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Green Mountain Children’s Center relocates facility

BY JOE MILLIKEN

N. CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Serving Charlestown, Claremont, and the surrounding area since 2006, the nonprofit Green Mountain Children’s Center (GMCC) has relocated from its Claremont location, on Charlestown Road, to a new facility located at 509 River Road in North Charlestown, N.H.

A community pillar providing a variety of essential family and child services throughout the Upper Valley, the move to this new facility allows for much more open space and easier access to the facility for families, especially during the school year.

GMCC’s childcare and early learning programs of-

fer quality childcare and education to children ranging from the infant stage (6 weeks) up to 5 years old, ensuring a clean and safe space for kids to learn, play, and develop both mentally and physically.

The classrooms are divided into four learning groups: 6 weeks to 2 years old, early preschool, preschool, and a pre-K classroom, with each providing a specific structure and curriculum for the children, such as developing their vocabulary, creativity, and social skills.

GMCC also participates in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which provides nutritious breakfast and snacks for the children at no extra cost to families and guardians, an essential ele-

ment to the proper development of kids of all ages.

CACFP offers meal patterns with minimum size servings, providing whole, nutrient-dense foods that adhere to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which includes a protein-enriched, low-sugar and low-sodium breakfast menu such as eggs, meat, or beans; and a serving of fruit, grains, and vegetables.

GMCC’s longstanding goal remains to continue caring for children in the community and providing families with a safe space to encourage education and social-emotional development, and to cultivate curiosity and learning.

Claremont MakerSpace launches art walk

BY LISA STICKNEY

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Claremont MakerSpace, in partnership with the City of Claremont, is launching a new art walk featuring 14 locations throughout the city.

Felicia Dalke, executive director of Claremont MakerSpace, explained that the walk will start at the visitors center, proceed to the Creative Center, through downtown, past city hall, then to Broad Street Park – where there is a Civil War sculpture – and end at the library.

Dalke explained that the library has a lot of historic art pieces and is bringing out a new exhibit from Albert Bierstadt, a 19th-century German American painter known for his large-scale, dramatic landscapes. “He came to Claremont several times and he painted Mount Ascutney from here,” Dalke said. “He also painted these little butterflies...and Claremont has two original butterflies that he painted, as well as his paint box [that] the historical society has.”

Dalke continued, “We are launching at the [Claremont] Fall Festival [& Chili Cook-off] on Oct. 3 over in Visitors Center Park.” The arts commission will have a tent at the festival to introduce visitors to a GPS-guided app that provides the art walk route, map, and information about the individual stops and artwork.

The art walk will fea-

ture both indoor and outdoor art, Dalke said. Claremont has an abundance of art, and the goal is to educate people of the “modern and historic art that already exists throughout Claremont and is open to the public.”

Along the art walk, visitors will find exhibits of various types of visual art, including paintings, sculptures, quilts, and textiles. “The MakerSpace – we’re a stop on the art walk. People can come in and see what our artist in residence is doing,” Dalke explained. “We also have the mural outside and we have businesses that sell arts and crafts along the walk, or they may have a gallery.”

The current artist in residence is John Garoutte, who is working on his Claremont mural.

Claremont MakerSpace is a 501(c)(3) established in 2014 by artists, educators, and tradespeople with the goal of enriching the community through collaboration and creativity. The MakerSpace provides workspace, classes, and access to equipment for members.

Located at 46 Main Street in Claremont, N.H., the MakerSpace is open daily, from 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. For more information, visit



Felicia Dalke, executive director of Claremont MakerSpace, with a sculpture outside the MakerSpace building. PHOTO BY LISA STICKNEY

www.claremontmakerspace.org.

Claremont Kiwanis Brewfest and 5K winners

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Kiwanis of Claremont held its Brewfest and 5K event on Saturday, Sept. 19. This annual event’s proceeds go directly back into the greater Claremont community, helping to fund various children’s programs, events, and necessities.

The Battle of the Brews, a fun competition among the participating breweries at the Brewfest event, winners were as follows:

Best Non-Beer Offering, Woodchuck Cider;

Best Fruited Beer, Branch & Blade Brewing Co.; Best Oktoberfest, Travelers Rest; Best Stout/Porter, Protect-worth Brewing; Best Lager/Pilsner, Liars Bench Beer Co.; Best Ale, Hopti Mystic Brewing; Best IPA, 7 Balls Brewing; Tasters Choice Awards, Great Awakening Brewing and Branch & Blade Brewing Co.; People’s Choice Best Beer, 7 Balls Brewing; People’s Choice Best Non-Beer, Tommy’s Hard Rootbeer Seltzer.

It was a beautiful day for

the Claremont Kiwanis Back to the Brewfest 5K. Congratulations to Joel Hernandez, first place overall, with a time of 22:29, and Beverly Pettesseau, first place female, with a time of 22:35. Each won a \$100 cash prize. Congratulations to all runners for a great race on a tough course. Thanks to Pin-nacle Timing. Full 5K results can be found at www.webscorer.com/race?raceid=448279.

Claremont City Council hears wide range of concerns

BY ANNE DEMPSEY

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A lengthy citizens forum took place at the Sept. 23 meeting of the Claremont City Council. Marion Harris, representative of New Hampshire Food Bank, stated that “the most recent report shows that hunger has unfortunately risen across our state, impacting one in nine residents and one in six children in Sullivan County. This is higher than the state average. We’ve supplied 12 partner agencies with 29,362 pounds of food, serving 1,695 households last month alone.” She said a mobile food pantry will be set up in Claremont

on Nov. 11, and volunteers are welcome to help out. The New Hampshire Food Bank offers a “Find Food Map” on its website, www.nhfoodbank.org, and offers SNAP application assistance in partnership with New Hampshire Health and Human Services.

Charlene Lovett, president of the Station Host Association, was concerned that the council reduced the association’s annual budget from \$2,500 to \$2,300. She said, “This is not sustainable, nor is it reasonable. We ended fiscal year ’26 with a deficit of \$417.34. Volunteers have to pay for this if the council does not agree to pay for

this.”

Matt Bacon, owner of 1852 MB Claremont LLC said he was “concerned with some delays and is looking for some transparency.” Bacon explained that the City of Claremont has a history of dealing with developers and providing parking to these developers. However, more than a year has gone by without the city signing off on Bacon’s desire to purchase the parking lot that the developers and the business need. Without the agreement of the city council, this sale cannot proceed. It was initially put on the council’s agenda for the Aug. 12 meeting. “We were removed

from the agenda with no explanation or notice,” Bacon claimed, adding he was “expecting a vote to approve this sale agreement...In the real world of construction, a week is crippling, and a month is paralysis.” As he understands it, the former city manager’s hands were tied from approving the sale without the council’s official vote.

Chris Garrity stated that, within the week and a half prior to the meeting, he spoke to more than 140 citizens from all three wards of Claremont, ranging in age from 20 to 90. He shared a document which expressed people’s concern over “ex-

treme motor vehicle exhaust/discharges, as well as the speeding and reckless behavior” in town. “While this continuing menace has been brought up during the last three council meetings, we feel this problem needs to be addressed further as an agenda item for the city council and in conjunction with the police commission and the police chief.”

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Dale Girard announced that the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 29th annual Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off at the visitors

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Lundgren Subaru sponsors Crown Point Women’s Golf Association hole-in-one

BY PAULA BENSON

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In 2024, Crown Point Country Club (CPCC) was ranked No. 4 on the Golf Pass Golfers’ Choice list of the Top 25 Friendliest Public Golf Courses in America. The members of the Crown Point Women’s Golf Association (CPWGA) would whole-

heartedly agree and are making it their mission to get the word out about Springfield’s championship golf course.

On Sept. 12, the league held its annual invitational and fundraiser, bringing together 88 golfers from around the region for some friendly competition. Participating as two-person teams, the women played

an 18-hole tournament that featured six holes of best ball, six holes of shamble, and six holes of scramble. They also had an opportunity to win a 2026 Subaru Forester in one of four hole-in-one contests generously sponsored by Lundgren Subaru of Claremont. Although no one went home with the car, league member Bettina McCrady

said that just seeing the brand-new vehicle parked at the 18th hole was very exciting and motivating for the golfers.

McCrady, a relative newcomer to the sport, said she joined the CPWGA four years ago after she retired and could dedicate herself to the game. “I had heard this was a welcoming club, and

for me, it was a really nice way to start the game. Many of the more experienced players help the newer members, so if you’re a new golfer, you are not intimidated.”

League Vice President Kada Sigl concurred. “Perhaps the best part is that it’s not about how good we are

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Rotary donates to Ukraine Vision Project

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club recently donated \$250 to a Rotary International service project aimed at improving vision care for visually impaired children in Ukraine.

Past District Gov. John Bob Siemienowicz and Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club past President Charlene Lovett, international service chairs for Rotary District 7870, spoke to the club about the new initiative, which will support a school for visually impaired children in Poltava, Ukraine.

The project seeks to raise \$3,600 to purchase software and specialized equipment designed to improve treatment and assist with vision restoration for the children. The technology is expected to support efforts to restore and enhance vision, providing students with greater opportunities to learn and participate more fully in their daily lives.

Siemienowicz and Lovett explained that the project reflects Rotary’s commitment to international service and its ability to connect local



Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club past President Charlene Lovett, past Springfield Rotary Club President Jeff Mobus, and past District Gov. John Bob Siemienowicz.

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clubs with projects addressing important needs around the world.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Springfield Rotary presented a \$250 donation toward the project, which was enough money to complete the project.

The Springfield Rotary Club is part of Rotary District 7870, which encompasses southern Ver-

mont and southern New Hampshire. Through local and international service projects, the club works to support communities and improve lives.

The Springfield Rotary Club meets Tuesdays, at 12 p.m., at the SAPCC Workforce Development & Training Center. Guests are welcome to attend meetings and learn more about Rotary’s local and international service projects. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtr Rotary.org.

Congregational Church Ham Supper

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street, invites the public to a ham and baked bean supper on

Saturday, Oct. 10, from 4-6 p.m., in the church’s Pine-room. The menu includes baked ham, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, dessert, and beverage.

Children under 6 years old eat for a reduced fee. Takeout will be available. Come enjoy this feast prepared by some of the best cooks in the valley.

Annual Conservation Commission Potluck

KEENE, N.H. – The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) and the Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) will host the annual Conservation Commission Potluck on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Monadnock Conservancy in Keene N.H.

This year’s topic will be “Report Findings from Turtle Assessment Study.” Jeff Littleton from Moosewood Ecological will present findings from a 2025 assessment of turtle wetland-road crossings. Learn how undersized culverts impact flooding and safe pas-

sage for turtles and other aquatic and semiaquatic wildlife. The Moosewood study examined habitat connectivity throughout Cheshire County, assessing culverts and other stream-crossing infrastructure for their functionality for safe passage for turtles. The presentation will cover research discovery including culvert assessment for turtle crossing and flood risks. Improving culvert passage and reducing road access are key elements to restoring aquatic connectivity, reducing road mortality, and potentially reducing or eliminating flooding risks at wetland road crossings.

There will be allocated time for group breakout

sessions and a roundtable discussion. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share for the evening’s potluck. NHACC and CCCD will also provide some locally sourced snacks.

The event is free, and registration is required at www.cheshireconservation.org/event-details/2026-annual-conservation-commission-potluck. This event is a collaboration between the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions and the Cheshire County Conservation District. If you have any questions regarding the event or require assistance in registration, please contact info@cheshireconservation.org or 603-904-3011.

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center on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., along with a 5K race, beginning at noon. The parks and recreation department, in collaboration with Discover Sugar River Region, will also sponsor the third annual Rail Trail Rendezvous on Saturday, Oct. 10. The Claremont Fire Department will host its annual Firemen’s Parade on Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, Cleanup Day on Pleasant Street is scheduled for Oct. 9.

City Manager Rick Bergeron introduced new

Finance Director Maureen Hulslander, and new Parks and Recreation Director Patrick Saucier. A contract between the City of Claremont and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has been enacted to fill in the gaps left by the departure of the city planner.

Bergeron has been looking into options for a daytime shelter, which would sit adjacent to the nighttime shelter at the Trinity Church. He stated that the best option for building a shelter is working with a local building supplies business.

After reviewing bids for repairs to the roof of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center (CSBCC), the

city chose to hire Jancewicz and Son, at a cost of \$19,449. The council approved the transfer of these funds from the CSBCC Capital Reserve Fund.

A request for a Community Revitalization Tax Relief was made to the council by the owners of 11 Main Street, who are renovating the building. This tax relief absolves them from paying the increased tax rate for a period of five years. Council members approved this tax relief.

The Claremont City Council meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 6:30 p.m., in the Claremont City Hall Council Chambers.

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as golfers. Being part of the league is really about camaraderie, friendships, and sense of community we’ve built together.”

“What makes this group of women so special is the way everyone contributes in their own way. Whether it’s volunteering, sharing ideas, helping with events, or simply lending a hand when needed, everyone has something valuable to add,” said Sigl.

Jenna Young Starr has been the league president for

the past several years, having started as the club’s treasurer in 2020, when there were just 28 members. Starr brings with her a dedication to women supporting women in golf, a commitment to the growth and success of the program, and a greater effort to raise funds that support improvements at CPCC. Although Starr is not sure exactly when the women’s league was started, as treasurer she noted the bank account was initially opened in 1974.

Recently, the league has been replacing the forward, or gold, tee boxes across the

golf course. In the past, the ladies raised funds to purchase new awnings for the clubhouse, and there are plans in the works to plant maple trees in place of other trees that have died.

Last year, the women’s league started a fundraiser called the Crown Jewel that raises as much as \$10,000 for the CPCC. With a raffle package valued at more than \$3,500, one winner is awarded the ultimate club membership experience: a fully paid annual membership, including cart fees, entry into three club tournaments, annual league fees, and range balls; a \$375 pub gift certificate; a \$200 pro shop gift certificate; and a “cut the line” pass at Crown Point Pub.

This year, the league welcomed more than 60 members ranging in age from 16 to 90. They play on Wednesday mornings and

Thursday nights, and teams do not have set partners, but are shuffled each week. The scores are close because teams are purposefully built on a tier system, matching inexperienced players with those who are more skilled. This gives beginners an opportunity to improve their game without feeling too much pressure.

Starr said the women try to keep active over the winter, often meeting at CPCC to take advantage of the club’s groomed trails and free cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, or to gather at the pub on Thursday nights to hear live music.

There is already a date set for next year’s CPWGA Invitational – Sept. 11, 2027 – and Starr and the rest of the league warmly invite women from Vermont and New Hampshire to be part of their special group.



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“Conversation With the Candidates” in Athens —

ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Historic Preservation Society, along with the Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, is hosting a “Conversation with the Candidates” at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4, at 2:30 p.m.

The Windsor-Windham District serves the towns of Athens, Grafton, Windham, and Chester. The candidates for this state representative seat are incumbent Republican Rep. Tom Charlton and Democratic challenger Will Hoser. Both candidates have accepted the invitation.

This will be a bit less formal

than a typical forum. There will be time at both the start and the end of the event for attendees to mingle with the candidates either inside the meetinghouse or outside on the meetinghouse common over cider and donuts.

For the bulk of time between that, the forum will move indoors to the sanctuary space, where, for no more than an hour, a moderator will ask prepared questions of both candidates along with written questions submitted by attendees. The prepared questions will not be shared in advance, but will touch upon issues that are impor-

tant to constituents of the Windsor-Windham District, along with the legislature’s capacity to address them.

The organizations are excited to be reviving the history of the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse as a place where prominent speakers addressed the public on civic matters of import. The Athens Brick Meetinghouse is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is located at 2 Meetinghouse Road in Athens, Vt.

For more information, visit “Athens Meetinghouse” on Facebook.

Windsor-Windham District candidate forum

CHESTER, Vt. – The public is invited to a forum with the Windsor-Windham District Vermont House of Representatives candidates, Will Hoser and Tom Charlton. The forum, cosponsored by the Chester Town Democratic Committee and the Chester Republican Committee, will take place on

Oct. 13, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall, 556 Elm Street.

The Windsor-Windham District includes Chester, Athens, Grafton, and Windham. The forum will feature introductions by the candidates, their responses to questions provided by moderator Frank Kelly, and an opportunity for audience

questions, followed by closing statements from each candidate.

The forum is an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their plans to address the concerns of Windsor-Windham District residents. Be an informed voter on Nov. 3. Come out to the forum and get answers to your questions.

Okemo Valley introduces fall foliage train and pop-up fall festival —

REGION – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of a brand-new autumn attraction, the Okemo Valley Fall Foliage Train & Pop Up Fall Festival, taking place Oct. 3 and 4. This vibrant new event joins the region’s beloved Okemo Valley Holiday Express, returning Dec. 19 and 20, creating a two-season lineup of scenic rail experiences for families, visitors, and rail enthusiasts.

The fall foliage train invites guests to step into Vermont’s most iconic season aboard a vintage railcar, offering nearly an hour of scenic mountain views, brilliant color, and old-fashioned rail charm. The train departs from Ludlow, Vt., running six times daily, at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m., on both days. Surrounding the rail experience is a lively pop-up fall festival, featuring local food, Vermont arti-

sans, seasonal treats, and cozy autumn traditions that celebrate the best of the region.

The chamber’s signature winter event, the Okemo Valley Holiday Express, returns just weeks later. Departing from the historic Chester Depot, this magical, one-hour ride offers families a joyful winter journey through Vermont’s snow-covered countryside. Guests meet Santa and his elves aboard the train, with departures at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m., on Dec. 19 and 20.

“With the addition of the fall foliage train and pop-up fall festival, Okemo Valley is building a seasonal rail tradition that captures the beauty and spirit of Vermont in both autumn and winter,” said the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. “These experiences bring together scenic rail, local culture, and family-friendly fun in a way that truly reflects our region.”



The Okemo Valley foliage train will run Oct. 3 and 4. PHOTO BY STEEL WHEELS PHOTOGRAPHY

Both events are hosted in partnership with Vermont Rail System. Tickets for both the fall foliage train

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Light refreshments will be provided!

Learn more about the project and additional ways to participate at arcg.is/1yqLm8:

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health & community

Kindle Farm celebrates 30 years, HCRS parntership –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On a Friday afternoon during the height of the 2008 financial crisis, Kindle Farm School Board President Ben Taggard made a phone call that would change the future of the school. His question was simple: Would Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) consider bringing Kindle Farm School into its organization?

Like many small, mission-driven nonprofits during the recession, Kindle Farm School – an independent therapeutic school for boys in Newfane, Vt. – faced growing financial pressures while remaining deeply committed to serving students and families. Sustaining the school independently had become increasingly difficult.

HCRS, the community mental health agency serving Windham and Windsor counties, agreed to move forward, not because the decision was easy, but be-

cause leaders from both organizations recognized they shared a common mission: helping vulnerable young people succeed. They believed preserving Kindle Farm School mattered to the students, families, school districts, and communities that depended on it.

By joining HCRS, Kindle Farm School gained the stability and organizational support needed to focus even more deeply on its mission. Expanded access to counseling, crisis services, case management, and coordinated clinical care strengthened support for students and families, while enhanced human resources, technology, facilities, and financial systems allowed teachers, clinicians, and staff to spend less time managing infrastructure and more time helping young people learn, heal, and succeed.

Today, HCRS’ Kindle Farm School continues

serving students in grades 3-12 from across Vermont and New Hampshire with the same relationship-centered philosophy that has guided the school since its founding in 1996.

“Some partnerships are about growth,” said Anne Bilodeau, chief executive officer of HCRS. “This partnership was about preserving something extraordinary...Thirty years later, we’re incredibly proud that Kindle Farm has remained true to its mission while benefiting from the strength and support of a larger organization.”

Looking back nearly two decades after that pivotal phone call, the decision represents far more than an organizational transition. It reflects a shared commitment to preserving a place where young people can rediscover confidence, rebuild relationships, and believe in their future. As Kindle Farm School celebrates its 30th anniversary, the partnership between Kindle Farm School and HCRS continues to demonstrate how organizations can grow stronger together while remaining deeply rooted in the mission that brought them together.

Adult day social program to begin Oct. 7 –

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry will be opening a its new social model adult day care program on Oct. 7, providing breakfast and lunch, and offering activities including participatory music, arts and crafts, and games modeled after the Relish-Life curriculum. There will be an open house on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., for any potential clients, partners, and interested community members to drop in on an informal basis to meet our staff and see the facility.

The program will be available every Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30

p.m., in the main Neighborhood Connections meeting complex in the Mountain Marketplace, at the corner of Route 11 and Route 100 in Londonderry. This open, airy space includes plenty of windows, a full-service commercial kitchen, internet access, large-screen audio-visual equipment, and accessible restrooms, and also houses office staff.

This is a social program and will not include medical care. This program is appropriate for adults capable of feeding themselves and independent bathroom functions, but who need a safe and supervised space during the day, meal preparation, and socialization. Applicants will be screened using standard tools at in-

take to ensure program compatibility. The program will be overseen by Lois Schram Osnow, a licensed clinical social worker. Prior to moving to Vermont, she was the co-founder and owner of LS Gerontology Seminars, where she instituted culture-change projects in more than 25 long-term care facilities in addition to providing training to more than 75 long-term care facilities in the tri-state area. Additional staff with relevant experience have been retained to assist with the program.

For questions about eligibility and general information about the program or the open house, contact Osnow at 802-824-4343 or Lois@ncvermont.org.

EMT class at Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad –

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) is hosting an emergency medical technician (EMT) class starting Oct. 12. It will run through March 15, 2027, and will meet at the LVRS building, 6068 Route 100, Londonderry, Vt.

Emergency medical

technicians are trained to respond to calls for medical treatment outside of a hospital setting. Their role is to quickly assess and document a patient’s condition and determine what treatment they may need. They are expected to provide medical treatment to the level of their training, prepare the patient for transport to a hospital, and assist in transport to the hospital.

This course is a mix of

self-directed learning and in-person training. There are online lectures and quizzes, and the class will meet in person Mondays, from 6-9 p.m., and one Saturday a month, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. This class costs \$750, but tuition will be refunded if, after successfully completing the class and becoming state and nationally registered, the student becomes a full member of LVRS.

To sign up, visit www.londonderryrescuevt.org and click on “EMT class 26-27.”

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HCRS’ Brattleboro Buddy Walk –

BATTLEBORO, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) invites community members of all ages and abilities to come together for the 2026 Brattleboro Buddy Walk, a celebration of inclusion, connection, and the many contributions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Brattleboro Town Common, rain or shine. The day will feature a 1-mile walk through downtown Brattleboro, along with music, activities, games, prizes, lunch, vendors, and opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors from throughout the region.

HCRS is coordinating this year’s event in partnership with longtime Buddy Walk organizer Jim Nicholson. Proceeds from this year’s Brattleboro Buddy Walk will benefit Special Olympics programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Windham County, helping create additional opportunities for connection, participation, and achievement. The event is made possible through the generous support of local businesses and organizations, including Casella and M&T Bank, two of this year’s leading sponsors.

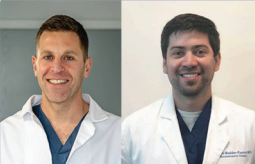
Advance registration is encouraged. Participants can also support the event through individual fundraising and donations.

For more information, to register, or to support the 2026 Brattleboro Buddy Walk, visit www.brattleborobuddywalk.org.

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Kendall B. Crocker Jr. celebration of life

CHESTER, Vt. – A celebration of life will be held in loving memory of Kendall B. “Kenny” Crocker Jr., who passed away Jan. 15, 2026, at age 79. Kenny will be remem-

bered for his service to his country, his love of family and friends, and the many lives he touched. Please join us on Oct. 11, 2026, at 1 p.m., at the American Legion in Chester, Vt.

Stephanie Nelson celebration of life

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A service of remembrance and celebration of life for Stephanie Nelson, who passed away

Aug. 15, will be held at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt., on Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. A reception will follow.

ASCUTNEY, VT.
Brownsville Community Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.
Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.
St. Charles Church, 31 Cherry Hill St.
Masses are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 7 a.m.; Wednesday, at 7 p.m.; Saturday Vigil Mass, at 4 p.m.; and Sunday, at 9 a.m. For more information, call 802-732-8721.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.
Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd.
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to www.charlestownbiblechurch.org. Call 603-826-5121 for more info or to request a personal Bible study.

Charlestown Seventh-day Adventist Church, 242 Main St.
Saturday Services include Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. and a healthy lunch for all after the service. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

CHESTER, VT.
Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.
Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph’s Church, 148 South Main St.
Saturday confessions at 3 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

Wednesday Mass at 9 a.m. For more information, contact stmarys05156@gmail.com, call 802-885-3400, or visit www.holyfamilyvermont.com.

CORNISH, N.H.
United Church of Cornish, 378 Center Rd.
Join our worship services on Sundays, at 10 a.m. We’re also holding a dinner church/community potluck on the last Sunday of each month, in place of regular services, at 1 p.m. Come as you are and join us in a relaxed setting for lunch and fellowship; please bring a dish of food to share if you can. All are welcome!

LONDONDERRY, VT.
First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St.
Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Services will still be live streamed at www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.
Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.
Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday’s prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Route 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn
Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. For more information, call Ann Rose at 802-259-3016.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.
Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person.

Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.
Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

Springfield United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.
Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Springfield United Methodist Church welcomes everyone! The church can be reached at 802-885-3456.

Holy Family Parish, St. Mary’s Church, 10 Pleasant St.
Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. Weekday Mass Monday and Friday, at 9 a.m.; and Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. Confessions at 6 p.m. For more information, contact stmarys05156@gmail.com, call 802-885-3400, or visit www.holyfamilyvermont.com.

WALPOLE, N.H.
First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to www.walpolenhucc.org or www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

WESTMINSTER, VT.
First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 U.S. Route 5
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. We have a children’s message each Sunday and following church is a time of fellowship in the Hall with coffee and snacks. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminstercongoline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

Dartmouth to lead study of care decisions among older adults with serious illness

LEBANON, N.H. – Dartmouth Health (DH), the most rural academic health system in the country, has been selected by the National Institute on Aging to serve as the lead site for a \$44 million study, one of the largest studies ever conducted on how older Americans with serious illness make decisions about their medical care. DH will serve as the study’s rural anchor for the Advancing Ethical Goals in Society (AEGIS) trial, which will enroll more than 12,000 older patients.

“Every patient deserves the right care, at the right time, and on their own terms, whether they live two blocks or two hours from the nearest hospital,” said Dr. Joanne M. Conroy, CEO and president of Dartmouth Health. “This trial will prove what we believe at Dartmouth Health: Rural does not mean lesser. We meet people where they are and bring them state-of-the-art care. All patients deserve the innovative, world-class healthcare, whether it’s in rural Vermont and New Hampshire or in our cities.”

Every day, thousands of older Americans and their families confront difficult decisions about serious illness. Research indicates that, in rural settings, patients face a widened and persistent gap in accessing the care they want and deserve. AEGIS will study shared decision-making, in which patients and families act as equal partners in their medical choices. The trial will test whether decision-aid tools that help patients and families understand

their options, communicate what matters most to them, and navigate an increasingly complex healthcare system lead to care delivery that honors their wishes.

“Shared decision making is a simple but profound idea: that doctors and patients can be true partners in care. The insight that these partnerships create better outcomes grew out of the late Jack Wennberg’s pioneering work here at Dartmouth,” said Dr. Jennifer Hunt, dean of Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine and chief academic officer at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. “That spirit of patient-centered innovation is one of the things that drew me to Geisel, and our work with Dartmouth Health on AEGIS shows how our deep institutional partnership can be a catalyst for transforming rural health.”

Wennberg’s research revealed that the care patients receive often depends more on where they live than on what they prefer. More than 20 years ago, Wennberg and Dr. Angelo E. Volandes, who now serves as Dartmouth Health’s interim chief research officer and senior associate dean for clinical and translational research at the Geisel School of Medicine, discussed a medical dilemma: Medicine had no standardized way for doctors and patients to talk about medical decisions.

“Getting the right care should not depend on your zip code,” said Volandes, who has spent two decades studying how patients with serious illness make medi-

cal decisions. “AEGIS puts Dartmouth Health and Geisel at the center of a national effort to make sure older patients and families, wherever they live, understand their choices and are respected when it matters most.”

The AEGIS trial is led by multiple principal investigators: Volandes and Dr. Michael Paasche-Orlow, of Tufts Medical Center, which serves as the administrative site. Other Dartmouth Health investigators include Ellen Flaherty, vice president of Dartmouth Health’s Geriatric Center of Excellence; Dr. Nathan E. Goldstein, chair of the department of medicine; Lori E. Henault, deputy director of research operations; and Dr. Amber E. Barnato, department chair and director of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice at Geisel. Other institutions include Northwell Health, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Mayo Clinic, Emory University, University of California San Francisco, Wake Forest University, and University of Colorado.

“We talk about rural health as a deficit. We need to reframe it as a design challenge,” Volandes added.

“If a tool helps a family in New Hampshire’s rural Coos County make the decision that is right for them, it will work anywhere in America.”

AEGIS is the latest in a series of major awards supporting Dartmouth Health’s major rural health initiative and portfolio, Dartmouth Health at Home. This announcement follows the recently announced \$11.8 million NIH grant to fund

a collaborative, multidisciplinary research program with Dartmouth Geisel College of Medicine, to be known as the Center for Aging with Serious Illness, focused on addressing the needs of people aging with serious illness; and a \$10 million gift from philanthropist Kenneth R. French to establish the Vickie French Hospital at Home program in honor of his late wife.

Of the \$44 million total, Dartmouth Health will receive \$13.2 million to lead the trial’s rural sites, with an additional \$623,000 supporting investigators at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

Research reported in this release is supported by the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health under award number 1U19AG090271-01A1.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 2 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The

First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church Street, will hold its First Friday Fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 2, from 5-6:30 p.m.

PERU ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Escher Design Inc., Friedman and Newbound have submitted an application for a small deck with ADA ramp at 36 Minuteman Way, Peru Vt. A waiver is sought on setback requirements. The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 on October 15, 2026, at the Peru Town Offices.

Those interested in seeing the applications or submitting written comments should contact the town's Zoning Administrator at Zoning@peruvt.org

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(2)(b)(c) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

David Kiernan
Peru Zoning
Office Hours 9-12 Wednesday or by appointment

Town of Ludlow, Vermont

Ludlow Police Department is accepting applications for a Full-Time Patrol Officer

Seeking motivated candidates certified or certifiable (able to enroll/attend Police Academy) in Vermont (Level I, II, or III). Lateral transfers and out-of-state certified officers are encouraged to apply. Competitive starting pay \$26.47–\$30.96/hour depending on certification, plus shift differentials of 5% and 7%.

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Must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, pass background, physical, psychological exams, and meet Vermont Criminal Justice Council requirements.

Position open until it is filled.

To apply: Submit resume, cover letter, and completed application. Application available at www.ludlow.vt.us (Applications & Forms).

Please contact Chief Jeffrey Warfle with any questions or to send application/resume:
Jeffrey.warfle@vermont.gov or via phone: (802) 228-4411

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders, and mortgagees of property in the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor, and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for municipal property taxes for the 2024 and 2025 calendar years and for school district property taxes for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property located in Weston, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to John Lang Rosenfeld, as Trustee of the Marital Deduction Trust created under The Rosenfeld Family Trust of 1997, under Declaration of Trust dated September 8, 1997 by John Lang Rosenfeld, as Sole Surviving Trustee of The Rosenfeld Family Trust dated September 8, 1997, dated June 13, 2006 and recorded June 20, 2006 in Book 71 at Page 255 of the Weston Land Records. (Parcel #060077.00, E-911: 112 Kile Rd.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5254, so much of said property will be sold at public auction at the Weston Town Office, a public place located at 12 Lawrence Hill Road in the Town of Weston, on the 29th day of October, 2026, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Be advised that the owner or mortgagee, or the owner's or mortgagee's representatives or assigns, of lands sold for taxes and assessments shall have a right to redemption for a period of one year from the date of sale pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5260.

Dated at Weston, Vermont this 11th day of September, 2026.

Gretchen Hauser, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Proceeds will benefit SEVCA's emergency fuel fund. The menu includes spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, a beverage, and dessert. There is a suggested donation.

OCT. 3 –

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will hold a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 5 School Street, rain or shine. The sale includes art pottery,

handmade and vintage textiles, tools, books and audiobooks, home goods, and a bag sale.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Faithful Lodge No. 12 is sponsoring a fundraising cornhole tournament on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The tournament will take place on Main Street, across from the lodge. Teams will be chosen at registration. For more

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026, AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2026.

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Travis Kemp
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

Town of Ludlow, Vermont

Ludlow Police Department is accepting applications for a Full-Time Emergency Services Dispatcher

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Must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, pass background check, have excellent communication and interpersonal skills along with the ability to problem solve in any given situation.

Position open until it is filled.

To apply: Submit resume, cover letter, and completed application. Application available at www.ludlow.vt.us (Applications & Forms).

Please contact Chief Jeffrey Warfle with any questions or to send application/resume:
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SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT

WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

MONDAY, October 5 – FRIDAY, October 16, 2026

Periodically, in Springfield, Vermont, we clean water mains of harmless corrosion and accumulated foreign matter by opening hydrants and allowing the water to escape under high pressure. The flushing action is an important part of our program to maintain high quality water.

Although such flushing may produce temporary discoloration, the safety of the water is not affected in any way. **HOWEVER**, we advise you to schedule clothes washing and cleaning projects at other times.

All mains will be flushed between **7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday**. During the time this work is performed, **IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WILL BE AFFECTED**. It is suggested that restaurants, laundromats, etc. keep their use to a minimum until water clears. The water system will be riled and cloudy, but this condition will clear up upon completion of the work.

SPRINGFIELD WATER DEPT.

information, call 603-558-5529.

OCT. 4 –

CUTTINGSVILLE, Vt. – The Laurel Glen Cemetery Association and the Shrewsbury Historical Society invite the public to an open house day on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 1-4 p.m., rain or shine. Parking is at the Olde Barn lot. The Bowman mansion, mausoleum, and conservatory, and the Shrewsbury Museum will be open to the public. There will also be a bake sale (email laurelglen.bowmanmansion@gmail.com if you wish to donate a baked item) and haunted mansion bookshop posters for sale. Proceeds will support repairs at Laurel Glen; cash or check only. Donations are appreciated.

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Historical Society will hold a pie social on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 1-3 p.m., at its building at 147 Main Street. Pick out your own slice from a variety of locally baked pies, from custard, to creme, to fruit pies, and more. Come enjoy socializing, a delicious slice of pie, and music.

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Cornet Band invites all to its free Foliage Concert on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 3-4 p.m., on the Grafton Library lawn in Grafton, Vt. It's a traditional community band concert with familiar and upbeat music for the whole family in beautiful Grafton. Bring chairs or a blanket for comfort, and maybe a picnic. For rain, the band plays in the historic Grafton Community Church with great acoustics. The band keeps its original 1867 name even though all wind instruments are now included. Glen D'Eon directs. There's a lot to do in Grafton on a foliage-season Sunday, including shopping, galleries, museums, hiking, and good eating. See www.graftonband.org for more information.

OCT. 10 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Opera House will host a comedy night fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 10, to support Amy, an adaptive athlete, who will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in 2028. Amy has been living with MS for 18 years and continues to push beyond what many thought possible. Come learn more about Amy, her journey, and the incredible story behind this goal, and help us show her some love and support along the way.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Gerry Grimo & The East Bay Dance Combo will perform at the Charlestown Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, on Friday, Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7-9 p.m., featuring a variety of music styles for social and ballroom dancing. Small suggested donation. There is a large dance floor and comfortable seating. Snacks will be available, BYOB.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street, invites the public to a ham and baked bean supper on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 4-6 p.m., in the church's Pineroom. The menu includes baked ham, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, dessert, and beverages. Children under 6 years old eat for a reduced fee. Takeout will be available. Come enjoy this feast prepared by some of the best cooks in the valley.

SUNDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month, downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

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.

SATURDAYS –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, will host burger nights on the first and third Saturdays of every month, from 5-7 p.m., downstairs in the canteen. These events are open to the public.

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS

NOTICE OF TAX SALES

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Springfield, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

6 Reservoir Road

For tax years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Wentworth Financial Group, Inc. to H & C Properties, LLC by deed dated October 17, 2023 and recorded in Book 687 at Page 318 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

945 Eureka Road

For tax years 2025-2026. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Merrilee J.M. Fortune Living Trust to David Hatch by deed dated June 11, 2020 and recorded in Book 627 at Page 33 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

32 Valley Street

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Baird-Torney and Shawna Baird-Torney to Artem Mahinko by deed dated June 28, 2023 and recorded in Vol. 683 at Page 78 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Springfield Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 22nd day of October, 2026 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must contact Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156.

Be advised that the owner or mortgagee, or the owner's or mortgagee's representatives or assigns, of lands sold for taxes shall have a right to redemption for a period of one year from the date of sale pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5260.

Warning: There are unpaid property taxes at the above properties in Springfield, Vermont which you may own, have a legal interest, or may be contiguous to your property. The property will be sold at public auction on October 22, 2026 unless the overdue taxes, fees, and interest is paid. To make payment or receive further information, contact Barbara Courchesne, Tax Collector, immediately at the Town of Springfield, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156, telephone number (802) 885-2104.

Dated at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 15th day of September, 2026.

Barbara A. Courchesne, Collector of Town and
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opinion/classifieds

Dear Neighbors,

I'm running for state representative for Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury, and I wanted to take a moment to share with you what's driving this campaign – and what I'll be advocating for if you send me to Montpelier.

I'm running because I want us to reduce the partisan tug-of-war and work more effectively on the issues we are all facing. I want to be a clear, honest bridge between our towns and the Statehouse, and I want to bring people together as we seek solutions.

My campaign is built on three core values: compassion, social justice, and hope. I see this role as one of stewardship – listening closely to my neighbors, and carrying your voices to Montpelier with care and integrity. We need to move past fixating on what divides us, and instead celebrate what unites us: building resilient, vibrant communities where everyone feels welcomed, represented, and able to participate.

What I'm advocating for:

- Healthcare, a basic right for every Vermonter: I believe every person deserves access to preventative and acute healthcare. Efforts to expand access have stalled in Washington, and I believe Vermont needs to lead the way. Here's what I support: (1) Universal primary care for every Vermonter, funded through the Fair Share for Vermont tax proposal. This would simultaneously reduce our reliance on unpredictable federal dollars (about a third of our state

budget) while asking the wealthiest Vermonters (top 5%) to pay their fair share. (2) Back Act 68 and reference-based pricing, stopping hospitals from independently setting prices, curbing cost swings, and putting savings back in our pockets.

Why it matters: School staff health insurance is one of the biggest drivers of property taxes. Lower healthcare premiums mean lower, more stable property taxes – and a Vermont more of us can afford.

- Housing, a place for everyone to call home: I believe safe, affordable housing is a basic right, not a privilege. I support a housing-first approach for Vermonters experiencing homelessness, policies that let young families put down roots, and options for elders to age in place or within supportive and vibrant communities.

The trouble? Vacation homes sit empty across the state while working Vermonters get priced out by property costs, taxes, and cost of living. Here's what I support: (1) Raise property taxes on nonprimary-residence vacation, luxury, and investment properties owned by out-of-state residents, and reinvest those funds to lower property taxes for year-round Vermonters and expand affordable housing. (2) Improve access to services for Vermonters experiencing homelessness, supporting initiatives led by the Housing and Homelessness Alliance of Vermont. (3) Champion innovative models like housing cooper-

atives, cohousing, and intergenerational arrangements such as HomeShare VT.

Why it matters: Treating housing as a basic right and supporting our working communities means everyone gets a real chance to thrive – and to stay in Vermont.

- Food security and agriculture, ensure all are fed: I believe everyone deserves affordable, nutritious, locally grown, culturally relevant food, and that our farmers deserve a viable income for growing it. Here's what I support: (1) Renew legislative support for NO-FA-VT's Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs, helping low-income Vermonters buy local food while paying farmers fairly. (2) Keep advocating for funding of S.60, the Farm and Forestry Operations Security fund supporting working lands through climate disasters and crises. (3) Continue backing the Vermont Farm to Plate Network, VT Farm to School, the Vermont Food Bank, and more.

Why it matters: Vermont is famous for its farms and food, but not everyone gets an equal seat at the table. Two out of five of our neighbors still face food insecurity in 2026, a failure of policy, not of our farms. This has to change. By investing in Vermont's local economies, we can reduce our reliance on a volatile federal support system and ensure that all Vermonters' basic needs are met.

Join us! Our current ad-

ministration has had enough time to make the changes Vermonters need to see, but unfortunately, their efforts just aren't delivering relief for residents fast enough. I'm ready to help kick things into gear!

As the election approaches, I'd love to stay connected with you. You can follow along and sign up for my newsletter at www.phoebeforvermont.com, on Instagram @phoebetuckerforvt, or through my Facebook page, Phoebe Tucker for VT State Rep. 2026.

You can also email me directly at phoebeforvermont@gmail.com, or text/call me at 802-230-4439. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for being a part of our community.

With gratitude,
Phoebe Tucker
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Dear Editor,

Tom Charlton is running for reelection as the state representative for Athens, Chester, Grafton, and Windham.

Who is Tom Charlton? He is an ordained Baptist minister, an Eagle Scout, a timber framer, and an eighth-generation Vermonter. How can he help me? Tom is well aware of the many issues plaguing Vermonters. He is the neighbor you can not only confide in, he is the person who will bring your concerns to the Statehouse.

Why reelect him? He already sits on the House Committee for Housing and General Affairs. He brings your concerns of affordability and the need for fiscal responsibility to the committee. As a rural business owner, he is all too familiar with the devastating effects overreach has on families.

Why am I endorsing him? I am encouraged

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Dear Editor,

Chuck Gregory's response to my recent commentary concerns me for reasons extending beyond disagreement about artificial intelligence. Vigorous disagreement about public education should be healthy, particularly as Vermont undertakes another consequential period of reform under Act 73.

What troubles me is how quickly disagreement about policy became judgment of the person making the argument. Mr. Gregory has never met me, yet characterizes my argument as built on "deceptive grounds" and suggests I have "succumbed" to a Wall Street strategy. The Vermont Journal subsequently published his response under a headline bearing my name.

That editorial choice illustrates something larger. When policy disagreement becomes personalized, we stop examining assumptions and begin sorting people into camps. Lost are harder questions about governance, affordability, outcomes, and accountability.

Vermont enacted Act 46 a decade ago with ambitious expectations for restructuring education. Under Act 73, we are yet again debating substantial structural

change. We should ask what we learned from the last decade before assuming another statewide solution will produce different results.

To be clear, AI offers tools that can assist leaders, especially those without Vermont's institutional history, identify patterns, redundancies, and lessons from previously failed reforms.

I ask these questions as a former public school teacher, school administrator, state-level education professional, researcher, and university professor. Mr. Gregory raises legitimate concerns about commercialization, technology, and the importance of teachers.

Educational effectiveness and fiscal responsibility are not opposing values. Vermont taxpayers do not have unlimited resources. Every public dollar represents a choice. Asking whether expenditures produce the outcomes Vermonters expect is not an attack on public education; it is a fundamental responsibility of governing it.

Act 73 offers another opportunity to reconsider how we organize and govern education. If challenges to prevailing assumptions are met by questioning the motives

of those raising them, we risk perpetuating the crisis at hand.

Vermont does not need more polarization around education, and the media has a role in reducing it rather than amplifying it.

A decade after Act 46, and at the beginning of Act 73, we need the intellectual discipline to examine evidence, challenge assumptions, and ask whether the solutions we pursue address the problems we actually have.

Thank you,
Kendra Rickerby
Proctorsville, Vt.



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Taking photos with a trail camera

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Come to a Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) Walk and Talk at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, 573 Main Street in Proctorsville, with Tim O'Donoghue, on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m., and learn how to use a trail cam to discover the wildlife that lives among us.

Whether it's a bobcat on the prowl, a black bear, a fox, or something you didn't imagine, the trail cam will pick up movement and snap a shot. O'Donoghue will talk about best locations and habitat sites for setup,

and will have a slide show of photos he has taken. If you have a photo of an animal you have seen in your area, please bring it along to share. You can also put your name in a jar for the chance to win a trail cam for yourself. The winning name will be announced at the presentation.

O'Donoghue will also be introducing a Cavendish Community Citizen Science project, inviting community members to help tally wildlife sightings in Cavendish.

This Walk and Talk is coordinated with a broader look at wildlife in our area.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m., at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, conservation planning biologist Jens Hilke from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will give a presentation on biodiversity in our area and how you can use the department's website to understand more about the species that populate and travel in Cavendish, whether they are year-round residents or simply passing through.

For more information, email cavendish-communityconservation@gmail.com.

Act 250 public information sessions

REGION – The Vermont Land Use Review Board (LURB) will host four public information sessions across the state to introduce Vermonters to a new Act 250 review criterion that goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2028. Criterion 8(C) only applies to projects that already require an Act 250 permit and does not affect when a permit is needed. This criterion is aimed at ensuring forest blocks and habitat connectors are considered in the Act 250 review process. The LURB's formal rulemaking process will begin in 2027, but the LURB would like to inform and hear from Vermonters ahead of time.

The LURB welcomes both in-person and remote participation. More information, including remote connection details, is available online at www.act250.vermont.gov/modernizing-land-use-review/criterion-8c-forest-blocks-and-habitat-connectors.

habitat-connectors.

Local information sessions will be held on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Brattleboro Town Office, 230 Main Street, No. 108, in Brattleboro, Vt.; and on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Regional Planning Commission Office, 16 Evelyn Street, Second Floor, Rutland, Vt.

These informational sessions will focus on what forest blocks and habitat connectors are and why they are important; what criterion 8(C) rules must include; critical considerations for

the drafting process; the rulemaking timeline; ways to keep Vermonters updated; and opportunities for public input. Each session will include time for questions and comments.

Two frequent questions: (1) Why criterion 8(C)? The legislature's stated intent is to "discourage fragmentation of the forest blocks and habitat connectors by encouraging clustering of development." Will this mean more land is subject to Act 250 review? No. Criterion 8(C) does not change when or where an Act 250 permit is required.

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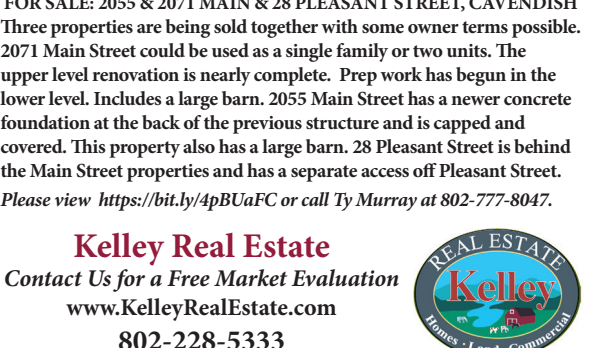
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arts & events

Next Stage celebrates 16 years of arts, community

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The celebration will include cake, popcorn, and snacks, a live instrumental trio, a cash bar, and a DJ dance party upstairs beginning at 7:30 p.m. Community members are encouraged to come celebrate, reconnect, and dance. Admission is free; RSVP information is available at www.nextstagearts.org.

The evening will also unveil a new installation of three community-made banners centered on Next Stage's core values. Created with input and support from people throughout the community, the banners serve as a public expression of the organization's commitments for the years ahead.

Visitors can also stop by the gallery to view Next Stage's strategic plan, learn about upcoming workshops with Amber Paris, and share their thoughts about the organization's future. "Next Stage has always

been shaped by the people who gather here," said Heather Ahrenholz, Next Stage's communications director. "This celebration is both a chance to honor what the community has made possible over the past 16 years and to share our commitment to what comes next."

This event is supported by the Vermont Community Foundation's Arts & Social Cohesion grant, which helps fund this celebration and other community events throughout the year.

Botanical-drawing workshop

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 3, from 12-1 p.m., please join the Rockingham Free Public Library for a fall botanical-drawing workshop.

Artist Katrina Mayer will lead this cozy indoor workshop, easing us into the slower months of fall. New

and seasoned artists are welcome to draw and socialize, inspired by botanical objects that signal fall has arrived. All materials are provided, but feel free to bring flowers, pumpkins, gourds, or plants that inspire you.

This workshop is free and

open to the public. For more information about this and other programs, call 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

FIR Fall Festival in Reading

READING, Vt. – Sponsored by the Town of Reading, the volunteer community organization Future Is Reading (FIR) will kick off its second annual Reading Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m., on the campus of the Reading Elementary School. The event will run until 3 p.m.

On the eve of the festival, Friday, Oct. 2, the town will also host its fourth annual World Class Chili Cook-off in Puddledock Park, located next to the Reading Library, on Route 106 in Felchville – Reading's downtown section – from 5-6:30 p.m.

During the festival, the Hall Art Foundation will open its doors free of charge to Reading residents. Additionally, the Reading Greenhouse will be holding a scavenger hunt throughout the event at no charge for

participation, and the Reading Historical Society will be open to all visitors.

Following its recent purchase of the Reading Grange on Route 106, the Reading Community Trust (RCT) is planning to open the historic building for public viewing during the chili cook-off on Friday. Then, on Saturday morning, from 7-9 a.m., the RCT will hold a yard sale in front of the Grange that will feature saleable items that have been removed from the building's interior.

Across the street, the Reading Library will be holding a daylong book sale.

For kids of all ages, the fall festival will include a Ducky Derby; bike decoration and a bike parade; touch-a-truck; and a variety of games, with games designed especially for children under the age of 5 representing a new activities category this year. Organizers say that another new game, which will welcome parade bike riders on their arrival to the RES campus at the start of the festival, is being kept secret as a surprise.

Throughout the festival, FIR has planned for continuous live music and abundant, delicious food options. For example, the festival's famous chicken barbecue dinner with local sweet corn and baked potato is returning for another year. Silver Lake Syrups will be selling its famous maple creemees, while Kidding Around Farm will have its renowned breads and pastries for sale. New at the 2026 Fall Festival will be the Mystic Coffee Roasters, who will be selling freshly ground and brewed coffee throughout the event.

Next Stage performances

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present a singer-songwriter showcase featuring the Clements Brothers, Charlie Chronopoulos, Leaf Silver & B.E. Farrow, and Talley Summerlin, at Next Stage, on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Following, they welcome the Alasdair Fraser Band at Next Stage, on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. This powerful new family collaboration brings together legendary Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser; his sons, Galen and Cameron Fraser; and Galen's

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claremont fall festival

29th annual Claremont Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off



Tasters at the 2024 Claremont Chili Cook-off. PHOTO PROVIDED



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Awards being announced at a previous chili cook-off. PHOTO PROVIDED

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce and Recreation Department are hosting the 29th annual Claremont Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., on the Claremont Visitors Center Green, 14 North Street in Claremont, N.H.

Join the annual Claremont Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off, where competitors will present their chili samples to hungry attendees for a chance to vote for their favorites. Exhibitors and vendors will line the Green with children's activities, community information, and items for sale. Vendors and exhibitors can register online at form.jotform.com/GCCC_Director/fall-festival-2026-registration. Multiple sponsorship opportunities exist for this event; if you are interested in sponsorship or advertising in the event program, please contact Elyse at the chamber office by calling 603-543-1296 or emailing director@greaterclaremontnh.org to discuss which opportunities would work best for you.

Claremont Parks & Recreation will be firing up the flavor with the annual Chili Cook-off, where community members can enter in one of three categories: individual, business, or nonprofit organization. All chili entries must meet the official competition requirements, which can be found at www.tinyurl.com/ClaremontChiliCookOff2026Rules, and each will be labeled with a heat index – mild, medium, or hot – so tasters can sample at their preferred spice level.

Thank you to event sponsors Decamp Waste Services, LaValley Building Supply, Pearce Jewelers, Bank of New Hampshire, Claremont Savings Bank, Mascoma Bank, Maki Financial Raymond James, and Crown Point Cabinetry.

For more information, for chili submission guidelines, to register your chili, or to register as a vendor for the event, visit www.greaterclaremontnh.org/2026/10/03/564280/fall-festival-chili-cook-off.

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Ludlow harvest fair

Ludlow Safety Fair and 42nd annual Harvest Fair

LUDLOW, Vt. – Two beloved local traditions are joining forces this autumn for a full day of family fun, community safety, and seasonal festivities. On Saturday, Oct. 3, Ludlow Fire Rescue and the Ludlow Elementary School Parent Teacher Group (PTG) will host a combined, free family fair, Safety Day, and the 42nd annual Ludlow Harvest Fair, spanning the lawn of the Ludlow Community Center and Expeditionary School at Black River. The joint event brings together hands-on safety education, local artisan shopping, children's activities, and community fundraising in one central location.

The Ludlow Fire Rescue Safety Day features interactive features for all ages, including: touch-a-truck, explore emergency vehicles up close, including fire trucks and an ambulance; hose line experience, spray a live fire hose attached to an active engine under firefighter supervision; aerial and rope rescue, watch dynamic technical rescue demonstrations utilizing the department's



The Harvest and Safety Fair will be held on Oct. 3. PHOTO PROVIDED

tower truck; and a live "dollhouse" fire demo, observe a controlled live-burn demonstration highlighting the lifesaving importance of keeping interior doors closed during a fire. Simultaneously, the Ludlow Elementary School PTG will hold its 42nd annual Harvest Fair. As the PTG's sole fundraiser of the year, proceeds directly support Ludlow students by funding the school's winter sports program (skiing and snow-

boarding), educational assemblies, and playground upgrades, such as the recently completed natural treehouse structure. Harvest Fair highlights include seasonal treats, warm apple cider donuts, and the PTG's famous Stuff-a-Bag bake sale; family activities such as pumpkin painting, craft stations, and bounce houses; and local shopping, featuring more than 40 local crafters, artisans, and food vendors.



Vendors, activities, and safety demonstrations will be held. PHOTO PROVIDED

Attending visitors can shop a wide variety of hand-made crafts, specialty foods, artwork, and local products. Confirmed vendors include the following: Food and specialty goods: Bumbles Birria, Spectacle Coffee Roasters, Lulu's Street Dogs LLC, 802 Heat Hot Sauce, Peter's Wildflower Honey, Thrall Road Maple, and Hulett Farm. Art, decor, and crafts: Sandra Lombardi Pottery, Russ Hurlburt Photography,

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LLC, Angel Bones, Mimi's Crafts, KKs 3D Creations LLC, and Peter Manship Designs. Apparel, beauty, and jewelry: Pauline's T-Shirt Memory Quilts & Bags, Swisher Apparel, Wild Heart Jewelry Designs, Lori's Luxurious Nails, Trades of Hope, Leap 4 Joy Custom Crafts, and Little Strokes Plaster & Paint. Authors and community: local author Anne Perreault, Nikki's Endless Endeavors LLC, Fifi and Ro LLC, Perfectly Posh/Perga, and Gina's Fresh Harvest. For any questions or to see if there is still room for vendors, please reach out ludlowptg@gmail.com or call/text Courtney McGuire at 603-219-3491.



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Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show returns to Springfield for 42nd year

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce invites residents and visitors from across Vermont and New England to celebrate the flavors, creativity, and community spirit of the Green Mountain State at the 42nd annual Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show, taking place Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Riverside Middle

School, 13 Fairgrounds Road in Springfield, Vt. Promoted as "Vermont's Largest One-Day Event," the Apple Festival will bring together hundreds of vendors, a large farmers market, food trucks, specialty foods, artists, crafts, and a Home and Health Pavilion, all in one location. This year's festival offers much more than shopping. Visitors can enjoy a wide

variety of activities and attractions throughout the day, including a mechanical bull, Fastest Kid in Town, a kids' zone, goats and alpacas, drone soccer, a virtual reality game station, and an appearance by Miss Vermont. One of the sweetest traditions of the festival will be the pie-baking contest, giving local bakers a chance to put their best recipes to the

test. The first-place winner will take home \$100, with a \$50 junior prize also offered. "Last year we had over 8,000 attendees," said Mike Schmitt, executive director of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce. "This year we are expecting the same crowd and are providing more variety and more vendors, so come on up, down, or over and enjoy

a good old-fashioned Vermont event." Whether you come for Vermont-made products, locally grown food, hand-crafted goods, family activities, or simply a great fall day with friends and neighbors, the Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show is designed to offer something for all ages. The festival also provides an opportunity to support the farmers, mak-

ers, artists, craftspeople, food producers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses that help make Vermont communities thrive. Additional festival information is available at the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's Apple Festival & Craft Show, or at Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show on Facebook.

scarecrow festival

Chester Scarecrow Festival Weekend



Matilda and Three Bears.
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Stone Hearth Inn.
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CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Scarecrow Festival weekend is almost here. The festival is a two-day event, held Oct. 3 and 4, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. both days. There will be more than 30 vendors and fun for the whole family. The vendors will include food trucks and

food vendors on the Green, as well as artisans, craftspeople, and community groups. There are 26 scarecrows on display on both sides of Main Street. These are not everyday scarecrows, but unique pieces of imagination and talent. Please vote for your favorite, as the win-

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Gussie's Place.
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ners will be marked on Oct. 3, at 12 p.m. Don't forget to also visit the businesses on the Green and all the restaurants and businesses around Chester. It is surely an event you don't want to miss.

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Doris Ingram open studio –

WESTON, Vt. – Watercolor and oil artist Doris Ingram will once again be participating in Open Studio Weekend, sponsored by the Vermont Craft Council, on Saturday, Oct. 3, and Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. She is part of Loop 9, Studio No. 53. Her studio is located at 83 Trout Club Road in Weston; follow the signs from the town Green.

Ingram is a signature

member of both the Vermont and Delaware watercolor societies, and has won numerous awards. Her favorite subjects are the old homes and barns that are rapidly disappearing from our landscape. She also enjoys painting bouquets of beautiful flowers from her extensive gardens. Painting is creative, fun, relaxing, educational, and always a challenge.

Ingram has painted many

house portraits to benefit the Weston Theater Company and Neighborhood Connections. She is raffling a painting this weekend to benefit the Neighbor's Pantry food shelf in Londonderry. Ingram is also an enthusiastic teacher who enjoys sharing her passion for art with her students. Her studio is filled with paintings of barns, landscapes, and flowers.

Fall Open Studio Weekend at Create Together

LUDLOW, Vt. – Create Together, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow, Vt., presents Vermont Open Studio Weekend arts and crafts demonstrations on Oct. 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. Join on the beautiful campus at Fletcher Farm in Ludlow, Vt., for free demonstrations of weaving, pottery, quilting, metalworking, stained glass, jewelry, painting, welding, sculpture, and more. There will also be a free brick mosaics class on Saturday.

Create Together is No. 55 on the Open Studio Weekend map. Pick up a map at the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce in Okemo Marketplace, on Route 103 North in Ludlow, or follow the yellow Open Studio signs. Visit area artists and



Create Together's sewing and fiber arts space.
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craftspeople on your way. Create Together's programming includes short sampler workshops, weekend intensives, and multi-week sessions, and private art and craft parties. Open seven days a week and hosting seven studios, maker-spaces, open studios, memberships, and more, you can find something that fits

your schedule, your budget, and your curiosity. Create Together exists to foster creative exploration in the Okemo Valley, and provides access to professional tools, meaningful instruction, and a welcoming community, so that every person who walks through its doors can learn, create, and thrive.

Cider Days returns to Belmont

BELMONT, Vt. – The Mount Holly Community Association invites you to come celebrate autumn at its annual Cider Days on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 11, from 12-4 p.m. Of course, the fun starts with apples; you can watch fresh cider being made on an antique apple press and enjoy the fresh pressed cider hot or cold along with a cider donut, whoopie pie, home-baked apple pie, or apple crisp topped with ice cream. You can even pick up a gallon of fresh cider to take home.

There's plenty of non-apple fun to enjoy, too. Cider Days features live music, food, beer and craft vendors, a library book sale, and more to enjoy as you take in the fall colors in a historic village. Learning opportunities abound, too: Find out about Belmont's history at the Mount Holly Museum, right next to the town's many conservation efforts focused on wildlife,



An antique apple press in operation.
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Star Lake, and biodiversity. Highlights this year include the ever-popular cow plop contest starring Ginger Robeth Rainmoon, of Liberty Hill Farm, ably handled by Mount Holly siblings Patty and Carter Bruce. There will also be face painting for the kids. Visitors are invited to cast a ballot in the local photo contest. The winning entries will be featured in the Mount Holly 2028 calendar. The 2027 calendar featuring last year's winners will

be available to purchase. Belmont Cider Days has been ranked as one of the top fall events in the State of Vermont. Don't miss out on the fun. For more information, visit the Mount Holly Community Association website, www.mhcavt.org, or Facebook page. Belmont may be tucked away off the numbered roads, but it's easy to find. From Route 103, turn left at the flashing light if coming from Ludlow, or right if coming from Rutland. If you're driving up Route 155, turn at the Belmont sign. Either way, head up the hill and find a place to park, being sure to observe parking signage, then stroll through Belmont Village to the Belmont Baptist Church Green, just like the folks did so many years ago when they brought their apples to be pressed.

Create felted acorns at Gallery at the Vault

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Celebrate autumn with a felted-acorns workshop at Gallery at the Vault, on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 1-3 p.m. The class will be taught by Windham teaching artist Lisa Caron Hickey, founder of Caron Designs. Participants will learn basic needle-felting and wet-felting techniques while creating charming wool acorns using colorful wool and natu-

ral acorn caps. Finished acorns may be strung together to create a festive autumn garland or used individually as decorations for a table, bowl, wreath, or seasonal arrangement. This relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop requires no previous needle-felting experience. The workshop fee is discounted for gallery members, and includes all tools and materials to create 14 felted acorns. Register by Oct.

7 at www.galleryvault.org/ workshops, by phone, or in person. Gallery at the Vault is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield, and is open Wednesday-Saturday, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, visit www.galleryvault.org, or visit the gallery's Facebook and Instagram pages. Gallery at the Vault is accessible.