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## FEMA denies elevation and flood proofing

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – At the Nov. 4 meeting, the Londonderry Selectboard discussed a long-term community recovery plan with the FEMA Community Assistance Group, requested interim funding from the cemetery commission for the town office renovation project, and approved a motion to submit a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant program buyout application.

Mark Leese, a planner on the FEMA Community Assistance Group, explained to the board that a long-term recovery plan helps get everyone on the same page about what they want as a vision for the future, and prepares the town to submit grant applications more effectively. Leese expressed the plan is “a giant letter of support” from the board, and urged them to start working on putting together a committee to assist in creating a recovery plan for the town.

Leese went over an ideal scenario for the process. The first step is to set up a steering committee with “reasonable people that can work together,” and have them meet every few weeks for approximately six to eight months to complete a plan. The town would host three public meetings in that time. At the first meeting, the recovery plan committee would present ideas, and the community would share issues and desires. The second meeting would allow the committee to present a draft of the plan with boards, exhibits, and a Q&A, and the third meeting would be a final presentation to the selectboard.

Kelly Pajala expressed, “It’s more than just a flood recovery plan.”

“It’s a vision for the future,” Board Chair Tom Cavanagh

concluded.

The board agreed the committee should have one or two selectboard members, someone from the planning commission, housing commission, and others.

The town office renovation project is beginning to incur expenses. Town administrator Shane O’Keefe recommended the board request interim funding from the Londonderry Cemetery Commission, as they have in the past. It is easier to borrow internally, O’Keefe explained, and could save some time and lower the interest the town would pay a bank. Currently, the town is covering fees with their internal reserve funds. The previously approved bond loan was for \$1.3 million, with an overall cost projected to be \$1.8 million. The cemetery commission agreed to the construction loan, stating they would need incremental payments from the town.

The board moved to discuss the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP), which is a \$500,000 grant the town is trying to obtain for the office building renovations to help cover the extra expenses. This would help “button up” the building with insulation, windows, and a membrane over the dirt floor basement. O’Keefe said the state and regional planning commissions are working to get them a response, but he was optimistic they would get the grant.

The board also approved a change order for the town office, with the recommendation from the project architect and engineer, for \$5,965 to repair horizontal and vertical cracks in the foundation.

The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant program has reported to the town that they are not going to fund elevation or flood proofing projects. Their

main priorities are buyouts. The homeowners at 74 Main Street, who previously submitted a preapplication for elevation, requested to move forward with a buyout application.

O’Keefe explained that FEMA buyouts become vacant, elevated, town-owned properties, which have permanent deed restrictions from any development on the site. This eliminates any future flood hazard on the site, but also takes the property off the town’s grand list. O’Keefe stated that FEMA reimburses their buyouts at 100% of the predisaster value.

Cavanagh expressed his frustration with the outcome with FEMA, and the fact that the town can’t do anything more to help their home and business owners. “I think flood-proofing would have been a better idea to use that money, but I’m not on the state level. I would say I’m disappointed... It’s not what we want to be telling people.”

Zoning administrator Will Goodwin then proposed a change to the zoning bylaw, stating that new businesses in the shopping plaza were only allowed an 8-square-foot sign, while other businesses that were grandfathered into the bylaws have 20-square-foot signage. He recommended amending the bylaws, before they are passed, to accommodate similar signage for new businesses.

O’Keefe made a few changes to the town administrator job description, and a motion was passed to get the job posted immediately.

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

## Scarecrows on Main contest winners

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – A townwide scarecrow-making contest that started in 2020 brought another batch of creatively decorated scarecrows to Main Street in Ludlow this year. The Ludlow Parks & Recreation Department named this year’s prize winners.

Fletcher Memorial Library’s Cat in the Hat scarecrow entry, sitting on an autumn bench in front of the library reading the Dr. Seuss book of the same name, won Best on Main.

Voted Most Likely to Scare a Crow was an elaborate display featuring a large, frightening stick creature with an evil pumpkin face holding severed heads, entered by Peggy Olney.



Fletcher Memorial Library’s Cat in the Hat won Best on Main. PHOTO PROVIDED

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The Ludlow Town Office took home the prize for Funniest, with their commode-themed display called How Pumpkin Pies

Honorable mentions were awarded to the Vermont Journal, William Rieves Vermont Properties, and Engle and Volkers.

## Selectboard gives planning commission direction

BY NICK GIBERTI

The Vermont Journal

**CHESTER, Vt.** – The Chester Selectboard met on Wednesday, Nov. 6, turning their attention to the ongoing discussion of revising the Unified Development Bylaws for the town’s rural districts, currently called the R-120 and Conservation-Residential districts.

At the previous selectboard meeting, the board had been met with resistance from Chester residents to adoption of the planning commission’s proposed changes. The change most objected to by those present was the shift from minimum lot sizes to density-based zoning, which would allow smaller lots, but would specify maximum

overall density within the zone. Due to the feedback received, as well as several letters from residents submitted to the board in the interim, the planning commission had elected to abandon the density-based approach, but wanted the selectboard to provide them with guidance as to what they would like to see in any future proposed revisions.

Much of the discussion this time around focused on a narrow strip along Route 10 and part of Trebo Road, which the proposed new zoning map would remove from the current R-120, and place into the new Residential-2 zone. This would change the minimum lot size in the zone from three acres to two acres, as well as removing a number of conditional uses. The proposed map and bylaws document can be found at

www.chestervt.gov/rural-district-bylaw-update-public-hearing-7222024.html.

Planning Commission Chair Hugh Quinn argued that the changes were made to reflect the reality on the ground in the area in question, telling the board that, “The lot size reduction was a byproduct of the reality of what that part of town looks like...lots are not very big, and it’s largely residential.” Due to that area of town having been subdivided prior to the town’s adoption of zoning in the 1970s, Quinn told the board that two-thirds of the lots included in the new zone are already under the current three-acre minimum, what town planning and zoning administrator Preston Bristow called “preexisting non-conforming lots.”

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ing to the area you live in. We look forward to continuing to serve our local communities with the same coverage and service.

# St. Luke's wreath workshop early birds

CHESTER, Vt. – Reserve your place now for the wreath decorating workshops scheduled for Nov. 21-23, in Willard Hall at St. Luke's Church, 313 Main Street (Route 11 West) in Chester, Vt. Those who register and pay by Friday, Nov. 16, may take advantage of a discount. Since the number of wreaths and workshop sessions is limited, participants must register early to ensure both a wreath and their choice of workshop.

Choose from one of eight different workshops: Thursday, Nov. 21, 9-10:30 a.m.,

1-2:30 p.m., or 6:30-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22, 9-10:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., or 6:30-8 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 23, 9-10:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Each session will offer all the essentials to create a one-of-a-kind wreath. Come alone or register with a friend or group. Participants are encouraged to bring clippers and glue guns if they have them.

At the workshops, participants choose from an array of especially collected greens, berries, nuts, and other natural materials, bows, and different embellishments that

they would like to add to their premade evergreen wreath. Wire, glue guns, and other supplied equipment will make the decorating easy.

To take advantage of the early-bird discount on the fee per wreath, register and pay by Saturday, Nov. 16. Checks should be made out to St. Luke's Church, designated in the memo line for the wreath workshop, and mailed to Lillian Willis at P.O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143. For additional information, registration, or a flier you could email to a friend, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net. The workshops will benefit the church and the Chester Conservation Committee's youth environmental camp scholarships.

# Tech Time and writers group at Fletcher Memorial Library

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Memorial Library will host Tech Time with Matt Sydorowich of Sydscompufix on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sydorowich will offer one-on-one assistance with your device, phone, or computer. Please call the library at 802-228-8921 to register.

Sydscompufix offers computer repairs and sales at their shop on Main Street in Ludlow. "Thanks to Matt for offering assistance to Fletcher Memorial Library and community members," comments librarian Michelle Stinson, "Many of our patrons need just a bit of assis-

tance with their technology or a simple fix."

Register for Tech Time by calling the library at 802-228-8921.

Are you a writer wanting to share and receive constructive suggestions on your writing? Connect with your peers at this new writers group at Fletcher Memorial Library. Join host Catherine Martin at the library on Monday, Nov. 18, from 5-6:30 p.m. Martin is a passionate writer who has walked her path in Vermont, NYC, New Jersey, northern Florida, and Nashville, Tenn. Her artistic passions are fed by yoga, dressage, and timber framing. Martin is excited by the challenge of fiction writing

and poetry.

A writing group can offer a supportive environment of likeminded people who share the passion of writing. Each participant should bring three pages single-spaced, or six pages double-spaced, to share with the group. Come and meet other local people interested in creative writing. We will share experiences, inspire, and encourage each other.

Fletcher Memorial Library is located at 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. These programs are free and open to the public. If you have additional questions, please give us a call at 802-228-8921, or visit our website at [www.fmlnews.org](http://www.fmlnews.org).



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## CHESTER

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Quinn emphasized that the minimum lot size reduction was not the only proposed change, but that the removal of conditional uses was intended to reflect the more residential nature of the area. Uses removed from the area in the proposal include extraction operations, heavy construction, sawmills, wood processing, animal kennels, animal hospitals, and nurseries. "There might be some people who could create a lot, under the zoning changes, who couldn't before, but on the other hand, it's being zoned for uses that are more consistent with [a] residential

[area]," said Bristow.

Chair Arne Jonynas agreed with the change, saying "I'm okay with keeping Route 10 and Trebo [as they are in the proposal]."

Selectboard member Peter Hudkins felt that the proposed name change from "Conservation-Residential" to "Rural 10-acre" was objectionable. Based on his work as a developer, Hudkins said, "Once you take 'conservation' out of a name, you find that [that area] gets developed way more." Hudkins felt that this area should remain less developed, saying, "The town gets a lot of use out of it, and a lot of people get a lot of use out of it." He envisioned a scenario where further development reduces access

to trails, streams, and other natural features that make Chester an attractive place to live and visit.

Quinn, in summarizing how he felt the selectboard wanted the planning commission to proceed, said that his understanding was that the planning commission should abandon density-based zoning, revert to three- and five-acre lot minimums, retain "conservation" in the name of the C-R zone, and otherwise leave other proposed changes intact. A new hearing will need to be held for the revised proposal in the future, once the planning commission has altered the proposed bylaws in response to the direction the selectboard has provided.

The board also discussed Chester's remaining ARPA funds, which need to be allocated by the end of the year. Town manager Julie Hance suggested to the board that, in order to utilize the funds,

they allocate the remaining \$157,750.83 to the ambulance purchase for which the town had already bonded. This would make use of the remaining ARPA money, while freeing up the same amount for the capital fund, to be used for other projects in the future. Two projects discussed for this money were the solar field purchase, and the repair or replacement of Chester's aging pool house.

Finally, in their capacity as water and sewer commissioners, the board increased water and sewer rates. The water base rate was increased from \$73 to \$76, and the use rate was increased from \$2.75 to \$3 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer base rate went from \$110 to \$112, and the use rate from \$5.25 to \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall.



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# Deer camp history

BY RON PATCH

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*I asked Danny Clemons to write this story. Here is what he wrote:*

When I was young, deer season was not just getting up early the first day of the season. We dressed in woolen pants and woolen shirts. We went into the woods in search of the white tail buck. It was not that easy.

A couple of weeks before the season started, we went to camp. We cleaned up, put everything in order. Wood had to be brought in to heat the camp. When all was in order, the men would sit and talk about seasons past. The big bucks they had seen, but never harvested. Deer season was a way of life when I was young. If you got a deer, it put needed meat in the freezer.

Before the season began, all would get together and fire their rifles to be sure they were zeroed in. You wanted to be sure if you got a shot at a buck, you could put it on the ground, fast. If you should take a shot and miss, you might have your

shirt tail cut off.

The night before the season starts, those who will stay in camp move in. A good meal is served that night. No telling how many times I have heard about the buck that got away. You would hear, "I have seen that buck three years in a row." Never figured out how the man knew it was the same buck. Deer hunters and fishermen are about the same. Each time the story gets told, the deer or the fish gets bigger.

Opening day of deer season comes early. Up early for breakfast. Then you make up a lunch if you are going to stay out all day.

People who did not stay overnight would stop by for coffee, or maybe breakfast. Once all was ready, everyone would tell what area they would hunt in. That way you knew where everyone was. Gun safety was first.

I had to travel about halfway from Crow Hill Road to Trebo Road. Great area to hunt. I traveled to a place called Webster's Rock.

Some history at Webster's Rock - a group of hunters met at Webster's Rock

to have lunch, and discuss the days hunt. One of the hunters jumped up and said, "Look at that buck!" A very large buck was standing on the wood line watching the men have lunch. Now everyone is trying to get to their rifle. The deer flipped his tail and was gone. Not a shot was fired. It must have been a real big buck, because all the hunters agreed. As always, that buck became larger each time the story was told. That's deer hunting.

[Ron Patch note: I remember my father telling me about the 1940s Trebo buck. He had a rack as big as a rocking chair, but was never brought down.]

The camp I hunted from had some history. The main camp was at one time the scale house, office for Whitcomb's Sand and Gravel when Whitcomb's was in Rockingham. My father and some friends cut the building into sections. They moved the building to Crow Hill in Chester.

Moved into the woods, it was rebuilt. Then the old milk house at Don Farrar's was moved from Crow Hill Farm out to where the

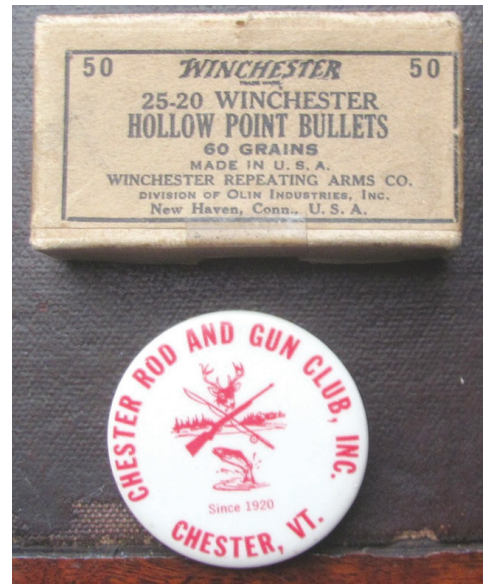
camp was. It was moved into place, and a new section was built between the main part of the camp and the old milk house. When done it became a real nice deer camp.

One year, on the first day of the season, my father had hiked over towards Trebo Road. When walking, he could hear noise. He would stop, the noise would stop. He would walk, and the noise would start. He thought someone from camp was playing a joke on him. He saw a stone wall ahead of him, so he ran and jumped over the wall. He stayed down low, and the noise started again. Soon he saw what was making the noise. A real big buck was following his trail. That

deer was over 200 pounds.

Now all the men I hunted with are gone. I remember all of them, the stories they told, and the deer they shot.

Now I am the person who tells the stories about all the good men I knew. The deer camp is gone today, but I still have my memories.



Winchester 25-20 ammo box and a Chester Rod and Gun Club member pin.

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*This week's old saying is from my mother, June Emery. "The only thing the horns are good for is stirring the gravy."*

## Chester Democrats to meet

CHESTER, Vt. - Been meaning to get involved in politics, but too busy to get to it? Are you a Democrat, or do you generally lean Democratic in your values?

If so, join the Chester Democratic Committee

for its monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m., downstairs at the Chester Town Hall.

There'll be lots to talk about as we head into this new administration, and we'll need lots of points of view about what to do, how to do it, and when. Local,

state, and national issues all seem to be in a state of flux. Help us begin to figure out how to preserve America's values and freedoms.

For information, contact nickboke@gmail.com.

## Election results

### SENATE

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Windsor District  
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Windsor-2  
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Windsor-3  
Kristi Morris  
Alice Emmons

Windsor-5  
Charlie Kimbell  
BALLOT QUESTIONS  
Springfield  
Hartness park  
firearms ordinance:  
firearms discharge  
ban overturned  
Grafton  
Bond for Route  
121 bridge repair: Yes

## Windsor County GOP election results

WINDSOR COUNTY, Vt. - The Windsor County Republican Party is pleased to announce the election of three new Republican state representatives in key districts. Kevin Winter of Ludlow has been elected to represent the Rutland-Windsor District (Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury). Tom Charlton of Chester will serve the Windsor-Windham District (Athens, Chester, Grafton, and Windham). VL Coffin of Cavendish has secured the seat for the Windsor-2 District (Baltimore, Cavendish, and Weathersfield).

This historic win marks the first time in over two decades that some of these districts have elected Republicans, signaling a grow-

ing shift in voter sentiment across Windsor County and beyond. These additions to the legislature are instrumental in breaking up the Democratic supermajority - a key desire expressed by Vermont voters in this election. Dr. August Murray, chair of the Windsor County GOP, highlighted the significance of these victories in restoring balance to the State House.

"Voters across Windsor County have spoken loud and clear," stated Murray. "By electing Kevin Winter, Tom Charlton, and VL Coffin, Vermonters have shown they are ready for moderate, practical solutions to address the affordability crisis. The election of these representatives is a strong step

toward bringing greater balance to our state's governance, and offering much-needed representation for our rural communities."

Several other races came incredibly close to victory, with one of our candidates falling just 56 votes short, and another trailing by only 21 votes. These razor-thin margins reflect the strong desire for change and the vital importance of voter participation.

The Windsor County GOP also extends a heartfelt thank-you to all of the incredible men and women who ran as local candidates in this critical election, and to all that supported them. Again, congratulations to Representatives-elect Winter, Charlton, and Coffin. We look forward to the strong leadership they bring to the State House for Windsor County and Vermont.

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## OPINION

### HCRS celebrates staff, partners —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont’s nonprofit community mental health agency, held its Annual Meeting on Oct. 10, celebrating dedicated staff, partners, and this year’s significant progress in expanding access to care and services.

HCRS honored staff reaching 5- to 35-year service milestones, collectively representing 715 years of dedication and impact on the communities HCRS serves.

Kathy Duhamel, Lori Schreiner, and Brad Sewall were recognized for 35 years; Joan Egbert, George Karabakakis, and Shirley Roy for 30 years; Karon Eagles for 25 years; Jeanette Austin, Terry Flood, Heather Lockwood, Jennifer Marandino, Hal Moore, Tamara Simmiolkjier, Rose

Wheeler, and Cora Willis-Cooper for 20 years; Erin Boxer, Cindy Dominique, Keri LaVarney, and Jillian Tripp for 15 years; Danielle Blake, Christine Block, Dawn Bradshaw, Megan Chapman, Joshua Dallaire, Joshua DiGiovanna, Bethany Freitas, Faraja Kurubai, Shaun Milek, Currie Murphy, Jessica Ostrander, and Makayla Smith for 10 years; and David Anderson, Jon Paul Bautel, Anne Bilodeau, Michael Blanchard, Maryann Boese, Yee-Wah Brabant, Sharon Bruce, Catherine Chivers, Khalila Cliche, Darcy Cole, Laura Corbet, Kacie Eaton, Katherine Erskine, Curtis Fields, Kelly Hyson, Scott Joy, Stephen Jurentkuff, Zeke Kreitzer, Hilary Lockwood, Mary Misavage, Caitlin Mitchell, Rosie Nevins-Alderfer, Nicole Pelletier, Jason Pierce, Sarah Pierce, Derek Sensale, Ashleigh

Soares, Sean Stark, Corazon Swanberg, Jesse Tidd, and Darcy Whitworth for five years.

HCRS celebrated five staff who went above and beyond in exemplifying HCRS’ core values: Joshua Dallaire, Suzanne Henderson, Caitlin Miller, Susan Montesi, and Kait Skogstad. Additionally, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital received HCRS’ James Bartley Community Partner Award, in recognition of their outstanding support and collaboration.

2024 has been a landmark year for HCRS in expanding access to care and services. Key milestones highlighted at the Annual Meeting included the launch of a statewide Enhanced Mobile Crisis program, led by HCRS in collaboration with Vermont’s nine other community mental health agencies. Mobile Crisis now

offers 24/7, in-person support during mental health and substance use crises for all Vermonters. HCRS also began offering care coordination services to all southeastern Vermont residents through its CCBHC grant, and unveiled a new website, [www.hcrs.org](http://www.hcrs.org), to ensure easy access to essential services and information.

George Karabakakis, HCRS CEO, stated, “With these exciting developments and the continued dedication of our staff and community partners, we remain committed to breaking down barriers to care, and ensuring that people across Vermont can access the support they need to thrive. Together, we are building a stronger, healthier future for all.”

### HCRS new staff in October

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont’s

community mental health agency, is pleased to announce the appointment of 10 new professionals

from the month of October, whose talents will augment HCRS’ services across Windham and Windsor counties.

HCRS welcomes the following new employees: Kellie Crowder, teacher/clinical intern at Kindle Farm; Nichole Kingsbury, residential specialist in Woodstock; Desiree Svegliati, school-based clinician 1 in Brattleboro; Michelle Cox, CYF respite provider in Springfield; Dustin Warburton, CYF respite provider in Springfield; Kathryn Krasnow, registered

nurse in Bellows Falls and Springfield; Stormy Gammon, classroom assistant at Kindle Farm; Lisa Brown, developmental services training specialist in Springfield; Shannon Ludwig, school-based behavioral interventionist in Hartford; and Marissa Frazier, school-based behavioral interventionist in Brattleboro.

These new hires will support the nonprofit agency’s team of more than 550 staff providing comprehensive mental health, substance use, and developmental disability programs.

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the Windsor District voters for electing us to represent you in the Vermont State Senate. We are honored to serve, and appreciate your vote of confidence.

We are grateful to our many volunteers who helped make this victory possible. Thank you for hosting our lawn signs, writing letters to the editor, canvassing with us, and standing with our signs supporting us at the polls. And, special thanks to our forbearing spouses who supported us so fully.

We have heard the voters

loud and clear, and we look forward to continuing to work across the aisle addressing the challenges Vermonters face in this moment: reducing property taxes, enabling more housing, building Vermont’s resiliency, and reducing climate change.

This election is just the beginning. We invite you to be in touch as we prepare for this 2025-2026 biennium.

With deep gratitude,  
Alison Clarkson, Joe Major, and Becca White  
Windsor District Senators

Dear Editor,

I appreciated Kem Phillips’ letter last week, it was entertaining, although completely wrong. If he bothered to go to the VAERS website, he would see reported incidences of adverse reactions. Also, he can find out on the internet the increased rate of sudden death in adults which coincides with the beginning of the Covid “vaccine.” I wonder if he can explain why, if the “vaccine” is so effective, are we seeing ads for products such as Paxlovid? Maybe he has a good explanation why Joe Biden had Covid three times after being vaxxed and boosted? Why was he treated with other drugs?

As for climate change, he feels science is determined by majority rule. An example of where that has failed is the use of cigarettes, which was promoted by the AMA as a stress reliever. They even had a cigarette vending machine in their lobby. He should read about Dr. Sammelweis, who discovered the need for doctors to sterilize their hands between patients. Even though he greatly reduced the spread of

infections, he was mocked and fired because of majority rule about that.

He doesn’t grasp the reality that grant money is given to scientists who follow the party line. So, people like him will believe what the paid scientists say, and ignore the ones who have taken ice core samples and have analyzed them, or the graph of recorded temperatures which shows increases and decreases in temperatures. In the 1980s, there was a temperature dip. Did we do something then, and stop doing what was working again? Finally, if these climate activists/alarmists really believe what they claim, why aren’t they giving up their private jets and yachts? Why are so many wealthy people like the Obamas building beachfront mansions?

Mr. Phillips can continue to believe misinformation, but I would appreciate it if he didn’t use it to try and smear other people’s reputations.

Sincerely,  
Keith Stern  
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# obituaries

## Linda Andrews-Jackson, 1949-2024

DOVER, N.H. – Linda Mae “Linnie” Andrews-Jackson, 75, passed away peacefully on Nov. 2, 2024, at the Hyder Hospice House in Dover, N.H. Linda fought a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Linda was born on Aug. 21, 1949, the daughter of Roy and Hazel Andrews. She grew up in North Woodstock, N.H., and was a 1967 graduate of Linwood High School.

After high school, Linda continued her education at UNH, and graduated in 1971 with a degree in medical technology. She later became certified as a specialist in blood bank (SBB). Blood bank was Linda’s passion. She worked in several New Hampshire and Massachusetts hospital blood banks during her career. Linda was a gifted and patient teacher, who was always willing to share her knowledge of blood bank with her co-workers.

Linda enjoyed growing up in the New Hampshire White Mountains region, hiking, and skiing. She was an avid fan of the New England Patriots, and a faithful supporter of UNH sports. She also enjoyed gardening, and watching “Jeopardy!” and old Westerns on television.



Linda Andrews-Jackson, 1949-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Linda is survived by her husband Don of Eliot and Ludlow, Vt.; and her stepdaughter Tricia Jackson-Sliker, her husband Shaun Sliker, and their four children Hailey, Kairi, Troy, and Alexis of Springfield, Vt. She also leaves two nephews Roger Huntoon of Norwich, Conn., and Stanley Martell of Kingsland, Ga.

Linda is predeceased by her parents, and her sister Alice Huntoon.

Linda and Don would like to thank the Hyder House and Beacon Hospice employees for their caring support during Linda’s final days.

Linda requested that there be no formal funeral. Her family and friends will celebrate her life at a graveside service, to be held at a later date. The burial will be at the Woodstock Cemetery in Woodstock, N.H.

## David C. Batchelder, 1942-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – David C. Batchelder, 82, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born June 27, 1942, in Springfield, Vt., the son of Perley and Arlene (Utton) Batchelder. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1960.

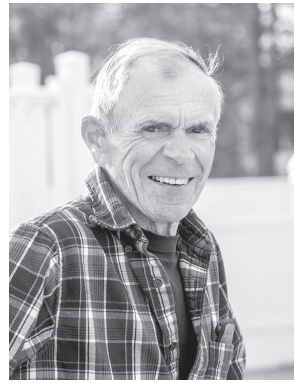
On July 3, 1965, He married the love of his life Linda Batchelder.

David, or Dave as he was better known, was a mechanic with Woodruff Motors and Soucy Motors in Springfield, Vt. He later worked at Bryant Grinder Co. for a short time, and was a supervisor at Vermont Research for many years.

His unshakable faith was the foundation in every aspect of his life, and he had an incredible servant’s heart. He lived a life of faithfulness, service to God and others, and above all, love.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, camping, and attending stock car races.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Linda; their two children Roger Batchelder (Ruthanne) and Beverly Strobl (Rick); four



David Batchelder, 1942-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

siblings Rexford Batchelder, Allan Batchelder, Elaine Sterrett, and Jane McLaughlin; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, one brother Richard Batchelder, and one grandchild Caleb Savage.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel on Friday, Nov. 22, from 6-7 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m., at Davis Memorial Chapel, with burial following in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of David to The Fund for Christian Service, 208 Lenox Avenue, #337, Westfield, NJ 07090.

## Robert L. Gay, 1922-2024

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Robert Leonard Gay Jr. passed away peacefully at his home on Oct. 30, 2024, at the age of 101. Bob, as he was known, was just 44 days from turning 102.

Bob was born in Randolph, Vt., on Dec. 13, 1922, to Marguerite (Harrington) and Robert L. Gay, Sr. The family relocated to Bellows Falls, Vt., in 1928.

In 1942, Bob quit high school soon after Pearl Harbor and joined the Army Air Force. He served faithfully for five years, earning the rank of staff sergeant, and spending time in the South Pacific. Bob was a radio communications technician, and worked primarily on B24 Liberator bombers destined for either Europe, Africa, or the Pacific. His last year was spent in the Pacific maintaining radio towers on several islands, including Kwajalein and Tarawa.

Upon returning home, Bob met the love of his life Joyce Locke of Saxtons River, Vt. The two were soon married in Grafton, on July 5, 1947. Bob and Joyce raised four children, all of whom survive him: Sandra Gasparino (Alan) of North Walpole, N.H.; Robert Gay III of Springfield, Vt.; Daniel Gay of Saxtons River, Vt.; and John Gay of Underhill, Vt. They lived 16 years in Saxtons River, and moved to North Westminster in 1966. Bob loved his 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, with one more great-grandchild expected soon. Bob often wrote letters and sent cards to many of them over the years. Bob was predeceased by three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bob was one of eight children, his siblings are Helen Gay Hurley, Jean Gay Ostrowski, Anne Gay Curtin, Richard, Nancy Gay Sullivan, Gilbert, and Gloria Gay Quinn. His brother Richard and partner Shirley Frost of North Westminster survive him. His sister-in-law Lillian Turner of Westminster also survives him. Bob’s stepfather Clarence Harlow predeceased him in 1997.

Bob’s family traveled often around Vermont to visit family and enjoy the splendor the state had to offer; “Vermont



Robert Gay, 1922-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

is where it’s at” was his slogan. One special trip for them was their cross-country, month-long camping trip in 1962, visiting many national parks, with a stop in Phoenix, Ariz., to visit his father and stepmother Isabel Frost Gay, and sister Anne and her family.

Bob had a great love for his family, particularly its heritage, searching for its roots, discovering Gayville, Vt., was named after his ancestors who settled there in 1792. He spent many days locating graves and researching ancestors of his and his wife’s extended families. Bob, with his cousin Gifford Harrington, organized an annual joint family reunion, which continues to this day.

Bob, with his brothers Richard and Gilbert, established Gay Bros. Fuel Oil Company in 1965. Bob retired from the business in 1984. Not one to sit around, he worked for Halladay’s Nursery in Bellows Falls delivering flowers well into his 80s. It was a good fit, as he already knew where most everyone lived in the community from delivering oil.

Bob loved his big band music, listening to it all his life including the day he died. He and his wife Joyce loved dancing the jitterbug together, to the envy of everyone watching. The loss of his wife in 2015 was a difficult time for him.

Bob was a life member of the VFW, and a member of the American Legion Post#37, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

A graveside service will take place on Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., at the Saxtons River Cemetery.

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

## Krystee Lee Quaile, 1986-2024

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Krystee Lee (Ward) Quaile, affectionately known as “Sweet Pea,” passed away on Nov. 3, 2024, at the age of 38. She was born on Aug. 5, 1986, in Keene, N.H., the daughter of Bruce E. and Melony (Enman) Ward. Krystee was a cherished mother, daughter, sister, and friend.

Krystee graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School, and pursued further studies at SUNY Cobleskill College of Agriculture and Technology.

A passionate equestrian, Krystee found joy and solace in horseback riding, a hobby that reflected her love for animals and the outdoors.

Krystee is survived by her son Carter K. Quaile; her parents; her brothers Jeremy R. Ward (Caitlin) and their children Karmyn, Mason, and Calihan, as well as Garrett D. Ward (Katelyn); her grandparents George L. Enman Jr. and Miriam Ward; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Barbara J. Enman and Er-



Krystee Quaile, 1986-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

win W. Ward.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Freedom Reins Therapeutic Riding Center in memory of Krystee, located at 1140 NH-12A, Surry, NH 03431. Krystee’s love for horseback riding and her compassionate spirit will continue to inspire through the support of this organization.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, N.H. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit [www.stringerfh.com](http://www.stringerfh.com).

## Michael J. O’Connor, 2024

WILLISTON, Vt. – Michael Joseph O’Connor, 68, of Williston, Vt., passed away at his family home in Westminster, Vt., on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024.

Calling hours will be held on Nov. 16, from 1-3 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt. A burial will be held in the spring of 2025, in Stowe, Vt.

To read the full obituary, please visit [www.fentonandhennessey.com](http://www.fentonandhennessey.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home.



Michael O’Connor, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# CLASSIFIED/LEGAL NOTICES

**NOV. 14 –** PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m., Damien Costello presents “That the People May Live: The Life and Legacy of Nicholas Black Elk” at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, 573 Main Street. Costello explores the life and legacy of Nicholas Black Elk, the Lakota holy man made famous by the book “Black Elk Speaks.” This event is free, and recommended for those aged 10 and older.

**NOV. 16 –** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The United Church of Bellows Falls Women’s Fellowship will hold a tag sale, food sale, and raffle on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the

church, 8 School Street. The church is accessible to all, please enter from the back.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield Rotary Club will be holding a Fill the Cart from the Heart food drive on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Springfield Shopping Plaza, to benefit the Springfield Family Center Food Shelf. Please come and grab a bag and fill it with nonperishable food items or personal care products to help those in need. The Rotary Club will be set up by Shaw’s in the plaza, and hopes to see you there.

**WINDHAM, Vt. –** On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m., the newly formed Windham Historical Society will present a slideshow that

features the photographs of Harry Chapman. Chapman (1875-1967) was an amazing photographer who spent most of his life in Windham taking photos of Windham and surrounding towns. The slideshow will be followed by a square dance, with music and calling by the Newton family. The event will take place at the Windham Elementary Schoolhouse, 5940 Windham Hill Road.

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –** The Charlestown Senior Center will be holding their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road. Come for our fabulous cookie walk. Look around for our crafts, puzzles, gifts, and Christmas items. Odds and ends and baked goods will be available. Buy a raffle ticket for our beautiful, crafted baskets. Come and relax, and look around as you enjoy our free coffee. We will love to see you as we kick off the wonderful Christmas season.

**NOV. 17 –** CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m., the Charlestown Historical Society will be hosting a program on the history of the Bakery Building. This building, located at 216 Main Street, is home to our historical archives, and has a long history in the Charlestown community since 1842.

**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.

**PLYMOUTH, Vt. –** The Plymouth Historical Society, located in the former Plymouth Elementary School on Route 100 in Plymouth Union, is open Sunday afternoons, from 2-4 p.m. Visit our museum, or do research on your Plymouth ancestors. Watch for the “Open” flag.

**MONDAYS –** 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.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield Community Chorus invites you to come sing with us on Mondays, from 6-8 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, 10 Valley Street. These sessions will be led by our new music director, Patty Meyer. No experience is necessary, just a love of singing. Dues are collected, and assistance is available. Concerts will be held on Dec. 14 and 15.

**TUESDAYS –** LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Memorial Library’s infant and toddler playgroup is

held on Tuesday mornings, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., from Sept. 10 – Nov. 19.

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

**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 –** 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.

**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 –** 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.

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. –** Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street, will hold the “Originals & Traditionals” Open Mic Night on the fourth Friday of every month, from 7-9 p.m., hosted by musician Putnam Smith. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m. All material should be original or “traditional” (i.e., in the public domain). Each performer can perform two songs or up to 10 minutes, whichever comes first. If you have any questions, please contact Smith at putnamsmith@gmail.com.

**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 Plymouth**  
Public Notice of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing

A public hearing will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @ 6:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Rd, Plymouth VT. The following applicants seek a conditional Use permit and or a Zoning Variance. If you have any questions, contact MCoeman@PlymouthVT.org

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NOTICE OF TAX SALES**

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Springfield, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

**80 Lovell Road**

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**428 South Street**

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**3 Hartness Avenue**

For the tax years 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Citibank, N.A. to Bernard Victor Blais, Jr. by deed dated March 16, 2009 and recorded in Book 443 at Page 323 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**33 Southridge Street**

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**10 Buena Vista Street**

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**1 Union Street**

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**7 School Street**

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**11 Union Street**

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**12 Central Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-4 to Community Restoration Corp, Inc. by deed dated May 23, 2014 and recorded in Book 536 at Page 125 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**22 Chester Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Merchant Bank to Community Restoration Corps, Inc. by deed dated March 31, 2016 and recorded in Vol. 562 at Page 136 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**35 Patnode's Way**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by the Tax Collector's Deed of Barbara A. Courchesne, Collector of Taxes for the Town of Springfield to Community Restoration by deed dated November 19, 2021 and recorded in Book 655 at Page 142 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**52 Valley Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Michael Curran, Executor of the Estate of Franklin E. Curran to Community Restoration Corps Inc. by deed dated December 18, 2020 and recorded in Book 637 at Page 25 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**61 Furnace Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Town of Springfield to Community Restoration Corps, Inc. by deed dated December 16, 2020 and recorded in Book 637 at Page 70 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**67 Furnace Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Donna Builder to Community Restoration Corp Inc. by deed dated May 19, 2015 and recorded in Book 551 at Page 59 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**104 Union Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by United States District Court for the District of Vermont, Order of Confirmation in the matter entitled United States of America v. Andrew Kingsbury, et al. to Community Restoration Corps, Inc. by deed dated December 23, 2015 and recorded in Book 559 at Page 200 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**104 Valley Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Clifford Bergh and Eliza Greenhoe-Bergh to Community Restoration Corp, Inc. by deed dated October 21, 2015 and recorded in Book 556 at Page 89 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**105 Clinton Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Stella M. Dempf to Community Restoration Corp, Inc. by deed dated July 23, 2015 and recorded in Book 552 at Page 212 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**30 Precision Drive**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. to Ernest LLC by deed dated July 1, 2021 and recorded in Book 646 at Page 297 of the Springfield Town Land Records and by deed from Gurney Brothers Construction, Inc. to Ernest LLC by deed dated June 29, 2021 and recorded in Book 646, Page 303 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**54 Route 106**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to Ernest LLC by deed dated April 13, 2021 and recorded in Book 642 at Page 338 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**141 Grover Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Anna Orobello to Steven S. Guerri by deed dated December 6, 2022 and recorded in Book 674 at Page 271 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**945 Eureka Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Merrilee J.M. Fortune Living Trust to David Hatch by deed dated June 11, 2020 and recorded in Book 627 at Page 33 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**2 Pinebrook Lane A-6**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Eaton Spousal Revocable Trust Dated April 28, 2005 a/k/a Elwin and Nancy Eaton Irrevocable Trust to Jeremy Holmes by deed dated February 21, 2023 and recorded in Book 677 at Page 242 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**100 Harvard Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John W. Reynolds and Robert T. Reynolds to Samuel Armstrong Hensel-Hunter by deed dated September 30, 2012 and recorded in Book 508 at Page 75 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**32 Valley Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by The Bank of New York Mellon to William Hunter and Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development by deed dated September 11, 2018 and recorded in Book 602 at Page 334 of the Springfield Town Land Records and Housing Recovery Fund and Housing Subsidy Covenant dated October 19, 2021 and recorded in Book 653 at Page 335 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**1 Slack Avenue**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Edson C. Tefft and Mildred E. Tefft to Ralph A. Jacobs and Kathryn S. Jacobs (now deceased) by deed dated July 1, 1976 and recorded in Book 71 at Page 202 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**128 Olive Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Roy F. Kempf, Sr. (deceased) and Joan M. Kempf by deed of Elmer and Elizabeth DeRosia dated September 18, 1987 recorded in Book 89 at Page 174-175 of the Springfield Town Land Records. Also being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Roy F. Kempf, Jr., Carol-Lee A. Ripley, Edward T. Wilson, Jr., Mark Wilson and William P. Simoneau, Sr. by the deed of Joan M. Kempf said deed dated October 31, 2008 and recorded in Book 436 at Page 215 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**269 Brook Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Eileen S. Rupsis and Steven A. Rupsis to La Sable Ruby, LLC by deed dated February 21, 2023 and recorded in Book 677 at Page 314 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**650 Brook Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Mark L. Tapper to Guy A. Lariviere by deed dated November 6, 1991 and recorded in Book 102 at Page 74 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**30 Commonwealth Avenue**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Seth T. Lauritsen and Stephen F. Greene to Seth T. Lauritsen and Monica Lynn Lauritsen by deed dated March 6, 2020 and recorded in Book 623 at Page 294 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**284 Kirk Meadow Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Nicholas Paige and Marguerite Paige to John David McCarthy by deed dated November 28, 2018 and recorded in Book 605 at Page 60 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**61 Fairground Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Thomas A. Tier, joined by Alice T. Emerson to Brian T. McFadden by deed dated October 14, 2016 and recorded in Book 571 at Page 25 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**6 Wall Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Ershel O. Patterson to Kevin G.A. Melloy by deed dated September 10, 2021 and recorded in Book 650 at Page 316 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**456 Old Connecticut River Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by General Morris Estate, LLC to Scott Redding Mixer by deed dated April 7, 2020 and recorded in Book 625 at Page 49 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**450 Carley Road**

For the tax years 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Barry Andrews and Jean Andrews to Earl W. Moul, Jr., Earl W. Moul, III and Lisa Moul by deed dated September 5, 2014 and recorded in Book 538 at Page 96 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**24 Fairground Heights**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Vernon H. Ure and Aino K. Ure Revocable Trust Under Agreement Dated January 9, 1997 to Jason E. Nadzam by deed dated September 28, 2022 and recorded in Book 671 at Page 294 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**53 Brockway Mills Road**

For the tax years 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Town of Springfield to Richard A. Parry by deed dated August 14, 2014 and recorded in Book 539 at Page 297 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**18 Cypress Lane**

For the tax years 2023-2024. Being a Titan Homes Brentwood; Serial No. 19-98-023-3224 conveyed by Citation Mobile Home Sales, Inc. to Gerrie A. Perry and Clayton J. Perry by Mobile Home Bill of Sale dated October 27, 1997 and recorded in Book 169 at Page 216 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**20 Orchard Lane**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John E. Polidor to John E. Polidor and Robin A. Polidor, husband and wife, by deed dated December 4, 1996 and recorded in Book 158 at Page 17 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**26 Fairground Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Jeanette A. Turcio and Carol Daley to Michelle L. Porter by deed dated January 13, 2017 and recorded in Book 574 at Page 270 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**6 Bellows Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Richard M. Veysey, Jr. and Ann Marie Veysey to Ram Enterprises, LLC by deed dated October 14, 2014 and recorded in Book 540 at Page 215 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**220 Front Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by David R. Martel and Barbara C. Martel, Trustees of the Martel Family Revocable Trust U/A Dated April 14, 1987 to Ram Enterprises, LLC by deed dated March 9, 2018 and recorded in Book 594 at Page 20 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**6 Mineral Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Marta C. Reichenbecher f/k/a Marta C. Ruck and Edward E. Ruck to Marta C. Reichenbecher by deed dated July 20, 2006 and recorded in Book 382 at Page 102 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**25 Holt Street**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Jody T. Smith and Linda M. Smith to Bradley A. Reynolds and Ashley M. Reynolds by deed dated July 30, 2019 and recorded in Book 615 at Page 39 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**15 Cemetery Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Estate of Eva E. Morris to Machias D. Rhodes and Diana L. Rhodes by deed dated April 9, 2010 and recorded in Book 463 at Page 244 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**85 Perley Gordon Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Felicia B. Murray Revocable Trust Under Agreement Dated August 8, 1991 to Kim Tacy Bartlett and Lea-Ann Tacy Bartlett by deed dated June 6, 2019 and recorded in Book 612 at Page 152 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**0 Northfield Drive**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Allan Demers to Linda H. Tunkel Revocable Trust U/A Dated May 19, 1987, Renee H. Tunkel and Elaine Tunkel by deed dated August 16, 2014 and recorded in Book 543 at Page 106 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**5 Juniper Hill Road**

For the tax years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Henry F. Robinson and Louise B. Robinson, Co-Trustees of the Robinson Revocable Trust U/A October 8, 1997 to Richard M. Veysey, Jr. and Ann Marie Veysey by deed dated July 8, 2005 and recorded in Book 342 at Page 298 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**17 Crescent Street**

For the tax years 2023-2024. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Christopher Story, VI to Roger V. Woods by deed dated November, 2020 and recorded in Vol. 636 at Page 249 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, a public place in such Town, on the 12th day of December, 2024 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. § 1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156.

Be advised that the owner or mortgagee, or the owner's or mortgagee's representatives or assigns, of lands sold for taxes shall have a right to redemption for a period of one year from the date of sale pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5260.

Dated at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of November, 2024.

Barbara A. Courchesne, Collector of Town, and Town School District Taxes, Town Water, and Sewer Taxes

# arts & entertainment

## Next Stage presents psychedelic jazz collective

### Club d'Elf

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents Moroccan-dosed psychedelic dub jazz collective from Boston Club d'Elf on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney.

Club d'Elf has been helping audiences lose track of time for 25 years with its mesmerizing synthesis of Moroccan traditional music and electronic, dubbed-out funk. Circling about bassist/composer Mike Rivard and drummer Dean Johnston, each Club d'Elf performance features a different lineup, drawn from a constellation of some of the most creative improvisers

from the jazz, DJ, rock, and world music scenes of Boston, NYC, and beyond. The band's music draws from a startlingly wide spectrum of styles, including jazz, hip hop, electronica, avant garde, prog-rock, and dub. Under the tutelage of member Brahim Fribgane, who hails from Casablanca, the band has absorbed Moroccan trance music, which is now an essential part of the mix. Diverse audiences are drawn to Fribgane's mesmerizing oud stylings, and Rivard's commanding playing of the Moroccan sintir. Trance forms the central core of the Club d'Elf aesthetic, weaving together the

band's various influences.

"Masters of their craft, Club d'Elf transports listeners to exotic lands, while infusing it with electronics, virtuosity, and surprises," says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. "The Boston-based ensemble has been well-known in New England for years. Their sound is for the curious and adventur-

ous listener. We love taking people on a journey through music."

In April 2022 the band released its latest album, "You Never Know," which rose to #2 on the Relix chart. The record unfurls upon kaleidoscopic clouds of spiced smoke, shifting from chopped dub-jazz through trance epics that reimagine Boston as a city of bazaars.

Club d'Elf pays tribute to the music and musicians who have been primary influences, with half the album being covers of gnawa, Miles Davis, Joe Zawinul, Moroccan band Nass el-Ghiwane, and Frank Zappa. The other half consists of original music inspired by Rivard's personal journey into darkness following a near-death experience in

the remote jungle of the Peruvian Amazon.

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

## Next Stage presents flamenco artist Laura Sanchez

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents multidisciplinary flamenco artist Laura Sanchez with her work "Welcome to Holland!?" on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m., at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney.

Step into a world of resilience and inspiration with "Welcome to Holland!?", a breathtaking multidisciplinary flamenco performance that will touch your heart and ignite your spirit.

"A one-woman theater show using flamenco dance that highlights the value of motherhood certainly jumps into the imagination. We like delivering a wide range of programming full of diversity and opportunity," says Keith Marks, executive director

of Next Stage Arts. "Laura's work in Boston is well known. She weaves her experience as an immigrant and as a mother into a narrative that is witty, thought-provoking, and heartfelt. We're excited to bring this to our community."

Join us for a transformative 75-minute journey that beautifully intertwines flamenco, poetry, humor, and film, celebrating the incredible strength of caregivers. Experience the story of an immigrant mother as she navigates her unique "Holland!?" – a landscape reshaped by trauma. Watch as everyday objects transform into powerful symbols of hope, guiding her through challenges and illuminating the path to belonging. This transformative jour-

ney challenges stereotypes about motherhood and disability, shedding light on the diverse experiences of caregivers, and fostering empathy towards nontraditional families.

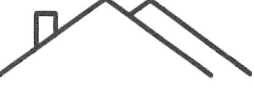
Don't miss this immersive theatrical experience that invites you to reflect, connect, and celebrate a world where we all belong.

Sanchez is an award-winning flamenco artist, creator, choreographer, and educator originally from Cadiz, Spain. She began her flamenco education as a child, and received professional training from the Dance Conservatory of Madrid. Sanchez holds a professional certificate in expressive arts therapies from Lesley University, where she developed an emerging therapeutic dance practice, Expressive Flamenco. She presents this work internationally, and continues to serve annually as guest professor for the Lesley University expressive therapies master's program. Her most recent research work was published at the Journal of the American Dance Therapy Association in 2021.

Sanchez actively performs as a soloist in flamenco venues in the Eastern U.S., and placed third at the 2016 Flamenco Certamen USA, an international competi-

tion that takes place in NYC annually. She has worked as an independent choreographer for organizations including Boston College of Fine Arts, the Boston City Council, Bridgewater University, and Kingston Theater, among several others. Laura also works as an independent producer, and has presented several flamenco shows over the past 10 years in Massachusetts. In her latest production, "Flamenco at Starlight," she brought the flamenco community back together to perform for the first time in Cambridge since the Covid pandemic. Sanchez's commitment to building community has made this show an annual event.


During the pandemic, she created an award-winning short film, "After Dark," to tell the resilient story of a community affected by Covid. She has received funding from the prestigious Live Arts Boston grant led by the Boston Foundation, Next Steps to Dance, and NEFA's dance fund. She has been a recipient of the Mass Cultural Council Choreography Award in 2021, and was honored to be a member of Flamenco Vivo Carolina Santana Professional Consorcio Flamenco, a group dedicated to growing flamenco on the national stage, in 2020.



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# arts & entertainment

## Springfield Community Players present "Rumors"

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Springfield Community Players are in their final weeks of rehearsal for the season's final show, "Rumors" by Neil Simon.

This has been a very busy season for the longest continuously running community theater in Vermont. Starting with a bang with "The Unexpected Guest" in May, the season continued with a staged reading of a new work by local playwright Larry Kraft in June called "Waiting for a Eulogy," as well as the two-person show, "It Had to Be You." In August, comedian Lee Hardin returned to the studio for some family-friendly stand-up comedy. Patrons were treated to the musical "Godspell" in September, followed by a murder mystery fund-

raiser "Pumpkins of Peril," written by local author Tom Campo, in October to set the stage for Halloween.

November is here, and that means the final production for the 2024 season is upon us.

Making her directing debut with the Players, Ashlee White has been anxious for audiences to see this hilarious show. Playing the role of Claire Ganz many years ago endeared her to this Neil Simon comedy. When the opportunity to direct a show was presented, she knew this would be a crowd pleaser. The cast, consisting of 10 actors,



The cast of "Rumors."

PHOTO PROVIDED

and crew have been hard at work since the beginning of September. "It's been a secret passion of mine to direct since I was in high school. I've had the privilege to perform in many shows as an actor, and I've been part of several techni-

cal crews as well. I love all aspects of theater, but this has been an immensely rewarding experience for me. The cast of 'Rumors' is a well-rounded group of talented thespians who make me laugh, and make me proud, every day. I appreciate their dedication and hard work more than I can express," said White.

The actors have been enjoying themselves just as much as the director. Playing the part of Chris Gorman, Hannah O'Connell, a new face to the Springfield community of theatergoers, said, "Being in 'Rumors' has been such a fun

experience. I feel like I've not only gained new skills and great memories, but a whole new messed up family." Echoing this sentiment is Sam Mathewes Clark, who plays the sharp-tongued Lenny Ganz, saying "Everyone is perfectly cast and enjoying every moment." Another newcomer to the Players Studio is Katie Munroe, also known as Cookie Cusack, a flighty television cooking host. "This has been a truly unique and magical experience. Meeting people I might not have met, going out after dark for rehearsal, which I don't normally do, and being a part of something that brings joy to an entire town...Thank you

for having me, Springfield Community Players." Playing Officer Welch is Josie Munroe, who says, "It's always fun for me to explore my character's backstory and motives. For a comedy like 'Rumors,' it's an absolute blast."

What happens when four socialite couples from New York City are invited to their friends' 10th anniversary party? Buy your tickets and travel back in time to 1989 to find out. "Rumors" tickets are available for purchase now. Shows are Nov. 16, 22, and 23, at 7:30 p.m.; and Nov. 17 and 24, at 2 p.m. This show is not recommended for young audiences due to adult language and content.

## New solo shows at Canal Street Gallery

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Canal Street Art Gallery presents the Joshua Aaron Gray, Theresa Karpinski, Kathleen Kemp, Amy Raab, and Sandy Sherman solo shows, open Nov. 15 – Jan. 12. Join the gallery on Third Friday Gallery Night in historic downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., on Nov. 15, from 5-8 p.m., for the artists' opening reception. All gallery events are free and open to the public.

This fall, with the launch of its new Solo Show Program and growing Working Artist Program, Canal Street Art Gallery announces expanded hours. As of Nov. 15, the gallery will be open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and the third Friday of every month, until 8 p.m.

Joshua Aaron Gray, based in Bellows Falls, Vt., works in watercolors, creating portraits of animals and, most recently, people. Gray was born with Down syndrome in 1972. Gray is passionate about his art, using his whimsical humor and kindness to portray animals instilled with personality and surrounded by colorful and often densely composed designs and patterns. The artist's solo show at Canal

Street Art Gallery includes Gray's first portraits of people, including his favorite celebrity, Madonna.

Theresa Karpinski, based in Brattleboro, Vt., makes three-dimensional collages using multitudes of minute objects meticulously painted with garish colors and arranged into bizarre and sometimes subversive scenes. Blending lightheartedness and seriousness is how Karpinski views life, as well as her process of creating. In artworks such as "Jungle Pitch," a blue-eyed, long-haired man with voluptuous red lips and holding a glass of wine with hands painted in red nail polish stares down the viewer.

Kathleen Kemp, based in Westminster, Vt., works with "attic treasures" to create sculptures using a wide array of textures and vastly different materials, harmoniously assembled as a puzzle with pieces meant to be together. In an artwork such as "AZ1," Kemp uses

found pieces of metal and wood from previously manufactured purposes, along with organic materials such as human teeth, to create a composition full of tactile tension, tenuously placed together and hung on the wall.

Amy Raab, based in Saxtons River, Vt., works with her own photographs and watercolor paintings to create collages inspired by memories of the Vermont landscape. Raab's compositions make use of vast open spaces to balance strategically chosen, intricately and meticulously cut shapes assembled with just enough for the viewer to see a landscape. Upon closer examination, such as in "One Horse Hill," the viewer then discovers the red barn to be a macro shot of a red maple leaf, and the tree is cut from a photograph of a horse.

Sandy Sherman, based in Bellows Falls, Vt., creates still life paintings using effects of light and color to portray tenuous scenes of

everyday objects, vintage clothing, and unique antiques. In a painting such as "The Monkey," an antique Steiff monkey is placed in a wallpaper-lined box on a shelf. The monkey has its palms up, and is placed on its knees with a distant look, as if meditating. Sherman is a native of New Hampshire, and has been painting in the traditional manner since 1980. She is a member of the Keene Art Association, Copley Society of Boston, Women's Caucus for Art, Academic Artist Association, and the Catharine Lorillard Wolf Art Club Inc.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, in historic downtown Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, go to [www.canalstreetartgallery.com](http://www.canalstreetartgallery.com), call 802-289-0104, or email [artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com](mailto:artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com).

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# AARP fraud prevention program

LUDLOW, Vt. – Offered by Black River Good Neighbor Services, an AARP Fraud Prevention Program will be presented at the Ludlow Community Center on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m., prior to the regularly scheduled community meal. Topics included in the presentation are:

Weapons of fraud – an overview of the leading scams, techniques of con artists, and discussion of the steps to take to avoid victimization. This is the flagship presentation, as it is AARP's oldest program, has been presented most

frequently, and is regularly updated. While addressing a wide range of issues, it does not cover computer/cyber scams.

Fraud trends and behavior – discover how habits and behaviors put you at risk.

“The Con Artists’ Playbook” – the strategies and tactics used by con artists to defraud.

Prevention – know and practice the most effective prevention strategies to avoid becoming a victim, recognize the “red flags,” and report.

Resources – learn how to access and share up-to-

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For information, contact Krey Kellington at 802-228-3663.

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# Thanksgiving kids' crafts

WESTON, Vt. – Wilder Memorial Library in Weston invites children to a Giving Thanks Workshop with art teacher Casey Junker Bailey on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m. We will be making

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space is limited. For more information, you may contact the library by email at director@wilder-memoriamlibrary.org.

# Springfield Thanksgiving Farmers Market

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As you prepare for the holidays, be sure to stop in at the Thanksgiving Farmers Market on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the United Methodist Church in downtown Springfield, Vt.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
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## King Crossword

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**ACROSS**

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6 Chum  
9 Club —  
12 Put on — (act)  
13 Expert serve  
14 Navarro of "The View"  
15 Gettysburg general  
16 William on "Star Trek"  
18 Vatican term  
20 Folklore monster  
21 Blackbird  
23 Airport screening org.  
24 Offered one's seat  
25 Taverns  
27 Plant life  
29 Perfect place  
31 Zesty dips  
35 Blood line?  
37 Model in a bottle  
38 Future oak  
41 Luau instrument  
43 Canine greeting  
44 Wander  
45 Pencil end  
47 Subtle variation of color  
49 Spanish snacks  
52 Feedbag morsel

**DOWN**

1 River blocker  
2 British verb ending  
3 NPR's Ari  
4 Musical finale  
5 Used a broom  
6 Computer language  
7 Needing a massage  
8 Tony winner Salonga  
9 Chutney fruit  
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36 Overblown  
38 Incendiary crime  
39 "Over There" composer  
40 Egg-shaped  
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46 Roof edge  
48 Conditions  
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51 Snake's sound

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# real estate

## Home co-ownership is trending up

**REGION** – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over the past 75 years, the percentage of traditional, married households decreased by more than 30%, from 80% to 50%.

The Pew Research Center (PRC) finds that, “The American family has undergone significant changes in recent decades. There is no longer one predominant family form, and Americans are experiencing family life in increasingly diverse ways.”

In 1970, 67% of Americans ages 25-49 were living with their spouse and one or more child under 18. Over the past five decades, that number has dropped to 37%. PRC cites several factors that have contributed to this decline, including that Americans are marrying later in life, or not marrying at all.

As the composition of the American family shifts, so do the demographics of the people combining resources to secure part of the American Dream – home ownership.

Seniors looking to downsize can benefit by cohabitating with a friend or

relative, offsetting expenses and sharing chores. Gen Z are perhaps the group most open to cobuying a home with a friend, according to a Newsweek article published earlier this year.

However, there are always risks involved with copurchasing a home, as Hannah Workman from JW Surety Bonds told Newsweek. “Before entering into a cobuying partnership, a clear legal agreement should be put in place that spells out exactly what happens if someone stops contributing to their side of the deal. This agreement should also include how mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, and maintenance costs will be split, and what happens if people want to exit the partnership.”

Each party should be clear about their expectations from the outset, and determine if costs will be split equitably rather than equally, based on income and other expenses. Some first-time cobuyers will agree to commit to the property for a period of five years or less, at which time an agreement can be extended, or the home could

be sold, with the increased equity split between cohabitants who can then move ahead with a solo home purchase.

CoBuy (www.cobuy.io), a website and app developed to guide potential homebuyers with a nontraditional group of investors into the shared purchase of a property, began after its founders struggled to buy a home as nonmarried family members. Staffed by a group of builders, finance, and real estate experts, CoBuy has helped thousands of cobuyers become homeowners since 2016.

“We decided that we had to do something. Homeownership is the foundation for financial stability and security. That’s not to say homeownership is for everyone, but most would agree that buying a home is a life-changing experience. Teaming up can open up a world of opportunities. We wanted to help people build wealth, starting with owning a home.”

“What constitutes ‘family’ today is not what it was when our financial systems were in their formative years. Unfortunately, these

very systems ignore how society has evolved through time. Today, folks are buying together for financial and social reasons.”

Profiled in the January Newsweek article written by Alexander Fabino are Kristina Modares and Steph Douglass, founders of Open House Austin, a real estate brokerage specializing in educating and assisting potential buyers in navigating the details of co-ownership.

“Modares and Douglass, 25 and 27, respectively, embarked on multiple co-ownership ventures, investing in four properties and guiding clients through similar processes. Their brokerage became a hub for fostering innovative real estate solutions, empowering clients with knowledge and strategies to make informed decisions in a challenging market.”

“We tell our clients that when you are deciding to partner with someone, you need to make sure this is someone you can have hard conversations with, that they have similar values to you, and that they are good communicators,” Modares

stated. “So if things don’t work out (that’s life) then it won’t end in complete disaster.”



**Featured pets: Sarah and Morgan**

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Sarah and Morgan are two beautiful girls that came to us in April with 14 other cats. These girls have blossomed into sweet, affectionate kitties. Morgan is 1 year old, and Sarah is 3 years old. They have been patiently waiting for a loving home, and after being abandoned by their owner they really deserve one. They can go together or separate.

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King Crossword —  
Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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# GM State Champs

## Green Mountain wears the D-III crown



The Green Mountain boys soccer team receives its Division III championship medals after beating Stowe on Saturday at Rutland High School.

PHOTO BY TOM HALEY



The Green Mountain soccer team lines up.

PHOTO BY OTIS NELSON

CHESTER, Vt. – Oh, the magic of cell phones and such. The joy of Andrei Solzhenitsyn's golden goal that gave the Green Mountain (GM) boys soccer team the 3-2 overtime win over Stowe and the Division III state title was felt from Rutland to Chester nearly as soon as the senior put it in the net.

"It came off Evan Kirdzik's head and deflected right to my foot, and I put it in the goal. It really was that simple," Solzhenitsyn said.

Raz Backlund, who had Green Mountain's first goal, said the level of confidence coming into the overtime session was high.

"We talked about giving

it our all, 100%," Backlund said. "We knew that Stowe is a great team, but so are we."

The goalkeeping of Green Mountain senior Derek Hodgdon was incredible. He came off his line to thwart threats before they materialized, and also had some reaction saves of lasers from point blank range.

"Derek is the reason we won the game," said assistant coach Scott Walker, who has been working with Hodgdon for the past four years.

Scott and his son Jake Walker (Green Mountain's head coach) were former goalies at the Chester school.

"I've been working with him since he was a freshman, and we really started elevating the level of psychology that there is in goalkeeping this year," Scott said.

"Today is the first two goals that he has allowed in the playoffs."

Top-seeded Stowe brought a 15-1-1 record to Rutland's Alumni Field on Saturday, and got on top 7:18 into the game when Cody Lilly fed a great pass to Graeme Jostrand and Jostrand buried it.

Kirdzik made a strong bid to pull GM even, but his shot went over the bar.

But Backlund did not miss. He scored amidst a wild scramble in the goal area to knot the score, and it still stood 1-1 at half-

time.

The Raiders pushed the attack hard when the game resumed. Hodgdon made a nice save on a bullet off the foot of Jostrand, and Tanner Swisher had to execute a header to clear the ball after a Stowe corner kick.

But Green Mountain got its first lead with 21:12 remaining in the game on a line shot in the upper corner by Joachim Gibson from 25 yards away.

It was only a minute later that the Raiders came within an eyelash of answering. Jostrand struck a sizzler from close range that Hodgdon somehow managed to deflect for a corner kick.

Senior captain Parker Guffey deftly headed Julian Roscioli-Barran's cor-

ner kick past Hodgdon to tie the score at 2-2 with 18:30 remaining in regulation time.

Roscioli-Barran made a dangerous-looking cross in the waning minutes of regulation play, and Backlund made a serious scoring bid, but time expired and the extra time began. It was a sudden death format with two 15-minute overtimes to be played if necessary, followed by the penalty kick tiebreaker.

But Solzhenitsyn saw that only 10:32 in the first overtime needed to be played before the wild celebration broke out.

Number 3 Green Mountain wraps up the title with a 17-1 record.

Green Mountain was playing in its fourth state

final in the last six years, and had last won the championship in 2019.

It was the perfect way to go out for seniors Hodgdon, Kirdzik, Swisher, Max Peebles, Solzhenitsyn, Gibson, Caleb Merrow, and Reece Cassin.

Of note, Stowe does not lose often in the state championship game. The Raiders' record is now 14-3 in the title game. This was the third state championship for Green Mountain. Chester High School, the forerunner of Green Mountain, also won one in 1967, when the Sentinels edged Otter Valley 2-1 in the big game.

*Written by Tom Haley, Rutland Herald Staff Writer.*

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