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New documentary on Fall Mountain football —

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LANGDON, N.H. — On Thursday, June 11, the Bellows Falls Opera House will premiere “Contenders,” a locally produced documentary film telling the underdog history of the Fall Mountain Regional High School (FMRHS) football program. The film was created and directed by FMRHS alumnus and former football player Brantley Palmer, a documentary filmmaker who had been contemplating the project going back to 2022.

Being a librarian and archivist, Palmer enjoys the process of researching and developing the stories of his documentary projects. “Researching and finding resources is usually one of my favorite parts of a project,” Palmer said in a recent interview. “Although finding footage pre-1994 was difficult, and it did prove to be very challenging at times.

“I’d been following [current head coach Orion Binney’s] tenure as head coach of Fall Mountain football for a few years, and I had started thinking about the turnaround he’d made with the program and how it would make a great story,” Palmer explained. “I was just finishing my first documentary [“Everything to Entertain You: The Story of Video Headquarters”] and I would often be asked what other projects I had in the works, and would mention the idea of the ‘underdog sports’ documentary.”

After presenting his idea to Binney and getting him and the school onboard, the fall of 2023 through the summer of 2024 was spent getting all the legal permis-



Documentary tells the history of Fall Mountain football. PHOTO PROVIDED

sions in line. From there, Palmer spent time filming from those summer practices through the end of the 2024 season.

“The production of the film fell mostly to me, as I filmed every game and attended two practices every week for the entire season,” Palmer said. “However, I did have camera help during games from Jennifer Chick-Ruth, Ben Conant, Josh Rose, and Jeff Coulter, and my editor, Stephen Parkhurst, was immensely helpful in crafting the story out of the hundreds of hours of footage.

“Stephen also captured all the amazing drone footage in the film, and I’d like to also give huge credit to our composer, Dustin Kreffit, for helping to shape the film. Additionally, the only song I licensed for the documentary came from Fall Mountain graduate Gordon Turrisi of the Skip Band, is called ‘Blood on the Mountain,’ and kicks in just as we roll the end credits.”

Several prominent individuals were interviewed for the documentary, including the aforementioned coach Binney and current coach James Tremblay; Wildcat

players from the early days of the program, including Dan Shaughnessy, Bob Hingston, and Jeff Lassells; as well as players from the 1977 team that went to the state championship game, including Matt Jurkoic, Bill Allen, and Kevin Tallman.

“What great memories I have of the CVL [Connecticut Valley League],” Tallman said in a recent interview. “We were competitors on ‘game day,’ and then friends later that night.”

“I also got to interview Stan Jurkoic, the quarterback from the 1980 undefeated team, as well as a few other coaches, including the aforementioned Tallman, John Loupa, and Bill Ranauro. Player moms Perrin Riendeau and Kelly Patch represent the mothers of players who fill the stands and all the amazing work that all the families and community members do to support the team.”

“Contenders” will premiere at the Bellows Falls Opera House on Thursday, June 9, at 6 p.m. To learn more, visit www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com.

Resignation of City Manager Nancy Bates —

CLAREMONT, N.H. — The City of Claremont announces that City Manager Nancy Bates has submitted her resignation, effective later this summer, with an official date to be determined.

The city council extends its sincere gratitude to Bates for her dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to the City of Claremont. During her tenure, she worked diligently to advance important initiatives, strengthen municipal operations, and position the city for fu-

ture success. “On behalf of the city council and the residents of Claremont, I want to thank Nancy for her hard work, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to our community,” said Mayor Dale Girard. “Her leadership has helped move the city in a positive direction, and we are grateful for the contributions she has made during her time as city manager.”

Bates has also graciously offered to remain available to assist the city following her departure to help ensure a smooth and orderly

transition. The city appreciates her willingness to support the organization during this period and her continued commitment to Claremont’s success.

The city council will begin the process of discussing and determining the next steps for recruiting and selecting Claremont’s next city manager. Information regarding that process will be shared with the public as it becomes available.

The City of Claremont thanks Nancy Bates for her service and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

For additional information, please call 603-542-7002.



Odd Duck Diner ribbon-cutting

CLAREMONT, N.H. — The Odd Duck Diner and Donuts, located at 314 Washington Street in Claremont, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, June 8, at 8 a.m.

Claremont Mayor Dale Girard was on hand for the ceremony, praising the diner for the “quality, pride, and passion [that] go into everything they create.” Girard also said he appreciates that the diner donates unused food to the Claremont Soup Kitchen. “That spirit of generosity and community partnership reflects the very best of what local businesses can bring to a city.”

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New Life Consignment opens in Claremont —

BY LISA STICKNEY
The Message

CLAREMONT, N.H. — Longtime Claremont resident Rebecca Mitchell-Mead dreamed of opening her own retail shop; the perfect space recently became available, and she took it. New Life Consignment LLC, featuring used and vintage items, is officially open as of May 29.

Mitchell-Mead grew up in nearby Springfield, Vt., and has been a resident of Claremont, N.H., for nearly 30 years. She shared that, for 22 years, as a vendor in local area craft fairs, she sold her own dried floral crafts, and she has a love of farm-style decor.

Mitchell-Mead has had a long career in retail as a longtime employee of Circle K/Irving; she mentioned working for the company in total for 36 years, most recently at the Newport, N.H. location for approximately 18 years. But, recently, she had been wanting a better work-life balance, and had been



Owner Rebecca Mitchell-Mead outside New Life Consignment. PHOTO BY LISA STICKNEY

wanting to build a business for herself. The retail space, located in the same building as One Stop Postal Shop, became available on May 2.

“I have always wanted to open my own retail store, and so it’s my dream, and I had been collecting items,” Mitchell-Mead explained. She said that when this prime location became available, she decided that the time was right to start her own retail business and open her own store.

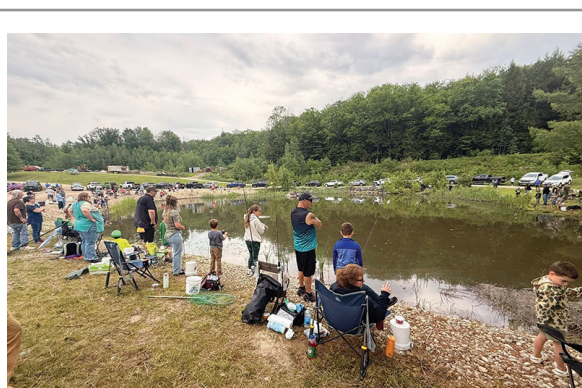
New Life Consignment LLC welcomes new and used brand-name clothing, furniture, and unique items for consignment. You may bring your new or used clean, undamaged brand items to the store for consignment approval, during operating hours, or call for an appointment for an on-site visit for estate sales or large groups of items. All items accepted for consignment will change seasonally, with a 50-50 split on con-

signment.

Booth space is available for rental in four-foot sections. All merchandise for approval must be “family-friendly” merchandise only, please.

New Life Consignment’s

weekly operating hours are Tuesday-Friday, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Saturday, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The shop is located at 11 Bowen Street in Claremont, N.H. For more information, call 603-543-7960.



Claremont Kiwanis Kids Fishing Derby

CLAREMONT, N.H. — The third annual Claremont Kiwanis Kids Fishing Derby, held on Saturday, June 6, was a huge success. Thank you all who participated, and a big thanks to all volunteers and sponsors.

Prizes were awarded to some lucky anglers for first fish, most fish, smallest fish, and \$50 gift certificates to the boy and girl who caught the biggest fish. Results to follow.

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Claremont MakerSpace summer teacher program

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont MakerSpace (CMS) is pleased to announce the launch of its annual summer teacher program, an initiative designed to provide K-12 educators with affordable access to creative tools, hands-on learning opportunities, and professional development throughout the summer months.

Beginning June 1, regional teachers can enroll in the program and receive a 40% discount on a three-month Claremont MakerSpace membership, giving them “unlimited” membership to the facility – from 7 a.m. – 11 p.m., seven days per week – and its wide range of equipment, resources, and educational opportunities.

The summer teacher program was created to help educators explore new skills, develop classroom projects, and engage in meaningful professional

growth while connecting with a community of makers, innovators, and lifelong learners.

“CMS started the program two years ago to provide local teachers with learning opportunities over the summer,” said Felicia Dalke, executive director at Claremont MakerSpace. “One SAU actually covered the summer membership for a teacher who learned a completely new skill set, then taught those skills to their students in the following semester, which is a great success story.”

Participants will have access to Claremont MakerSpace’s extensive workshops and equipment, including woodworking, metalworking, electronics, robotics, sewing, laser cutting, 3D printing, and more. Educators can use the space to create classroom materials, prototype lesson ideas, learn new skills, or simply

pursue personal creative projects.

In addition to discounted membership, teachers will have the opportunity to participate in professional development activities, including an opportunity to learn about the innovative Novel Engineering approach to reading comprehension through a partnership with White Mountain Science. This workshop is free to any teacher in the Upper Valley.

The Summer Teacher Program reflects Claremont MakerSpace’s ongoing commitment to supporting education, workforce development, and lifelong learning throughout the region.

The program is open to K-12 educators throughout the region and runs for three months from the date of sign-up. Teachers can sign up anytime from June 1 to June 30.

For complete program details and registration information, visit www.claremontmakerspace.org/summer-teacher-program.

Askren graduates from banking program

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Claremont Savings Bank (CSB) is proud to announce Chrissy Askren, senior vice president, human resource, recently completed the Paul W. Barret Jr. Graduate School of Banking’s rigorous three-year program as part of the Class of 2026. The school is located in Memphis, Tenn.

Eighty-three students graduated this year after successfully completing the comprehensive curriculum during the May 17-22 session held on the campus of Christian Brothers University. Mike Hobbs, chairman of the board of regents of the Paul W. Barret Jr. School of Banking, addressed the class during the ceremony and congratulated graduates on behalf of the board.

In addition to coursework, students participated in the annual Paul W. Barret Jr. lecture series. This year’s featured speaker, Darren Woodson – three-time Super Bowl Champion and successful business leader – shared insights on leadership, teamwork,

and performance excellence with school participants and invited guests.

For more than 55 years, Paul W. Barret Jr. Graduate School of Banking has served as a premier institution for advanced banking education. The program is designed to equip banking professionals with a deep and practical understanding of all aspects of commercial banking. Over the course of three years, graduates complete more than 200 hours of classroom instruction and develop in-depth analytical reports across eight key functional areas.

The importance of continuing education for the employees at Claremont Savings Bank cannot be overstated. As the bank continues to navigate an increasingly complex regulatory environment, evolving technology, and changing customer expectations, well-educated professionals are critical to maintaining sound operations and delivering exceptional service. Programs like the Barret School provide the technical knowledge, strategic perspective, and leadership development necessary to prepare our team for these

challenges.

Claremont Savings Bank is committed to investing in its employees’ professional development. Supporting advanced education opportunities not only strengthens its teams’ capabilities, but also enhances organizational performance, fosters innovation, and contributes to long-term success. Askren is returning to CSB better equipped to make informed decisions, manage risk, and lead her teams effectively.

“We are incredibly proud of Chrissy’s accomplishment and her dedication to professional growth,” said David Finnerty, president and CEO of Claremont Savings Bank. “Investing in continuing education like the Barret School of Banking is an investment in the future of our organization and the communities we serve. Programs like this ensure our team remains knowledgeable, forward-thinking, and prepared to meet the evolving needs of our customers.”

The 2026 session brought together 230 financial services professionals representing 30 states, highlighting the program’s national reach and reputation for excellence.



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Help your graduate use credit cards wisely

REGION – As your new graduate prepares to step into the next chapter of life – whether that’s more education or starting a career – one of the best things you can do is help them un-

derstand how to use credit cards, debit cards, and prepaid cards wisely. They can be powerful financial tools, but without some basic knowledge, they can also lead to trouble.

Here are a few things graduates, whether from high school or graduate school, should know.

Credit cards have benefits and risks – About 69% of Americans ages 18-29 have at least one credit card, according to the Federal Reserve. They can borrow money up to a set limit, pay it back, and borrow again – a cycle known as revolving credit. Used responsibly, credit cards can help build their credit history, cover unexpected expenses, and even earn rewards like cash back or travel discounts.

On the cautionary side, if your child or grandchild doesn’t pay the full balance each month, interest charges can accumulate quickly. Carrying a high balance relative to the credit limit can hurt their credit score.

Perhaps most importantly, it’s easy to fall into a debt cycle in which they charge more than they can pay, interest can add up to more than the original purchases cost, and they might even open new cards to cover old ones. It creates a hole out of which it is hard to climb.

The key message is simple: Pay off the balance monthly, pay on time, and treat the card as a convenience, not a lifeline.

Debit cards can be a good option – Since debit cards draw directly from a bank account, they naturally limit overspending. But they aren’t risk-free. Overdrawing the account can trigger fees, and debit cards generally offer fewer fraud protections than credit cards. Additionally, since you’re spending your own money rather than borrowing, debit cards don’t help build a credit score. Still, for a young person just starting out, a debit card can be a practical way to manage day-to-day spending.

Prepaid cards can help teach the basics. Money is loaded onto the card before use, and your young adult can only spend what’s already on the card. Because of this, there’s no risk of debt, no credit history needed, and no bills to pay.

Prepaid cards come in several forms. General-purpose reloadable cards can be used anywhere cards are accepted. Payroll cards are sometimes used by employers to distribute wages. Gift cards are another option.

The downside is that prepaid cards typically don’t help build a credit history, since transactions usually aren’t reported to credit bureaus. Some also come with fees for activation, reloading, or transactions. These fees can add up, so it pays to read the fine print.

Teaching your graduate the difference between these tools and how to develop good habits for each can help them build financial confidence for decades to come.

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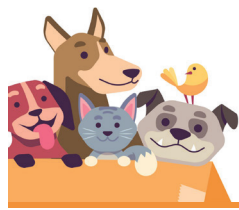
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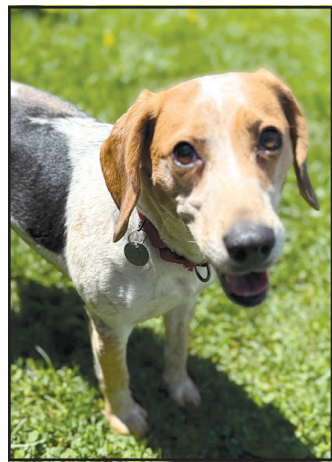
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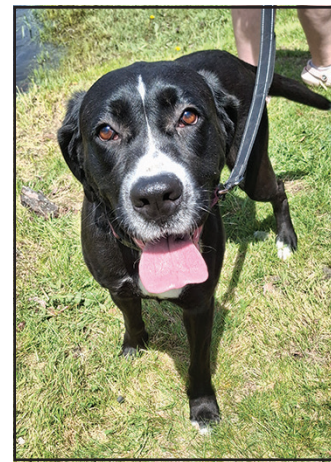
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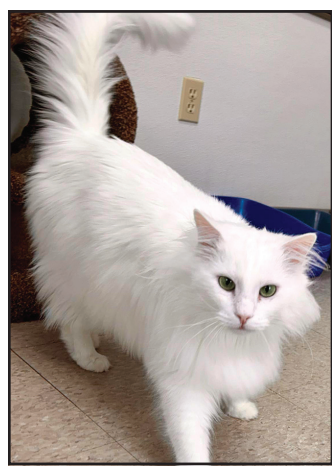
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KIKI

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ELECTRA

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Choices for Independence Program

REGION – New Hampshire Care Collaborative is pleased to announce the availability of Choices for Independence (CFI) services, a comprehensive program administered under the Aging and Disability Resource Centers designed to help eligible older adults and adults with disabilities maintain their indepen-

dence and continue living safely in their homes and communities.

CFI services in New Hampshire are administered by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in partnership with regional nonprofit organizations. Through this collaborative approach, individuals

can access person-centered services that promote independence, dignity, and the ability to age in place within their communities.

The Choices for Independence program provides access to a wide range of home and community-based services that support individuals in achieving their personal goals while pre-

serving their quality of life. Through New Hampshire Care Collaborative, participants receive personalized care coordination and access to services tailored to their unique needs and preferences.

“Our staff are committed to preserving and promoting each person’s dignity while focusing on how they want to live,” said program director Jena Rutter. “We believe that individuals should have the opportunity to remain in their homes and communities whenever possible, and Choices for Independence helps make that a reality.”

A dedicated care coordinator works closely with each participant to assess their needs, review available service options in their area, and connect them with appropriate providers and resources. Care coordinators also provide ongoing support through regular follow-up visits and communication to ensure services continue to meet participants’ evolving needs.

The Choices for Independence program offers no-cost access to a variety of supportive services, including adult medical day

services, providing social assistance, and opportunities for community engagement; environmental accessibility adaptations, such as ramps, grab bars, and other home modifications that improve safety and mobility; home-delivered meal services, including Meals on Wheels, helping participants maintain proper nutrition and independence; home health aide services, offering assistance with bathing, dressing, and other personal care needs; nonmedical transportation services, helping individuals access grocery stores, laundromats, community activities, and essential errands; personal care services, including medication reminders, laundry assistance, meal preparation, and support with errands; personal emergency response system services, such as Lifeline systems that provide access to emergency assistance at the push of a button; skilled nursing services, including monitoring vital signs, medication management, and filling medication organizers; and specialized medical equipment, such as walkers, wheelchairs, and other devices that promote safety and independence.

CFI helps participants and their families navigate available resources while reducing the stress often associated with managing care needs.

For many individuals,

these services can delay or prevent the need for institutional care by providing the support necessary to remain safely at home. Participants benefit from individualized service plans that are built around their goals, preferences, and daily routines.

“Every person’s situation is unique,” added Rutter. “Our care coordinators take the time to understand what matters most to each participant and work with them to create a plan that supports their independence, health, and wellbeing.”

NH Care Collaborative encourages eligible individuals, family caregivers, health care providers, and community partners to learn more about the Choices for Independence program and the services available throughout New Hampshire. You can learn more about the eligibility requirements by visiting www.dhhs.nh.gov for the Choices for Independence Program, or by calling 866-634-9412. You can also visit their office at 33 Arbor Court in Charlestown, N.H.

New Hampshire Care Collaborative is a regional nonprofit organization that partners with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to administer one of the CFI programs. They are dedicated to connecting individuals with the services and supports they need to live independently and achieve their health and wellness goals. Through person-centered care coordination and partnerships with providers across New Hampshire, New Hampshire Care Collaborative helps individuals access high-quality home and community-based services that enhance quality of life and promote independence.

The Choices for Independence (CFI) program in New Hampshire is funded through a combination of federal, state, and county Medicaid revenues.

Mountain Valley Health celebrates 50 years

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Mountain Valley Health Council and North Star Health invite community members, patients, donors, partners, and friends to celebrate a major milestone: 50 years of providing dedicated health care services to Londonderry and surrounding towns.

To honor five decades of care, community connection, and wellness, a special anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at the Mountain Valley Health Center, located at 38 Vermont Route 11 in

Londonderry.

The event is free to the public, and will feature live music from Bob Ray & Friends, refreshments, and an opportunity for community members to gather and share memories. A formal program featuring remarks from distinguished guests and organizational leaders will begin at 1:30 p.m., reflecting on the rich history of the health center and its enduring commitment to the region.

“This celebration is a tribute to the patients, staff, and community who have supported this vital re-

source for half a century.

We look forward to celebrating our shared history and looking ahead to a healthy future together,” said North Star Health Chief Executive Officer Joshua Dufresne.

RSVPs are requested, but not required, by Saturday, June 13. Guests can register by visiting www.tinyurl.com/MVHC50th.

For questions or additional information regarding the event, please contact Jessica Everlith at jeverlith@northstarfhc.org or 802-692-7230.



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LEGAL NOTICE

obituaries

Barbara J. Kurkul, 1961-2026

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Barbara Jean “Barbie” Kurkul, 64, of River Street in Saxtons River, passed away peacefully at her home on May 28, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was born Dec. 16, 1961, the youngest daughter of Barbara (Booth) and William T. Kurkul, and grew up on the family dairy farm in Westminster alongside her three sisters, a childhood that instilled in her a lifelong love for nature in all its beauty.



Barbara Kurkul, 1961-2026. PHOTO PROVIDED

Barbie graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1979 and went on to attend the University of Vermont, where she graduated with a degree in agriculture. She was a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School in Boston.

She worked at a variety of jobs over the years, most involving interacting with people, which she enjoyed tremendously. She spent several years working on a horse farm in Maine. She worked at a number of local medical offices and later for Senior Solutions. Barbie was most recently employed by Recycle Away, providing customer service to sustainability-minded clients.

She was an active participant in many local organizations, including Westminster Cares, the Saxtons River Nature Club, and her local book club. She volunteered as a stage manager with Main Street Arts, a role she loved. It was typical for Barbie to volunteer for “behind the scenes” jobs that entailed a lot of hard work outside the limelight. She spent much time volunteering for the community center at 24 Main, both inside and out. She was also a member of the Saxtons River Recreation Committee.

Barbie was a lover of cats, and found homes and affection for her many furry friends over the years. She also loved reading, horses, nature, Paul Simon and the Rolling Stones, front porch sitting, and riding around with her beloved partner, Kenny. She was a bird enthusiast, collector of otherwise overlooked treasures, and creator of unique nicknames. She never passed a yard sale she didn’t want to stop at. Barbie loved traveling, having spent considerable time in Europe. She also hiked the Appalachian Trail. She loved working in her flower and vegetable gardens, creating beauty and serenity in her surroundings. She was a Vermont-certified master gardener and enjoyed sharing her knowledge and cuttings with her many friends and neighbors.

She possessed a beauti-

ful singing voice and was a spontaneous and spirited dancer. She was also a board game enthusiast, crafter, cookie decorator, and pesto maker extraordinaire. She was the family historian, a skilled photographer, event planner, adventure seeker, a skilled equestrian, and a lifelong learner.

She loved her community and her community loved her back. She was almost always smiling. She was a booster of the greater Bellows Falls area and took great pride in her town for its character, beauty, and history. She made her home and lived an enriching life in Saxtons River for more than 20 years.

Perhaps most importantly, she was extraordinarily kind and thoughtful, always willing to lend a hand to those in need and provide some humor to those who needed positive energy. She never sought praise for all she did and was a truly authentic person.

Barbie is survived by her life partner, Ken Lawrence; and his children, Mallory Smith (Tyson) and their children, Hadley and Holden, Grant Lawrence (Sarah Morse), and Hayden Lawrence (Kayla Perrotte); as well as her beloved cat Kit. Her cherished cat Ira predeceased her. She also leaves her sisters, Karen Breslend (Mike), of Springfield, Vt.; Heidi Nowers (Donnie), of Westminster, Vt.; and Holly Adams, of Locust Grove, Va.; and their families. She was adored and will be deeply missed by her six nieces and nephews, Jennie, Melissa, Billy, Brian, Brianna, and Kelsi, as well as her many great-nieces and -nephews. Barbie was predeceased by her parents and her brother-in-law, Mike Adams.

A private family graveside service will be followed by a public celebration in honor of Barbie on June 14, from 2-4 p.m., at the Moose Club, 59 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a local charity of your choice.

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

Rachael L. James, 1958-2026

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rachael L. James, of Bellows Falls, passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at her home on Westminster Street. She was born on Nov. 10, 1958, in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Frank and Margarite (DeRosia) Barcomb. She graduated from the Bellows Falls school system and attended college. She assisted for many years in the schools as a classroom aide. Rachael loved animals and crochet blankets, which she gave to people who needed them.

In 1984, she married Walter James III, who has predeceased her.

She is survived by her loving son, Troy James, of Bellows Falls; her mother, Margarite Barcomb; and a sister, Kathy Fisher. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Rachael was predeceased by her husband, and her father, Frank Barcomb.

Visitation will be held June 5, from 1-1:45 p.m., when a brief service will be held at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will follow at Saxtons River Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home.

Dorothy M. Ryan, 1934-2026

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Dorothy Mae (Gavin) Ryan, 92, passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Mount Ascutney Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1934, in Barre, Vt. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Jeanette (Smith) Gavin; her brother, Emmett; and her sisters, Lucille and Mildred.

Dorothy attended school in Barre and Montpelier, Vt. She married Howard E. Ryan in June 1951, and settled in North Springfield, Vt. She was a stay-at-home mother for her two sons, Wayne and Michael, until they entered school, at which time she worked at Wilson Jewelers and later Wheeler Drugs for many years.

As an animal lover, she was a supporter of the Springfield Humane Society, and was especially fond of her cat, Catavich, who lived a long and happy life.



Dorothy Ryan, 1934-2026. PHOTO PROVIDED

She is survived by her husband of 75 years, Howard; her sons Wayne (Colleen) and Mike (Lynn); four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private gathering will be held later at the family’s choosing. In lieu of flowers, please support the Springfield Humane Society.

Knight Funeral Home, of Windsor, Vt., has been entrusted with arrangements, www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

Gregory P. Korgeski, 2026

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Gregory Paul Korgeski, 72, of Saxtons River, Vt., but cared for at Thompson House Nursing Home in Brattleboro, Vt., died peacefully on May 27, 2026, after a long struggle with a neurological disorder related to Parkinson’s.

Greg was born in Dunmore, Pa., the oldest of Frank and Shirley Korgeski’s five sons, and completed his Bachelor of Arts in psychology at the University of Scranton, then his doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Minnesota. He had a long career providing clinical services, teaching at the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology, and providing disability evaluation services to Vermont and New Hampshire. In addition to journal and magazine articles, Greg published books about psychology and a novel, “Dark Analysis,” under his pseudonym, JT Gregg.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents; and by his brothers Barry, Brian,



Gregory Korgeski, 2026. PHOTO PROVIDED

and Warren. He is survived by his wife, Skye; his brother Jeff (married to Linda); and his sister-in-law Janet (married to Brian); as well as his stepsons, Michael (married to Becky) and Doug; his step-grandchildren; and his nieces and nephews, and their spouses and children.

Services are private, per family request. The Cremation Society of New Hampshire has been entrusted with arrangements. To view an online tribute, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit www.csnh.com.

Leslie Wood, 1959-2026

RUTLAND, Vt. – Leslie “Les” Wood, 67, passed away peacefully at The Pines in Rutland, Vt., on May 23, 2026. He was born March 2, 1959, to Ralph and Suzanne Wood.

Les graduated from West Hill School. After graduating, he worked several jobs until he chose painting as his career. He worked for Burke’s Painting Company until he retired.

Outside of work, Les loved being with his family and friends. He enjoyed sports, rock ‘n’ roll, TV, and just the simple things in life.

Les is survived by his mother, Suzanne Allen Wood, of Keene, N.H.; his brothers, Ronald (Bonnie) Wood, of Ludlow, Vt., and Michael (Dot) Wood, of North Carolina; his sister, Kathleen (Dave) Leitch, of Cavendish, Vt.; his nephews, Matthew Wood, of Proctorsville, Vt., and Robert Leitch, of Cavendish, Vt.; his niece, Amy Swisher, of Cavendish,



Leslie Wood, 1959-2026. PHOTO PROVIDED

Vt.; and cherished friends Donald and Donna Burke, and their two daughters, Jamie and Sharon, whom Les considered his nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Wood, of North Carolina.

There will be no calling hours or funeral, at Les’s request. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice in memory of Les.

Joan R. Carey burial service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A burial service for Joan R. Carey, who died on Jan. 22, 2026, will take place at Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt., on Friday, June 26, at 11 a.m.

OBITUARIES:

A 200-word obituary is \$100, and \$0.60 per word thereafter. A photo is an additional \$20. Email to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday at 12 p.m.

2026 GRIEVANCE HEARINGS TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS

Grievance hearing appointments for the Town of Rockingham will be begin on will begin on Thursday, June 18, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m.

If you wish to discuss your 2026 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, please call the Listers office between 8:30 a.m. and noon, Monday through Thursday, at 802-463-1229.

If you cannot make it in person you must submit your grievance in writing before Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Please include property location, owner phone # or email, and a summary of your concern.

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JUNE 12 –
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JUNE 13 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) Alumni Day will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, cake, and ice cream will be served. There will also be live music. This event is held in coordination with the alumni association.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will hold a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 5 School Street, rain or shine.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, will hold a nail trim clinic for dogs on Saturday, June 13, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. The sale will include vintage items, collectibles,

household goods, cookware, small appliances, tools, books, and a bag sale.

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating the arrival of summer with a colorful art workshop for all ages on Saturday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. Join art teacher Casey Junker Bailey to make lively artwork inspired by the story of "The Crayon Man." In addition to crayon masterpieces, participants will bring home magic crayons and their own copies of the book to keep. All materials are provided. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for all ages. For more information, contact the library at 802-824-3371.

JUNE 15 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Lunch will be served at the Black River Senior Center, 10 High Street, on Monday, June 15, at 12 p.m. Chef Fonz, of Castle Hill Resort, will be making chicken marsala, with chocolate cream mini-pies for dessert. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-7421. Free cash bingo will follow. All ages are welcome.

JUNE 20 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The

Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, will hold a nail trim clinic for cats on Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

JUNE 26 –
CHESTER, Vt. – There will be a Caribbean Night fundraiser for Neighborhood Connections on Friday, June 26, from 5-7 p.m., at Sugar Bob's Finest Kind, 92 Vermont Route 11, with island-themed cocktails and music by the Blue Flames Steel Band. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Neighborhood Connections at info@nvermont.org or 802-824-4343.

JUNE 27 –
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center Duck Run will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 4-7 p.m., at 80 Jack and Jill Lane.

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

MONDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, hosts a writers group on the first and third

Monday of every month, from 5-6:30 p.m. Are you interested in sharing your work and receiving feedback from other writers? Join us. Bring three pages to share. Hosted by Catherine Martin. For more information, call 802-228-8921.

THURSDAYS –
CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, holds computer clinics on the third Thursday of every month, from 1-3 p.m. Bring your computer or laptop in if you need help with it. This is for seniors only. Emily and Luke will help you troubleshoot any problems you are having, or help you to better understand your computer. You are responsible if any parts need to be purchased, but that is not usually the case. They can also help you with your cell phone, especially if it is an Android. For more information, call 603-543-5998.

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.

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE FDW Enterprises, LLC Parcel # 312021

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2024 and 2025 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to FDW Enterprises, LLC by Warranty Deed of Michael J. Wood, dated April 6, 2023, and Recorded in Book 238, Page 203 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 30th day of June 2026, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 26th day of May 2026.

Attest:

Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

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- Possess strong communication & customer service skills
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STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE 467 Depot Street, LLC Parcel # 585056

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2024 and 2025 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to 467 Depot Street, LLC by Trustees Deed of Ronald P. Farrar Successor Trustee of the Arthur P. Farrar and Aili R. Farrar Revocable Trust Dated July 20, 2001, dated March 4, 2022, and Recorded in Book 228, Page 8 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 30th day of June 2026, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 26th day of May 2026.

Attest:

Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Amy Pratt and Jonathon Pratt Jon K. Spaulding Parcel # 232017.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Amy Elinor Pratt, Jonathon R. Pratt, and Jon K. Spaulding by Warranty Deed of Arthur F. Fournier, Trustee of the Restatement of Trust of the Arthur F. Fournier, Sr. Revocable Trust Agreement Dated January 10, 2011, dated July 19, 2013, and Recorded in Book 147, Page 118 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 30th day of June 2026, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 26th day of May 2026.

Attest:

Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

Town of Cavendish, Vermont NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111, notice is hereby given that the undersigned parties, within and for the Town of Cavendish have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations and corporations owning taxable property in said town of the first day of April, 2026, that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the Clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers. On the 26th day of June, 2026 starting at 9:30 a.m., the Assessor will meet at 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts as such Assessors, whose objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2026, become the Grand List of said town and each person, co-partnerships, association or corporation therein named.

If you wish to grieve, you must submit a grievance in writing to be received by the close of business on the 26th day of June 2026. Applications for Grievance can be accessed at www.Cavendishvt.com and emailed to lois.smith@cavendishvt.org or mailed to PO Box 126, Cavendish VT 05142. Please call (802) 226-8049 to schedule an appointment.

Dated at Cavendish in the County of Windsor this
4th day of June, 2026
Diane McNamara, Lois Smith
Grand List Administrator

TOWN OF OF CAVENDISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

A public hearing before the Planning Commission for the town of Cavendish will be held at the Cavendish Town Hall On July 1st 2026 at 6:00 PM. to consider a conditional use application regarding the proposed improvements at 1052 Main Street. A site visit to the property will be on July 1, 2026 at the above address at 4:00 PM.

Appellant: Stephanie Sheehan
Property Location: 1052 Main St
Proctorsville, VT

Reason For Hearing: Proposed improvements are within the River Corridor and Floodway Fringe as defined in the Cavendish Flood Hazard Regulations which require a Conditional Use Hearing with the Cavendish Planning Commission.

The above application is available for inspection at the Cavendish Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing to the Planning Commission. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Cavendish Planning Commission PO Box 126 Cavendish VT 05412 either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

Tim Calabrese
Chair, Cavendish Planning Commission
6/3/2026

Town of Cavendish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Cavendish Planning Commission
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CHESTER, Vt. – Apartment in town, 1br up, \$995 plus heat. No pets. 802-591-1585.

FOR SALE

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Selling 1972 Moto Guzzi Eldorado 850 motorcycle. \$9,000 or best offer.

Please call 781-956-9562.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 2006 GMC Sierra truck, 49,000 miles. Needs

brakes, battery, tires, and a rear bumper. Some rust on rear. Working AC. \$2,500 or best offer. 802-885-3046.

BDCC thanks towns for support

REGION – Communities across Windham County continue to demonstrate strong, collective commitment to regional economic development through municipal investment in the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation's (BDCC) South-eastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) initiative.

Each year, staff from BDCC attend selectboard meetings and Town Meetings across the region to update selectboards on regional activity and programs that have previously received municipal investment. Staff speak to a funding request of \$3 per full-time resident of each town in the Windham region to support regional economic development. This collaborative funding model enables BDCC to provide strategic, coordinated efforts that strengthen the regional economy, support local businesses, and expand workforce opportunities.

Town appropriations directly support key initiatives such as the Pipelines and Pathways program, which provides career education to all five of the regional high schools and some of the elementary and middle schools; regional BizConnect meetings, which help local small businesses connect with resources and support; and the Southern Vermont Economy Project, which

provides technical support and training for locally driven projects and organizations.

Funding requests for fiscal year 2027 were approved at March 2026 Town Meetings in the towns of Athens, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Halifax, Jamaica, Londonderry, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Readsboro, Rockingham, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Weston, Whitingham, and Winhall. The Brattleboro and Wilmington selectboards separately approved funding requests from designated economic development funds.

Broad municipal funding helps create a regional approach, where programs can help solve economic and community development issues that are beyond the ability of a single municipality to address alone. Partner organization Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation leverages the annual funds raised by SeVEDs many times over by matching municipal support with philanthropic, private, state, and federal dollars, in addition to funding from BDCC revenues.

Thank you to each of the towns that supported SeVEDs this year.

For more information on BDCC and the SeVEDs programs, please visit www.brattleborodevelopment.com.

Londonderry Selectboard Hearing 7/6/26 at 6:00 PM

The Londonderry Selectboard will meet on July 6, 2026, at the Londonderry Town Offices to solicit comments from the public on a proposed zoning bylaw amendment and a new zoning map. This amendment will change the zoning regulations for the entire town of Londonderry. It is designed to:

- align the town's zoning regulations with the planning goals in the Town Plan,
- addresses inconsistencies resulting from the many changes that have been made to state statutes since the zoning bylaws were last updated,
- fix shortcomings of the current regulations that had resulted in confusion or difficulties for applicants, the Administrative Officer, and the Development Review Board over the years,

The full text of the proposed amendment and the new zoning map are posted on the Planning Commission page of the Londonderry Web site, and paper copies are available for twenty dollars from the town clerk.

The table of contents of this proposed zoning bylaw includes: General Standards, Exemptions and Limitations, Prior Applications, Approvals and Uses, Nonconformities, Zoning Districts, , General Zoning Rules, Site Design and Performance Standards For Commercial and Multi-Unit Housing Developments, Specific Use Standards, Subdivision Standards, Planned Unit Development (PUD) Standards, Administration and Enforcement, Fees and Filing Requirements, Zoning Permits, Commercial and Multifamily Home Development, Appeals, Notice Requirements, Hearings and Decisions, Violations and Penalties, and Definitions.

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL Westminster, Vermont Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 to consider the following:

Application # 26-33 Peter Smith (Owner) property located at 3432 US Route 5. The Owner is requesting an 8' sliding barn door, a ground level deck and replacement windows in the Historic District. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Village District Zone; & Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

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

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Thursday from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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SUPERIOR COURT

Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION

Docket No.: 25-PR-07731

In re ESTATE of:

Milan W.W. Cook

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Milan W.W. Cook,

late of Chester, Vermont

Decedent


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.**

Dated:

Jun 4, 2026

Signature of Fiduciary

 Kadi M. Cook Jun 4, 2026 06:57:56 EDT

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Kadi M. Cook, Executor		c/o Law Offices of Amanda L. S. George, PLLC	
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STATE OF VERMONT

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Docket No.: 26-PR-02404

In re ESTATE of:

Lawrence P. Shea

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Lawrence P. Shea,

late of Enfield, CT

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Decedent's Town of Residence

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Signature of Fiduciary

 Lisa Shea DeLorge Jun 1, 2026 17:55:17 EDT

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Trout stocked and loaded

BY LISA STICKNEY
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Driving through Vermont’s rural roadways this time of year, we see fishermen lined up and down our waterways, most noticeably along our rivers and streams. Those fishermen are likely targeting trout, and their end-goal is to catch the biggest fish.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department manages the State of Vermont’s

Trophy Trout stocking program. In April through May of each year, brown, brook, and rainbow trout that are raised in state-run hatcheries are stocked into area lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. The popular Trophy Trout program features the release of large 2-year-old trout. This ensures family-friendly access to great fishing. These catchable trout, usually exceeding 18 inches, are introduced into select rivers and ponds or lakes throughout Vermont.

Vermont’s clear, cold waters, and shaded mountain streams and waterways provide the perfect environment for trout. Vermont’s wild trout are born in local waters, and are naturally sustained and adapted to the temperatures and food sources. Trophy trout are hatchery raised at state facilities. A popular method for trout fishing is fly fishing, standing in the water rhythmically casting a long line, while bait fishing uses spinning gear with live

bait or lures casting into deeper pockets where fish hide.

This year, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Division stocked rivers and ponds with trophy trout. Local anglers from Vermont, as well as from nearby states, come to fish annually. According to the Fish Stocking Plan, locally in Cavendish, Vt., the Black River was “stocked and loaded” with a total of 1,500 2-year-old trophy rainbow trout and 500 2-year-old trophy brown trout, a total of 2,000 trophy trout, over a period of weeks during the month of May. Stoughton Pond in Weathersfield is stocked with 300 rainbow trout.

You will find the complete Proposed Stocking Plan for 2026 on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website at www.anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/Fish-StockingSchedule.aspx.

Angling and Donuts

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join your river steward, Kathy Urffer; VHCB AmeriCorps member Bay Holmes; and Water Way(s) Director Erin Maile O’Keefe, along with our friends from the Connecticut River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, for angling along the Saxtons River on June 14, from 9–11:30 a.m., beginning at 91 Paper Mill Road in Bellows Falls. Register at for this event at www.ctriver.org/event.

We are welcoming community members, families, and children to join us with donuts and fishing rods for a couple of hours of relaxed angling. Members from the Connecticut River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be on hand to help as needed with setting up lines, to give instruction on casting, and to explain how to read brooks for the best place to drop your line. We

will help adults who need to purchase fishing licenses on site, while all kids 14 and under can fish without a license.

“This will be our fifth year of Angling and Donuts. Collectively, Connecticut River Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, local bakeries, and the Water Way(s) Project have provided this opportunity to all ages to fish for trout and other species along our public floodplains. Join us for one or both Sundays, bringing your favorite morning beverage in one hand and a donut and/or fishing pole in the other,” says O’Keefe.

Urffer continues, “We are so pleased to provide these events to reconnect our community members with their local rivers and streams. There is so much to learn about our native fish species and the importance of floodplain and river restoration projects that help to protect properties and our natural communities further downstream.”

“I am so excited to be a part of these events,” added Holmes, CRC’s AmeriCorp Service member. “Seeing community members connecting with each other and with our beautiful river is one of the most rewarding parts of serving with CRC.”

We will provide fishing rods (or bring your own) and delicious donuts. Come discover the abundance of trout in your local waterway, try your hand at fly fishing or spin fishing, and learn about the impacts of climate change on our fish populations. Bring a comfy camp chair, along with your favorite humans and morning beverages for these sweet gatherings.

More information can be found at www.anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/LicenseInformation.aspx.

This event is free, but we ask that you register so we order enough donuts and bring enough fishing rods. Register at www.ctriver.org/event.



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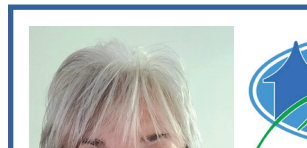


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Vermont Land Trust awards

READING, Vt. – The Vermont Land Trust (VLT) recognized Brody Allen, of Reading, Hailey Chase, of Monkton, Lydia Dickey, of White River Junction, and Madalyn Perry, of East Montpelier, with Land Steward Awards, along with a check for \$500 each. Five other students across the state also received awards.

“We applaud Brody, Hailey, Lydia, and Madalyn for their achievements,” said Tracy Zschau, president and CEO of VLT. “These stu-

dents are dedicated to sustainable land stewardship, from working with livestock, to growing food and caring for forests and trees. They care deeply about Vermont’s working lands and apply their learning mindset to ensure our working lands remain vibrant for future generations.”

This is the 22nd year of VLT’s Land Steward Awards. Since 2005, the land trust has recognized outstanding high school juniors and seniors who are

dedicated to agriculture and forestry.

Allen, of Reading, Vt., is a graduating senior at Woodstock Union High School. He will graduate with his Community and Climate Resilience through Agriculture, Forestry, and Technology (CRAFT) certification. CRAFT program cocreator and instructor Janis Boulbol nominated Allen for his commitment to the program and to land stewardship.

“Brody has done numerous activities above and beyond our classes to be engaged with stewarding the land,” Boulbol said.

Allen pairs strong academics with hands-on skill building. He is raising 15 cattle at his family’s farm. Through CRAFT, he has participated in sugaring at

King Farm in Woodstock, Vt., helped plant a riparian buffer, and sold native plants and produce at the farmers market. Last summer, Allen interned at the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) and was part of a team conducting advanced ecological research on how plants can mitigate the effects of natural pollutants.

In the fall, Allen will attend Northeastern University to study economics and political science. He plans to remain part of his family’s farm and apply his learning at college to his work there.

“I enjoy working in land stewardship because it is the contribution to the world where I can see the most tangible impact on the community around me,” Allen said.

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“The Real Betsy Ross” at the historical society

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Whether she did or didn't contribute to the American flag, Betsy Ross deserves to be known in her own right, not only as a flag maker but also for her role in the Free Quaker movement, as a “wise woman,” as a business woman who launched a successful business that lasted

for more than 50 years, and as a rebel in the American Revolution.

In celebration of Flag Day, the Cavendish Historical Society (CHS) will be holding a talk on Betsy Ross on June 14, at 2 p.m., at the Cavendish Stone Church, 2295 Main Street. This is a good opportunity to see inside

this church, built in 1844, as well as learn about the amazing life of Ross, and have an opportunity to make a five-pointed star in one snip.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, email margocaulfield@icloud.com or call 802-226-7807.

Springfield Community Band concert season begins

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band's concert season begins on Tuesday, June 16, and continues on Tuesday evenings in Springfield throughout the summer.

Under the direction of Nick Pelton, the band will kick off the season with a concert that is a sample of the variety of music that the season will

contain. From Shostakovich's “March” from his “Suite for Variety Orchestra,” to the majesty of John Williams' “Star Wars” marches, to the music of Stevie Wonder, and selections from the musical “Chicago,” the music of this first concert – and of the season – will be wide-ranging and far-reaching, spanning many musical styles and de-

cludes.

The band invites you to join in the fun on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hartness House, 109 Front Street, Springfield, Vt. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

Please note that unforeseen circumstances could result in program changes.

High and Loathsome on the Putney Tavern lawn

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music and Next Stage Arts Project continue the 23rd Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series of folk, world, jazz, zydeco, bluegrass, pop, and Americana music summer concerts on Sunday, June 14, with Brattleboro-based quartet High and Loathsome. The seven-concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 23. All concerts begin at 6 p.m., in downtown Putney, on the Putney Tavern lawn – bring a lawn chair or blanket – or at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill, in case of rain. The series is sponsored by Next Stage, the Town of Putney, and many Putney-area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public, donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more



High and Loathsome.

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information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.nextstagearts.org.

High and Loathsome is a band that plays songs and improvisations, floating between form and freedom, structure and ambiance, intention and attention, drawing fully from the experiences of four musicians who have spent their careers as sound explorers. Michael Roberts founded the indie folk band Wooden Dinosaur, leads the country band The Rear Defrosters, composes ambient guitar music, and conducts sound research. Educator, singer,

and folkie lifer Stefan Amidon has made a name for himself as Vermont's most in-demand drummer, from The Sweetback Sisters, to Zara Bode's Little Big Band, to The Devil Makes Three. Sound engineer and bassist Max Adam was a founding member of The Amity Front, Western Massachusetts' folk-rock luminaries. John Levin, one of the godfathers of Brattleboro's experimental music scene, has been opening ears for years through his solo work and as a member of The Ill Wind Ensemble, Green Hill Builders, and Tweak.

LAHS 250th anniversary commemorative quilt

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society (LAHS) is inviting community members – quilters and nonquilters alike – to help create a special community quilt celebrating Londonderry's 250th anniversary. The theme is simple: “What does Londonderry mean to you?”

A centerpiece for the commemorative quilt has already been designed by LAHS' artistic collections manager, and volunteers are ready to assemble the finished work. Now, LAHS is seeking community partici-

pation through the creation of individual quilt squares that reflect personal connections to Londonderry and the people, places, and memories that make it meaningful.

Square designs can feature local landmarks, scenes from nature, or aspects of community life. Participants may also include meaningful words or phrases, family names, important dates, organizations, or short quotations. Squares can be embroidered, decorated with fabric-safe markers, or created using other artistic techniques.

No quilting experience is necessary. LAHS has supplies available for anyone who would like to create their square on site.

As completed squares are submitted, they will be displayed in the society's Marble Room, allowing visitors to watch the commemorative quilt grow over time.

Quilt kits, which include fabric and instructions, are available for a fee, with proceeds benefiting LAHS. The deadline for submitting completed squares is Labor Day, and the finished quilt will be unveiled during a community celebration over

Columbus Day weekend.

“Every square matters. Together, we'll create a quilt that reflects the creativity, history, and heart of our community.”

Questions may be directed to Bev Foster at missbev1958@gmail.com.

Purchase your quilt kit at the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society headquarters, the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road, Londonderry, Vt. LAHS is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., or by appointment. Visit www.lahsvt.org for more information.

Taconic Music's 10th Summer Festival

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Taconic Music will celebrate its 10th summer season with a six-concert series spanning genres from classical and contemporary chamber music, to jazz, pops, and more. The 2026 Summer Festival, which will take place from June 15 – July 13, is anchored by three Chamber Music Saturdays (June 20, June 27, and July 11) at the Riley Center for the Arts at Burr and Burton Academy, and a pops concert with full orchestra at Southern Vermont Arts Center on July 4. Two Monday-evening Young Artists Concerts, on June 29 and July 13, featuring students from Taconic's full-scholarship Chamber Music Intensive, a benefit concert at Dionondehowa in Shushan, N.Y., and midweek

and weekend performances around the region round out the offerings.

Comments co-Artistic Director Joana Genova, “This season, the programming is a clear snapshot of our mission and motto, “Where music meets life.” Co-Artistic Director Ariel Rudiakov adds, “We're bringing back an all-star lineup of musicians from near and far, and our friend Maxine Linehan will be the featured guest singer. It promises to be a truly fun evening with tunes from Sousa, Bernstein, and Gershwin, to Star Wars, James Bond, hits from Broadway, and so much more.”

Avery Fisher Career Grant winner Drew Petersen returns as piano faculty and will perform in the festival's June 20 concert. Fellow

piano faculty Willis Delony, who has wowed local audiences with his Jazz in the Barn performances, will bring Louisiana jazz to the Riley stage with his trio on June 27, where flutist Susanna Loewy will also be a featured guest. And the acclaimed Indianapolis Quartet will be showcased on July 11. In addition to Petersen, Delony, violinist Genova, and conductor/violist Rudiakov, veteran faculty include Heather Braun (violin), Hannah Holman (cello), and Tom Landchoot (cello). Taconic also welcomes new piano faculty Young Woong Cho.

All chamber and Young Artists concerts will again be both live in Manchester and livestreamed on Taconic's YouTube channel. For those

able to attend in person, Chamber Music Saturdays are free for students and kids, while Young Artists concerts have a suggested donation for adults, and are free for students and children. Tickets for the pops concert range in price, and reservations are highly recommended.

For more information, visit www.taconicmusic.org.




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2026 RUNNING OF THE RUBBER DUCKS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

4 - 7 PM: 80 Jack & Jill Lane, N. Springfield, VT

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Rubber Ducks will race down the river at 6PM - You do NOT have to be present to win!

Smithsonian traveling exhibit “Spark!”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Vermont Humanities is partnering with New Hampshire Humanities and the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street program to bring a traveling exhibit, “Spark! Places of Innovation,” to small towns in Vermont and New Hampshire from spring 2026 to winter 2027. Each state will support three host sites, and each location will host the exhibit for six weeks.

The exhibit will be on display at the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster Street in Bel lows Falls, Vt., from June to July.

“Spark! Places of Innovation” explores the unique combination of places, people, and circumstances that spark innovation and invention in rural communities. Inspired by an exhibition by the Smithsonian’s Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, the exhibition

features stories gathered from diverse communities across the nation. Photographs, engaging interactives, objects, videos, and digital stories bring a multilayered experience to reveal the leaders, challenges, successes, and future of innovation in each town. Technical, social, cultural, or artistic – every sort of innovation story is as unique as each community and will be represented in “Spark! Places of Innovation.”

The story of human history is written in inventions and innovations. People are problem solvers. Sometimes we invent. More often, we innovate, introducing a fresh idea or an invention into use in some way that creates a new way of doing or thinking. Rural Americans are creating new products, processes, and experiences that change local life and sometimes reach far beyond. Yet, invention and

innovation truly flourish in some places and not others. Why?

“Spark! Places of Innovation” will be the springboard for diverse local programming in the humanities, sciences, and arts. Visitors will be inspired to learn about how innovation has shaped their own communities and how they may be innovators themselves. This exhibition will be an opportunity for community members to come

together in conversation around their community’s history, present, and future with innovation.

More information about the exhibit and host location events can be found online at www.vermonthumanities.org/programs/museum-on-main-street/spark. For more information, please contact Community Programs Officer Jacob Pelletier at jpelletier@vermonthumanities.org or 802-262-1353.

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