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Rockingham prepares for Town Meeting

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Rockingham Selectboard approved the FY2023 tax rate at \$1.0783 as well as the proposed budget.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said the town had submitted four out of six requests from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, hoping that \$660,000 would be reimbursed.

Chair Peter Golec said that, for the budget, they recommended \$100,000 from the general fund and \$100,000 from the highway fund to reduce the current tax rate.

Susan Hammond wanted to ensure that the recommended 20% for the general fund was maintained.

Golec suggested adding \$25,000 more from each fund to save another cent explaining that \$50,000 was .01 on the tax rate. He said that this budget would not increase taxes, but there were three articles on the warning that could. Golec saw that the \$200,000 was still in the town's fund balance, a misallocation that belonged in the Village Water fund. Pickup noted they were waiting on approval.

Hammond asked, if something did not pass, would the board still allocate funds. Pickup said they can appropriate funds as a board, combining other money to complete projects.

Bonnie North asked where the approach should be if voters said no. She was not comfortable with the way it looked if something was not passed and then the board approved it later on. Hammond agreed and suggested they take the truck out of the warning.

Rick Cowan wondered if it would be wise to take more from the general fund now.

Hammond said that the town had "survived Irene and the storm last year because of a healthy fund balance," and recommended keeping it between 20-25%.

Pickup said, "Fiscal prudence is also being responsible."

North said there were two incomes that were not reflected as revenue yet: the solar panels and upcoming tax sales.

Finance Director Alyssa Harlow said if they removed more from the general and highway funds to include the truck in the budget that would leave the general fund below 15%.

Golec moved to adopt the FY23 budget and warning as is.

Elijah Zimmer asked if they needed to purchase the truck now or if it could wait until next year. Pickup said if they wanted the truck in 6-12 months it needed to be ordered now.

Cowan questioned the large increase in paving, mentioning that this was a huge investment. Hammond said they were supposed to be adding \$50,000 every year for the last five years but had not and explained that was "the problem when you get off your plan." She recommended the equipment schedule be maintained.

Golec made the motion to accept the budget at \$6,353,627 with \$5,079,264 to be raised by taxes. Hammond seconded the motion and the board passed the budget unanimously.

The Town Meeting is Monday, Feb. 28 with elections on Tuesday, March 1. Rockingham Selectboard meetings are on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m.

BF Garage building ready for demolition

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The ongoing Bellows Falls Garage building project, a proposed housing project under the direction of the Brattleboro-based Windham Windsor Housing Trust, is set to begin this week, after it had recently been decided in a late-December Rockingham Board meeting that the demolition of the building had met all criteria.

This comes after the WWHT had previously announced alterations in the original plan to restore the former Bellows Falls Garage building located on Rockingham Street in the downtown area. WWHT had purchased the building from Frank Hawkins some two years ago.

The altered plan, with an estimated cost of \$9.9 million, is to rebuild the one hundred-year-old building and create 27 affordable housing units, a shared community room, and a non-residential space on the street level.

"As we gained further insights on the cost of the restoration through the bidding process, we learned that [the original] approach was not



Bellows Falls Garage building project ready for demolition. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

feasible with the funding that was available to us," said WWHT Executive Director, Elizabeth Bridgewater. "Therefore, we revised our plans and have developed a new approach that will restore the historic front of the building and remove the remainder of the structure down to the foundation."

The revised approach for the rebuild will allow for a lighter building on the existing foundation, without having to restore the entire structure. In addition, it will allow for the historic representation of the original building - including the original building façade and wing walls - to remain intact.

"Our contractor has been onsite since late December and is currently working through all the preparations

needed to begin taking the building down," Bridgewater added. "This includes cleaning out the building and installing temporary bracing for some of the foundation elements that are remaining."

Much of the 'behind the scenes' preparation has already been done to ensure a proper and safe demolition, and the building will be taken down in sections so that a wrecking ball will not be required. A safe plan, considering the garage structure sits close to other buildings.

"The removal of the first section of the building is scheduled to begin on January 31, and we are also demolishing the smaller building at 88 Canal Street on January 24," Bridgewater concluded.

Rockingham presents conversations for upcoming cannabis vote

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Town of Rockingham, Greater Falls Connections, and FACT TV will be co-hosting two community events as Rockingham voters prepare to decide whether to opt in to retail cannabis on Town Meeting Day.

The first event on Feb. 9, "Cannabis Conversations," invites parents and other caring adults to have open, honest, and judgment-free conversations about youth and cannabis use. WNESU Student Assistance Professional Heather Waryas will present on the Teen Brain.

Discussion topics will include How to Talk to Kids, Youth Mental Health, Trauma, and Preventing Youth Substance Use. Information regarding local regulations and best practices for youth prevention will also be shared.

The second event on Feb. 16 will be an informational forum for voters on topics including zoning and advertising, local control, potential economic costs and benefits, and health and safety concerns. A panel of speakers with diverse knowledge will include Susan Westa, a Senior Plan-

ner from the Windham Regional Commission, a local cannabis entrepreneur, and experts in youth mental health and prevention. Mike Smith and Marty Gallagher from FACT TV's "The Feed" will moderate audience questions.

Both events will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. The Feb. 9 "Cannabis Conversation" will be virtual, and the Feb. 16 Voter Forum will be hybrid on Zoom and in-person at the Bellows Falls Opera House Lower Theater.

VT Everyone Eats celebrates two million meals served

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Southeastern Vermont Community Action, VT Everyone Eats, and the many partners and participants who make this program possible, are celebrating serving two million meals this week.

The innovative Covid-19 response program provides meal assistance to Vermonters while supporting local restaurants, farmers, and food producers. The program recently received an extension to continue until April 1, 2022, thanks to a contract extension with the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, with SEVCA serving as the program administrator. The program is cur-

rently operated by eleven community hubs throughout the state, and includes a statewide online mobile phone app.

Since July 2020, over 260 Vermont restaurants have prepared these two million meals for Vermonters impacted by the Covid-19 crisis, using ingredients purchased from over 300 Vermont farmers and food producers. Those two million meals have generated \$20 million in supplemental revenue for local restaurants, \$2 million paid to local farmers and food producers, and thousands of new relationships formed between farmers, restaurant workers, grassroots and community leaders, volunteers, meal participants, and lawmakers. "Everyday I

receive messages from people around Vermont who have benefitted from VT Everyone Eats. The benefits they describe include help they've received in feeding their families, supplemental income that has helped keep their businesses afloat, and feelings of pride and a lift to their spirits as they watch so many Vermonters come together to help one another. I have tremendous gratitude for everyone who has helped achieve this milestone," said the program's statewide coordinator, Jean Hamilton.

Celebrate the milestone by participating in the #VTEveryoneEats Two Million Meals Social Media Celebration. Info is available at www.vteveryoneeats.org/2-million-meals.

Central Elementary embraces Farm to School

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Central Elementary School in Bellows Falls is expanding their Farm to School programming by joining the Northeast Farm to School Institute this year.

In October, second graders took on leadership roles as they taught their peers about carrots. The students were wrapping up an ongoing project in which they harvested, researched, and painted carrots, and then

presented what they learned to students in grades kindergarten through fourth. At the end of the week, Food Service Professional Erica Frank cooked up a carrot cake breakfast cookie as a special breakfast item highlighting carrots grown in the school garden.

This deep dive into project-based learning and authentic teaching is one example of the Farm to School programming at Central

Elementary School. With support from Food Connects, a Brattleboro-based organization that supports Farm to School programming in schools, this Bellows Falls area school is the latest in Windham County to join the Northeast Farm to School Institute. The Institute, which runs from summer 2021 through summer 2022, is a year-long professional development opportunity Ver-

mont FEED offers. It gives school teams the time and guidance to form a Farm to School Action Plan and decide how to implement Farm to School in their community. The Institute also provides schools with a grant and coaching to get their programs off the ground.

Last fall, students harvested vegetables, planted garlic, and prepared the garden for winter. Fu-

ture plans include hosting farmers as guest speakers, expanding their growing capacity, and creating community through student-to-student teaching. Later this January, students will conduct taste tests with Vermont's Harvest of the Month - the beet. And this work is already showing an impact. As 2nd-grade teacher Judy Verespy shared, "One way Farm To School has impacted our

school thus far is generating excitement and interest in fuelling our bodies properly. I see students reading nutrition labels and bringing or choosing fresh fruits and vegetables for snacks more often!"

Vermont FEED supports so many schools with this program, and Chroma Technology sponsored Central Elementary's attendance at the Institute this year.

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The Community Closet accepting clothing donations

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Community Closet at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St. in Bellows Falls will be open to accept donations of clean, gently used clothing on Saturdays, from 9 – 11 a.m., beginning Jan. 29 and running through February. Personal undergarments and bathing suits will not be accepted. On Saturday, March 5 the Community Closet will hold its grand opening from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Closet will be open on Saturdays thereafter. Masks are required. Access the parking lot to the Closet from the driveway of 9 School St., next to the Bellows Falls Middle School.



Some sample wares at The Community Closet. PHOTO PROVIDED

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First OLLI program of 2022 postponed

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Due to the current Covid situation, the first Springfield Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program of the Spring 2022 semester has been postponed.

The program on 'Landscape Design for Pollinators' will no longer be held on Feb. 8. OLLI plans to reschedule it for later in the spring. This program

will be co-sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

OLLI plans to continue offering the programs but will reschedule them for a later time. Should they need to postpone a program, they specify that they will make every effort to reschedule it for a later date. Changes to programming will be indicated through the website www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

field as well as through local newspapers and by email and phone.

Due to the current condition of Covid-19, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored non-credit events (including OLLI), to be vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn indoors. For full health & safety information, go to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

Westminster Cares Annual Appeal fundraiser

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Westminster Cares Board of Directors met Jan. 12 at 4:30 p.m. via WebEx with President Lori Larue presiding. Westminster Cares wishes to express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the

generous outpouring of support they have continued to receive to date for their 2021-22 Annual Appeal fundraising drive. Funds from this appeal enable them to continue serving the community as they adapt to these uncertain times. Thank you to

all the individuals, families, and businesses who have contributed so far, and to the entire community for your incredible support!

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Russ Allen from Nancy & Jim McAuliffe, Alma Beals from Allison & David Deen, Susan Clifford from Patrick Clark, Gail Coburn from the Rev. Sami McRae, Donna Dawson from Cynthia Moore, Eleanor Friedman from Kevin & Sarah Brennan, Pete Harrison from Jim & Nancy McAuliffe, Pete Harrison and Donna Dawson from Libby Mills, Lori Miller from Marlene and Bill O'Connor, Lori and Dick Miller from Heidi Anderson & Lee Trapeni, Karen Walter from Wendell Harty, the work Westminster Cares does in the community from Allen Bros.; Greater Falls Ins.; Kathleen Pirruccello; and Katie Hunt & Peter Shumlin, the Westminster Cares Board and Donna Dawson from Beth Shrader, West-

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Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year to ensure their understanding of the latest changes to the U.S. Tax Code. Certification training is currently being conducted in preparation for TY 2021 tax filing season.

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Local students achieve honors

REGION – The following is a summary of those students who's GPA qualified them for making the Dean's List, President's List, or graduating with high honors at their various institutions.

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Jacob Curtis of Windsor
Brigid Karl of Chester
Laurel King of Chester
Jacob Thomas of Chester
Raleigh Thomas of Chester
Madeline Prouty of Londonderry

Jordyn Jager of Landgrove
Eleanor Guyon of Saxtons River

Madeleine Blanchard of South Londonderry
Shaye Pisarczyk of Springfield

Ella Bursky of Westminster

Cade Morris of Weston
Samantha Cragin of Putney

Chandre Pero of Putney
Maris Linder of Townshend

Lucas Newton of Townshend

Michael Blais of Mount Holly

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY

Jonathan Griffin of West Townshend

STONEHILL COLLEGE

Aaron Merrill of Ludlow

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

Paige Congdon of Springfield

Hailey Berrio of Reading

Kathleen Hodsdon of Bellows Falls

Sarah Scarlett of Saxtons River

Noah Rawling of Bellows Falls

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Miranda Wilkins of Jamaica, Vt.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Rebecca Best of Bellows Falls

Megan Shanks of Westminster

Michelle Cox of Springfield

Carissa Bailey of Springfield

Samantha Singleton of Springfield

NAZARETH COLLEGE

Bradie Harris of Bellows Falls



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Law & Order

The passage below is from "History of Rockingham, Vermont," by Lyman Hayes, 1907.

"During the early years of Rockingham as a town, there were many peculiar laws upon the statute books which were interesting to note. Nine offenses were punishable by death.

"This was by no means a large number in those days, when Connecticut had twelve upon her list, and in Great Britain no less than one hundred and sixty crimes were subject to the death penalty.

"A few illustrations of the early forms of punishment will serve to give an idea of the nature of all.

"Every town was obliged to maintain a pair of stocks at its own expense, to be set in a public place. The liar, the profane swearer, the drunkard, and the Sunday violator were obliged to sit therein for a length of time, secured with lock and key. The stocks were arrangements whereby persons, sitting with feet extended in front of them, had their legs confined between two pieces of timber hollowed out so as to admit the legs above the ankles, but the feet could not be withdrawn until they were released by raising the timber, which was secured by the lock. Besides this there was the pillory, a somewhat similar contrivance whereby the criminal stood upright with his neck and both wrists confined between two sticks and locked in the same manner; and there was also the whipping post of every town.

"It is probable that these three instruments of punishment were set up in the public street of Rockingham village, in front of the present brick store, that being the most central and public place.

"The town of Westminster had two whipping posts and both remained as late as the year 1804. One stood in front of the old town meeting house and the other, used largely for soldiers, was located at the extreme south end of the "lower street."

"One law was, "Who-

soever shall commit burglary shall, for the first offense, be branded on the forehead with the capital letter B, with a hot iron, and shall have one of his ears nailed to a post and cut off; and shall also be whipped on the naked body fifteen stripes. And for the second offense such persons, shall be branded as aforesaid, and shall have his other ear nailed and cut off and shall be whipped on the naked body twenty-five stripes, and if such person shall commit the like the third time he shall be put to death as being incorrigible."

"The counterfeiter was branded with the capital letter C, had his right ear cut off, his property forfeited to the state, and was then committed to the workhouse for the remainder of his life.

"Blasphemy carried a penalty of "forty stripes on the naked body, and one hour in the pillory and bonds for good behavior."

"Horse stealing subjected the person to be whipped not over 100 stripes and other severe punishments.

"During Sunday, "rude, profane or tumultuous behavior or disturbance of a meeting" was punished by forty stripes on the naked body, or sitting in the stocks two hours.

"Such modes of punishment were not of long duration, for, in 1809, a state prison was built at Windsor, and from that time the imprisonment of the offender was more commonly substituted in their place."

The photo with this article is Henry Sanderson. He was a guard at Windsor State Prison. He's an elderly man with white hair and a dog. It would date to about 1915, give or take a few years.

We need a secretary at Chester Historical Society. Duties include recording meeting minutes, emailing them to our members, and occasionally sending a thank you to a donor. It's not a huge workload.

If you like history you



Henry Sanderson, Windsor prison guard.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

couldn't find a better group to work with. Our meetings are always fun and entertaining.

Meetings are followed by a slideshow of old photos of the area. It's always interesting to hear what a member knows about a particular slide. Please contact me if interested.

Instead of an old saying:

Jack Bittner was an auctioneer in Putney in the 1980s. Jack called me to look at some antique furniture he had consigned for his auction.

The furniture was made about 1810 in Baltimore, Md. I said the card table might bring \$15,000. It sold for \$18,000.

After the sale, a man approached Jack saying, "I bet you were surprised how much that card table brought." Jack, "Yes, I thought it would bring more."



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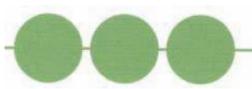


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Winter sports schedule

REGION - Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

THUR, JAN. 27 -

Boys basketball - Green Mountain at Twin Valley, 7 p.m.
Woodstock at Springfield, 7 p.m.

FRI, JAN. 28 -

Boys basketball - Leland & Gray at Long Trail, 6 p.m.
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball - Burr & Burton at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Green Mountain at Rivendell Academy, 7 p.m.

Mill River at Leland & Gray, 5:30 p.m.

SAT, JAN. 29 -

Boys basketball - Green Mountain at Proctor, 1:30 p.m.

Rivendell Academy at Bellows Falls, 2:30 p.m.
Arlington at Leland & Gray, 11 a.m.
Springfield at Mt. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.

MON, JAN. 31 -

Boys basketball - Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Hartford, 7 p.m.

Stevens at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball - Stevens at Fall Mountain, 5:30 p.m.

TUE, FEB. 1 -

Girls basketball - Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

Windsor at Springfield, 7 p.m.

WED, FEB. 2 -

Boys basketball - Fall Mountain at Newport, 7 p.m.
Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball - Newport at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

F&W's 2022 Conservation Camp registration now open

MONTPELIER, Vt. - This summer, Vermont's Fish and Wildlife Department is once again offering their Green Mountain Conservation Camps for children ages 12 - 14 who wish to learn about Vermont's wildlife and develop their outdoor skills.

The one-week camps are held at Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury. Campers will participate in hands-on learning about fish and wildlife conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and archery techniques, swimming,

canoeing, fishing, and more. Natural resource professionals will come to the camp to share information on their programs and take campers out for field activities.

"Whether kids come alone or with friends, they are guaranteed to meet new people and form new bonds while experiencing Vermont's natural resources to the fullest," said Fish and Wildlife Education Coordinator Alison Thomas. "An important take-away message and common theme during the week is that conserving and managing habitat will help ensure Vermont will have fish and wildlife in

the future.

"We would love to have all the advanced sessions filled for girls who have already attended a basic session," added Thomas. "Advanced sessions are for campers who have completed a basic session the summer before and who are 16-years-old or younger. Advanced sessions include more in-depth activities about backpacking, camping, natural resources, and unique hunting and fishing techniques."

Conservation Camps will open June 19 and continue until Aug. 19. Tuition will cover food, lodging, and equipment.

Applications and informa-

tion are available at www.vt-fishandwildlife.com. Details about Covid-19 protocols will be communicated via the department's website as they become clear.

The 2022 Conservation Camps are subject to last minute changes based on guidance from the Vermont Health Department and the Governor's orders regarding Covid-19. This could include, and is not limited to, reducing the number of sessions held, reducing the number of students in each session, or canceling the program for 2022. For more information, contact FWGMCC@vermont.gov or call 802-522-2925.

Amherst Lake Friends holds free ice fishing party

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Amherst Lake Friends will be holding a free ice fishing party on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 at 10 a.m. Come to the public boat landing just off Route 100 at Scout Camp Road and dress for winter fun.

A master fisherman will talk about and demonstrate ice fishing tips and tricks as well as ice

safety. There will be sugar-on-snow, donuts, and cider. Donations are welcome and appreciated as the group works toward protecting and celebrating the history and vibrant ecosystem of Amherst Lake.

For more information or to mail a donation, contact Alecia Armstrong at amherstlakefriends@gmail.com.



Amherst Lake friends.

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Become a "River Dipper" with BRAT

REGION - Have you got what it takes to be a volunteer "River Dipper" with the Black River Action Team? It takes a love of the outdoors (especially our river and the streams that feed it) an ability to drive to your site or sites as needed (regular Dippers sample every other weekend between mid-May and mid-August, while bacteria samplers visit their swimming hole every Wednesday morning be-

tween Memorial Day and Labor Day) and transport those samples to a drop-location in a timely fashion. Good attention to detail is important, as is an ability to follow directions and maintain communication.

All training and equipment will be provided; several sites are available all around the Black River drainage basin: Plymouth, Reading, Ludlow, Cavendish, Ascutney, North



Armando Stettner collecting samples from the Black River at the Springfield wastewater treatment facility.

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Springfield, Weathersfield, and Springfield.

BRAT is also looking for weekly monitors on both Knapp ponds, Muckcross Pond, and Echo Lake. Spoiler alert: you'll need a kayak or canoe for those Dipping spots.

Please reach out to BRAT Director Kelly Stettner as soon as possible to learn more and sign up for a dipping spot. She can be reached by email at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 802-738-0456.

Chester Rod & Gun Club accepting applications for conservation camp sponsorships

CHESTER, Vt. - This summer, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is offering their Green Mountain Conservation Camps for children ages 12-14. Chester Rod & Gun Club will sponsor tuition - which covers food, lodging, and equipment - for a select number of local children who would like to attend.

The one-week camps are held at Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury.

Campers will participate in hands-on learning about fish and wildlife conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and archery techniques, swimming, fishing, and more. Natural resource professionals will come to the camp to share information on their programs and take campers out for field activities.

Conservation camps will open June 19 and continue until Aug. 19.

Please note, due to Covid-19, the specific details of how camp may run are subject to change based on guidance from the Vermont Department of Health and governor's orders. There may be pre-arrival testing of campers, masking indoors, a reduction in the number of campers allowed in each session, or even cancellation of specific sessions.

Students who would like to apply for a sponsorship from Chester Rod & Gun Club should submit a one-page letter about themselves and why they would like to participate in the conservation camp. Letters should be sent to PO Box 104, Chester, VT 05143 by Monday, Feb. 7.

For more information, please contact Paul Stoddard at 802-376-9929.

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obituaries

Audrey J. Boerum, 1929-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Audrey J. Burton Boerum, 92, passed away on Jan. 2, 2022 in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Audrey was born on Dec. 12, 1929 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Hyacinth and William Burton. An avid creative from an early age, she enjoyed playing the piano and dancing. After graduating high school, she attended college for a year, then left and went to work at AT&T.

Audrey worked at AT&T for several years and had many adventures with friends in New York City. She met Frederick S. Boerum while she was out and about as a hotsy-totsy babe on the town. They wed and settled in Brooklyn.

While living in Brooklyn they had two children: Stephen F. Boerum and Patrice Boerum. Then they moved to Oakland, N.J. where they had a third child, William S. Boerum.

An active community member, Audrey participated in local politics, the school board, PTAs, and a local newspaper. Later on in life she did administrative work for a mental health organization and was an employee at Wal-laby, a computer company.

After retiring, Audrey

moved to Bellows Falls, Vt. in the mid 1990's where she became a regular troublemaker on the local scene. She was involved in community theater, the Chamber of Commerce, Westminster Cares, artist's guilds, the Waypoint Center, and other nearby organizations. One of her dearest connections was the local poetry group that met regularly at Village Square Booksellers and the Flat Iron Cooperative in town.

Audrey shared a deep love of the written word with her grandchild, Rebecca, who carries on her creative spirit.

Audrey loved gardening, extraterrestrials, a good party, music, family, friends, an electrifying debate, Frank Sinatra, genealogy, and books. Lots of books.

The community at the Canal House where Audrey lived was a strong support system for her in the final years of her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to your local library. Services to be announced at a later date.

Thank you for your condolences, Audrey is dearly missed.

Mary Beth Damon, 1953-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Mary Beth Damon (Gelineau) passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Jan. 9, 2022 in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Mary Beth was born April 4, 1953 in Burlington, Vt. to George and Joan Gelineau who are both deceased. Mary Beth was also predeceased by her brother Raymond Gelineau. Mary Beth was the true matriarch of her family. She cared for her siblings, husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mary Beth was the person everyone turned to when they needed advice or a wake-up call. She was stern yet caring. It meant everything to her to keep her loved ones safe. She gave freely of herself and put everyone else first. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mary Beth is survived by her husband Stephen Damon; her children Christy Rohane, Joshua Jones, Jennifer Jones, Jacklyn Jones, Julie Jones, Diana Jones,



Mary Beth Damon, 1953-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

and Patricia Damon; her siblings Gregory Gelineau, Joe (Kathleen) Gelineau, Edward Gelineau, Connie Gelineau, Julie (Tom) Hindmarsh, Frances Gelineau, Jude (Tom) Kane, Victor Gelineau, John Gelineau, and Jennifer (Andrew) Davis; as well as her 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

There will be a private burial for her family and a celebration of life at a later date. A mass will be offered in Mary Beth's name at St. Charles Parish on Feb. 27 and April 9 of 2022.

Justin Moulton, 1969-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Justin Moulton, 52, of Springfield, Vt., passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022 at his home.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1969 in Springfield to Douglas and Diane (Met-calf) Moulton. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1987.

Justin was a long time 4-H member and a member of the North Springfield Baptist Church. He played little league baseball and was in the first group of kids to play in the youth football program that Jerry Jasinski started. He was also on the eighth grade team, Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams. He also enjoyed snowmobiling as a youngster. Justin played saxophone in Junior High at Riverside and was quite good but decided to give it up to have more study halls. After high school he worked in carpentry and construction for his family's company and others as well as having his own company, JDM Construction. He currently had been working as a subcontractor for Wylle Construction.

Justin was also an avid hunter and fisherman, harvesting many deer over the years as well as other game.

Justin had many friends in the area who will miss him greatly as well as his family.

He is survived by his par-



Justin Moulton, 1969-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

ents Douglas and Diane Moulton, his brothers Chris Moulton and his wife Shelly of Hillsborough, N.H., and Joshua Moulton of Springfield, Vt. He is also survived by his special friend Rachel Stock, his nephew James Moulton and his wife Stephanie of Kentucky, and his nieces Brittany Moulton of Pennsylvania, and Kassey Lanham of West Virginia, and several great-nieces and nephews and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Justin was predeceased by his grandparents Robert and Catherine Metcalf, Frank and Freda Rumrill, Virginia Farrar and Stanley Moulton, uncles Russell Moulton, Roy Farrar, Douglas Metcalf and by several cousins. A celebration of Justin's life will be held in the spring.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Diane Hart, 1955-2022

CHESTER, Vt. – Diane Jo Emerson Hart, 66, of Kevadus Circle, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Jan. 20, 2022, after a short struggle with cancer.

Diane was born Oct. 21, 1955 in Shrewsbury, Vt., the daughter of Benjamin L. Emerson & Lillian M. (Freeman) Emerson. She grew up in Mount Holly, Bethel, and Ludlow, graduated from Black River High School, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in education from Lyndon State College.

Diane returned to Ludlow Elementary School where she taught grades first and second for 35 years. She loved everything to do with butterflies and she raised and released Monarchs and Tiger Swallowtails every year in her life cycle science lessons. In her free time, she loved doing jigsaw puzzles, reading mystery books, making crafts, playing word and board games, camping, fishing, and spending time with her cats and beloved granddaughter Rowan. She made many special memories traveling to visit her daughter in far-away places like Wyoming and Switzerland. She found many friends through local or-

ganizations including the Loyal Order of Moose in Springfield, VFW of Claremont, Polish American Club of Claremont, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Diane is survived by her partner David Ryan of over 30 years of Chester, Vt., daughter Julie Hart (Daniel Schlaepfer) of Delmar, N.Y., son Richard Hart and granddaughter Rowan Hart of Chester, Vt., brother Winston C. Derby (Linda) of New Market, Tenn., sister Barbara Pukt (Joseph) of Nashua, N.H., sister Donna Emerson of Muncie, Ind., best friend Robin Steele of Chester, and many friends. Diane is predeceased by her parents, brother Gerald Derby, and sisters Ruth Preston and Carol Ann Emerson.

Diane was a kind, gentle, loving soul who touched many, many lives. Her loving, inviting smile will not be forgotten. When it is again safe to gather, we will invite friends and family to come together to celebrate her wonderful life. Arrangements are being handled by Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

Floyd William Stevens, 1941-2022

ATHENS, Vt. – Floyd was brought to Athens, Vt. from New Milford, Conn. in 1946 by his parents George W. (Bill) Stevens and Vernora (Verna) M. Morton Stevens, along with two younger siblings.

The next year he started school in the Athens North one-room schoolhouse, where he went to classes for the next eight years. He was in the last class to ever go there for eight years as the school then went on to become only grades one through six. Floyd went on as the first Athens student to graduate from Vermont Academy in Saxtons River and then to graduate from R.I. Barrington Bible College.

While in college, he met and married Dorothea Sterling, the love of his life, in 1964, and they were married 57-and-a-half years. She was the "Best addition and gift" he could have ever given to the Stevens family.

While living in Athens, Floyd worked on the road crew. Back then, the workers had to hand shovel the sand off the truck back onto the road as the truck slowly backed up the road. He worked at Archie Jones' Dairy Cow Farm, at Ned

Wyman's Chicken Farm, and McCusker's Turkey Farm. The last farm he worked at – after he bought his first pickup truck – was Vern and Bea Fisher's Farm in Grafton, Vt.

Floyd helped mow the cemeteries in town. This was done with a hand-pushed mower. The last two burials he helped with were in the G.W. Stevens Estate Cemetery in 1976 (his father – G.W. Stevens) and in 2003 (his mother – V.M. Stevens).

He was predeceased by his first grandchild in 1989, Joshua Stevens.

Only two members of his family are left in Athens. His sister Dolly F.H. Stevens and his niece, Emretta May (Phillips) Hinman.

Floyd leaves his wife, two siblings, three children, eleven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, as well as many friends in many states.

Floyd remembered the Athens families of Perry, Fletcher, and Tenney quite fondly, and we thank them for the long friendships.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
The Reverend Nicholas Boke will be delivering a sermon titled, "Promises: On Covenants, Contracts, and Resolutions," on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. "By the end of January, most of us will have given up on our resolutions, but our covenants and contracts will remain. We have watched over the past year as a significant percentage of the human species has held their "rights" to be of more importance than the implicit contract we're supposed to have with society." Contact Nena Nanfeldt with questions at 802-875-4309.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
Join us for our Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Masks and social distancing required. Join us in person or on Zoom. For more information, visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.
Sunday services are held in person and streamed online at 10 a.m. Please be safe and care for each other. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Please wear a mask, socially distance, and stay home if you're unwell. Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovespringfield.com.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.
Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to www.youtube.com and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to www.stmaryjoseph.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
Join the Springfield Meetinghouse online Sunday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. for, "Holy Imbolc: A Midwinter Reflection," with Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy. "I invite You to join us in this midwinter celebration of Imbolc, February 1st, the midpoint between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. You're invited to stay for the small groups, an opportunity to visit in our virtual coffee hour after the service." On Zoom: www.us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.
Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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

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JAN. 27 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Fundraiser for Expeditionary School at Black River featuring comedian Rusty DeWees “The Logger” Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at Calcutta’s

Bar and Restaurant, located at Fox Run Golf Club. The event includes a light dinner and Calcutta’s will provide a cash bar. Proceeds go to Year 3 of the Expeditionary School at Black River for local education. Tickets can be purchased on the ESB website at www.esblackriver.org.

FEB. 5 – WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole on the Common will be holding a peanut butter and/or soups “drive by and drop off” food collection for The Fall Mountain Food Shelf on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. - noon at the church. Thank you for doing your part.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Chester

American Legion Post 67 hosts Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12 p.m., and games start at 1 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartsness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America’s communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

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.

TUESDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WEDNESDAYS – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom and in person. For more information, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email dan.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, 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.

THURSDAYS – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden.

CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

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 – GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange hosts breakfast the second Saturday of every month, serving from 8-9:30 a.m. There is a fee per person. Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, plain and blueberry pancakes, home fries, toast, juices, coffee, and tea. Eat in or take out. Hope to see you all there. For more information, call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

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

DAILY – REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.



NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee Ballots for the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting to be held Tuesday, March 1, 2022, will be available at the Springfield Town Clerk’s Office on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office as soon as possible in person, in writing, by phone or by email. An Absentee Request Form can be found on the town’s website <https://springfieldvt.gov> or you may request your ballots online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Monday, February 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote any time at the Town Clerk’s office or online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. Absentee ballots may be returned through regular mail, mail slots located in town hall entrances and at the polls. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by the close of polls, 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the polls. The polls are located at Riverside Middle School in the gymnasium and will open on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk’s Office will not be open on March 1, 2022. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 (802) 885-2104 tosclerk@vermontel.net

Annual Report Notice of Availability

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Report containing the Town Auditor’s Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 will be available February 19, 2022 and may be picked up at the Springfield Town Clerk’s Office at 96 Main Street, M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the Springfield Town Library at 43 Main Street, M-F 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Annual Report containing the Town Auditor’s Report will be available on the Town’s website <https://springfieldvt.gov>. Upon request, the Auditor’s Report shall be mailed. After March 31, 2022, the Town School District Report will be available on the School District website <https://www.ssdvt.org>. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, CVC (802) 885-2104 tosclerk@vermontel.net

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

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 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o’clock in the forenoon) until 7:00 p.m. to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

In accordance with S.172 signed by the Governor all voting will be done by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, therefore, there will be NO in-person floor voting on Monday, February 28, 2022.

A public informational hearing will be held on Zoom video conferencing on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:30 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.

HOW TO JOIN AND ACCESS THE REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING:

MEETING ID: 834 9578 2026

- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83495782026> You may be prompted to enter the Meeting ID. You may need to download software here <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

If you have difficulty accessing the meeting or do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please call 802-885-2104.

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

Cemetery Commissioner	Selectmen
First Constable	Town Moderator
Library Trustees	Town School District Moderator
School Directors	Trustee of Public Funds

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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$13,425,871.00) 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$700,000.00) 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to authorize cannabis retailers in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. Section 863? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$ 32,997,951.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,288 per pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.75% higher than spending for the current year. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of Springfield Town School District approve a contribution of \$400,000 from the district’s FY21 surplus to the district’s operating expense reserve fund for the purpose of paying unexpected operational expenses? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters of Springfield Town School District approve a contribution of \$700,000 from the district’s FY21 surplus to the district’s capital fund for the purpose of paying capital expenses as identified in the capital plan approved by the board? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 14: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 15: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 16: 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. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 17: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 18: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 19: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 20: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 21: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 22: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 23: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 24: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 25: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 26: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 27: 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? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 28: 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.? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

Dated this 24th day of January, 2022 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.	Dated this 24th day of January, 2022 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.
Walter E. Martone, Chair Everett T. Hammond Michael E. Martin George T. McNaughton Kristi C. Morris	Troy Palmer, Chair Jeanice Garfield Michael Griffin, Jr. Stephen Karaffa Patti Kemp
Board of Selectmen Town of Springfield	Board of School Directors Springfield School District

LEGAL NOTICES

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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.

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REGION – Experienced caregiver for the elderly, house sitter, and errand runner. I am available all shifts. Call Marie at 802-554-0041.

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HELP WANTED

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Sojourns Community Health Clinic is looking for a Medical Receptionist for a busy multi-practitioner clinic. The ideal candidate will be someone who has the ability and willingness to manage multiple tasks, be flexible, and greets our patients with professionalism, grace, and compassion, whether in person or over the telephone. Additional skills required are: customer service experience, attention to detail, time management, and desire to be part of a team.

This is a full time, 5 days a week position. Please send resume and cover letter to: Sojourns Community Health Clinic, 4923 US Route 5, Westminster, VT 05158. No phone calls or faxes please.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Dental office assistant. Our friendly, professional dental practice is seeking a dental assistant to join our team. We are willing to train the right person, experience helpful but not required. Offering 401(k), vacation, and dental. Please send resume to jenngraffa@hotmail.com or mail Dr. David Heydenreich, 192 Rockingham St. Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Assistant Manager needed at Walpole Valley Tire, an owner managed store. Primary duties will be as a Tire Tech, supervising changing area and customer interaction (as needed); managerial duties upon owner's absence. Please email wtjobs@hotmail.com for an application or stop by store at 532

Main Street, Walpole, NH (next to Tractor Supply).
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Janitorial Position Available, United States Post office. \$18.84 an hour, 1.5 hours a day, 6 days a week, Monday – Saturday. Flexible start time during hours of operation. Contact Aimee regional supervisor at 207-349-0510 or Mario operations director at 651-274-6900.

OTHER

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Accepting bids for refinish of approx. 3800 SF VCT tile floor. All materials and equipment furnished. No experience required. Email gwi@vermont.net for information.



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Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby Warned to meet at the Plymouth Municipal Building at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 28, 2022, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law by ballot. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the Plymouth Municipal Building from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted will include:

- Article 1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) by Australian Ballot: Town Moderator, Selectman; Lister, Trustee of Public Funds, Cemetery Commissioner, First Constable, Second Constable.
- Article 2. To see if the Town will vote \$12,205 for Human Services to be allocated as follows:
 - A. American Red Cross - \$250
 - B. Black River Area Community Coalition - \$500
 - C. Black River Good Neighbors - \$500
 - D. Black River Valley Senior Center - \$2,000
 - E. Fletcher Memorial Library - \$1,200
 - F. Green Mountain Eco. Dev. Corp. - \$302
 - G. Green-Up Vermont - \$50
 - H. HCRS - Mental Health Services - \$568
 - I. Okemo Valley TV (formerly LPCTV) - \$800
 - J. Plymouth Historical Society - \$500
 - K. Plymouth Memory Tree - \$250
 - L. Plymouth Press - \$50
 - M. Qttauquechee Health Foundation - \$600
 - N. Senior Solutions Council on Aging for SE Vermont - \$300
 - O. The Current Bus - \$125
 - P. Tyson Library - \$500
 - Q. Visiting Nurse and Hospice - \$2,150
 - R. VT Center for Independent Living - \$175
 - S. VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force - \$100
 - T. VT Trails and Greenways - \$85
 - U. Windsor County Mentors - \$500
 - V. Windsor County Youth Services - \$400
 - W. Women's Freedom Center - \$300
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,250,233 in taxes to pay estimated expenses in the amount of \$ 1,683,583.
- Article 4. To see if the legal voters of the Town will authorize the Plymouth Selectboard to establish a general reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804.
- Article 5. To see if the legal voters of the Town will authorize the Plymouth Selectboard to establish a Bridge and Highway reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804.
- Article 6. To see if the legal voters of the Town vote to pay to the Treasurer, real property taxes in two installments with due dates of September 1, 2022, and February 1, 2023, with an interest charge of 1% for the first three months and 1.5% thereafter for each month if each installment is not paid by the due date, after February 1, 2022, any unpaid taxes would be charged an 8% collection fee plus the interest fees.
- Article 7. To transact any other necessary and legal business.

Dated at Plymouth, VT, this 20 day of January 2022.

Jay Kullman, Chair
Rick Kaminski
Keith Cappellani

WARNING RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Expeditionary School at Black River, Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

- ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of two years
- ARTICLE 2: To elect a Clerk for a term of two years
- ARTICLE 3: To elect a Treasurer for a term of two years
- ARTICLE 4: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.
- ARTICLE 5: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.
- ARTICLE 7: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 1, 2022, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 1, 2022

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of **three million, nineteen thousand, six hundred seventy-six dollars (\$3,019,676)** to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, February 24, 2022 in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2022-2023 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair
David Clark, Vice Chair
Andrew Pennell, Board Secretary/Clerk
Sarah Vogel
James Rumlill
Lois Perlah
Paul Orzechowski
Jeanice Garfield
Lyza Gardner
Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District

Voting Locations and Hours

Bellows Falls Union High School District #27		
Athens	Former Elementary School Building	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Grafton	Grafton Town Hall	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rockingham	Masonic Temple	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Westminster	Westminster Town Hall	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Two Rivers Supervisory Union		
Andover	Andover Town Hall	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Baltimore	Baltimore Town Office	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cavendish	Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Station	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Chester	Chester Town Hall	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Ludlow	Ludlow Town Hall	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mount Holly	Mount Holly Town Office	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Springfield School District		
Springfield	Riverside Middle School	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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\$150 for 13 Weeks • \$250 for 26 Weeks • \$400 for 52 Weeks
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2/19 – Storytelling through Illustrations and Cartoons with Christine Mix. Online class. Fun step-by-step lessons that focus on character design, expressions, action drawing, and how to create stories through illustrations. Age 10 and up. \$10. 1-3 p.m. Register by 2/16. (02/08/22 - TFN - 13)

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Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm. (08/16/22 - TFN - 52)

Masonry

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Local high school basketball (Green Mt. & Mill River)
- Legislative Update w/ Rep. Charlie Kimbell
- Ice Fishing clinic w/ Dept. Of Fish & Wildlife
- Recycling & composting Q&A's with "Green Drinks"
- Winter wildlife habitat w/ VT Master Naturalist

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 (02/15/22 - TFN - 13)

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arts & events

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 100 Old School St at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 2/16/22, to hold a public hearing for an application from Pete Woerner to add an accessory dwelling at 157 Crazy Grouse Ln.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

Application materials and information on how to attend remotely are available by emailing the town's Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE Town of Londonderry, VT

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Londonderry, Vermont will accept sealed bids on one Town-owned property. The property information and all bidding instructions are specified in a bid solicitation available at the Town Office located at 100 Old School Street in South Londonderry, and on the homepage of the Town's website - www.londonderryvt.org.

The property will be available for inspection at specified times on February 10, 2022, and sealed bids must be received in hand no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 17, 2022. Subject to Selectboard approval, the property will be sold to the highest qualified bidder for that property, subject to 24 V.S.A. 1061(a). The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION
WINDHAM UNIT Docket No.: 21-PR-05474

ESTATE OF ALBERT OERTEL NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of Albert Oertel, the Decedent, of South Londonderry, Vermont.

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

Elizabeth Oertel Connors, Administrator. Mailing Address; 3996 VT Route 100 N, Unit 3, South Londonderry, VT 05155.



Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal
Publication Date: Jan. 26, 2022

Address of Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windham Unit, 30 Putney Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD HELP WANTED

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

The Town of Springfield, VT is looking for an Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation to start in February 2022. This is a full-time; non-exempt position with an excellent benefit and retirement package. Salary Range is \$21.07 to 23.97, depending on qualifications and experience. Position requires graduation from a college or university of recognized standing with a Bachelor's Degree based on a major in Parks & Recreation Leadership; or Sports Management; or Physical Education. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of at least one year of proven, successful, and progressive experience in recreation leadership. Candidates may substitute a combination of education, training, and experience, especially experience within a municipal setting. Applicant must have or will be trained for a Vermont Certified Pool Operator Certificate, required renewal every 5 years, OSHA Required Respirator Knowledge and Usage. First Aid Certification and renewal required, and CPR Certification and renewal required for Adults & Children. Application and additional information (detailed job description) may be picked up at the Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT or by calling Donna Hall, Human Resources Manager at 802-885-2104. Application may also be downloaded at <https://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/> E.O.E.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD HELP WANTED

TOWN HALL ASSISTANT Full-Time - Permanent Position

The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking a full-time Town Hall Assistant to work for the Town Clerk (20) hours, for the Zoning Administrator (16) hours and the Selectboard (4) hours each week. This position will be assisting the Town Clerk and provide clerical functions in the Town Clerk's office. The function of the position is performed according to the body of State Law and Town Charter. Knowledge of municipal operations and land records is preferred. This position will also assist the Zoning Administrator by providing customer service, answering the phone, filing, and data entry. Work with the Selectboard will include in-person or zoom meetings to take minutes and transcribe minutes. Working knowledge of office procedures, proficiency with Microsoft Office software, and the ability to learn other software as it applies. An ability to deal effectively with the public, other town departments and appointed and elected officials. Must be able to read and understand laws, rules and regulations, especially State Statutes and the Town Charter. A college degree is preferred or a minimum of 30 college credits in a related subject matter. A high school diploma or equivalent may be acceptable with equivalent experience. Pay Grade 16, a salary range of \$19.42 to \$22.06 per hour depending on experience. This is a non-exempt position with a great benefits and retirement package. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, tosh@vermontel.net (802) 885-2104. Applications may also be downloaded from the Town's website <https://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/> Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. E.O.E.

Fletcher Farm School winter and spring classes

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts has announced the following winter and spring classes, which will be offered at their school:

Jan. 29-30 Quilt Camp with Susan Damone Balch. The registration deadline is Jan. 19.

Feb. 12-13 Success in Watercolor I with Betsy Johnson. The registration deadline is Feb. 2.

Feb. 24-26 Quilt Camp with Susan Damone Balch. The registration deadline is Feb. 14.

March 5-6 Painting the Winter Landscape in Watercolor with Robert O'Brien. This class will be online from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the registration

deadline is Feb. 2.

March 19-20 Success in Watercolor II with Betsy Johnson. The registration deadline is March 9.

March 22-23 Liberated Quilting with Susan Damone Balch. The registration deadline is March 12.

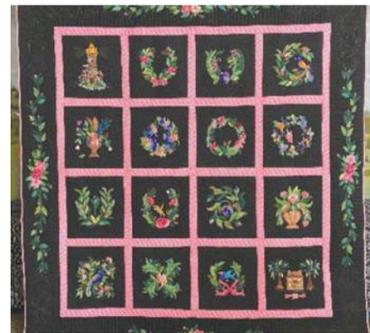
March 26-27 Introduction to Silver Fabrication with Harold Bosco. The registration deadline is March 16.

There is also still time to participate in the Baltimore Album Quilt raffle. This heirloom quilt was hand-applied by Viola Greening and has been appraised at \$6,500. Ms. Greening is planning to come to the school on Feb. 14 to personally draw the winning ticket. Raffle tickets can be pur-

chased online or by calling the School.

This year marks the school's 75-year anniversary and, in celebration, the Fletcher Farm is asking that any and all supporters willing to donate do so. They appreciate whatever can be spared.

The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc., which owns and operates the Fletcher Farm School, is updating their membership categories. Memberships run from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 and vary from Senior to Individual, Artist/



Quilt for the Baltimore Album Quilt raffle. PHOTO PROVIDED

Professional, Family, and Premium. Contact Fletcher Farm for more details.

To find more information on these classes or to register, visit the Fletcher Farm website at www.fletcherfarm.org or call the office at 802-228-8770. Fletcher Farm is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold three public hearings on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The James E. Mullen Trust has applied for a minor subdivision located south of Osgood Road. Rick Crawford has applied for a minor subdivision located west of 800 Missing Link Road. Savage Trust has applied for a zoning permit for gravel extraction at 1997 Rockingham Road. The meeting is located at the Rockingham Town Hall 3rd floor conference room and on Zoom using the meeting ID: 814 6075 8306 with the passcode 'DRB'

Custodial Positions

Chester-Andover Elementary School has two full year custodial positions open. The part time position is Monday-Friday from 6pm-10pm. The full time position is Monday-Friday 1pm-9pm. Duties include custodial tasks as assigned - cleaning and maintaining facilities. A background check is required. Two Rivers Supervisory Union is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply please send your resume to keith.cyr@trsu.org.

School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing. EOE.

Job Type: Full-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at michael.ripley@trsu.org

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Next Stage Arts upcoming events

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts announces a performance featuring two underground bands from the Brooklyn Barbés scene, on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m., in Putney, Vt.

Big Lazy, the first of the two performers, has flourished for over two decades in NYC's downtown music scene. Simultaneously noir and pastoral, gothic and modern, the trio conjures images from big sky country to seedy back rooms with cinematic clarity. With a nod towards classic guitar instrumentals and a fiery performance style, their most recent album, "Dear Trouble," captures the essence of their legendary live shows.

Mamie Minch, the second of the two performers, is a longtime staple of New York's acoustic blues scene. Listening to her sing and play is like unpacking a time capsule of American music that's been stored in her 1930's National steel guitar for decades and filtered through a modern femme sensitivity. Mamie's newest release "Slow Burn" is a collaboration with drummer/producer Dean Sharenow that sees her tra-

ditional influences stretch out, turn up, and get deeper, groovier, funkier.

Next Stage will also be screening two award-winning documentaries, "Storm Lake," which will show on Friday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m., and "The Ants and the Grasshopper," on Sunday, Feb 6, at 5 p.m. A Q&A will follow "Storm Lake," on Feb. 4.

Both films come to Next Stage Arts as part of the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival, Vermont Tour 2022.

"Storm Lake," is directed and produced by Beth Levison and Jerry Risius, and "The Ant and The Grasshopper" is directed by Raj Patel and Zak Piper. These performances are made possible in part by the generous sponsorship of Oak Meadow.

Proof of vaccination or negative Covid test within 48 hours required for entry to indoor shows. Masks are required while inside the venue. For more information about Covid policies, please email info@nextstagearts.org.

For more information and updates for events, go to www.nextstagearts.org.

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