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Ludlow Selectboard addresses planning commission controversy

BY NICK GIBERTI
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Selectboard met, as usual, on this first Monday of the month, June 1, for their regularly scheduled meeting.

During the citizens' comments portion of the meeting, Ludlow resident Lynn Baldwin rose to express her concern that the temporary emergency personnel housing structure located next to the Ludlow Fire Department had been purchased with money generated by Ludlow's 1% local options tax. Baldwin said that the selectboard had assured her that the local options tax money would be used to maintain the spillways of the Jewell Brook dam sites, which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicated in a report several years ago are in need of repairs.

Selectboard Vice Chair Justin Hyjek assured Baldwin that work has been done on the dam sites since the Corps of Engineers report, and that a full-scale replacement project for all five dams is in the works. The board also referred to the wording of the local options tax article as passed at Ludlow's Town Meeting in 2025, which stated that the funds generated may be used for "capital purchases and infrastructure projects." The selectboard's determination at their meeting in February was that the temporary housing qualified as infrastructure, and was therefore eligible to be funded by the local options tax revenue.

The board also addressed some controversy around the Ludlow Planning Commission's May 12 reorganizational meeting, at which, prior to appointment of a

planning commission chair, Planning and Zoning Administrator Erin Ladd informed the commissioners that the Ludlow "municipal office" recommended Noah Schmidt for chair and Edward D'Ottavio for vice chair. During a somewhat heated back-and-forth exchange between Ladd and previous Chair Terry Carter, who insisted that the recommendations were "inappropriate," Ladd made a reference to the recommendations being made "at the selectboard meeting," though it was unclear from the context what was meant by this. Schmidt and D'Ottavio were ultimately appointed chair and vice chair, respectively.

In reference to this incident, Julie Nicoll, a Ludlow village trustee, had submitted a letter to the selectboard questioning why the selectboard had recommended a chair and vice chair, and asking if it was the intention of the board to continue to do so in the future.

Town Manager Penny Wu read a written statement from the board clarifying that the selectboard "did not, nor did they ever, make specific leadership recommendations" for any town board or commission. However, Wu did confirm that she had personally made those recommendations, explaining, "That was absolutely my recommendation...never did the selectboard discuss that."

Hyjek told Nicoll that he believed Ladd "spoke out of frustration or misspoke" when saying the recommendation was made at a selectboard meeting, though he added, "Do I think it could have been handled better at that [reorganizational] meeting? I absolutely do." The board generally, how-

ever, expressed their continued confidence in Ladd as Ludlow's planning and zoning administrator.

The board also discussed possible increases in fees for day use of town facilities, such as the community center gym and Dorsey Park. However, Ludlow resident and former selectboard member Bruce Schmidt questioned whether the new fees would apply to things such as high school baseball tournaments, and objected to this possibility. "I definitely think we should be looking to cover our costs," Schmidt said, before adding, "I am not in favor of us charging for the [high school] tournament." There was general agreement on this point from the board, who agreed to table the discussion until their next meeting.

The board did, however, pass increased planning and zoning fees, which they had previously discussed at their May meeting. The board noted that the zoning administrator had received no feedback in the intervening month. After some explanations and discussion at the meeting, the updated fee schedule was amended to remove a section regarding temporary and seasonal structures, and was then passed without further changes. The updated zoning fees can be found in the Ludlow Selectboard's June 1 packet on the town's website, www.ludlow.vt.us.

The Ludlow Selectboard meets on the first Monday of each month, at 6 p.m., in the Ludlow Town Hall auditorium.

South Londonderry Post Office closes

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Operations at the South Londonderry Post Office were suspended at close of business on June 4, due to safety concerns.

On Friday, June 5, the retail and post office box service at the South Londonderry Post Office were transferred to the Londonderry Post Office, located 3 miles away. Customers who

currently hold a post office box will be able to receive their mail daily at the Londonderry Post Office, located at 5690 Vermont Route 100.

Customers who wish to obtain post office box service may do so at the Londonderry Post Office. The Londonderry Post Office has lobby access for customer convenience. Post office boxes are available at

this location. If applicable, post office box refunds can be received at the Londonderry Post Office.

Retail services are also available at the Londonderry Post Office. Window service hours are Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., and 2-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Post office box lobby hours are Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Londonderry proposes bylaw updates

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – At a quick June 1 meeting, the Londonderry Selectboard heard from

Trevor Powers, a member of the Londonderry Planning Commission, who discussed a few zoning bylaw proposals. Powers reported that members of the planning commission have been making revisions to the bylaws since July 2024, "with the valuable assistance of William Goodwin, zoning administrator."

"Items that people of the town have been objecting to have been removed," Powers continued, adding that clarifications have been made to sections that the state requires and therefore could not be removed. He reported that definitions have been added, and the language of the bylaws themselves has been updated.

A summary of the changes can be found in the first two pages of the report, included with the eighth draft of the bylaws, which were approved by the planning commission on April 27.

Some of the amendments to the bylaws were discussed by Powers. With input from the housing commission, the number of days that non-paying guests can stay on a property has increased. The shopping plaza is allowed one large sign, and a smaller sign for each corresponding business. The boundary of the conservation district was raised to 2,000 feet.

The selectboard moved to approve and warn a public hearing for the proposed amendments to the bylaws on July 6, at 6 p.m., at the town office.

Town Administrator Aileen Tulloch announced that treasurer Tina Labeau has initiated tax sales. Tulloch also reported that Doings in Derry would like photograph submissions of the community to upload to the town website, and that the Chester Snowmobile Club sent a thank-you note to the town and hosted a community barbecue on June 7, in Chester.

Matthew Barlow from Turning Point of Windham County then spoke to the board about their peer recovery center. Barlow stated that they have a full center in Brattleboro, but the center understands that it is not easily accessible to those in the greater Londonderry community. Turning Point is looking to spread awareness about its recovery services, and is seeking spaces in Londonderry or Townshend in which to set up and expand its resources.

Town Clerk Allison Marino moved to discuss the malfunctioning alarm system at the town office, and suggested switching the town's provider. Currently, Countryside Alarms is servicing the building, but an issue with the alarms sounding has not been resolved in a year. Marino believed there were some redundancies in the system setup that could be eliminated and thought the town could get a cheaper and updated alarm service.

The board then moved to close the Prouty property to

the public once construction on site begins.

The Londonderry Selectboard meets on the first and third Mondays of the month, at 6 p.m., at the town office and on Zoom.

Governor's Inn welcomes new owners

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony at The Governor's Inn to welcome new owners Craig Weber and Dan Buryj. The event took place on the inn's welcoming front porch, where chamber Executive Director Carol Lighthall and Assistant Director Riley Karl joined Weber and Buryj to commemorate this exciting new chapter for one of Ludlow's most cherished historic properties.

The celebration also included family and friends, as well as Art Randolph, of M&T Bank, a chamber board member, all of whom joined the festivities to show their support for the couple's new venture and the inn's bright future.

The Governor's Inn, originally built in the late 1800s, is known for its classic Vermont charm, elegant Victorian architecture, and warm hospitality. The beautifully restored property features well-appointed guest rooms,



Owners Craig Weber and Dan Buryj (center) cut the ribbon. PHOTO PROVIDED

period details, modern amenities, homemade breakfasts, and inviting common spaces. Its central location offers guests easy access to Ludlow's restaurants, shops, and outdoor recreation.

Open year-round, the inn serves as a gateway to the Okemo Valley's four-season experiences – from skiing and snowboarding at Okemo Mountain Resort, to hiking, biking, and exploring the region's lakes, trails, and scenic byways. The Governor's Inn is also a proud participant in Vermont's renowned Inn-to-Inn Walking Tour, connecting travelers to a network of charming

country inns through self-guided and self-paced walking adventures.

"We're thrilled to continue The Governor's Inn tradition of welcoming guests to Ludlow," said Weber. "Our goal is to preserve its history while offering a fresh, comfortable experience that reflects the beauty and community spirit of Okemo Valley."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony underscored the chamber's commitment to supporting local businesses and promoting the region as a place to live, work, and play.

Scott Wunderle highlights Chester at BSLA Fieldday

BOSTON, Mass. – On May 1, at BSLA Fieldday 2026, held in the David Rubenstein Treehouse at Harvard University in Boston, Mass., Scott Wunderle, owner of Terrigenous Landscape Architecture, presented a session highlighting how a series of small, collaborative projects led to significant improvements in Chester's village streetscape. BSLA Fieldday, presented by

the New England chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), is an annual conference for landscape architects, and design and construction professionals from across the region.

Wunderle's presentation, titled "Major Improvements Made by Many Small Projects," shared insights into the multiyear effort to enhance the streetscape in

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Black River Alumni Weekend events

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Alumni Weekend festivities begin on Friday, June 12, at 7 p.m., with an informal gathering at The Killarney. Come out and meet up with former classmates and friends, and meet our new Alumni President Mike Gurdak, Class of 1980.

On Saturday, June 13, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., join us at the Black River Academy Museum for music

provided by the Bluegras-soles, hamburgers and hot dogs served by our alumni chefs, cake and ice cream, and unlimited access to the museum to view the many exhibits, including memorabilia from our years at Black River High School. Elevator access is available to all exhibits.

The celebration continues on Saturday evening, from 6-10 p.m., at the American

Legion on Main Street, with an informal dance with music provided by local DJ Dennis Chabot. Come and enjoy an evening of music and reminiscing with old friends. We will also be announcing how your class did against the Class of 1980 in their responsiveness to paying their annual dues. It is currently a tight race, but it's not too late.

BSLA

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Chester's village center. The initiative brought together the Town of Chester, Terrigenous Landscape Architecture, SE Group, and numerous volunteers. Through grants, fundraising efforts, and community participation, the team completed a series of projects that created meaning-

ful outdoor improvements throughout Chester, offering a model that other communities may find inspiring.

Joining Wunderle on the program was Blake Sanborn, of Richardson & Associates, who discussed similar community-focused projects in Camden, Maine.

Through a shared vision and strong community collaboration, these efforts have helped to enhance



Scott Wunderle speaks at BSLA Fieldday 2026. PHOTO PROVIDED BY ANTHONY CRISAFULLI AND BSLA

Chester's public landscape, and to strengthen the quality of life for residents and visitors for generations to come.

Terrigenous Landscape Architecture is a design/build firm based in Ches-

Local author publishes "Chronicles of a Grumpy Old Man"

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ralph Pace, a Rutland resident formerly of Ludlow, has published a new fiction book about the life of an elderly man entitled "Chronicles of a Grumpy Old Man."

According to Pace, the book is the product of many years think-

ing about his life after 90, and thinking that it was far more interesting than he had anticipated.

The book is about a man in his 90s suddenly rediscovering himself and love, but only after experiencing a number of personal challenges and the renewal of memories that shaped him into what he was. It has no murders, no car chases, and no violence, yet it doesn't need these gimmicks to demonstrate that a man that old can still develop skills and emotions once thought to be restricted to the youth, and to expound upon the challenges faced

as age takes its toll. "It's unfortunate that we think of old age as something where we are just waiting to meet our maker. I, personally, don't believe that. I hope this book will make that very clear."

The book, published by Amazon, is now available in hardcover form, and as a paperback, in large print. Pace indicated that future plans will address the creation of an eBook for the Kindle Library. He is now in the process of writing a second fictional book about the installation of modern computer systems in a Middle-Eastern country.

Neighborhood Connections to host end-of-life discussion

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The public is invited to join for the first Soup & Sandwich series talk of the year, "Having the Conversation," on Friday, June 12, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Neighborhood Connections office, located at the Mountain Marketplace, on the corner of Route 11 and Route 100 in Londonderry. This is an informal discussion on the topics of living wills, advance care directives, and end-of-life decision making.

Participants will explore ways to approach this often-difficult topic with their families and

loved ones. It will be led by Neighborhood Connections staff member Lois Schram Osnow, a licensed clinical social worker with an extensive background in gerontology. Prior to moving to Vermont, she was cofounder and owner of LS Gerontology Seminars, founded in 2002, where she instituted culture change projects in more than 25 long-term care facilities in the tristate area.

A light lunch will be included. There is no charge for lunch or the event. Please reserve a seat ahead of time by calling 802-824-4343.

Arborist Jack Jacob speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club

LUDLOW, Vt. – Jack Jacob is an arborist and lawn maintenance expert from

South Londonderry who spoke to the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) about the loss of many tree species, such as ash, American chestnut, and elm trees. There is also a beech bark disease attacking local beech trees.

A major issue currently facing the Northeast is the emerald ash borer – a native of Southeast Asia, where there are natural controls – attacking ash trees. The first population was found in Michigan in 2002. The damage is concentrated in New England and the Midwest because of their weather conditions and large populations of ash trees. The disease does not discriminate between young, old, sick, or healthy trees.

Moving firewood is a huge problem in terms of spreading diseases. Monocultures are also a problem. Ash tree removal is the best option for larger stands because chemical treatment is too expensive for broad application, at \$400 to \$500 per tree. Trees must be removed before they are dead to protect any arborist who must climb the tree to remove it. Rotarians had many questions for Jacob as he ended his talk.

The LRC meets Tuesdays for lunch in Ludlow. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may "serve humanity" while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, Vt.


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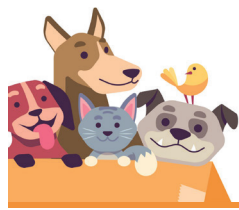
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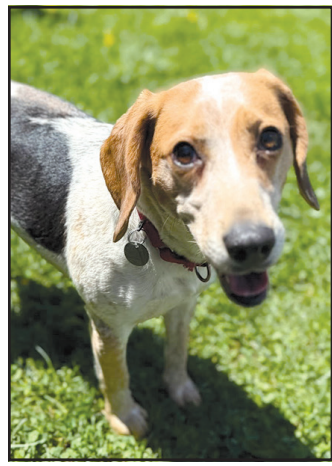
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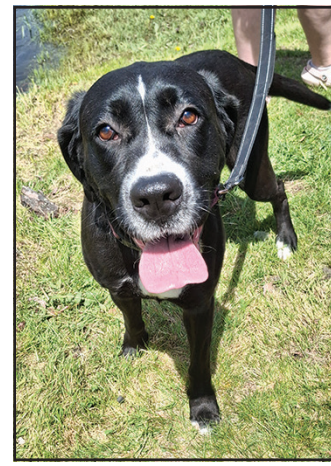
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DAISY MAE

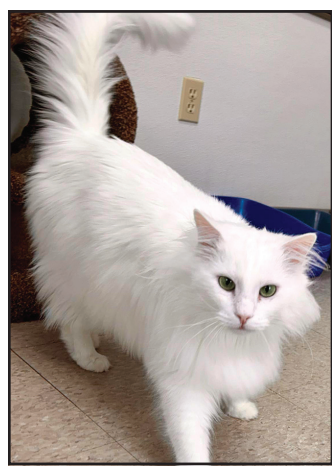
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SIOBHAN

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VERONA

I am a 5-year-old female. I'm an energetic girl that loves chasing tennis balls.

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REMI

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KIKI

I am a 4-year-old male. I am a gentle cat looking for other cat friends to play with.

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ELECTRA

I am 1 year old and one sweet gal. I love attention and sometimes demand it! I can get a little excited and overzealous so I'd do best with a family that knows cats.

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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 bother, 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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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

Village of Ludlow
Water/Wastewater Assistant Operator

The Village of Ludlow Water and Sewer Department is seeking a professional, highly motivated and responsible person to join our team. He/She/They must be reliable, eager to learn, have a professional attitude and possess a strong work ethic.

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- Have basic math and computer skills to handle lab work / input computer data - knowledge of Microsoft Word/Excel along is a plus but not required
- Possess strong communication & customer service skills
- Must follow established procedures and routines to assure that the water and wastewater treatment plants continue to run at high standards while following all Town/Village safety policies.
- Have the ability to listen, understand and carry out written and oral instructions.
- Provide on-call coverage as assigned, including rotating weekends and possible nights and holidays during emergencies.

Water and Wastewater treatment experience, along with Vermont Water and Wastewater Certifications is preferred, but is not required. However if successful candidate has no certifications, then this individual will be required to obtain Vermont Class 3 Water, Class D Water and Grade 3 Wastewater Certifications WITHIN TWO YEARS of employment.

Room for advancement is available and is based on work performance and professionalism.

Benefits/Compensation: Dental/Disability/Health/and Life Insurance coverage, and a VMERS- administered pension plan. In addition, the successful candidate will receive paid sick, personal, holidays and annual vacation leave. Pay range is \$28.00 - \$32.00/hour, commensurate with experience and certifications.

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on Friday, June 12, with Firehouse Dixieland Band, playing from 6:30-8 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair, a friend, and yourself to enjoy some music and get to know other community members. The senior center will be offering hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as a few treats, for a small cost. You may bring your own food as well. Thank you to Mascoma Bank for sponsoring this event.

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
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

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

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 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

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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.

STATE OF VERMONT

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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

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Dated:

Jun 4, 2026

Signature of Fiduciary



Executor/Administrator Kadi M. Cook, Executor		Mailing Address c/o Law Offices of Amanda L. S. George, PLLC	
Phone Number 802-875-7777	Email chaffee@amandageorgelaw.com	City, State, Zip Chester, VT 05143	

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal

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Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green
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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION

Docket No.: 26-PR-02404

In re ESTATE of:

Lawrence P. Shea

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To the Creditors of: Lawrence P. Shea,

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Signature of Fiduciary



Executor/Administrator Lisa Shea DeLorge, Fiduciary		Mailing Address c/o Law Offices of Amanda L. S. George	
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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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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.

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

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.

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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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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