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Ludlow Rotary celebrates Literacy Week

LUDLOW, Vt. – For the past 30 years, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) has participated in a variety of programs stressing the value and importance of literacy.

Its efforts were primarily aimed at providing children with the means and tools to foster this objective. Rotary International (RI) long has concentrated on this program.

In reviewing the accomplishments of these programs, Kevin Barnes, LRC president, noted, “While our club has been involved in many projects to help, none has been as consistent and rewarding as our literacy programs.”

Barnes further indicated, “These programs have long been a source of great pride in the club as we continue

making books available to all the children in our service area of Ludlow, Mount Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth.”

In conjunction with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, LRC has provided appropriate reading material to children up to age 5. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a book-gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family’s income.

The signature book of the Imagination Library, “The Little Engine That Could,” is recognized by most parents. The books are addressed and mailed directly to the children, much to their delight. To register your child or children for this program,



Rotarian George Thomson presents books to students at Cavendish Town Elementary.

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visit the children’s section of Ludlow’s Fletcher Memorial Library, or registration cards can also be obtained from the Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. The privacy of the children is

strictly honored.

LRC has created books,

personalized with each student’s name, for many years to the elementary schools in its service area as part of its Literacy Improvement Project. Interestingly, one teacher even commented that, “I still have the ones created for my children more than 20 years ago, and still enjoy giving them a read now and again.”

An important part of this program is the awarding of scholarships to eligible graduating residents who live in LRC’s service area. LRC funds \$9,000-\$12,000 in awards each year. The LRC has previously awarded \$280,000 in scholarships

through this program. The principal source of this funding is the annual penny sale.

Applications for these awards are available through the school guidance officer. Awards are presented at the school’s annual award night program.

In summarizing the LRC’s dedication to providing these books, Barnes said, “It is the long-range goal of Rotary and our club to ensure that every student and child in our area are served with the educational and learning tools for a successful career in whatever avenue they select.”

Chester talks taxes, roads, and mineral funds

BY NICK GIBERTI

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard held the first of its two regularly scheduled September meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 3, beginning by again hearing from Matt Bissell, of Dufresne Group, concerning the replacement of sewer mains and a sewer pump station. The sewer main to be replaced is located along Depot Street, from First Avenue to the town office on Elm Street, and the pump station to be replaced is located on the north side of Flamstead Road.

The board heard at their previous meeting that the State of Vermont intended to issue a finding of no significant impact for one portion of the project, and Bissell informed the board that now the same was true for the remainder of the project.

The board then moved on to discuss the possibility of a 1% local options tax on

rooms, meals, and on-premises alcohol sales in Chester. Town manager Julie Hance told the board that the intention is for the tax money collected to be placed in the Housing Reserve Fund, which is to be used for the development of housing in Chester.

While several board members, including Tim Roper and Vice Chair Arne Jonynas, voiced tentative support, Board Chair Lee Gustafson expressed his general opposition to attempting to solve problems through taxation. “My view of [taxes],” Gustafson said, “is [not to] add [to them] without serious consideration.”

During the discussion it was noted that the selectboard does not have the authority to unilaterally enact the tax by itself; final approval will be given by the voters of Chester. However, the board must decide what, if anything, to present to the voters with regard to the tax.

The board opted to con-

tinue the discussion moving forward, suggesting that it would likely be ongoing over several months.

Next, the board turned to the proposed Class 4 road policy, which Jonynas told the board was drafted primarily by the Chester Conservation Committee (CCC), of which he is a part. In response to a question from Knapp, Jonynas noted that much of the document is aspirational, and that the more legalistic sections are in general “based on state policy.”

“We’re only allowed to do, on a local level, what the state lets us do,” Jonynas said.

Paul Bidgood, a Chester landowner who has an ongoing dispute regarding a Class 4 road abutting his property, and who is also a member of the CCC, spoke to the

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Londonderry wastewater updates, grants

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Christina Haskins, of Dufresne Group, held a brief finding of no significant impact (FONSI) public hearing prior to the Londonderry Selectboard’s Sept. 8 meeting, with updates on the South Village wastewater system. This is a routine procedure, and there will be another hearing at a later date for the North Village.

Haskins reported that the state issued a FONSI notice, which included environmental reviews and reports, showing that the wastewater system will not have any impact to the environment, environmental justice, land use, and more. She noted there is only one septic tank in a floodplain in South Village, and the historic preservation report is in review, on which she would provide updates to the board once complete.

Haskins later discussed

Phase 1 connection recommendations. She said all of the prioritized properties within Phase 1 have been accounted for, and they are still within budget to add more properties. “Now it’s not about gallons, it’s about dollars,” she said. At this time, the town can look at adding more nonprioritized properties, or prioritized properties that would have otherwise had to wait for Phase 2 connections.

The wastewater committee made recommendations, with the order of prioritization as follows: Option 1, infill development; Option 2, Middletown Road Extension; Option 3, Main Street Extension; and Option 4, Old School Street Extension.

Haskins said the board can look at these options and add or subtract properties to the Phase 1 connection list to best fit, and get the “best bang” for the budget.

On other agenda items, the planning commission notified the board of a public hearing on Sept. 26, at 6 p.m., regarding updates to the Town Plan; and an open house will be held on

Oct. 24, from 3-6 p.m., to show off the new building. The town plans to invite the architects, engineers, all staff and committees, and the community to the open house.

A public hearing will be held on Sept. 25, at 5 p.m., to hear public comments regarding the CDBG-DR Disaster Recovery Implementation Grants. The town applied for a total of \$2.1 million. Projects for these grants include floodproofing of the North Village, Cobble Ridge Road Bridge replacement, South Village wastewater system expansion, Windy Rise Lane West culvert replacement, and Barker Road culvert replacement.

A separate public hearing, which was scheduled for Sept. 22, has been rescheduled for Sept. 29, to adopt the updated Town Plan, which expires on Oct. 2. The town needs to have the plan finalized to apply for the CDBG funding.

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

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Disaster preparedness program at FML

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow, on Monday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m., for a free personal preparedness planning presentation.

At this presentation, attendees will learn how to build a go-bag for your household (pets includ-

ed); create evacuation and shelter-in-place plans; stay connected with loved ones during an emergency; and access tools and resources like VT-ALERT and CARE.

Whether it's a power outage, flood, or storm, having a plan makes all the difference. Come away with practical tips to keep yourself, your family, and your com-

munity safer. Fletcher Memorial Library is located at 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. Please call 802-228-8921 with any questions, and find additional information regarding the library at www.fmlnews.org. This program is open to the public, free of charge, and accessible.

Funding available in Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Funding is now available through the Laurance & Mary Rockefeller Fund for organizations and projects that preserve and enhance the physical, cultural, spiritual, and wellness environment

of the people in the Town of Woodstock and surrounding communities. The fund awards grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Applications will be accepted from organizations and projects serving the

towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and/or Woodstock. Applicants must be serving one or more of these communities to be eligible to apply. The fund will consider requests for general operating or project/program support.

Applications will be accepted through on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 5 p.m. The advisory committee meets in the fall to consider applications for the following year. Notifications and awards will be sent to applicants in January 2026, and grant terms will cover the calendar year for 2026. Visit www.vermontcf.org/rockefeller to learn more and apply.

Okemo Valley Women's Club

LUDLOW, Vt. – The GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club met for their first meeting of the 2025-2026 year on Monday, Sept. 8.

The evening's speaker was Darlene Remy, OVWC member and GFWC state president, who spoke about the many benefits of being members of GFWC.

The club recently held their annual fundraising yard and bake sale in August, with great success thanks to the generosity of the area community.

Upcoming events include the state fall meeting, to be held in Ludlow, in October, and the northeastern regional meeting, from Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, at the Inn at Mills Falls at the Lake, in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

Also to be held will be the GFWC International Day of Service, in which clubs worldwide participate in one day of advocacy, promotion, and volunteerism. This year, the IDS focuses on uniting GFWC clubs to end domestic and sexual violence, both in the United States and internation-

ally. The OVWC club will hold two drives on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., to collect personal items to benefit southern Vermont centers that support victims of abuse.

The next meeting of the Okemo Valley Women's Club will be held Monday, Oct. 13, at the Black River Valley Senior Center in Ludlow.

Anyone wishing for more information, or to attend, may contact President Sally Scarp at 407-242-0901, Membership Chair Suzanne Garvey at 802-236-4341, or any member.

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board about several of his concerns with the current draft of the policy. Among them was his feeling that the policy should include a stipulation that road work be handled only by contractors with verified insurance, and that anyone doing road work indemnify the town against possible death. "Road construction is a hazardous activity, fraught with peril and danger," Bidgood said.

Chester resident Derek Suursoo also addressed several of his concerns with the board, claiming

that other selectboards have encountered issues at the state level when attempting to enact Class 4 road policies. Suursoo felt it was unfair to adjacent landowners that the policy stated that the town will not be maintaining Class 4 roads, but nonetheless wants access to the roads. He also felt that motor vehicle use should not be allowed. "If I had a policy," Suursoo stated, "I'd have a policy of hooves, paws, and boots."

Jonynas encouraged Suursoo to attend CCC meetings, to present his concerns there, and to observe the spirit in which the policy is being crafted by its members.

The board will continue discussion of the policy at a future meeting.

Finally, the board discussed potential withdrawal and investment of the Cyprus Mineral Funds, in the amount of \$223,000. These funds were generated when, in 1997, the Chester Selectboard sold mineral rights on a piece of town property, and the money was then placed

in public funds. "Over time, the funds have grown," Hance told the board, saying that, since 1997, the town now has mechanisms in place to be able to invest the funds, which could then be used in other ways.

One possibility discussed was to use the funds as a revolving loan fund within the town departments. However, Suursoo noted that any such use would need to be carefully monitored to ensure that the funds are not depleted. "It's very easy to take and not put back...and you're just going to have to stay all over it," Suursoo said.

The board was generally in agreement that the funds should not be depleted, and felt that the best way to ensure this did not happen was to craft a policy for their use prior to withdrawal of the funds. Hance told the board she would bring a draft policy to the board at a future meeting.

The Chester Selectboard will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall.



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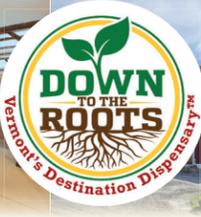
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What will my monthly payment look like, and

what’s included?

Your payment isn’t just the loan amount. It may also cover property taxes, homeowners insurance, and possibly homeowners association (HOA) fees. Prime Lending can run different scenarios, so you can compare how changes in your down payment, loan term, or taxes and insurance can affect your monthly cost.

How much cash will I need to close, and can that number be adjusted?

Upfront costs typically include your down payment, closing costs, and prepaid expenses like taxes and insurance. Prime Lending can show you ways to manage these costs, from negotiating seller credits, to applying for down payment assistance programs, to adjusting your loan structure. This way, you can keep more of your cash for moving, home improvements, or your emergency fund.

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Submitted by Victoria Blodgett, Prime Lending, Ludlow, Vt.

Elijah and Judd –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – These handsome 3-month-old brothers are full of personality and charm. They love their veggies – especially crunchy lettuce – and will squeal with delight when they hear the rustle of the veggie bag. Elijah and Judd are playful little guys who love to chase each other around and keep us entertained with their silly antics. Watching them play tag is sure to bring a smile to your face. We’re currently offering half off their adoption fee, so now’s the per-

fect time to give these sweet boys a loving forever home. Stop by the Green in Chester during the Chester Fall Festival, Sept. 20-21, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and meet some adorable animals.

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obituaries

Anthony C. Cook, 1953-2025

POWNAI, Vt. – Anthony Charles Cook, 72, a life-long resident of Pownal, Vt., passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., following a brief illness.

Born on April 21, 1953, in Bennington, Vt., Tony was the son of the late Charles and Anna (Adams) Cook. Raised in Bennington and Pownal, he attended local schools, graduated from Mount Anthony Union High School, and later studied at St. Joseph's Business School in Bennington.

As a young man, Tony proudly served in the United States Army.

On June 23, 1973, Tony married the former Linda Cooper, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in

Bennington.

Tony began his career as a truck driver while co-owning and operating Village Gift Barn in Pownal with his wife Linda. In recent years, he worked alongside his son at their family business, Ludlow Service Center, an auto repair shop in Ludlow, Vt.

A man of many interests, Tony took great pride in working on his home, tackling maintenance and improvement projects with enthusiasm. He was always eager to lend a helping hand to family and friends. Tony also enjoyed playing baseball, softball, horseshoes, and bowling. He cherished traveling with his wife and family, with favorite destinations including Lancaster, Pa.; Niagara Falls; and Cape Cod, Mass.; and espe-



Anthony Cook, 1953-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

cially their vacation home in Vero Beach, Fla.

Above all, Tony treasured his time with family and friends. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Tony is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years Linda Cook; his son Heath Cook (Tina); his cherished granddaughters Olivia and Sophia; his brothers Raymond, Dennis, and Christopher Cook; as well as many members of the Cooper family; nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Debra Tatro.

Following Tony's wishes, no formal funeral services will be held. The family plans to host a Celebration of Life at a later date.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the many loyal friends and customers in the Ludlow community.

Online condolences may be shared at www.devlinfuneralhomevt.com.

Dolores B. Daubenspeck, 1928-2025

EAST DOVER, Vt. – Dolores Belle Daubenspeck, 96, passed into eternity on Sept. 4, 2025, in East Dover, Vt., surrounded by the love of Jesus and family, holding the hand of daughter Naomi. Born in Detroit, Mich., on Oct. 16, 1928, the firstborn of Paul and Clara (Hutchinson) Palmer, Dolores grew up in Tunbridge, Vt., graduated high school in 1946, and married Earl Rushford on Jan. 4, 1947. They had seven children, and made their home in Tunbridge until moving to South Reading in 1964. They divorced in 1972, both remarrying in 1973. From a young age, Dolores became an experienced farmer and horsewoman through hard work. Her employment included shopkeeping, caregiving, catering, resort cleaning, screen printing, painting, and paint restoration, and she prioritized helping others throughout her life.

She and Earl were part of an annual community show for many years with lifelong

friends, and frequented one another's homes and local dance halls. She loved the company of others, and family gatherings were often large. Dolores enjoyed traveling, reading, laughing, and going out to eat. She had a beautiful voice, sang to the Lord, and entertained others with countless songs, and taught herself to play the organ and to yodel. Dolores shared her wisdom with her children and grandchildren, instilling in them curiosity, a love of reading and learning, swimming, singing, and she pointed them to God.

Remarkably, though separated by adversity in early childhood, Dolores, siblings, their mother, and other family reunited as adults, and she had a close relationship with their ailing father. A long-term caregiver to great-nieces/nephews and a few grandchildren, she was beloved "Aunt Del" to many more. She helped care for her aged foster mother and two of her children until they passed. Dolores was a



Dolores Daubenspeck, 1928-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

trustworthy friend, whose generosity, strength, and selflessness are the hallmarks of people's memories of her.

She was predeceased by her parents; siblings Vernal, Ruth, Frances, and Jacqueline; sons John, Douglas, and David; daughters April and Dawn; two grandsons; and many other family members and friends. She is survived by a sister Sharon Birkbeck, daughters Naomi Rushford and Ramona Emery, 22 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. No services have yet been planned.

Ramona Torrey, 2025

BENNINGTON, Vt. – At age 91, Ramona Torrey went to be with her Lord on Aug. 27. She was born in Morrisville, to Archie and Winifred Prior. With the family having moved to Westminster, Vt., in her youth, she was active in her church choir and in 4-H. She also exhibited God-given talents in oil painting, crocheting, and playing the autoharp.

After graduating in 1953 from Bellows Falls High School, Ramona worked for a packaging company in Concord, N.H., and in the following phases of her life lived in Maine and Indiana, before settling in Acutney, Vt., where she worked as a caregiver. She became a long-term member of the Assembly of God Church in Springfield, Vt., and was known for her unshakeable

faith despite the many hardships she had in her life.

In 2011, Ramona met the love of her life Victor Torrey, and they were married in 2012. Later, they moved to a nursing home in Bennington, where they spent the last years of their lives together.

She is predeceased by her parents; older sister Isabelle; older brothers Maurice, Clyde, and Richard; youngest sister Barbara; and her beloved husband Victor. She is survived by 11 nieces and nephews, and many grandnieces and grandnephews, and her best friends Daniel and Rhonda Bruce.

A memorial service will



Ramona Torrey, 2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

be held at the Assembly of God Church, 269 River Street, Springfield, Vt., on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ramona's memory may be made to the Springfield Assembly of God Church.

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE AT ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Please join the First Congregational Church of Westminster and the United Church of Bellows Falls for their yearly combined service at the Rockingham Meeting House, on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. This historic building is a gift in our community, and this special service is open to all.

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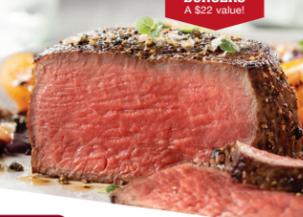
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obituaries

Ernest Foster, 1940-2025

WESTON, Vt. - Ernest "Ernie" Foster, 84, of Weston, Vt., passed away at his home, on Aug. 31, 2025, leaving behind a lifetime of hard work, devotion, and love for his family.

Born Nov. 25, 1940, to Hugh and Rachel (Gardner) Foster, Ernie grew up on the family farm in Weston, where he learned the value of hard work and a love for the land. After graduating from Chester High School, he proudly served in the Vermont National Guard, where he learned to run a grader and work on engines - skills that shaped both his career and passions.

For 25 years, Ernie worked as a foreman for Frank W. Whitcomb Construction, paving countless Vermont roads. He later worked for the U.S. Forest Service, the Town of Weston, and other local crews.

On Dec. 10, 1965, Ernie married the love of his life Betsey Williams. Together they built a home and a life filled with laughter, family traditions, and gatherings that often ended with



Ernest Foster, 1940-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

raucous rounds of NASCARDS.

He loved tinkering with engines, Sunday drives, family trips to Old Orchard Beach, cheering proudly at his grandchildren's events, and attending the Vermont State Fair every year. Though he didn't smile often, when he did, it lit up his whole face.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Rod & Gun Club in Weston. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Vermont State Fair, Rutland County Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 10, Rutland, VT 05702.

Joseph P. Tucker, 1954-2025

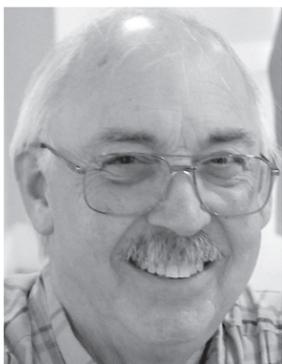
LUDLOW, Vt. - Joseph P. Tucker, a lifelong resident of Ludlow, Vt., passed away at his home, surrounded by family, after a five-year battle with cancer, on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025. He was born on Nov. 24, 1954, to Oliver and Evelyn (Syria) Tucker, in Springfield, Vt.

He attended school in Ludlow. He married the love of his life Bonnie Maynard in Ludlow, on Sept. 15, 1973. He then worked for his father's construction company, Tucker Construction. Later, he worked for F. W. Whitcomb as a truck driver, and retired from Gurney Construction.

Joe treasured time traveling with his wife, and enjoyed doing things around his home, and being with friends and family.

Joe is survived by his wife; his children Jessica Tucker and Jeremy Tucker (Sarah); his siblings Barbara Johnston, Barry Tucker (Kathryn), and Nancy Lynch (Bill); and two grandchildren Anna Tucker and Isaac Tucker.

He is predeceased by his



Joseph Tucker, 1954-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

parents and his brother David Tucker.

Following Joe's wishes, no formal funeral service will be held. The family plans to host a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Joe's family wants to extend a special thank-you to Dr. Devitsky and the cancer team at the Dartmouth Cancer Center, and Carol at VNH Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, Joe's family invites you to donate to The Prouty for the benefit of the Dartmouth Cancer Center.

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

Andrew G. Searle, 1947-2025

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Andrew Goodrich Searle died unexpectedly at his home, on Sept. 5, 2025. He was born in Hoboken, N.J., on Nov. 16, 1947, to Hildagarde (Goodrich) and Richard Searle. The family moved to Perkinsville in 1950, where Andrew spent the rest of his childhood. He was precocious, learning to read at age 3, and, in fact, was a voracious reader throughout his life. He was especially fond of mysteries and books about sailing, and loved to discuss and share books with others. Andrew graduated from Springfield High School in 1964, at the tender age of 16, having skipped a grade in elementary school, so his parents decided to send him to Bridgton (Maine) Academy for a gap year before college. At the time he resented this decision, but later in life he became a dedicated supporter of the academy, making trips there as well as regular donations. He did go on to college, graduating from UVM with a Bachelor of Science in business management.

One of Andrew's most defining traits was his generosity. He devoted much of his life to caring for others as needs arose, including his mother, father, grandfather, and uncle Charlie, for whom he was appointed guardian by the court. He also donated to a wide variety of causes, including animal welfare. He loved animals in general, and cats in particular, especially his beloved Zach. Family always came first for Andrew, but he also spent many years working at several different companies: Jones & Lamson, Earth's Best Baby Food,



Andrew Searle, 1947-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

Fujifilm Dimatix, and Staples.

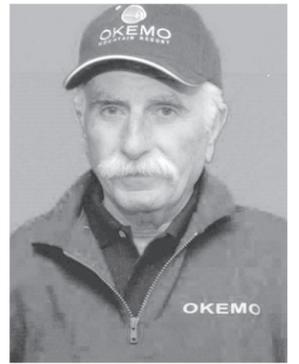
Skiing was another passion, and Andrew was a third-generation National Ski Patrol member. He served that organization for 40 years as a ski patrolman at Okemo and Maple Valley, and by leading training workshops throughout the Northeast. His love of sailing began with Snipe races on Lake Dunmore in his teens, and he also enjoyed kayaking with Rae. He loved to watch car races, and occasionally worked in the pit at the race track. Other favorite pastimes in his later years included playing cribbage at the senior center, meeting friends for breakfast at the diner, working on the class float for alumni parades, and serving on the board of Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOS-LL), where he helped with annual book sales.

Andrew is survived by brother Scott Searle, sister Nina Chan, and a large extended family, in addition to his longtime partner Rae Taylor, and Rae's daughter Paige Bladyka, whom Andrew loved as his own. No public service is planned at this time. Donations may be made to the Springfield Humane Society.

Peter J. Strazza, 1942-2025

LUDLOW, Vt. - Peter John Strazza, 82, passed away peacefully at his home, on Sept. 7, 2025, after a long battle with dementia. Born Sept. 16, 1942, in New London, Conn., to Peter G. Strazza and Mary Jane (Torrello) Strazza. He graduated from New London High School.

After his early retirement from the women's wholesale footwear business, he moved to Ludlow, where he worked for Okemo Valley Golf Course and Jackson Gore, fully retiring in August of 2017. Peter is survived by his wife of 28 years LeeAnn Haskell, a daughter Krista Strazza, twin grand-



Peter Strazza, 1942-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

sons Noah and Dylan Merit, and his brother Alfred (Christine) Strazza.

With respect to Peter's wishes, there will be no services.

Henriette Swarts, 1930-2025

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Henriette Maria van Oord Swarts went to be with the Lord at the Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland, N.H., on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025. She was born to Marius and Wilhelmina (Segers) van Oord, on Sept. 22, 1930, in Werkendam, Holland.

She married Michiel Swarts, of Groningen, Holland, on May 29, 1952.

A longtime resident of the area, Henriette was an exceptionally active member of the community since her family's arrival more than 60 years ago.

Originally from the Netherlands, the Swarts family, including husband Michiel, and children Hans, Helma, Trudy, and Micheline, settled in Bellows Falls, in 1962. It wasn't long before Henriette became a volunteer, collecting money door-to-door to build the town pool.

By 1964, she became the local chairman for the Fresh Air Fund, a nonprofit organization based in New York City that brought city kids to the country for a couple of weeks each year. She volunteered for them, eventually becoming the Windham County fund representative, until 1991. In 1969, Henriette became an American citizen, and thereafter became an active member of the local Democratic committee, serving at times as a poll worker and a campaigner. She served as a justice of the peace, and later was appointed to serve as a member of the Vermont Dental Board.

In the early 1970s, Henriette owned and operated Henriette's Gift Shop, located on The Square in Bellows Falls, memorable for its interesting window displays and unforgettable yellow bags with the bright green dandelion logo.

With the arrival of her first grandchild Jurrien in 1976, she started a new career as a childcare provider, which soon earned her the moniker "Oma" - which is Dutch for "grandma." For the next 30 years, Oma helped raise



Henriette Swarts, 1930-2025. PHOTO PROVIDED

more than 70 local children, including seven of her nine grandchildren. Often she cared for them from infancy to kindergarten age, and many of them continued to spend school holidays and vacations with Oma as well.

Henriette, herself a cancer survivor, reached out to countless community members by helping to raise money for the American Cancer Association and the American Red Cross, and serving as a hospice volunteer for several years. She also became known for her generous donations of exquisitely baked cookies, almond-filled tarts, cheesecakes, and pound cakes to friends, neighbors, deployed troops, her church, and even as a thank-you to the town road crews who kept her sidewalks cleared in the winter as well.

Henriette is survived by her sons Hans and Jurrien Swarts; daughters Helma Holton (Joe), Trudy Byington (Rob), and Micheline Canty (Chris); nine grandchildren; and 18-plus great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held at the New Westminster Cemetery on Sunday, Sept. 14, attended by the extended family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Henriette's name to North Star Health, Attn: Charitable Gifts, 100 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156, or online donations can be made at www.northstarfhc.org/donate.

Arrangements are in the care of Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

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SEPT. 19 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Part one of a two-part workshop titled “Expert ECE Training: Circle of Security Classroom Edition” will be held on Sept. 19, from 12-3 p.m., at the SAPCC Workforce Development & Training Center, 51 Jack and Jill Lane. Includes take-home work equal to eight hours of training. Gain insight into new ways to understand challenging behaviors. Learn relationship-based strategies to respond to children’s social emotional

needs for safe, secure relationships in the classroom, a necessary ingredient for learning. For more information, contact kayla.bapp@sapcc-vt.org or 802-886-5242.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sarah from Wheelock Travel will be at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, on Friday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m., to talk about the planned trip for 2026. The trip is a seven-night round-trip cruise from Boston on a Norwegian Breakaway ship, with stops in Portland,

Bar Harbor, Saint John’s, Bay of Fundy, and Halifax, beginning on Sept. 13, 2026.

SEPT. 20 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The St. Charles Church Catholic Youth Ministry will be holding a free Pasta and Ping Pong with the Priest event for preteens and teens on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 5-8 p.m., at the St. Charles Church Social Center, 31 Cherry Hill Street. At 5p.m., we will gather together for a pasta dinner, followed by desserts. After, please join us for ping pong and other games. Bring your favorite game to share. Father Victor Cruz will join us. Parents must sign the combined youth registration, medical release, and permission form at dropoff. Call or text Celeste Marquise with questions at 802-376-3507, or email Celestemarquise@gmail.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A lasagna dinner will be served at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road, on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 5:30-7 p.m. The menu will be lasagna, fresh garden salad, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert. Different kinds of homemade lasagna will be available, including meat, vegetarian, and gluten-free. The cost is discounted for children. Eat in or take out. For more information, email uuspringfield@gmail.com.

WINDHAM, Vt. – “Solidarity: Fabric, Thread & Needle,” a textile art exhibition exploring cohesion and interconnectedness, will be on display at the Fourth Corner Foundation, 578 Hitchcock Hill Road, Windham, Vt., through Dec. 5. An opening reception

will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 5-9 p.m. The gallery is open Monday-Thursday, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday by appointment. For more information, visit www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org, or email info@4cfoundation.org.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, Sept. 20, 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. Topics of discussion will include treatment of nosema and mites, winter preparations, winter protein and carbohydrate supplements, and making beeswax hand creams. Bring a veil if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Registration is required, please email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

WESTMORELAND, N.H. – The final Books and More sale of the year will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at 9 South Village Common, behind the brick church. The sale will include household plants, garden plants for transplanting, outdoor flowering plants, bulbs, planting pots, gardening tools, cat and dog items, linens, pots and pans, small appliances, microwaves, craft projects, office supplies, small refrigerators, books, and much more.

SEPT. 21 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Lions Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21, at Hoyts Landing. Three places each will be awarded for three species – bass, perch, and northern pike. Children 12 and under compete for free, and receive prizes. Registration begins at

6:30 a.m., and prizes are awarded at 3 p.m.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Sunday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m., the Charlestown Historical Society will present a program on the history of the Silsby Free Public Library, at the Silsby Library, 226 Main Street. Refreshments will be served.

SEPT. 22 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, will hold a balance class on Monday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m. For more information, contact executive director Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

SEPT. 24 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Democratic Committee will hold a reorganization meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m., at the Expeditionary School at Black River, 43 Main Street, Ludlow.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Fenton family will be singing their favorite songs and hymns at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

SEPT. 25 –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Second Congregational Church in Londonderry, 2051 Route 11, will hold their September community lunch on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 12 p.m. World-renowned chef Patty Pettit, assisted by expert sous-chef Eris Proctor, will be once again preparing a sumptuous feast for all. Our servers will cater to your every need. Fun, fellowship, and great food available for all. There will also be a door prize. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be gathered. Sorry, no takeout available.

Town of Plymouth Public Notice of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment Conditional Use Hearing

Public hearings will be held Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth Vermont. The following applicants seek a Conditional Use Permit:

Topic: Zoning Board of Adjustment – Conditional Use Hearing
Time: October 7, 2025, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Property Owner: Mark and Christine Falango
Property Address: 169 Scott Terrace
Plymouth, VT 05056
Project: Demolition, Rebuild Single Family Residence
Within Shoreland Overlay

Applicant: Id3 Designs / Josh Rourke
Property Owner: Maureen Keating
Property Address: 576 Route 100
Plymouth, VT 05056
Project: Demolition, Rebuild Existing Single Family Residence
Within Shoreland Overlay

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Vermont Hardwoods has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a storage warehouse on the property located at 386 Depot Street in the Town of Chester.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:45 PM on Monday, October 06, 2025, at 386 Depot Street and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 06, 2025, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. The application, exhibits and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 12th day of September 2025.

Hugh Quinn
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestervt.gov

TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE Town of Cavendish Vermont

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgages of lands in the Town of Cavendish in the county of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the year(s) 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and municipal utilities remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following land and premises described in the Final Decree of Distribution from Windsor Superior Court in re Estate of Ronald Allen Glidden to Alecia L. Cooper, dated September 8, 2022 and recorded in Book 92, Page 187 of the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish.

Reference may be had to said deed for more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont, on October 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 5th day of September.

Richard A. Chambers, III
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE Town of Cavendish Vermont

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgages of lands in the Town of Cavendish in the county of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the year(s) 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and municipal utilities remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following land and premises described in the Warranty Deed from Andrea Jean Matson to Marc Griffith and Bruce Noble, dated August 10, 2022 and recorded in Book 92, Page 163 of the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish.

Reference may be had to said deed for more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont, on October 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

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TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE Town of Cavendish Vermont

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Reference may be had to said deed for more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont, on October 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

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AUCTION

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Contents of storage unit #74 rented by Nicole Hinshew, and #8 rented by Steven Pariseau, at Perkinsville Storage will be auctioned off on Sept. 18, 2025, at 10 a.m., at 4215 Route 106, Perkinsville, VT 05151.

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WINDHAM, Vt. – Solidarity: Fabric, Thread & Needle – Textile art exhibition exploring cohesion and interconnectedness. Opening Reception Sept. 20, 5-9 p.m. In partnership w/ Two Chairs, hosted by The Fourth Corner Foundation. On view thru Dec. 5, at 578 Hitchcock Hill Rd., Windham, Vt. Gallery open Mon-Thu 10-4 and Sat/Sun by appt. Featured artist info at thefourthcornerfoundation.org or info@4cfoundation.org.

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THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY 31, 2025.

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IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Travis Kemp
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

Town of Mount Holly Seeks Highway Maintenance Worker

The Town of Mount Holly seeks an experienced highway maintenance worker to join its road crew starting immediately. A valid CDL is required. This position offers a competitive salary and benefits package. A detailed description of the position and employment application can be found by visiting www.mounthollyvt.org/announcements/appointments-openings. Paper copies of the job description and application can also be picked up in person at the Mount Holly Town Office at 50 School Street in Mount Holly.

Interested candidates should submit questions and letters of application to the Mount Holly Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com or can mail letters to Mount Holly Select Board at PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Applications can also be hand delivered to the Town Office.

NOTICE OF WESTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD HEARING

Weston Hotel Partners has submitted an application for a site plan amendment for their proposed bakery at 613 Main St. The application will be reviewed under Section 708 of the Weston Zoning Regulations. The Weston Development Review Board will hold a site visit on Tuesday September 30th starting at 5:00 PM at 613 Main St, and then hold a hearing starting at 5:30 at the Town Offices 12 Lawrence Hill Rd. There will be no zoom access for the site visit.

Those interested in seeing the applications, submitting written comments, or finding out how to attend the meeting online should contact the Zoning Administrator at: Town of Weston P.O Box 98, Weston Vt. 05161 or Zoning@westonvt.org.

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

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Equipment Operator/Truck Driver & Laborer. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Must possess a valid Vermont Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, sander, loader and excavator, backhoe and/or grader. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, and equipment operation are a plus. Municipal Benefit Package with health insurance, retirement plan, and paid vacations are included. Applications are available at the Ludlow Municipal Office or on-line at www.ludlow.vt.us Please submit completed applications to The Ludlow Municipal Office PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841 or email to bmcnamara@ludlow.vt.us. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Library Director Wilder Memorial Library, Weston, VT September 2025

The Wilder Memorial Library has an opening for Library Director. Minimum 20 hrs per week. Qualifications: BA/BS degree. Experience in libraries, MLS degree, library certificate or equivalent experience preferred. Strong interpersonal skills with children and adults, and interest in community engagement. Computer and finance skills; knowledge of social media. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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Town and Village of Ludlow Public Hearing Notice

Proposed Plan of Merger of the Town and Village of Ludlow, Vermont

Wednesday October 1st, 2025, at 6:00pm
(Town of Ludlow)

Thursday October 2nd 2025, at 6:00pm
(Village of Ludlow)

Hybrid Meetings - Heald Auditorium/Zoom

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1484, notice is hereby given of a public hearing by The Town of Ludlow's Board of Selectman and Village Trustees to hear comments regarding a proposed plan of merger of the Town and Village of Ludlow, Vermont. Approval of the plan will result in charter changes in both the Town and Village.

The public hearings will take place on **Wednesday October 1st for the Town of Ludlow and Thursday October 2nd for the Village of Ludlow. Meetings will begin at 6pm.** You may attend the Public Hearings in-person at the following address:

**Ludlow Town Hall
37 Depot Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149**

or virtually on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93976275682?pwd=a0tjNoOWu6GC8sDNJ3oBoM9gVnONt4.1>

Purpose of the Hearings: The purpose of each hearing is to take public comment regarding the proposed plan of merger of the Town and Village of Ludlow. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Brendan McNamara, Ludlow's Town Manager at bmcnamara@ludlow.vt.us

Summary of the Plan of Merger for the Town and Village of Ludlow and Charter Changes: The Plan of Merger ("Plan") proposes that the Village of Ludlow merge into the Town of Ludlow, with the Town of Ludlow as the sole surviving municipal corporation. It establishes the name of the Town (Ludlow) and declares that all the former Village property, including that associated with the Electric Light Department and Sewer Plant, are transferred to the Town. The Town will assume all the former Village's debts and will perform all the former Village's duties and obligations owed to third parties. The Plan repeals the charters of both the Village and the Town and replaces them with the substance of the Plan as the charter for the Town. The Plan names the officers of the Town and their manner of election or appointment, the form of governance, the powers of the Selectboard, the establishment and organization of the Water and Sewer Board, the governance and operation of the Electric Department and authority of its Board, transitional provisions, and other matters related to the proposed merger and legal operation of the Town thereafter.

Material Available: The proposed plan of merger and resulting charter changes, and supporting documentation are available online at <https://www.ludlow.vt.us>. An official copy of the plan of merger and charter changes is on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office in the Ludlow Town Hall located at 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149. Copies thereof will be made available to members of the public upon request.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windham Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 25-PR-01204

In re ESTATE of: NINA NICHY RACKENBERG

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: NINA NICHY RACKENBERG
Decedent
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Decedent's Town of Residence

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

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community

LEGAL NOTICES

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Vermont Arts Council grant

CHESTER, Vt. – The Vermont Art Council recently announced the 26 recipients of its most competitive grant funding program, the Creation Grant, which supports Vermont artists in creating new work.

Linda Diak, of Chester, was among those awarded a Creation Grant, to support the creation of art quilts that raise awareness of the impact of human activity on the animal kingdom.

More than 300 applications were received for this highly competitive award, with a total of nearly \$1.5 million requested in funding. The council was able to support 9% of the requested need, totaling \$126,000 in grant funding.

Grants are awarded to Vermont artists or artist groups in amounts up to \$5,000. Funding can be used for time spent developing new work, to purchase materials, or to rent equipment or space for the process.

The award is only available to artists who have not received a Creation Grant within the last five years.

Recipients were selected in two rounds by independent panels comprised of 47 practicing Vermont artists and arts professionals with a broad range of artistic disciplines. A total of 48 proposals advanced to the second round of review.

The Vermont Arts Council's Creation Grants are made possible through support from private donations, including the Vermont Community Foundation's Arts Endowment Fund. Thanks to this generous support, the council is able to award more Creation Grants to Vermont artists in fiscal year 2026 than ever before.

For more information about the Creation Grant program, visit www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/find-a-grant/artists/creation.

Dear Editor,

A Better Claremont (ABC), a citizens' group, reports that the fight against the proposed toxic waste facility at Claremont Junction, Industrial Boulevard, Claremont, N.H., continues. Acuity Management Inc., of Methuen, Mass., continues to fight the will of the citizens of Claremont, who have fought against this facility since 2019. Acuity proposes to import up to 500 tons of toxic construction and demolition waste into the city each day, to a site near the Amtrak station, about 1,000 feet from an elementary school and within a half mile of 400 homes.

On May 22, New Hampshire regulators, i.e. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), denied Acuity's permit application. Claremont-area residents applauded the decision. But the fight continues. Acuity is suing the City of Clare-

mont and the zoning board of adjustment. The lawsuit, originally filed on October 19, 2022, has been stayed until December 2025, while Acuity appeals the regulator's denial of an operating permit. The Claremont Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) said no to Acuity, protecting our air, water, children, and families from the toxic pollution that will result from this operation.

Please write your state representatives, your city councilors or selectmen, and anyone you think might have an impact on this egregious attack on our health and environment. Special note: Brian Gould, current New Hampshire Supreme Court nominee and a waste industry lobbyist and representative, is the legal counsel of record for Acuity.

ABC is a local group working to help Claremont become a healthy and vibrant community. See www.abetterclaremont.org for more information.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following: Application #5.2/13/25/08/21, Applicant: Dexter Brown, Owner: DKB, Inc., Property Location: 519 Lovejoy Brook Rd., Reason for hearing: Application to request a minor subdivision of one existing 13-acre parcel into two lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 11th day of September, 2025
Jonathan W. Stevens, Clerk/Secretary, Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Subject to space. May be edited for clarity, grammatical errors, and libelous statements. Must be kept under 400 words. Must include name and town for publication. Viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal.

POLITICAL LETTERS

Due to the volume of political letters we receive during elections, and the increased cost of adding pages to the paper to print them all, political letters are charged at the rate of \$75 for 200 words, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. Political letters include endorsing, electioneering, or campaigning for, or against, a specific candidate or party.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Tai chi has been validated by numerous studies for its ability to improve balance and reduce falls. The National Council on Aging recommends this mindful activity as a healthy practice to stay upright on our feet, and is promoting this during Fall Prevention Awareness Week, Sept. 22-26.

Join Springfield-area Tai Chi Vermont-certified instructors on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 10-11:30 a.m., to practice healthy, safe ways to move at a fun, free event to mark this occasion, sponsored by Senior Solutions.

Sue Rubel, Karen Gaudney, and Jo Bregnard will lead you in a variety of movements in-person at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road, and online. Follow along with qigong fundamental exercises and fall-prevention tai chi (simplified Sun style) as you learn about weight shifting, smart foot placement, and more.

Tai Chi derives from martial arts first practiced in China more than 800 year ago. Over the centuries, various styles of tai chi evolved. Sun-style tai chi is well-suited for nearly ev-

eryone, as it is more upright and uses smaller steps.

Participants who register for the online option will get access to the recording after the session. If you're joining from home, remember to clear your practice space, wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe and -heel shoes for practice, and have a full water bottle with you. You can drop in at the

meetinghouse, or register for the online option by visiting studio.jobregnard.com/buy/product/87445.

If you have questions, email Bregnard at jo@jobregnard.com.

Tai Chi Vermont is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing safe and effective tai chi instructor training throughout the state. Learn more about Tai

Chi Vermont by visiting www.taichivermont.org.



A beginner tai chi class.

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Cavendish Bone Builders

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Green Mountain RSVP, an AmeriCorps Seniors program, has a free, in-person Bone Builders class, with spots available for new participants in Cavendish. These strength-training classes are for people aged 55 and older, and are taught by trained volunteers. Attendees can expect increases in balance

and muscle strength, and may experience increased bone density. The Cavendish class meets at the Cavendish Baptist Church, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 10 a.m. There are additional Bone Builders classes throughout Windsor County. Please visit our website, www.rsvpvt.org, or call 802-772-7876 for more information.



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Author Tapper wins New England Book Award

REGION – On Sept. 10, Vermont forester, author, and content creator Ethan Tapper’s book “How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World” was honored by the Northeast Independent Booksellers Association (NEIBA) as the winner of the New England Book Award in nonfiction. Tapper is a native of Sax-

tons River.

“How to Love a Forest” is a tender, poetic, and pragmatic reimagining of forests and other ecosystems, and what it means to care for them. It asks, “What does it mean to love a forest? How do we respond to the harmful legacies of the past? How do we use our species’ incredible power to heal rather than to harm?”

How do we reach toward a better future?” Since being published in September of 2024, it has become a bestseller, and received international acclaim.

Since its release, Tapper has carried the message of “How to Love a Forest” far and wide, giving more than 150 talks and readings across North America. He has also built a substantial social media following across Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and TikTok (all using the handle @HowToLoveAForest).

Tapper works, writes, birds, and runs a small consulting forestry business from his home at Bear Island – his 175-acre working forest, homestead, orchard, and sugarbush in Vermont – and plays in his punk band The Bubs.

Learn more about Tapper and “How to Love a Forest” at www.ethantapper.com.

Celebrate Vermont Sun Day Sept. 20 and 21

REGION – On Sept. 20 and 21, Vermonters throughout the state will be joining in the first national Sun Day celebration. This fall equinox, we will be celebrating the power of the sun and wind to transform our society, and provide a healthier and more sustainable future for all.

Sun Day is a day of action here in Vermont and nationally, and Third Act is a primary sponsor of this event. It’s a day to celebrate the power of clean energy, according to spokeswoman Laurel Green. As part of the National Days of Action on Sept. 20 and 21, people everywhere will be showcasing solar installations, electric homes, and vehicles that run on clean power. By organizing thousands of events nationwide on the fall equinox, Sun Day will help accelerate the ongoing clean energy revolution.

The technology and the solutions to address climate change exist. Now we need to build the political will to scale up and accelerate the growth of clean energy, and make it accessible to all.

The clean energy revolution is here. Solar, wind, and batteries are the cheapest form of power on the planet, lowering costs, creating new jobs, and strengthening our communities. On Sept. 20 and 21, we’ll celebrate the progress we’ve made and push for more. We’ll install new solar, host e-bike parades, give heat pump tours, and rally for change. Together, we’ll make the sun rise on our clean energy future.

All Vermonters are invited to join this kid-friendly day of live music, parades, and other events in Windham and Windsor Counties, Norwich, Burlington, and Middlebury.

In our region, there will be a solar system tour in Windham and Windsor

Counties. The Windham-Windsor (Win-Win) Third Act Vermont regional group is hosting a tour of local solar installations in these two counties to celebrate Sun Day. A self-guided tour that includes several homes that have gone solar, an elementary school with solar panels on the roof and playing field, a historic stone church powered by the sun, and more. Sign up at www.actionnetwork.org/events/tour-solar-systems-in-windham-and-windsor-counties.

For a list of other Sun Day events throughout Vermont and nationwide, visit www.sunday.earth/events.

Local firewood

LUDLOW, Vt. – We are getting into some fine fire-pit weather, therefore, it is time to go over, and possibly introduce, some important fire safety issues.

Fire pits should not be closer than 10 feet to any buildings or structures. Ensure there are no overhanging branches, or other items that can easily catch fire. Have a bucket of water handy, and avoid using flammable liquids. To ensure the safety of pets and children, avoid flammable clothing. Don’t burn on particularly dry or windy days, use only seasoned or heat-treated firewood, and get your firewood locally.

Transporting firewood is the fastest way to spread invasive forest pests and diseases. Microscopic organisms and other little critters hidden under bark can be carried long distances on firewood, and introduce severe harm to new forest environments. To prevent this, buy local, and burn local. Local really does mean local, too. Some of these destructive hitchhikers can take years to go 10 miles on their own, but if you drive your firewood from one town to another, you could easily have given aid to their destructive cause.

Extinguish fires properly – it’s surprising how fast things can get out of control.

Submitted by the Ludlow Tree Advisory Board, www.ludlow.vt.us/trees.



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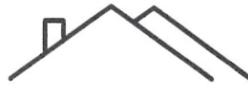
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arts & entertainment

Viva Las Elvis at the Claremont Opera House

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Experience Dan Fontaine & Memphis Sun Mafia, New England's premier Elvis Presley tribute, on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Claremont Opera House. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show will start at 7:30 p.m. Getting rave reviews on social media and quickly becoming the talk of the town, this is the must-see show of the season.



Viva Las Elvis at the Claremont Opera House.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Dan Fontaine grew up in Massachusetts, and was raised listening to the music of Elvis Presley. At 16, he began his music career singing and playing guitar at Hillcrest Church, where his father pastors. In 2014, Fon-

taine began performing his tribute to Elvis all over New England, working at his craft, which aims to capture the energy, passion, and vocal prowess of The King. He is a gifted band leader, originally fronting Fellowship of The King, and currently performing his regional tribute show "Viva Las El-

vis: From Sun To Vegas," featuring Memphis Sun Mafia Band.

Beer, wine, seltzer, cider, soft drinks, and snacks will be available. Get your tickets today at www.cohnh.org/events, and celebrate the King of Rock 'n' Roll in unforgettable style.

The Peru Fair is back

PERU, Vt. – Come one, come all. It is September, and that means the Peru Fair is about to happen. Now in its 42nd year, this southern Vermont tradition will feature its opening parade, complete with Smokey the Bear. Other features of the parade include antique cars, bagpipes, and a fire truck complete with all the bells and whistles. Any owners of antique cars who want to join in on the fun are welcome. The parade kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 9:45 a.m., but the fair itself opens at 9 a.m.

Recognized by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce in years past as one of the 10 Best Fall Events in the state, the fair is a family event with a wide array of attractions. This year's fair will include balloons, magicians, face painting, and a chance to do arts and crafts. There will be many entertainment venues this year, which will include a return of the ever-favorite Nordic Harmoni, cloggers, and musicians. The pig roast is always a huge attraction, but there are many other choices of food among the 170 vendors.

All parking for the fair

is at Bromley Mountain, where buses will be shuttling fair-goers to the village starting at 8 a.m. The bus and parking are free. Handicapped parking is also at Bromley, and for those with mobility issues or in wheelchairs, a handicapped bus equipped with a lift will be available. Handicapped bathrooms are also

available. Entrance to the fair is discounted for children 5-9 years old.

The Peru Fair is a rain-or-shine event. All proceeds from the fair go to the Peru Scholarship Fund for students pursuing postsecondary education. For more information, visit www.perufair.org.

The Upper Pass Lodge, something for everyone –

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Green Mountain State is made up of many mountains that accommodate skiers, snowboarders, hiking enthusiasts, and nature lovers. Vermont plays backdrop to countless weddings and vacations which take place all around the state, supporting its primary economy of tourism. Some hotels cater to the upper 1% of the population, while the Upper Pass Lodge in Londonderry has something for everyone. Located at the foot of Magic Mountain, the Upper Pass Lodge provides a jumping off point for everyone, from leafpeepers, to avid skiers and snowboarders.

In addition to clean, comfortable rooms, the Upper Pass Lodge boasts its own restaurant, swimming pool, lake for fishing and relaxing, and bar and living room for mingling with other guests and friends. The lodge has a family feeling, and once guests settle in for their stay, that feeling remains. People gather around the

beautiful fireplace in the living area. You can generally find ingredients for smores on the table in the hallway.

Owner Vince Presciti opened the Upper Pass Lodge in 2012. He recently decided to incorporate his love of music into the evening program at the lodge. As a New York City transplant and professional drummer who clearly has a gift for working with people, Presciti is the center of Upper Pass Lodge, keeping his eye on and hands in everything that takes place at 420 Magic Mountain Road in Londonderry, Vt.

Event planner Meghan Mosher has stepped into the role of orchestrating live performances at the lodge. The opening act is Jonny Vinal, whose music is a combination of folk, reggae, rock, blues, and gypsy punk. He performs his own compositions, as well as covers the work of other artists whose compositions speak to him. Vinal will appear every other Tuesday evening, and will serve as the master of ceremonies on alternate weeks, when the Upper Pass Lodge will host open mic night.

Everyone who would like to give performing publicly a try will have their chance.

The lodge is pet friendly. It is common for one or two canine guests to be in residence and get to enjoy Presciti's hospitality.

The Red Slate Restaurant is open for dinner seven nights a week with daily specials. This is the only lodge with a restaurant in Londonderry. Their menu boasts steaks and burgers, while Tuesday night the special dish is tacos. Friday is for fish and chips that are so delicious and fresh, the hungry diner is almost surprised at the high quality of their meal. Sunday night showcases flatbread pizza with a variety of toppings. In addition to dinner, the restaurant serves breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The convenience of having good food readily available is a definite plus for anyone staying at the lodge.

For additional information on the Upper Pass Lodge and Red Line Restaurant, please contact The Upper Pass Lodge at 802-824-5600, or visit their website at www.upperpasslodge.com.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

Wagon rides – both days, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Balloon tying and plate spinning with Linda Peck – both days, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

9-10 a.m.: Reggae Vibes (Hay Stage)

10 a.m.: Crossover Cloggers (Pie Stage)

10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Vices Inc. (Hay Stage)

11 a.m.: Opal Raven Cirque (Pie Stage)

12 p.m.: Cemetery Tour with Jon (Carriage House)

12:30 p.m.: Crossover Cloggers (Maker's Stage)

1 p.m.: Brookside Trail Tour with CCC (Trail Bridge)

1-3 p.m.: Red River North (Hay Stage)

2:30 p.m.: Opal Raven Cirque (Pie Stage)

3 p.m.: Cemetery Tour with Jon (Carriage House)

3:30-5 p.m.: E-Cellist, Paula Boyle (Hay Stage)

Hay maze

Lawn games with BRACC

Needle in a haystack

Live and interactive performances

Face painting by Heather

Rock painting with Scar and Pystal

Dunk tank with Connecticut River Valley Stingrays swim team

Balloon animals with Linda.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

9-11 a.m.: Johnny O. (Hay Stage)

10 a.m.: Crossover Cloggers (Pie Stage)

11 a.m.: Opal Raven Cirque (Pie Stage)

11:30 a.m.: A Company of Witches (Maker's Stage)

12 p.m.: Cemetery Tour with

Jon (Carriage House)

12-2 p.m.: Sammy Blanchette (Hay Stage)

12:30 p.m.: A Company of Witches (Maker's Stage)

1 p.m.: Brookside Trail Tour with CCC (Trail Bridge)

1:30 p.m.: Crossover Cloggers (Maker's Stage)

2-4 p.m.: Rust & Ruin (Hay Stage)

2:30 p.m.: Opal Raven Cirque (Pie Stage)

3 p.m.: Cemetery Tour with Jon (Carriage House)

MAKER DEMONSTRATIONS, BOTH DAYS

Joanna Alix Watercolors – Painting Demo

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Training Center Gymnastics team – Popcorn and Coffee, Yosemite Engine Company and Chester EMT - Grilled burgers & Hotdogs, GMUHS 11th Grade Class – Mac and Cheese and Fried Bread Dough, GMUHS 10th Grade Class – Crepes, GMUHS 9th Grade Class – Soups, GMUHS 8th Grade Class – Baked Potatoes, GMUHS 7th Grade Class – Walking Tacos, GMUHS Cheerleading Team – Sno Cones.

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