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Divided Sky's Big Weekend brings big fun to Ludlow

BY PAULA BENSON
 The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – Saturday, May 16, was the kind of day that gives the Green Mountain State bragging rights. Wispy, white clouds floated through bluebird skies, and the hills of Okemo Mountain glowed green like emeralds.

This year, Okemo welcomed the third annual Music on the Mountain, part of Divided Sky's Big Weekend, in partnership with The Phoenix sober community. The weekend jam-fest kicked off on Friday evening with Musicians and Mocktails, an intimate dinner concert held at the Coleman Brook Tavern. That was followed by the Campfire Jam, an outdoor, acoustic musical performance featuring artists Anders Osborne, Jackie Greene, and Daniel Donato.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, runners in the 5K Fun(d) Run took off from the Jack-

son Gore Ice House, and at noon, gates opened for a day and night of world-class music, food, and alcohol-free fun.

The talented, young musicians of the Trombone Shorty Foundation Band led the crowd in a second line parade, playing a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In," among other tunes.

Osborne and Greene took the stage together, where they performed songs from each of their catalogs and asked for audience requests. They were joined onstage by guitarist, singer, and songwriter Daniel Donato, prompting Osborne to joke, "Should we start a band?" "Yes!" roared the fans in response.

Funky, five-piece group 2LOT performed, followed by Karina Rykman, an indie singer and songwriter from New York City. Her gold bass guitar reflected the afternoon sun as she rocked



A large crowd gathers for the Music on the Mountain festival. PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

the crowd. People were still arriving as the evening approached, with the headlining bands, Eggy and LaMP, being two of the event's biggest attractions.

The music continued into the night with the Big Weekend All-Stars After Party, where some of Saturday's musicians were joined by even more performers,

such as Dogs in a Pile, and trumpeter and vocalist Jennifer Hartswick, an original member of the Trey Anastasio Band.

Other than the huge variety of amazing musicians and vocal artists, there were vendor booths, a variety of recovery services, a giant bounce house, activities for kids, and food from some

of the area's best, like Goodman's American Pie and Letti's Besitos. Ocreemo was on site serving their homemade ice cream, and Copper Horse Coffee sold coffee and cold brew.

A substance-free festival raising money to benefit the Divided Sky Foundation and support the sober community The Phoenix, Music on the Mountain is a joyful community event bringing people together to celebrate music, human connection, and a sober lifestyle.

Scott Strode, executive director and founder of The Phoenix, as well as the author of "Rise. Recover. Thrive: How I Got Strong, Got Sober, and Built a Movement of Hope," first got sober more than 29 years ago.

Strode said what he discovered was his "intrinsic strength."

"You can see from the top of the mountain what you cannot see from here,"

Strode declared.

With the help of friends who shared their journeys, Strode found sobriety through physical exercise and training, finding meaningful activities, and community. Twenty years ago, he began The Phoenix as an extension of that healthy lifestyle and mindset, and, like the symbolic renewal of the phoenix rising from the ashes, The Phoenix has now given hope to more than 1.3 million people since its inception.

Currently, The Phoenix hosts sober events across the U.S., including programs throughout Vermont. Strode reported that as The Phoenix grew, it launched a tech program to connect participants. That was relaunched as New Form, an app where users can find Phoenix events and activities, plus more than 120 nonprofits for mental health

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Londonderry votes down office manager position

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB
 The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Monday, May 11, the Town of Londonderry held a special town meeting to discuss and vote on whether the town shall "raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$81,000 for the purpose of funding, in part, the salary and benefits of the general office manager."

The assistant town clerk position, held by Jennifer Lawrence, and currently by a temporary employee, is 24 hours per week with a salary of \$32,295. The proposed full-time general office manager position would replace the part-time assistant town clerk, and would be paid at 40 hours. The budget for the salary, to include benefits, would break down as follows: single benefits, \$77,342; two-person benefits, \$97,248; or family benefits, \$110,094.

Treasurer Tina Labeau confirmed during the meet-

ing that these proposed figures would replace the current salary of \$32,295, and that the amount added to annual property taxes would not exceed the proposed \$81,000. Labeau further explained that if the amount an individual was hired for is less than the \$81,000, that exact dollar amount would be included in the tax bills, as to not raise more funds than necessary. Labeau simplified that a \$100,000 salary would add a penny to the tax rate, or add \$10 per \$100,000 of assessed property value to each tax bill.

The job description would include answering phones and assisting customers, digitizing land records and zoning files, and assisting the wastewater department in billing and collections. The individual would report back to the town staff, official, or department they were assisting. The proposed start date would be July 1.

Pubic comment questioned a part-time position

to aid the assistant town clerk position. Labeau stated they didn't think it would be attractive, as it is harder to find part time employees. Town administrator Aileen Tulloch added that the full-time help would be beneficial when any of the office staff need to take time off. Selectboard Chair Tom Cavanagh stated, "The benefit package is what keeps people working for the town."

A motion to vote by paper ballot was made, tallying 32 "yes" votes and 33 "no" votes. The article to raise \$81,000 in taxes to fund a general office manager position did not pass.

Article 2, "Shall the Town of Londonderry authorize the selectboard to investigate purchasing one or more parcels of land for future use to be determined by a future Town Meeting" was then discussed.

Cavanagh explained that the town was interested in purchasing land for future use, such as further expand-

Puzzle page winner

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GMUSD budget passes

CHESTER, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 12, the Green Mountain Unified School District (GMUSD) voted on a revised school budget of \$19,341,997. This is an estimated \$16,060.66 per pupil, which is 9.98% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year. The budget passed, 427-279.

ing the wastewater system, moving the South Londonderry Fire Department, or relocating the road crew. He expressed there is not an exact use determined at this

time, and that the town has not actively started to pursue any particular parcel, but that it was looking for public support for the idea. Article 2 passed.

Chester audit shows no deficit, talks public funds grants

BY NICK GIBERTI
 The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – During the Chester Selectboard's May 6 meeting, Town Manager Julie Hance told the board that the town's auditing firm, RHR Smith, had assured her that their review of the town's finances in 2024 and 2025 showed no deficit. Hance had reported to the board at a previous meeting that the 2024 audit, completed in June 2025, showed a deficit, which Hance did not notice until October of the same year and about which the auditors had not alerted her. However, Hance explained at the same meeting that the 2024 audit also contained some irregularities, and so it was decided that it would be reviewed while RHR Smith completed the audit for 2025. That process is still ongoing, but Hance said that the auditors

were confident at this point that there is no deficit.

The board also heard from Courtlandt Pennell, one of Chester's trustees of public funds, who explained to the board that the trustees had initiated a process by which nonprofit organizations in Chester can apply for grant money from the public funds. Pennell explained that, over the town's history, the trustees have done well in managing the public funds – which originate from various sources, such as donations, bequeathments, and the 1984 sale of mineral rights to Cyprus Minerals – and because of this, the town is now in a position to utilize those funds to aid the community through grants. To that end, Pennell told the board that the trustees have created a new mission statement over the previous year, which states that the trustees will manage and disperse

the public funds to "benefit the welfare, education, and cemetery needs of the community." The trustees will accept grants from 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations which serve the Chester community, with two grant cycles per year, ending on May 30 and Nov. 30.

Selectboard Chair Lee Gustafson thanked Pennell for his and the other trustees' work on this issue, saying that, while the town had previously utilized the funds on an as-needed basis, he appreciated that there is now consistent guidance in place for the use of and access to the funds.

Moving on, the board heard from Tim Jones, of Green Mountain Power (GMP), about the upgrades to and burial of power lines along Lovers Lane. While Jones assured the board that GMP would restore the road and culverts to "as-good or

better" condition than that in which they started, the board expressed concern about the kind of road material GMP would utilize to do so. Hance noted that, after the 2023 floods, Highway Director Kirby Putnam had made the decision to use a material called Shur-Pak, and that he attributed the roads' increased durability during subsequent mud seasons to its use. GMP agreed to use this material when reconstructing the portions of the road which are disturbed during the project, and the language in the project proposal was updated to reflect that. Jones also told the board that the project would not begin until the 2027 construction season.

The board also discussed sending a letter to the Vermont Legislature expressing their disapproval of portions of Act 181, specifically Tier 3 and the so-called "Road

Rule." At the time of the meeting, the legislature was already in the process of repealing these portions of the act due to large-scale public backlash across the state to what was seen as overly restrictive curbs on landowners' use of their properties. However, Vice Chair Arne Jonynas noted that the repeal was not yet finalized, and so he voiced support for sending the letter urging the legislature to move forward with the repeal.

The board did acknowledge, however, that portions of Act 181, particularly Tier 1, which allows for bypassing of Act 250 review for projects within designated town centers which meet certain criteria, are beneficial to Chester. Because of this, it was the general consensus that only the offending portions of Act 181

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Ludlow Rotary Club welcomes local professional Penny Wu

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Rotary Club is proud to announce the induction of its newest member, Penny Wu. A dedicated community advocate and local professional, Wu joins the ranks of one of the region's most active service organizations, further strengthening the club's mission of "service above self."

Wu was officially welcomed into the club during a recent meeting, when she was presented with her Rotary pin and greeted by current members.

"We are thrilled to have Penny join our Rotary family," said Jim Rumrill, past president of the Ludlow

Rotary Club. "Her energy, expertise, and clear commitment to the wellbeing of the Ludlow community make her a perfect fit for our upcoming initiatives. We look forward to the perspective and dedication she brings to our service projects."

The Ludlow Rotary Club is known for its extensive local impact, including supporting the annual Duck Race, providing student scholarships, and maintaining local infrastructure projects. As a new rotarian, Wu will collaborate with fellow members to identify and address community needs while participating in Rotary International's broader global

humanitarian efforts.

"I am honored to join the Ludlow Rotary Club," said Wu. "I have long admired the work this group does to support our schools, neighbors, and local businesses. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and contributing to the club's legacy of service."

The Ludlow Rotary Club meets Tuesdays, at 12:15 p.m., at DJ's Restaurant. Local professionals and community members interested in making a difference are encouraged to visit a meeting or contact the club for membership information.

Forage Bakery will return to Ludlow Farmers Market

LUDLOW, Vt. – Forage Bakery, a gluten-free and vegan artisanal cottage bakery owned and run by Chester resident Luna Burkland, will be returning to the Ludlow Farmers Market this summer for the second year in a row.

Sourdough bread, cin-

namon buns, seasonal fruit crumble muffins, bagels, and brioche Danishes will make a repeat appearance this summer. All of Forage Bakery's products are made without the use of the top nine allergens (gluten, dairy, soy, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, fish, and shellfish),

utilize local ingredients, and use all-organic flours.

You can find Forage Bakery at the Ludlow Farmers Market, on Depot Street in downtown Ludlow, Vt., on the following Sundays: May 31, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 19, July 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 9, and Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Baked goods preorders are accepted until the Friday morning prior to the market.

For questions or more information regarding Forage Bakery, contact Burkland through Instagram or Facebook at @foragebakery, or by email at foragebakery@gmail.com.

Volunteers spruce up Kesman Park

LUDLOW, Vt. – Local volunteers from the Ludlow Garden Club and Ludlow Streetscapes came together to give Kesman Park, on the corner of Depot Street and Main Street, a much-needed spring spruce-up. Brooms and rakes brushed away the leaves and debris of the winter. Trees and bushes

were cut back, giving the outgrowth a much-needed trim. Efforts will be ongoing as plantings continue to flourish. Summer flowers will be installed in June, enhancing the park and the adjoining flower racks at the town hall and coordinated with the bridge hayracks and hanging baskets featured in town.

In the meantime, mem-

bers are preparing for the second annual Garden-Scapes Plant Sale, which will take place on Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the park. Annual and perennial plants, herbs, and vegetables, along with refreshments to consume on-site or take to go, will be available for purchase. Please join us for this fundraising effort.

Ludlow and Mount Holly Elementary Art Walk

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Elementary School and Mount Holly Elementary School present their annual Community Art Show and Walk along Main Street in Ludlow,

Vt. Each student chose two of their best art pieces from the school year to display. You can take the art walk any day between Tuesday, May 26, and Wednesday, June 10. Thank you for

your support of the arts and student learning.

If you would like to take the Art Walk with the art teacher, meet at Benson's Chevrolet on Friday, May 29, at 5 p.m.

"Step Back in Time" with Springfield Historical Society

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join the Springfield Art and Historical Society for "Step Back in Time," a pop-up event on Fri-

day, May 22, from 5-8 p.m., at 56 Main Street, Suite 2, Springfield, Vt. Come visit with experts in Springfield's past; browse his-

torical photographs and artifacts; and experience the innovation, culture, and daily life that shaped Springfield.

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and addiction recovery support.

Once Strode connected The Phoenix with Divided Sky, the two organizations started an informal partnership, and five years ago they held the first 5K Fun(d) Run at Okemo. Now, the event has turned

into a full weekend of activities and become a real destination for families and others, who travel to Okemo from all over New England and elsewhere.

By bringing visitors to the area, the festival benefits Ludlow-area businesses, including the Jackson Gore Inn, which is typically at 5% occupancy this time of year, but was fully occupied over the weekend.

The Phoenix's Musical Director Bill Taylor has worked as a music-industry professional for decades. After getting sober 14 years ago, Taylor began working with musicians in recovery as a way of giving back.

"Sobriety saved my life," said Taylor. "It was important to me to find a way to help others dealing with addiction and mental health."

Taylor continued, "Any musician that lives the life of being on the road, traveling town to town, that's a brutal lifestyle." Streaming services

have limited the revenue musicians make from recording songs, so, Taylor remarked, "they have to go on tour."

Based in New Orleans, Taylor connected with The Phoenix five years ago and started to do more with them to organize sober music events.

When curating an event, Taylor lets the region or city dictate the type of event that would fit with local culture.

"I knew we were on to something special," Taylor remarked, speaking of Music on the Mountain, "the moment I looked out [from behind the stage] and saw everyone without drugs or alcohol just having a blast."

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should be repealed.

"The part I struggle with just tossing the whole thing is that there are some highly sensitive ecological areas that I don't think we as a town have the scientific background to manage," said board member Tim Roper, while subsequently acknowledging that he does not believe the state has done well on this front, either. However, he said, Act 250 "is responsible for the landscape we see in Vermont today."

Ultimately, the board decided they would send their notes for revision of the current draft of the letter to Hance, and she and Gustafson would revise it for the board's review at their next meeting.

Finally, the board adopted a Code of Ethics, Investigation, and Enforcement ordinance, which lays out the process for investigation of ethics complaints against municipal employees; a conflict of interest policy, which sets guidelines concerning when board members are expected to recuse themselves from a vote to avoid influencing a matter which may substantially benefit them personally; and an updated fee schedule for municipal services, which can be viewed at www.chestertv.gov/forms.html (scroll to the bottom and click on "View full Fee Schedule").

The Chester Selectboard next meets on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall.

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Adams Grist Mill to open for season

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Historical Society's Frank Adams Grist Mill, 20 Mill Street, will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The mill will be open Saturdays and Sundays through Columbus Day weekend. Appointments can be made to view the mill outside of these hours by emailing bfhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



The Adams Grist Mill.

PHOTO PROVIDED

While visiting the mill, make time to visit the Riverfront Park Labyrinth and the stunning views down the Connecticut River. The park is open from dawn to dusk year-round.

The Bellows Falls Historical Society & Museum is located at 46 Canal Street. Displays of local history include the railroad, Hetty Green, and the Victorian houses. Current exhibits are "Industry in Bellows

Falls" and the Gordon Crandal Native American exhibit. The art gallery is currently completing its run of "Two Friends," the paintings of Virginia Clark and Nan Durling, who deftly captured the village's charm and the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

The Bellows Falls Historical Society & Museum is open Wednesdays and Fridays year-round, from 1-3 p.m.; and Saturdays and

Sundays, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., or by special appointment via email.

The Frank Adams Grist Mill is looking for help with various tasks and for tour guides for the season. Tour guide hours are Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Contact Jim Narkiewicz at 603-313-8585 or adamsgristmill@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Veterans association offers nursing scholarships

REGION – The Barre chapter of The Forty and Eight, a national veterans organization, is offering scholarships to qualified undergraduate students enrolled in academic programs of study leading to either associate's or bachelor's degrees in nursing. These scholarships can help veterans in related military occupations prepare for civilian careers in the nursing profession.

The deadline for submitting applications for scholarships for the 2026 fall academic semester is June 26. Awards for the fall semester will be distributed by July 30. At least one stipend of \$1,000 or more will be available. Students who have already enrolled in nursing programs and

others planning to enter programs in the fall semester who need financial help to cover tuition, anticipated expenses for training and supplies, transportation, and housing so they can focus on preparation for careers in the nursing profession should apply.

A national program addressing the need for more skilled nurses is a special interest of La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, a veterans organization founded in 1920. The chapter of The Forty and Eight in Barre has awarded \$38,000 in scholarships to assist 37 students enrolled in undergraduate nursing programs in Vermont col-

leges and universities.

For more information about The Forty and Eight and the nurses training scholarship and application forms, contact Jessica Rivait at nurseyourfuturevt@yahoo.com or 802-989-8328.

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Peter Canellos author talk at Grafton Public Library

GRAFTON, Vt. – Please join us at the Grafton Public Library on Wednesday, May 27, from 6:30-8 p.m., for a very special neighborhood discussion series program – our first of 2026.

We are honored to host award-winning author and journalist Peter Canellos as

he discusses his most recent book, "Revenge for the Sixties: Sam Alito and the Triumph of the Conservative Legal Movement."

Canellos began his journalism career at the Boston Globe and more recently served as executive editor at Politico. He has received numerous citations

for his work, including being named a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction.

A graduate of Columbia Law School, Canellos is noted for his writing about the Supreme Court. In his book "Revenge for the Sixties," Canellos examines the forces that shaped Justice Samuel Alito's judicial career and outlines why understanding Alito's story is

essential to understanding the future of American law and democracy.

There will be time for a Q&A after Canellos' presentation, and signed copies of Canellos' book will be available for purchase. It is necessary to register to attend this event, as seating is limited and the program will not be recorded. Please email librarian@grafton-publiclibrary.org to register.

"Fashions of the Colonial Period" at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join the Friends of the Rockingham Public Library for "Fashions of the Colonial Period" on Saturday, May 30, at 12 p.m. Journey with Karen "Ren" Antonowicz through the clothing trends and cultural influences of the 17th and 18th centuries, when style reflected societal norms and personal expression. "Fashions of the Colonial Period" is a fashion show featuring a slideshow and video clips from period films and television shows.

This event is free, open to the public, and will take place at the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

Antonowicz holds a master's degree in textiles, fashion merchandising, and design, with a concentration in historic costume and textiles. Antonowicz taught the history of fashion and

other courses full time at the college level for 13 years. She continues to follow her passion for historic costume by conducting fashion-era presentations at libraries, senior centers, historical societies, museums, and historic homes.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rockingham Public Library, an organization that was created to support and supplement the services offered by the library, which will in turn support and enrich our local community.

For more information about this and other programs, call 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library.



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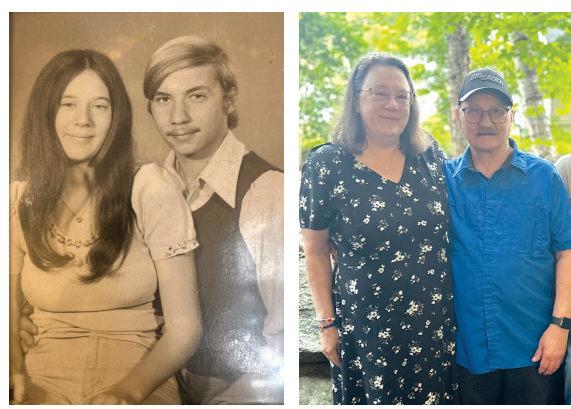
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Smilin' Steve Pharmacies close unexpectedly

REGION - The Smilin' Steve Pharmacies in Ludlow, Springfield, and Woodstock closed unexpectedly on Friday, May 15. The pharmacies posted that this permanent closure is "due to unfortunate circum-

stances with [their] wholesaler Cardinal Health."

Customers of Smilin' Steve's should call 802-775-2545 with questions and for prescription transfers.

Kinney Drugs, at 55 Springfield Plaza, and

North Star Health Pharmacy, located at 100 River Street, Suite 1, can assist customers in Springfield. The Shaw's Pharmacy in Ludlow is available for Ludlow residents.

Mount Ascutney Hospital honors DAISY and Bumble Bee awards -

WINDSOR, Vt. - Dartmouth Health's Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) recently honored nurses and support staff for their dedication to compassionate, patient-centered care through the Diseases Attacking the Immune System (DAISY) and Bumble Bee award programs.

The awards were presented during a special celebration attended by hospital leadership, colleagues and their families, and cofounder of the DAISY Foundation Tena



Three staff members at Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center were honored for their compassionate care. PHOTO PROVIDED

Barnes Carraher, who spoke about the significance of recognizing extraordinary caregivers and the difference they make in the lives of patients and families.

Award recipients included Moriah Tidwell, DAISY RN Nurse Leader Award; Lily Burke, DAISY RN Award; and Moriah Wojciechowski, Bumble Bee Award.

"The DAISY and Bee awards are a reflection of the culture we work hard to build every day," said Matthew R. Foster, president

and CEO of MAHHC. "These individuals represent the very best of what it means to care for others, and we are proud to celebrate them."

The DAISY Award is an international recognition program honoring nurses for the skilled and compassionate care they provide to patients and families. The Bumble Bee Award recognizes non-nursing staff members to help create exceptional patient experiences through their dedication and service.

HCRS welcomes new staff hired in April

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's community mental health agency, is pleased to welcome three new professionals who joined the agency during the month of April. These new hires will strengthen HCRS' services across Windham and Windsor counties as the organization continues to evolve and respond to growing community needs.

With more than 550 staff working across more than 20 locations, HCRS brings on new team members each month to ensure continued access to high-quality care across the region. The latest additions reflect the agency's broad reach across southeastern Vermont and its commitment to providing essen-



Meg Howes and Theron Wilkinson. PHOTO PROVIDED

tial mental health, substance use, and developmental services to more than 4,000 people each year.

HCRS welcomes the following new employees: Meg Howes, residential specialist, Springfield; Theron Wilkinson, residential specialist, Bellows Falls; and Emily Seymour, clinical care coordinator, Brattleboro. These professionals bring unique talents and energy

to their roles, and HCRS is proud to have them join the team.

Founded in 1967, HCRS is a nonprofit community mental health agency serving Vermonters in Windham and Windsor counties. The agency provides a wide range of social services that support optimal mental health and functioning. Visit www.hcrs.org for more information.

United Counseling Service partners with HCRS

BENNINGTON, Vt. - The United Counseling Service (UCS) Board of Directors announced today a new partnership with Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), the community mental health and developmental services agency serving Windham and Windsor counties, to provide leadership support and operational guidance during a period of transition for the organization.

In recent months, UCS has been focused on strengthening operations and enhancing service delivery to best meet the needs of the community. Julie Pagliccia, the

agency's director of quality and performance improvement, stepped forward on April 3 to serve as interim CEO following the departure of the agency's previous CEO.

"We are incredibly grateful to Julie for her dedication and willingness to lead during this time," said Bob Thompson, chair of the UCS Board of Directors. "Her commitment to our staff, clients, and community has been unwavering, and she has played a critical role in maintaining stability while we determine the best path forward."

To further support the agency and position it for long-term success, the board has partnered with HCRS to provide executive leadership and administrative oversight. Through this partnership, HCRS Chief Executive Officer Anne Bilodeau will serve as interim chief administrative officer for UCS effective immediately, working closely with leadership and staff to strengthen operations, support staff, and ensure high-quality services.

"As a larger agency with similar programs and a shared mission, HCRS is

well-positioned to support UCS during this transition period," Thompson added. "We have full confidence in Anne and her leadership team to help guide us through this period and ensure that our services continue to meet the needs of our community."

Bilodeau emphasized the importance of collaboration and continuity of care in the partnership.

"Our priority is to support UCS' staff and leadership while ensuring that individuals and families continue to receive the high-quality services they depend on," said Bilodeau. "We recognize the challenges the agency has faced, and we are committed to working alongside their team to strengthen operations, build on existing successes, and help position the organization for a stable and sustainable future."

The partnership will also allow Pagliccia to return her full focus to quality and performance improvement - areas that are critical to the agency's long-term success and service excellence.

The board expressed confidence that, with the support of HCRS, UCS is well-positioned to move forward with renewed strength and focus. "We are optimistic about the future," said Thompson. "This partnership represents an important step in ensuring that our organization remains strong, responsive, and committed to those we serve."

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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday services are being held in the church. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St.
Traditional Baptist Services held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible. 802-463-3220.

St. Charles Church, 31 Cherry Hill St.

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

CAVENDISH, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.
Please join us Sundays, at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/stjamesumcproctorsville.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.
Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to www.charlestownbiblechurch.org. Call 603-826-5121 for more info or to request a personal Bible study.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North

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

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.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

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

LUDLOW, VT.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Route 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn

Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. For more information, email Ann Rose at 802-259-3016.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

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

PERKINSVILLE, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday coffee and fellowship time at 9:30 a.m., adult Bible study at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jckurpiel@

yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.firstchurchspringfield.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield

All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org, or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Join our worship service every Sunday at 10 a.m. Women's Study group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and Mens Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910 for links and more information.

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

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

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

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

WALPOLE, N.H.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

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.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 U.S. Route 5

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. We have a children's message each Sunday and following church is a time of fellowship in the Hall with coffee and snacks. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminstercongonline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

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Dale M. Ellison, 1954-2026

WASHINGTON, Vt. - Dale Marie Ellison, 71, died on May 14, 2026, in her home.

She was born Oct. 21, 1954, in Springfield, Vt. She grew up in Ludlow, the daughter of Donald and Virginia (Charleton) Ellison.

She attended Black River High School, where she played field hockey. After Dale graduated in 1972, she went on to attend the University of Vermont.

She enjoyed drawing, spending time outdoors, and talking with her friend Rosalyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Jane Creaser.

Dale is survived by her three brothers, Donald Jr., Bruce, and Frank Ellison; and several nieces and nephews.



Dale Ellison, 1954-2026. PHOTO PROVIDED

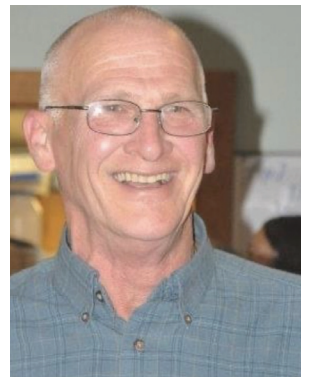
Memorial contributions may be made to Washington County Mental Health Services, P.O. Box 647, Montpelier, VT 05601-0647 (www.wcmhs.org/donate); or Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, 600 Granger Road, Berlin, VT 05641 (www.cvhhh.org/donate).

Max E. Emery celebration of life

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - A celebration of life for Max E. Emery, who passed away on Jan. 16, 2026, will be held on Sunday, June 7, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney, Vt. There will be a luncheon following the service. Burial will follow at the Plain Cemetery in Perkinsville, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Howard Paul Sr., 1951-2026

LUDLOW, Vt. - Howard Paul Sr. passed away on May 8, 2026. For a full obituary, please visit <https://www.davismemorialchapel.net/obituary/howard-paul-sr>.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 22 –

ANDOVER, Vt. – Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover Inc. will be holding its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, May 22, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Andover Town Hall, 953 Andover-Weston Road. The menu will include spaghetti with choice of sauces, salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. Admission is by donation at the door. Community Cares Network is a community volunteer organization whose mission is helping seniors stay in their homes longer, safely.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, on Friday, May 22, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., to assist qualified New Hampshire property owners in applying for the property tax relief program. No appointments will be taken – this will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Household adjusted gross income requirements are \$37,000 or less for a single taxpayer, or \$47,000 or less for those married filing jointly/head of household. Please bring a copy of form 1040 for tax year 2025 (or income documents if you did not file federal income tax forms) and your property tax bill for the last quarter of 2025.

MAY 23-24 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join the Springfield Humane Society at their shelter, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, on May

23 and 24, from 9-3 p.m., for their annual Memorial Day yard sale.

MAY 23 –

BRIDGEWATER, Vt. – The Bridgewater Historical Society, located in the Old Brick Schoolhouse, 12 North Bridgewater Road, opens for the season on Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This season's exhibit looks back at the history of Bridgewater through photographs, stories, and artifacts loaned or donated to the historical society. Admission is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities.

NEWPORT, N.H. – Gerry Grimo & the East Bay Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Newport Opera House, 20 Main Street, on Saturday, May 23, from 7-9:30 p.m., to celebrate 50 years of performing throughout New England. A cash bar and refreshments will be available. To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit www.newportoperahouse.com, call 603-863-2412, or email info@newportoperahouse.com.

MAY 27 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Come to the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, on Wednesday, May 27, at 1 p.m., to see who has been named Senior of the Year king and/or queen. For more information, contact executive director Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933.

MAY 28 – The Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 North Main Street, will hold its first community lunch of 2026 on Thursday, May 28, at 12 p.m. Chef Patty Pettit, assisted by expert sous-chef Eris Proctor, will be once again preparing a sumptuous feast for all, consisting of roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, salad, and dessert. Our servers will cater to your every need. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be gathered.

Sorry, there is no takeout available. For more information, call the church office at 802-824-6453.

MAY 30 –

WESTMORELAND, N.H. – An America 250 celebration will be held on Saturday, May 30, at 9 South Village Common, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. This will be a full day of 18th-century historical activities and locations from which to enjoy. Activities will include a color guard; a reading of the Declaration of Independence; a food wagon; "Life in 1776"; self-guided tours of historical homes built before 1820; open houses at the fire station, Westmoreland United Church, Park Hill Meeting House, Corner School, and Union Church; Pow Wow Rock; a cemetery scavenger hunt for Revolutionary War veterans' headstones; an ice cream social; and a performance by the Westmoreland Town Band. For more information, visit www.westmorelandhistoricalsociety.org.

JUNE 5-6 –

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, will hold its annual indoor/outdoor yard sale on Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. both days.

JUNE 6 –

BRIDGEWATER CORNERS, Vt. – The Bridgewater Grange, 129 Route 100A, will host bingo on Saturday, June 6. Doors open at 5 p.m., game time is 6:15 p.m. Concessions will be available. All are welcome.

JULY 13 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – As part of the Fletcher Memorial Library's 125th anniversary, the Friends of Fletcher Memorial Library are developing a 2027 calendar which will feature photos of Ludlow and be sold in the fall of 2026. All proceeds will be used to support the library. We are looking for photos that

showcase some aspects of Ludlow: our beautiful mountains, lakes, flowers, wildlife, and quaint village. Stop by the library at 88 Main Street in Ludlow for more information and an entry form. The deadline to submit photos is July 13.

RECURRING EVENTS

SUNDAYS –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Meet on Depot Street in downtown Ludlow every Sunday through Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to shop at our vibrant farmers market. Find a variety of local produce each week, along with fresh baked goods, handmade crafts and gifts, cold beverages, live music, and more. We can't wait to see you for fresh food, community, and fun.

MONDAYS –

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls. The program is free, and is for anyone suffering from obesity, binge eating, anorexia, or bulimia. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-376-3507, or visit www.oa.org.

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

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.

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Burger night is held every Tuesday, from 5-7 p.m., at the West Townshend Country Store, 6573 Vermont Route 30, West Townshend, Vt. There will be live music provided by a different local artist each week. For more information, visit www.westtownshend.org, call 802-874-4800, email info@westtownshend.org, or message the store on Facebook.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Tai Chi Vermont certified teacher Jo Bregnard will teach a new tai chi form, bafa wubu, online and in person, Tuesdays, from April 7-May 26, from 10-11 a.m., at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road. Sponsored by Senior Solutions. All are welcome. Head to the meetinghouse or, for access to the livestream or recording, visit studio.jobregnard.com/product/92447.

WEDNESDAYS –

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

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 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach tai chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center

at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A fly-tying class will be held at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, on Thursday evenings, from 6-8 p.m. Tools and instruction are available for free, with a small charge to cover materials. The class is limited to five students. If interested, contact Lloyd Mann at lrman126@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach tai chi and qi gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

CHESTER, Vt. – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, located at 96 South Main Street in Chester. If you have a problem with alcohol, this is an understanding place to come to.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – If you are interested in playing or learning the game of mahjong, please come to the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, on Fridays, at 1 p.m. For more information, call 603-543-5998.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Come show off your masterpieces at the Claremont Senior Center Knitters Group, on Fridays, from 1-3 p.m., at 5 Acer Heights. For more information, call 603-543-5998.

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Shoot trap every Friday, at 5:30 p.m., at Precision Valley Fish and Game Outdoor Range, located at 2879 Route 106 in Perkinsville.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us on Main Street, from 5-8 p.m., every fourth Friday in May, June, July, August, September, and October. Events feature a vibrant downtown experience filled with local vendors, live music in the park, and plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy. Presented by Springfield on the Move, Copper Fox, and Gallery at the Vault.

SATURDAYS –

BRIDGEWATER, Vt. – The Bridgewater Historical Society, located in the Old Brick Schoolhouse at 12 North Bridgewater Road, is open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from May 23 – Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DAILY –

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

Drilling and blasting will occur at the Allard Stone Quarry at 1589 Grafton Street, Chester, VT 05143, June 1-3, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Town of Andover will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. at the Andover Town Hall in Andover, Vermont to receive public comment regarding the following:

RE-ADOPTION OF THE TOWN PLAN

The Planning Commission proposes to re-adopt an updated version of the existing Town Plan. Copies of the Town Plan are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office located at 953 Weston – Andover Road in Andover, Vermont during normal business hours.

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 12th day of May, 2026
Jonathan W. Stevens, Clerk/Secretary, Andover Planning Commission



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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

TOWN OF CHESTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INVERTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT JEFFREY WELL FIELD SOLAR PROJECT

The Town of Chester is soliciting proposals from qualified Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) firms or electrical contractors to remove, replace, and commission new, high-efficiency inverters at the existing Town of Chester Jeffrey Well Field ground-mount solar facility located in Chester, Vermont. The goal is to maximize energy output and ensure long-term reliability for the remaining life of the plant. The successful contractor will provide all labor, materials, equipment, and services required to perform a "turn-key" inverter replacement.

Please contact the Chester Town office by calling (802) 875-2173 or julie.hance@chestervt.gov for a complete copy of the Request for Proposal.

All bids should be clearly marked "RFP Town of Chester Inverter Replacement Project" and should be forwarded to the Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, or via email to julie.hance@chestervt.gov on or before 3:00 p.m. on May 27, 2026.



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Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

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OTHER

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YARD SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Garage sale, Saturday May 23, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Many items including marble top tables, old wooden sap buckets, utility trailer, collectibles, oil lamps, old boxes, silver flatware. 130 Summer Street, Springfield.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Yard Sale Sat-Mon, May 23-25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at 95 Freedom Hill Road South, Ludlow. High-quality housewares

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machines, industrial sewing machines, thread, fleece, fabric), and more. Some vintage/collectibles, free stuff too!

Windham PC/ZBA Hearing

The Windham Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Windham School (5940 Windham Hill Rd) at 6:30 PM on Monday June 8th, 2026 to hear a request from Ron Chiodi for a conditional use permit and Site Plan Review for a Freeski and Snowboard Airbag Training Center on the grounds of the former Timber Ridge ski resort.

Those interested in seeing the application materials or finding out how to attend the hearing online should email the towns Zoning Administrator at windhamvt.zoning@gmail.com

Pursuant to 24 VSA Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

TOWN OF WESTON ROAD CREW

The Town of Weston seeks to add full-time, year-round member to our Road Crew. We take pride in maintaining the Town's equipment, roads, and facilities and creating improvements where we can, the successful applicant will be team players willing to do their best and learn along the way.

Candidates are required to hold a VT Driver's License, have a High School diploma or equivalent and a valid CDL Class B Driver's License, successfully pass a background check, and participate in drug testing.

This position has benefits, including health care, and a retirement package. The position is eligible for overtime.

Mail or return your resume to: Town of Weston PO Box 98 Weston VT 05161 or drop off at the Town Office. You can also email the application to selectboard@westonvt.org Applications will be reviewed as received with the position open until filled. The Town of Weston is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Town of Weston, Vermont Town's Board of Listers Position Opening

The Town of Weston is seeking a responsible, detail-oriented individual to serve as its Town Lister. Would you like to get to know your Town better, become a lister!

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Applicants should be:
 • Must be a town resident
 • Organized and professional
 • Comfortable with communicating with residents

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to: Email: selectboard@westonvt.org Or mail to: Town of Weston P.O. Box 98, Weston, VT 05161

Applications accepted until position is filled. For more information, contact the Town Office at 802-824-6645

Rockingham Planning Commission Invites Public Input on New Draft Flood Hazard Regulations

The Rockingham Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 28th, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Rockingham Town Hall in the lower theater. As part of that meeting, they will discuss the latest draft of the Flood and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Bylaws. This meeting offers residents of Rockingham an opportunity to review and provide feedback on regulations designed to protect the community from future flooding and erosion events.

The proposed Flood Hazard Regulations represent a shift from minimum federal compliance to a proactive flood resilience framework. The changes are designed to reduce future damage, protect community assets, and ensure the Town remains eligible for flood insurance and hazard mitigation funding.

Considerations for the public: Some standards such as elevation and river corridor provisions are more stringent than those in the current 2011 bylaw, which may result in additional documentation requirements for property owners within regulated areas. The draft regulations are consistent with state model bylaws adopted by many municipalities throughout Vermont.

This will be one of several opportunities for the public to provide input.

Meeting Details:
 Date: May 28th, 2026
 Time: 6:00 PM
 Location: Rockingham Town Hall Lower Theater, 7 Square, Bellows Falls, VT
 Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87144047619?pwd=YGYZr16Z0EZbiX8uptCOFKBcUfgIO.1>
 Meeting ID: 871 4404 7619
 Passcode: planning

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. The draft document (Draft #7, dated 4/10/2026) is available for public review at the Town Hall Zoning Office, or online at <https://www.rockinghamvt.org>

Town of Weston Selectboard Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Weston Selectboard will hold a public hearing at the Town Office, 12 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, VT on June 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm. This hearing will be held for public review of and comment on proposed amendments to the Weston Zoning Bylaw, pursuant to Title 23, Chapter 117, Section 4441.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to make several revisions to the zoning bylaw to address procedural provisions, revise definitions, and update site development requirements related to loading, screening, and landscaping. Specifically, the amendments would add provisions to allow for the approval of unlisted land uses; update off street loading space requirements; update landscaping and screening requirements; revise minor subdivision application requirements; add provisions to allow amendments to zoning permits or site plans; add provisions to allow the Development Review Board to grant waivers; and update the definition for building height. The proposed amendments would apply to the entire Town of Weston. The proposed amendments do not include any changes to the district boundaries on the Weston Zoning Map.

The affected Zoning Bylaw sections are as follows: Section 200 (Prohibited Uses), Section 225 (Village District), Section 540 (Off-Street Parking Spaces Requirements), Section 541 (Off-Street Loading Space Requirements), Section 570 (Landscaping Requirements), Section 571 (Section 571 (Screened Service Area Requirements), Section 590 (Subdivision of Land), Section 702.3 (Amendments to Zoning Permits or Site Plans), Section 705.1 (Authority of Appropriate Municipal Panels), Section 705.2 (Hearing and Notice Requirements for Appropriate Municipal Panel Proceedings), Section 708 (Waivers), Article VIII (Definitions).

A full copy of the proposed amendments to the Weston Zoning Bylaw and the Report of the Planning Commission are available for public review and can be found at the Weston Town Office, 12 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, VT and on the Town's website at: www.westonvt.org.

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REGION – A more organized home can make day-to-day life feel easier. Whether you recently moved or have been in your home for a while, a few small changes can help your space feel more functional.

The key is keeping it simple. You don't have to organize everything at once to make a noticeable difference.

Start small

Trying to organize your entire home at once can feel overwhelming. Start with one area, like a closet, pantry, drawer, or one full room. If that still feels like too much, break the space into smaller zones. Focusing on one section at a time makes the process more manageable and helps you see progress faster.

Clear out what you do not

need

As you organize, set aside items you no longer use or need. Donate what is still in good condition and recycle or throw away what's no longer useful. Clearing out clutter can make your home feel easier to manage and help you make better use of the space you already have.

Make the most of your space

Simple storage solutions can go a long way. Over-the-door organizers, bins, shelf risers, drawer dividers, and under-bed storage can help create more room without major changes. It also helps to think vertically. Shelving and wall storage can free up valuable space in closets, kitchens, laundry rooms, and garages.

Create a system you can maintain

The best organization system is one that works for your everyday life. Keep frequently used items where you can easily access them and group similar items together so they're easier to find and put away. Labels, bins, and simple routines can make it easier to stay organized over time without having to start over every few months.

When you need more than storage solutions

Sometimes better orga-

nization is enough to make a home work better. Other times, it becomes clear that you need more space, better storage, or a few updates to improve how your home functions. If you are thinking about renovations, refinancing, or a future move, I'd be happy to help you explore financing options that fit your goals.

Submitted by Victoria Blodgett, PrimeLending, Ludlow, Vt.



Organizing can help you feel more at home in your home. PHOTO PROVIDED

Public invited to comment on state lands management planning process

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is inviting public comment on a proposed rule that would guide how state lands are planned and managed for the future. This process helps ensure that Vermonters have a

voice in how these lands are cared for over time. The comment period is open until June 18.

“State lands belong to all Vermonters, and thoughtful public input is important to how we manage and make decision about their use,”

said Julie Moore, secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources.

ANR owns and manages approximately 370,000 acres of public lands across Vermont through the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR); the Fish and Wildlife Department; and the Department of Environmental Conservation. These lands support wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and the forest economy, while also conserving natural resources, strengthening climate resilience, and contributing to the health and wellbeing of Vermont communities.

Management plans guide how state lands are used and cared for, balancing different uses and outlining strategies to achieve those goals. The planning process provides opportunities for Vermonters to share their values and priorities with the district stewardship teams. The proposed rule would formalize the existing public engagement process and

make several changes to how the management planning process works, including defining a category of routine maintenance activities (called Universal Management Actions), clarifying the minimum content for Long Range Management Plans, creating two new land classifications that prioritize resource protection and support development of old forest conditions, and establishing a new statewide plan through which management goals and standards would be identified for ANR lands.

ANR staff will host public hearings on June 9, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Okemo Mountain Resort's Jackson Gore Inn, in the Cornerstone Room, 111 Jackson Gore Road, Ludlow, Vt.; and on June 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Learn more about the proposed rule, RSVP for the public meetings, and submit comments on the FPR website, www.fpr.vermont.gov.

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The company's growth is a result of their reputation for producing first-quality results. Customers have come to rely on Green Bee in ever increasing numbers to provide them with

great-looking lawns and additional services, including new lawn installations, hardscapes, light excavating, driveway repairs, drainage work, and expert fencing installations thanks to Jim Roper's dozen years of experience in the fencing industry. Jim has managed fence installations ranging from back yards, to horse properties, to a VA hospital, large solar arrays, and

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Stone Village Farmers Market celebrates the spring season

CHESTER, Vt. – If you have ever eagerly anticipated the arrival of the first crop of freshly picked sweet corn, or the juicy strawberries in season far too briefly, you may be familiar with Stone Village Farmers Market in Chester.

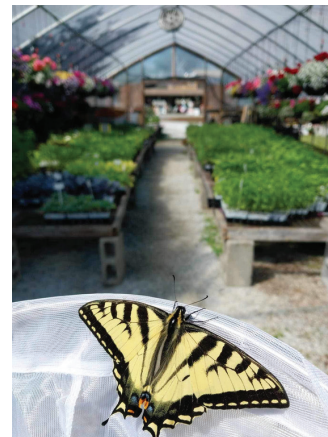
A town landmark located in Chester's historic Stone Village district, the market on Route 103 is a favorite stop for people visiting the area or just passing through, and locals who rely on the seasonal market for fresh produce, local products such as baked goods, farm-raised wagyu beef, and artisan cheeses. Pick from a colorful variety of beautiful hanging baskets, perennials, and annuals. Don't forget your gardening needs such flower and vegetable bedding from A-Z, mulch, and fertilizer.

In its 36th year, the market's endurance is thanks in part to a dedicated community of loyal customers who return every year, many of whom would admit the real draw of the market is its owners, Dave “Squatty” Cram and his partner in business and life for more than 40 years, Anna Coloutti.

Squatty and Anna's determination and spirit, dedication to quality, attentive customer service, and resolve to live a healthy lifestyle, work outdoors, and eat

the food they grow has kept the business going through floods, a pandemic, disasters, and economic ups and downs. Even while facing challenges, Anna says, “It's a good way of life; knowing where your food comes from, digging in the dirt, breathing fresh air. I love watching things grow.”

The market is a testament to the couple's hard work and persistence, a labor of love. As the seasons change, so does the inventory of the market. Once the summer season is over, the shop will nearly explode in festive autumn decor, gourds, pumpkins, apples, and fall vegetables.



Stop by Stone Village Farmers Market.

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2026 Memorial Day ceremonies

REGION – Below is a list of Memorial Day ceremonies and observances throughout the region. This list will be updated as more information becomes available.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37 will host Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 25, starting at 10 a.m. This includes legion family members and the color guard, laying of wreaths at nine local cemeteries and memorials, and snacks at the post to follow.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Memorial Day observance in Grafton will take place on the traditional date, Saturday, May 30. The Memorial Procession will form at 2:15 p.m. and step off from the Grafton Elementary School at 2:30 p.m., marching to the white church for

a bell toll, on to a brief service for those who died on land at the village cemetery, then to the village bridge for a brief service for those who died at sea. The procession will be followed by a Memorial Day program on the library lawn, or at the Grafton Community Church in case of inclement weather. All interested veterans are invited to join in the procession. Children and teens are invited to participate by carrying and placing wreaths on veteran graves and tossing flower tributes in the river for those who died at sea. We welcome and highly encourage anyone from the area to help us create wreaths for veteran graves on Friday, May 29, at 1 p.m., at the Grafton Historical Society. We can easily show you how this is done and would really appreciate your support.



A wreath-making group is a longtime town tradition that has waned in recent years; many hands make light work. The Grafton

Historical Society invites all for refreshments following the program.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Lud-

low American Legion Post 36 will host a parade on Monday, May 25, starting at 9 a.m. on Pond Street, near Benson's Chevrolet,

and will continue to Veterans Park, the Grave of the Unknown, and back to the Legion for an open house to the public.

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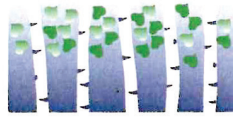


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Dear Editor,

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These men who volunteered to serve in the Submarine Service are always remembered, not forgotten: Richard K. Clough, 26, Randolph, USS S-26 (SS-131), died Jan. 24, 1942; Sam Kane, 19, Burlington, USS Grampus (SS-207), died March 5, 1943; Gene R. Rice, 21, Springfield, USS Runner (SS-275), died July 11, 1943; Frederick M. Briggs, 24, Bristol, USS Cisco (SS-290), died Sept. 28, 1943; Melvin C. Phillip, 25, Moretown, USS Grayback (SS-208), died Feb. 26, 1944; Romeo A. Larame, 21, Burlington, USS Tautog (SS-199), died March 5, 1944; Robert H. Roby, 24, Bellows Falls, USS Tullibee (SS-284),

died March 26, 1944; John F. Durant, 21, Burlington, USS S-28 (SS-133), died July 4, 1944; Leslie A. Wilmott, 18, Montpelier, USS Albacore (SS-218), died Nov. 11, 1944; Alexander Ferrario, 28, Montpelier, USS Growler (SS-215), died Nov. 8, 1944; Charles H. Taylor, 21, Brattleboro, USS Bullhead (SS-332), died Aug. 6, 1945; James P. Ritchie, 22, Burlington, USS Thresher (SSN-593), died April 10, 1963; Edward A. Johnson, 34, Hardwick, USS Thresher (SSN 593), died April 10, 1963; and Michael J. Bailey, 21, St. Johnsbury, USS Scorpion (SSN-589), died May 22, 1968.

If anyone remembers our fellow submariners and would like to contact us, please do by email at cmattoon@vermontel.net. We would like to hear from you. Though we are highlighting our submarine shipmates here who lost their lives while on active duty, we extend to the families of all the

Vermont submarine sailors who served in the Submarine Service and have been lost our sincere gratitude and heartfelt sympathy. To all the service members' families that have lost loved ones through the years, their service and sacrifice in protecting our country is not forgotten; without them we would not have remained free for 250 years.

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Bellows Falls Open Studio Weekend

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Vermont Crafts Council’s annual spring Open Studio tour is Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24. The studios are open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This year, the annual statewide tour hosts more than 140 artists and galleries.

Artists participating in Bellows Falls (Rockingham) are Chris Sherwin, Robert McBride, River Artisans Cooperative, Nick Kekic, Mindy Fisher, Clare Adams, and Fourth Corner Foundation. “We will be highlighting artists, events, shops, and restaurants that contribute year-round to the vital and cultural richness and economic stability of our community,” says McBride, founder and director of The Rockingham Arts & Museum Project (RAMP, www.ramp-vt.org).

This year, the Fourth Corner Foundation Gallery in Windham, Vt., is participating as a gallery and information hub for the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio tour. The

Fourth Corner Foundation is a unique architectural project, founded by Robert Shannon in the 1970s. It has become a destination for gardeners, artists, musicians, and those interested in the whimsical and dynamic structures designed by Shannon. The gallery has shown the work of world-renowned artists, such as “Solidarity: Fabric, Thread and Needle.” The 2026 Summer Sampler exhibit, on view May 22 – Oct. 8, will host the work of more than 35 local artists and artisans including paintings, sculpture, glass, clay, and jewelry. The gallery and gardens are open on weekdays, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and on weekends by appointment. For more information, visit www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org or contact info@4cfoundation.org.

Bellows Falls is a walkable community. It is a pleasant walk between the studios downtown. Give yourself time to grab lunch or a snack and shop at

Moondog, Rockingham Roasters, Flat Iron Cooperative Cafe, or Jamaican Jewelz. Village Square Booksellers, Arch Bridge Books, and Windham Antiques, as well as J&H Hardware and Halladay’s are all worth checking out as you walk from studio to studio. It is a scenic drive to Clare Adams’ studio in Cambridgeport and then to the Fourth Corner Foundation in Windham.

For accessibility to locations, consult the individual sites, which can be found at www.vermontcrafts.com.

Special thanks are given to the Fourth Corner Foundation, the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project, and the Vermont Crafts Council.

Doris Ingram Open Studio Weekend

WESTON, Vt. – Watercolor and oil artist Doris Ingram will once again be participating in the Open Studio Weekend, sponsored by the Vermont Craft Council, on Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. She is part of Loop 10, Studio No. 78. Her studio is located at 83 Trout Club Road in Weston; follow the signs from the town Green.

Ingram is a signature member of both the Vermont Watercolor Society and Delaware Watercolor Society, and has won numerous awards. Her favorite subjects are the old homes and barns that are rapidly disappearing from our landscape. She also enjoys painting bou-



Painting of a barn by Doris Ingram.

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quets of beautiful flowers from her extensive gardens. Painting is creative, fun, relaxing, educational, and always a challenge.

Ingram has painted many house portraits to benefit the Weston Theater Company and Neighborhood

Connections. She is an enthusiastic teacher who enjoys sharing her passion for art with her students. Her studio is filled with paintings of barns, landscapes, flowers, and notecards.

Light refreshments will be served.

Seven Mount Holly artists join Open Studio Weekend

BELMONT, Vt. – Seven Mount Holly artists will participate together for the first time in the spring Vermont Craft Council Open Studio Weekend on Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) Community Room, located beneath the library at 26 Maple Hill Road in Belmont, Vt.

The participating artists are Susan Presson, Della Thompson, Madeleine Fay, Chad Farrar, Carl Mitchell, Linda McGrath, and Zhenia Dickinson Hadar. Throughout the weekend, the artists will rotate attendance, discuss their creative processes with visitors, and in some cases demonstrate their work live.

Presson describes herself as someone who “likes the intersection of painting and photography” and calls herself a “rank amateur and erratic creator.” Presson regularly gathers with fellow artists Hadar for informal creative sessions every other week.

Thompson is a freelance artist and craft maker who has produced fine art and handmade crafts for more than 30 years. Her specialties include soft pastel painting, theorem painting, collage, portraiture, and landscape painting, as well as handcrafted fabric ornaments, toys, decorative pillows, and recreated cards.

For Fay, art has been a lifelong passion. “Over the years, I have created art using several media and now I concentrate on still-life paintings using oils,” Fay said. She has participated in Open Studio Weekend for several years and has also taught basic drawing classes for older adults.

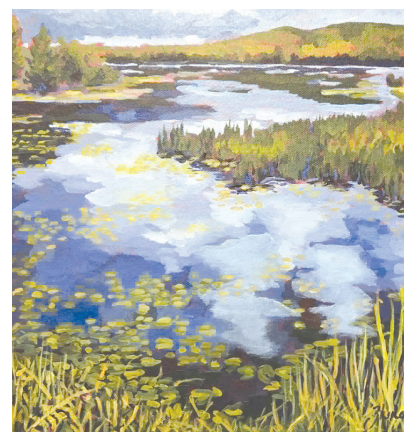
Farrar, a seventh-generation Vermonter, carves handcrafted spoons from native green wood such as apple, birch, and cherry

harvested from Vermont forests. The wood retains its internal moisture through an air-drying or kiln-drying process. His work is inspired by the Scandinavian woodworking tradition of “sloyd,” derived from the Swedish word “slöjd,” meaning handcraft or skillful work. The sloyd method teaches woodworking through progressively challenging projects designed to develop the whole person.

Mount Holly painter Mitchell has been creating art since the age of 12. Now 85, Mitchell continues to paint the Vermont landscapes he loves.

McGrath has been a quilter for more than 20 years, but admits that gardening becomes the priority in summer. She will be presenting two quilts at the event that depict spring and summer; she playfully challenges visitors to decide which is which.

Hadar, a self-taught artist, draws inspiration from the landscapes, nature, and people of Mount Holly. She began painting in 2020 with the goal of capturing as many scenes of Mount Holly as possible. “I still haven’t run out of inspiration,” she said. Hadar says her aim is “to infuse her paintings with joy, gratitude and admiration,” emotions she



“Star Lake” by Zhenia Dickinson Hadar.

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associates with life in Vermont. Her paintings often begin with photographs before evolving into finished works on her dining room table.

Hadar also organizes the Mount Holly Community Association’s local art group, which meets biweekly as an informal gathering for artists to create together and build community connections. The Mount Holly Community Association was established in 1978 to support, promote, and preserve community-based activities and to maintain the MHCA Community Center building, home to both the town library and community room.

The Vermont Craft Council’s Open Studio Weekend is a statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, giving visitors the opportunity to meet artists and craftspeople in their studios and creative spaces. The event encourages appreciation for the artistic process and highlights the important role artists play in the vitality of Vermont communities.

Held twice each year, the studio tour guides visitors through historic Vermont villages and scenic backroads. Martha Fitch, director of the Vermont Craft Council, says the appeal of the tour is that “it takes you through small towns and back roads, with the yellow Open Studio signs and the Vermont Studio Tour map easily guiding visitors to the studio location.”

Free Vermont Studio Tour booklets containing maps and directions are available from participating artists, galleries, and art centers, or may be downloaded from www.vermontcrafts.com.

The Vermont Craft Council is a nonprofit organization founded in 1990 to support Vermont’s visual arts community. Open Studio Weekend is supported by the Vermont Arts Council and Point Radio.

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