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OVRCC Annual Meeting and awards

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce (OVRCC) held its Annual Meeting on May 21, and it was a resounding success. The event featured a keynote address by Secretary of Agriculture Anson Tebbetts, who led a stimulating discussion on food and farming, and was followed by a Q-and-A.

The evening was further highlighted by the presentation of awards to outstanding members and volunteers. The Volunteers of the Year award was presented by OVRCC board member and volunteer train conductor Preston Bristow, from the Town of Chester, to the Okemo Valley Holiday Express Train elves, other dedicated volunteers, and the Vermont Rail Systems employee whose efforts made the inaugural Holiday Express a tremendous success.

Special thanks to Jeramie Towle, Buffy and Nick Boke, Christine Carter, Cynthia Mischel, Daniel Paucar, David Foster, Donna Alexander, Eric Alden, George and Linda Thomson, Jacob McLaughlin, Jamie Brown, Jane McGarry, Julie Brown-Leonard, Leah Kriebel, Kathy McMahan, Kerry

Kennedy, Kristie Pratt, Lisha Klaiber, Lou Choiniere, Meg Gonzales, Nena Nanfeldt, Shawn Kershaw, Shirley Clark, and Suzanne Garvey.

Additionally, the Member of the Year award was presented by OVRCC Board President Sheena Smith, of the Vermont Country Store, to Iris Fischer-McMorrow. Fischer-McMorrow is a dedicated and dynamic force in both academia and the local business community. An associate professor at the School of Arts and Sciences at Colby-Sawyer College, she also holds a license as a small animal veterinarian.

Four years ago, Fischer-McMorrow founded Fischer Arts in Chester, Vt., a nature-inspired art gallery nestled on the Green in the heart of town. Her passion for collaboration and community-building led her to help establish the Chester Women in Business group, a casual and supportive collective that meets quarterly to brainstorm, share ideas, and solve challenges. With over 30 members representing a variety of local businesses, the group has become a thriving network of innovation and encouragement.

Together, the Chester Women in Business have successfully organized two townwide events: Starry, Starry Night in December, which featured 20 participating businesses; and Bright, Bright Night in June. Anchored to the summer and winter solstices, these celebrations are designed to become annual traditions, bringing vibrancy and engagement to the community.

Fischer-McMorrow is a natural leader, known for her warmth, inspiration, and dedication to strengthening connections among individuals and businesses alike. She embodies collaboration and generosity, working tirelessly to build a more connected and enriched community for all.

The event was hosted at Fox Run, and the venue, The Barn, provided the perfect setting for the evening's festivities.

OVRCC extends its heartfelt thanks to all attendees, volunteers, and members for their continued support and contributions to the commu-

2025 scholarship winners visit Ludlow Rotary

LUDLOW, Vt. – Five of the seven winners of the 2025 scholarships from the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) visited the recent meeting of the club to thank it for the awards. Annually, the LRC offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live in its area of coverage, which includes Ludlow, Mount Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth. To date, the LRC has granted more than \$284,000 in scholarship awards. Pictured above are, from left to right, Kevin Barnes, LRC



The 2025 LRC scholarship winners at a meeting of the club. PHOTO PROVIDED

rotarian; Briana Barton, Windsor High School; Linsey Jane Miles, Green

Mountain Union High School; Lola Saccardo, Compass High School; Andrei Solzhenitsyn, Green Mountain Union High School; and Evan Kirdzik, Green Moun-

Ludlow Rotary passes the gavel

LUDLOW, Vt. – At its annual picnic meeting at the lake home of Tom Harris, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) observed its traditional passing of the gavel, and reviewed the club's achievements in the past year. Outgoing President George Thomson passed the gavel to Kevin Barnes, the new LRC president, and led the Ludlow rotarians in an analysis of what the club had achieved during the past year.

In summarizing the achievements of the past year, Thomson noted, "We have more than doubled the basic goals set forward by Rotary International (RI), earning its Presidential Citation. I want to thank the board members of LRC, along with all the other members of the club, for the great effort and dedication to meeting these goals."

He listed some of the goals achieved during

his tenure, which included working on a global grant from RI for Okemo Valley Technical Rescue, possibly in the range of \$40,000; agreeing to be an international partner with a Rotary club in India to set-up a kidney dialysis facility in rural India; working hard to support the incoming student exchange program, with Jim Rumrill becoming the chair of the Essex Eastern United States Student Exchange program next year. This program, curtailed by Covid for several years, is an important avenue in learning about other nations through their students. Rumrill also led the effort to charter



Outgoing President George Thomson passes the gavel to incoming President Kevin Barnes. PHOTO PROVIDED

the Interact Club at Green Mountain Union High School; awarding \$14,000 in scholarships to seven area graduates. This program has resulted in more than \$285,000 in scholarships since its creation; raising the funds necessary to support scholarship awards and programs for local and regional groups through the Penny Sale, Duck Race, and Chili

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Landscaping at 10 High Street

LUDLOW, Vt. – Thank you to Sean Kane and his people at Mountain Top Greenscapes, who last fall pruned trees and replaced plantings in the green space between the Black River Valley Senior Center and the Black River Academy Museum. The area had been neglected for years, but now is a beautiful location to enjoy the flowering trees, shrubs, and flowers. It is also the home of a new picnic table thanks the carpentry skills of Bill Tucker and Nate Lucas.

The landscaping project



Clockwise from left: Georgia Brehm, Sean Kane, Jean Strong, and Kim Lampert by the new picnic table. PHOTO PROVIDED

was sponsored by the

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Legion Post 36 benefit dinner

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow American Legion Post 36, 133 Main Street, will host a benefit dinner for Jane Campeau on Friday, July 11, from 5:30-7 p.m. The menu will be grilled pork chop, loaded mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-9807.

Fraud awareness at Ludlow Community Center

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Good Neighbor Services (BRGNS) presents “Fraud Awareness” by Art Randolph, senior branch manager at M&T Bank in Ludlow, on July 17, at 11:15 a.m., in the Ludlow Community Center cafeteria. Topics addressed will include identity theft, three ways scammers try to steal your money, five ways to keep scammers and hackers away, how to proactively spot scams, eight common phone scams and their telltale signs, how to protect yourself from scammers, home-based scams, check fraud, email impersonation, caller ID spoofing, and ways to protect the personal information on your phone.

Tech Time at Fletcher Memorial Library

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Memorial Library will host Tech Time with Matt Sydorowich of Sydscompufix, on Saturday, July 19, 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 assistance with their technology, or a simple fix.” Fletcher Memorial Library is located at 88 Main Street in Ludlow. Please find more about the library at www.fml-news.org. This program is free and open to the public. Register for Tech Time by calling the library at 802-228-8921.

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senior center and the museum, with the generous support of the Ludlow Garden Club and The Ludlow Rotary Club.

The Black River Valley Senior Center opens at 8 a.m. weekdays, and provides a variety of activities and events open to everyone. The center is also the local Meals on Wheels site. Call for more information at 802-228-7421. During the summer

months, the Academy Museum is open to the public Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 12-4 p.m. It is the repository of Ludlow area school, cultural, and historic memorabilia. The museum can be reached by calling 802-228-5050.

GAVEL

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Cook-off; distributing books to schools in our district, including personalized books for elementary school youngsters; seeking partnership with area Rotary clubs for LRC’s global grant proposals; and continuing to ensure that LRC members still had fun doing all they could to help local,

regional, and international groups in need of our assistance.

Thomson indicated that he will become an assistant governor in the district, which covers New Hampshire and Vermont.

On accepting the gavel from Thomson, Barnes said he would continue to support efforts to address the club’s goals. “I believe we have achieved a great deal, and it is my intention to

see that we continue to work on these goals and the new ones that will develop. This club may be small when measured in numbers against large Rotary clubs, but it is huge in terms of what it can do and will do.”

Information on the LRC and membership may be obtained from any rotarian, or by a call to Barnes at 802- 802-321-8720.

Springfield Plaza welcomes Kinney Drugs

BY PAULA BENSON

The Vermont Journal

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In a press release dated May 15, the Rite Aid Corporation announced the sale of more than 1,000 store locations across the U.S. to a variety of companies, including Walgreens, Albertsons, Kroger, and others.

Rite Aid issued a statement addressing their valued customers. “For over six decades, Rite Aid has been a proud provider of pharmacy services and products to loyal customers like you. Recently, Rite Aid has experienced a number of financial challenges that have intensified as a result of the rapidly evolving retail and health care landscapes in which we operate.”

While Rite Aid has remained committed to keeping their stores open

during the transitional period, customers of Rite Aid in the Springfield Plaza have been among those sitting tight for the final word on the future of their local pharmacy.

On June 25, regional drugstore chain Kinney Drugs posted the news Springfield residents were waiting for – Kinney Drugs will be taking over the Springfield Plaza location beginning the first full week of August, after acquiring the pharmacy from Rite Aid.

A 100% employee-owned health care company with approximately 100 drugstores across Vermont and New York state, Kinney Drugs released a statement that read in part, “With the additions of the locations at 49 Canal Street in Brattleboro and 55 Springfield Plaza Road in Springfield, we will have 23 drugstores in the Green Mountain State. Although we are new to Springfield

and Brattleboro, we are not new to Vermont! We opened our first drugstore in Saint Albans nearly 70 years ago.”

“Our stores are fully stocked with household, pet care, beauty, general seasonal, gift, and convenience items that customers want to see. Kinney Drugs continues to be a dependable partner in health and wellness, while also offering the products customers want most – all under one roof.”

“Kinney is committed to fulfilling the needs of all of the people who rely on us. Whether you’re part of our community as a customer or an employee, serving you and your family is our team’s top priority.”

All members of the community are invited to leave comments on Kinney Drugs’ Facebook page, letting the pharmacy know what products and services they would like to see, at www.facebook.com/kinneydrugs.

Okemo Valley TV Producer Awards

LUDLOW, Vt. – As part of its Annual Meeting on June 18, Okemo Valley TV announced the recipients of the community TV station’s 2025 Producer Awards. The awards are presented each year to volunteers, in recognition of those whose efforts have stood out in the creation of local programming. The following is the list of the four categories that are awarded annually, along with this year’s recipients and their projects.

Outstanding achievement: Phill Gatenby, for “Vermont’s 100 Covered Bridges.”

Producer(s) of the Year: Dave Pettit and Dave VanGuilder, for “The Average Daves Movie & TV Talk.”

Community Impact: Sammy Blanchette, for “The Tasty Twist.”

Youth Programming: Cavendish After School



Clockwise from top left: Phill Gatenby, Sammy Blanchette and executive director Patrick Cody, the Cavendish After School crew, and Dave Pettit and Dave VanGuilder.

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Program, for “Chicken Little.”

This year, there was one additional award created, to recognize a singular local program that was created by someone for the first time. That one went to the Mount Holly Parent-Teacher Group, for the “Night at the Races” promotional video.

Okemo Valley TV has put together a 14-minute mon-

tage video showing each of the winners and their work, which can be viewed across all of its platforms; live on its channels both on cable TV and streaming online, or on-demand on its website, YouTube channel, and streaming app. A full listing of all of the different ways to tune into Okemo Valley TV can be found on its website at www.okemovalley.tv/watch.

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Aitana Seville wins Bremer History Prize

CHESTER, Vt. – Aitana Seville, a Green Mountain Union High School (GMUHS) seventh grader and National History Day alum, is the 2025 winner of the Frances Bremer History Prize.

The Prize is awarded each year by Paul Bremer, in memory of his late wife Mrs. Bremer, who was an ardent student of history and encouraged others to immerse themselves in American

history. The prize was established in 2020, and carries an award of \$1,000 to a student or group of students at Green Mountain Union High School. Applicants create an original research project on a topic in American history, and the winners are chosen based on the quality of their research, writing, and analysis.

“The winning entry showed that the author had considered and relied on ac-

cess to a wide range of important evidence, including the National Archives,” said Paul Bremer. “It was also important to the prize committee that she had studied and showed the importance of class-action lawsuits.”

Seville also presented her paper at Vermont History Day, where she won first place in her category, qualifying her to attend National History Day in College Park, Md. While attending

the national contest in June, Seville was recognized again by receiving the National Park Service Outstanding Entry Medal.

On behalf of the GMUHS history department and the Seville family, sincere thanks is extended to Paul Bremer for recognizing local history scholars, and to other community members who helped Aitana fund her trip to National History Day.



Aitana Seville.

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“Phantom of the Opera” screening at Coolidge Historic Site

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Join the staff of the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site on Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m., for a special screening of the 1929 silent classic “Phantom of the Opera.” Lon Chaney, famous for his monstrous roles, stars in this classic as the illusive phantom that stalks the

Paris Opera House. This film was first made in 1923, but it was later “remastered” in 1929 to include colorized scenes. Come to learn about the technological marvels of the silent movie era, and stay to be immersed in the story.

The movie will be screened after hours in the

historic Wilder Barn, and the event is rain or shine. No tickets required. Seating is available, but visitors are encouraged to bring a more comfortable lawn chair. Come early to picnic on the grounds or purchase concessions in the Cilley General Store.

“Vermont’s 100 Covered Bridges” recognized by Okemo Valley TV

LUDLOW, Vt. – Phill Gatenby is the recipient of the 2025 Okemo Valley TV Outstanding Achievement Award. Phill is an Englishman in Vermont who has fallen in love with covered bridges, adding to his list of passions which also include the Manchester, U.K., music scene and his beloved Manchester City football club. An active member and ardent supporter of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, last fall he set out on a quest to document all 100 of the state’s covered bridges, starting at the southern end and working his way north. His series, “Vermont’s 100 Covered Bridges”, is part travelogue, part educational, and part cultural heritage, but, as executive director Patrick Cody proclaims, “It’s also first-rate entertainment.”

The series premiered back in December, with a new episode dropping each week. Phill’s now on episode 30, which means that there are 70 more to go, but, says Cody, “It’s already been an outstanding



Okemo Valley TV executive director Patrick Cody presenting award to Phill Gatenby, producer of “Vermont’s 100 Covered Bridges.”

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achievement, as well as a unique and exemplary use of the platform.”

Okemo Valley TV is a nonprofit community television station and media center that provides a variety of media services to the community, including offering local residents equipment, training, and distribution for creating their own programming. Upon receiving the award during a recent visit to Okemo Valley TV, Gatenby said, “I really love that DIY philosophy, and that we have things like this that

we can do it ourselves. I am living proof that a dream can become a reality, because there are resources here to [support] that.”

Yosemite Firehouse Museum works to preserve historic fire coat

CHESTER, Vt. – While the Town of Chester and the nonprofit Friends of Yosemite Firehouse Museum Inc. are working to install the physical improvements that will make the future museum possible at the iconic, twin-towered, historic structure on Route 103, the Friends are working to preserve a special feature that will be an important part of the museum’s future displays: the fireman’s coat belonging to well-known local resident Clair Hesselton.

One of the 11 rubberized canvas turnout coats which were worn by volunteer Chester Firefighters, and left in the firehouse after the two Chester fire districts merged and more heat-protective gear was available, this coat has “Hessie” – the nickname for Clair Hesselton – stenciled on the back. Because it was clearly the coat of the memorable Hessie, the coat has added meaning, and was taken to Museum Textile Services, a premier conservator in Andover, Mass., for conditioning, repair, and conservation,



Clair “Hessie” Hesselton’s fire coat. PHOTO PROVIDED

to allow the coat to be displayed on a mannequin for exhibition at the future museum.

To enable that profes-

sional work, the Friends started a GoFundMe campaign to raise the approximately \$5,500 necessary for restoration and protection. Half the necessary amount has been raised to date to allow the conservation of the coat to begin. Anyone eager to help with this first museum display and the future firehouse museum may access the GoFundMe campaign link at www.gofundme.com/f/help-save-hessies-turnout-coat, or send a tax-deductible contribution to Friends of Yosemite Firehouse Museum, P.O. Box 1221, Chester, VT 05143. For additional information on this or other firehouse projects, please contact Yosemitfirehouse-museum@gmail.com.

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health news

CHURCH SERVICES

North Star Health to open pharmacies

REGION – North Star Health is moving forward with plans to open three new community pharmacies at its health center locations in Londonderry, Springfield, and Charlestown, N.H. Construction will begin this summer, with all three pharmacies expected to have a grand opening in 2026.

This expansion comes at a time when many local pharmacies are closing their doors, leaving residents in rural and underserved areas with fewer options for filling prescriptions and accessing essential medication support.

North Star Health is stepping in to fill that growing void by offering convenient, affordable, and patient-centered pharmacy care within their health centers. The pharmacies will include some discount prescriptions and home delivery to help

ensure that cost and transportation are not barriers to care.

What sets these pharmacies apart is their full integration into North Star Health's system. Pharmacists will work closely with North Star's medical, dental, and behavioral health teams, providing patients with a seamless, coordinated experience. This level of collaboration strengthens continuity of care, reduces errors, and helps patients better manage chronic conditions.

"We're seeing more and more communities lose access to local pharmacies, and that loss creates real consequences for people's health," said Joshua Dufresne, CEO of North Star Health. "We want everyone to have a trusted pharmacy nearby, with a friendly, knowledgeable pharmacist who knows them and is connected to the

rest of their care. That's exactly what we're building."

One goal is to reimagine how pharmacy care can work in connection with primary care – especially in rural regions where gaps in the health system are most pronounced.

The addition of these three pharmacies is directly aligned with North Star's mission to connect with and care for the community, so everyone may enjoy health and wellness.

This project will thrive with community support. If you would like to contribute to North Star Health Pharmacy Project, please donate at www.northstarfhc.org/pharmacy, or send a check to North Star Health, Attn: Charitable Gifts, 100 River Street, Springfield, VT 05616.

Mountain View Physical Therapy to temporarily relocate

LUDLOW, Vt. – Springfield Hospital is announcing that Mountain View Physical Therapy, currently located at 8 Main Street in Ludlow, Vt., will be temporarily relocating, effective July 18. This decision is part of an ongoing initiative establishing strategic priorities and ensuring health care accessibility and efficiency in the region, particularly in light of the evolving health care landscape and efforts to improve the affordability of health care services.

The team at Mountain

View Physical Therapy is dedicated to ensuring that all patients continue to receive the highest level of care during this transition. Patients will be contacted directly to reschedule their appointments at one of two convenient alternative locations: 100 River Street in Springfield, Vt.; or 1 Hospital Court in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Springfield Hospital is actively reviewing all options to improve operational efficiency and ensure cost-effective access to health care services for the region. The relocation of physical therapy services will help en-

sure continued local access to physical therapy services.

"We understand that change can be challenging, and we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for our physical therapy patients," said Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital. "Our goal is to continue to maintain the high standards of care our patients have come to expect from Springfield Hospital while also adapting to the current health care climate."

For further information, or to schedule an appointment, please call 802-886-8920.

Residents to ride up to 186 miles to fight cancer

NEEDHAM, Mass. – During the weekend of Aug. 2-3, Cavendish resident Betty McEneaney will be among 47 riders from Vermont joining more than 6,800 cyclists in the 46th Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), a two-day bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, with the goal of raising \$76 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The PMC is the nation's single most successful athletic fundraising event, having raised more than \$1 billion for Dana-Farber since its founding in 1980. In 2024, the PMC raised a record-breaking \$75 million.

"Thanks to the determination of PMC riders, volunteers, donors, and sponsors, we are closer by the mile to funding the cures for cancer," said Billy Starr, PMC founder and chairman. "Our collective impact demonstrates what is possible

when people rally around a shared mission. Now, the PMC community is focused on raising the next billion."

Every dollar raised by PMC riders goes directly to Dana-Farber to support innovative cancer research and patient care, accounting for 66% of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. As Dana-Farber's single largest donor, the PMC has helped fuel decades of breakthroughs, including Dana-Farber's pivotal role in the development of more than half of all cancer drugs approved by the FDA from 2018-2022.

Each PMC Ride Weekend, cyclists come together from all corners of the world to pedal anywhere from 25 to 186 miles and raise as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Most ride in honor of loved ones fighting cancer, and more than 1,100 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or patients themselves, considered living proof of the PMC mission. There are also 160 Dana-Farber employees committed to the cause as riders and vol-

unteers, in some cases to fund their own cancer research.

There is still time to participate in this year's ride – registration for PMC 2025 is open through June 30 for riders and volunteers.

The PMC is copresented by the Red Sox Foundation and M&T Bank. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town, or to register as a rider or volunteer, visit www.pmc.org, or call 800-WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2025 on Facebook, X, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

BELLOWS FALLS

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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.

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.

GRAFTON

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

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

PERKINSVILLE

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

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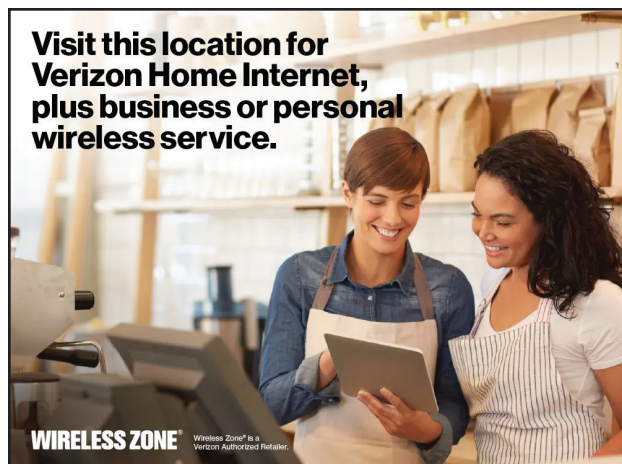
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to www.walpolenhucc.org or www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

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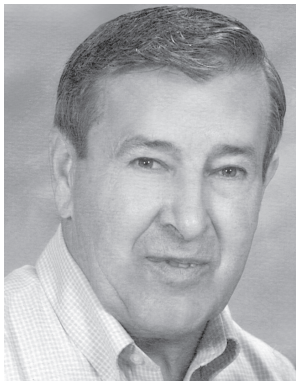
LUDLOW, Vt. – Salvadore F. Ciufu, 85, died Friday, July 4, 2025, at his home in Ludlow, Vt. He was born Dec. 10, 1939, in Springfield, Vt., the son of John and Amelia Ciufu. He graduated from Black River High School in Ludlow.

On Aug. 31, 1958, he married Joan Wortman, at the Church of Annunciation in Ludlow. She predeceased him on Nov. 13, 2014.

He was employed as a tool maker with General Electric for 40 years, retiring in 2000.

He was a member of the National Guard, and a past member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working in his machine shop, and doing carpentry, and enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons Thomas J. (Wendy) Ciufu, of Springfield, Ted F. (Yvonne) Ciufu, of Rutland, and Terry M. (Judy) Ciufu, of North Clarendon; six grandchildren Shawn, Tristan, Terry Jr., Mike, Bryce, and Tanner; and five great-grandchildren Isabella, Travis, and Luke Ciufu,



Salvadore Ciufu, 1939-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

and Knox and Stellan Lanfear. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his sibling Angelo Ciufu, Anthony Ciufu, Rita Langello, and Victor Ciufu.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday evening, July 10, from 6-8 p.m., at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, July 11, at 11 a.m., at the Davis Memorial Chapel.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bayada Hospice, 190 South Main Street, Suite 2, Rutland, VT, 05701.

Robert J. Collins Jr., 1971-2025

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On July 4, 2025, Robert J. “Bobby” Collins Jr., 53, died unexpectedly, at his home in Londonderry, Vt. Born in Bennington, Vt., on Aug. 1, 1971, he was raised in Chester, and graduated from Green Mountain Union High School in 1989. As a multisport athlete, he excelled in varsity soccer, basketball, baseball, and ice hockey.

After graduating Becker Junior College in 1991, Bobby became a professional painter for Ray Wilcox and the late Jerry Stevens of BMW Painters, and worked at Stratton Mountain Resort. Later in life, and until his unexpected death, he was a private painting contractor.

To know Bobby was to love Bobby; the life of the party, and your one true friend. He loved his family, blood and chosen, his lifelong network of friends. His passion for Boston sports was unmatched, Boston Red Sox – “Yankees suck!” and the Patriots, the Celtics, and the Bruins.

An avid, lifetime outdoorsman, he loved fishing and hunting, especially on Brophy Lane and Stephentown. He loved NASCAR and Skoal long cut mint. He



Robert Collins Jr., 1971-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

loved people and the great outdoors, and had the ability to make friends wherever he went.

Bobby is survived by his parents Robert J. Sr and Cynthia, of Chester, Vt.; his sister, Linda Collins, of Cavendish, Vt.; and his longtime partner Hilary Dawley, her son Tyler, and their cats, of Londonderry, Vt.

There will be no calling hours or public burial.

Please join his family in celebrating his life on Sunday, July 13, at 1 p.m., at Vermont Vines Vineyard, 275 Williams Road, Rockingham, Vt.

Honorary pallbearers are David Montaquila, Scott Renfro, Sam Gordon, Matt Wilson, Jason Klezos, and Andy Rigby.

Edith M. Hussey, 1928-2025

WINDHAM, Vt. – Edith Mae (Lambert) Hussey passed away on July 2, 2025, peacefully in her home, surrounded by family.

She was born in Springfield, Vt., on Sept. 13, 1928, the daughter of George and Evelina (Rouilliard) Lambert.

Edith married the love of her life Bernard M. Hussey in 1945. They raised nine children while residing in Vermont, Florida, California, and then back to Vermont again.

Raising nine children was her primary job. She did work for Grants department store, and as a cook at Mount Saint Joseph school in Rutland, Vt.

She and Bernard settled for the small-town life in Windham. They owned and operated a small store, Twin Maples Groceries, near the Windham Fire Department. Edith had bells on the doors that she could hear from her home if people entered, and she would walk to the store – usually barefoot – to wait on customers. She was also known for always having free hot coffee and baked goods for customers. It wasn't uncommon to see her behind the counter, with a customer pulled up in the front of the counter, and they would be playing a game of cribbage. Edith was also known to open the store in the middle of the night for a family if their child had a fever and they needed some aspirin.

Edith and her husband Bernard were contributing founders of the Windham Volunteer Fire Department. They had a hand in helping to build the building on family land. Edith is also known for starting the famous pie auction that brings in hundreds of dollars in donations each year to the Windham Volunteer Fire Department. In the late 1970s, two brothers were arguing over who was going to buy her well-known apple pie. It ended up going to the brother who was willing to pay the most for it. From that point on, each year the fire department hosts a pie/bakery auction in August. For several years, the Hussey's phone number was the number for people to call if there was a fire. Edith had a call tree that she would activate if a call came in for a fire.

Edith started the Ladies Auxiliary at the Windham Fire Department. She prided in the Fire House Cookbook that she spearheaded. Many Windham families and friends contributed their favorite recipes, and the book was sold as a fundraiser.

Edith enjoyed baking, reading, knitting, quilting,



Edith Hussey, 1928-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

and bingo. She was known for her ability to knit while reading a book.

For more than 50 years, Edith has volunteered at Thrifty Attic in Londonderry, Vt. She was an icon there. Many people would show up on Wednesdays and Saturdays to see her more than to shop. Some call it “Edie's Store.”

Edith was predeceased by her parents, her husband in January 1989, her son Bernard M. “Mike” Hussey Jr. (2020), one granddaughter, two great-granddaughters, a great-grandson, and a great-great-grandson. She is also predeceased by all of her siblings.

Edith is survived by her daughters Donna M. (Hussey) Cummings, of Springfield, Vt., Brenda J. (Hussey) Vandenburg, of Aynor, S.C., Judith A. (Hussey) Lopez, of New Bern, N.C., Karen S. (Hussey) Baccei (Stephen), of Rutland, Vt., Cathy L. (Hussey) Clay, of Windham, Vt., Cindy L. (Hussey) Beard, of North Clarendon, Vt., Elaine M. (Hussey) Robertson, of Aynor, S.C., and Barbara J. (Hussey) Vandenburg (Kenneth), of Springfield, Vt.

She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild on the way, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A special thank-you to Hospice, VNA, and a special granddaughter Billie Jean. Their time and commitment made it possible for Edith to stay home where she wanted to be.

Friends and family may gather for visiting hours at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., on Friday, July 11, from 4-6 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Davis Chapel on Saturday, July 12, at 2 p.m. The burial will follow at the North Windham Cemetery on Popple Dungeon Road, Windham, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice, VNA, Windham Volunteer Fire Department, and the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad.

CCCA remembers Barbara Dickey

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Barbara Dickey, a vibrant and much-loved Cavendish resident, friend to many, creator, and contributor to community organizations, is no longer with us in body, although her spirit will always be a part of our collective.

She was an integral part of the Cavendish Community and Conservation

Association (CCCA). One of her most visible contributions was creating the Historic Barn Recovery program, helping many homeowners in our community apply for grants to restore their old barns. She was also instrumental in creating the Cavendish Community Fund, which was so successful it ceded from the CCCA to form its own nonprofit organization.

We held many meetings in her lovely home, marveled at her lemon tree, admired her dog Mick, ate her delicious food, and enjoyed vibrant conversation. Always open to change, we watched as she and her son Andy transformed the house on Main Street, and created the perfect new home where she could spend the rest of her life.

Thank you, Barbara, for all that you contributed, and the joy of life that you shared.

Arden R. Peplau, 2025

SOUTH READING, Vt. – Arden R. Peplau, 90, of South Reading, Vt., passed away on Monday, June 9, 2025.

Michelle West Scharwath service notice

LUDLOW, Vt. – A funeral service for Michelle West Scharwath will be held on Thursday, July 17, at 2 p.m., at the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow. Reception to follow at the family home.

Shirley Waldo memorial service

CHESTER, Vt. – A memorial service for Shirley Waldo, who passed away May 3, 2025, will be held on July 19, at 1 p.m., at the Chester Baptist Church.

Barbara Snide memorial service rescheduled

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A memorial service for Barbara Snide, who passed away Feb. 22, 2025, will be held at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., on July 26, at 2 p.m.

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JULY 10 –
 LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Memorial Library will hold a book discussion on “James” by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Percival Everett, on Thursday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m. The book is a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” told from the perspective of the enslaved Jim.

JULY 11 –
 CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The East Bay Jazz Ensemble will be performing a free concert on Friday night, July 11, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road. Refreshments on sale will be burgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, hot and cold beverages, and ice cream sandwiches. We will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets. Be sure to bring a lawn chair, and please join us for a fun evening of entertainment.

JULY 12 –
 BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Tri Town Collectors Club announces its upcoming free hobby show giveaways featuring comic books, coins, paper money, sports cards, stamps, postcards, and other collectibles, at the Brattleboro Holiday Inn, on Saturday, July 12. A daylong series of hobby activities that is packed with fun for the whole family. For any interested youth in attendance, there will be a special quiz for collectors of all ages. This month we welcome two special

guest with large displays of stamps and postcards, in addition to our usual coin and sports card dealers. There is no admission charge. Anyone wishing to set up to sell their material may do so by contacting Joe Fuller at 802-379-2353 or pepsijoseph@yahoo.com.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will hold a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., rain or shine, at 5 School Street. The sale will include household items, collectibles, tools, sports equipment, craft materials, books, artwork, and a bag sale section.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield United Methodist Church, 10 Valley Street, is having a chicken barbecue on Saturday, July 12, from 2 p.m. until the food is sold out, during the Springfield Street Fest, which runs from 3:30-8 p.m. The menu is ½ chicken (original recipe), pasta salad, coleslaw, and watermelon. Everyone is welcome.

JULY 17 –
 CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Summer Music Festival continues Thursday, July 17, from 6:30-8 p.m., on the Academy Lawn, 230 Main Street, Chester, Vt., with JD and the Stonemasons. The rain venue is the Chester Town Hall, 556 Elm Street. JD and the Stonemasons arrived on the New Hampshire music scene in

2021, and since then have been sharing their distinct Irish-American sound all over the U.S. Their original songs take inspiration from the robust traditions of Ireland, England, and Scotland, with a dash of American bluegrass.

JULY 19 –
 ALSTEAD, N.H. – Beekeepers must take timely steps to control American Foulbrood and Varroa mites to save the bees. Charles Andros, former New Hampshire and Vermont apiary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, July 19, from 1-4 p.m., at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, N.H. – look for the “BEE” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. The topics of discussion will be taking off and extracting honey, wax processing, queen assessment and requeening, treatment of mites and foulbrood, and making propolis tincture. Bring a veil if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Registration is required, please email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

WESTMORELAND, N.H. – The Simmering Summer Sale: Books and More will be held on Saturday, July 19, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at 9 South Village Common in Westmoreland, N.H., behind the brick church. The sale will feature camping and outdoor supplies, garden tools and supplies, toys, board

games, small appliances, a small refrigerator, small tables, fabric and craft supplies, many new novels, and puzzles. Sales benefit the Westmoreland United Church.

SUNDAYS –
 CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

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

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Historical Society at the former Plymouth Elementary School will be open Sunday afternoons, from 2-4 p.m. Watch for the “Open” flag.

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

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100,

1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

TUESDAYS –
 BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5 p.m.

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Every Wednesday morning, from 8-11 a.m., at the Springfield VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, we get together with fellow veterans for coffee and donuts, and socialize for a few hours. All veterans of all ages are welcome. You do not have to be a VFW or American Legion member to come. Call

802-885-6008 for more information.

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

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 –
 W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Pizza night is held every Friday, 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, call 802-874-4800, email info@westtownshend.org, or message the store on Facebook.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The Proctorsville Farmers Market will be held on the Proctorsville Green every Friday, from 4-7 p.m., from June to mid-October. Join us for fresh food, handmade goods, music, and connection.

FULLTIME EMS PROVIDER

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The Springfield Fire Department is seeking a fulltime EMS Provider to primarily perform non-emergency transfers as well as EMS emergency/911 calls. Overtime opportunities exist and an **EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE** is offered! Currently, this is a Monday through Friday position, guaranteeing you will be home every night. If desired, this candidate may attend other trainings associated with emergency services which may include firefighting, advanced EMS licensing, rescues and any hazard we face as an all hazards emergency response department. Minimum qualification requires an NREMT license with NREMTPT preferred; however, EMT’s (Basics) are encouraged to apply.

Any interested candidates should indicate an interest to Chief Paul Stagner, any on duty officer, or stop by and grab an employment application.

POSITION: Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Provider **DATE:** June 25, 2025

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:00 pm on **Monday, August 4, 2025** to consider the following:

Application # 25-35 Application #25-35 Jonathan Whitman (Owner) – property located at 18 Metcalf Drive. The Applicant is requesting a 16’ x 16’ shed between the greenhouse & barn in the Historic District. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review, Section 445 Village District Zone and Article IX Historic Preservation District Zone** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application # 26-01 Application # 26-01 Lift House LLC. (owner) property located at **69 Annies Hill Rd.** The Applicant is requesting a Lot Line Adjustment. Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential District; and 215 Zoning Permit Procedures** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Dear Editor,

We concluded the 2025 legislative session with the passage of two consequential bills – systemic education reform, and limiting the use of cell phones in schools. Both are intended to further our commitment to our children to provide them with a sane, effective, and affordable education. It was a contentious end to the session in both houses, with passionate people speaking their minds about issues they care deeply about. I will concentrate on the education reform bill in this last update, as it has gotten most of the attention, although banning cell phones in schools, which I cosponsored and strongly supported, might end up being the more consequential bill.

H.454, “An act relating to transforming Vermont’s education governance, quality, and finance systems,” was a hard vote for nearly everybody. And that is as it should be. It passed the Senate with more Republican votes than Democratic votes, it was advocated for strongly by the governor, and it received bipartisan support in the House. That said, there were many, many legislators strongly opposed to this bill. Ironically, the two blocks of legislators most opposed were from rural, small-school areas; and from Chittenden County. Once again, the independent school issue received disproportionate attention relative to the number of enrolled students and the potential financial impact of changes to how we govern them.

While I voted “no” on this bill when it first came out of the House months ago, I voted “yes” last night. I felt the bill evolved just enough by providing some flexibility and protections to both our small, rural schools, and to our independent schools. That said, I have multiple concerns about the bill. The good news and the bad news is that this bill is just a first step in a multiyear process of education reform. Yes, it is a massive, sweeping change to our system. And there is so much left to figure out – both from this bill as studies, rulemaking, and further analyses are undertaken, but also in the coming years as we address major cost drivers that were not even touched in this bill; special education, and career and technical education (CTE) in particular.

So, what does H.454 do? The basics: It mandates consolidation of Vermont’s 119 school districts down to 10-20 districts, and, potentially, supervisory unions. The goal here is to create appropriate scale to support our steadily declining student population – down from more than 120,000 decades ago to close to 80,000 today. How these districts are drawn will be highly contentious and very important, especially for maintaining the ability of our independent schools to operate.

It changes how education is funded. Our current system of local school boards creating budgets and sending them to the state to fund – which allows for considerable inequity in educational opportunity across

the state – will change to a so-called, “foundation formula,” meaning the state Agency of Education will set a dollar amount per pupil that is the same for all students across the state, with some adjustments for English as a second language learners and other categories. This is how 48 other states fund education. It allows for better planning, cost containment, and more consistency across the state.

Obviously, there are many other elements of the bill, including targets for class sizes, a change in homestead taxation to better support low- and moderate-income Vermonters, a statewide calendar and standards, and much more.

To go back to the beginning, we embarked on this challenge of systemic reform because property taxes had gotten too high. Vermont’s staff-to-pupil ratio is one of the highest in the nation, and our outcomes are middle of the pack. With our student population in rapid decline, there was an imperative for change.

Some of my questions and concerns: Unfortunately, it is hard to predict the effect of this bill on property taxes. It will take years to implement, and when fully operational it will likely only serve to reduce future tax burden increases rather than actually lowering taxes.

The governor pushed for a more rapid implementation of this bill, by a year. While I appreciate the urgency, change of this magnitude takes time to do

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well, and for our already overburdened educators to adapt to. I would prefer to go slow and get it right.

Health care costs are one of the primary cost drivers. While we enacted two good bills this session to help mitigate health care costs, there are few levers for us to pull at the state level. But we will work hard on this next session.

The Agency of Education, which is tasked with much of the work related to the coming transition, is not properly staffed or supported. It is absolutely essential that they increase capacity and improve quality in short order to support our schools during the tumult of systemwide change.

The federal government is reducing support for education in many ways. And, if the big bill in congress passes, our state budget will be a mess due to Medicaid cuts and other elements of the bill. Can we transform education while dealing with a budget crisis and a severe diminishment in social services to Vermonters, including SNAP and Dr. Dynasaur?

All in all, when I take a step

See **MORROW** on Page 8

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HELP WANTED

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Housekeeper wanted one day per week, 5-6 hours. Call 203-645-6405.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Electric is seeking a skilled and experienced Department Manager for Electric Utility. The salary range: is \$130,000-\$150,000 with a generous benefit package. For more details and how to apply, go to www.ludlowelectric.com.

YARD SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Yard sale on Saturday, July 12, from 9-4, and Sunday, July 13, from 1-3. 58 Harvard Street, Springfield.

TOWN OF CHESTER, VERMONT

CHESTER SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

FOR EXAMINATION OF PREMISES AND PUBLIC HEARING TO LAY OUT, ALTER, RECLASSIFY, AND/OR DISCONTINUE PORTIONS OF PUBLIC TOWN HIGHWAYS #18 (A/K/A THOMPSON ROAD) AND #78 (A/K/A JEWETT ROAD) AND TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT CHESTER BO 1442(39) TO REPLACE BRIDGE NO. 62

Pursuant to Title 19, Chapter 7, Section 709 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Selectboard of the Town of Chester hereby gives notice that the Chester Selectboard shall convene and conduct a site visit starting at 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2025, to begin on the westerly side of the Williams River at the intersection of Jewett Road (T.H. #78) and VT Route 103. Following the site visit, the Selectboard will recess to the Chester Town Hall located at 556 Elm Street, Chester, Vermont, to hold a hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. on July 24, 2025, for the purposes of receiving testimony and hearing all persons interested in the matter of whether the public good, necessity, and convenience requires the laying out, altering, reclassifying, and/or discontinuance of Town Highways #18 (Thompson Road) and #78 (Jewett Road) or portions thereof and the replacement of Bridge No. 62 on and across lands owned by Arielle Goddard, Amy Kathryn Franzen, and Peter Franzen (Landowners) (SPAN No. 144-045-11263) and acquiring those easements and rights from the Landowners as are necessary to implement and complete the Transportation Project Chester BO 1442(39) to replace Bridge No. 62 (“Proposed Improvement Bridge Project”).

The Proposed Improvement Bridge Project and related laying out, alteration, reclassification, and/or discontinuance of town highways is depicted on State of Vermont Agency of Transportation R.O.W. Plans, Chester Project Number BO 1442(39), Sheets 1, and 3 through 9 of 11, dated 8/8/2023. The right of way easements and/or rights of the Landowners required to complete the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project are set forth in the Right of Way Description for Chester BO 1442(39) Parcel 1. Both documents may be viewed on Chester’s website using the following link: <https://www.chestervt.gov/highway-department.html> or in person at the Chester Town Offices located at 556 Elm Street, Chester, Vermont. Copies of the above documents will be made available upon written request.

The Selectboard will also consider and receive evidence and testimony from all persons interested as to any damages to be awarded the Landowners in the event the Selectboard determines that the public good, necessity and convenience require the laying out and/or altering of town highways or portions of town highways across or upon lands of the Landowners to complete the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project.

If after examination of the premises and hearing any and all interested persons, the Chester Selectboard judges that the public good, necessity and convenience of all the inhabitants of Chester require that the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project be implemented and that said highway(s) or portions thereof be laid out, altered, reclassified, and/or discontinued, it will be so ordered and a determination of any damages to be paid to the Landowners to acquire the easements and rights necessary to complete the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project will be made.

This Notice is being served on the following interested persons by U.S. Certified Mail, RRR:

Property owner:
Arielle Goddard
Amy & Peter Franzen
69 Jewett Road
Chester, VT 05143

Mortgage holder:
Primelending, a Plain Capital Company
c/o Mortgage Electronic Recording System (MERS)
P.O. Box 2026
Flint, MI 48501

Abutters:
Lisa Kaiman
157 Thompson Road
Chester, VT 05143

Utilities:
Green Mountain Power (GMP)
163 Acorn Lane
Colchester, VT 05446
callcenter@greenmountainpower.com

Richard & Phyllis Jewett
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Chester, VT 05143

Green Mountain Power (GMP)
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191 Jewett Road
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DATED at Chester, Vermont this 23rd day of June 2025.

TOWN OF CHESTER SELECTBOARD

BY: 
Lee Gustafson, Chair

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS

The Chester Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. This public notice is given pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 4444.

The purpose of the proposed bylaws amendment is to implement changes required to enable reduced Act 250 regulation and take advantage of additional funding sources for housing projects in areas served by municipal water and sewer. Changes include updates to dimensional standards and subdivision standards.

The proposed amendment will primarily affect areas serviced by municipal water and sewer. The amended Sections of the Bylaws include 2.3 Village Center, 2.3.1 Village Green, 2.4 Village Mixed Use, 2.6 Stone Village, 2.7 Neighborhood, 5.2 Road Design and 5.3 Utility Design

The full text of the proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws may be viewed at the Town Clerk’s office and on the home page of the Town’s website at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 3rd day of July 2025.
Hugh Quinn, Planning Commission Chair

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real estate

First-time homeowners DIY

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stretching your budget.

Budgeting and planning

One of the biggest reasons to DIY? You can save serious dollars. In fact, a 2024 report by NerdWallet showed that on average, DIY projects cost less than half of professional projects.

"While it's tempting to cut corners on costs, investing in high-quality products upfront can save you significantly in the long run. Quality materials offer durability and better performance, minimizing the need for frequent replacements or repairs. Think of it as buying peace of mind – a well-chosen faucet, sturdy cabinetry, or durable flooring can elevate your

home for years to come," said Danielle DeBoe Harper, senior creative style manager, Moen.

Once you have a map of prioritized projects, plot when you want to tackle each one on the calendar.

Defining your home's aesthetic

Before diving in, ensure you're investing in an aesthetic that resonates with you ver-

sus what is trending online.

Try browsing the aisles of a home decor store. When visiting a friend's home, mentally note what you love and what you'd leave. Pick up a few home decor magazines at the grocery store. And, of course, your phone or computer holds a treasure trove of style inspiration, renovation tutorials on social media, and more.

Diving in

Before getting to work, ensure you have versatile supplies for various projects. The essentials include: a hammer, flathead and Phillips screwdrivers, painter's tape, and a power drill.

Now it's time to DIY. Not sure how to approach a project? Lean on inspiration from friends and family, use YouTube tutorials to walk you through it, or get instructions

from an expert at your local hardware store.

"One of the first projects I recommend is painting, since it's a relatively affordable update that can completely transform the way a room comes together," said DeBoe Harper. "You can paint an entire room, or update a piece of furniture or cabinetry with a new color. Other high-impact projects that can be done at a lower cost include swapping hardware, like cabinet knobs or pulls, installing a new showerhead, building bookshelves, changing the kitchen faucet, or hanging peel-and-stick wallpaper."

Remember, a successful DIY renovation is built on planning, preparation, and a willingness to learn.

Article written by State-Point.



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back, I think to myself that there was a risk to doing nothing; there was a risk to taking more time, and pushing the process out another year; there was no guarantee that if we took more time the bill would get any better, given the political tensions and realities; we need to trust the process, as imperfect and fraught as it is, as a tremendous amount of study, testimony, and financial analysis went into constructing this bill; it was a classic political compromise, so both chambers, all parties, and the executive branch have a vested

interest in making this work for our kids and education community; and we all need to stay engaged in the coming years to improve and guide the process so we can achieve an equitable, excellent, and affordable education system.

It was an honor representing Andover, Londonderry, Weston, and Winhall this session. Thank you for your support. Please reach out with questions and comments and if I can help navigate state government for you.

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Crown Point Board of Realtors hosts annual Golf for a Cause

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Crown Point Board of Realtors proudly hosted its ninth annual Golf for a Cause charity golf tournament on June 3, at Fox Run Golf Course, raising approximately \$8,500 to support local residents in times of need. This vibrant event brought together 81 players for a spirited day of golf, games, and community camaraderie, all under a festive Margaritaville theme.

Proceeds from the event are used to provide emergency assistance and housing repair funds to individuals and families impacted by fires or other devastating events. Each year, local real estate agents come together in service to their communities, demonstrating a strong commitment to giving back and supporting their neighbors during difficult times.

The tournament, known for its relaxed scramble format, side games, and lighthearted “shenanigans,” has become a highly anticipated tradition in the region. Its continued success is thanks in large part to the generosity of event sponsors, whose contributions make a direct impact in the lives of those helped by the Crown Point Board of Realtors’ charitable efforts.

The Crown Point Board of Realtors would like to thank this year’s sponsors.

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With the help of sponsors, players, and volunteers, the 2025 Golf for a Cause tournament once again showcased the compassion, collaboration, and community spirit that defines the Crown Point Board of Realtors.

Ethan Tapper book talk

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Forester, social media influencer, bestselling author, and Saxons River native Ethan Tapper will be speaking and sharing from his recent book “How to Love a Forest” on Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m., at the 24 Main Community Building in Saxons River, Vt. There will be a small minimum donation per person at the door. Tapper will be donating all ticket proceeds to the 24 Main Community Building, a place in Saxons River where he spent meaningful time as a child.

Tapper is a forester, author, birder, naturalist, and digital creator. For more than a decade, Tapper has worked as a consulting forester and a service forester, managing thousands of acres of forestland and advising thousands of landowners. In this capac-

ity, Tapper has been recognized as a thought leader and a disruptor in the conservation community of the northeastern United States and beyond, winning multiple regional and national awards for his work.

In 2024, Tapper published his first book, “How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World,” which quickly became a bestseller, was endorsed by prominent nature writers including Bill McKibben, Doug Tallamy, and Ben Goldfarb, and was named a finalist for the Vermont Book Award. Since the publication, Tapper has become a prominent advocate and public speaker, delivering hundreds of talks and keynotes across the United States and Canada. In 2024, Tapper also started social media channels on Instagram,

Facebook, YouTube, and TikTok, all under the handle @HowToLoveA-Forest, which now have hundreds of thousands of followers, with content viewed by millions of people each month. Today, Tapper owns and operates his own consulting forestry business, works, writes, hunts, and birds at Bear Island – his 175-acre working forest, homestead, and sugar-bush – creates social media content, and plays in his 10-piece punk band The Bubs.

Come learn more about Tapper and his work at 24 Main Street in Saxons River. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Side Hill Cronchers hold golf tournament

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Friday, June 20, the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club hosted a fundraising golf tournament at Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt., in honor of our president of 30 years, John Murphy. John has volunteered countless hours of time for our club in all aspects, from grooming, to fundraising, and everything in between. He is the glue that holds us together. We would like to express our gratitude to all the players, volunteers, sponsors, and Fox Run Golf Club/Calcutta’s for contributing to the day’s success. We are genuinely humbled by everyone’s generosity. We also extend our thanks to The Killarney Irish Pub for helping kick off our pregame festivities by hosting our gathering the previous night. Both The Killarney and Fox Run/Calcutta’s did an excellent job. Benson’s Chevrolet added to the fun by sponsoring some of the holes with big prizes. Everyone totally enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the Todd Sanderson Team for winning the tournament.

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Side Hill Cronchers President John Murphy has served in the role for 30 years. PHOTO PROVIDED

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The Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers is a volunteer club which maintains the snowmobile trails in Ludlow, Vt. The generous support the club received is a major help in funding those efforts. Proceeds will go toward the club’s various volunteer efforts in the Ludlow area.



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Four artists create four masterpieces

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – “Londonderry-Aire: A Cocktail Party and More” is the theme of this year’s fundraiser for the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society. Join friends and supporters on July 11, at 5:30 p.m., where art and history will take center stage. Four local artists will paint the same local landmark in a paint-around. Each artist will have a hand in all four

paintings, creating four unique masterpieces which will be raffled off at the end of the evening. Nordic Harmoni will regale guests with Londonderry-themed tunes, and guests will be able to enjoy drinks in festive celebration while exploring and participating in an exciting scavenger hunt through our annual history exhibition, “Hunting and Foraging: Yesterday and

Today.”

This party is always fun, with ample food and refreshment. Purchase tickets at www.lahsvt.org.

This event is supported by the Vermont Country Store and Londonderry Builders.

For more information on this event and other summer programming, visit www.lahsvt.org.

The VAULT welcomes Jan Salstrom

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT welcomes Jan Salstrom with her beautiful, unique pottery with soft designs in trendy earth tones and pastels. Salstrom started working in ceramics in 2010, learning the wheel and sculptural techniques in North Carolina. After moving to Vermont in 2015, she learned how to build with compressed slabs. Taken with the beauty of nerikomi, the Japanese process of developing the ceramic design with layers of colored clays, she now focuses much of her work on inlaid Nerikomi, working out of her home studio in Pomfret, Vt.

Salstrom’s work is hand-built from soft clay slabs. No wheel is involved. Each piece starts as a flat slab surface that is manipulated by hand to create a finished, functional, decorative stoneware piece. Some of the pieces are then glazed in the traditional manner.

Many of the pieces have a surface or a design inlaid from multicolored clay. This process makes patterns created with different techniques using naturally occurring clay or clays colored with a mason stain. These different layered clays are then made into a patterned block that is sliced.

When inlaid, the slice is cut into an additional design and bound onto a base layer of clay that is then formed into the final object. Once the unique patterned block of clay is finished, it cannot be reproduced.

This process is challenging, as different clays tend to shrink and expand at different rates, which can cause cracking, making for a higher loss rate than traditional ceramic techniques.

“The challenge of working with the different nerikomi techniques is ex-

pecting. It helps to keep me mindful, patient, and not attached to the outcome, but delighting in the ever-unfolding process.”

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street, Springfield, and is open Wednesday-Saturday, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit Facebook, Instagram, or www.galleryvault.org. Gallery at the VAULT is accessible.



A ceramic piece by Jan Salstrom. PHOTO PROVIDED

Springfield Community Players mystery features

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – For their summer 2025 production, the Springfield Community Players present a mystery double feature: “The Patient” by Agatha Christie, and “Street Smarts” by local playwright Tom Field.

The Christie one-act play is a thriller in which

a woman is paralyzed by a fall from a balcony. Will she be able to communicate the identity of the person who pushed her over?

The second one-act is an homage to 1940s-era noir radio dramas, with actors reading scripts. It even has commercials.

“The Patient” is directed by Miles Ledoux, who di-

rected last year’s production of “The Unexpected Guest.” Field penned last October’s mystery dinner theatre at Hartness House, “Pumpkins of Peril.”

Tickets are now live at www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org/currentshow. The performances are July 12 and 19, at 7:30 p.m.; and July 13 and 20, at 2 p.m.

Duo Mundo’s enhanced musical expression

WESTON, Vt. – The Sundays on the Hill Concert Series Committee is so delighted to have Duo Mundo perform in the Old Parish Church, 144 Main Street/Route 100 in Weston, Vt., on July 13, at 4 p.m.

Cellist Rebecca Hartka and two-time grammy-nominated guitarist and composer José Lezcano have been praised by American Record Guide for their collaboration: “Hartka and Lezcano play off against each other in a subtle but effective unit of rubato relationships that brings off the sonatas with a

personality that catches the ears and holds them.” The duo has performed together since 2014, nationally and internationally.

Cuban American guitarist and composer Lezcano has performed hundreds of concerts for more than 30 years on four continents, to enthusiastic audiences. For his “Guitar Concerto,” which he recorded with North-South Consonance and conductor/director Max Lifchitz on the CD “Remembrances/Recuerdos,” he received two nominations, and was semifinalist for Grammys in the categories Best Contemporary Composition and Best Soloist with Or-

chestra.

Cellist Hartka has concertized for more than a decade in venues throughout the United States, with international appearances in Cuba, Italy, Vietnam, and Thailand. In 2017, she produced and released her third album on her label Becsta records, “Colors Couleurs Colores Cores,” with Lezcano and pianist Barbara Lysakowski.

Children 12 and under may attend at no charge. The doors open around 3:30 p.m., and there are no reserved seats, no advance tickets, and admission is paid at the door. For more information, visit www.sundaysonthehill.org.

Taconic Music summer festival

MANCHESTER, Vt. – The third Chamber Music Saturdays concert of Taconic Music’s popular summer festival will take place on Saturday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Riley Center for the Arts at Burr and Burton Academy, in Manchester, Vt.

The works range in tone from the quintessentially French sounds of Jacques Ibert, to a Rachmaninov elegy, to a late 20th-century Rutter piece that harkens back to Bach.

Opening the concert with Ibert’s “Deux Interludes for Flute, Violin, and Piano,”

guest flutist Matthew Lee and pianist Gili Melamed-Lev join faculty violinist and co-artistic director Joana Genova on the Riley Center Stage. Written not long after the end of World War II, Deux Interludes comes from Ibert’s music for the play “Le Burlador” (“The Seducer”), a feminist take on the iconic Don Juan story. For the second piece, faculty cellist Hannah Holman, Genova, and Melamed-Lev perform Rachmaninov’s “Trio élégiaque No. 1,” an early work inspired by Tchaikovsky, the composer’s mentor.

The concert concludes with John Rutter’s aptly named “Suite Antique,” featuring Lee (flute), Taconic young artist Qiaochuhan Li (keyboard), and co-artistic director Ariel Rudiakov conducting the Taconic String Orchestra, composed of festival faculty and young artists. Written in 1979 for a concert featuring Bach’s fifth Brandenburg concerto, “Suite Antique,” composed by Rutter to complement the piece’s style and instrumentation,

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Crys Matthews and Sam Robbins at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present contemporary folk singer-songwriters Crys Matthews and Sam Robbins at Next Stage, on Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m.

A troubadour of truth, Nashville-based Matthews is among the brightest stars of the new generation of social justice music-makers. An award-winning, prolific lyricist and composer, Matthews blends country, Americana, folk, blues, and bluegrass into a bold, complex performance steeped in traditional melodies punctuated by honest, original lyrics. On a mission to “amplify the voices of the unheard, to shed light on the unseen, and to be a steadfast reminder that hope and love are the truest pathways to equity and justice,” Matthews is made for these times.

A daughter of the South by way of Nashville now and

North Carolina forever, and the self-proclaimed poster child of intersectionality, Matthews embraces the concept of tradition with boldness and clarity on her new album “Reclamation.” As a preacher’s kid, a black woman, a butch lesbian, and a proud Southerner, she is not only reclaiming space for black artists in country and Americana, for LGBTQ voices in faith communities, and for women’s autonomy over their bodies, but she is also reclaiming the South that raised her.

Sam Robbins is often described as an “old soul singer-songwriter” – a storyteller troubadour with a modern, upbeat edge. Touring across the U.S. with a new acclaimed album, “So Much I Still Don’t See,” named one of *Atwood Magazine’s* 2025 Artists to Watch, leading songwriting workshops, and performing a Jim Croce song on

“The Voice,” Robbins has gained a reputation as one of the brightest rising stars in the national folk music community. “So Much I Don’t See” is a testament to a singer-songwriter’s journey through his 20s, and the culmination of firsthand experiences gathered through hard travel and big adventures. Robbins has shared the stage with artists like Jason Mraz and Liz Longley, and performed at major festivals including Kerrville, Falcon Ridge, and Wheatland.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Advance tickets are available discounted at www.nextstagearts.org. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website.

Gerry Grimo at CCCA Summer Concert Series

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble will return to the Proctorsville Green stage on July 16, for a 6 p.m. concert. The concert will feature music from the big-band era, as well as swing, and standards that span the 1930s to the 1990s. Everyone is invited to enjoy

the music, and grab a bite at Murdock’s on the Green or something to-go from Singleton’s Store. The concert is free, but donations are welcome.

The Cavendish on the Green Concert Series is made possible by the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) and the Town of Cavendish. The CCCA will

have a table at the event with the new 2026 community calendar, and T-shirts for sale.

In the event of rain, the concert will move across Main Street to the Proctorsville Fire Hall. A special shoutout to the Castle Resort Hotel and Spa for sponsoring this event. For more information, go to www.cavendishcca.org.

Kalos on the Tavern Lawn

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music and Next Stage Arts Project continue the 22nd Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series of bluegrass, Americana, world, swing, and pop music summer concerts on Sunday, July 13, with Celtic roots music trio Kalos.

The seven-concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 24. All concerts begin at 6 p.m., in downtown Putney, on the Putney Tavern lawn – bring a lawn chair or blanket – or at Next Stage, at 15 Kimball Hill, in case of rain. The series is sponsored by Next Stage, the Town of Putney, Rod’s, and many Putney-area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public, donations are accepted, and

food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772, or visit www.nextstagearts.org.

Inspired by the maritime traditions of North America, Scotland, Ireland, and Scandinavia, Eric McDonald (guitar, mandolin, and vocals), Ryan McKasson, (fiddle, viola, and vocals), and Jeremiah McLane (accordion, piano, and vocals) are innovative interpreters and composers of Celtic roots music. They draw on years of experience performing with the likes of Cantrip, Nightingale, The Clayfoot Strutters, and Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, to forge a new musical path as Kalos. Their individual artistry springs from strong traditional roots, and as a trio they move beyond this foundation. They are masters of tradition who pur-

posefully explore the dark corners floating on its edges, delivering an alluring musical complexity full of spontaneity and joyful exuberance. Kalos’ underlying drive and pulse, rhythmic electricity, and swirling intensity transform traditional repertoire into a vital, elemental, genre-transcending sound appealing to music lovers of all stripes. Their music asks to be shared live, and performance is the band’s heart and forte.

Afrobeat and alternative jazz at Bandwagon Series

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents a double bill of genre-defying rhythms and vibrant soundscapes with Armo and Jordan McLean’s Musical Resistance (JMMR) as part of the Bandwagon Summer Series, on Saturday, July 19, at 6 p.m., at Putney Inn Field, 57 Putney Landing Road, Putney, Vt.

Armo, led by longtime Antibalas collaborators, brings a magnetic blend of classic and contemporary Afrobeat. The ensemble includes an all-star lineup of Jordan McLean (trumpet and percussion), Marcus Farrar (vocals and percussion), Nikhil P. Yerawadekar (guitar and keys), Kevin Raczka (drums), Justin Kimmel, and Dave “Smoota” Smith (trombone and keys). Their performances celebrate and reinvent the music of Afrobeat legends like Fela Kuti, Tony Allen, and Ebo Taylor, alongside their own rhythm-driven originals. Members of Armo have played with iconic artists such as David Byrne, Angelique Kidjo, Public Enemy, and in the

Tony Award-winning musical “Fela!”

Sharing the bill is JMMR, a cutting-edge project also spearheaded by McLean. Known for their innovative blend of tempo-based alternative jazz and electronic textures, JMMR features Smith (trombone and synths), Tony Jarvis (bass clarinet and synths), and John Walter Bollinger (drums and cymbals). Their upcoming debut album “Resistance is Fertile,” out this July on Nublu Records, fuses synthetic and organic sound in a provocative, genre-challenging experience.

The Bandwagon Summer Series is a family-friendly outdoor performance series bringing a diverse range of artists to fields, farms, and parks across southeastern Vermont from May through September. Kids under 12 attend free, and each event includes a dedicated play area. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs. Smokin’ Bowls will be on site with delicious food, and the se-

ries continues to feature Barr Hill cocktails and other local refreshments. Tickets and more information at www.nextstagearts.org.

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and has since become one of the English composer’s most popular orchestral works.

Admission is free for students and kids. Reservations are recommended. All concert attendees are invited to a preconcert reception be-

ginning at 6:30 p.m., when the box office also opens.

For those who cannot make it to the Riley Center, the concert will be livestreamed on Taconic’s YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@taconicmusic. For more information about Taconic Music’s summer festival and year-round programs, visit www.taconicmusic.org.

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| Electronic Soldering Skills July 16th 1 PM - 4 PM | Intro to Product & Studio Photography July 16th 5 PM - 8 PM | Scarf in a Day: Rigid Heddle Weaving for Beginners July 28th 9:30 AM - 5 PM |
| Introduction to the Wood Shop Tools July 24th AND July 25th 6 PM - 9 PM | From Doodles to Digital Laser-Cut Animals July 28th AND Aug 2nd 12 PM - 2 PM | Photography Club July 22nd 5:30 PM - 7 PM |

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Local students visit VSU

REGION – Vermont Student Assistance Corporation's (VSAC) GEAR UP college and career readiness program brought together 32 students from nine schools, including Green Mountain Union High School and Riverside Middle School, for a dynamic residential leadership experience. Over the course of two days at the Randolph Campus of Vermont State University (VSU), students took part in team-building challenges and meaningful reflection focused on integrity, motivation, working smarter, learning from mistakes, asking insightful questions, and



Left to right: Libby Fischer (Riverside), Victoria Haley (Riverside), Tori Conrad (Riverside), Cadence Paul (Green Mountain), Sierra Carlisle (Green Mountain), Zoey Carlisle (Green Mountain), Myles Robie (Riverside), and Connor Clark (Riverside).

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embracing new experiences. These students are an inspiring group of young leaders – we can't wait to see where they go next.

Ascutney Mountain Audubon Scholarship

REGION – Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society (AMAS) has selected Isabel Cellini, of Pomfret, Vt., as the winner of its 2025 scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior who lives within certain Vermont designated towns, and has demonstrated a strong commitment to the environment. Students are required to submit an application to the Vermont Student Assistance Scholarship Program during the annual application period.



Isabel Cellini.

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physics internships, all experiences that have prepared me to contribute to the future wellbeing of the world...I hope to pursue a master's degree in astronomy, and continue to live in the Northeast, specifically Vermont."

Cellini has also participated in the Governor's Institute of Vermont, and the Cold Regions Research and

Engineering Laboratories summer internship program. She is interested in sustainable farming, and has volunteered at the Billings Farm, as well as being in active school programs.

For more information about the AMAS scholarship, please contact Wilda Pelton at 802-885-9517, or consult with a school guidance department for information on Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) scholarships.

Cellini is a recent graduate of Woodstock High School, and is planning on attending Bowdoin College this fall. In her applying essay, Cellini said, "I've dedicated my summers to environmental science institutes, Harvard astronomy courses, and signature

Springfield Area Revolving Loan Funds for area businesses

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) has announced the approval of \$90,000 in financing for four area companies through the Springfield Area CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund and Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund. Both loan funds utilize grants from the Economic De-

velopment Administration (EDA) to assist businesses in southern Windsor County.

The loans that were approved include financing for the recent expansion of Blake Hill Preserves in Windsor; for Meditrina in Chester, to complete renovations for their new restaurant; Hair by Karlee, which has opened recently in Springfield; and

UpLevel Foods, a fledgling business emerging from the Black River Innovation Campus.

The Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund is available for companies in the 10 towns within the SRDC service region. For more information, or to get a loan application, please contact us at SRDC, at 802-885-3061 or bobf@springfielddevelopment.org.

Edward Jones advisor and administrator earn recognitions

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Financial advisor Daniel Richardson, of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Springfield, has received the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification, granted by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

Becoming a CFP professional expands a financial advisor's knowledge base in the

following areas: financial management, tax-sensitive investment strategies, retirement savings, insurance planning, education planning, and estate considerations.

In addition to the education and examination components of certification, Richardson also has committed to abiding by the CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct.

Additionally, senior

branch office administrator Cassandra Bell has taken a step in her development recently by obtaining the Financial Paraplanner Qualified Professional designation through the College for Financial Planning.

Richardson and Bell can be reached at 802-885-4213. You can also visit the branch team website at www.edwardjones.com/us-en/financial-advisor/daniel-richardson2.

Imagetek expands to second location

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – ImageTek Manufacturing has announced that they are expanding their operations to a second site, at 36 Precision Drive in North Springfield, Vt. The company will be moving into a 35,000-square-foot space, and adding 50 new jobs in this new location.

This expansion is the culmination of several months of work over the past year, and has been supported by a Vermont Employment Growth Incentive, Green Mountain Power's Economic Development Incentive Program, as well as a Vermont Training Program award.

"ImageTek has shown significant growth in the past year, and we are excited about some of the new opportunities ahead of us," said Marji Smith, president of ImageTek Manufacturing. "This new facility will help us continue to grow the markets and customers we serve," she added.

Bob Flint, executive director of Springfield Regional Development Corporation, said that the community is excited about the expansion project. "ImageTek Manu-

facturing has been a valued employer in Springfield for over 30 years, and we believe this will help position the company for significant growth," Flint said. Flint also thanked RJ Kelly, the property owners, V/T Commercial, and Newmark for their assistance with this project.

ImageTek Manufacturing does contract manufacturing, from labels and harness assembly, to die cutting and printed circuit board assembly. Find out more at www.imagetekmfg.com.

SBW 150-year celebration event

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) is proud to invite the community to a special 150th anniversary community celebration – a free, family-friendly event taking place in Walpole, on Sunday, July 27, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The celebration will feature live music, food, and family fun in honor of SBW's 150 years of community banking. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Following the celebration, at 6:30 p.m., the Brattleboro American Legion Band will perform on the Walpole Common as part of SBW's Concerts on the Green

Summer Series. "Reaching our 150th anniversary is a remarkable milestone, and July 27 marks the exact day Savings Bank of Walpole first opened its doors," said Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole. "This celebration is our way of saying thank you to the communities that have supported us for generations. We hope families will come out to enjoy the festivities, and share in the spirit of community that has defined us for a century and a half."

For more information, visit www.walpolebank.com, or call 603-352-1822.

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