but realized our daughter Jody, would probably be a problem. We talked to Kim about it and decided he would watch Jody. We wouldn't be gone too long.

I should mention that Kim is a paraplegic due to a horrible accident just after he had graduated high school in 1969. I should also mention that Jody, though only four years old was a very verbal, curious, inventive, and strong willed child. Her grandmother, my mother, was very strict and thought Jody needed discipline and instruction. Her grandfather, my dad, thought she was a hoot and very entertaining. Of course my wife and I loved her even when

she was being naughty.

We told Jody we had to go to the hospital and would not be gone long, and that Kim was going to watch her while we were gone. We explained to her that she should be good and do what he asked her to do.

Jody looked at Kim in his wheelchair and declared that he couldn't even catch her. Of course we had misgivings and started to revise our plans.

Suddenly Kim made a snatch into the air over his head. He cupped his hands around something then brought them close to his face to peer between his fingers at what he might have caught. Jody came up close to her uncle and asked what he had.

"Here take a look," he said. When she leaned close to see, he grabbed her by the arm.

"Let me go," she hollered. Kim said, "I've got you and I



Kim (left) and Lee Kendall.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

can get you whenever I want to. If you promise you'll be good when your mom and dad go to the hospital, I'll let you go."

I guess Jody realized she had been outsmarted when she asked again, what he had in his hands, and he showed he had nothing.

As we drove out of the driveway, I looked over my shoulder and Jody was chatting with Kim as he showed her some little thing that

had caught her attention.

When we returned from the hospital a couple hours later, Jody was standing on a chair at the kitchen sink with a way too big apron on, doing Kim's dishes, as she chatted happily away at him.

**This week's old saying:**  
"Men bald in the front are thinkers. Men bald in the back are good lovers. Men bald all over think they are good lovers."

# Open House at the Athens Brick Meetinghouse

ATHENS, Vt. - The Athens Brick Meetinghouse will be the site of an old fashioned ice cream social on Sunday, July 21, from 2-4 p.m. The meetinghouse will be open for visitors to tour and learn more about this fascinating 1817 building. There will also be note cards available to purchase with pictures of the meetinghouse by the late Bill Sumner, renowned professional photographer.

The Athens Brick Meetinghouse is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is historically significant to the Windham County region. The Athens Meetinghouse came to be known as the "Mother Church" for the 12 towns

of Grafton, Rockingham, Townshend, Londonderry, Weston, Chester, Acton, Springfield, Landgrove, Windham, Putney, and Mount Holly, which comprised the "Old Athens Circuit." Circuit riders from Athens traveled out to these 12 towns by horse to perform religious services. Quarterly meetings with the Methodist congregants from these towns often lasted two days at the Athens Old Brick Church.

Originally erected to serve the spiritual needs of the residents of Athens and surrounding towns, the large open sanctuary which boasted a high pulpit, box pews, long side galleries, and a handsome chandelier

was divided into two stories. The lower continued to be used for worship services, while the upper, a large hall, served the town's civic needs for Town Meetings and elections through the late 1970s.

Members of the Athens Meetinghouse Committee and the Athens Historic Preservation Society will be on hand to answer questions and lead visitors on tours of this historic gem. Donations are welcome, but not required. Proceeds support the preservation of the meetinghouse.

The Athens Meetinghouse is located at 2 Meetinghouse Road in Athens, just off Route 35, and all are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Maher at 802-275-2835, or follow Athens Meetinghouse on Facebook.

# Experience the thrill of medieval combat at the library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library invites the community to an exciting event featuring Vermont Armored Combat on Saturday, July 20, at 1 p.m.

Witness the power and skill of medieval armored sword fighting as Vermont Armored Combat brings the excitement of armored combat to life. This unique event will include a demonstration of sword fighting in full armor, showcasing their technique with blunted swords. The demonstration will be followed with some hands-on instruction in a few basics of sword combat, including experiencing the weight and feel of the armor and weapons.

This event is suitable for all ages and will take place outside in front of



Vermont Armored Combat brings the excitement of armored combat to life.

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the library. If it is a rainy day, the program will move under the open-air pavilion at the Rockingham Recreation Center.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information about

the event and other library programs, please visit [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, email [youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

# LAHS 18th Century Dinearound

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - All are invited to the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's (LAHS) 18th Century Dinearound on Friday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 p.m., at our headquarters at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road. Enjoy a rousing evening of libation and traditional fare at our annual fundraiser. Tickets are tier-priced per person, per patron, and per benefactor.

The Custer Sharp House will be decked out in colonial splendor. Traditional fare will include hearty punches, soups, stews, and desserts from the 18th century. Our annual fundraiser is a summer tradition filled with camaraderie, great food, and lots of laughs.

The mission of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is to be a beacon - helping people understand the rich history and culture of our little town. Bringing stories of the past to light.

Igniting curiosity and awareness of how earlier Londonderry residents lived and thrived. Presenting creative works by past and current artists that highlight the rich cultural dimensions of our area. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

RSVP for the Dinearound by July 26 on our website, [www.lahs-vt.org](http://www.lahs-vt.org). Questions, please call 802-558-4961. For more information on other events and programming, visit our website or our Facebook page, Londonderry Arts And Historical Society. To schedule an appointment, email us at [lahs1780@gmail.com](mailto:lahs1780@gmail.com).

# Old time stories of Ludlow event

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Academy Museum invites the community of Ludlow and residents of the Black River Valley to attend their upcoming event, "Old time Stories of Ludlow and the Black River Valley," on Thursday, Aug 8, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This will be a casual

event, campfire style, listening to a variety of stories from neighbors from years ago. Marshmallows will be toasted, s'mores served, and campfire songs sung. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to hosting all of you.

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# community news

## Family Bible Camp with Bow Baptist Church

**WEATHERSFIELD BOW, Vt.** – Bow Baptist Church, at 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow, Vt., is presenting Family Bible Camp, a dynamic program for all youth in the area and their families. The Bible Camp begins Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration will be on

Saturday, at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided on Saturday as well. Camp will be held again on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., with a closing program at 6 p.m., with ice cream sundaes to follow. Pastor Daniel Anderson extends a cordial invitation to young people of all ages

and their families. We are asking that people register for Family Bible Camp at [www.bowbaptist.com](http://www.bowbaptist.com), click the link to register. Free transportation can be provided to and from the Family Bible Camp. For a ride or for more information, please call 802-546-4902.



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## First Baptist Church

### announces new pastor

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls is happy to introduce their new pastor, Beverly Jordan.

Jordan is excited to join the church, and has copastored several churches with her husband over the past

## Featured pets: barn buddies

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**Pastor Beverly Jordan.**  
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children, two black labs, a golden retriever, and two cats. Though she was born and raised in Texas, her husband's career in the military and ministry have afforded her the opportunity to live in 11 different states around the country. She now delightfully calls New Hampshire home. She is a kind, caring, compassionate follower of Christ and is excited to join others on their spiritual journeys.


Jordan is a foodie and loves to bake and cook new foods. She and her family are adventurous travelers and are passionate about exploring new places. Her personal interests include reading, interior design, hiking, physical fitness, and writing. She has a wealth of knowledge regarding the beautiful messiness of relationships and a deep under-

standing of the importance of mental health. She also loves to collect handbags and unique tea towels from her travels.

Please join our Sunday services, at 10 a.m., to meet Beverly and join us in worship and fellowship. All are welcome.


The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls is located at 9 Church Street, Bellows Falls. For more information, call 802-463-3220.

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## Flood recovery efforts

**REGION** – As another round of major flooding coursed through Vermont recently, the Vermont Community Foundation renewed its commitment to join with the people of the state and beyond to respond and build long-term flood resilience. The flooding that began Wednesday, on the one-year

anniversary of the catastrophic July 2023 floods, damaged homes, roads, and forced evacuations in a state still feeling the impact of last year's disaster.

But the generosity of friends, neighbors, and people who care can make a difference. The Vermont Flood Response and Recovery Fund, created by the Vermont Community Foundation immediately after the July 2023 floods, is again poised to respond and accept donations from people who want to help. To date, the fund has raised nearly \$14 million, and granted or allocated funds to support efforts in more than 100 communities across Vermont.

The full scope of the damage from the flooding Wednesday is still being assessed, with Peacham, St. Johnsbury, Richmond, Moretown, Plainfield, Lyndonville, Williamstown, Barre, and Waterbury among towns affected. Rivers and

brooks jumped their banks, washing away part of an apartment building, filling homes with silt, and damaging roads, bridges, and farms.

Nearly 9,000 individual donors, philanthropic partners, and corporations have donated to the Vermont Flood Response and Recovery Fund so far. The Community Foundation has distributed grants across impacted areas statewide. The funds have also supported local long-term recovery groups with the challenging work of funding repairs on homes and other properties that are still damaged a year after the July floods. The Flood Response and Recovery Fund is also prioritizing watershed resilience, including support for river cleanup and restoration, assessment of failing dams, and work with communities as they envision a more resilient future.

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by Linda Thistle

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- Foolish talk
- Guarantee
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- Mooches
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- Wake-up calls
- Gambling game
- Poet Teasdale
- Water tester
- Tummy muscles
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- Chemical suffix
- Jazz lover
- Ballet attire
- Slightly
- Loves to pieces
- Cancel out
- Some beers
- Of France
- Constitution writer
- Upright

**DOWN**

- iPhone voice
- Desert-like
- Carried on
- Tendon
- Traitors
- "Yeah, right!"
- Ninny
- Water conduit
- Some beers
- Ringlet
- Feeder filler
- Pro Bowl stats
- Marching insect
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- Chest-beating beast
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- Revolutionary
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# CHURCH SERVICES

# obituaries

## Angelo Amoroso, 1989-2024

BRANDON, Vt. – Angelo AJ Amoroso Jr., 35, passed away July 3, 2024, at his home in Brandon.

AJ was born in Worcester, Mass., on Feb. 4, 1989. He was the son of Angelo Amoroso Sr. and Lynette (Watson) Amoroso. He grew up in Worcester until he was around 11 years old, at which time he moved to Windsor, Vt. AJ laid down his roots in Vermont, where he met his wife, created his life, and raised his family. He was a beloved father, husband, uncle, son, brother, cousin, and friend to many.

He had been involved working in the trades at various businesses. He enjoyed fishing and riding dirt bikes when he was younger, which are things that he continued to enjoy doing as an adult with his friends and family. He enjoyed spending time with his friends, and most of all he loved spending time with his family. AJ and Megan knew each other growing up and later married in 2013. Through those 11 years, they shared an unbreakable bond of love and were very rarely seen apart of each other. He had one stepson and three sons with his wife Megan. His smile was the brightest when they were together. He was very proud of his family and the



Angelo Amoroso, 1989-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

home they owned. AJ loved his family fiercely, and the best parts of him are seen in his children every day.

He is survived by his wife Megan Marie Amoroso of Brandon, whom he married in Springfield on Jan. 12, 2013; three sons Angelo, Brady, and Kingston; one stepson Timothy Laframboise; his father Angelo Amoroso Sr.; his mother Lynette Watson; his brothers Phillip, Joe, and Tony; his father- and mother-in-law James and Nancy Briggs, and their family.

Respecting his wishes, a private Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the GoFundMe campaign set up to support his sons and help secure their future.

Arrangements by Miller and Ketcham of Brandon.

## Gloria J. Ballantine, 1945-2024

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Gloria J. Ballantine, 79, died on Friday evening, July 5, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born June 26, 1945 in Burlington, Vt., the daughter of Vernon and Doris (Stanford) Clark. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1963.

On June 10, 1967, Gloria married Richard A. Ballantine.

Gloria worked as a receptionist in a dental office for many years. She worked at Park Street School in Springfield as a secretary to the director of special education, as well as having worked in the Perkinsville School.

She was a member of the Grange for over 65 years, president of the Plain Cemetery Association for over 20 years, and a member of the board for many years prior. She was a member of the Weathersfield School Board, WWVFD Women's Auxiliary, scout leader for both her children, and an active member of Perkinsville Community Church for over 65 years.

Gloria enjoyed baking, gardening, spending time with her granddaughter, and over 30 years of cousin weekends.

She is survived by her



Gloria Ballantine, 1945-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

husband Richard, two children Richard A. Ballantine Jr. and Tammie (Curtis) Kinsman, and granddaughter Carissa Kinsman, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins – including two very special cousins Carol Byrnes and Margaret Stevens.

She was predeceased by her parents.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., on Friday, July 19, from 6-8 p.m.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m., at the Perkinsville Community Church. Following the services, a luncheon will be held at the V.F.W. Post 771 in Springfield, Vt.

Donations can be made to the Bayada Hospice Foundation through Dartmouth Hospital, or to the Perkinsville Church.

## Frank J. DiMaggio, 1947-2024



PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Frank James DiMaggio, 77, died on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Long Island Community Hospital in Patchogue, N.Y. He was surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 18, 1947, in Bronx, N.Y., the son of Vito and Doris (Lane) DiMaggio. He graduated from Brentwood High School, N.Y., Class of 1965, and Stony Brook University, Class of 1974. He served in the United States Air Force from 1968-1972. Frank met the love of his life Barbara Corrin while on vacation in London, England. They were married for 56 wonderful years.

Frank served as sales manager and vice president of Ivek Corporation in North Springfield, Vt., from 1989 until he retired. He was an elder of the Church of Christ, and a board member of Habitat for Humanity.

Family and friendships were important to Frank, as no distance was too far to travel for those he loved. Wherever he was he made a friend. During his free time, Frank read history books, cheered for the Yankees, and invested himself in woodworking. He was never short on stories to tell. As a father he was fair and extraordinarily generous. As a husband he was gentle and compassionate.



Frank DiMaggio, 1947-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

He is survived by his wife Barbara; three children Jason DiMaggio and wife Tammy, Tara DiMaggio and wife Rachel; two sisters Susan Muratore and Donna Santoro; four grandchildren Katelyn DiMaggio, Colby DiMaggio, Taylor DiMaggio, and Skylar DiMaggio; one great-grandson Graison DiMaggio; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Frank was predeceased by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Aug. 3, at 3 p.m., at Vermont Vines, 275 Williams Road, Rockingham, Vt. The family also welcomes you to attend regular services on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 11 a.m., at the Springfield Church of Christ, in dedication to Frank DiMaggio.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Springfield Church of Christ.

## ASCUTNEY, VT.

**Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.**

Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at [www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch](http://www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch) and [www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org](http://www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org).

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**United Church of Bellows Falls, UCC, 8 School St.**

Worship service starts at 10 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome to attend. Following the service, there will be a time of refreshments. Many other services are offered throughout the week. If you have any questions or want to learn more, call 802-463-4323, visit the church, or find them on Facebook.

## CAVENDISH, VT.

**St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.**

Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to [www.facebook.com/stjamesumcproctorsville](http://www.facebook.com/stjamesumcproctorsville).

## CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

**North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.**

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to [www.facebook.com/UMCOFNorthCharlestown](http://www.facebook.com/UMCOFNorthCharlestown) for more information.

**Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.**

Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

## CHESTER, VT.

**First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North**

Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person. Sunday services run from September to early June. Contact [chestervtuu@gmail.com](mailto:chestervtuu@gmail.com) for a Zoom link for the service.

## LUDLOW, VT.

**Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.**

Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 9 a.m. For further information, see our website at [churchoftheannunciation.org](http://churchoftheannunciation.org), or call us at 802-228-3451.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.**

The North Springfield Baptist Church will be worshipping at the former Perkinsville School on Sunday, July 21, at 10 a.m. We plan to sing, pray, hear God's word, share a potluck lunch together, and play some fun outdoor games. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. All are invited and welcome to attend.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.**

Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. - Holy Days as announced. Services alternate between Clergy Officiated, Traditional Rite I and Contemporary Rite II, Holy Eucharist, and Licensed Lay Led Rites I and II Morning Prayer. All are invited regardless of religious affiliation. Call David at 802-885-2972 with questions.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.**

Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to [www.stmaryjoseph.com](http://www.stmaryjoseph.com).

## Tobias Halme, 1956-2024

LEBANON, N.H. – Tobias (Toby) Halme passed away on July 9, 2024, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H., following a brief illness. He was born in Concord, N.H., on Nov. 30, 1956, the son of Arthur and Clarice (Colby) Halme.

In 1982, he became a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church. He married his wife Pam Roy in 1983.

Toby loved the outdoors, especially warm, sunny weather. He enjoyed walking in the woods, hiking mountains, biking, canoeing, and camping. He loved all animals, especially his pet dogs, bird watching, poetry, art, and inspirational music. He was a devoted friend to many, a faithful companion, and enjoyed helping others; saying words of encouragement to make people laugh. He was well known for his dry sense of humor, which could easily turn a room full of people into laughter. He worked in blue collar professions for many years, and in the past several years was a dedicated volunteer driver for the MOOver, taking people to medical appointments in many areas of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.



Tobias Halme, 1956-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

sachusetts.

He was predeceased by his dad Arthur in 1997, his mom Clarice in 2017, and his brother Tom in 2009.

He is survived by his wife Pam, dogs Ginger and Riley, sisters Sandra Curtis of Franklin, N.H., and Robin Halme of Arizona, and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on July 17, at 3 p.m., at the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, July 21, at 3 p.m., at the First Congregation Church in Springfield, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Foxy Fund, c/o Senior Solutions, 38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

### OBITUARIES:

A basic 200-word obituary is \$75, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. A black and white photo is an additional \$10. Email to [editor@vermontjournal.com](mailto:editor@vermontjournal.com) by Monday at 12 p.m.

### CHURCH SERVICES:

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## Charlotte A. Pluta graveside service

LUDLOW, Vt. – The burial for Charlotte A. Pluta of Ludlow, who died at the age of 93 on Dec. 5, 2023, will be held on Tuesday, July 23, at 1 p.m., at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Father Thomas Mosher will officiate. Clifford Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

## Georgia Wyman graveside service

LUDLOW, Vt. – A graveside service for Georgia Wyman, who passed away June 9, 2024, will be held on July 20, 11 a.m., at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt.

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# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES

**JULY 19 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – The sixth band concert, hosted by the Charlestown Senior Center, will feature The All Country Band, on Friday, July 19, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center. Please remember to bring your lawn chairs and an appetite, as refreshments will be available, including burgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, hot or cold beverages, and a sweet treat. We also hold a 50-50 raffle. If the weather doesn't permit, we will move the concert inside. Hope to see you there.

**JULY 20 – ALSTEAD, N.H.** – Beekeepers must take timely steps to control American foulbrood and varroa mites. Charles F. Andros, former New Hampshire/Vermont apiary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, July 20, from 1-3:30 p.m., at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, N.H. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. The topics of discussion will be taking off and extracting honey, wax processing, queen assessment and

requeening, treatment of mites and foulbrood, and making propolis tincture. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Registration is required, email lindename@gmail.com, or call 603-756-9056.

**JULY 21 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** – The Green Mountain Peace and Justice Party is hosting a Celebration of Peace and Justice event on July 21, from 2-5 p.m., on the Brattleboro Common. This event will provide people with an opportunity to meet with friends, neighbors, artists, and activists to share information about groups working for social, economic, and climate justice. There will be live music and dancing, henna tattoos, and light refreshments. To arrange to share performing art, speak about issues, or to set up a table, please call 802-624-6116.

**JULY 22 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Lunch on Monday, July 22, at 12 p.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center,

10 High Street, Ludlow. John Murphy's barbecue chicken, potato salad, pasta salad, cookies, and ice cream. Free cash Bingo to follow. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-7421. All are welcome.

**JULY 25-28 – WOODSTOCK, Vt.** – Vermont Film Festival (VFF) is set to captivate audiences and filmmakers alike from July 25-28, starting at 5 p.m., in the picturesque Town of Woodstock. This year's festival promises an exciting lineup of film screenings, industry events, and networking opportunities for cinephiles and professionals alike. In partnership with Pentangle Arts, VFF will showcase a diverse selection of submitted films, including world premieres, at the historic Town Hall Theatre. This year, the festival will also feature food trucks and a beer garden in the closed-off parking lot behind the theater. For more information and to purchase festival passes, visit [www.vermontfilmfestival.com](http://www.vermontfilmfestival.com).

**JULY 27 – ALSTEAD, N.H.** – Community Cookout Fundraiser Picnic on Saturday, July 27, from 12-2 p.m., at the Third Congregational Church (U.C.C.) of Alstead, 14 River Street, Alstead, N.H. Burger or hot dog meal includes macaroni salad or potato salad, chips, and a

drink. Takeout is available. Call 603-313-4392 for more information.

**JULY 28 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Larry Ebere will be playing live music on Sunday, July 28, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow. The rain venue is the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit [www.ludlowtparksandrec.com](http://www.ludlowtparksandrec.com).

**AUG. 4 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble will be playing live music on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow. The rain venue is the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit [www.ludlowtparksandrec.com](http://www.ludlowtparksandrec.com).

**AUG. 11 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Rick Redington and the Luv will be playing live music on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow. The rain venue is the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit [www.ludlowtparksandrec.com](http://www.ludlowtparksandrec.com).

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

**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.

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Meet on Depot Street in downtown Ludlow every Sunday through Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to shop at our vibrant farmers market. Find a variety of local produce each week, along with fresh baked goods, handmade crafts and gifts, cold beverages, live music, and more. We can't wait to see you for fresh food, community, and fun.

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

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

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

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

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

**TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are

taking Covid precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

**GRAFTON, Vt.** – A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

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

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

### Invitation to Bid Mount Holly Boiler Upgrade

Energy Efficient Investments will be receiving bids on the replacement of a 1 MBTU hot water boiler at the Mount Holly School in Mount Holly VT. Bid packages include fuel oil tank removal, boiler purchase & install, & electrical. Please contact Dean Watson at [dwatson@eieservices.com](mailto:dwatson@eieservices.com) for bid information. A pre-bid walkthrough will be held on Tuesday July 23rd. Bid documents will be available July 17th and final bids will be due on July 31st.

### TOWN OF CHESTER Local Cannabis Control Commission

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

### TOWN OF CHESTER Temporary Road Closure

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

### TOWN OF CHESTER, VERMONT [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov) NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

On July 3, 2024, the Selectboard of the Town of Chester, Vermont, adopted an "Ordinance Regulating Domestic Animals" pursuant to the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. § 2291(14), and (15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. 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 this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town and to preserve the quiet enjoyment of their property through the abatement of public nuisances associated with the keeping of Domestic Animals, including, but not limited to: the significant danger they pose to the traveling public and the damage they can cause to private and public property when running-at-large; their ability to produce noise detrimental to the enjoyment of life, property, and the conduct of business; and the risk they pose of transmitting communicable diseases to people and other animals, when not properly confined.

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 Regulating Domestic Animals" 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 SPRINGFIELD Request for Volunteers

On Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to noon, the Springfield Cemetery Commission and the Vermont Old Cemetery Association will be holding a stone cleaning and repair session at the Summer Hill Cemetery located on Summer Hill Street in Springfield. The Commissioners are looking for 15 – 20 volunteers willing to help clean and repair stones. If you are interested, please stop in at the Town Clerk's office M-F 8 a.m. 4:30 p.m. on or before July 25th to sign a volunteer form. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, 802-885-2104, [tosclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:tosclerk@vermontel.net)

### NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee Ballots for the State Primary being held Tuesday, August 13, 2024, will be available at the Springfield Town Clerk's Office on June 29th. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please contact the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible in person, in writing, by phone or by email. An Absentee Request Form can be found on the town's website <https://springfieldvt.gov> or you may request your ballots online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Monday, August 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote any time at the Town Clerk's office or online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. Absentee ballots may be returned through regular mail (use 2 "Forever" stamps), after hours at town hall through the mail slots located in the entrance doors, or at the polls. All voted absentee ballots must be received at the polls by the Town Clerk by the close of polls, 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The polls are located at Riverside Middle School and will open on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will not be open on August 13, 2024. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 (802) 885-2104 [tosclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:tosclerk@vermontel.net)

### STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION  
Docket No.: 24-PR-02582

In re ESTATE of: Norman Gagnon, Jr.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Norman Gagnon, Jr.

late of Ludlow, Vermont

Decedent

Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated:

Signature of Fiduciary

July 9, 2024

Executor/Administrator

Norman Gagnon, III

Phone Number

(802) 875-7777

Email

[chaffee@amandageorgeal.com](mailto:chaffee@amandageorgeal.com)

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 578, 116 Main Street

City, State, Zip

Chester VT 05143

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal

Publication Date: July 17, 2024

Name of Probate Court: Windsor Probate Court

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green

Woodstock, VT 05091



# LEGAL NOTICES

# classifieds

## AUCTION

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Contents of storage unit #78, rented by Dominik Richardson, at Perkinsville Storage will be auctioned off on Wednesday, July 31, at 10 a.m., at 4215 Route 106, Perkinsville, VT 05151.

## FOR SALE

WESTON, Vt. - 1978 Wurlitzer Funmaker organ with matching bench in perfect condition and fully functional. \$350 or best offer. Call 281-960-7409.

## HELP WANTED

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Busy pet business looking for an experienced dog groomer, full-time position in North Springfield. Please call 802-886-5000. Can start immediately.

LUDLOW, Vt. - New restaurant opening soon is seeking staff for the following positions: full-time dishwasher, full-time front of house staff, part-time prep cook. All positions start at \$14/hr plus tips. Experience is preferred but not necessary, a love for good food and good coffee is required.

Email [blueduckdeli@gmail.com](mailto:blueduckdeli@gmail.com) to apply.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Busy ceramics studio in Londonderry looking for part-time production assistant. We produce brightly colored pottery that's festive, the environment is fun, we have customers coming into the gallery and studio every day. We will train the candidate in all aspects of small ceramic studio such as working with the clay, loading and unloading kilns, and working with customers. Call 802-824-6183.

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - The Plymouth Schoolhouse licensed childcare has opened up a second classroom and we looking for a toddler teacher to join the team for the upcoming school year. The right individual will have a background in childcare and college credits in Early Childhood Classes. Must be first aid/CPR certified. This could be a part or full time position. We value creativity, kindness and community, and helping children find the wonder in the world around them. We look forward to welcoming a new person to the staff, so we can continue to best serve our surrounding communities with providing high quality childcare in a small setting. If you are interested in visiting the program and learning about the opportunity, please contact Lau-

ren Skaskiw at 802-417-6895 or email: [plymouthschoolhouse.com](mailto:plymouthschoolhouse.com).

## YARD SALE

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Moving Sale July 20 and 21, at 11 a.m. - Contents of entire home! All must go! Furniture, household items, men's and women's clothes. 715 Spoonerville Road, North

Springfield, Vt.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Huge Multi-family Yard/Estate Sale - antiques, furniture, snow thrower, pool table, freezer, household items, gas grill, much more. 156 Michael Avenue, Charlestown. July 20-21, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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3. Assist the Road Agent in all matters related to the operation of a solid waste/recycling facility.

Additional requirements are a good working ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player.

Interested candidates should complete an application and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, PO Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email [Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov). An application may be found at [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov) or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN 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 résumé to: Town of Charlestown, Attn: Patricia Chaffee, PO Box 834, Charlestown, NH 03603 or by e-mail at [patricia@charlestown-nh.gov](mailto:patricia@charlestown-nh.gov). Applications accepted until position is filled.

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### NOTICE OF WESTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD HEARING

Adam and Beverly Proctor have submitted an application for a conditional use permit to excavate in a floodway at 1166 Vt. Route 100. The application will be reviewed under Section 404 of the Weston Zoning Regulations. The Weston Development Review Board will hold a hearing on this application on August 7, 2024 starting at 5:00 PM. Those interested in seeing the applications, submitting written comments, or finding out how to attend the meeting online should contact the Zoning Administrator at: Town of Weston P.O. Box 98, Weston Vt. 05161 or [Zoning@westonvt.org](mailto:Zoning@westonvt.org).

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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# arts & entertainment

## Parks and Rec presents the Better Days Band —

LUDLOW, Vt. — Ludlow Parks and Recreation presents the Better Days Band on Sunday, July 21, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Park in Ludlow, as part of their Summer Bandstand series.



Better Days Band to perform July 21.

PHOTO PROVIDED

The beginnings of the Better Days Band (BDB) began back in 1971 as Better Days and Co., a band that was extremely popular around the New England club and concert scene from 1971-1975. A series of reunion gigs with bands from “back in the day” in 2012 resulted in a reincarnation of the group renamed the Better Days Band. Since then, BDB has been treating audiences to a blend of uniquely arranged classic rock standards sprinkled in with danceable R&B, blues, and some funky stuff.

The Better Days Band features two original members, Steven Hirsh, from Burlington, Vt., on guitars, and Bobby Gagnier, from Springfield, Vt., on the drums and vocals. Hirsh was a founding member of the North End Rhythm Kings, a very popular Burlington band, while Gagnier has played in numerous area bands, notably the band Anvil prior to the formation of Better Days and Co. Hanover, N.H., bassist/vocalist Skip Truman has

also played in several area bands, including Tracks and Davis Bros. Garage. Mike Colburn, of Enfield, N.H., rounds out the group on guitar and vocals. Colburn is a former member of the Boomer Sellers Band, Pressure Point, and Far Cry.

In case of rain, the event will be held at the Ludlow Town Hall. For more information, visit [www.ludlowvt.org/parksandrec.com](http://www.ludlowvt.org/parksandrec.com).

## CCCA hosts Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble —

CAVENDISH, Vt. — The Town of Cavendish and the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) invite everyone to the Proctorsville Green to hear the large sound of Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble on Wednesday, July 24, at 6 p.m.



East Bay Jazz Ensemble to perform in Proctorsville.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Although newcomers to the Cavendish Summer Concert Series, they have more than 30 years of experience and have delighted audiences throughout southern Vermont. Come enjoy this energetic ensemble's repertoire that comprises a wide range of material from the 1930s through the 1990s, including big band, swing, standards, jazz, oldies, Motown R&B, classic rock, 70s funk, 80s and 90s pop, and more.

Enjoy a summer eve-

ning with your neighbors and friends in front of the gazebo. Relax on the grass on your blanket or in your favorite lawn chair. Have a picnic or just listen to the music. Takeout food is available from Murdock's on the Green and Singleton's General Store.

This concert is sponsored

by the Cavendish Community Fund. As always, the concerts are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, check the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page for news. For more information, please email [cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com](mailto:cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com).

## Twilight Music presents the Everly Set —

PUTNEY, Vt. — Twilight Music continues its 21st Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series of bluegrass, folk/rock, world beat, jazz, pop, and Zydeco summer concerts on Sunday, July 21, with an evening of the hits and harmonies of Phil and Don Everly performed by Sean Altman and Jack Skuller.

The seven concert series

continues every other Sunday through Aug. 18. All concerts begin at 6 p.m., in downtown Putney, on the Putney Tavern Lawn — bring a lawn chair or blanket — or at Next Stage, at 15 Kimball Hill, in case of rain.

Copresented with Next Stage Arts Project, the series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, The Mockingbird Tavern, Rod's, and many other Putney-area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public, donations are accepted, and



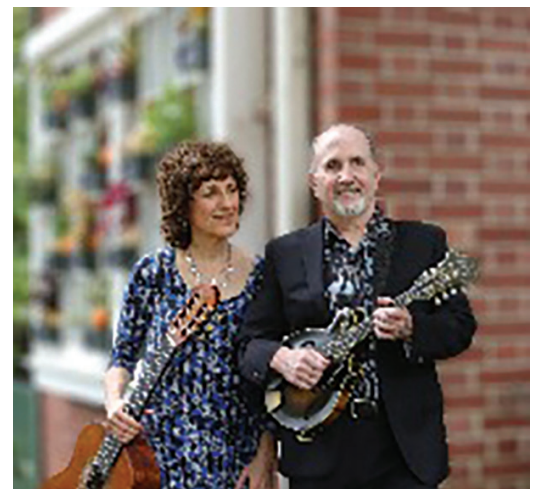
Everly Set next Twilight performance.

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food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit [www.twilightmusic.org](http://www.twilightmusic.org).

## Judy Handler and Mark Levesque return to Weston

WESTON, Vt. — The Sundays on the Hill Concert Series Committee is delighted to offer our 26th year of concert series, and to have Judy Handler and Mark Levesque return to Weston on July 28. All of the concerts will be held in the Old Parish Church, Route 100, in Weston, Vt. at 4 p.m.



Judy Handler and Mark Levesque.

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gypsy, jazz, classical, folk, and pop music influences to create their sophisticated and expressive arrangements. Audiences respond

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CDs “Passion,” “Acoustic Blend,” and “Two Guitars Live!” have received critical acclaim and have been sold in dozens of countries throughout the world. Visit [www.judyandmark.com](http://www.judyandmark.com) for videos, CD sound samples, and more information.

Admission for the concert is paid at the door. Children 12 and under may attend at no charge. Please be aware that the doors open around 3:30 p.m., and there are no reserved seats and no advance tickets. Visit [www.sundaysonthehill.org](http://www.sundaysonthehill.org) for more information.

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## Bombay Rickey —

PUTNEY, Vt. — The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents five-piece band Bombay Rickey, on Saturday, July 27, at 6 p.m., at New England Center for Circus Arts, 10 Town Crier Drive, in Brattleboro.

“[Bombay Rickey is] easily one of the most adventurous and daring artists we’ve worked with,” says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. “I saw them in New York in January, and they made my jaw drop on the floor. I’m over-the-moon excited to present them to our Vermont community.”

The band features Kamala Sankaram on vocals and accordion, Drew Fleming on guitar and vocals, Jeff Hudgins on alto saxophone and vocals, Nick Cuduahy on bass, and Brian Adler on percussion. All longtime New York musicians, the five members of Bombay Rickey have done previous work with John Zorn, Anthony Braxton, Chicha Libre, and Alarm Will Sound.



# arts & entertainment

## Young artists art parade and gallery walk

LUDLOW, Vt. – Young artists from Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Mount Holly, and Chester are invited to attend Art Adventures workshops with Fletcher Farm School for the Art and Crafts. Wonderful local school teachers Marcia Dockum, Rachel Karner, Christa Valente, and Piper Strong have volunteered their time to keep art alive during the summer. The two workshops will bring together 15 young artists to participate in five days of workshops culminating in an art parade and gallery walk on July 19 and July 26, starting at 1 p.m.



Young artist explores color and resist with paints. PHOTO PROVIDED

Wonderful teaching artist Debi Orton returns from Troy, N.Y., who is also volunteering her time to work with youth in a silver fabrication jewelry workshop. The work done in this youth workshop will also be on display on Friday, July 19. Please come support our local young artists.

Come for a visit and witness the students' achievements and artistic cre-

ations. On Friday, at the end of each session, beginning at 1 p.m., there will be a parade and art show. This is a great opportunity to be inspired by our young talents. Friends, family, and the public are invited to attend.

Thanks to our benefactors, many of the young artists participating in these workshops might not have been able to attend otherwise. Ballard Hobart Amer-

ican Legion Post 36 in Ludlow, the Lynn Reilly Art Fund, and the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen provided scholarships toward tuition. The Ludlow Rotary Club Foundation provided funding for art supplies.

For more information, contact Pollyanna Sidell at [pollyanna@fletcherfarm.org](mailto:pollyanna@fletcherfarm.org) or 802-228-8770.

## Magical story ballet "Thumbelina"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Audiences of all ages will delight in "Thumbelina," an original story ballet from Avant Vermont Dance, touring Southeastern Vermont this July.

An adventurous tale of a tiny girl who meets a cast of animals on her way a magical fairyland, "Thumbelina" will be performed at Riverside Park in Springfield on Monday, July 22, at 6 p.m. Additional dates include Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m., at Lyman Point Park in White River Junction, presented as part of The Junction Dance Festival, and Friday, July 26, at 5:30 and 7 p.m., at Retreat Farm in Brattleboro.

The role of Thumbelina will be performed by Julie Frew, with Amelia Allen, Shannon Aubin, Sarah Cano-Dugat, Samantha Cross, Niahv Gibney, Keigan Illingworth, Jessy Joy Lipton Pierce, Suzanne Stern, and Kamron Yuengling dancing featured roles.

The production is anchored by a team of Vermont artists, with choreography by Ashley Hensel-Browning, a narrated score from Evan Premo of Scrag Mountain Music, and sets and props by Mark Yuengling, Evie Lovett, and Elizabeth



"Thumbelina" to be performed in Springfield. PHOTO PROVIDED

Billings.

The outdoor performances will have lawn seating, and attendees are invited to bring blankets or chairs. Weather-related date changes will be announced at [www.facebook.com/avantvt](http://www.facebook.com/avantvt).

Admission to "Thumbelina" is by optional donation thanks to the generosity of the following sponsors: Gordon E.R. Troy, The Dance Factory, 802 Credit Union, Willow Farm Pet Services, Brattleboro Area Realty, Denise E. Photography, Halladay's Flowers and Gifts, and numerous individual donors.

The Springfield-area nonprofit Avant Vermont Dance was founded by Ash-

ley Hensel-Browning and Suzanne Stern with the aim of reimagining community through movement, while engaging the public in meaningful art making. For more information or to support Avant Vermont Dance, please visit [www.avantvt.com](http://www.avantvt.com).

## Springfield Community Band performances

REGION – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present two local concerts.

The first will be held on Sunday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the gazebo in Walpole, N.H., located at 40 Westminster Street. The evening will feature music from Broadway musicals, including "Fiddler on the Roof," "Beauty and the Beast," "Jersey Boys," "Wicked," "Chicago," and others.

Guest vocalist Alexan-

dra Rich will sing "Over the Rainbow" from "The Wizard of Oz."

Please bring a chair to this event.

A second concert will be held on Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hartness House Inn, 109 Front Street, formerly 30 Orchard Street, in Springfield, Vt.

The focus of this concert will be jazz. To get the mood going, the first number will be "Puttin' on the Ritz," a favorite of many.

Featured in the program will be guest clarinetist Don-

na Morse, doing jazzy justice to "Benny Goodman, the King of Swing," a medley arranged by Paul Murtha.

Among the other offerings will be tributes to Duke Ellington, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, and Glenn Miller, as well as "A Night in Tunisia" by John "Dizzy" Gillespie.

Food and drink will be available for purchase. In case of rain, this concert will be held in the inn's ballroom.

Please note, either program could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

## Pahua, Meridian Brothers at Bandwagon Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Bandwagon Summer Series presents the rising star of Mexican electronic folk, Pahua, and experimental Latin tropical band Meridian Brothers, on Saturday, July 20, at 6 p.m., at Cooper Field, 41 Sand Hill Road in Putney.

"Electronic beats mix with Mexican soul in Pahua. Cumbia meets psychedelic rock in The Meridian Brothers. This double bill is one for the ages," says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. "Pahua's artistry bridges many divides and is for anyone interested in how music marches forward with electronics, ethnic flavor, and mastery. The Meridian Brothers are for anyone who seeks out new sonic adventures while still wanting to tear up the dance floor."

Pahua is the project of Mexican singer, composer, producer, and DJ Paulina Sotomayor, a blend of electronica and folklore that represents a very deep part of its creator: femininity, nature, inner strength, and self-discovery.

Sotomayor, the multi-talented artist behind Pahua, brings together the traditional and the

modern, with a unique sound that blends folkloric melodies with lo-fi beats and empowering lyrics. Her debut EP "Ofrenda" quickly gained traction among industry tastemakers, with Rolling Stone Mexico describing it as an "ode to nature and femininity." Pahua's latest release, "La Cura," sees her team up with Spanish singer and composer Gizmo Varillas, resulting in a stunning collaboration that invites listeners to connect with life and happiness. With Pahua, expect nothing but pure magic.

Colombian guitarist and composer Eblis Alvarez started Meridian Brothers 20 years ago as a vehicle for his own experimental music. Over the years, the group has evolved into a five-piece band focused on reinterpreting all manners of Latin tropical styles with a strong psychedelic and experimental sensibility. The Meridian Brothers' music

uses popular Latin American rhythms, augmented by sampling techniques, elaborate effect processing, and Eblis' quirky and theatrical vocals, which channel imaginary characters with both pathos and humor.

Eblis Alvarez has been an intricate part of the new generation of Colombian musicians who have been instrumental in reinventing Colombia's rich panoply of tropical styles, bringing them firmly into the 21st century, but retaining a sense of fun and celebration that remains essential to the music.

Eblis is also a former member of Frente Cumbiero, and a current member of trio Los Piranas.

This performance is co-presented with Secret Planet Western Mass. Tickets are discounted in advance at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org); kids under 12 are free. For more information, visit the website or call 802-387-0102.

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in advance at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org). 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 and Catering, Brattleboro Reformer, and the Grammar School.

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# garden tours

## Mountain Garden Walks returns

LANDGROVE, Vt. – The importance of green spaces and natural elements to wellbeing and mindfulness is well documented, and has played an important role in the growing movement of gardening and exploration of natural settings. From monastic cloister gardens to Japanese zen gardens, these spaces are designed and valued for their physical, spiritual, and emotional healing properties.

There is no better time or opportunity to experience the peace and quiet of landscapes and gardens of southern Vermont than the 2024 Mountain Garden Walks, a self-guided tour of six lovely gardens taking place on Saturday, July 27. The tour raises money for the Lib Thieme Scholarship sponsored by the Green Mountain Gardeners of Londonderry, Landgrove, Peru, and Weston.

On the tour you will find gardens beautifully integrated into their unique properties and scaled to fit the landscapes. There is a variety of size of properties. Two are large with extensive perennial gardens, brooks, and ponds with meadow and mountain vis-



Join the 2024 Mountain Garden Walks.

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tas, while another features small gardens closely surrounding a charming, old country house. Stone walls and terraces, as well as evergreen tree lines, provide unique backdrops for these wonderful gardens.

Some of the gardens are the personal designs of the owners, reflecting their own character, although others are carefully maintained professional designs. Four of the gardens are within walking distance of each other in the lovely Landgrove Valley, and the other two are only a short drive away. Our tour book-

let will include a brief history of the valley and its early inhabitants. This tour will offer inspiration and beauty to both the avid gardener and the viewer simply out for a summer stroll. Come enjoy these Mountain Garden Walks.

All proceeds go to Green Mountain Gardeners (GMG) Lib Thieme Scholarship Fund. A Vermont student successfully studying in an area related to the goals of GMG will receive the award for four academic years. Reserve your spot and learn more about the 2024 Mountain Garden Walks at [www.greenmountaingardeners.net](http://www.greenmountaingardeners.net).

## Tenth Works in Progress Garden Tour

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Visit five gardens in the Springfield area, meet your gardening neighbors, and enjoy a delicious lunch on July 27. We've not had a garden tour since 2019, and are excited to get back out enjoying garden visits. This tour includes vegetable and flower gardens and natural plantings with the following gardeners.

Melissa Post will show you her extensive garden made of raised beds. She also has a greenhouse, 32 blueberry bushes, and three vigorous elderberry bushes. Post will describe how she gardens throughout the year – even through the winter. Her seedlings are grown in soil blocks and transplanted outdoors. She will demonstrate how to make soil blocks and the advantages of using them.

Toni Streeter welcomes you to flowers in the woods embraced by a plantation of giant northern white pines at Tree Farm Campground. Enjoy the sculptures throughout, and view artwork inside the lodge. Then take a stroll through the woods to see the blueberry patch and vegetable garden. Her father's huge metal sculpture can also be



Join the Springfield area garden tour July 27.

PHOTO BY RICHARD COFRANCESCO

found within this beautiful landscape.

Marita Johnson's shaded back yard haven with its "Fertile Crescent" garden will have hostas, oriental lilies, coneflowers, and daisies to enjoy. Her raised bed veggie garden with 12-foot-tall hollyhocks behind it will be in full swing. Her hydrangea is packed with beautiful blue snowball blooms. Walk the mossy labyrinth, following the rock-outlined shape of an iris. Johnson will give a demonstration on how to dig, divide, and replant irises – August is the time for that task.

Lydia Moore keeps the birds and butterflies in mind while planting. She'll show us around her established perennial flower beds at her home with old stone walls and barn foundations. What was a retirement hobby has become a full time enjoyable job.

Our last stop will be at Diane Kemble's, where you'll enjoy lunch. There's a vegetable garden, peaches, elderberries, blueberries, and lots of flowers. Stroll a mowed path to the pond and we can keep the conversation going about how we encourage wildlife, decide when and how much to mow, and even deal with those pesky invasives.

The Works in Progress Garden Tour is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, Vt. There is a suggested donation, which includes lunch. To reserve a spot and receive full details of the day, including carpooling, email Diane Kemble at [dkemble@vermontel.net](mailto:dkemble@vermontel.net), or text or call 802-324-9465. The tour, which ends with lunch, runs from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. It's rain or shine, and carpooling is encouraged and fun.

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## Mount Holly Garden Tour

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The 17th annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 27, from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, July 28.

This is a self-guided tour of diverse, high-altitude

gardens that display many creative landscaping ideas. Several gardeners are focused on sustainable organic practices to raise vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, and bees. Others focus on creating garden sanctuaries that feed the senses with sculp-

tures, fragrant flowers, and the sounds of birds, bees, and bubbling water. Some gardens feature sweeping vistas with views of distant mountains, as well as stone walls and ponds. Two gardeners welcome picnicking, so pack a lunch if you'd like.

Tickets include entry into our garden-themed gift raffle, featuring floral pillows, a gift basket filled with Mount Holly produced products, and a hanging flower basket.

Purchase tickets the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library, 26 Maple Hill Road. Children under 12 are free.

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