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## 2024 in Review

### JAN. 22 – BFUHS junior captures back-to-back titles

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) junior and Bellows Falls resident Laura Kamel recently captured her second consecutive track and field, Division III State Championship in the discus. Her toss of 34.34 meters was tops in the state in her division at the Southern Vermont League Championship. Laura also placed eighth in the state in the javelin with a throw of 22.42 meters, and also competed in the high jump.

*By Joe Milliken*

### FEB. 2 – Newly-renovated Studio 92 hosts open house

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Studio 92, a new hair salon and art space located on The Square in Bellows Falls, officially opened their doors on Feb. 2. The owners, hair stylist Erica Daniels and artist Tim Wells, who met in Boston in 2020, had moved to Walpole in 2021, and after scouting around the area for a salon for Erica to work at, decided that opening her own salon was a better path to take. Then, while visiting nearby Bellows Falls, they wandered around and fell in love with the town.

*By Joe Milliken*

### FEB. 27 – Allen Brothers Market to go solar

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Allen Brothers Market, a deli, bakery, farm stand, and garden center located on Route 5 in Westminster, has been awarded a \$780,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Energy for America program to construct a solar array on a parcel of land that the Allen family owns in nearby Rockingham. The grant will cover roughly 50% of the project's overall costs. This comes after the Allens had sold their fuel oil business in order to go with green energy.

*By Joe Milliken*

### MARCH 9 – Proctorsville welcomes The Grafton

### Cheese Company

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Grafton Village Cheese Company first began cheddar in 1892. While the company has since expanded beyond its early roots, now producing an award-winning line of artisanal cave-aged varieties, the tradition of making handcrafted cheeses using premium raw milk from local, family farms continues. Recently, the village of Proctorsville became the latest home to the acclaimed cheesemakers.

*By Paula Benson*

### MARCH 12 – Miss Bellows Falls update

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – After having already received grants from the Preservation Trust of Vermont, the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant, Rockingham For Progress hired a project manager, Andrew Dey, and also brought in architectural designer Raphael Rosner of Austin Design Cooperative, to create the conceptual design of the renovation project. The project will include the restoration of the dining car itself, plus a redesign and rebuild of the kitchen, dining area, and bathroom addition to better support the successful operation of the diner.

*By Joe Milliken*

### MARCH 19 – Vermonters make plans for rare total solar eclipse

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The audience was standing room only on Tuesday, March 19, at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library in Proctorsville. The crowd had gathered for the Eclipse 2024 presentation, given by astronomer Claudio Véliz, and sponsored by the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA). A former astrophysics professor at Columbia University, Véliz has worked with NASA and the Hayden Planetarium, and

was excited to dive into his presentation on Vermont's potential front row seat to the April 8 solar eclipse.

*By Paula Benson*

### APRIL 10 – Apple Blossom Queens share memories

REGION – In 1966, all the girls that wanted to be a part of Apple Blossom had an interview prior to being selected. Ultimately, 20 girls were chosen. Everyone wore white dresses, and they used their scarves as props. The escorts had top hats and canes, and, according to Kelly Flynn, "The escorts did a dance on their own. I remember they kept losing their top hats, which gave the audience a good laugh."

### APRIL 17 – New "Listen Local" radio show promotes local musicians, venues

PUTNEY, Vt. – Mitch Harrison, owner of Next Chapter Records in Putney, is now hosting a weekly radio show each Sunday, on WTSA-FM in Brattleboro. The concept of the new radio show is to promote a variety of music venues in the area, as well as the local artists and bands who perform at these venues. In a recent interview, Harrison was asked how the idea for this new radio show came about.

*By Joe Milliken*

### MAY 4 – Taylor Clafin crowned 66th Apple Blossom Queen

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 66th Apple Blossom took place at the Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt., on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, and Taylor Clafin was announced as this year's queen. Her dancing partner was Matthew Winter. Members of her court were selected, and they are Lorelei Bertone, partnered with Logan Roundy; and Molly Tennis, partnered with Armando Stettner.

### JUNE 3 – Cheshire Bridge Project delayed and revised after local pushback

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –

Town manager Jeff Mobus updated the meeting on the Cheshire Bridge Project, announcing that, after hearing feedback from residents and business owners about the negative impact a 34-week bridge closure would have on them, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) delayed the project and designed an alternative.

*By Paula Benson*

### JUNE 17 – Chief Burnham reports on "bogus" bomb threat

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

*By Paula Benson*

### JUNE 22 – Rockingham votes to move Town Meeting to Saturday

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Town of Rockingham held a special town meeting at the Bellows Falls Middle School on Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m., to give voters an opportunity to discuss and vote on whether to continue to hold the annual Town Meeting on Monday nights, or to move it to Saturday. With 45 "Yes" votes and 7 "No" votes, it was decided Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, beginning in 2025.

*By Paula Benson*

### JUNE 28 – Local hockey player drafted by Boston Bruins

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls native Elliot Groenewold, a local student-athlete and son of David and Suzanne Groenewold of Springfield, was recently drafted by the Bos-

ton Bruins in the fourth round of the 2024 National Hockey League (NHL) draft. Groenewold is a left-handed-shooting defenseman.

*By Joe Milliken*

### JULY 20 – Grafton Fire Department celebrates 100-year history

GRAFTON, Vt. – 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.

*By Paula Benson*

### AUG. 12 – Springfield restricts firearms discharge in Hartness Park

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Initially, Springfield Trails & Rural Economy (ST&RE) had presented the selectboard with a request to ban hunting in the park. After reviewing state statutes, it was determined that a town does not have the authority to ban hunting, but they are allowed to regulate or prohibit the use of firearms and ammunition.

*By Paula Benson*

### SEPT. 3 – Historic preservation commission receives Excellence Award

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – A special meeting began at 5 p.m., where Laura Trieschmann, state historic preservation officer with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP), presented the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission (RHPC) and coordinator Walter Wallace with the "first ever" Excellence Award.

*By Paula Benson*

### OCT. 16 – DNA confirms rare sturgeon fish in Connecticut River

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – During an ongoing study and investigation being led by the Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC), DNA from the endangered short-

nose sturgeon fish has been detected for the first time in the Connecticut River, between Bellows Falls and Turners Falls, Mass.

*By Joe Milliken*

### OCT. 23 – Cost cuts may be demise of the Rockingham Health Center

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – North Star Health has struggled recently, and therefore it was decided to close and consolidate the Rockingham facility because it was simply the most expensive to operate. The Rockingham providers will be moving to other North Star clinics in Springfield, Vt., and Charlestown, N.H., and patients will be able to follow their current providers, or choose other area facilities that are accepting new patients.

*By Joe Milliken*

### NOV. 7 – Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce director retiring

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce (GFRCC) recently announced that the organization's popular executive director Deb Collier will soon be retiring from the position after seven years of serving our local community and its businesses with pride and enthusiasm.

*By Joe Milliken*

### DEC. 11 – Green Mountain's Jake Walker named Coach of the Year

CHESTER, Vt. – In recognition of his triumphant season, the Vermont State Coaches Association (VSCA) honored Walker as Small-School Coach of the Year, and Overall Coach of the Year.

*By Paula Benson*

### DEC. 21 – All aboard the Okemo Valley Holiday Express

REGION – All aboard the Okemo Valley Holiday Express! The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to experience the magic of the season with a special train ride this Dec. 21 and 22.

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# Springfield Rotary earns another Trex bench

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As a reward for Springfield residents collecting 1,000 pounds of thin-film plastics for the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge, the Trex Company (Trex) provided the Springfield Rotary Club with its ninth outdoor bench, which was placed at the “Green on Main,” at 77 Main Street in Springfield.

The Rotary Club entered the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge in February of 2023, placing a Trex bin in the Springfield Town Library. In addition, thin-film plastics were collected at Bibens Ace Hardware, McGee CDJR of Springfield, Springfield GMC,

Springfield Hospital, and the Springfield Food Co-op. Since that time, Springfield residents have been avidly pitching in to recycle their share of thin-film plastics, diverting over 7,200 pounds (over 3.5 tons) of thin-film plastics from the waste stream.

The challenge is part of the Trex Recycling Program, aimed at encouraging the public to recycle their grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, cereal bags, ice bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc and other resealable bags, and similar bags and wrap for other objects. The plastic that is turned in is

being upcycled into Trex decking. The benches are part of the Trex branded furniture line through Polywood.

Volunteers from the Springfield Rotary Club and from the Springfield Town Library collect and weigh the bags, report the bags’ weight to Trex, and deliver the bags to Trex’s closest participating dropoff retailer location, Shaw’s Supermarket in Springfield.

The Trex Bin will remain in place at the Springfield Town Library. The Springfield Rotary Club has partnered with Friends of Springfield Town Library, the Union Park Neighborhood Association, the Black River Action Group, Springfield on the Move (SOM), and Green on Main. The benches are dedicated to the 95th anniversary of the Springfield Rotary.

For more information, visit [www.springfield-rotary.org](http://www.springfield-rotary.org).

# Cookbook Club Cookie Exchange

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library invites cooking and baking enthusiasts to the January Cookbook Club Cookie Exchange. On Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 5:30 p.m., bring at least a dozen cookies from your favorite cookie recipe – or multiple recipes – and

a container to bring home cookies. We’ll sample and share our favorite cookies and recipes, and everyone will leave with an assortment of cookies to enjoy at home during the cold month. This program was originally scheduled for December, but had to be postponed due to weather conditions.

The club meets every other month, and is free to join. Cooks of all skill levels and ages are welcome. For more information, email [youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, or visit the library online at [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org) or in person at 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

# Advantage Truck Group donates meals to Our Place

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Dec. 23, employees from Advantage Truck Group (ATG) in Westminster delivered hundreds of nonperishable meals of canned chicken, ramen noodles, stuffing, canned peas, and chocolate-chip cookies to Our Place Drop-in Center food pantry.

The donation was

made through Haulin’ 4 Hunger, ATG’s charitable initiative that helps fight food insecurity in its local communities. During December, ATG delivered over 7,000 meals to 15 food pantry organizations near its dealerships Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

“It’s important for every family to have the opportunity to share meals together, especially during the holidays. Haulin’ 4 Hunger is about giving the gift of meals and making a meaningful impact for those struggling to put food on their table,” said

ATG integrated marketing program manager Sarah Harrington.

Since its inception in 2012, Haulin’ 4 Hunger has provided over 80,000 meals and counting to help those in need. With ongoing support from ATG employees and business partners – including Cummins, Dennis K. Burke, G. Lopes Construction, Global Partners, SelecTrucks of New England, UniBank, and Worcester Railers HC, ATG aims to continue to expand its efforts to provide more meals to people facing hunger.



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# Weathervane farmers

BY RON PATCH

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Last week I wrote about factory made weathervanes of the 19th century. Continuing on that subject are blacksmith-made vanes and those made by weathervane farmers. Today, you can add to this list those who are laser cutting sheet metal to make reproduction vanes. Any individual handwork is long absent. There are more fake blacksmith-made vanes on the market than real vanes. As a decorative object for reasonable money, these are a fine accessory to have, and I would recommend, but not for the hundreds of dollars I see these vanes offered at.

## Blacksmith vanes

Blacksmith vanes date back before factory vanes were introduced in about 1850. They were produced by individual blacksmiths with a wide range of subjects, styles, and skill levels.

Most will know there's a difference between steel and iron. Nineteenth-century blacksmith vanes are made of iron, not sheet steel of the 20th century. It is important for collectors to know this to avoid making costly mistakes.

Early 19th-century iron was not as pure as iron produced today. When the blacksmith heated and hammered the iron, he left his fingerprints and small hammer strikes. Sometimes on one side of the vane the blacksmith had a structural iron brace fastened to the

vane to strengthen it. This reinforcing brace may be 3/8 inch to 1/2 inch wide. If the vane is a horse, there might be a brace across the body, up the neck, and down the legs.

If you study a real blacksmith vane, you will notice there are no sharp edges anywhere. An original has been exposed to weather and erosion for 100 years or more. Vanes of modern creation will have sharper edges.

Years ago, I was picking on the road from Westminster West to Putney. There was a large barn with the best blacksmith-made horse vane I have ever seen. It was quite large and folksy as hell. I tried to buy it without success. Every picker knew of it and tried to buy it. A vane

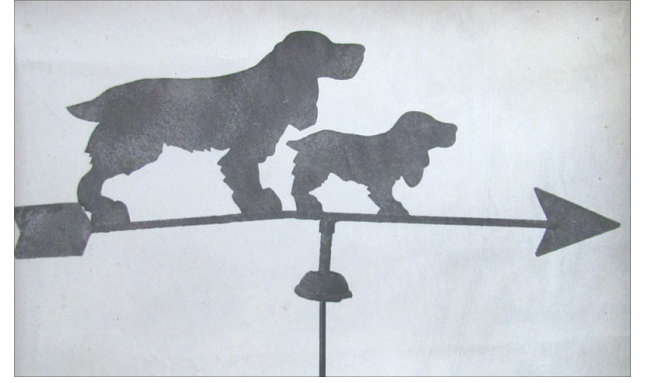
like this will hold its value.

## 20th century

In the early 1980s, as weathervane prices rapidly increased, fake blacksmith vanes began to show up at auction. Making iron appear old is not difficult. A completed vane was buried in a manure pile. The manure would eat into and discolor the metal, and to the unwary looked genuinely old. This is why we use the word "fake." It is done to deceive.

## Weathervane farmers

"Weathervane farmer" was a term I first heard in the early 1980s. These were people grinding out sheet metal vanes. I never saw a weathervane farm, but did hear of them. The farmer would cut out a bunch of vane profiles – horses, pigs,



A blacksmith-made novelty vane, circa 1930s-40s. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

and other figures. After the manure treatment, or sometimes with the aid of acid, they were ready to be exposed to the weather.

The farmer would place the vanes on a post where the weather could affect them. There might have been 50 vanes on a half-acre lot. One or two hot summers, followed by winter's ice and snow, the vanes were now ready to market. Unsuspecting buyers fell for these fake vanes. Today they have reappeared on the market as generational collections have changed hands. There's a new group of unsuspecting buyers.

## Novelty vanes

Novelty vanes are another group of individual-made vanes. Most novelty vanes date from the 1930s-1950s. These are not folksy at all, but more realistic. The photo with this article is one such vane. The detail is very good, but would not make a collector reach deep in his pocket to buy. I would classify it as "cutesy." Folksy is by far the best.

*This week's old saying I heard years ago. Two men were discussing if an antique was original or not when one said, "You can't be a little bit pregnant."*

# Memorial bench in Chester honors Barbara Westine

CHESTER, Vt. – Hundreds of people in Chester remember the remarkable Barbara Westine, whose enthusiasm, energy, and positive spirit encouraged and supported so many worthwhile causes. As one of the founding members of Chester Townscape, Westine provided both dedicated personal and professional support.

Chester Townscape (CT) is known for its many beautification projects around town – seasonal floral decorations in public places, such as bridge boxes and barrels of flowers; Christmas wreaths and greenery; perennial plantings at the information booth, Chester-Andover Family Center, Brookside Cemetery wall, pocket parks, and village gazebos; as well as larger projects, such as the restoration of the Hearse House and Public Tomb. Westine was involved in many of those efforts – but especially in the regular planting, tending, and watering of the flowers at the cemetery wall and information booth. She also arranged for NewsBank, for whom she worked a record number of years, to provide Townscape with meeting space for board meetings, and to supply printing, copying, and lamination services for the informational displays at CT's restored Hearse House.

In recognition of her many kinds of help, Ches-

ter Townscape sought to create a lasting memorial to this outstanding citizen. A subcommittee of Nancy Chute, Cheryl LeClair, Ann Summers, and Rosann Sexton – CT volunteers who are also involved with the very same efforts around the Village Green – contacted the town and Scott Wunderle of Terrigenous. Wunderle had donated his services for the creation and installation of a stone bench beside the Public Tomb in honor of Suzy Forlie, another CT founder who was cochair of that CT renovation.

The chosen Westine memorial is a black, powder-

coated, ductile-iron-and-steel bench in the same style as that at the information booth garden, another CT project for the town. The town agreed on the bench's location, and contributed granite for the foundation of the base. Wunderle and Rachel Diak of Terrigenous contributed the labor for the placement, and the bench was donated by Chester Townscape with the generous support of additional memorial contributions. A cast-bronze plaque on the bench commemorates that collaboration with this wording: "Given by Chester Townscape and the friends

and family of Barbara Westine, 2024." The position of the bench is significant – beside the restored Hearse House, and welcoming every passerby to that area of town where Westine was so personally involved in caring for its beauty, history, and central importance to the town and its residents.

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After you've lived in your home for a while, your habits can change, and your home should adapt with you. Go through each room and look for ways you can make things a little smoother. Here are some examples:

Do you regularly forget where you put your keys when you last walked through the door? Consider installing a

hook or a nail near your door where you can hang them for easy access.

If you don't like paper clutter on your kitchen island, try designating a folder to keep everything together so it can be reviewed easily.

When you have company over, do you have to rearrange your furniture every time for movie nights or parties? Try furniture with hidden seating.

Are there stacks of books on your nightstand table? Maybe a new bookshelf is in order, or you can donate older books to your local library or a Little Free Library to make more room on your shelf.

**Add reminders for home maintenance**

It can be hard to remember to do infrequent maintenance tasks around your home. Make life a little easier for future you. Create a resolution to sit down on your next day off to craft a list of all the important - but sporadic - tasks to do throughout the year, then add reminders to your calendar. Here are some examples to get you started: Test or change the batteries for your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors; clear out your dryer's lint trap; check the gauge and expiration dates on fire extinguishers; make sure your air vents are not blocked and are dust-free; if you have a fireplace, have it professionally inspected and cleaned.

**Prioritize energy efficiency**

No matter the weather outside, there are simple ways you can save money on energy. If you have a program-

mable thermostat, lower the temperature while you're out of the house or on vacation. LED lights use less energy than other types, but they still keep your home well-lit. Even opening curtains during the day and closing them at night can help warm or cool a room naturally.

**Research renovation projects**

If you know you'll get the bug to renovate your home during springtime, you can start planning now. Tasks like choosing paint, comparing contractors, or even deciding whether the project needs additional financial planning don't have to wait for the spring. Creating a budget for the project is a great way to start, as is comparing estimates and shopping for the right company.

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### Community Christian Church of Athens, 126 Brookline Road

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

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

### St. Charles Church, 31 Cherry Hill St.

Masses are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 7 a.m.; Wednesday, at 7 p.m.; Saturday Vigil Mass, at 4 p.m.; and Sunday, at 9 a.m. For more information, call 802-732-8721.

## 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/UMCOofNorthCharlestown](http://www.facebook.com/UMCOofNorthCharlestown) 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.

### Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to [www.chesterbaptist.org](http://www.chesterbaptist.org).

### Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to [www.andovercommunitychurch.org](http://www.andovercommunitychurch.org).

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

### First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry

Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Services will still be live streamed at [www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html](http://www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html). For more information, visit [www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org](http://www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org) or call 802-856-7266.

## LUDLOW, VT.

### Annunciation Catholic Church, 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.

## MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

### Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

We welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

### Walpole Unitarian Church, Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org).

## WESTON, VT.

### The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.

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

## Alice M. Lindquist, 2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Alice Marie (Hazel) Lindquist, a “friend to everyone,” passed away on Dec. 17, surrounded by her family, after a brief illness. She was 79.

Born in Springfield, Vt., to Clark and Elizabeth Hazel, she had one brother, Thomas W. Hazel, who predeceased her. She married the love of her life, Albert Charles Lindquist, in 1966. After traveling with Al during his military service, they returned to Andover and built the cozy log cabin that she called home for the rest of her life, and where she and Al raised two sons Christopher Enoch and Eric Scott.

She was a lifelong member of the Andover Community Church, and expressed her love of God in her everyday actions, caring for others as a nurse and home health aide, shuttling neighbors to appointments, baking pies for fundraising events, and more.



Alice Lindquist, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

She is survived by her husband, her sons, her nieces Tammie Hazel Holloway and Jeanette Hazel Haight, two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren, two grandnieces, and one grandnephew. Plans for a Celebration of Life in the spring will be announced at a later date.

The family would be grateful for donations in her name to Soaring Eagle Charity and Heritage Living Center at [www.soaringeagle.org](http://www.soaringeagle.org).

## Mary Ellen Bagley, 1941-2024

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Mary Ellen (Abbott) Bagley, formerly of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away on Dec. 20, 2024, at her assisted living facility in Orlando, Fla. She was 83, born in Claremont, N.H., in 1941, and was the fifth of seven children of Agnes (Little) and George Abbott. She graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1959. Mary Ellen had been adopted by her aunt Ethelyn (Little) Bagley, and she and brother Edmund lived with her, moving to Florida in 1977. She worked for many years in Bellows Falls, maintaining telephone books and the Yellow Pages. In Orlando, she worked for an automobile parts store.

In retirement, Mary Ellen loved to read biographies. She was always ready to engage in spirited conversation, and enjoyed visitors and a good dessert. Mary Ellen belonged to Jehovah's Witnesses, and

attended services in New Hampshire and Florida with family members. Most recently, she was a member of Orlando's Adanson Street Congregation.

Mary Ellen remained single throughout her life. Even though they predeceased her, she would enjoy recognizing her aunt Ethelyn and uncle Ralph Little Sr., he formerly of Bellows Falls and Jacksonville, Fla. Both made her life more pleasant for their presence.

She is survived by brothers George Lyman Abbott, of Claremont, and Edmund Leslie Abbott, of Orlando; nieces Susan Benware, of Virginia, Ann Marie Rogers, of Plainfield, N.H., Lisa Wallace, of Claremont, N.H., and others; as well as cousin Ralph Little of Jacksonville.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home at Chapel Hill, Orlando, is caring for her, and ashes will be spread according to her wishes.

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# calendar

# LEGAL NOTICES

**JAN. 3 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church Street, First Friday Fundraiser will be held Friday, Jan. 3, from 5-6:30 p.m. Dinner menu includes meatloaf, baked potato, vegetables, salad, dessert, and drinks. There is a suggested donation to benefit the Friends of the Rockingham Free Public Library. Please call ahead for takeout orders at 802-463-3220.

**JAN. 5 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church Street, will host a free family movie afternoon on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m. The movie showing will be "Inside Out." Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**JAN. 11 – ANDOVER, Vt.** – The Andover Snowriders will be holding their 12th annual pasta dinner on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 5-8 p.m., at Andover Town Hall. There will also be a silent auction, basket raffle, and cash raffle. The dinner includes your choice of pasta (penne, ziti, or spaghetti) and sauce (marinara, vodka sauce, or meat sauce), and sides of tossed salad, garlic knots, bread, desserts, drinks, and a seat at the auction table. Takeout orders will be delivered from 5-6:30 p.m. To order delivery, please call 720-425-1917, from 2-4:30 p.m. the day of the dinner.

**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.

**PERKINSVILLE, Vt.** – The Perkinsville Community Church, 35 Church Street in Perkinsville, Vt., will be hosting live music every first Sunday, from 4-5:30 p.m., starting Jan. 5. This historic church has recently been renovated, and will be opening its doors to various other events in the coming months.

**PLYMOUTH, Vt.** – The Plymouth Historical Society will be open for winter hours on the first and third Sundays for the months of January-April. Hours will be 2 to 4 p.m., in the former Plymouth Elementary School, on Route 100 in Plymouth, Vt. Watch for the "Open" flag.

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

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

**TUESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Fletcher Memorial Library will hold an infant and toddler playground every Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., every Tuesday, from December-March. Playgroup is the perfect place for infants and toddlers to explore, learn, and grow together. Give your child the opportunity to make new friends and develop important social skills in a group while you connect with other parents and caregivers, share experiences, and build a supportive community.

**W. TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Burger night is held every Tuesday, from 5-7 p.m., at the West Townshend Country Store, 6573 Vermont Route 30, West Townshend, Vt. There will be live music provided by a different local artist

each week. For more information, visit [www.westtownshend.org](http://www.westtownshend.org), call 802-874-4800, email [info@westtownshend.org](mailto:info@westtownshend.org), or message the store on Facebook.

**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.

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Fletcher Memorial Library will hold winter story time every Wednesday, from 10:30-11 a.m., from December-March. Best suited for ages 5 and under. Story Time is a wonderful weekly routine to establish with your young child. Each week focuses on early literacy activities, stories, songs, and ends with a craft or science exploration. It is a great opportunity for your child to socialize and meet new friends, and for adult caregivers to connect.

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Yoga with strength, balance, and meditation on Wednesdays, at 10 a.m., at Black River Senior Center. Call Lori at 603-401-8123 to register.

**THURSDAYS – CHESTER, Vt.** – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Thursday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class,

no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at [bwquilter1778@gmail.com](mailto:bwquilter1778@gmail.com).

**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.

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

**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.

**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).

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The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 139 Middletown Rd at 5:00 PM on Wednesday January 15, 2025, to hold a public hearing for an application from Scott Febbie and Rachael Bacon Febbie to do a two-lot subdivision at 212 and 220 Edgehill Rd. Please note: this meeting is being held at an earlier time than normal.

Those interested in seeing the application, submitting written comments, or attending the hearings remotely should contact the town's Zoning Administrator at [zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org).

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

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# OPINION

# community news

Dear Editor,

The Chester Selectboard finds itself in an unfortunate state of disagreement with regard to moving the work of our planning commission forward. During the Sept. 18 and Oct. 16 public hearing to adopt proposed changes to the zoning bylaws, the selectboard heard objections from a few households regarding implementing a maximum-density development model for the rural zoning districts. Following lengthy discussions, on Nov. 6, the board ultimately directed the planning commission to revise the bylaws to revert to the existing three- and five-acre minimum lot sizes there, and bring the rest of the proposed changes back for approval as written. This point is made clear within the approved minutes from that meeting, which read:

“Lee [Gustafson, selectboard vice chair] said it sounded like they had given the planning commission what they were looking for to make the next revision. Hugh [Quinn, planning commission chair] summarized he was hearing the consensus direction from the selectboard was not to pursue density-based zoning, and revert to five-acre zoning in the green and three-acre zoning in the yellow, and change the name for the green zone to something they all agreed on, and leave the rest of the proposed changes. The members agreed with Hugh’s summation, and said they appreciated all their work.”

During the next public hearing, conducted on Dec. 18, members of two households voiced objections to the building setbacks in the proposed bylaws. Apparently some selectboard

members misremembered what they’d agreed to at the November hearing, and either sided with the two households’ objections over these relatively minor details, or were undecided as to how to vote between moving the revised bylaws forward or rejecting them yet again.

While it’s never easy to tell members of the public that their preferences regarding a particular issue are outweighed by other factors, it is the role of community leaders to make those hard choices. The Chester Planning Commission worked on the bylaw revisions for many months, as directed by the selectboard, and with the support and guidance of experts in the field of municipal planning. The planning commission held many public meetings, and conducted multiple public hearings, all designed to elicit and incorporate the public’s feedback to their proposed bylaw revisions. To further delay adoption of this work is an affront to each of those who participated in that process, and is a disservice to our town. I hope our selectboard can come together and move to adopt the revised rural zoning bylaws on Jan. 2, and allow our planning commission to move on to begin work on issues impacting the quality of life of Chester’s residents and the sustained success of our business community.

Sincerely,  
Tim Roper, Selectboard Member  
Chester, Vt.

## HCRS hosts disability-inclusive workplace award luncheons

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont’s nonprofit community mental health and developmental services agency, recently hosted their third annual Developmental Services Employer Award luncheons to honor 72 local businesses for their dedication to creating disability-inclusive workplaces. These events, held in Windham and Windsor counties, on Oct. 17 and Oct. 21 respectively, celebrated employers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in fostering supportive, accessible, and inclusive work environments for people with a disability.

Jennifer Merrill, HCRS developmental services (DS) employment manager, was instrumental in organizing these impactful events, which brought together HCRS staff, community partners, and business leaders to spotlight and support workplaces prioritizing equity and accessibility.

“Our community plays a crucial role in promot-

ing equity and ensuring access to good jobs for all,” said Merrill. “These luncheons celebrate HCRS’ commitment to fostering a workforce that values human dignity, and provides an opportunity to express our gratitude to employers for their transformative impact on the lives of our clients. Together, we form a collaborative network of employers, clients, and direct support professionals, working cohesively to provide tailored support services that meet the unique needs of employers and clients alike, enhancing community inclusion.”

The luncheons underscored the critical role of employers in cultivating workplaces where employees of all abilities feel empowered to thrive. Attendees heard inspiring firsthand accounts from employees thriving in these inclusive environments, showcasing the far-reaching impact of these employment practices.

Alicia White, regional manager for HireAbility in Brattleboro and Springfield, delivered a compelling speech on the significance of creating workplaces

where people with disabilities can fully contribute their talents and feel genuinely valued. White emphasized that every role within an organization contributes to a culture of inclusivity, and that partnerships between HCRS and local businesses are instrumental in breaking down barriers and fostering communities built on respect and opportunity.

Each honored employer received a special award recognizing their commitment to disability-inclusive employment. These businesses were celebrated for their efforts to promote workforce diversity through accessible workplace modifications, ongoing support for employees with disabilities, and meaningful job opportunities. These actions align with HCRS’ mission to promote community engagement, equity, and personal growth for people with developmental disabilities.

Two special honors highlighted outstanding contributions to workplace inclusion. The Youth Impact Award was presented to DeCamp Waste Management and Vermont State Parks for inspiring youth with disabilities to join the

workforce through innovative programs. The Adult Employment Award recognized Allen Brothers Farm Market and Price Chopper for their commitment to inclusive hiring practices, fostering opportunities for adults with a disability to thrive in their careers.

As HCRS strengthens its partnerships with local businesses to champion disability inclusion, these awards mark an important step in advancing Vermont’s commitment to accessible and equitable employment. HCRS encourages other employers to explore the benefits of building a diverse workforce, and consider how they can contribute to a more inclusive and supportive job market.

For more information about HCRS developmental services, visit [www.hcrs.org/developmental-services](http://www.hcrs.org/developmental-services).

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## FOLA presents evening with Ellis brothers

LUDLOW, Vt. – To begin the new year, Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA), in conjunction with the Book Nook, has arranged for an evening of readings and short movie screenings, featuring the Ellis brothers, Asher and Jackson, on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m., in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall.

The Ellis brothers are both authors. Asher Ellis has published numerous books, including “The Curse of the Pigman,” “The Remedy,” “Cracker Jack,” and “The Therapy.”

One reviewer of “The Curse of the Pigman” noted, “For fans of heart-pounding, edge-of-your-seat horror and suspense, ‘Curse of the Pigman’ by Asher Ellis is a gripping read that will keep you on the edge of your seat as you join Jason and his allies in a desperate fight for survival against a cult, cannibals, and an ancient curse in the isolated Town of East Valley.”

Jackson Ellis has published “Lords of St. Thomas” and “Black Days.”

One reader of his “Black Days” said, “What a ride. I enjoyed the characters,

even a couple that weren’t very likable. The scenery descriptions are wonderful and full of detail. The story is totally bizarre, and the twists turned out to be a lot of fun. It’s certainly going to keep you turning pages...I read it in one go on a plane and the time just zipped by.”

The authors will provide readings of excerpts from their books, along with some short films about them as well. The short films are “Oh, The Guilt,” directed by Shahab Zargari and written by Roudi Boroum and Jackson Ellis; and “Trophy,” directed by William Peters and written by Asher Ellis. Books by the Ellis brothers will be available, and questions from the audience will be discussed.

For additional information, call 802-228-3238.

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## Raku pottery workshop through the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is excited to offer a raku pottery workshop with Andrew Berends on two consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 11 and Jan. 18, from 1-5 p.m. each day. Register by Saturday, Jan. 4.

Berends will be teaching the exciting Japanese firing technique known as raku. The firings take about an hour, and you get a finished piece at the end. Raku is a fun, exciting technique, where pots are fired to 1,840 degrees, pulled out of the hot kiln, and manipulated with

sawdust and water to change the look of the glazes. The glazes can be metallic, and/or have a crackle effect, making each piece truly unique and one-of-a-kind. We will also fire pots with a technique known as “horsehair” raku, which creates interesting designs on the clay.

The class will include wheel throwing, slab making, as well as extruding instruction. The first day will include making all types of clay work, and the second day will be glazing and firing all the pots in the raku tradition. The class is geared towards teens through

adults, and limited to five students.

The cost of the workshop is discounted for gallery members, and includes 25 pounds of clay, glazes, and firing costs. Wear old clothing, and bring pottery tools if you have them. Directions to Berends’ studio in Springfield will be given at registration.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, visit www.galleryvault.org, or stop by the gallery.

## The Smack Dabs, Rhythm Future Quartet at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents a double bill of good-time swing blues music from the 1930s from The Smack Dabs, and gypsy jazz from Rhythm Future Quartet, on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Next Stage.

The Smack Dabs specialize in good-time swing blues music from the 1930s, featuring the songs of Tampa Red, Big Bill Broonzy, The Harlem Hamfats, and many others. This delightful and timeless genre features a rich variety of musical styles, ranging from mournful blues to joyful celebrations, setting the stage for incredible solo

and group improvisations, and delighting audiences and dancers alike.

The core band includes Mark Earley on guitar, vocals, and kazoo; David Sparr on piano; Jim Gray on upright bass; Mark Berney on cornet; Kit Buckley on saxophone and clarinet; and Jon Kraus on washboard.

The acoustic jazz ensemble Rhythm Future Quartet has a straightforward agenda: to keep the spirit of gypsy jazz alive and expanding in today’s musical universe. The virtuosic foursome, named for a Django Reinhardt tune, offers up a newly minted sound, influenced by the classic Hot Club of France, yet wholly

contemporary. Founded by violinist Jason Anick, the quartet performs dynamic and lyrical arrangements of both gypsy jazz standards and original compositions that draw upon diverse international rhythms and musical idioms. With Max O’Rourke, Henry Ack-er, and Greg Loughman rounding out the quartet, Rhythm Future is dedicated to expanding the boundaries of a vital musical genre.

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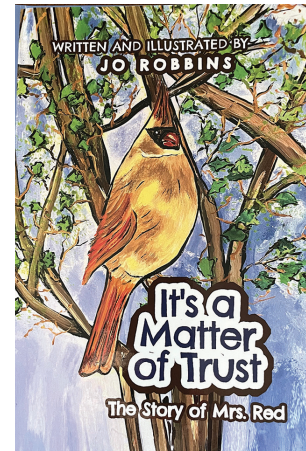
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## New artist at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is pleased to welcome new artist Jo Robbins, author and illustrator of her first children’s book, “It’s a Matter of Trust.”

Robbins is a New England native living in Springfield. She worked as a para-

legal for 40 years in various facets of law. She has also worked with multiple non-profits. Robbins has three grown sons and four grandchildren, and she spends her free time in her home on the bank of a magical brook surrounded by those she loves. She plans on



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