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Rockingham discusses old meeting house —

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. — On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the Rockingham Meeting House (RMH) draft conditions assessment with Historic Preservation Consultant Lyssa Papazian, Certified League of Government (CLG) coordinator Walter Wallace, and Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Chair John Leppman.

Leppman said the meeting house belongs to the town, and at 235 years old, there "is no surprise that it has fairly significant structural concerns that need to be addressed."

Wallace said in early August the team of Papazian, Structural Engineer Bob Neeld of Engineering Ventures, and Arnold & Scangas Architects were hired to as-

sess the building structure with support from the selectboard reserve fund and additional funding provided by the State of Vermont Division of Historic Preservation, Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV), and private donations.

Papazian said they are still processing a "huge amount of data" and the full structure report would be released in the spring. They created an electronic scan giving floor plans with actual measurements, mapping, assessments, and a 3D virtual tour for portions of the balcony and under the floor.

Papazian described the damage, which included rot on the southwest corner under the clapboards, unpainted boards, open seams, missing flashing, damp and frost-susceptible soils, poor drainage, deteriorated sashes, dry and sun-damaged interior wood, missing sup-

ports, plaster issues, and life saving and ADA code violations.

Neeld gave Archaeologist Tom Jamison's report on foundation exploration and soil testing. There is granite 14-18 inches deep and 10 inches of stone rubble upon native material, a mix of silt and clay. He said the soil is frost-susceptible and the stone movement is thought to have caused the heaving and settling. Neeld said they found high moisture content on some of the floor frames where soil made contact with the wood. He explained that the broken windows in the balcony most likely occurred due to exterior wall movement.

Papazian presented the report recommendations at a total project cost of just over \$1,000,000.

They gave two options for the building foundation, a new foundation under the

existing one, and second, a shallow frost-protected foundation. The first would involve moving a number of current stones and lifting the building to gain access to reinforce and replace the footings. The second would also involve lifting, using insulation to provide frost protection. Papazian noted there were concerns with the second option about access to the interior footing and timbers for inspection and that it may require exterior excavation.

Papazian explained that 15% of clapboards would need replacing, and the hand-planed boards would be replaced in-kind. They suggested metal handrails for code, and exterior painting should involve the proper preparation of primer and two coats. The slate roof issues included drainage and replacing flashing.

Window restorer Sally A.

Fishburn assessed the windows; eight were replaced in 1981 and two had been recently restored. Fishburn recommended restoration if possible to preserve the original material because reproduction would ensure the loss of integrity for the building.

Papazian said portions of the plaster were restored in 2011 and 2020. She said 58% has been conserved only to the preservation level which still shows the holes. Photographs showed historic "graffiti on the walls" under whitewash dated from 1906.

She said there were pieces delaminating and falling and she said, "the main ceiling was never done." Papazian said they recommended additional funding for a full restoration of adhering, filling holes, and feathering for the whitewash treatment.

A pew assessment study

was done in 2005 by Chris Cole, but Papazian said many of his recommendations were not done. She noted many benches were undersupported and the interior wood is fairly dry and they recommended adding moisture with wax, sanding, and sealing the floor.

Papazian said for minimum code compliance they recommended adding signs and emergency lighting. They suggested a fire detection and alarm system and the removal of one pew and a new ramp for ADA access.

Papazian suggests a balance of preservation and maintaining integrity. She said too much change can really "undermine your ability to raise money; its importance is it's not changing." The recommendation is for preservation and restoration in order to protect

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Decisions for vacant building in Saxtons River —

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — Back in October, a meeting was held in Saxtons River to discuss the future of 37 Main Street. The former hardware store, now a vacant building, was donated to the non-profit organization Main Street Arts, which is located next door.

Dozens of local residents attended the meeting, along with Saxtons River Village President Amy Howlett

and Professor Robert Ryan, chairman of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst Department of Landscaping Architecture and Regional Planning. Ryan has previously worked on several other Vermont-area projects.

During the 90-minute planning workshop held in the upstairs theater at Main Street Arts, several ideas for the vacant building were discussed, including a new fire station, a coffee shop or cafe, or using the property for buried utility lines.

After a 2020 engineering study had deemed the building too expensive to rehabilitate, the town of Rockingham obtained a grant to bring in Ryan and the UMass planners to assist in finding out what the townspeople wanted to happen with the property. Then, in an early November meeting, six groups discussed the good and bad points on three different ideas: a fire station, a green space, and mixed use/residential.

"The final meeting for the [upcoming] municipal planning grant is set for Thursday, Dec. 15, [at 6:30 p.m.] at 35 Main Street, aka Main Street Arts," Amy Howlett said in a recent interview. "Fact TV will livestream the event, and the format will include statements from Main Street Arts, and then the UMass at Amherst consulting team will review the previous information gathered and also report on the three ideas that proved most popular with the community."

The team will also suggest the next steps in the process, answer questions from attendees and moving forward, will also be researching ideas to calm traffic on the west side of the village, which includes 35 Main Street.

"Later in December, the team will provide a full written report to the Saxtons River Village Trustees," Howlett said. "The report will include all of the information gathered during interviews, picture selection,

and all the discussions from September through December.

"As a citizen, I was very happy to see the turnout at the two public meetings, and the mood was upbeat and thoughtful. We had a good mix of people who have lived here for many years and newcomers to the village. The consulting team used the meetings effectively, giving people information and choices to discuss and making notes about their decisions."

Springfield Downtown Holiday Program —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and Springfield on the Move are so grateful for all of the people and organizations that contributed to making the Downtown Holiday Program a huge success.

We would like to give a shoutout to the fabulous HB Energy Elves for their tremendous work on the tree, light poles, and Santa's house. We'd like to give another warm thank you to the Graham Family of Springfield, Vt. for their donation of the stunning tree.

Thank you to the awesome Jessica Martin and Springfield on the Move for organizing the sticker map and window decorating contest and to all of the people and businesses who participated in bringing festive cheer to downtown Springfield.

Thanks to Alpha Delta Kappa, Springfield Senior Center Knit Wits, SOM



Christmas tree donated by the Graham Family.

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volunteers, and the Town of Springfield.

Shoutout to Chamber Board volunteers Marlo Mora of Mascoma Bank and Jerry Farnum of State Farm.

The music on the Main Street speakers was provided by Lawrence & Wheeler, a division of The Richards Group. The Springfield Community Band also serenaded us with live music

prior to Santa's arrival.

Claflin Family Food was located at the entrance to Comtu Cascade Park with yummy food.

We appreciate Springfield Food Co-op for sharing their parking lot for this annual community celebration, and the Springfield Fire Department and Springfield Police Department for delivering Santa safely to the event.

And of course, we are so thankful for Santa for making the time during his busy season to visit.

Thank you to all the kiddos and their grown-ups for braving the chilly air and joining in the celebration. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and we hope to see you on the first Friday in December 2023!

Please visit our blog for more photos at www.springfieldvt.com.

Springfield Garden Club applauds festival sponsors —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Springfield Garden Club would like to thank the civic minded members, sponsors, and guests who made the 28th Annual Festival of Trees a huge success. If you missed the event on Nov. 18, you can still view the trees and trimmings through Jan. 6 at the Great Hall, 100 River Street in Springfield. The theme this year is "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" and Santa and his sleigh are center stage.

The club appreciates the following local businesses who provided and decorated a tree: Claremont Savings Bank, Dragonfly Designs, Gallery at the VAULT, Great Hall Handcrafters, HB Energy Solutions, Springfield Hospital, Tina's Hallmark, the Town of Springfield, and Springfield High School.

This year's tree winner was HB Energy Solutions.

The garden club is grateful to the members and spouses who made the event possible as well as Ted Foster, 100 River Street Building Manager, who always provides enthusiastic



The Festival of Trees was a wonderful success.
PHOTO BY KAREN VATNE

assistance. Thank you to artist, Dan O'Donnell, for designing the invitation again this year. The club would also like to thank Black Rock Steakhouse for the delicious appetizers and cheerful service. And thanks to the many garden club members who donated hors d'oeuvres and creative raffle baskets.

The club would like to acknowledge the following list of sponsors who gave a private or corporate donation, or a Silent Auction Item: Barbara Sander-son, Beardsley Inc., Biben's Home Center, Shirley Cooper, Carol Eramo, Christopher A. Fauver DDS, David King, Crown Point Country Club, Davis Memorial Chapel, David, Courtney, and Sophia Lihatsh, Dragonfly Designs, Edgar May Recreation Center, HB Energy Solutions, Images Hair Styling Salon, ImagineTek MFG, IVEK, David King, Patricia Martin, Lori Muse, Robert O'Brien Watercolors, Silverwood Gallery, Randy Adams, Beth Rigel-Gregg, Smokeshire Design, Springfield Family Eye Care, Springfield Housing Authority, Springfield Pharmacy, Steve Greene, Tina's Hallmark, Twin State Psychological Services, Vermont Timberworks, Vittum Plumbing and Heating, Von Bargen Jewelers, Harriet and Lyle Wood, Willow Farm Pet Services, and Woodbury Florist.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Holidays to all!

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Edward Jones toy drive

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – We would like to thank all of our clients and community members for the wonderful toy donations made to the Springfield Santa Claus Club Toy Drive. Because of your thoughtfulness, children in our area will have a brighter holiday season. Thank you from Amy Duffy, Edward Jones Financial Advisor, left, and Jessie Martin, Branch Office Administrator, right. Happy Holidays!

PHOTO BY SHAWNTAE WEBB



BRIC Open House

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You're invited to Black River Innovation Campus's December Open House and Actuator Pitch Night.

Join us at the Black River Innovation Campus for this end of year open house and

pitch night on Dec. 16 from 4 - 6 p.m.

The Team at BRIC will be on-hand to offer tours of the facility, answer your questions, and to discuss our Actuator Entrepreneurship Program. During the

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BF November Elks Student of the Month

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Caden Haskell has been named the November Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Caden, a senior, is the son of Cooley and Janelle Haskell of Rockingham.

Caden works hard in his classes. He is an active and positive participant in class discussions and activities. Concerned about doing well, he puts in the time to improve his skills.

Positive, smiling, and always willing to help without being asked, Caden is a good role model for others. Well respected by the staff and students



Caden Haskell.

PHOTO PROVIDED

at BFUHS, he is a pleasure to work with and an asset to any group or activity he joins.

His loyalty to his school, team, and community is strong and prominent in everything he does. As one of the captains for this

year's football team, he worked hard to get everyone involved and working hard for the team. He volunteered to read the morning announcements every morning this year as well.

Interested in helping others get involved, Caden volunteered at the Pee Wee Football camp and recruited students to help with PeeWee Football practices, games, and the snack shack. Through his involvement with this program, he made connections with a number of young people who could be seen cheering for him at the football games.

Clearly deserving of recognition, BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Caden as our November Student of the Month.

Great Hall Handcrafters

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Every Thursday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. an enthusiastic group of handcrafters meets in the Great Hall Gallery at 100 River Street in Springfield, the former Fellows Gear Shaper building, to work on individual craft projects and share time and skills with friends. This fun and friendly group welcomes all types of handcrafters from knitting and crocheting to embroidery, quilting, rug hooking, rug braiding, basket making, diamond painting, and scrapbooking.

Members of the Great

Hall Handcrafters help each other, teach new skills, and inspire each other to finish their UFOs – those UnFinished Objects.

Much enthusiasm is created among the clientele passing through the Great Hall to their doctor's appointments. People stop and visit to admire the projects in progress and are encouraged to join the group. They relive and rekindle their fond memories of working with their hands on projects.

The group brings their own lunches. Community members are invited to join

the group. If you can't stay for the whole time, bring your lunch during your lunch hour and visit and share your projects with the group.

The group participated in the Springfield Garden Club's Festival of Trees by decorating one of the community trees with their handmade ornaments. Their tree will be on display in the Great Hall, along with the other trees, throughout the holiday season.

Written by Annie Katz and Marita Johnson.

HOUSE

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this investment.

Board member Rick Cowan asked Wallace what uses

were planned for the meeting house. Wallace said that historically it's been used for weddings, memorials, music events, and Sunday fundraisers. The Roots on the River festival attracted 300 people on Fred Eaglesmith's last appearance in 2013, ending in 2019. Wallace said last year, the RMH hosted two weddings, both with 50-80 attendees. This fall, they had high attendance for the Rockingham Old House

Wallace said there was no fix that preserves the integrity of the balcony for use, suggesting it might be appropriate for a photographer, but the balcony would be extremely limited. Wallace said the balcony was closed in 2019 after plaster starting falling.

Annette Spaulding, a commissioner on the HPC said, "The building is so important...it's the foundation of our community."

Wallace agreed it is an extraordinary cost and explained there are programs that support preservation work through the National Park Service and Rockingham has requested and been approved for congressional spending through Bernie Sanders office for \$360,000. He said the Save America's Treasures (SAT) grant pro-

gram started in the 1990s to help save National Historic Landmarks and awards up to \$750,000. Wallace said the town is looking at how best to approach the application with its required 1:1 match. They have the support of PTV and the Division of HP, but there needs to be a strong effort to match these funds.

Wallace said, "if we are to preserve and conserve the building for our children and grandchildren; there are severe issues...we need to creatively address the need to stabilize from the ground up."

Development Director Gary Fox asked if the final report will indicate a recommended sequence; what to start first and what items would be in jeopardy if not repaired when recommended. Papazian said the final report would give this information. Interested viewers can see the draft with cost breakdowns and take the virtual tour of the Rockingham Meeting House at www.rockinghamvt.org/historic-preservation-commission

The Rockingham Selectboard meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House, open to the public and available by Zoom.

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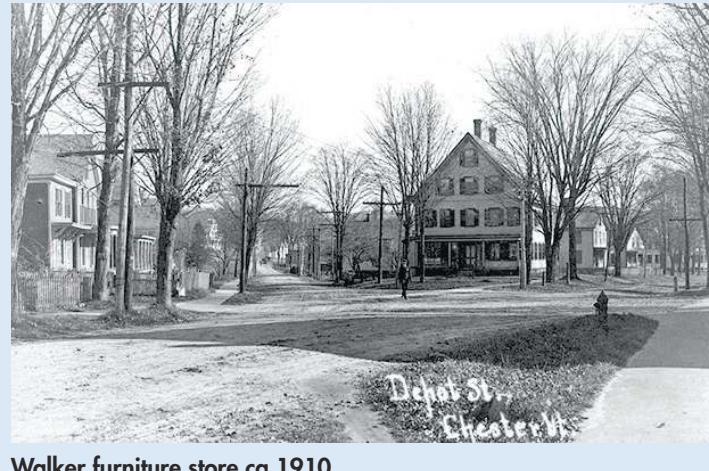
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Chester Boot Company

Here is some history of the old Jiffy Mart site in Chester. The earliest business I'm aware of that existed here was the Chester Boot Company. I don't know much about this business other than it appears on the 1869 Beers Atlas as Chester Boot. I know of no photos of the boot company.



Walker furniture store ca 1910.

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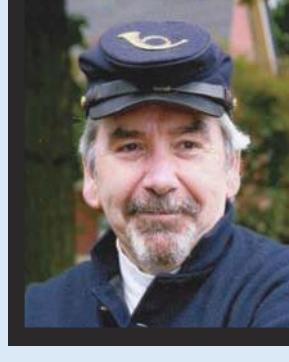
1899

"The Furniture house of Charles H. Walker is today the senior business in Chester, but this is by no means the principle recommendation, it is also the house furnishing emporium of this section."

"Charles Walker was an old timer, and commenced the manufacture of house furniture away back in 1845, and conducted the business activity until about 1890, when Charles H. Walker became the business manager, and is now the proprietor. The

firm have discontinued the manufacture of furniture, owing to the low prices and close competition of recent times."

"Walker's House Furnishing Store, 40x100 feet, was erected in 1889. The stock is very extensive, and comprises practically everything needed to conduce to the comfort and luxury of housekeeping. Walker keeps cradles for the baby, and caskets for the dead, and the household appliances needed from the cradle to the grave. On the first floor is found a good stock



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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of chamber suits, a beautiful display of crockery, and the best standard stoves and ranges and fixtures. The second floor is devoted to sofas, lounges, parlor suits, and a fine display of plain and fancy chairs, with wall paper and carpets. The undertaking department is in the rear of this salesroom. Mr. Walker is a practical undertaker, having taken a course in embalming in New York City, and his services are in frequent demand..."

Here you read this building was erected in 1889. This replaced the building occupied by Chester Boot Company. Whether it was lost to fire or torn down, I do not know. I have a photo of Walker Manor where Charles Walker lived. Walker Manor was across the street from Jiffy Mart. We knew this home as Adams Funeral Home.

Guild's store

Next to occupy the building was Guild's store. I don't know much about Guild, but at the historical society we have a large collection of Guild, Hadley, and Gibson family artifacts.

These families were intertwined through marriage.

Those my age, give or take a few years, will remember the ugly tenement building that sat where the stone bank is today. Ted Spaulding told me some history of this building.

It was about 1940 when the Walker building was moved. It was moved from its original site to where the stone bank is today. You may recall the tenement had a flat roof. Ted didn't recall if the building had a flat roof prior to moving or perhaps removed when it was moved. They took the gable roof off down to the second floor.

Buzzie's Texaco

Many will remember Buzzie's. Donald "Buzzie" Buswell ran a Texaco station here. Ted told me it was about the time the building was moved when the first service station appeared at this location. It was established during WWII by Phil Haus or Haws. Haus ran the station until about 1950 when Buzzie took it over. Buzzie ran it for many years.

Jiffy Mart

In Jan. 1986, I went to

Portugal to buy and import antiques. When I left Chester the Jiffy Mart was under construction. When I returned home in late January the Jiffy Mart was open for business. It had a long run. Today Garrison Smith owns the property. I think it's a prime piece of Chester real estate.

John Greenwood

Thinking of the boot company reminded me of John Greenwood. He lived where Gingerbread apartments are today. I was in this house many years ago. I remember a stick and ball fretwork separating two rooms. In the center of the fretwork is a large G for Greenwood.

Some may remember Dunham Boots down in Brattleboro. Ted told me Greenwood was a sales rep for Dunham Boots, and that he drove a Packard. Greenwood was a successful businessman.

This week's old saying:
"Two reasons to keep fishing. One, they are biting or two, they are not."

RVTC Manufacturing and Engineering training

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Students in RVTC's Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Program joined area professionals during Mastercam training this Dec. 7 and 8.

The Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering program at the River Valley Technical Center partnered with Technical Education Solutions, LLC from Astoria, Conn., to bring industry level training in Mastercam to the RVTC service region. 11 professionals from the region participated in this training on Wednesday, Dec. 7 and Thursday, Dec. 8.

Mastercam is the leading software in the United States for Computer Aided Manufacturing, CAM. CAM is used to generate Computer Numerical Control, CNC, tool paths that allow machining centers, mills and lathes, to create complex three-dimensional parts. Mastercam uses a three-dimensional, parametric model of a part or product to identify geometry, pockets, holes, profiles, etc., that needs to be subtractively machined in order to produce a finished part. Parametric models can also be generated in Mastercam or they can be imported from other softwares like SolidWorks and Fusion 360.

The need for Mastercam training was identified during a recent AM&E program advisory meeting in Novem-

ber. Most Mastercam training in New England is only offered in larger urban areas like Boston, Mass. or Hartford, Conn. Technical Education Solutions sent one of their top trainers to Springfield to run this training. Participants used the highly specialized CAD, Computer Aided Drafting, lab that is part of the AM&E program. The training went for eight hours each day, over the two days. The training was designed to bring Mastercam users from the novice to intermediate level. Some participants also experimented with fourth and fifth axis programming, which is considered an advanced Mastercam application.

Two secondary students from the AM&E program, along with their instructor, Christopher Gray, also participated in the training. These students got to work alongside practicing engineers from GS Precision in Brattleboro and Keene; Chroma Technology in Rockingham and Sonnax Transmissions, also in Rockingham.

As an added perk, the participants in this training were able to enjoy an outstanding lunch at the River Valley Cafe, the RVTC's in-house restaurant, run by the culinary arts program.

Hopefully this pilot training will be the first of many partnerships between industry, education, and training companies.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

I am very appreciative of Village President Deb Wright's suggestion to consider renewable energy in the form of rooftop solar on the town hall, reported in The Shopper Newspaper on Nov. 30, 2022.

A rooftop solar installation aligns perfectly with the energy chapter of the town plan, based on the state's renewable energy goals. The action steps of the plan include a policy for the Rockingham Energy Committee to advise the trustees, the selectboard, and other officers to promote energy conservation and renewable en-

ergy generation. This is an opportunity for the town to show leadership by example through creating renewable energy on one of our town buildings.

An investment of funds now, when repairs are needed, will pay off over many years in reduced electricity costs.

If we are interested in developing renewable energy generating capacity here in Rockingham, it would be a good idea to also look at all the options available to us. Then we can make choices as to the location and timing for development that makes

the most sense. Diversified power generation is going to be essential in the near future. We can take steps now toward that future.

If any residents of Rockingham are interested in joining the Rockingham Energy Committee to help make renewable energy happen on town properties, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Laurel Green
Member of the Rockingham Energy Committee
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am a year-round resident of Mount Holly and try to do all of my shopping in Ludlow as well as ski at Okemo in the winter. I am wondering why there are little to no holiday decorations on Main Street and at the resort. I was recently at the post office in town and noticed that the only

decorations in the plaza on Pond Street are two small wreaths on the Chamber of Commerce office. Main and Mountain bar has at least decorated their establishment.

If we want to attract people to shop and eat for the holiday season we should be making an effort to

make our town feel like a holiday destination. Little to nothing has been done to promote that from a visual perspective, other than the tree by the gazebo, away from the center of the village.

Other communities like Grafton, Stowe, and Killington are making the effort. Why not Ludlow? It's hard to get into the holiday spirit when, coupled with the lack of snow, there seems to be little in the way of village decorations that embrace the season.

Sincerely,
Joe Galbraith
Mount Holly, Vt.

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If you qualify for Lifeline, you may also be eligible for the FCC's new low-income internet assistance program called Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a government program that helps qualifying consumers pay for internet service. If you qualify for ACP, you may receive up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service. For more information about ACP, visit <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>.

Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program are government assistance programs. The programs are non-transferable. Only eligible consumers may enroll in either program. There is a limit of one discount per household, per program. Lifeline credits on internet service are only available where minimum supported broadband service is available. If the household becomes ineligible for Lifeline and/or ACP, the household will be subject to TDS' regular rates, terms, and conditions.

For more information from TDS about these programs, visit <https://tdstelecom.com/lifeline.html> or tdstelecom.com/acp, or call 1-888-CALL-TDS.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Digital Literacy Training for Vermont

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. —

As part of AT&T's support for digital literacy initiatives nationwide, the company is helping the Public Library Association (PLA) bring free, bilingual, and in-person digital literacy workshops to nearly 160 libraries across the country, including in Vermont. These contributions are part of our \$2 billion commitment made in 2021 to help bridge the digital divide.

The selected libraries in Vermont are Brandon Free Public Library and Springfield Town Library.

The workshops will utilize online digital literacy courses available through AT&T ScreenReady® and PLA Digital Learn. Created in collaboration with PLA, the courses teach skills ranging from technology basics to avoiding scams.

"Everyone deserves the power to use technology with confidence," said Owen Smith, President – AT&T Vermont.

"Our nation's public libraries serve as powerful partners in advancing digital equity and lifelong learning for all," said PLA President Maria McCauley. "PLA is excited to team up with AT&T to enhance and expand our digital literacy resources to reach new families and communities through AT&T, their connected learning centers, and local organizations."

Public libraries play a vital role in providing ac-

cess to the Internet, devices, digital content, and knowledgeable staff to all, particularly to people of color and youth in low-income households.

In 2019, nearly 54 million Americans accessed the Internet in public places, and public libraries alone hosted nearly 224 million public Internet use sessions.

Additionally, in Vermont, the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington has received \$22,000 in support from the AT&T Foundation over the past year to support the club's Early Promise program.

The goal of the club's Early Promise program is to reduce and eventually eliminate the income-based academic achievement gap in the community of young people we serve. A crucial part of these efforts includes helping club members build the digital literacy skills necessary to succeed in the modern workplace. Club educators integrate these lessons into the broader curriculum and individualized tutoring, ensuring that club members receive a balanced lesson plan.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, about 16% of U.S. adults are not digitally literate. In addition, about 40% of disconnected students face significant adoption barriers including insufficient digital literacy skills, according to a report from Common Sense Media. To close the digital divide it's important that families have accessible and affordable internet connectivity, but equally as important is that they have the

digital literacy skills needed to use and benefit from the internet.

To learn more, visit att.com/connectedlearning.

About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T

We're committed to advancing education, creating opportunities, strengthening communities, and improving lives. As part of our companywide \$2 billion commitment from 2021 to 2023 to address the digital divide, we launched AT&T Connected Learning to invest in connectivity, technology, digital literacy, and education solutions to help today's learners succeed inside and outside of the classroom.

Since 2008, we've committed to programs that help millions of students across all 50 states and around the world, particularly those in underserved communities.

About Public Library Association

The Public Library Association (PLA) is the largest association dedicated to supporting the unique and evolving needs of public library professionals. Founded in 1944, PLA serves nearly 10,000 members in public libraries large and small in communities across the United States and Canada, with a growing presence around the world. PLA strives to help its members shape the essential institution of public libraries by serving as an indispensable ally for public library leaders.

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HCRS honors community partners

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. —

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental health agency, held its annual meeting this year on Nov. 10, in Springfield, in person again for the first time since 2019.

Attended by approximately 115 board members, staff, clients, and community members, the event celebrated the agency's accomplishments and impact on cli-

ents over the last fiscal year.

George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, stated, "As I reflect upon the past year, what immediately comes to mind are the relationships and connections we have developed in our community, with our colleagues at HCRS, with all the partners we work with, not to mention the people we serve, and their families."

Attendees were treated to very special and poignant stories provided by four guest speakers, all of whom have received services through HCRS. These pre-recorded presentations spoke of these clients' and family members' challenges with mental health issues or disabilities and how HCRS has supported them for a better life.

Every year at the annual meeting, HCRS gives out dozens of awards, and this year was no different. In addition to the employee recognition awards, including 60 staff service awards totaling 645 years of service, the agency presented the James Bartley Community Partnership Award to Jill Lord, Director of Community Health at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and to the Springfield School District's Occupational Development Program and their Job and Transitions Coordinator/Special Educa-

tor, Margaret Gultekin. Both of the recipients were being honored for the profound difference they have made to so many lives in partnership with HCRS.

The HCRS annual meeting, which focused on community connections, was preceded by an event put on by HCRS in October to recognize employers they partner with who have made an incredible impact on supported employees.

The event, sponsored by Dartmouth College, included employers from all over Windsor and Windham counties who partner with HCRS. The guests were treated to a delicious lunch provided by Dartmouth Dining as the businesses received awards for being champions of disability employment.

About HCRS

Founded in 1967, HCRS is a nonprofit, community mental health agency serving Vermonters in Windham and Windsor counties. HCRS serves over 4,000 individuals every year through its mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities programs. The Agency provides holistic care for clients, supporting them with employment, housing, transportation, and other social service needs.

Visit www.hcrs.org for more information.



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CHURCH SERVICES

Theresa A. Bolster, 2022

E. DUMMERSTON, Vt. – Theresa “Terry” A. Bolster of East Dummerston, Vt. passed away on Nov. 30, 2022, at home.

Terry was an amazing woman, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend to many people. Together with her husband of 60 years, Cleon Bolster Sr., they founded B’s Treasures and Flea Market in Swanzey, N.H.

Terry spent most of her life in Vermont, creating a great home for her children and a safe, happy place to live for foster children.

Terry enjoyed spending her days going to tag sales, flea markets, and thrift shops. She loved family gatherings, large and small, and sharing stories of current and past milestones.

Terry is survived by her

husband Cleon, daughters Anita Foss, Lora Gonyea, Karen Sprague (Martin), and son Cleon Jr. (Frankie). Her grandchildren Rodney, Levi, Cameron, Beth, Eric, Kaden, Krista, and great-grandchildren Connor, Caden, Colin, Mason, and Ivory. She is also survived by her brother James and sisters Lea, Barbara, and Sandy.

A Celebration of Life will occur on Dec. 15, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. at the Dummerston Grange in Dummerston Center.

In lieu of flowers, please consider West Dummerston Fire Dept - Rescue Squad. P.O. Box 40, W. Dummerston, VT 05357

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. www.fentonandhennessey.com

Peter J. Waysville, Jr., 1948-2022

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – Peter J. Waysville, Jr., 74, of North Walpole, N.H., died peacefully at Massachusetts General Hospital surrounded by his loving family on Nov. 25, 2022. Peter was born on July 18, 1948 in Bellows Falls, Vt., to the late Peter Waysville, Sr. and Katie (Jones) Waysville.

He attended Bellows Falls High School, graduating in 1966, and went on to achieve a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of New Hampshire, graduating in 1971. He split his career between the fields of Chemical and Civil Engineering, yet he always had time for providing guidance and encouragement in every step of his children's lives. Peter was a devoted father that was ever-present at his children's events and activities, especially cheering them on at their basketball games. He was a dedicated and loving husband to his wife Christine, spending 55 incredible years with the love of his life.

Peter's hobbies included playing men's league softball in his early adult years and finding a knack for woodworking as he grew older. He also enjoyed coin and stamp collecting, as well as following all the New England sports teams, especially the Boston Bruins. Peter was a lifelong member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Sons of the American Legion, and Polish Clubs. In retirement he enjoyed travelling with his wife from the coasts of Maine to Florida.

Peter is survived by his wife, Christine (Huntley) Waysville; son, Jason R. Waysville, and his fiancée, Rebecca Ferguson; daughter, Sarah Waysville; and many nieces and nephews.

Peter was predeceased by his parents, Peter Waysville, Sr. and Katie (Jones) Waysville; stepmother, Dorothy (Reagan) Waysville; and brother, Richard Waysville.

A Celebration of Life will be announced and held in the spring of 2023.

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

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Ascutney Union Church, 5243 Route 5

There will be a brunch after church on Dec. 18, starting at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. On Dec. 24, we will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service starting at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Join the Ludlow Baptist Church for a Christmas Cantata and candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. There will be a performance of “Light of the World, A Musical Worshipping the Christ of Christmas.” For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols 5:30 p.m. Christmas Day Service Celebrating the Birth of Christ in Carols and Stories 10 a.m. Whoever you are and wherever you are in your life and faith journey, you are welcome here! Handicap parking and access available, for information call 802-228-4211.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, 211 North St., RT 103, in Chester's Stone Village.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. there will be a Christmas candlelight service of lessons and carols held at the First Universalist Parish of Chester. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

First Congregational Church, 77 Main St., Springfield.

Winter Solstice marks the shortest period of daylight in the year. First Congregational Church in Springfield will be offering a special “Longest Night” service on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. in our Fellowship room. Christmas Eve service will take place Saturday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us as we recount the story of Christ's birth through scripture readings, singing of carols, and candlelight. The service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page as well. The following morning, Christmas day, enjoy a service of music, scripture, and reflection on our new YouTube channel @firstchurchspringfield4738.

CHURCH SERVICES:

We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Sylvia R. Graves, 1942-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Sylvia “Honey” Rose Graves, 80, entered into eternal rest on Dec. 4, 2022. She was born on May 22, 1942 in Cambridge, Mass., adopted as an infant by Joseph and Rachel Thibodeau. As a young girl she traveled around the country with her Christian ministry family to establish several Assembly of God churches. She graduated from RCS High School in Rensselaer, N.Y. in 1960.

While living in Vermont, Honey met Donald Ferris Graves. She married Donnie on July 11th, 1964 and they had three sons together, Jonathan, Matthew, and Mark. Above all, Honey loved and cherished her family and she especially enjoyed being a grandmother. She had a strong faith in God and a beautiful singing voice. She enjoyed singing hymns and gospel music in church and at weddings and funerals. Over the years she helped raise many local children in her daycare and she lovingly opened her home and heart to those who needed help in times of hardship. Honey was also a talented baker and seamstress, creating many beautiful wedding and special occasion cakes over her lifetime. Later in life she also enjoyed her hobbies of crafting and scrapbooking.

Honey was predeceased by her husband Donald Ferris Graves and her son Jonathan Lee Graves, as well as her parents Joseph and Rachel Thibodeau, and her sister Leona Heffernan.

She is survived by her son Matthew Graves and his wife Christina of Ludlow; her son Mark Graves and his wife Tanya of Ludlow; five



Sylvia Graves, 1942-2022.
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grandchildren, Dominic, Kirstin, Brianna, Oliver, and Vivian; and a great granddaughter, River James. She is also survived by her nieces, Cristen Demmer and Loren Parrish, and their families in Pennsylvania; her Aunt Dot Jelley and her nieces, Kathy Doyle, Lynda Jelley, and Penney Peloquin and their families in Vermont; her three half brothers Victor, Robert, and Patrick Simeone and their families; and many extended family members and friends who knew and loved Honey over her lifetime. The family expresses heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the Gill Home for the wonderful loving care she received over the last two years.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Honey's name to the Gill Home in Ludlow or to a charity of your choice.

A graveside service will be held in the early summer next year.

A Celebration of Life for Honey will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 at 2 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant in Ludlow, Vt.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting the family with arrangements

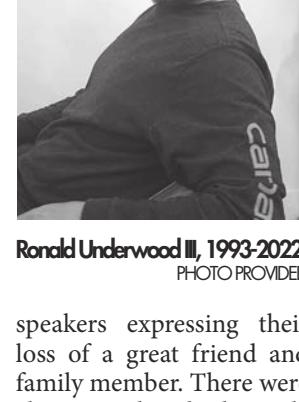
Ronald “Peanut” Wayne Underwood III, 1993-2022

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Ronald Underwood III died unexpectedly on June 12, 2022 from a tragic auto accident. He was born on Oct. 5, 1993 to Ronald Underwood Jr. and Tamry Omand Bratton at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vt. He grew up in South Londonderry. Ronnie went to Flood Brook School, and then on to Green Mountain High School in Chester, Vt. Baseball and softball were his main interests and enjoyments. He played baseball throughout his high school years, and then joined the Green Mountain Softball league in Chester with his father, where they played men's softball league games until his death.

He worked for his grandfather Ron Underwood Sr. since he was 15 years old, side by side with his father until two months before he passed away. Ronnie had then moved to Newfane to be with his fiancé Kate Edson. Shortly after, Ronnie started working for Jeff Grindlay from Newfane, which he enjoyed a lot.

Ronnie loved to go to Montana for many years, and it was the highlight of his summer vacation. He then traveled last year up to the northern point of Michigan, where he and Kate enjoyed his second love for snowmobiling, with stops to visit with Kate's family while out there. He had a love for fishing and hunting with his friends as well.

Ronnie had lots of friends that will always miss him, especially at the ball field in Chester. A celebration of his life was held on June 20, 2022, at the Green Mountain Softball League field with many



Ronald Underwood III, 1993-2022.
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speakers expressing their loss of a great friend and family member. There were about two hundred people from many states to help celebrate with us. The Service was followed by a buffet luncheon with a great barbecue graciously served by Devin Lewis, a special softball teammate; and then a wonderful fireworks display given by his future brother-in-law Josh Blish.

A lovely granite bench, which was designed by his dad and their softball team in Ronnie's memory, has been put at the softball field for everyone to visit and to remember a great young man loved by so many people. We hope everyone will

remember a fantastic young man, torn away from all of us way too soon. Sadly, he wasn't able to fulfill all his dreams that he and Kate had planned. We will all

miss him forever, and never forget a great son, grandson, brother, cousin, and a friend to many people.

He is survived by his father Ron Underwood Jr. and his stepmother Jodie, his mother Tamry Bratton and stepfather Scott, sister Abigail Underwood and her fiancé Josh Blish, half sister Autumn Bratton, step siblings Holly and Cole

Landon, fiancé Kate, Grandparents Dick and Marsha Omand, and Ronald Sr. and Emily Underwood, and lots of aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

obituaries

Michael J. McDermott, 1947-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Surrounded by family and friends, Michael J. McDermott, 75, passed away at his home on Saturday Dec. 3, 2022, following a brave struggle with Alzheimer's. He was born June 21, 1947 in Niagara Falls, N.Y., the son of James J. and Mary L. (Juzwiak) McDermott. Michael graduated from Bishop Duffy High School in Niagara Falls and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Niagara University. While at Niagara he was ROTC-Commissioned – Second Lieutenant United States Army Reserve, and later transferred to active duty with the United States Army. Michael was a licensed pilot and continued to serve his country as a long time member of the Vermont Civil Air Patrol and the Rutland Composite Squadron, attaining the rank of Major.

Michael lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Ludlow. He was a bartender in the surrounding areas, before beginning his career with Jiffy Mart, where he retired as their Director of Operations.

Michael loved skiing and hiking, and was a loyal Buffalo Bills fan. He was an accomplished photographer who enjoyed traveling, especially to Ireland. In 2015 he met the love of his life with whom he shared these



Michael McDermott, 1947-2022.
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interests.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Kimberly McDermott of Ludlow, Vt.; one son J. Michael McDermott of Northfield, Mass.; stepson Brendan Ferguson of Troy, N.Y.; one brother Daniel McDermott (Barbara) of Beaver Creek, Ohio; two sisters Sharon Higgins (Mark) of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Christina Palmer of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; aunt sister Rita McDermott Curry of Buffalo, N.Y.; sister-in-law Diana Palmer of Queensbury, N.Y.; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends, especially Cynthia and Richard Farnsworth of Chester, Vt.

In accordance with Michael's wishes a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Stephen Michael Politza, 1946-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Stephen Michael Politza, 76, of Springfield, Vt., died of natural causes at home on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022.

He was born Oct. 30, 1946 in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., the son of Stephen and Theresa (Cavanna) Politza. He received his education in South Glastonbury, Conn. He was proud to serve as a Marine, earning a Meritorious Mast in the Vietnam War. He spent the rest of his life as a self-employed master electrician.

Stephen was an avid lover of dogs, especially of the late Lucan. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a kind and generous provider for his loved ones and held a deep appreciation for the outdoors.

He is survived by his former wife Judy (Ouellette) Politza; son Erik Politza of Springfield, Vt.; daughter



Stephen Politza, 1946-2022.
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Laurel Politza of San Francisco, CA.; three grandchildren Kody, Kiley, and Kian Politza of Springfield, Vt.; and numerous cousins and second cousins.

A military service will be held at a later date in Connecticut.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting the family with the arrangements.

OBITUARIES:

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

DEC. 15 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., St. Luke's Mission Theatre, 176 Main Street, Charlestown, N.H., will present an evening of traditional Christmas songs and carols featuring the Silvertones from the Charlestown Senior Center. The group, directed by Carol Clark, is well known in the Fall Mountain Region. They will sing a variety of traditional Christmas songs and carols and will ask the audience to join them

in singing a number of familiar pieces. The concert will be held one night only and is free to the public. However, donations will be cheerfully accepted. No tickets are required. This is a wonderful event for the entire family.

DEC. 18 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Historical Society will be having a Christmas gathering on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room (under the library). Enjoy our collection of "Old Christmas Ornaments," singing Christmas carols,

and holiday refreshments.

EVENTS & MORE

DEC. 17 –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project presents an acoustic music Winter Solstice Mini-Fest featuring multi-instrumentalist Matt Flinner and folk/roots trio Low Lily on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are cheaper in advance or can be bought at the door. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102.

DEC. 18 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. the Springfield Art Gym will be hosting a holiday themed Zentangle class taught by Wendi Germain, Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT). Everything needed will be provided. We can even digitize your artwork and prep it for printing Christmas cards. To sign up email us at springfieldartgym@gmail.com.

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

TUESDAYS –
PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class.

com, direct message us on Facebook, or text Wendi at 802-376-8811.

DEC. 19 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Monday, Dec. 19, at 1-3 p.m., in the Great Hall at 100 River Street, Springfield, there will be a program of holiday music. Kathi Byam and a local ukulele group will perform for our entertainment.

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

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

THURSDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Cardio & Sculpt, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

FRIDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Friday, 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.

SATURDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

SUNDAYS –
S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Winter Market in South Londonderry is back! Come to the Historic Depot Station off Route 100 every Saturday through Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for hot food and locally-made crafts. For more information, contact Kyle Cohen at klc0319@gmail.com.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –
On Saturdays at 9 a.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit www.okemo.com.

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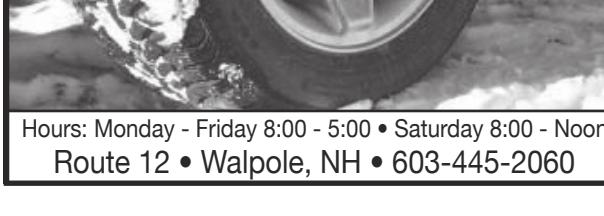


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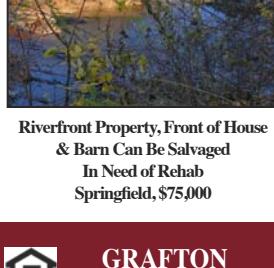
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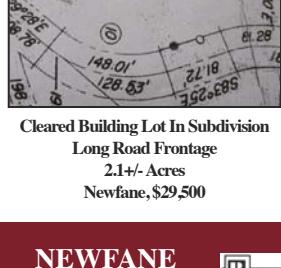
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Celebrating 50 Years with historic display —

WINDSOR, Vt. - Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC), a member of Dartmouth Health, is celebrating its 50th anniversary on County Road in Windsor, Vt.

Individuals coming by for scheduled appointments are encouraged to view the special historic display found at the main entrance of the hospital.

The informative display features various items that span the decades, such as photos, documents, newspaper clippings, and a candy stripe uniform.

The original Windsor Hospital was established in 1933 in what is now the Stoughton House on Main Street, a former mansion deeded to the cause. The move from a bustling Main Street to farmland on Coun-

ty Road was completed in 1972.

Along with the move came a new public identity: Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center.

Founded in 1933, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center is a non-profit community hospital network, including the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Historic Homes of Rennemede, a senior residential care campus, in Windsor.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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A public hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit for:

Applicant: Christopher Sculti

Location: 1505 Great Roaring Brook Rd.

Proposal: Second sub-division of parcel 000246 into 3 lots

Application: # 2022-28

PLYMOUTH TOWN CLERK POSITION

The Plymouth Select Board is accepting resumes for the position of Town Clerk.

The responsibilities include providing citizens with accurate and vital information, assisting the treasurer and tax collector, registration renewals of motor vehicles, vital records administration, including processing marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, dog licensing, maintaining town records and documents, managing voter registration and other election related business, such as presiding over election day in coordination with the BCA.

The Clerk is also responsible for recording and posting the minutes of Select Board meetings, and other publicly warned meetings and hearings, including the Board of Civil Authority. An understanding of applicable state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the governing of town business is required.

It is the intention of the Select Board to ask the voters to allow them to appoint the Town Clerk position and Treasurer position at the March 2023 town meeting.

The town office is open Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This position requires the applicant to be able to work confidently and independently. A high school diploma or equivalent and being a Plymouth town resident are the minimum qualifications. Training and start up orientation will be available. This is a full – time position with a full benefit package. Hourly wage is dependent on experience and qualifications. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to the Plymouth Town Clerk @ clerk@plymouthvt.org or in person.

SUPERIOR COURT

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION Docket No.

In Re: Divided Sky Foundation Land
Use Permit Amendment 2S0155-1

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8504(a) and Rule 5 of the Vermont Rules of Environmental Court Proceedings (V.R.E.C.P.), Fox Run Homeowners' Association Inc. MBE and its constituent owners (collectively, the "Association" or "Appellant") hereby appeals to the Vermont Superior Court Environmental Division from the Land Use Permit Amendment dated November 1, 2022 (the "Permit"), issued by the District 2 Environmental Commission approving the application submitted by Divided Sky Foundation to convert and renovate an existing building located at 262 Fox Lane Extension in Ludlow, Vermont, that was formerly used as a weight control center, to now be used as a residential substance use disorder treatment facility (the "Project"). A copy of the Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

The Association owns land that shares a property boundary with the Project parcel. The Association participated before the District Commission and was granted party status. The Permit, if confirmed, would injure the Association's particularized interests protected under 10 V.S.A. ch. 151. The statutory and legal bases for this appeal and/or the Association's party status are, inter alia, 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001(14), 6001(23), 6085(c)(1)(e), 8502(7) and 8504(a).

Notice to Interested Persons: You must enter an appearance in writing with the Court within 21 days of receiving this Notice of Appeal or in such other time as may be provided in Vermont Rule of Environmental Procedure 5(c) if you wish to participate in this appeal.

DATED at Rutland, Vermont this 30th day of November, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Pat & Penny Travel to Morocco

holiday & events

Yuletide Caroling at Rockingham Meeting House

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission invites the twin state community to Yuletide caroling at the Historic Rockingham Meeting House, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. A prelude to the caroling will include a short holiday organ concert on the Meeting House's 1890 Estey organ. Cookies will be pro-

vided by Lisa's Market and cider from Allen Brothers.

"We believe that this beautiful, historic building is the perfect place to celebrate this special time of year and bring our community together," said Walter Wallace, Commission Coordinator. "As the Meeting house is one of the most authentic colonial-era

Meeting House examples in America, please dress warmly as it has no heat except the warmth of our hearts and a good wool sweater!"

Song lyric sheets will be provided. For further information contact the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission at 802-591-0831.

FIFA World Cup in Ludlow Town Hall

LUDLOW, Vt. — Following lengthy negotiations with FIFA, the International Professional Soccer organization, FOLA, Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium, has been able to acquire the rights to show the final round of the FIFA 2022 World Cup match from Qatar. This match will be screened live in the Ludlow Town Hall auditorium and is free.

FOLA will screen the World Cup championship match, broadcast live from Qatar, on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.

Scott Stearns, FOLA's Activity Director, in announcing this ambitious program, said, "This is a major first for both FOLA and the Town of Ludlow. We're just happy that we were able to make this great sporting event available to everyone

in Ludlow and the surrounding area."

Jim Alic expressed his thanks to Scott for the amount of work involved in making this event possible. "Scott did a really fantastic job bringing all the loose ends together so that we all could attend this

CHESTER, Vt. — For many years the people of the parish celebrated the yuletide holidays on the Sunday before Christmas with a traditional candlelight service of lessons and carols. On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. the Christmas candlelight service of lessons and car-

ols will be held at the First Universalist Parish of Chester. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

"Lessons" is another word for the ancient Christmas story, which will be related this year by members of the parish.

The offering from this service is donated in its en-

tirety to the Chester Andover Family Center.

We invite the community to this beautiful service.

The First Universalist Parish of Chester is located at 211 North Street, Route 103, in Chester's Stone Village.

Contact us at chestervtu@gmail.com.



Watch the World Cup.

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Winter Solstice

Mini-Fest at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. — The Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an acoustic music Winter Solstice Mini-Fest featuring multi-instrumentalist Matt Flinner and folk/roots trio Low Lily on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage. The four award-winning musicians, accompanied by double bassist Steve Roy, celebrate the solstice playing energetic instrumentals and songs for the season on

mandolins, guitars, fiddles, and banjos, and singing in three and four part harmony.

Grammy-nominated mandolinist Matt Flinner has made a career out of playing acoustic music in new ways. Flinner's style and compositional ability have established him as one of the most accomplished and musically diverse mandolinists in the world.

Over the past two decades,

Low Lily's Liz Simmons and Flynn Cohen have crafted a signature sound that is deeply rooted in tradition, yet refreshingly contemporary. Along the way, they have garnered two number one songs on international folk radio and two Independent Music Award wins.

Liz, Flynn, and newest bandmate Natalie Padilla, have performed with numerous well-known names in folk and traditional music, in-

cluding Ruth Moody, Aoife Clancy, Livingston Taylor, Melanie, and Peter Rowen.

Next Stage Arts is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance or can be purchased at the door. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. For more information, call 802-387-0102. Next Stage will provide a cash bar with beer, wine, and cocktails.

In Awe Coexistence and Mindfulness of LIFE

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Canal Street Art Gallery presents the "LIFE: Judy Hawkins, Carol Keiser, MC Noyes" exhibit, a collection of artworks displaying awe, coexistence, and mindful-

ness of life, on view Dec. 16 through Feb. 11. Join the Gallery on the Third Friday Gallery Night in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls Dec. 16 and Jan. 21 from 5-7 p.m. to celebrate and meet the artists. All gallery events are free and open to the public.

Judy Hawkins paints using layers and glazes of brilliant and high contrast color which is built up, removed, and reapplied, to make landscapes which share the artist's awe for life. Hawkins paints with the intention of learning something new from

each experience during the process, paying attention to paint drips and accidental color combinations. "Over the last few years, I have thought about how important it is for me to continually learn something new whenever I put brush and color on canvas; each new experience brings a new perspective and vocabulary to my work, not unlike life. I am in awe of nature. It never ceases to amaze and inspire me."

Carol Keiser paints using vivid colors and large shapes to show pleasure and delight in subjects like women at leisure, floral still lifes, interiors, and landscapes. Keiser's new series is of life in Zambia, Africa: buffalo, elephants, giraffes, lions, leopards, and zebras, experienced by the artist in the plains and on the Zambezi River. "To watch the herds of buffalo, or elephants, or giraffes, or zebras move slowly across the plains, grazing, playing, protecting the young, was like watching a great dance of harmony and synchrony, of acknowledging that there is space for all of us in this universe, that coexistence is possible and real."

MC Noyes paints with broad gestures and thick layers of paint to represent the movement, pattern, and light of the landscape. Noyes applies layers of paint while still wet, mixing colors on the canvas, painting over the same brushstrokes to preserve the gestures. The artist's new series, Water Way, is created from observing the movements and patterns of water. "The concept of my Water Way series is using bubbles on the surface of flowing water as a visualization to detach the mind from intrusive thoughts and bring it back to the present. This series of paintings is a representation of this imagery. The fast current is moving away from the viewer's perspective, up the tall vertical canvases to an unseen horizon."

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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