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Rockingham tax sale

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham tax sale took place on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House with Steve Ankuda of Parker & Ankuda P.C. and Rockingham Staff in attendance.

Ankuda explained to the audience of 10 that tax sales were used to collect back taxes on properties for money owed to the municipality. The minimum bid pays the debt in full, and includes the interest, penalties, and utilities.

The rules state that if property is acquired at tax sale, the buyer does not own the property for one year, and anytime within that year the mortgage holder or owner can pay off the debt. After the sale, the property accrues 1% interest per month, at the end of the year

the owner must pay 12% interest, plus the debt in full.

Beginning Feb. 24, 2024, the highest bid at a tax sale will acquire a tax collectors deed and own the property. Ankuda said “for good or for bad,” explaining the property might have tenants to evict, or in worse case scenarios might only be an empty lot.

Bidders are not allowed on the property until they own it, but Ankuda said state statute allows the municipality to enter onto the land for the purpose of assessing and remediation to protect its investment. He said the town was ready to bid on properties.

Ankuda said the winning bid must settle immediately and after the year would also pay 1.45% to the state for the property transfer tax. He warned that winning bids will want to watch the properties activities.

The following properties

received no bids and were considered not sold: 212 Rockingham Street, 37 Old Terrace, 90 Rockingham Street, 995 Saxtons River Road, 27 Front Street, 16 ½ Hyde Street, and 25 Hapgood Place.

The property of 510 Htichcock Road received the only bidding war; minimum bid began at \$3,628 and the final bid was accepted at \$9,000.

The minimum bids were accepted for the properties at: 299 O’Brien Road for \$9,332, 15 Corey Hill Road for \$19,169, and 990 Saxtons River Road for \$5,132.

The Town of Rockingham won the minimum bid on 36/37 Old Terrace for \$13,976.

The State of Vermont offers property tax credit assistance, visit their website for more information www.tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit.

Springfield Selectboard prepares for March 7 election

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Town Manager Jeff Mobus kicked off Monday night’s meeting with a couple of resignation announcements. Mobus said they were sad to report Anna Boarini, one of three town library trustees, is moving out of town and will be resigning. Mobus said that if anyone is interested in the position, they should reach out to him, or Suzette “Sue” Chivers, another trustee. Also, Fire Chief Paul Stagner will resign his post as Deputy Health Officer, to be appointed Health Officer, and Deputy Chief John Franklin will be appointed the new Deputy Health Officer.

Sue Kaskiw, with the Vermont Volunteer Services for Animals was in attendance over Zoom to announce a vet clinic and rabies center that will be set up at Riverside Middle School on March 25. Kaskiw mentioned this would be the third year of the clinic. “And it’s a really needed service,” she said. “It’s a drive up and poke, the fee is \$13, and anyone can take part, you don’t need to be a resident of Springfield.” Kaskiw said they were looking for volunteers, and reaching out to students who need hours toward community service credits.

Chief Stagner spoke about demolition plans for 43 Park Street, the

Kingsbury residence that is in danger of falling into the Black River. Because of the current state of the property, the town has been awarded a grant to cover the costs of the demo, and to restore the riverbank so the property will be flood resilient. In its place, the town plans to install a public green space, with a walking path, and benches. Restrictions prevent any pavement or permanent structures, but, Stagner said, otherwise the grant is extremely flexible. “Even though the work starts in one year, the grant will still cover all costs. It may even cover the Kingsbury’s storage costs.”

The board acknowledged receipt of the pre-award agreement and would consent to take next steps, once the homeowners have accepted a purchase price, and the board sees more concrete estimates for the project.

Stagner also said the town has been dealing with several properties destroyed by fire that have been deemed unsafe or dangerous. The next action, according to Stagner, would be to review the findings, then appoint a committee to make decisions on how best to proceed. The proposed committee would be Stagner, Clafin, and Structural Engineer David Todd Hedinger.

A discussion on which properties will take precedence led to the acknowledgement of potentially up to another 13 buildings that fall into the “next tier” of homes in need of restoration due to fire damage. Select-

board member Walter Martone put forward a motion to revisit this next tier of properties once the initial reviews were complete. Selectman Michael Martin seconded the motion.

Toward the end of the meeting, Library Director Sue Dowdell announced that the library is collecting soft plastic, collaborating with the rotary, and once they’ve collected 500 pounds, the town will receive a bench made from the upcycled plastic. Between individual community members and local businesses, donations are pouring in, and the project is ongoing. Selectboard member Everett Hammond said the town can earn one bench every six months. Dowdell directed people to drop materials off at the library, and Mobus mentioned the transfer station was also accepting donations.

Mobus reminded everyone that next Monday, March 6, the town informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Springfield High School and broadcast live on SAPA TV. Mobus said, “Everyone will receive town, school, and budget information, as well as information on the bond request for the water project, and all appropriations.” The session will go over everything on Tuesday’s ballot, including 20 separate Articles. “I want to note that the meeting will start at 7,” Mobus said. “It’s been 7:30 for a long time.”

Early ballots are being accepted at the town hall, and polls will be open until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7.

BF athletes get new uniforms

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Middle School 7th and 8th graders had new athletic uniforms donated to the school by the Bob Joy Memorial Scholarship and Community Fund. The Bob Joy Memorial Scholarship and Community Fund donated uniforms for field hockey, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls basketball, and the baseball and softball teams. The students, teachers, and parents of Bellows Falls are all extremely thankful for this generous donation.



Brian Joy, of the Bob Joy Memorial Scholarship and Community Fund, with Bellows Falls athletes.

FACT-TV expanding into Keene

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Falls Area Community Television, or FACT-TV, will soon be expanding its coverage by launching a new station in Keene, N.H., with the new radio space being located at Heberton Hall on Winters Street. Keene has not had a public-access television station since the shutdown of “Cheshire TV” in 2020.

Under the direction of Executive Director Alex Stradling, FACT-TV will provide community-access television on the spectrum-provided channel 1301. Additionally, according to a recent press release, FACT-TV is also willing and able to help train local residents and coordinate the scheduling content.

Stradling and company are excited to be expanding their operations and public access and servicing the Keene area. Public access television is an ideal way to create local ties with nearby communities.

On Friday, Feb. 24, from 1-6 p.m., FACT-TV celebrated the grand opening of the new location inside the Keene Public Library at 60 Winters Street. It was an opportunity to enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the station and observe all the services the operation has to offer.

It also gives the experienced team of technicians an opportunity to show people the ins and outs of operating a public access television station and to answer any technical questions visitors may have.

This event also created a platform for like-minded individuals to share ideas and the possibilities that come with supporting access to the television operation. There was also a question and answer session and refreshments were served at the event.

Managing Director, Josh Morelli, will run the Keene location.

“I got involved with FACT-TV a couple years ago when Alex Stradling was doing a community film project,” Morelli said in a recent interview. “We worked together to bring this project to life and then just kept working together from there.

“I started shooting videographer gigs for him and started working at the studio, and our working relationship just took off from there. Eventually, I saw an article about how Keene was looking for someone to take over the old Cheshire TV studio. I brought the article to Alex and we got to work on making it happen. Now, it’s our first official branch in another town for FACT-TV.”

Morelli will oversee the

new location, which will again broadcast on Spectrum channel 1301, which will coincide with the stations current broadcasts across channels 1082-1083 on Comcast and 172-173 on VTel, where they will continue to serve Saxtons River, Grafton, and the Greater Rockingham region. All media will also continue to be streamed across YouTube, Facebook, and the FACT-TV website.

Falls Area Community Television is a nonprofit, Access Management Organization (AMO) dedicated to serving the public, education, and government sectors of our local communities. FACT-TV’s humble beginnings started in 1978 at Bellows Falls Union High School, and has evolved (since 1998) under the direction of the previously mentioned Executive Director Alex Stradling, Technical and Programming Manager Collin Kimball, and Technical Assistant Amon Bingham.

If you are interested in learning more about FACT-TV or becoming a sponsor, please call the Bellows Falls station at 802-463-1613, the Keene station at 603-903-0036, or by email at fact810@gmail.com or factkeene@gmail.com.

Bellows Falls Train Station updates

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the updates on the Bellows Falls Train Station. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup gave an overview of the changes. He said the funding stack was complicated because each funding source had its own standards that the town must follow.

The town’s purchase and sale agreement of the train station was closer to completion with the recently completed analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA), but still needed to finalize the lease and right of way agreements, the National Environmental Project Act (NEPA), and Section 106 reviews. Once the agreement is made, the town will receive a notice to proceed and the committed funds will be released, including: Down-

town Transportation Fund \$200,000, Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) \$350,000, Town ARPA \$100,000, and Windham Regional Commission Brownfields \$260,000.

Pickup said the major funding would be from a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant for \$1.8 million. Pickup said for this grant, the state agency would apply on behalf of the town for the federal funds.

Board member Elijah Zimmer referred to the ABCA report with its recommendations for removing portions of the plaster in the restaurant section, and said “from a historic preservation standpoint, we should avoid that.”

Development Director Gary Fox said time and research was spent working with Rockingham’s Historic Preservation Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Resources

Specialist, had recommended maintaining the waiting room for historical integrity, and removing necessary portions of the plaster in the back rooms. He said for preservation, they look for the balance of renovation and maintaining a reasonable approach to preserve the history.

Fox suggested sticking to the final agreement and Section 106 review to comply with federal and state funding requirements. Zimmer said the town could figure out the final approach; whether or not to compromise.

The Rockingham Town Meeting is on Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m., with the School Board meeting to follow, and will be held in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Voting will be Tuesday, March 7 at the Masonic Temple from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The board regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Theater.

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Kurn Hattin receives NEASC accreditation

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – It is our distinct honor and pleasure to announce that Kurn Hattin Homes has received initial NEASC accreditation.

Beth Hamilton from NEASC wrote in her announcement letter: “The Commission commends the ... [Homes] for its continued, heartfelt commitment to the children of KHH. The school is doing everything possible to provide for their learning and personal development.”

“As a member of three different teams visiting KHH over the past five years, it has been a privilege for me to meet with the dedicated members of the adult community and tour both the educational and residential facilities. There is no doubt in my mind that KHH is nurturing the young children in its care with a commitment to the original mission of its founding. I commend the ...[Homes] for the transparency of the adult community and its willingness to accept suggestions for growth and improvement. KHH has embraced accreditation as a process that demonstrates the highest levels of quality assurance and, no less importantly, leverages school improvement. KHH should celebrate its accomplishments and the areas of commendation by the commission. These are proud achievements and milestones in the life of the ... [Homes].”

Kurn Hattin Homes has enjoyed the status of being a Vermont Approved Independent School from the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) for many decades, and we sought this additional independent accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). We thank all members of the KHH community for their hard work in our initial self-study as well as in all of the subsequent NEASC team visits and progress reports.

Visit our website for more information www.kurnhattin.org.

Springfield Elks awards first Student of the Month

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The members of Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 are proud to announce that they have established a Student of the Month program at Springfield High School, through the cooperation of Principal Bindy Harthorn and her staff.

This program rewards students through a rubric system that focuses on participation, respect, integrity, dependability, and engagement.

The first award went to freshmen Brandon Bauer, who filled all the qualities of the above description. Brandon is the son of Kerri and David Shambo. The teacher who nominated Brandon remarked that he contributes constructively in the classroom and shares relevant information and ideas. He demonstrates self respect and respect for adults and peers in the community. He can act responsibly and take ownership for decisions and actions. He is prepared for class and he completes assignments and assessments; and if necessary, revises work in a timely manner. He continues to stay on task and work efficiently. The teacher who nominated Brandon remarked, “he is a hard worker and always helps out his peers when he finishes a task early.”

He is interested in basketball and hopes to try out next year for the SHS team. His hobbies are the culinary program, basketball, and hanging with friends. Favorite classes are Math and Phys. Ed. He has passed all subjects with high achievement.

The Springfield Elks members would like to congratulate Brandon Bauer for being the first recipient of the Springfield Elks’ Student of the Month program.



Brandon Bauer, the first Springfield Elks’ January Student of the Month and Mike Gunn, Secretary of the Elks.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Springfield Elks award Gratitude Grant

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Recently, the Springfield Elks Lodge presented a \$1,000 Elks Gratitude Grant to the Springfield Senior Center. This Grant money comes from Elks National after the lodge meets it’s per capita to ENE. Lori Johnson, Director at the Center, had been asked by the Elks if she had any ongoing projects that she needed funds to help with it. She came back with a request for funds to help complete their kitchen renovation project. The Elks petitioned Elks National and came up with these



Left to right: elks members, Kathy Knoras, Trustee Victor Baskevich, Past Exalted Ruler Carolee Murchie, center director Lori Johnson, center members, Perk Childs, Paulette Shambo, and Ellen Currie.

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Regional legislative forum in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A forum with area legislators will be held on Monday, March 13 at 8 a.m. at the River Valley Tech Center, 303 South Street in Springfield, Vt. This free, public event is sponsored by the Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC), Mt. Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC), and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The annual forum is being held in-person for the first time since 2020. Legislators from the SRDC/MARC region have been invited to attend and will provide their insights on issues in the current legislative session. There will be an opportunity for questions from those in attendance.

The legislative forum is open to the public and free of charge. RSVP’s are requested at www.eventbrite.com/e/legislative-breakfast-tickets-541262971117 or by calling the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce at 802-885-2779.

Springfield Elks new members

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Latest initiation of new members at Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 are shown left to right: Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras, Allen Coleman, Vermont Elks State President Jim Kirlwood, Dennis Allard, and Gerald Malloy.



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Bellows Falls Woman’s Club meets, collects food donations

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Bellows Falls Woman’s Club will meet on March 14, at the United Church on School Street, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Welcomed as the program presenter will be Betsy Thurston, Executive Director of the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance.

Club members are reminded to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Our Place Drop-in Center.

At the Feb. 14 meeting, members donated sweets and filled 25 bags with Valentine treats for community, municipal, and emergency social service providers, the health center, nursing facilities, and individuals as a gesture of gratitude for their service to the citizens of the communities. The club’s associate members were presented with a bag of goodies.

Area women interested in joining the Bellows Falls Woman’s Club and helping with its projects may contact Membership Chairman Sally McGaffigan at frankmcgaffigan@comcast.net.

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funds to help. This is the third time Ms. Johnson has asked the Elks to help and they came through.



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Did you know?

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In my 50-plus years buying antiques from private homes, I met many old Vermonters. Some of these old Vermonters knew things now long forgotten. Below I give a few examples:

Quilts
It was probably 45 years ago, I was in an attic of a generational home buying antiques. I opened an old blanket box. Inside, neatly folded, were a number of antique quilts. One by one, I took them out and unfolded them to look them over. The old lady stood beside me and told me who made or owned each quilt. One quilt had stains. When I pointed it out to her, she told me how to remove the stains. She said, “On a very cold winter

day, take the quilt outdoors and lay it stain side down in the snow. Leave it out overnight and bring it in the next day. The cold will draw the stains out.” I’ve never tried it, but it seems plausible.

Candle wax
I learned from an old man how to remove built up wax from candlesticks. This is very simple and it works. Place the candlesticks in your freezer overnight. The wax will be easier to remove the next day.

Cotton balls
One summer day, close to 50 years ago, I went to see an old man in Weston. I walked up onto his porch and knocked on the door. I noticed he had several cotton balls tied to his screen door. I asked what they were for. He told me cotton balls kept flies away from the screen door. This way you can open the door without letting flies in the house.

Ladder back chairs

This history is interesting. I have seen it a few times in my life. A ladder back chair is a high back side chair. They will have three or four horizontal slats, one above the other. Hence the term “ladder back.”

Ladder back chairs from the 18th century will sometimes show wear on the front of the finials. How could this be? Picture yourself standing behind the chair: Now tip the chair forward, so the finials rest on the floor. A toddler learning to walk would grab the rear legs or a stretcher, and push the chair around. This is how the little tike learned to walk. Generation after generation used this chair in this fashion, wearing flat spots on the front of the finials. It is part of the chair’s history. Don’t refinish.

Cutting teeth
Coin silver teaspoons were produced in the 18th century on into the mid-19th

century. Individually made by silversmiths, they are very thin and lightweight. You will sometimes see these spoons where the bowl of the spoon has tiny dents.

When babies were cutting teeth, these spoons were given to the baby to cut their teeth on. If you have a coin spoon with tiny dents, this is why.

Cleaning cast iron
When your cast iron gets cruddy this may clean it for you. Place the cast iron upside down in a hot oven. Let it heat for an hour or so. Take it out of the oven and let it cool. When cool enough to handle, spread salt over the interior surface. Using a coarse cloth, work the salt into the iron. This abrasive scrubbing will improve the cooking surface. After using a cast iron skillet, wipe it clean. Then crumple up wax paper and rub the heated surface, turning the wax paper over a few



Ruffled edge of oil lamp chimney.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

times. The wax will seal the surface.

Lamp chimneys
Some clear glass oil lamp chimneys have a ruffled top. The old Vermonters found an excellent use for these glass chimneys. The lamp would be lit and set at a low flame. A small saucer was placed on top of the chimney. Water was added to the saucer. Then mothers placed a baby bottle in the saucer. The ruffled top of the

chimney allowed smoke to escape. If you used a regular flat top chimney, the flame would be smothered and die. The milk in the baby bottle would be warmed from heat of the flame. I remember testing heated milk on the inside of my wrist.

This week’s old saying: “Behind every successful man is an amazed mother in law.”

Lunch with Calvin Coolidge

LUDLOW, Vt. – All are welcome to attend a soup and bread luncheon at the United Church of Ludlow on Sunday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m. After lunch we will be entertained while

Tracy Messer, Coolidge ambassador and administrator, takes on the persona of Calvin Coolidge, our thirtieth President of the United States. Mr. Messer, a living history performer,

will share stories of President Coolidge’s humble beginnings, his political career, and his sudden, unexpected presidency upon the death of Warren G. Harding in 1923.

This free luncheon is open to the public. The fellowship hall is handicap accessible. The United Church of Ludlow is located at 48 Pleasant Street, Ludlow, Vt.

Susan B. Anthony, failure is impossible

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Susan B. Anthony, portrayed by Sheryl Faye, will be performed at the Springfield Town Library on Wednesday, March 8, at 1 p.m.

Susan B. Anthony was a women’s rights activist who devoted her life to racial, gender, and educational equality. She is one of the most famous women in American history, she played a prominent role in the women’s suffrage movement; the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, and she also

was in support of women’s labor organizations and a woman’s right to own property.

For over thirty years, Susan traveled the country ceaselessly working for women’s rights. In 1906, her health failing, Anthony addressed her last women’s suffrage convention. Although she sensed that the cause would not be won in her lifetime, she looked out across the assembled women and told them, “Failure is impossible.”

The library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact 802-885-3108 or check the website at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org.

SVAC’s annual Art From the Schools

REGION – Spring is coming early to SVAC’s Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum, in an annual celebration of PreK-12 grade student art that will be on view from Saturday, March 4 through Sunday, April 23. Art from the Schools will begin with a special week highlighting the region’s most advanced young artists. The High School Spotlight opens Saturday, March 4. This exhibition will feature work by Long Trail School’s International Baccalaureate Students, as well as advanced art students from Arlington Memorial High School, Burr and Burton Academy, and Pownal High School. After a short gallery closing to reorganize from March 12-17, work by hundreds of PreK-12 students will be on the walls through Sunday, April 23.

Art from the Schools allows students the meaningful learning experience of presenting in a real art gallery, and it brings guests the joy of seeing the vibrant creativity of young artists at work. The Wilson Museum will be filled with drawings, paintings, and sculptures created by students from more than 20 area schools and homeschools. SVAC gratefully acknowledges the teaching, curating, and logistical work of the many



Art from the Dorset School 2022 collection.
PHOTO BY ABBY RAEDER

wonderful art teachers who contribute their time and care to these exhibitions.

Participating schools: Arlington Memorial Middle High School, Burr and

Burton Academy, Cavendish Town Elementary School, Currier Memorial School, The Dorset School, Fiddleheads Farm and Forest School, Fisher Elemen-

tary School, Flood Brook School, Homeschoolers, Long Trail School, Manchester Elementary Middle School, Manchester Village School, Maple Street School, Middletown Springs Elementary School, The Mountain School at Winhall, Northshire Day School, Poultnery High School, Pownal Elementary School, Red Fox Community School, Shaftsbury Elementary School, Southwestern Vermont Supervisory Union Art Therapy Program, Sunderland Elementary School, Village School of North Bennington, Wells Village School, West River Montessori School, and more.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

Hello, neighbors. My name is Wendy M. Levy and I am excited to be on this year's town meeting ballot as a library trustee. I believe my leadership skills, my love for libraries, and my knowledge of how crucial they are to a community make me an excellent addition to the Rockingham Free Public Library's Board of Trustees.

I moved to Bellows Falls from Brattleboro in April, 2022, and I am so glad I did. One of my favorite things about living here is the Rockingham Free Public Library (RFPL). It's a beautiful building inside and out, and the librarians are helpful and dedicated. While most of my interaction with the library is borrowing books, DVDs, and magazines, I also go there to read the newspaper, use the printer, do the communal jigsaw puzzle, attend events, and learn about local resources from the librarians. It's a nice place to be when I need some quiet but I want to get out of the house.

From the age of five, when my mom got me a library card, I've been a fan of libraries. I love to read. My first after-school job was at the Dover (N.J.) Public Library. I am currently enrolled in the state's Certificate of Public Librarianship program, so some day I might even become a librarian.

I've been a long-time supporter of local, independent media. Some of you may recognize my name from "The Commons" newspaper, where I was a reporter for many years. A lot of my work there was covering municipal government; thus I know how boards and budgets work. In 1998 I helped start a community radio station, and since then I've served in various leadership and volunteer roles at other non-commercial radio stations.

Libraries match my ethics and values. I am lucky enough to have a life that allows me some time for service, and RFPL is where I want to do it. Public li-

braries serve all visitors, whether or not they live in the town, and they provide free access to information, art, and entertainment. They are not owned by any profit-making entity. We all own them, thus we are responsible for them; their quality reflects our dedication to our community.

As a trustee, I will bring my love for collaborating with others on projects that maintain and improve my surroundings, and my attentive and inquisitive nature. I look forward to working with the director, the staff, the other trustees, the Friends of the Library (of which I am a member), and the community to ensure the library remains viable, accessible, and loved by you: the Rockingham community and our visitors.

I hope you'll vote for me on March 7. See you at the polls.

Signed,
Wendy M. Levy
Bellows Falls. Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing today with thoughts regarding Plymouth's Selectboard. The board meets twice monthly, on the first and third Monday. Recently, there have been changes to that schedule (cancellations or postponings) that were not well communicated. A December meeting was cancelled and another set up a few days prior to the cancelled date, which we learned later through the posted minutes (very grateful for those). Another meeting was held in February regarding short-term rentals in which a select group was invited, but there was no general notice to voters. In addition, it has been difficult to view the agenda for those meetings until sometimes very late on the day of, or in some cases there was no agenda published. Vermont statutes say selectboard agendas should be available five days before the meeting.

More importantly, the selectboard will be making a decision this spring on how large a bond

(up to \$800,000) it will issue to cover the costs of the upcoming municipal building renovation. Since the approval, the town has seen its cash increase from \$1.8 million (June 2022) to almost \$3 million in January 2023. In comparison, Ludlow ended June 2022 with about \$2 million in cash/investments, compared to \$1.9 in cash/investments for Plymouth. At the same time, Plymouth's annual budget is well less than 30% of Ludlow's annual budget.

There are a number of projects that those increased funds will be allocated to, but it is critical that the selectboard informs the town of its intentions for those substantial funds, and more importantly use at least some of those funds to reduce the final amount of the bond issue. Plymouth has ARPA funds remaining that exceed \$150,000, which do not seem to have a designated use. Perhaps those could be used toward the building renovation, but at a minimum, ideas should be dis-

cussed with voters.

In this environment of increasing inflation, a pending multi-million dollar school bond issue, and other requirements of the town, in particular the fire department, it is extremely important that our representative government looks to manage its fiscal and budgetary responsibility with prudence and transparency.

Notwithstanding, I cannot emphasize enough how we as a town are so grateful for all the work the current selectboard has done in addressing issues that may have not been addressed in the past in a timely fashion. I completely appreciate that the demands on the selectboard for their time and energy are extensive, with little to no compensation. I only ask simply for better information flow and communication.

Thank you so very much.

Very best regards,
Carol Goodwin
Plymouth, Vt.

Dear Editor,

On Feb. 22 in The Vermont Journal, Mr. Stuart Lindberg accused me of more vicious crimes than Vladimir Putin. These include character assassination (his), "spilling vitriol" on the Cavendish Health Officer, demanding that she state that "she is not now and has never been a denier," acting like Robespierre and some fictional monarch, demonstrating "the creeping normalization of the authoritarian mindset," calling to "cancel Ms. Eddy" (whatever that means), a desire to "persecute Ms. Eddy," being "driven by blind and irrational religious zeal," making "illogical and ill-informed" claims, and consuming "an incapacitating amount of Kool-Aid." (Maybe good Vermont IPA, but not Kool-Aid)... Did someone say "vitriol?" (For a comparison of vitriol levels, watch the Feb. 13 Cavendish Selectboard meeting, where I committed these crimes (www.okemovalley.tv/cavendish-selectboard-213-4).

I'm not the only criminal in Lindberg's mind. The VT Department of Health, which certifies town health officers, and the FDA "declared that the shots would prevent viral transmission when they did not." Nobody said that. They said the vaccines were shown to be over 90% effective in preventing serious illness, and the infected can spread it, but are less likely to (www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-02328-0). The evil pharmaceutical industry is the culprit in this conspiracy. There is plenty to say about this industry, driven

by the profit motive like every other industry (It's called "free market capitalism," which Mr. Lindberg espouses). Too bad pharmaceuticals aren't pristine like the oil industry, which never takes a cent from the government, uses public (i.e., our) land, funds climate change denial, or bribes a politician. Maybe that's why Mr. Lindberg feels so proud to work for them. Well, one person is working to curb the excessive profits of the pharmaceutical companies: Bernie Sanders.

Mr. Lindberg mentions his "conscientious objection to the unprecedented and indiscriminate mandating of the Covid mRNA shots." The general population was not required to get the vaccine, and it's not "unprecedented" to require vaccines www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/history-disease-outbreaks-vaccine-timeline/requirements-research. It's called "public health" - Covid is an infectious disease: if you get it, you can spread it.

Lindberg presents some generally dodgy, out-of-date links to people who disagreed with most investigators. There are always dissenters, but these people have been proved wrong. Despite Mr. Lindberg's misreading of the FDA vaccine adverse event data, serious adverse events from the vaccine have been rare. Lindberg's spreading misinformation about the vaccines is dangerous and unconscionable.

Mr. Lindberg says the vaccines have "never been tested

on a mass scale." But the trials were planned and conducted by doctors, scientists, and statisticians, who, unlike Mr. Lindberg, who has never studied or worked in science, know a great deal about medicine. Tens of thousands of subjects took part in these trials. The trial results were rigorously reviewed. Waiting to test the vaccines "on a mass scale," whatever that means, would have required waiting for years, and probably seeing millions of people die (www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2022/two-years-covid-vaccines-prevented-millions-deaths-hospitalizations).

So, compared to Lindberg, what do I know? I spent 20 years studying math and programming computers, then 30 years as a statistician in the pharmaceutical industry. Lindberg has no scientific education or experience, but got a minor in economics some years ago, which apparently means he is equally knowledgeable about statistics. Well, as the Dunning-Kruger effect says, those who know the least think they know the most. Unlike Lindberg, I don't imagine I know much about the science of vaccines. So I rely on those who do, at institutions like the Vermont Department of Health, the FDA, the NIH, the CDC, the WHO, the Mayo Clinic, Walter Reed, etc. They all say the same thing: Covid vaccines are safe and effective.

Sincerely,
Kem Phillips
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Please vote yes for the Springfield School District's budget. Good schools are vital to a community, and a community that supports its schools is an asset. Positive thoughts and positive actions get results.

I know there are some folks out there who like to talk about the shortcomings of our schools, but why not talk about the good things, and support efforts to correct course when such action is needed? Every year there is a budget advisory committee (BAC) composed of community folks who volunteer to look at the budget, visit the various schools and departments, and question things that might look awry.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the Springfield, Vt. school budget. I have had the pleasure of serving my first year as a school board member, which has provided me an up close view of our schools. I also have a 7 grader in the district. You may have heard that our school is facing immense challenges in implementing special education - to the detriment of some children. I care deeply about our obligations to students with disabilities and take the current problems very seriously. This could be a reason to doubt that our district is properly utilizing our resources. However, I see it differently. We have a new superintendent and ought to give her the chance to address these challenges head on. Our

board is dedicated to ensuring that we continue to improve, not only services to the students most in need, but to all students. Some improvements can be made immediately, while others will take more time. For instance, our newly launched Pre-K program is designed to identify students needing special education services early to provide interventions during early childhood development, in order to decrease future continued learning difficulties. The program improves children's kindergarten readiness, counteracting effects from the pandemic when so many small children were isolated in their homes. This program is also helping to meet a childcare shortage in the region, having lost over 100 slots during the pandemic. This is just one example of how our district is helping to improve our students' chances for success that we will see long-term.

Perhaps some Springfielders do not know about the district's goals to increase literacy and math proficiency across the district and the actions they are taking to accomplish that. Those efforts, by their nature, are not visible to the public, but the goal to increase parent and family involvement

should be. I can remember seeing pictures in the local papers of math night held in the Riverside Middle School gym. OMG! Kids and parents were smiling as they engaged in mathematical activities. Yes, math!

Schools are the heart of a community. Please let's all get together and show our support for our community. Please vote yes for the Springfield School District's budget on March 7. You can also request an absentee ballot from the town clerk's office.

Thank you,
Char Osterlund
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I attended the Feb. 13 meeting where the Cavendish Selectboard reappointed the Town Health Officer Doris Eddy. Days before, and at the meeting, Kem Phillips presented an objection because Eddy publicly endorsed Stu Lindberg for State House Representative, despite his misinformation about the Covid vaccine. We provided evidence and links to his published letters. Many had seen them and Phillips' rebuttal. Dr. Phillips' three decades experience in clinical trials allowed him to refute

Mr. Lindberg's false claims. If our THO was unaware of this, she could clarify at the meeting whether she disagrees and supports the VT Department of Health (VDH) policy, but she didn't attend. The discussion was civil, and the board moved to recommend Ms. Eddy to be confirmed by the VDH, ironically, the department whose policy she may or may not support.

Margo Caulfield, through Cavendish media, provided a summary of every announcement by Dr. Levine, VDH commissioner. If Ms. Eddy participated, it wasn't obvious. I haven't heard any public statements from her ex-

cept one that masks "should be encouraged." One board member mentioned Doris' long contribution to the town and through the pandemic but didn't provide specifics. Another stated that Lindberg is "passionate" about what he does. No one assured they knew what Eddy's contribution was during the pandemic and what is her position on the issue. Both Eddy and Lindberg are active in the community, but it's irrelevant. The issue is that Lindberg is dangerously wrong, and Eddy is silent about it. The THO is responsible for providing health information and for preventing or mitigating any significant public health risk. The devastating pandemic took the lives of 1.13 million Americans. It put stress on health workers, teachers, and first responders. Businesses took a hit. Cavendish would have benefited from the THO's public state-

ment that she supports the VDH Covid vaccine recommendations - the only tool we have in preventing or mitigating the disease. It isn't easy to publicly speak on a highly politicized issue, but leaders should be heard.

We want to support passionate people who are willing to serve our small community, and we entrust the board to appoint them. However, passionate people could be dangerously wrong. The board's decision to reappoint Eddy without learning what her position is has given credence to lies about the Covid vaccine. It is like appointing a passionate minister, just to learn later that he/she doesn't believe in God. Cavendish taxpayers deserve answers.

Sincerely,
Svetlana Phillips
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to endorse Martha Dale, resident of Londonderry, as a candidate for the Londonderry Selectboard. I have known Martha for many years as a neighbor, friend, and professional colleague, and have seen her succeed in many leadership roles. She brings many skills to the table, which include listening, discerning and identifying common goals, encouraging collaboration which results in consensus, and accomplishing end goals. Martha will support our town's efforts to address workforce housing issues, the updating of our zoning by-laws, fair and equitable tax rates, and work to create a positive, cooperative spirit on the selectboard.

Martha is currently involved with the Mountain Towns Housing Project, which is focused on building an affordable single-family home on Bob Perry Lane in Londonderry. In addition, she spearheaded getting the Derry Rink off the ground and built, along with recruiting volunteers to maintain the rink throughout the winter (now in its second year of operation). She serves on the Second Congregational Church's mission committee, which directs funds to local,

national, and international community support and relief programs. She also serves on the Londonderry Beautification Committee and effectively gets townspeople to volunteer to water all of the flower boxes and barrels located through our town for the summer and fall season. Martha is on the Ways and Trails committee under One Londonderry, working to map and publish a guide (both paper and digital) to all of the hiking and biking trails in our community. And last but not least, Martha is the chair of the board of directors at Grace Cottage Hospital, our hometown medical care facility that services Londonderry and many other local communities.

Martha's background in health care management, her deep love of Vermont, and specifically Londonderry, her involvement in many nonprofit organizations over the years, her family ties to the town that span many years, and her well-established commitment to our community makes her a perfect candidate for a position on the selectboard.

Sincerely,
Cynthia H. Gubb
Londonderry, Vt.

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obituaries

Helen S. Anderson, 1926-2023

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – Helen S. Anderson, 97, of North Walpole, N.H. passed away on Feb. 18, 2023 at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene. Helen was born on Jan. 26, 1926 in Bellows Falls to the late Rafal and Blanche (Paliga) Jurkoic. Helen would later get her GED and was a hair-dresser for many years.

Helen was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bellows Falls until it closed, and then became a member of St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. Helen enjoyed knitting and crocheting, baking desserts for family, vacationing in Maine, family reunions, holiday gatherings, shopping, and crossword puzzles with her husband. Helen would marry Nicholas Anderson, who predeceased her. Helen is survived by her daughters Judy Checchi (Ugo), Lori Brown, daughter-in-law Marie Anderson; grandchildren Paul White III, Mia Houman (Tom), Sarah Perlungher (Tom), Nicole Boyce, Joseph Anderson (Candice), Mario Checchi; great grandchildren Paul White IV, Austin White, Kyndall White, David Scott White, Griffin Houman, Mario Checchi, Grace Perlungher, Dylan Foster, Rocco Anderson, Sullivan Anderson, Holly Boyce, and Demir Gultekin, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Helen was pre-deceased by her parents Rafal Jurkoic



Helen Anderson, 1926-2023.
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and Bronislawa (Paliga) Jurkoic, husband Nicholas Anderson, son Nicholas R. Anderson, and siblings Amelia Jurkoic, Stephania (Stephie) Zielinski, Wladyslawa (Lottie) Green, Wladyslaw (Walter) Jurkoic, Leona (Lillian) DeLouis, Dr. Joseph Jurkoic, Anthony (Auntie) Jurkoic, and Stanislaw (Stacia) Kissell.

Calling hours will take place on Friday, Feb. 24, from 5-7 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. A mass of Christian burial will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Westminster. In lieu of flowers please consider giving to the North Walpole Firefighters Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, go to www.fentonandhennessey.com.

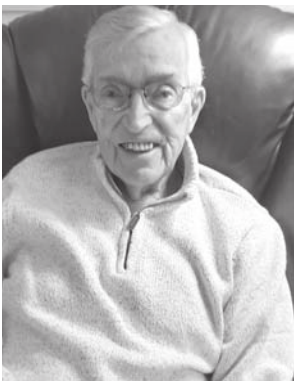
Robert Ulbrich, 1929-2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Robert “Bob” Ulbrich passed away peacefully on Feb. 23, 2023, at the Jack Byrnes Palliative Care and Hospice Care Center. He was 93 years old and was born in Rahway, N.J. to Adolph and Mabel (Miller) Ulbrich on Nov. 29, 1929.

He attended schools in New Jersey and graduated from Rutgers University, receiving his bachelor's degree and then law degree in 1954. He moved to Vermont in 1955 and passed the Vermont Bar in 1956. He clerked for Hugh Henry in Chester, opened his own office in January 1957 and purchased the building from Mr. Henry, converting it into offices and naming it the Henry Office Building in honor of Mr. Henry. He practiced there until closing his law firm on Dec. 31, 2018. He was also legal counsel for the SBA for two years.

When living in Windham he was town moderator, was on the school board, and was justice of the peace. After moving to Chester he served as town moderator, recreation director, and was on the Board of Chester Academy Trustees for 35 years. His practice in early years was mainly in real estate and corporations. He incorporated The Vermont Country Store for the Ortons and served on their board for some 30 years. He also incorporated Magic Mountain, Timber Ridge, and Tater Hill Country Club. His clients included Pearl Buck, in her many real estate ventures, and he set up the John Butler Scholarship Fund for Green Mountain students. His dedication to his clients went above and beyond expectations.

Bob was an avid tennis player and organized and ran many Chester tennis tournaments. He continued to play tennis into his nineties and especially enjoyed his group at West River and Mayotte Arena, with whom he also played a skilled game of ping pong



Robert Ulbrich, 1929-2023.
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in the winter months. Needless to say, he was very competitive. Bob enjoyed skiing, particularly the “apres ski,” golf, and travelling. He was a big band fan, and had his own band, the Bobby Williams Band, and played at many venues in New Jersey. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, and husband, and an inspiration and mentor to his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane, his children Robert Ulbrich Jr., Karen Goldstein, Susan Doolittle, and Sherri Lloyd. He is also survived by his grandchildren Geoffrey Doolittle, Stephanie Doolittle, Kate Avery, Tim Kirsch, Justin Ulbrich, Tristan Ulbrich and Ryan McSally, and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Fred, his sister Doris, and one grandchild Kristin.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to VNH Hospice, 88 Prospect Street, White River Junction, VT 05001, or to the Jack Byrne Center, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756. The family are forever grateful to VNH Hospice, especially Carol Lechtaler, Lori Menard, and Tina; to The Jack Byrne Center and all the staff there; to Robin Rounds, Barb Kolodziej, and Paster Laurie Krooss. A special thanks to our son in law, Dr. Gary Doolittle, for his constant help and advice.

A memorial service will be held at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. on March 27, at 2 p.m.

Shirley I. Farrar, 1936-2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Shirley I. Farrar, 86, passed away at Langdon Place in Keene, N.H. on Feb. 16, 2023.

She was born on April 9, 1936, in Weston, Vt. to the late Casper Gilmore Woodcock and Ann (Drury) Woodcock.

She attended and graduated from Chester High School.

On Aug. 23, 1957 she married Stanley E. Farrar in Weston, Vt.

She enjoyed singing with the Senior Center Songsters and the Silver Country, Country Music Group. She enjoyed bingo. She also enjoyed going to the Springfield, Bellow Falls, Chester, and Charlestown Senior Centers.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Stanley E. Farrar, her daughter Cynthia A. A'Pelt, and her sister Rita Abby.

She is survived by her son, Leonard E. Farrar, his wife Nancy, and grandchildren Myles and Briana, son-in-law Charles A'Pelt Jr., grandchildren Sarah and Sonya;



Shirley Farrar, 1936-2023.
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great-grandchildren Selena, Delilah, and Etina (socks), sister Alita Parody and her husband Mark, and brother Casper Woodcock Jr. and his wife Christy.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Shirley's memory to the Kurn Hattin Homes, 708 Kurn Hattin Rd., Westminster, VT 05158, or to the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

There are no services planned at the time.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Laurene Emma Metcalf, 1944-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Laurene Emma Metcalf, 78, of Bushnell, Fla. passed away in Inverness, Fla. on Feb. 9, 2023. She was born in Springfield, Vt. on June 5, 1944 to Leon and Gladys Metcalf.

Laurene's hobbies were completing puzzles, reading romance novels, and visiting with family. She also loved Elvis and the color purple. She loved her family very much, staying in contact by cards, phone calls, and letters. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was known as a very caring, loving person.

She is survived by her daughter Melissa Harris (Forrest) of Webster, Fla., granddaughter Jessica Padgett, three great grandchildren, sisters Barbara Welker and Shirley Muther, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Jane Fuller.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Vermont. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the local no-kill animal shelter in Mrs. Metcalf's name.

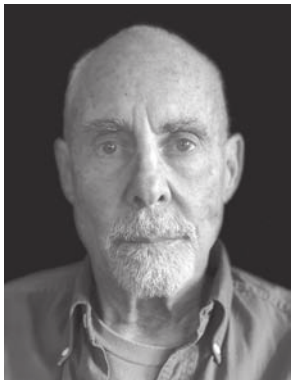
Robert Foote Shannon, 1945-2023

WINDHAM, Vt. – Robert Foote Shannon was born Sept. 21, 1945, in Kansas City, Mo. and died peacefully at home in Santa Fe, N.M., on Feb. 2, 2023. He was 77 years old. He died from complications of lung cancer while in the loving care of his life partner Steven Fellows.

Bob was the son of Adrian Foote Shannon and Mary Oliver Shannon of Lima, Ohio. Bob attended the Lawrenceville School in N.J., followed by Yale University in New Haven, Conn., earning his master's degree in architecture in 1967. Following grad-school, he moved to Windham, Vt. to start his practice.

Bob was an architect of note, an artist, inventor, and writer. His life and his life's work focused on sustainable living through creative design. He founded the Fourth Corner Foundation in 1995 and developed a campus at his home in Windham, Vt. Later he established a winter home and second campus in Santa Fe, N.M.

Bob is survived by his son, Thomas Foote Shannon of Miami, Fla., and daughter Elizabeth Thankful Shannon of West Hollywood,



Robert Foote Shannon, 1945-2023.
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Calif. “When he could build with the simplest palette, polishing the dirt to a silver shiny luster, he would revel in his new material invention, always the apostle of simplicity in the most complex way” -Lawrence Linder-

Two Celebration of Life events are being planned. One will be held on March 25 in Santa Fe, N.M. The other will be on July 28 in Windham, Vt. For more information or foundation donations, please visit www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org or www.everloved.com/life-of/robert-foote-shannon/.

Russell Blair, 2022

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Russell Blair, 65, died peacefully at his home in Cavendish on Dec. 19, 2022 after his battle with cancer.

He leaves behind his wife Lisa, son James, daughter Jillian, two grandsons, one sister, several nieces, and his beloved bulldog.

He was the proud owner of Green Mountain Fire for nearly 28 years. He loved his job and his customers and looked forward to each and every day going to work.

There will be a Celebration of his Life planned for this summer.

Konstantinos G. Iliopoulos, 1962-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Konstantinos G. Iliopoulos, 60, passed away at his home on Feb. 20, 2023. He was born Dec. 19, 1962 in Kalamata, Greece, the son of George and Eugenia (Panagiotopoulou) Iliopoulos. He attended school in Greece and served in the military in Greece for two years.

He owned and operated the Springfield Village Pizzeria.

He loved to cook, enjoyed being outdoors, and bird watching. He also enjoyed movies, Greek music, and dancing, but most of all enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Robin (Ladue) Iliopoulos, son Kristos Iliopoulos, daughter Tonah Clairmont; three siblings John (Vasso) Iliopoulos, Nick (Maria) Iliopoulos, and Christina (Stathi) Panagiotakopoulos;



Konstantinos G. Iliopoulos, 1962-2023.
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three grandchildren Troy Clairmont, Kade Belden, and Melissa Belden. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 12 p.m.

Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery at a later date.

Michael McDermott Celebration of Life

CHESTER, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Michael McDermott will be held on March 18, at the Chester American Legion from 1 – 3 p.m.

Ruth Elaine Dunn, 1933-2023

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ruth Elaine Dunn, 89, passed away on Feb. 21, 2023, at the Sterling House in Bellows Falls.

Ruth was born in Orleans, Vt., on Oct. 30, 1933, the daughter of Elmer and Mary Dawson. Ruth married her husband, Homer E. Dunn, Sr., on Dec. 9, 1950. She loved her family, trips to Maine, and the ocean. She was a long time member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She volunteered for 14 years for the Dorcas Society, through her church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Homer E. Dunn, Sr., her sons David Dunn, Michael Dunn, and Gary Dunn. She is survived by her son, Homer E. Dunn, Jr. (wife Andrea Dunn), and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 20, at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls at 11



Ruth Elaine Dunn, 1933-2023.
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a.m. Immediately following the burial, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Masonic Temple in Bellows Falls.



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LEGAL NOTICES

MARCH 2 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be a community lunch on Thursday, March 2 in the Ludlow Community Center Cafeteria. Corned beef and cabbage will be served at noon, and bingo will follow the meal. The food is provided by Black River Good Neighbor Services. All are welcome and there is no charge. The Ludlow Community Center is located at 37 Main St. in Ludlow, Vt.

MARCH 3 –
CLAREMONT, N.H. – There will be an evening of dancing to good music on March 3, from 6:30–9:30 p.m. at the Claremont Senior Center. The dances will be ballroom-type, including a variety of styles. Please call the Claremont Senior Center by Feb. 24 at 603-543-5998 to let us know if you would be interested in attending.

MARCH 5 –
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Sunday Soul: Vermont, a monthly dance party, occurs every first Sunday at Stone Church VT, located at 210 Main St., Brattleboro. Residents DJ Ozzie Mandias and DJ/Producer Leo Alarcon will be spinning the hottest house music, aka disco’s revenge from 5-11 p.m., joined by special guests DJ/Producer Susan Esthera and DJ/Artist Luna Del Flor on March 5.

MARCH 9 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be a community lunch on Thursday, March 9 at noon in the Black River Valley Senior Center at 10 High Street. There will be pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, and dessert. All are welcome, invite a friend, make new friends, and enjoy a homemade meal prepared by wonderful volunteers. Reservations are required, suggested donation.

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.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Sunday Soul: Vermont, a monthly dance party, occurs every first Sunday at Stone Church VT, located at 210 Main St., Brattleboro. Residents DJ Ozzie Mandias and DJ/Producer Leo Alarcon will be spinning the hottest house music, aka disco’s revenge from 5-11 p.m.

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 sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School St Ext. in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.aa.org.

TUESDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS –
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

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 information.



OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD
P.O. BOX 385
CHARLESTOWN, NH 03603

Tel: (603) 826-4400
Fax: (603) 826-3709

www.charlestown-nh.gov

The Town of Charlestown seeks an energetic Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard.

The Town of Charlestown has an annual operating budget of approximately \$5 million and 27 full-time employees. The Administrative Assistant acts as the primary liaison between the five member Selectboard and all personnel, including contracted services. The Administrative Assistant is the primary liaison with legal counsel and coordinates in all matters to ensure the Town is properly represented, maintains an effective working relationship with all Town boards, commissions, committees, departments and the general public; and performs all other duties as assigned by the Selectboard. For a full job description please contact the Selectboard’s Office at 603-826-4400 or visit the Town’s website at www.charlestown-nh.gov.

Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

Charlestown Town Office
Human Resources Department
PO Box 385
Charlestown NH 03603
Or email to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St.

Position open until filled



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The Town of Charlestown NH is seeking a Welfare Administrator. This is a part-time position – approximately 15 hours/week.

The Town Welfare Administrator will assist people having emotional, financial, mental, physical and social problems that put them at risk for negative outcomes. They will evaluate client needs, create a treatment plan, and put the plan into action.

Experience in Welfare Administration preferred.

Interested candidates should complete an application/resume and submit to: Charlestown Town Office, Human Resource Dept., PO Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. Applications may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office at 233 Main St., Charlestown.

Position open until filled.

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WARNING

ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING HYBRID (PHYSICAL and REMOTE)

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) until 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by Australian ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by Australian ballot.

A public informational hearing will be held IN-PERSON, and will be accessible remotely by electronic means, at the Springfield High School Cafeteria on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees, to discuss all Australian ballot articles on the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting Warning and to do any other business that can legally be done under this Warning.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:

- ZOOM MEETING ID: 871 7827 3686
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87178273686> You may be prompted to enter the Meeting ID. You may need to download software <https://zoom.us/>
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the <https://zoom.us/> app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the Meeting ID. One-tap mobile device click here: +13017158592
- By telephone: Dial +1 646 558 8656 and when prompted enter the Meeting ID. Note that long distance rates may apply. Dial-in participants use *9 to raise/lower hand and *6 to mute/unmute.
- Meeting link can also be accessed on the home page of the Town of Springfield website
- Watch live on SAPA TV or stream it from Sapatv.org

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Cemetery Commissioner	School Director	Town School District Moderator
Library Trustees	Selectboard	Trustee of Public Funds
	Town Moderator	

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town Moderator for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to pay each Selectperson the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$14,284,999.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$750,000.00) for repaving, road construction, gravel road improvements, and ancillary professional services for the projects specified in the Road Surface Management System Report dated December 2021 or other duly warranted sidewalk improvements?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) for sidewalk reconstruction in various locations throughout the Town?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Springfield issue general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed THREE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,400,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financing sources, for the purpose of making water system improvements, the total estimated cost of such improvements being THREE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,400,000.00)?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the School Board, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes needed to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve a payment of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town School District Moderator for the ensuing year, the funds for which are included in the school budget?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY FIVE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$35,650,947.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to the Springfield Community Band for eight (8) concerts?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,500.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections (formerly Precision Valley Free Clinic) to help the uninsured access health care?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) for the support of the MOOver f/n/a the Current operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Springfield through volunteer service?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot & cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to Windsor County Partners d/b/a Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to the children of Windsor County?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Springfield Supported Housing to assist families and individuals find permanent housing and provide in home case management services for 6 months to two years after placement?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger, homelessness and related social-service needs in the community?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) to the Springfield Art and Historical Society to assist in preserving, maintaining, and displaying, for the public, the history and art of the Town of Springfield, Vermont?

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Turning Point Recovery Center Drop-In Center and Transition House to help with the everyday cost of providing recovery services and housing for men and that are in recovery from alcohol, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.?

Dated this 30th day of January, 2023
at Springfield, County of Windsor
and State of Vermont.

Kristi C. Morris, Chair
Everett T. Hammond
Michael E. Martin
Walter E. Martone
Crissy L. Webster

Selectboard
Town of Springfield

Dated this 31 day of January, 2023
at Springfield, County of Windsor
and State of Vermont.

Troy Palmer, Chair
Denise Hunter
Stephen Karaffa
Patti Kemp
Mary Krueger

Board of School Directors
Springfield School District

LEGAL NOTICES

AUCTION

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 11 a.m. at 368 River Street. Call 802-591-0608 for details. To be auctioned: Douglas Kelley, Unit #19.

BUYING/SELLING

BUYING-SELLING Coins, Paper Money, Vintage Sports-Postcards, Comics. See our displays at ANTIQUE CENTERS in Chester and Quechee. Open 7 Days. 802-379-2353. House calls available.

Featured pet: Mint —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Two-year-old Mint is the best cuddle buddy. He has done well with the cats and dogs he has met here. This handsome 30-pound dog’s favorite things are being close to people and destroying squeaky toys! Vermont residents only, due to being heartworm positive. We cover his treatments and can talk to you more about this. For more information, call 802-885-3997 or fill out an application at www.spfldhuman.org.



CLEANING

LULOW, Vt. – Hate Cleaning Your Home or Doing Errands? I will Clean Your Home Like I Clean my Own Home. Contact me anytime at 802-280-5589 or adorecleanliving@gmail.com.

GUNS WANTED

REGION – Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

CHESTER, Vt. – Busy dental office seeks part-time receptionist to join our team. Must have outstanding telephone and interpersonal skills and basic computer literacy. This is a flex-time position 20-30 hours per week. Previous medical/dental office experience preferred. Please send letter of interest and resume to: info@drchristopherfauver.com attn: hiring manager.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – PT Prevention Coordinator (30 hrs. plus benefits). Greater Falls Connections seeks a youth substance misuse prevention specialist. No direct support involved. Visit greaterfallsconnections.org/about/jobs.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Polish American Club is looking for a part-time bartender. Mon, Tues, and Wed, 2–7 p.m. Possible some weekends. No benefits. Stop by the club for an application. In person, no calls please.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The BF

Community Bike Project is looking to hire a Bike Mechanic for up to 10 hours per week. Flexible starting date, but preferably by the end of March. Pay based on experience. To inquire, please call Bonnie at 802-460-0662 or email bonnie@bfbike.org. We are a nonprofit bike shop, offering full service repairs and sales of used, refurbished bikes.

SEEKING

REGION – Retiring March 30 from health care in PA and wish to return to my home state of Vermont. A Senior male (70’s) seeks a one bedroom apartment or studio. Nonsmoker, non-drug user, but animal lover. Hoping to give a small rescue a second chance. Countryside preferred. Current rent is in the mid \$600, Includes heat and trash. Old schooled, respectable of other people’s property. Excellent credit and have never missed or been late with a rent payment. Debt free. Inquiries from Realtors welcomed. Beagles5119@gmail.com.

TOWN OF CHESTER
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SERVE
YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Chester would like to extend an invitation to get involved in your community. The Chester Selectboard is considering the creation of a Citizen Advisory Committee to work with the Town Manager and Police Department. The role of the Advisory Committee is to assist in the formation of strategies, help develop community policing concepts, increase public awareness, further engagement and transparency efforts, and help to identify best practices. The Committee is intended to provide a forum for discussions concerning community issues.

All interested parties should **send their letter of interest no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 3, 2023** to the Town Manager’s Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, via email at Julie.hance@chestervt.gov, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project: **Brown Field Bleachers – Riverside Middle School**
Location: **Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT.**
Description: **Installation of Permanent Outdoor Aluminum Stadium Seating**
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: **Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked “Brown Field Bleachers” on the outside of the envelope.**

Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled and completed through Rich Saypack, 802.885.7905 no later than Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Documents Required: **Proof of Insurance, Details per Specifications**

Owner/Contact:

Richard Pembroke
Springfield School District
Central Office
60 Park Street
Springfield, VT. 05156
Telephone: (802) 885-5120
rpembroke@ssdvt.org

There are no Puzzles this week due to the amount of time-sensitive letter submissions

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding

Check back next week!

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry in Londonderry on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, between the hours of seven o’clock (7:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o’clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I - Shall general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000), subject to reduction by the application of federal and state grants-in-aid and reserve funds, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of improvements to the town office building, the estimated cost of such improvements being One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000)?

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at six o’clock (6:00) in the evening at the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, for the purpose of discussing the proposition.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Londonderry duly called, noticed and held on January 23, 2023.

The Town of Plymouth seeks its next
Clerk and Assistant Treasurer

This is an **appointed** position. We anticipate no town-residency requirement and are asking the voters to remove this requirement at Town Meeting.

No prior experience as a Clerk/Assistant Treasurer is required; however, the successful candidate will have some background in a business or office setting. Training will be available and learning on the job will be required.

The responsibilities include providing citizens with accurate and vital information, assisting the treasurer and tax collector, 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 Board of Civil Authority.

The Clerk/Assistant Treasurer is also responsible for recording and posting to the town website the minutes of Select Board meetings, and other publicly warned meetings and hearings, including the Board of Civil Authority. Candidate should have a basic computer skills and able to learn to use programs for data entry and updating the Town website. An understanding of applicable state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the governing of town business will be required, or the applicant must be willing to learn.

The Selectboard is open to whether this is a full-time, defined as 32 hours per week or more, or part-time position depending on the candidates needs.

Compensation will range from \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on the candidates experience and qualifications. A full benefit package is available for a full-time position, which includes medical, dental, vision insurance, as well as paid vacation, holidays, sick leave and Vermont Municipal Employees retirement.

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Arist Talk on March 4 at 1:00

Free Up-cycled Seed Jar Workshop with Gloria Dufield, March 10, 1-2. Sign up by 3/10.

Bead Soup Cuff Bracelet with Thomasin Alexander March 11, 11-2, \$35. Sign up by 3/10.

Draw Cartoons & Comics with E.B. Sciales March 23, 1-3, Free but sign-up! Especially for Middle School Students.

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(05/10/23 - 13)

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(05/24/23 - 13)

Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Coverage of annual Town Meetings
- Holistic Healing- Talk w/ Paula
- Yoga with Liza
- Ice Fishing w/ VT Master Anglers
- The Speckers in studio

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166
Education / Gov’t Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167

(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)
Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv
(04/05/23 - TFN - 13)

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Charles Chasser
Elaine Chasser
Parcel # 362014

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Charles Chasser and Elaine Chasser by Warranty Dee of Lena Stevens August 29, 1985, and Recorded in Book 64, Page 226 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 23rd day of February 2023.

Attest: _____
Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

CCCD spring bulk seed sale

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) is again offering farmers the opportunity to purchase bulk seed orders for spring 2023. The Spring Seed Sale, a partnership between the CCCD and King's AgriSeed, enables orders less than 1500 lbs. to avoid shipping costs - a benefit the CCCD is proud to offer in support of local farms.

This year, CCCD will be offering two order opportunities:

Early order for frost seeding: Orders must be placed by March 6 and will be available for pick-up at the CCCD Office (11 Industrial Park Dr. Walpole, N.H.) on March 15. Suggested seeds for frost seeding include: Red Clovers, White Clovers, 3 Way Clover Mix, Orchard Grass, Timothy, and Kentucky Bluegrass. Frost seeding is broadcast-

ing seed on top of the ground in early spring when we are going through freeze thaw cycles. The freezing and thawing opens small cracks in the soil that then close back up providing good seed to soil contact. Recommended seeding rate is five to eight pounds per acre. Contact CCCD with any questions.

Regular bulk order: Orders must be placed by April 3 and will be available for pick-up at the CCCD Office (11 Industrial Park Dr. Walpole, N.H.) on April 14.

A copy of the 2023 catalog can be found at www.cheshireconservation.org/_files/ugd/055dc9_f25b8c4f1af4e67942758458132c929.pdf.

To place your order, use the online order form: www.docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSfu9bwutkWQA6jUZHlPFrBMit_-EM3-

[n64kCljKhKQjTEWLiw/viewform?usp=sf_link](#)

If you have any questions, need assistance in placing your order, or would prefer

to place your order over the phone or by email, please call 603-756-2988 ext. 3011 or email benee@cheshireconservation.org.

Furbearers of Vermont

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, join Chris Bernier, wildlife biologist with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, for a presentation on furbearers and furbearer management in Vermont. Animals referred to as furbearers in the state include the bobcat, coyote, beaver, fisher, gray and red fox, short and long-tailed weasel, American marten, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, river otter, and striped skunk. The program is co-spon-

sored by the Rockingham Free Public Library and the Westminster Conservation Commission. The presentation will cover the state's roles and responsibilities regarding furbearer populations, their varied habitats, welfare, restoration projects, and successes, followed by a Q & A session.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster Street in Belkows Falls.

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Susan Clay
Parcel # 262046

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Susan L. Clay Life Estate by Warranty Deed of Susan L. Clay dated January 23, 2019, and Recorded in Book 191, Page 256 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 23rd day of February 2023.

Attest: _____
Julie Hance
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Richard Gilardi
Maureen Gilardi
Parcel # 90123

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Richard Gilardi (now deceased) and Maureen Gilardi (now deceased) by Quit Claim Deed of Richard Gilardi dated December 18, 1978, and Recorded in Book 56, Page 485 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Kelly Kendall
Parcel # 505005

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Kelly K. Kendall by Quit Claim Deed of Amy M. Kendall dated September 9, 1994, and Recorded in Book 77, Page 140 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Mccarty Realty, Inc.
Parcel # 262036

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Mccarty Realty, Inc. by Warranty Deed of Robert N. Waite dated June 22, 1973, and Recorded in Book 49, Page 170 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Matthew Muchmore
Parcel # 282021

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Matthew Muchmore by Warranty Deed of Albin D. Johnson dated May 28, 2020, and Recorded in Book 204, Page 132 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Gary Outlaw
Roger Outlaw
Parcel # 252062

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Gary Outlaw and Roger Outlaw by Decree of Distribution of Thomas J. Outlaw, Jr. dated February 13, 2009, and Recorded in Book 99, Page 119 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Randall Perry
Parcel # 252016

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Randall Parry by Warranty Deed of Donald Webster and Janice Webster dated August 4, 1995, and Recorded in Book 78, Page 301 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Kristen Rogstad
Parcel # 605066

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

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Kristen Rogstad by Warranty Deed of Sarah E. Vial and Ernest C. Crosier dated April 25, 2013, and Recorded in Book 145, Page 89 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Michael Wood
Parcel # 312021

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

Being a portion of the same lands and premises conveyed to Michael J. Wood by Warranty Deed of Nancy J. Wood dated January 25, 2017, and Recorded in Book 173, Page 172 of the Town of Chester Land Records. Being Parcel 2, containing 2.03 acres, and Parcel 3, containing 1.88 acres, shown on a survey entitled A Portion of the Property of Michael J. Wood Chester, Vermont as prepared by Southern Vermont Surveys recorded in Map Slide 443 of the map vault within the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of March 2023, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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MedQuest Program returns

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There are many reasons why high school students should consider a career in health; great job security, flexible work hours, continued education and growth, and most importantly, making a difference in the lives of others.

Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is offering two sessions of their popular Med-Quest Program this summer at Rutland Regional Medical Center, Springfield Hospital, and North Star Health. This exciting, hands-on career exploration day camp will take place July 24-26, at Springfield Hospital and North Star Health, and August 2-4, at Rutland Regional Medical Center.



Previous program participants.

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There will be job shadows with health professionals, team activities, mentoring from medical students with the Robert Lerner, M.D. College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, and clinical skill building.

There is a low tuition charge, with scholarships available. Deadline to register is March 15. For more information and to register, call 802-885-2126 ext. 102, email cknight@svtahec.org or visit www.svtahec.org/middle-high-school.

Chester Rod & Gun Club needs your help

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Rod & Gun Club has established a Building and Grounds Committee to help maintain and upkeep our clubhouse and grounds. Below is our initial capital improvement project that the club would like to undertake in the near future.

Clubhouse Building: Project 1 – Interior painting – includes repainting of all interior surfaces (walls, trim, and ceiling). Project 2 – Exterior review – includes determining health of the siding/trim, fixing what needs fixing, and staining/painting the clubhouse and wording on the building. Project 3 – Exterior grounds cleanup – includes the removal of accumulate material around the building and stream, including old building material, drums, etc. Additionally, removal and management of the brush around the building.



Help the Chester R&G Club.

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club; the more people we can get involved, the faster and easier these projects will go, and will help keep our club vibrant and growing.

If you are interested in

assisting with these projects, or have ideas for additional projects, please contact any member of the Building and Grounds Committee: Harry Henderson, flybynt@vermontel.net or 802-280-5871; Jerry Gleason, gleasonjerry@msn.com or 508-259-0687; and Martin Hewitt, jmh0457@gmail.com or 914-772-1793. Additionally, if you have a skill or passion (plumbing, electrical, large equipment skills, construction, etc.) and would be willing to assist the club utilizing your skills, please let the committee know.

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Kick the winter blues with art



A pirate ship birdhouse.

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CAVENDISH, Vt. – We’ve had mud, then snow, then mud again, so paint some color back into your world by creating a unique birdhouse. Are you inspired by a pirate ship, a saloon, a castle, a duplex, or something more traditional? Many styles are on display at the Village Clipper in Proctorsville, thanks to Hannah, so select one that tickles your fancy and create a sunnier vision. Your work will support the annual Birds & Blooms fundraiser June 24. Thank you from the Cavendish Streetscapes Committee.

Creative aging workshops

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Drawing out the wisdom of the past is among the goals of a series of free workshops being offered in Saxtons River for seniors, through collaboration between Main Street Arts, 24 Main, and the Saxtons River Historical Society.

The program is funded by a Creative Aging grant from the Vermont Arts Council through its Creative Aging program and is open to 15 participants ages 55 and older.

A kickoff luncheon to introduce the program and sign up participants will be held Friday, March 10, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the dining room at 24 Main (the former Christ’s Church).

Workshops will take place on Fridays, March 17, 24, and 31, and April 7, 14, and 21 at Main Street Arts from 10 a.m. to noon.

The seniors will be encouraged to turn their memories into collage, watercolor painting, poetry, and story, and the resulting work will be presented at a month-long interactive exhibit in the MSA gallery, with an opening Friday, Apr. 28. The public will be invited to respond with their own insights into how to bring the wisdom of the past into today.

Project leader will be creative aging expert Susan Rosano, a mosaic and mural artist from Guilford. She has been

a Master Teaching Artist and a Registered Expressive Arts Consultant and Educator for more than 20 years, bringing visual and expressive arts projects to senior citizens, hospice patients and their families, and in schools, libraries, hospitals, and museums. In 2021, she trained to be a Vermont Lifetime Arts Teaching Artist and was awarded a National Arts Strategies Creative Community Fellowship. She is on the teaching roster for the VAC’s Creative Aging program.

“One of our goals is to increase awareness of creative and positive aging among both our participants and the public who see and hear the products of their work,” said Susan Still, MSA board

chair.

“We also want to create a space for creativity and encourage socializing among the seniors, who are often isolated,” she added.

Creativity will be nurtured through accessible techniques and the use of story prompts and collage. Fellowship will be encouraged through free refreshments and social time at each meeting.

Further information and registration for the lunch on March 10 and workshops can be found at www.mainstreetarts.org/drawing-out-the-wisdom-of-the-past.html.

Attendance at the informational lunch does not guarantee or commit to participation in the workshops.

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Make a bead soup wire cuff bracelet

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Let your creative spark soar as you make a Bead Soup Wire Cuff Bracelet with Thomasin Alyxander (Alyx) at Gallery at the VAULT on Saturday, March 11, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Create your own original piece of jewelry. Working with brass or copper wire and a variety of glass beads, everyone will make a bracelet as individual as they are. It promises to be lots of fun.

Register by Wednesday, March 8. All materials will be provided, but there is a fee.

The Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main St., Springfield. The gallery is open Wednesdays and Satur-



Alyx Thomasin Alyxander Beadsoup cuff bracelet. PHOTO PROVIDED

days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email gal-

leryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

Jesse Peters, Seven Short Sets

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Jesse Peters will play a full set following micro-performances by local and regional performers Brian Dade, Carl Beverly, Charlie & Emma, Gillis Mills, Ian Galipeau, Josh Cummings, and Will Stahl. A 3 p.m. matinee at Stage 33

Live will take place on Sunday, March 5. A donation is suggested at the door, there will be no advance tickets sold. There is limited seating and performances are recorded and filmed.

Jesse Peters has been a Southern Vermont music scene mainstay since moving back to the area in 2001. His styles run the gamut while remaining focused and accessible.

Seven 12-minute-or-less short slots will precede – some familiar players, some new ones. Micro-sets are an engaging and effective way for an audience to discover performers. Impressive talents often materialize out of left field... and sometimes talents are just plain out of left field.

With the backlog of Covid-postponed shows to reschedule and a growing list of artists waiting for future dates, Stage 33 Live

hasn't run many open mics since the lockdown. When the featured act scheduled for this date needed to withdraw, opportunity opened a door. Jesse, who had been on tap to open, was elevated to the feature slot, and a call was put out for half a dozen performers interested in playing short slots. There were seven responses within 24 hours.

Entry will be by donation at the door for the featured performer. Nobody will be turned away for lack of money. The show will be at 3 p.m., at Stage 33 Live at 33 Bridge Street, Bellows Falls, Vt. on Sunday, March 5. For more information about the nonprofit, all-volunteer project, and this and other upcoming events, visit www.stage33live.com.

Lotus lantern worksop

REGION – On Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m., join The Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP) and the Springfield Town Library for a workshop over Zoom to create a traditional Korean lotus flower lantern. KSCPP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing a

greater awareness and understanding of Korean history and culture.

The presenter from KSCPP will lead patrons through the creation of their lotus flower lanterns using provided materials. After the lantern craft, patrons will watch a documentary on the history and culture of Korea. Since 2005, KSCPP has hosted this

class more than 200 times at different libraries across the United States. Thank you to the Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) for sponsoring this.

This event is free and open to the public. Contact the library at 802-885-3108 if you have any questions.

Sign up is required to attend at www.bit.ly/3lroTbd.

Weston Pop-up University

WESTON, Vt. – For the fourth year, Weston Pop-Up University invites you to join neighbors from near and far in fun and informative courses taught by local folks, supported by the Wilder Memorial Library in Weston. It's "popping up" again, just in time to bring some good cheer and a little entertainment during the dreary mud season of March. While it bears the fancy name "university," it's really just a series of one-off classes about a wide variety of topics,

from cooking to crafts to fly-fishing to science, for adults and families alike. No final exams, we promise.

In our first year, after just getting started with in-person classes, we had to go online because of the pandemic. This year we are offering a mix – some classes on Zoom, some in person, some even in a hybrid format. We are grateful for our collaborators The Hub Restaurant, Weston Theater Company, and New Thought Vermont for providing support and venues for our programs.

We've brought back the ever-popular wine tasting with a local restaurateur, cartooning with a local artist, and cooking with the Chef at The Hub. And we've also added spring wreath-making, a nutrition class, pie crust making, family friendly trivia, karaoke, a film night, and several other classes – 13 total.

Everyone is invited to participate, and classes are free. Registration is required as some of the classes are limited in size. View the classes and register at www.westonpopupuniversity.org.

Judi Forman is the new artist in the Working Artist Program

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery is pleased to present Judi Forman, the next artist to participate in the Working Artist Program. This program is an artist's studio and exhibition space within the gallery, and is open during the gallery's regular hours, Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Third Friday Gallery Nights, from 5-7 p.m.

Judi Forman, based in Westminster, Vt. is a metal artist creating one-of-a-kind jewelry. Forman works with silver,

copper, niobium, titanium, and steel, using metalworking techniques such as anodizing, imprinting texture, and drawing with colored pencil. The artist uses layered sheets of metal, shaped into works such as "Three Moons Brooch" and riveted together. Using patina and colored pencil, the artist creates abstract compositions, often inspired by nature on the multiple surfaces she has shaped.

The Working Artist Program is open to all artists with priority for local artists. Working artists are expected to interact with gal-

lery visitors, discuss their artwork, process, and practice, and answer questions. Artists process their own sales and curate their own space. Upon completion of the program, artists present a self-curated solo show within their space to coordinate with a Bellows Falls Third Friday Gallery Night event.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal St., Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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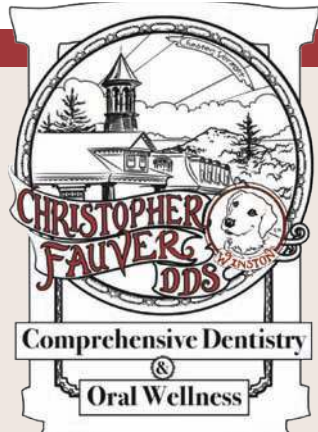
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