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CCCD Cooperator, Educator, and Community Partner of the Year awards

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) is proud to announce its 2026 awardees. Annually, CCCD gives out two awards, Cooperator of the Year and Educator of the Year, to community members or businesses that make significant contributions to the community and the natural world. This year, CCCD is proud to unveil the new Community Partner of the Year Award. This award recognizes a partner the CCCD feels deserves recognition for their efforts not only in partner projects, but also in the overall service they bring to the Cheshire County community.

CCCD recognizes its 2026 awardees not only for their hard work, but for their commitment to creating a more resilient community and a more sustainable world. The 2026 awardees are Oliver and Elise Levick, of Monadnock Berries, Cooperator of the Year; Carl Majewski of UNH Cooperative Extension, Educator of the Year; and Marti Fiske and Amy Kraemer, of the Keene Public Library, Community Partner of the Year.

The Cooperator of the Year Award recognizes the hard work and dedication of producers who have worked with the National Resources Conservation Service and/or CCCD to provide delicious, vital, farm-fresh food we all love in New England. Time and time again, these producers put care and passion into their land not only to support production, but to create healthy soils, clean water, and thriving wildlife. Oliver and Elise Levick are the proud owners of Monadnock Berries in Troy, N.H., and also the 2026 Cooperator of the Year awardees. The farm has been in the family since 1996, and as the second generation to work this land, Oliver and Elise embody a longstanding relationship with and respect for the land.

Monadnock Berries is a beacon of successful community building, creating beautiful spaces for outdoor recreation, feeding our local communities, and doing so with care for the land and long-term conservation in mind. Oliver says, "You can say you own the land, but you really are just a caretaker. The land will be here long after we're gone, and making certain improvements helps the land to function."

The Educator of the Year Award has long recognized educators in the community, including teachers and less conventional educators. This year, Carl Majewski with UNH Extension is the Educator of the Year. Carl's longtime role as a field specialist allows him to work directly with New Hampshire producers to teach soil management practices that keep our soils healthy and productive.

For Carl, his work is more than a job. It's about building relationships with farmers and their farms. Many of those relationships have existed for more than 25 years, and as a result, he has been part of how they change. From new ideas to new generations, Carl has been able to help educate, but also to learn from those evolving relationships. Carl says, "One of the things I like about the job is that not only can you keep learning, but you are expected to keep learning." Education is about connection and community. Carl embodies this day after day in his work and as an individual. He encourages everyone to utilize the extension office, attend workshops, and be open to learning. To sum it up, Carl says, "It's not just me. I am proud of the work I do, but I wouldn't be able to do it on my own. It's my extension colleagues, the conservation districts, and the farms that I work with. They all help me do a better job."

The Community Partner of the Year Award is the CCCD's newest award to recognize those who not only partner on projects, but also provide overall service to the Cheshire County community. The Keene Public Library is a staple of the Keene community. Its mission statement, "Keene Public Library is your place for community and learning," truly captures its commitment to being a free, accessible place for the community to connect, build, use, and learn. The Keene Public Library not only creates and distributes needed resources, but also partners with many different organizations to provide a wraparound approach to best serve the community.

The Keene Public Library is not only a vital community partner to CCCD and other organizations, it is also a vital community partner to the people of Cheshire County. Amy shares that sentiment by stating, "The library makes people more independent. It's like teaching a person to fish; if you teach them to access resources once, they now know to come back to access more resources. They read a book about magic, and the next thing you know, they grow up to be a magician."

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FMRHS Alumni raffle to benefit scholarship fund —

LANGDON, N.H. – The Fall Mountain Regional High School (FMRHS) Alumni Association has officially launched its 2026 alumni raffle to raise funds for student scholarships. The highly anticipated drawing will take place during the FMRHS homecoming celebrations on Oct. 16.

Designed to give back to the next generation of Fall Mountain students, the raffle features more than $4,000 in high-value prizes sourced through community and local business partnerships. Participants do not need to be present at the homecoming drawing to win.

Alumni raffle prize packages include "The Ultimate Cookout Package," a Blackstone grill complete with a propane tank and a $200 gift certificate to Lisai's; "Premium Comfort," a recliner generously provided by Aumand's Furniture; and "Professional Tool Kit," a comprehensive tool and equipment package from Sanel NAPA in Londonderry featuring two Milwaukee leaf blowers, one Milwaukee pack-out kit, one Milwaukee hacksaw kit, one Top-Don jump pack, and one Carlisle jumbo wrench set.

Tickets are priced to encourage broad community participation, and can be purchased individually or in discounted bundles of five. Community members, alumni, and supporters can purchase tickets directly online by visiting www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fmrhsaa-2026-raffle.

The FMRHS Alumni Association extends its gratitude to the local businesses providing this year's prizes and to the broader community for continuously supporting Fall Mountain scholarships.

St. Joseph celebrates Polish American Heritage Month —

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Continuing a tradition begun in 1984, St. Joseph Church in Claremont will host several events to mark the national celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. That year, House Joint Resolution 577 and a proclamation by President Ronald Reagan established the events in August, and parishioners from St. Joseph Church organized a few events to join in the celebration.

The national event was changed to October in 1986, and it has been thus commemorated every year since. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church in 1926, making this a very special celebration. Events listed here will take place at St. Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, N.H., and two other locations in Claremont and Newport. For more information, email stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or call 603-542-6454.

Polish cooking class, Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Church – Demonstration followed by tasting. Admission is by suggested donation. Reservations are requested to be sure enough tasting samples are prepared.

Polish harvest supper (Dozynki), Saturday, Oct. 17, from 5-7 p.m., at St. Joseph Church – Golabki (stuffed cabbage), pierogi, kielbasa, and more. Eat in or take out. Advance ticket sales after 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings, from approximately 10:15-11:30 a.m. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Book talk by Polish American author Suzanne Strempek Shea, Fiske Free Library, 108 Broad Street, Claremont, on Friday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. – Shea will talk about her new book, "Composition," a humorous and poignant memoir of eight years in a Polish Catholic elementary school in western Massachusetts in the 1960s. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 603-542-7017.

Polish Month concluding Mass and coffee hour, Sunday, Oct. 25, at St. Joseph Church – No charge, free-will offerings accepted, all are welcome as the 100th anniversary of the church is celebrated at the 42nd Polish Month in Claremont.

Polish Menu Week from Oct. 28-31, at The Old Courthouse, 30 Main Street, Newport, N.H. – Lunch and dinner with live accordion music each evening. This tradition of partnering with St. Joseph Church to establish a menu of Polish favorites began in 2005. For more information, call 603-863-8360.

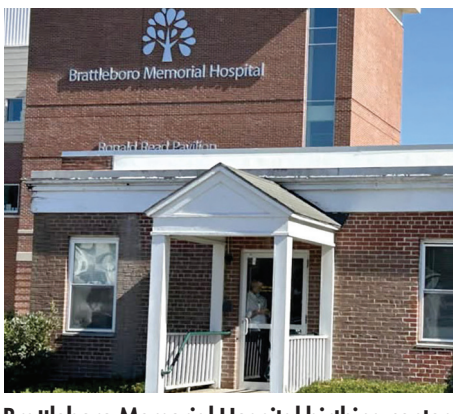
Brattleboro Birthing Center survives possible shutdown

BY JOE MILLIKEN

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Brattleboro Memorial Hospital (BMH) Board of Directors recently announced that the hospital's popular birthing center will remain open, after it was announced in July that sustaining the center beyond 2026 was unrealistic.

The financially struggling medical facility had announced that it would shut down its birthing center due to the loss of millions of dollars over multiple years. However, an outcry from the birthing center staff, doctors, midwives, and many community members, and a grassroots-style rally to raise awareness, convinced hospital officials to reconsider closing the regionally important birth center.

The result, according to BMH's obstetrics department head, Corina Tennant, was the raising of $325,000 in pledged donations over just a week's time. "These are not rich people," Tennant said in a recent hospital statement. "These are people who saw the risk of losing this [facility] and dug deep into their pockets to give an amount of money that they've probably never given to any cause in their life."



Brattleboro Memorial Hospital birthing center.
PHOTO PROVIDED

After previous hospital attempts to receive state assistance from Vermont Gov. Phil Scott had failed, an early-September press release from hospital officials announced that BMH would receive funding from the state's Rural Health Transportation Program. However, it remains unclear how much funding the hospital will receive.

"The board believes strongly that access to local maternity care is essential to the health and wellbeing of our community," Chloe Learey said in a recent hospital statement. Learey is the chair of BMH's board of directors. "We are very encouraged by the progress that has been made and by the opportunity to continue improving how we deliver care."

Hospital officials have mapped out a new plan to operate the birthing center much more effectively and efficiently, which will include increasing the availability of patient appointments, making staffing adjustments, and upgrading billing practices and office management.

Moving forward, BMH officials also plan to combat the struggles rural areas face, such as high fixed costs, by advocating for higher reimbursement rates, including Vermont's Medicaid program. Hospital-based maternity care has been struggling throughout the state, with birthing centers in Springfield and Morrisville closing in recent years.

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Star gazing with SoVerA

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Join the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA) on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m., for an evening of star gazing, weather permitting, at Hoisington Field in Perkinsville, Vt., adjacent to the 1879 Schoolhouse, 1862 Vermont Route 106, Perkinsville, Vt. All SoVerA monthly meetings are free and open to the public.

Warm shoes and hat are recommended. Also, a comfortable folding chair helps make the time more pleasant. If you have a telescope, you are welcome to bring it. If you would like some guidance in the use of your telescope, SoVerA members can help you to enjoy nighttime viewing.

When you pull into the parking lot, please position your car so that your headlights do not shine onto the field where telescopes are set up.

If the weather does not cooperate, SoVerA will host a 7 p.m. meeting featuring Jon McCann from DarkSky Vermont, who will discuss DarkSky's work. The meeting will be held virtually at www.zoom.us/j/94691230307.

McCann is a resident of Mount Holly, Vt., known for his work with the Two Rivers Supervisory Union and as a firefighter for the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department. He is also active with the Mount Holly Conservation Trust.

SoVerA's website is currently unavailable. SoVerA is working to fix it. Those interested can get up-to-date information on SoVerA's Facebook page or Slack channel.

Springfield Rotary hears from National Guard

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Master Sgt. Travis Dennison of the Vermont National Guard recently spoke to members of the Springfield Rotary Club, providing an inside look at the Guard's mission, responsibilities, and role in communities across Vermont and beyond.

During his presentation, Dennison discussed the dual mission of the Vermont National Guard: serving the state during emergencies while also supporting national defense. He explained how Guard members balance military service with their civilian careers and responsibilities in their local communities.

Dennison also highlighted the Guard's role in responding to emergencies and natural disasters in Vermont. Guard members can be called upon to assist communities during floods, severe storms, and other emergencies, working alongside local, state, and federal agencies.

The presentation also provided rotarians with a better understanding of the training and preparation required of Guard members, as well as the opportunities available to Vermonters interested in military service.

The Springfield Rotary Club meets Tuesdays, at noon, at the SAPCC Workforce Development & Training Center. Guests are welcome to attend meetings and learn more about the Rotary. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.

72nd annual Springfield Rotary Club Penny Sale –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club's 72nd annual penny sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Riverside Middle School in Springfield. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the event begins at 6 p.m.

More than 300 prizes donated by local businesses and individuals will be up for grabs, with each chance costing just a penny. The event features three prize series – red, white, and blue – with each series offering at least 100 prizes. A series ticket provides 100 chances to win, and many attendees purchase multiple tickets to increase their odds.

Rotary members are currently out in the community collecting prizes and selling tickets for the grand prize drawing of $5,000 in cash. Each grand prize ticket also includes entry into a $500 door prize drawing, which requires the winner to be present. Grand prize tickets can be purchased from any Springfield rotarian in advance or at the event.

The penny sale is the Rotary Club's largest annual fundraiser, generating most funds the club invests back into the community. Each year, the club awards $6,000 in scholarships to graduating Springfield High School seniors and supports a wide range of community projects and organizations. Over the years, the penny sale has enabled the Rotary Club to give more than $600,000 back to the Springfield community.

Founded in 1927, the Rotary Club of Springfield is an active service organization of more than 30 members dedicated to local and international community service. Rotary International includes more than 1 million members in more than 200 countries worldwide.

For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.

BF Woman's Club to hear from president of GFWC-VT—

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School Street, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The special guest and speaker for the meeting will be Darlene Remy, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of VT (GFWC-VT). She will be outlining her plans for the next biennium.

Since concluding the previous club year in May, a nursing/healthcare scholarship was presented to a graduating student at Fall Mountain Regional High School and at Bellows Falls Union High School. The executive committee met over the summer to plan programs, establish committees, and to formulate the budget.

Members gathered on Sept. 8 for the opening meeting of the club year, under the leadership of co-presidents Brenda Forrest and Julie Sines. Two new members were welcomed. The presenter was Marsha Austin, owner of Halladay's Flowers and Gifts, demonstrating the art of scarf tying. The annual budget was distributed and, following discussion, it was approved. Plans for events and fundraising were presented. The first fundraiser will be a food and bake sale held in conjunction with the Walpole Library's annual book sale, to be held at the Walpole School, on Oct. 24. Details will be discussed and finalized at the Oct. 13 meeting.

Area women interested in joining the club, in enjoying the meetings and programs, and in helping with activities and projects may contact Sally McGaffigan, membership chair, at 603-445-2527. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May, at the United Church, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Programs are varied. Community service is central to the club's mission.

The local club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through community service. GFWC-VT's fall meeting will be held in Ludlow, on Oct. 17.

Speak Out event in Springfield —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Vine Sanctuary for an LGBTQ+ Speak Out on Monday, Oct. 12, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Springfield Town Library.

LGBTQ+ Speak Out, held in recognition of National Coming Out Day, is a meaningful event that invites members of the LGBTQ+ community to share their personal coming out stories. It provides a supportive and affirming space where individuals can express their authentic selves, fostering personal healing while promoting greater understanding, empathy, and connection throughout the community.

By speaking openly, participants challenge stereotypes and promote acceptance, helping to build a more inclusive and informed society. These shared stories serve as a source of hope and connection, especially for LGBTQ+ youth who may be feeling isolated or uncertain.

The event also provides an opportunity for LGBTQ+ adults to act as role models, inspiring younger generations through their courage and authenticity.

Springfield proudly supports events like LGBTQ+ Speak Out as part of its ongoing commitment to inclusivity and community well-being. These efforts celebrate diversity and help ensure that everyone feels welcome and valued. This event is free and open to all.

For more information, contact the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108. To sign up for a reminder, visit www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/calendar.

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arts & entertainment

Fall Art at Custer Sharp

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Celebrate fall with a trip to one of Vermont's hidden gems, the Custer Sharp House in Londonderry. Nestled in the trees just up the hill from the center of town, at 2461 Middletown Road, is a charming 1880s farmhouse once owned by two artists. In 1992, the home was bequeathed to the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society by artist Bernadine Custer Sharp, who was a founding member of Southern Vermont Artists. Members of this creative group of painters exhibited their work in southern Vermont beginning in the 1920s, leading to the creation of the celebrated Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester in the 1950s.

From now through Oct. 10, you can see the work of local artists beautifully displayed in the rooms of this historic home. You'll find landscapes that capture the beauty of Vermont in all its seasons, intimate photos of Vermont wildlife, joyful garden paintings, fine prints, calligraphy, collage, exquisite pottery, handmade books, and beautifully crafted tables and woodwork. A new addition this year is a collection of fine crafts, displayed in the rustic studio room. All the works displayed are for sale, making the Custer Sharp House the perfect stop for finding a treasured souvenir or fine addition to your art collection. Commissions from sales go to support the programs of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society. The Fall Artists' Exhibition is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., through Oct. 10.

You can find out more about the exhibit and Londonderry Arts and Historical Society at www.lahsvt.org.

Dot mandala workshop at Gallery at the Vault

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the Vault is happy to offer a new, fun dot mandala workshop with Antje Ruppert on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2-4 p.m. Participants will use special dotting tools to create their mandalas. Ruppert will introduce the tools and their applications, and will provide practice sheets and a series of patterns to try out for the perfect dot placement, namely a sort of half-round, almost bead-like dot, to create a 3D feel.



Dot circle mandala by Antje Ruppert.
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Participants will be provided with an 8 by 8 inch sheet of heavy card stock in a variety of colors on which the center is already premarked for the placement of the first dot, and a strip of six small paint pots, and can choose from a variety of acrylic paints. This is a very meditative and calming creative experience and absolutely beginner friendly. Paint pots may be taken home and used to make more creations. Ruppert will also explain how tools can be fabricated from things you have at home (e.g., toothpicks, cotton swabs, dowels, pencils with erasers, etc.).

The cost of the class is discounted for gallery members. Register by Wednesday, Oct. 14.

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, or visit www.galleryvault.org, Facebook, or Instagram. Gallery at the Vault is accessible.

Vermont Zydeco Party to feature two zydeco bands

PUTNEY, Vt. – Two area zydeco bands will perform at the annual Vermont Zydeco Party at Next Stage Arts in Putney, on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 3-8:30 p.m. The event will take place in Next Stage's community room, with its wooden floor providing plenty of space for dancing.

The afternoon will start with a beginner Zydeco dance lesson at 3 p.m., giving those new to Zydeco an introduction to the basic steps and an opportunity to get comfortable on the dance floor. A second, more advanced dance lesson will be offered later in the afternoon for more experienced dancers.

ZydeGroove will take the stage first, bringing its country zydeco sound to the party. The band draws on the roots of the genre, combining the traditional sounds of zydeco with the country influences that are part of its musical heritage. A potluck buffet will be served during a dinner break, providing an opportunity to enjoy a meal and visit with friends and other dancers.

Next, Planet Zydeco will perform traditional, accordion-driven zydeco inspired by the music of Louisiana's rural dance halls. Their repertoire includes up-tempo songs, blues, and traditional waltzes.

The cost of admission includes both dance lessons, performances by the two bands, and the potluck. A cash bar will also be available.

For more information or to get involved, contact vtzydeco@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/vtzydeco.

Roger Clark Miller and Michael Tarbox at Stage 33

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Roger Clark Miller is the founding guitarist of the highly influential rock band Mission of Burma, and has performed nationally and internationally as a solo artist and leading a variety of bands and ensembles. He's also a respected writer, music historian, and more.

The songs on his new album, "The Green Man," have a different feel from anything he's done previously, evolving out of a series of "Unplugged From a Band" shows. This record has been a long time coming, and Miller will be performing selections solo with just his guitar, voice, and a looper.

Michael Tarbox writes songs anchored in rock 'n' roll, backwater blues, hillbilly music, and country – rough-hewn, immediate, and hard-won. His songs have been used in the television shows "Sons of Anarchy" and "Supernatural."

"My inspirations are musicians from a world that's vanished. I let them guide me, but my goal is to create something new," he says. Tarbox began his career with the Tarbox Ramblers, a hard-hitting quartet that released well-received albums on Rounder and played countless shows throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Roger Clark Miller celebrates his new album, "The Green Man," in a 3 p.m. matinee concert on Sunday, Oct. 11, at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls, Vt. At Miller's request, Tarbox shares the bill. Tickets can be purchased at www.stage-33live.com, or at the door as available. Advance tickets guarantee entry. Only 40 tickets will be sold. Advance sales will close at midnight the day before the show, or when 40 tickets are sold. Ticket proceeds go entirely to the performers. The performances will be recorded and filmed.

Rachel Spigel art show at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library recently held an opening reception for artist Rachel Spigel's new exhibition at the library.

Join the library in welcoming Spigel's show to the library, on display from Oct. 1 – Dec. 31. Spigel is an artist based in Bellows Falls who loves animals and sees art as an opportunity to connect personally with nature and the world around us.

This reception is free and open to the public. Can't make the opening? The art show will be available to see during the library's regular operating hours through Dec. 31.

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

FOLA announces October events in Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – Jim Alic, chairman of Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA), announced recently three major events in October.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., the Enerjazz Orchestra will return to the auditorium to provide its jazz and popular music numbers. The group, made up of talented musicians, will offer a number of old-time and current musical treats, as well as music for dancing.

On the following day, Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m., the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will present a woodwind concert. A quartet from the VSO will present a variety of classical music pieces accentuated by the music of the woodwinds.

All of these events are free to all who wish to attend. Donations are appreciated to help FOLA continue presenting future events.

For more information on these events, call 802-855-8896.







health & community

Medicare planning at Claremont Senior Center

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Medicare members will be facing many challenges again in 2027. There will be some disruption to the Medicare program similar to what was experienced during the annual enrollment period last year.

To help Medicare-eligible people get prepared and better understand their options during this year's enrollment period, Jim Twombly, a local licensed independent insurance broker, will be hosting several community meetings at the Claremont Senior Center. Twombly specializes in Medicare planning and has been advising eligible Medicare participants throughout New Hampshire on their best Medicare plan for more than 16 years. During this year's scheduled presentation, Twombly will review the components of Medicare and plan options to consider, will answer any questions you may have, and can assist you with next steps. These Medicare meetings are open to the public, and there are no fees or obligation to attend. Twombly does not represent all the companies that offer plans in the Medicare insurance industry, but does represent many of the insurance plans offered in the region. Twombly will also remain on hand following each meeting to answer additional questions attendees many have.

Anyone who is unable to attend and would like more information or would prefer a personal appointment may contact Twombly directly at 603-204-8490 or jtwomb@comcast.net. Twombly is currently Licensed in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts.

Meetings will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 1-3 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.; and Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 1-3 p.m., at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights in Claremont, N.H.

Bone builders at Claremont Senior Center

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Bone Builders are coming to the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights in Claremont, N.H., starting Monday, Oct. 5. They will be here on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, from 9-10 a.m. Bone Builders no-impact weight training classes are designed to increase or maintain bone density, improve balance, and decrease the risk of falls and fractures. Participants need medical clearance to join the class; a packet may be picked up at the senior center. This is a free class if you are a member of the senior center, otherwise there is a small fee per class.

HCRS Same Day Access connects people, services

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Since launching Same Day Access at the end of May, Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), the community mental health agency serving Windham and Windsor counties, has welcomed more than 400 people seeking mental health and substance-use services through its new walk-in model.

As of mid-September, 472 people have come in for services through Same Day Access since its May 26 launch, demonstrating both the significant need for services in southeastern Vermont and the importance of making it easier for people to reach out when they are ready for support.

Same Day Access allows individuals to visit one of HCRS' three regional offices during designated hours and begin the process of accessing services without first scheduling a traditional intake appointment. A virtual option is also available.

"Reaching out for help can be difficult, and when someone makes that decision, we want to make it as easy as possible for them to take that first step," said Anne Bilodeau, HCRS chief executive officer. "The number of people who have come through our doors since May tells us that this approach is meeting a very real need in our communities. We want people to know that support is available, and they don't have to navigate that first step alone."

Same Day Access is available each week at HCRS' regional offices in Brattleboro, Hartford, and Springfield. Hours are Tuesday, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Wednesday, from 1-3 p.m.; and Thursday, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Individuals may visit any of the three locations during these hours. A virtual option is also available during these hours by calling 802-886-4500, Option 3.

During Same Day Access, individuals meet with an HCRS team member to talk about what is bringing them in, identify their needs, and begin connecting with appropriate services and supports. There's no need to call ahead. The service is designed to reduce barriers that can make it difficult for people to begin care, particularly when they may already be experiencing stress, uncertainty, or other challenges.

HCRS initially launched Same Day Access on May 26 as part of its transition to Vermont's Certified Community-Based Integrated Health Center (CCBHC) model. The response was immediate: 100 people utilized Same Day Access within its first four weeks. Participation has remained strong throughout the summer. In the two most recent weeks alone, 55 people came to HCRS through Same Day Access.

HCRS continues to evaluate and adjust staffing to respond to this demand, including expanding support from clinicians across the organization.

"Every one of these numbers represents a person who decided it was time to ask for help," Bilodeau said. "That's what matters most. Whether someone has been struggling for a long time or has only recently realized they could use some support, we want them to know there is a place they can turn."

Same Day Access is available to people seeking HCRS mental health and substance-use services. No advance appointment is needed during designated Same Day Access hours.

HCRS encourages anyone interested in services to visit www.hcrs.org or call 802-886-4500 for additional information, including how to access virtual services.

Individuals experiencing an immediate mental health crisis can continue to access HCRS crisis services 24 hours a day, seven days per week by calling 800-622-4235 or 988.



Claremont Savings Bank coat drive

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Claremont Savings Bank will collect items for its winter coat drive from now through Oct. 22. Donations may be dropped off at all Claremont Savings Bank locations: Claremont, West Lebanon, Charlestown, and Springfield. Coats, hats, and gloves for children and adults are needed. All coats will be available free to community members on Oct. 22, at Claremont Savings Bank in Claremont, 356 Washington Street.

For more information, contact Katie Berndsen at katie.berndsen@granit-euw.org.

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SERVICES obituaries

Leonard W. McAuliffe Jr., 1941-2026



Leonard McAuliffe, 1941-2026.
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PORTSMOUTH, N.H. – Leonard William "Len" McAuliffe Jr., 85, passed away peacefully at his home on Sept. 29, 2026.

Len was born on March 12, 1941, in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Leonard Sr. and Geraldine (Dinan) McAuliffe. He graduated from St. Charles School in 1955 and Bellows Falls High School in 1959.

Following high school, Len attended the New England Institute of Embalming and Funeral Directing in Roxbury, Mass., where he lived and worked at the P.E. Murray Funeral Home. He later relocated to Keene, N.H., where he completed a two-year apprenticeship at Fletcher Funeral Home. After earning his license, he remained in Keene and continued his work in funeral service.

In 1963, Len joined the U.S. Army. Following basic training, he was assigned to the U.S. Mortuary System in Europe and stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany, where he served as a funeral director and embalmer. Before receiving his honorable discharge, he was promoted to E-5 (Sergeant) and served as the NCO in charge of the "K-Town" Mortuary.

During his time in the Army, Len returned home to marry his beloved wife of 61 years, Maggie (McGettigan) McAuliffe. They were married at Sacred Heart Church in Wilton, N.H., on June 26, 1965.

Following his military service, Len returned to Fletcher Funeral Home before beginning a new career as a salesman for Will Ross Inc., a national manufacturer and distributor of medical products. His territory covered northern Vermont and northern New Hampshire. Len and Maggie relocated to Barre City, Vt., where they purchased their first home.

Although Len's territory was initially the smallest in the country, his determination and natural ability quickly distinguished him. Within a few years, he consistently ranked among the top three sales representatives in the United States for both sales and gross profit.

In June 1974, Len was promoted to division manager for Will Ross/GD Searle, overseeing six New England states from the company's office and distribution center in Stoneham, Mass. His career brought numerous promotions and gave Len and his young family the opportunity to live in beautiful areas of Wisconsin and Texas.

In 1981, Len moved his family to Portsmouth, N.H., where he opened a home care company, Medical Market. The business grew to include several locations throughout southern New Hampshire.

Len and Maggie spent the following decades in their welcoming Portsmouth home, which became a gathering place for family and friends. Their home and pool were filled with friends of Kara, Jack, Marty, and Jimmy, and later with their children's spouses, and, most importantly, their grandchildren.

Len was known as an avid storyteller and historian. His recollections were often humorous and filled with wonderful stories about the many people he had known and the experiences he had shared throughout his life. He had a remarkable ability to bring the past to life, and his stories were a gift to his family and friends.

One of Len's greatest joys was spending time with family and friends. He loved nothing more than having people around him, telling stories, and enjoying the simple pleasure of good company and Maggie's cooking. His homes in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and later at the lake house in Middleton, N.H., became special gathering places where family and friends came together and made lasting memories.

Len also found great happiness in gardening. He tended his gardens and enjoyed watching things grow, whether planting flowers, caring for his yard, or simply spending time outdoors. Gardening gave him peace and satisfaction, and he loved sharing the beauty of his surroundings with the people he cared about. Both homes reflected his love of the outdoors and his enjoyment of creating welcoming places where family and friends wanted to gather.

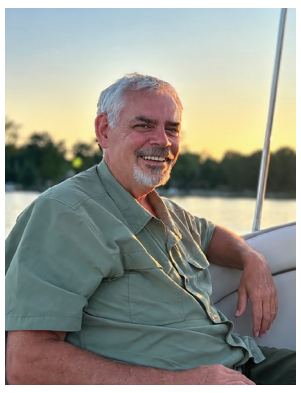
Len is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Maggie; his daughter, Kara Loch and her husband, Stephen; his sons, Jack McAuliffe, Marty McAuliffe and his wife, Steffany, and Jim McAuliffe and his wife, Amy; and his grandchildren, Tommy, Mikey, Ezra, Cal, Delaney, Ben, Katy, Jordan Fletcher, and Jordan Trombino. He is also survived by former son-in-law Dan Jolly; relations in County Sligo, Ireland; and his brothers, Jim and Gerald McAuliffe.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial funeral Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church (Corpus Christi Parish), 98 Summer Street in Portsmouth, N.H., on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at a later date at the McAuliffe family lot at St. Charles Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Corpus Christi Parish in Portsmouth.

Robert E. Anderson Jr. service notice



Robert Anderson, 1963-2026.
PHOTO PROVIDED

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Robert Edmund Anderson Jr., of Westminster, died unexpectedly at home on Sept. 11, 2026. He was born on Nov. 15, 1963, in Burlington, Vt., the son of Jean Ward Anderson and Robert E. Anderson Sr.

A Mass will be held at St. Charles Church, 31 Cherry Hill Street in Bellows Falls, on Oct. 17, at 10 a.m., with a celebration of life to follow at 12 p.m., at the cafeteria at Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster.

A Mass will also be said on Oct. 24, at 9 a.m., at St. Mark Parish on North Avenue in Burlington, Vt., and a celebration of life will be held at the Bove's Factory Cafe in Milton, Vt., at 11 a.m. Burial will be private.

We welcome family and friends to join us as we celebrate Robert's life and share memories together.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you honor Bob with a donation to Kurn Hattin Homes, allowing his impact to continue.

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

Elmer Kruse, 1928-2026



Elmer Kruse, 1928-2026.
PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Elmer Kruse, of Springfield, Vt., passed away at his daughter's house in Essex, Vt., on Sept. 19, 2026, following a period of declining health. He was born on Jan. 31, 1928, to Werner Kruse Sr. and Agnes (Fish) Kruse, in Woodstock, Vt. He graduated from Woodstock High School in 1946, and in 1952 he married Lorraine Strong.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Lorraine; a son, Lawrence; a brother, Werner Junior; an aunt and uncle; and several cousins.

He is survived by his brother Merrill; his son Steve; his daughter, Sherrie Fuchs and her husband, Steve; his granddaughter Emily Fuchs and her partner, Jasmine Bruce; his granddaughter Stephanie Belfiglio and her husband, Conrad; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends and relatives may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, on Friday, Nov. 6, from 6-8 p.m., followed by a service at the Springfield Congregational Church, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1 p.m. There will be a gathering at the church afterward.

Donations may be made to the Springfield VFW Club or the Springfield Congregational Church.

To read the full obituary, please visit www.davismemorialchapel.net/obituary/elmer-i-kruse.

Marilyn A. Mahusky, 1959-2026



Marilyn Mahusky, 1959-2026.
PHOTO PROVIDED

CHESTER, Vt. – Marilyn A. Mahusky, age 67, passed away on Sept. 27, 2026. She was born alongside her late twin brother, Thomas, on May 26, 1959, to William and Janet (Lang) Mahusky. She started her public service career interning for U.S. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum in Ohio and continued on to graduate from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1991. She was a fierce legal advocate and committed her life to representing vulnerable individuals with disabilities at legal aid organizations for more than 30 years.

Marilyn was civic-minded, a devoted Democrat, a passionate feminist, and a political activist in her town of Chester, Vt. She operated with the utmost respect for clients and marginalized people.

Marilyn loved time spent with her family, trips to Cape Cod, walks with her friends, and carefree dancing to Bruce Springsteen. She was an avid gardener and felt most at home in Vermont. Above all, she was dedicated to her family and friends, and is survived by her children, Mary and Brian Anderson; siblings John Mahusky and Sarabeth Mahusky-Petras; and her esteemed gentleman poodle, Ollie.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Instead of flowers, donations can be made to a charitable organization of your choice.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

BELLOWS FALLS

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

United Church of Bellows Falls, UCC, 8 School St.
Worship service starts at 10 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome to attend. Following the service, there will be a time of refreshments. Many other services are offered throughout the week. If you have any questions or want to learn more, call 802-463-4323, visit the church, or find them on Facebook.

CAVENDISH

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

CHARLESTOWN

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

CLAREMONT

Union-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Rd.
Weekly service of morning prayer or Holy Communion held on Sunday, at 9:30 a.m.

LUDLOW

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.
Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 9 a.m. For further information, see our website at churchoftheannunciation.org, or call us at 802-228-3451.

MOUNT HOLLY

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
We welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

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calendar

UPCOMING

OCT. 10 & 11 –

BELMONT, Vt. – Cider Days will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 11, from 12-4 p.m., on the Belmont Green. Watch fresh cider being made on an antique press and enjoy home-baked apple treats in a historic mountain village. Cider Days also features live music, food, beer and craft vendors, face painting, a library book sale, and the ever-popular cow plop contest. Fun learning opportunities abound too: The Mount Holly Museum, next to the Green, will be open, and local conservation organizations are also on hand with some participatory activities. Visitors can also cast a ballot in the local photo contest. The winning entries will be featured in the Mount Holly 2028 calendar.

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 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.

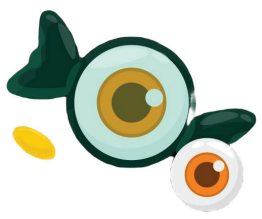
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street, invites the public to a ham and baked bean supper on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 4-6 p.m., in the church's Pineroom. The menu includes baked ham, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, dessert, and beverages. Children under 6 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.

OCT. 16 & 17 –

ACWORTH, N.H. – The Female Charitable Society of Acworth will hold a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 16, from 2-5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the United Church of Acworth, 16 Town Hall Road. Come find treasures, clothes, shoes, knickknacks, toys, and so much more.

OCT. 18 –

BRIDGEWATER CORNERS, Vt. – On Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m., Roger Allbee, author and former Vermont Secretary of Agriculture will present a program entitled "Turning the Soil: 250 Years of Vermont Agriculture," a historical look at changes in rural communities, farmers' activities, agricultural production, and farm policies over a period of more than 250 years. The presentation will comprehensively analyze agriculture from the grassroots, state, national, and global levels. The program will be held at the Bridgewater Grange Hall, 129 Route 100A, and is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities.



RECURRING

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.

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

MONDAYS –

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, hosts the Black River Grief Support Group on the second Monday of every month, from 1-2 p.m. This is A safe space for individuals to share their experiences, find comfort, and learn coping strategies after a loss. Offered by Black River Good Neighbor Services. For more information, call 802-228-3663.

TUESDAYS –

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Tuesday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at bwquilter1778@gmail.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sew What is held Tuesday afternoons, from 2-4 p.m., at the Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street. Spend your Tuesday afternoon working on sewing projects in a relaxed and welcoming space. Bring your own supplies and enjoy time to sew, learn, and have fun with others. Sewing machines are provided, or you can bring your own if you prefer. Both groups are free to attend and open to all skill levels. For more information, visit www.springfieldtownlibrary.org, or call the library at 802-885-3108.

WEDNESDAYS –

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, holds bingo every Wednesday afternoon. You must be at least 55 years old, and purchase your cards by 12:45 p.m. Games begin at 1 p.m. Concessions are available until the game begins. We average around 30-40 seniors who love to attend, visit with their friends, and try to win a little extra money.

THURSDAYS –

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, will host a crafting group on the first and third Thursday of every month, at 1 p.m. This will be open to anyone who practices knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, paper crafts, card making, and other crafts. Come work on your craft and enjoy some conversation.

FRIDAYS –

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

RUTLAND, Vt. – Join Drum Journeys of Earth, Building 5 of the Howe Center, Rutland, Vt., every Friday, from 6-8 p.m., for two hours of class instruction in Afro-Latin dancing. No partner or experience are required. Wear comfortable shoes and attire, and bring friends and water. Each week, we'll cover a variety of dances to build your knowledge and confidence on the dance floor. Class will focus on getting you ready for your next vacation or for dancing socially within Vermont's vibrant Latin-dance community. We'll help you build a strong foundation of body movement and connection that will support you in any dance style. Come for the dance, stay for the amazing community of people from across Vermont.

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.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 100 Old School St at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 21, 2026, at 5:30 to hold a public hearing for:

An application for a re-subdivision creating one new lot submitted by Elizabeth Merrill for land her parents own at 233 Merrills Ln.

Those interested in seeing the applications, submitting written comments, or attending the hearings remotely should contact the town's Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.gov

Pursuant to24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PRINTING OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Springfield is seeking sealed competitive quotes from printing firms for the printing of the Annual Report for the 2026 fiscal year. Sealed competitive quotes will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, 05156, on or before 4:30 pm on Friday, October 30, 2026. Quotes shall include the price per page and a guarantee that a stringent deadline will be met. Specifications and quote forms for the printing of the Annual Report can be downloaded from the town's website https://springfieldvt.gov/ or obtained by contacting Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, at 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, or by calling 802-885-2104. Sealed quotes should be clearly labeled "Annual Report Printing Quote." The Town of Springfield reserves the right to reject any and all quotes, to accept the quote most acceptable to the Town of Springfield, and to waive any informality. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. November 2nd.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk, CVC
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Recycling Coordinator

Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) is seeking a motivated Recycling Coordinator to support regional waste reduction, recycling, and household hazardous waste programs for the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District.

This position will coordinate recycling initiatives, support municipalities and transfer station operators, administer household hazardous waste programs, maintain regulatory records, assist with special collection events, and provide public education and outreach.

Qualifications: a bachelor's degree in Community Development, Environmental Science or similar degree preferred. A candidate with no degree but with relevant experience will be considered. Strong communication, organization, and project management skills are essential. Experience in recycling, solid waste management, environmental programs, municipal services, or a related field is preferred.

Schedule: 30–34 hours/week
Pay: $25-$32/hour, depending on education and experience
Benefits: Eligible for MARC employee benefits

For additional information on the position, go to www.marcvt.org

Please email resume and cover letter to:
Thomas Kennedy
Director of Community Development
tkennedy@marcvt.org

Applications must be received by close of business on October 30, 2026.

Mount Ascutney Regional Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

Notice To Voters

Absentee Ballots for the Vermont General Election being held Tuesday, November 3, 2026, have been mailed by the Secretary of State's Office to all active voters in the Town of Springfield. If you do not receive an absentee ballot from the Secretary of State's Office by mid-October, please contact the Town Clerk. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot, if you did not receive one, is Monday, November 2, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. Absentee ballots may be returned: by using the postage pre-paid envelope that arrived with your ballot; by hand delivery to the Town Clerk's Office; by depositing into the mail slots, when town hall is closed, located in the lower level door that faces Main Street or in the door at the top of the outside stairs; by bringing it to the polls on November 3rd and depositing it into the tabulator. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by the close of polls at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The polls are located at Riverside Middle School in the gymnasium and will open on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office will not be open on November 3, 2026. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote any time at the Town Clerk's Office or online at https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC - 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 (802) 885-2104 townclerk@springfieldvt.gov

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

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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Please contact Chief Jeffrey Warfle with any questions or to send application/resume:
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TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Ludlow Development Review Board will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., in the Francis J. Heald auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, 37 Depot Street, and via Zoom, to hear the following applications:

- Gerardo & Kathleen P. Canet | Application # 128-98-PUB, Amd. 75 | Application is to amend a Planned Unit Development to formally add a fourth (4) bedroom to unit 46B at Trailside within the existing footprint. This property is located in the Mountain Recreation district.
- Raymond & Lisa Merrill | Application # SUB-26-010 | Application is to subdivide an existing 21.52-acre site into two (2) lots: Lot 1=15.28 acres; Lot 2=6.24 acres. This property is located in the Town Residential district.
- Tim Maney Jr. | Application # SUB-26-011 | Application is to subdivide an existing 5.7-acre site into two (2) lots: Lot 1=2.77 acres; Lot 2=2.98 acres. This property is located in the Town Residential district.

The meeting Agenda will be available on Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the Zoom ID and the URL link. Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Erin Ladd, MSRED
Director of Planning & Zoning

LEGAL NOTICES

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Moover searches for community volunteer drivers

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Emily Hallock, community driver coordinator for the Moover, recently spoke with members of the Springfield Rotary Club about the organization's search for community volunteer drivers.

The Moover works with community and volunteer drivers to provide rides for people in need. Volunteer drivers help local residents get to medical appointments, grocery stores, employment, essential services, and other destinations.

During her presentation, Hallock explained that volunteers can drive as little or as much as they wish depending on their availability. Community drivers are reimbursed at the current General Services Administration mileage rate of 72.5 cents per mile, which is not considered taxable income.

Community drivers must have a valid driver's license, auto insurance, and a good driving record. Most trips are for people who need transportation to medical appointments. By volunteering, drivers can provide dependable transportation while gaining the satisfaction of knowing they are making a meaningful difference in people's lives.

"Community volunteer drivers provide more than transportation," Hallock said. "They offer reliability, connection, and a helping hand to people who may otherwise have difficulty reaching the places and services they need."

Individuals interested in learning more about becoming a community volunteer driver are encouraged to contact Hallock at Emily@moover.com or 802-681-6287. To apply to become a driver, visit www.moover.com/volunteer-driver-information-form.

The Springfield Rotary Club meets Tuesdays, at noon, 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.springfield-vtrotary.org.

Gallery at the Vault calling all local artists

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the Vault in the gallery's Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great way for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time, as well as for seasoned artists. The next show's theme is "Nature's Jewels."

Artists can bring in two works if they are 18 by 20 inches or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc., are appreciated just as much as wall art. The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages. Our hanging system does require wire on the back of wall art.

The time to bring in creations is Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The show will be on display from Oct. 21 – Dec. 26.

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

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CHESTER, Vt. – Share home with LGBTQ-friendly couple offering lovely furnished space on rural property with saltwater fish, two dogs, chickens. $650/month. Compatible dog considered. No smoking. Covid vaccine required. 802-863-5625 or www.HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, references, background checks required. EHO.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Senior woman sharing beautifully situated home, 2nd floor bedroom. Plenty of outdoor storage available. Guest to share cleaning, firewood, yardwork. No smoking, no drugs, no pets. Separate studio space available. Covid vaccination required. $500/month. 802-863-5625 or www.HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, references, background checks required. EHO.

S. READING, Vt. – Host looking for companionship, meal prep, light housekeeping in exchange for rent. Host is an older woman looking to get back to her home after recovering from surgery. She enjoys puzzles, music, walks, bird watching. No pets allowed in this lovingly cared-for home, a little off the beaten path. 802-863-5625 or www.HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, references, background checks required. EHO.

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:00 pm on **Monday**, **November 2, 2026** to consider the following:

Application # 27-15 **Alexander DeFreitas (Owner & Applicant)** property located at 152 Sunny Meadow Drive. The owner is requesting a Minor Sub-Division in the North Westminster Village District of Westminster, Vermont. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Village District Zone; & Article VIII Subdivision of Land (Minor Subdivision)** 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
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
For tax years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by The Bank of New York Mellon to William Hunter and Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development by deed dated September 11, 2018 and recorded in Book 602 at Page 334 of the Springfield Town Land Records and Housing Recovery Fund and Housing Subsidy Covenant dated October 19, 2021 and recorded in Book 653 at Page 335 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

15 Woolson Avenue
For tax years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Matthew 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

To the Editor,

My name is Mia Feroleto, and I am supporting the reelection of Tom Charlton. Here are my thoughts.

A lifelong resident of Vermont and 50-year member of the Chester community, Tom Charlton has traveled extensively in the Middle East, where he participated in archeological digs in the Holy Land. His three sons affectionately call him "Indiana Jones," and he has been known to sport a hat similar to the one worn by Harrison Ford in his iconic role.

A lifelong Boy Scout, Charlton continues to lead a scout troop after years of instilling leadership skills in young men in the Chester area. Charlton and his scout troop supported my work in the return of 131 artifacts stolen from the dead at the Wounded Knee Massacre by organizing a clothing drive to send needed clothing out to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He and his troop attended the ceremony in Barre, Mass., as these sacred pieces were transferred back to the Lakota People, and one of his Eagle Scouts completed his requirements to obtain Eagle status by organizing a major effort to send horse equipment out to Pine Ridge to support the spiritual rides that happen there each year, such as the Big Foot Ride.

As pastor of the Baptist Church in Chester for 25 years, he learned what it means to counsel others during the most difficult times of life: death, divorce, illness, financial loss. He had the benefit of presiding over some of the most joyous times in the lives of Vermonters as well: births, weddings, anniversaries, awards.

Charlton's family came to America in 1630. Our country is founded on immigration and has been so for hundreds of years. Current waves of migration represent new challenges for a state that is predominantly white in its makeup, and residents are being asked to step up to welcome new neighbors from completely different backgrounds. In addition, Vermont faces similar issues as Southern states when confronting the problem of illegal aliens and criminals coming into our state, bringing with them such issues as drugs, sex trafficking, human trafficking, and countless other problems that will destabilize Vermont. However, there is now much more traffic on the northern border, which is not as well policed as our country's southern line of demarcation. The Vermont Legislature is continually challenged to look at the humanitarian crises that are causing vast numbers of people to migrate elsewhere in spite of the hardships required to make the trip. The economic problems created within the state by undocumented workers willing to perform menial jobs for less than minimum wages sometimes takes away existing income from Vermont residents. It is impossible for a local roofing contractor to compete with those employing illegal aliens and face the threat of their business going under because they are unable to do so. On the other hand, they also provide a much-needed workforce in our hard-strained agriculture industry.

Many Vermonters cannot raise a family without being supplemented by a government program. The costs of housing, health, food, education, and transportation continue to rise, with Vermonters unable to keep up. Policies have been created at the state level that do not have control over inflation, making it much more difficult to accomplish goals in the Statehouse that require complicated decision making. Our relatively new challenge which is unique is we now find affluent communities are setting policies for the rest of the state. This flies in the face of what makes Vermont so special to begin with. The average Vermonter sincerely wants to preserve the Vermont way of life.

Many members of the House of Representatives are willing to collaborate across the aisle and recognize the need to do so. The countrywide popularity of Gov. Phil Scott is a testament to that fact, as Scott is a good example of a politician representing all of his people, regardless of political party. Charlton's view is that the biggest challenge Vermonters are facing is valuing someone else's point of view. We must listen to each other and take on board the opinions of everyone as we find common ground.

People in Vermont are engaged, but not necessarily with each other, only with those neighbors who agree with them. And in the meantime, our children are becoming service providers to the wealthy, who buy up properties around the state. These same wealthy people set policy for everyone. Land in Vermont represents legacy. Land represents family. For a grandparent to not be able to carve off a piece of land to give to a grandchild due to conservation restrictions sacrifices the Vermont way of life.

The local Republican Party drafted Tom Charlton to run. It took him three weeks to decide to campaign for office, even though politics had never been on his list of things to do with his life. Charlton is not unlike current Gov. Phil Scott. He is a moderate and interested in what is best for all Vermonters, moving far beyond party lines.



Tom Charlton with his sons.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Charlton personifies the philosophy put into practice by his family and the residents of Vermont, that of helping each other when needed. His paternal grandmother was an activist in New York City working toward racial reconciliation in Harlem in the late 1920s and early 1930s, while his paternal grandfather served as a member of the school board and as a selectman. His uncle followed in his father's footsteps. Growing up, Charlton remembers sitting at the kitchen table while the local issues of the day were strenuously debated. Volunteerism was the norm in the Charlton house and consistent throughout the State of Vermont. The willingness to help each other during times of crisis is one of the true characteristics of the State of Vermont and part of what makes it so special. If a neighbor's barn burns down, men are there with their tool kits. If there is a death in the family or someone is sick, a casserole or meatloaf is delivered the next day. This is the Vermont way, a lifestyle worth preserving.

In his first term, Charlton focused on his goal of getting his colleagues in the House of Representatives to listen to him and to each other as the difficult and compelling issues within the state were discussed and bills drafted. Retaining a civil discourse can be a challenge when debates become heated and representatives cling to party lines. The fact that Vermont residents are stepping up to protect their own rights and properties has provided motivation for their representatives to listen closely to their wants and needs, expanding the conversation and encouraging creative discourse.

The divide has shifted from historic party lines to a split more driven by economic factors. Small towns and rural farms have just as much right to be heard and considered as Vermont's largest, more-urban communities, such as Burlington.

Charlton votes his conscience. When he was drafted to run, the Republican Party told him that they would never tell him how to vote on any given issue. His decisions were his to make. He is not someone who goes in for grandstanding or photo ops. He speaks when he has something to say or sees a particular point of view not being represented.

As a member of the Housing Committee, Charlton brings his expertise in building and being a landlord, and his extensive experience as a pastor to the table in not only evaluating the practical side of affordable housing, but also the emotional and psychological issues being confronted by financially challenged Vermonters. Combining the ability for geographic areas to work together on such projects as prefabricated housing allows the State of Vermont to take advantage of steeper discounts available to larger developers building low-income housing. Good communication fosters collaboration in this manner and is just one example of a significant benefit to Vermonters. Tom Charlton has played a part in this process.

Act 250 strenuously regulated how large development happens. For rural communities with no zoning, it applies at a much lower threshold. The average person does not have the time or the money to hire a lawyer to obtain a permit for Act 250 approval. High-income individuals have pockets that are deep enough to cover whatever expenses are involved for an Act 250 application, but for local residents, selling their land may become their only option. Land can be an asset but for Vermonters, land is also family. Multigenerational family land is part of the family. It is personal.

The influx of affluent individuals moving into the state is leveraging people off their land. The cost of taxes and home insurance, for some, is prohibitive. One local example involves a married couple working two jobs each who can no longer afford their homeowners insurance in addition to rising taxes. They are leaving their longtime family home for this reason. The State of Vermont cannot step in to fill the gap for these residents. They cannot go into the insurance business. Addressing the cost of homeowners insurance is simply another complication of the housing issue that creates pressure and economic hardship for Vermonters. Local Vermont residents cannot be pushed out to make way for the affluent and elite to take over. Newer residents need to value not only their stunning surroundings, but also the quality and caliber of Vermont culture.

The State of Vermont is focusing on what it can do to help people play catch-up when they get behind on their rent and other expenses. With organizations around the state such as Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry, SEVCA and the Chester-Andover Family Center in Chester, to name a few, there is support available for those who put in the effort to find it.

Through his work on the Housing Committee, Charlton is helping develop a land bank that acquires vacant and abandoned properties in foreclosure and subject to tax sales. They clean up the title and make that property available for rehabilitation. There are approximately 11,000 abandoned properties in Vermont at this time, which is one-third of the necessary housing units needed to address the needs of homeless Vermonters. Charlton draws the line at children sleeping in cars. There are solutions available if keeping the "eyes on the prize" can be established and maintained. Sixty percent of people in Burlington are renters. Extrapolate that percentage to the countless number of small towns around the state with far, far fewer units available, and you will understand the extreme nature of the problem in our small state. And winter is just around the corner.

Tourism is the largest source of revenue for Vermont and Vermonters. For this reason, many rental homes are only available for short-term rental, since these units are investment properties and the owner can charge top dollar during ski season for people to come to Vermont and take advantage of the snow. Doing nothing is not an option. Charlton believes much needs to be done to encourage small landlords to put their units back into the long-term rental market. The motels and hotels designated for emergency housing are not safe in many cases, and in fact are dangerous places for families and their children. People are in desperate situations with their lives being uprooted to where they can have a roof over their head, even if they are leaving behind other sources of much-needed support, such as medical care, transportation, and daily needs such as food pantries and other community support. No one wants a 100-bed facility to open in their neighborhood, nor should they. It is not the best solution to the complicated issues involved in integrating those in need back in the community as active and productive members. Charlton's role as a pastor for two decades gives him the depth and sensitivity to work with people in this situation in a caring and compassionate manner. Building up confidence and providing support can be just the medicine that restores health in these cases.

Vermont has always maintained itself as an independent state, in the physical sense and also as a state of mind. Vermonters rolled up their sleeves when Hurricane Irene hit or storms deluged local towns and communities were under water. Elitism is not a quality that is welcomed here. History has shown that Vermont and Vermonters have the strength of character to go it alone if need be. Charlton reminds us that during colonial times, if people did not like living under colonial government elsewhere, they were likely to move to Vermont, where they could govern themselves.

Preserving this Vermont way of life has always been a priority in the Green Mountain State. Vermont has the ability to lead the way for the rest of America in forging a climate where all people live in an environment where respect and consideration for themselves and their neighbor is the norm, not the exception. We all know there is enough to go around for everyone. Vermont needs representatives who are practical, logical, and experienced enough to balance all of the aspects of daily life into a plan that works, not just for some, but for all.

Reelect Tom Charlton to the Vermont House of Representatives representing the Windsor-Windham District.

Sincerely,
Mia Feroleto
Londonderry, Vt.

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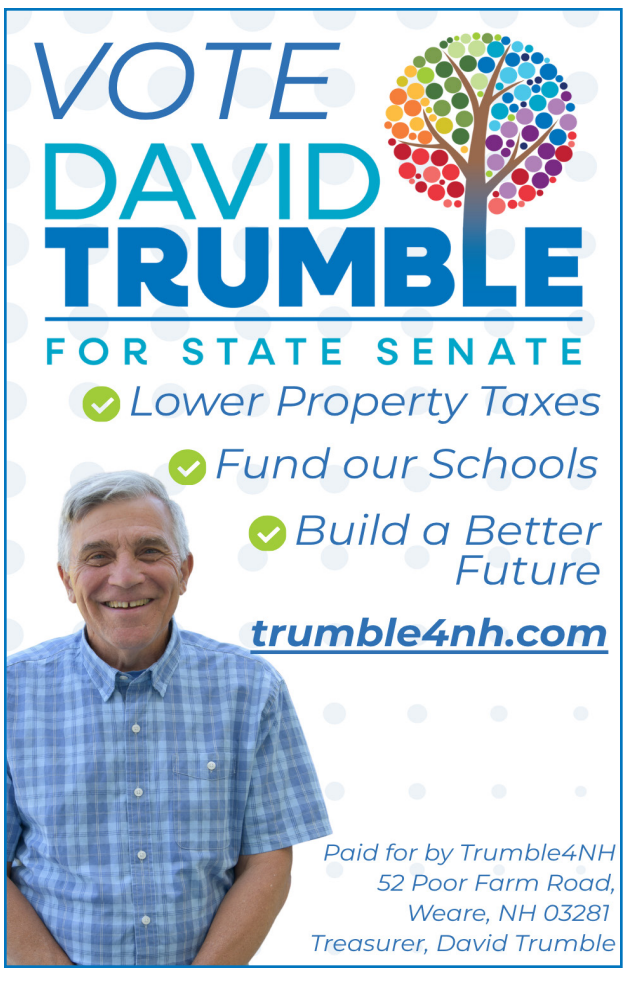
Author Mia Feroleto is a native of Vermont. She is an artist, an activist, and the publisher of New Observations Magazine. Feroleto is the creator of ARTWALK NY, which raised $25 million dollars for Coalition for the Homeless in New York City. ARTWALK NY has been copied around the country since it began in 1995 and raised countless additional funds for other organizations. As an authorized representative of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, she negotiated the return of 131 artifacts stolen from the dead at the Wounded Knee Massacre back to the Lakota People. In November of this year, her fifth conference on consciousness will be held at the Upper Pass Lodge in Londonderry, Vt. Feroleto can be contacted by email atmia.feroleto@gmail.com.

OPINION POLICY

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All opinion pieces will be published in the opinion section of the newspaper. Viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal.



opinion

Dear Editor,

My name is Matt Siano, and I am writing to support the reelection of Tom Charlton to the Vermont House of Representatives.

Tom Charlton has proven to be a dedicated public servant in the House, fighting for working families. Reelecting Tom and others who care about Vermont's history and future is simply common sense. They say common sense is like a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden, but it is time for all Vermonters to cultivate it.

Common-sense voters need to get out and vote to reelect Tom Charlton as state representative so he can continue advocating for our state. Vermont cannot afford to lean any further left, and we need common-sense leadership to prevent increased government control. Personal freedom in Vermont is becoming increasingly limited under the current legislative majority, which relies on policies that undermine the nuclear family and traditional Vermont life.

Furthermore, the current majority prioritizes criminals over law-abiding citizens and has made Vermont the most costly state in which to live. The cost of living for working families continually rises under the current majority, making homeownership increasingly out of reach.

We need to vote for common-sense candidates who will strengthen Vermont and allow families to be safe from the wave of crime, and yet prosper with less governmental control.

Tom Charlton has proven to be a common-sense and dedicated public servant in the House, fighting for working families against a majority that has no common sense in its garden. Reelecting Tom and others who truly care about Vermont's history and future is essential... and simply common sense.

Sincerely,
Matt Siano
Grafton, Vt.

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Dear Editor,

Andrea Murray is running her campaign on affordability in Vermont. Rising prices of gas, diesel, and probably heating fuel are affecting Vermonters. They are caused by Trump and Netanyahu's war on Iran, which has been going on for more than 200 days, and Trump's policies on Russian President Putin's criminal attack on Ukraine. Closing of the Strait of Hormuz, which was open before the Iran war, is a direct cause of rising oil prices.

Yet Trump is wrongly blaming solely Ukraine for this, and is pressuring Ukrainian President Zelenskyy to stop sending drones onto Russia's refineries. As we know, Ukraine is defending itself against the Russian invasion, which targets Ukrainian civilians. Disabling Russian oil production is a big part of this defense.

Does Ms. Murray believe that the Iran war is causing prices of gas and diesel to rise, affecting affordability nationwide and in Vermont? How is she planning to make Vermont an affordable place to live without addressing Trump's foreign policies? We can't find any statements from Ms. Murray on either Trump's war in Iran or on his support of Russia over Ukraine. If she expects us to respect her views on "affordability," she, and any candidate asking for our votes, needs to address these two issues and to acknowledge their impact on Vermont's economy.

Sincerely,
Svetlana and Kem Phillips
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Marlo, and I work at Mascoma Bank as the assistant branch manager. I also serve on the chamber of commerce board and the Turning Point Recovery Center Board. I take a lot of pride in helping and serving our community.

I write to you with a rather heavy emotional heart. My father, David, has lived with me since my mother passed away in 2016. He worked hard his whole life and provided for our family very well. Unfortunately, about three years ago, he was diagnosed with vascular dementia and Alzheimer's. We had been able to manage living with this up until about eight months ago. It is then I realized my father needed additional structured, daily care that I personally could not provide him while maintaining my full-time job here in town. At the time, my neighbor was in a hospice situation, and as I went to visit him and spend time with him, I met Jana. Jana works at the Springfield Adult Day Center, and after chatting with her while my dear neighbor prepared to pass this life, she shared with me about the wonderful adult day center in town for my father. I then met Shelly, the director, at a chamber mixer and chatted with her about the center and the provided resources. I was nervous and unsure to try, but I went over to the center and gathered the right paperwork and enrolled him in January of 2025. My father's doctors have supported and highly recommended this service and this center as well for his wellbeing and care. It was and has been the perfect solution, and at the perfect time for him.

Since then, my father has had a reason to wake up, a daily purpose, he has something to look forward to, and he is no longer isolated while I work. He is socializing, and, most importantly, he is being cared for by incredible, loving people who have made their jobs a way of life to serve others and to care for others. To care for a generation that has been lost because of their aging physical and mental ailments. When someone suffers from this horrific disease, having a regular, consistent schedule with consistent staff and a nurturing environment is the absolute best medicine. This is what the Springfield Adult Day Center has provided my father, along with professional, genuine love and care that allows for him to maintain dignity.

Each day I ask my father, "How was your day?" Every day he says, "It was great, I had a lot of fun." He smiles, he brings home his prizes from his bingo wins, he brings crafts home, he talks about his friends, and, most importantly, he talks about how great the staff treats them all. That is the most powerful, meaningful ingredient: How he is being treated. The staff treats him like gold. I have seen what this horrific disease can do and has done to him mentally; it robs him of his confidence and robs him of being able to do things you and I do independently. It robs him of talking in full sentences, robs him of being able to get in a car and drive, robs him of cooking for himself, robs him of working – something he loved to do, working gave him purpose and he lost that purpose – robs him of living everyday life the way you and I do. But it did not rob his heart.

He is now very sad, very worried, and very scared. Tonight, he cried because he does not understand why they are closing. "Why would they do that?" he says. To be forced to have to make a decision to possibly have to send him to a far place, a foreign place with strangers, is a very insecure, painful decision for all involved, most importantly my father and anyone who suffers from this horrific disease.

The decision to close the center is devastating to him and to our family. The Springfield Adult Day Center is a part of our family and our community. Community means more than money, if that is what this is about. Providing and caring for our golden generation is important, and frankly all of our duties, especially our local hospital. Not everything is about money, sometimes things are about what is right and what is needed. We may all be where my father is one day, and what will you want your community to provide you and your family?

This generation deserves better than to be tossed out – that is what this feels like to him and to all involved. I ask you to reflect on your decision that has a tremendous negative impact on our elders.

They deserve better than this. Please do what is right.

Sincerely,
Marlo Mora
Weathersfield, Vt.

To the Editor,

My name is Clayton Thompson, and I am writing to support the reelection of Tom Charlton to the Vermont House of Representatives.

As a younger resident of Grafton who serves on the planning commission and the development review board, I hear the concern: It is becoming harder for young families and longtime residents to afford to stay here. Those problems are directly tied to the decisions being made in Montpelier, especially on housing and education spending.

That is why I have followed the work of Rep. Tom Charlton. Affordability in rural Vermont was a central focus of his last term. Serving on the House Committee on General and Housing, he has a direct role in housing policy and the challenges facing small communities like ours.

If we cannot house the people who wish to live here, businesses cannot find employees, young families cannot stay, and towns like Grafton cannot maintain a healthy population. That is why Tom sponsored H.775, to give municipalities additional resources for the financing infrastructure needed for housing development.

He also understands the connection between housing and education. Grafton's elementary school system is struggling because fewer young families can afford to live here. As a resident who was enrolled at our elementary school, this issue is especially important to me. During the 2026 session on the House floor, Tom did not waver in his commitment to fix the underlying issues rather than just another year of adjusting tax rates.

He approaches these issues from a rural perspective. Policies written for Burlington do not always work in towns like Grafton. At the local level, we try to balance housing and development while protecting the character of our town. That balance is harder when state policy is made without understanding towns like ours.

Tom Charlton has shown a willingness to take on those issues and focus on the affordability challenges facing Grafton.

Sincerely,
Clayton Thompson
Grafton, Vt.

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Dear Editor,

Regarding Proposal 4, the so-called "Equality of Rights" amendment, this does not look like an equal rights amendment. The second sentence has a closed list of groups that would be protected, and the third sentence directs the courts to uphold the government's preferential treatment and benefits to state-sanctioned "historically marginalized groups." Vote "no" on Proposal 4 so that the Vermont Legislature can draft a real equal rights amendment.

Regarding Proposal 3, the so-called "Right to Collective Bargaining": Proposal 3 would permanently prohibit Vermont from adopting a right-to-work law for the private sector. Proposal 3 would shift power from the legislature to unions. People already have the right to form or join a union under the First Amendment's freedom of assembly clause. If farm workers are allowed to unionize under Proposal 3, production would go down and many Vermont farms would fold. This would hurt our state's food security and working landscape. Illinois passed an amendment that prevented the state from passing right-to-work laws, and people are leaving Illinois. State pensions are underfunded in Illinois just as they are in Vermont, and forcing people to join unions as a condition of employment would only worsen Vermont's existing pension issues and other affordability issues. Vote "no" on Proposal 3.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Butterfield
Stockbridge, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to a steady push over the last two years to consolidate Vermont school districts and to close small rural schools on the part of Gov. Phil Scott and his appointed Secretary of Education Zoie Saunders. He is recently quoted by Alison Novak in Seven Days as saying, "Every year of delay means another year of unequal opportunities for students, another tax increase that families can't afford." Yet, neither he nor the Vermont Agency of Education have provided the data to support this claim.

The timeline for beginning to implement Act 170 has already begun. Merger study committees are being formed and will start meeting by Oct. 15, even though there is little good information for these committees to investigate. There are at least three major problems with this effort.

First, there is no evidence that Act 170 will either make opportunities more equitable or reduce property taxes. As an example, Act 46 was passed more than 10 years ago with two main goals: to lower property taxes and to improve educational outcomes. There has been no evidence shown that either of these has happened, and in fact most Vermonters agree that local education property taxes are higher than ever.

Second, Act 170 as it exists currently only includes the governance part of the law. The funding part of the law will be debated during the upcoming session, with decisions made by June. This means that merger study committees are being urged to rush into decisions without knowing what the costs will be. Secretary of Education Saunders has offered to make information available to the merger study committees, but any data provided before the funding portion of the law is resolved will be partial at best.

Thirdly, the timeline for careful consideration of such monumental changes in Vermont education law is way too short. Act 170 was finalized behind closed doors in the last few days of the last session. The governor knows legislators are already talking about reviewing the timeline of the law in the upcoming session, which is the likely reason to push so hard now before the legislature has a chance to review and change the timeline. He should not be pushing this through quickly.

Completely revising Vermont's education system in such a very short timeline will make for problems ahead, both in the unintended consequences of a poorly-organized revision, and in terms of working with the Vermont school administrators and the public to understand what is being explored and to build support for any changes.

Sincerely,
Dan MacArthur
Steering Committee
Rural School Community Alliance
Marlboro School Board Member
Marlboro, Vt.

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home & business PROS

Is owning a home closer than you think?

REGION – If buying a home feels out of reach right now, you may want to take a closer look before counting yourself out.

Housing affordability is a real concern. Home prices, mortgage rates, and everyday expenses all play a role in what buyers can comfortably afford. But the price you see on a listing is only one part of the equation. A better place to start is with a simple question: What monthly housing payment feels comfortable for my budget?

Once you have that number, you can work backward to understand what home price and financing options may fit.

Start with your comfort zone

Before scrolling through listings, take a look at your monthly income, expenses, and financial priorities. Then try PrimeLending's Home Affordability Calculator at lo.primelending.com/vblodgett/calculators/how-much-home-can-i-afford. Plug in a few numbers and explore different scenarios to get a general idea of what your buying power could look like. You may discover more possibilities than you expected.

Look beyond the 20% down payment

One of the biggest misconceptions about buying a home is that you need to put 20% down. You may not.

Depending on your situation, conventional, FHA, VA, and USDA loans may offer lower down payment options. Some qualified buyers may also be eligible for down payment or closing cost assistance programs, including programs designed specifically for first-time homebuyers. The important thing is to understand which options are available to you, rather than assuming you need to reach a certain savings goal before you can even start looking.

Explore ways to make the numbers work

Your loan isn't the only factor that can affect affordability. For example, a seller may be willing to contribute toward certain closing costs. A temporary rate buydown could reduce your initial monthly mortgage payments. And, depending on your priorities, expanding your search to a different neighborhood, condo, townhome, or slightly smaller home could bring more choices into your price range.

PrimeLending has extended its Birthday 1-0 Buydown through Oct. 20. On eligible FHA and USDA loans, PrimeLending foots the bill to buy down your effective interest rate by 1% for the first year, giving you a lower initial monthly payment and a little more breathing room as you settle into your new home.

Replace assumptions with real numbers

Perhaps the most important step is getting qualified early. Qualification gives you an estimate based on your own financial situation.

If buying is six months or even a year away, understanding where you stand today can help you create a plan. You may learn that you're ready sooner than expected, or you may identify a few things to work on first. Either way, you'll have something much more valuable than a guess.

Not sure what you can afford? Let's find out. Set up a quick conversation with me. It costs nothing, and there's no obligation to move forward. We can look at your budget, run personalized scenarios, and talk through the options that may fit.

Submitted by Victoria Blodgett, PrimeLending, Ludlow, Vt.

BDCC new Launchpad Cohort

REGION – Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) is excited to announce the return of Launchpad, its cornerstone entrepreneurship course, beginning Oct. 13. This dynamic, six-week course is designed to help aspiring and early-stage business owners transform their ideas into viable ventures. Offered both in person and virtually, the program is accessible to participants across the county and continues to see strong engagement, with 97 registrants over the past two years. Whatever your business idea is, we will help you figure out the right pathway, whether that is starting, improving, or discovering that it isn't financially feasible. Whatever the goal, there is no wrong reason or business stage to participate.

Organized and facilitated by the BDCC and featuring expert contributions from regional specialists, Launchpad provides a supportive environment where participants gain real-world knowledge, develop practical business tools, and connect with resources to bring their ideas to life, including access to LivePlan, a platform to help small business owners create business plans, build financial forecasts, pitch to lenders and investors, and track ongoing performance. Previous programs showcased presenters from various organizations, including Think Dynamic Digital, VtSBDC, SCORE, the Better Business Bureau, and many more.

"Through BDCC's LaunchPad series, I was able to get a handle on many aspects of my new, growing business. Each week focused on a new topic that offered incredibly helpful information and resources that I never knew existed," says Tracy Corriveau from Mama T's Sweet Spot.

The course is a prerequisite to BDCC's Bookkeeping Loan Program, where BDCC will pay up to 20% of eligible bookkeeping expenses in business startups that fit the qualifications outlined at www.brattleborodevelopment.com/BDCC-lending.

Entrepreneurs from Windham County and beyond are encouraged to apply. Whether you're still shaping your business idea or actively seeking to grow your early-stage venture, Launchpad offers a roadmap to success. Space is limited to 15 participants per session. To sign up or learn more, visit www.brattleborodevelopment.com/what-we-do/business-assistance/launch, or contact Dani Delaini at ddelaini@brattleborodevelopment.com.

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Vermont CCC camps talk at Landgrove Town Hall

LANDGROVE, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m., at the Landgrove Town Hall, 88 Landgrove Road, the Landgrove Historical Society will host author and historian Marty Podskoch, who will give a presentation on his new book, "Vermont Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memories & Legacy." The book describes the history of the 36 Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps and supply depots where young men and World War I veterans built dams, state parks, and state forests from 1933-1942.

For the past four years, Podskoch has visited and explored the 36 Vermont CCC camps and gathered the camps' histories and photos from historical societies, museums, libraries, personal interviews, and state and college archives. Families of young men and veterans shared their relatives' memories and photos of camp life and work projects.

The Civilian Conservation Corps began on March 31, 1933, under President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Great Depression. CCC camps were set up in many Vermont towns, state parks, and forests. Workers built trails, roads, camp sites, and dams; stocked fish; and built and maintained fire towers, observer's cabins, and telephone lines. They also fought fires and planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in World War II.

Vermonters encouraged to button up

REGION – As cooler weather arrives and Vermont faces soaring heating fuel prices this winter, a statewide coalition of energy partners is reminding Vermonters to "button up" their homes. Through weatherization rebates, energy-saving tips, and professional contractors, the annual Button Up Vermont campaign can help all Vermonters prepare for a warmer and more affordable heating season.

Vermonters looking to do their own work can get $100 cash back for DIY weatherization projects, like adding weatherstripping to doors or air sealing small leaks.

The average expected savings for a home heating with oil is more than $380 a year after completing comprehensive weatherization, based on current fuel prices. For homes heating with propane, the average expected savings is more than $350 a year.

Efficiency Vermont's Home Performance with Energy Star weatherization rebate offers 75% cash back on professional weatherization, up to $7,000. Customers of Vermont Gas Services (VGS) can access similar rebates, with low-income VGS customers eligible for coverage of 90% of a weatherization project, up to $9,500. Both Efficiency Vermont and VGS work with Vermont lenders to offer no-interest or low-interest financing for weatherization and related home energy improvements. Rental property owners can also get up to $7,000 per unit in weatherization rebates, improving comfort and affordability for occupants.

Statewide, Vermont's Weatherization Assistance Programs offer free weatherization services for income-eligible households. To help Vermonters get started, several free Button Up webinars are being offered throughout October. The schedule of these webinars and other events can be viewed at www.buttonupvermont.org/events.

Visit the Button Up Vermont website to register for webinars, find events, and explore weatherization rebates and financing options. Vermonters ready to "button up" can connect with an Efficiency Excellence Network contractor to start their weatherization project.

Chester Main Street historic fires walking tour

CHESTER, Vt. – On Sunday, Oct. 11, and Sunday, Oct. 25, Friends of Yosemite Firehouse Museum will host a walking tour featuring historic fires that took place on Main Street in Chester, as well as a lot of local history. Members of the public are invited to meet at the Cobleigh Field parking lot, at 1 p.m., for the program, which will take approximately 90 minutes and be led by Friends board member Shawn Cunningham. In order to hear the presentation well and to be able to view the photos that will accompany the talk, the number of participants needs to be limited. Therefore, those interested in attending should email yosemitefirehousemuseum@gmail.com in advance to make a reservation. Donations to Friends of Yosemite Firehouse Museum are requested to continue to help make the future museum a reality.



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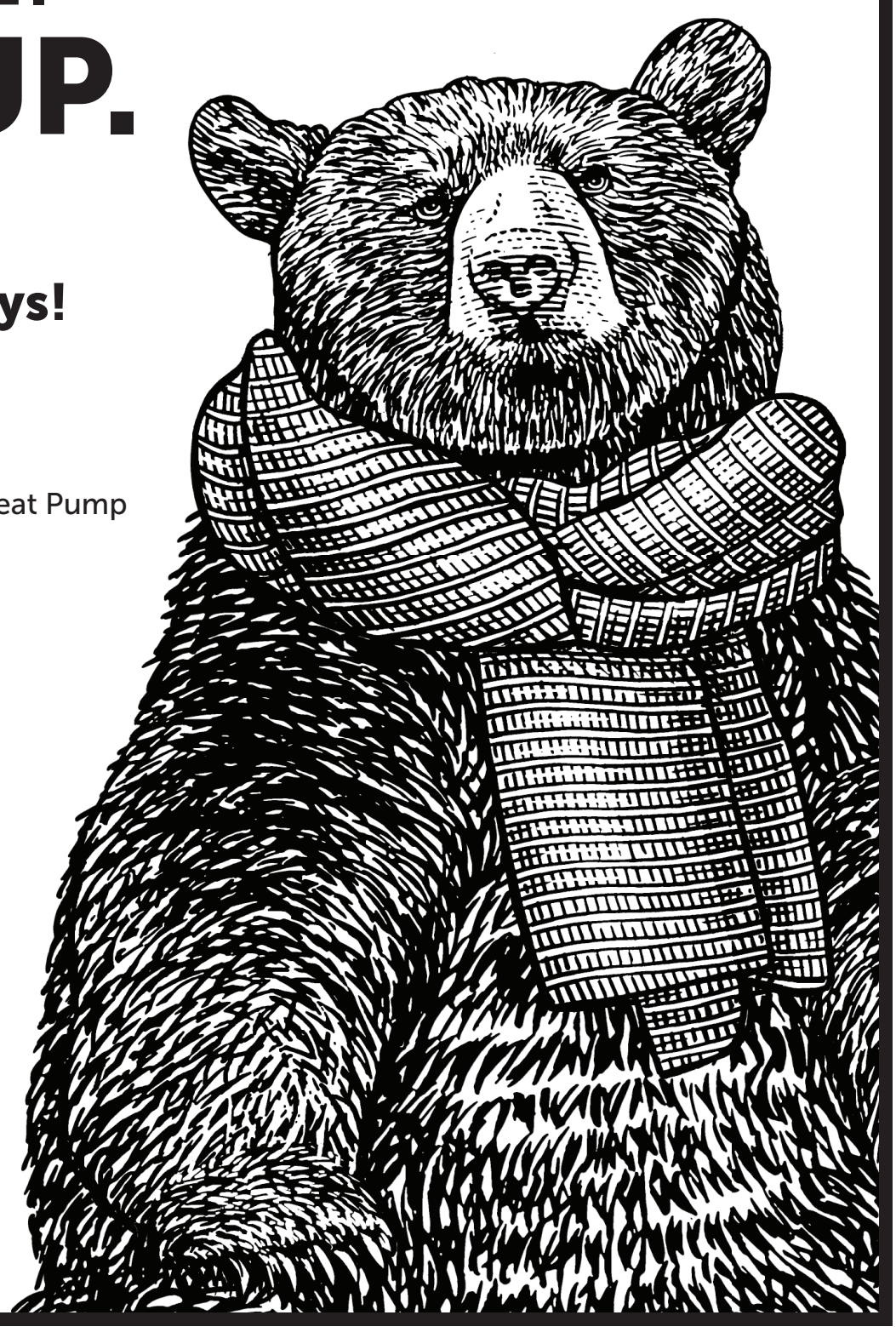
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apple festival

EVENTS

42nd annual Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show

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.



Enjoy bounce houses, an obstacle course, and other activities.
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Vendors line the Riverside gym and outside on the grounds.
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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, handcrafted 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, makers, 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 page, www.springfieldvt.com/apple-festival, or at Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Show on Facebook.

Fastest Kid in Town

The Fastest Kid in Town Race is back on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Riverside Park, at 10 a.m., as part of the annual Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Fair. Sponsored by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and Springfield Hospital, the Fastest Kid in Town Race encourages local youth to get active and incorporate physical activity in their daily lives. The race is fun, free, and open to all children ages 5 to 12.

There will be a 100-yard race for children ages 5 to 8, and a 200-yard race for children ages 9 to 12. Children are divided into age groups: 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12. Participants will receive a free T-shirt for all entries while supplies last, and the top boy and girl finishers in each category will receive medals.

The race begins at 10 a.m. and will be followed by an award ceremony at 11 a.m. Preregistration is recommended but not required. To sign up for the event, stop by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center at 140 Clinton Street in Springfield or visit www.edgarmay.org. For more information, contact Zoe Lirakis, youth and family programs coordinator, at 802-885-2568 or zlirakis@edgarmay.org.

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WoodLife Carving Festival returns to Chester

CHESTER, Vt. – The WoodLife Carving Festival returns to Chester for its second year Oct. 10-12, bringing more than 15 talented chainsaw carvers together for a three-day celebration of chainsaw carving, woodworking, food, and family fun.

Visitors will have the opportunity to watch carvers work throughout the weekend as they transform logs into unique works of art. Carvings will also be available for purchase, giving attendees the chance to take home a one-of-a-kind piece created at the festival.

The festival will feature four quick-carve events throughout the weekend. These fast-paced carving competitions give spectators a chance to watch a carving take shape from start to finish before the finished pieces are auctioned. New this year, quick carve times are Saturday, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Sunday, at 1 p.m.; and Monday, at 1 p.m.

In addition to the carving, guests can enjoy chair massages for those looking to relax and take a break while attending the festival. For the kids, there will be a face painter on site.

There will be plenty of options for hungry visitors, with food vendors serving a variety of delicious foods throughout the festival, along with everyone's favorite fair-style treat, fried dough.

Admission is inexpensive for adults, and children are admitted free. Each paid admission includes a raffle entry for a chance to win a free carving. Additional raffle tickets will also be available to purchase for those who would like more chances to win.

The WoodLife Carving Festival will be held at 1126 Vermont Route 103 North, Chester, Vt. Festival hours are Saturday, Oct. 10, and Sunday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Monday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Whether you are a longtime fan of chainsaw carving or have never seen a log transformed into a work of art, the WoodLife Carving Festival offers something for everyone. Come watch the carvers work, meet the artists, enjoy some good food, shop local, and see what amazing creations come out of the logs this year.

Neil Young tribute at Claremont Opera House

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Harvest & Rust, a tribute to Neil Young, will play the Claremont Opera House, 58 Opera House Square in Claremont, N.H., on Saturday, Oct. 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Harvest & Rust has earned acclaim as one of the premier Neil Young tribute bands in the Northeast USA, praised for their stirring and authentic performances. Their concerts are a journey through Young's prolific career, featuring songs from his solo work as well as his time with Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. With a commitment to variety, the band ensures that no two shows are alike, mirroring Young's own approach.

The band promises a dynamic setlist spanning Young's expansive catalog, from the acoustic intimacy of "Harvest" to the raw energy of "Rust Never Sleeps." Led by frontman Garrett Lechowski, the band features Matt Cahill (guitars, piano), Andy Gordon (pedal steel), John Kiernan (drums), and Jim Reynolds (bass). Known for their authentic renditions, Harvest & Rust captures the essence of Neil Young's music, delivering both beloved hits and deep cuts with precision and passion.

To purchase tickets, visit www.cohnh.org/event/harvest-and-rust-a-tribute-to-neil-young.

Third Ludlow Oktoberfest

LUDLOW, Vt. – The third annual Ludlow Oktoberfest, presented by Johnny's Kitchen, will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at three locations: Johnny's Kitchen, from 12-6 p.m.; Main and Mountain, from 6-10 p.m., and Eight Oh Brew, from 10 p.m. to midnight.

The festivities will include games, prizes, face painting, live music by Sammy B, a stein-holding contest, and a best-dressed contest, as well as tons of good food and beer.

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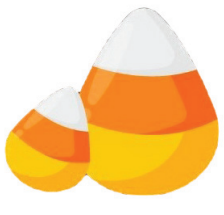
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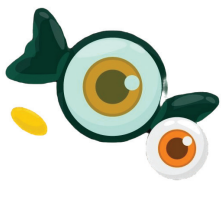
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