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Chester talks community gardens and rental registry

BY KYLE LAURITA-BONOMETTI The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - At the three hour Chester Selectboard meeting on Oct. 19, the board passed few actual motions, but did discuss several ideas about the future of big projects in the town.



Chester discusses gardens and rentals. PHOTO PROVIDED

At the beginning of the meeting, the board heard from CCGG president Cheryl Joy Lipton, who implored the selectboard to make a decision on the Canal Street land parcel in town, a plot that the CCGG has attempted to secure for their community garden project.

it's a small step," said Board Chair Arne Jonynas, "I think it's a step in the right direction."

The conversation on housing was split into two agenda items: a general discussion on housing and a continued conversation regarding the STR ordinance. Town Manager Julie Hance started by describing some of the ideas that have come up at meetings and conferences she's attended recently.

The board pushed a decision on the STR ordinance until the next meeting, citing a need to have it reviewed by a lawyer first.

While the ordinance has not yet been approved, several board members expressed support for collecting data on STRs, with Jonynas saying, "I look back to this document and it's not actually that much. It's just asking for a registration."

That being said, the topic did inspire more conversation at the meeting, with multiple residents stepping forward to share their views on the potential registry. One citizen asked about how long a STR owner had to correct rental violations if any were found, to which Preston Bristow, Chester Zoning Administrator, answered that those decisions are left up to the state, the ones who will be making the inspections.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chester Town Hall.

Cavendish Selectboard hears from GMUSD on bond measure

BY PAULA BENSON The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - At the Monday, Oct. 17 Cavendish Selectboard meeting, the first topic of discussion was a \$20 million bond proposal to renovate the three schools in the Green Mountain Unified School District (GMUSD); CTES, CAES, and GMUHS.

GMUSD board member and Cavendish resident Steve Perani, along with Facilities Director Todd Parah, presented the proposal, which will be the first major maintenance project for the GMUSD facilities in more than thirty years, and addresses a backlog of renovations including fixing fire and safety code violations, updating accessibility requirements per the Americans With Disabilities Act, and repairs and upgrades to the heating, ventilation, and lighting systems.

Because the November general election ballots have already been mailed, Parah explained that postcards with the bond voting information have been sent to each registered voter. Ballots are available at all town clerk offices through Nov. 8 and will be distributed at the polling sites for election day voting.

Parah said, "These repairs will move the schools 30 years into the future and won't need to be redone for a long time. This is not a quick fix." He added, "My goal is for everyone to vote informed."

I'm not here to convince anyone of anything."

Citizens including Margo Caulfield expressed concern over the schools' dwindling attendance numbers, an aging local population, and a tax burden that will disproportionately impact residents without school age children who might be on a fixed income.

The next item on Monday night's agenda was the ongoing consideration of Airbnb and other short-term rentals and their impact on the local economy and quality of life. Leading the discussion were Caulfield and Kem Phillips, who had collected data on property ownership, town population, rental information, and student population. The unofficial study found that approximately 40% of properties in the Cavendish-Proctorsville area are owned by residents, and long-term rentals have decreased while the short-term rental market continues to grow.

The discussion became somewhat heated as residents looked to the board to address these issues, currently shared by many towns across the nation. Some in attendance expressed frustration that Cavendish is not currently planning to regulate short-term rentals, and suggested that a 1-2% tax would be a minimal effort to recoup some money for the town.

Planning Commission member Tim Calabrese said

he could add the topic to the commission's agenda, although he admitted they are "in dire need of members," and urged anyone interested to attend the next meeting on Nov. 2.

Town Manager Brendan McNamara addressed the meeting in regard to the Town Plan Energy Chapter, and the request for the Planning Commission to adopt the measure into the Town Plan. George Timko presented the motion, which Stephen Plunkard seconded.

Timko explained that the purpose of adopting the Chapter into the Town Plan was to state recommendations and goals, not implement restrictions. It would give the town more input when large projects are proposed, and residents will have access to information and resources, such as Efficiency Vermont, to help lower individual energy usage and cost.

The board revisited converting the streetlights in Proctorsville to LED, and McNamara quoted the cost at \$9,100 to replace all the bulbs, with a yearly savings of \$4,100. He said he would continue the conversation with the Town Treasurer, and if there were available funds, the project would be completed before winter.

McNamara stated that the town had received almost all the ARPA funds coming to them, and anyone interested in joining the committee to review potential projects, should let him know. Hoping the first meeting would be the week of Oct. 24, McNamara said his goal was to

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Londonderry and Chester contract for stormwater plans

REGION - Fitzgerald Environmental Associates (FEA) will be developing a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP) for the Towns of Londonderry and Chester in partnership with the Town and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC).

SWMPs outline actionable steps toward improving water quality and reducing flooding through implementation of stormwater practices. The SWMP process provides valuable assistance to the Town for addressing stormwater issues and reducing maintenance of Town infrastructure.

and sediment, improves the water quality in Vermont's rivers, lakes, and ponds. Projects identified through this planning process, once implemented, are expected to result in measurable water quality improvements in the West River watershed.

FEA will identify and assess possible locations for new stormwater practices in Londonderry and Chester. We will primarily focus our efforts on areas with greater amounts of stormwater runoff, including the Village Centers of both towns and Magic Mountain Resort. We will also focus on areas with existing stormwater issues

such as eroding gravel roads. We will develop project recommendations that are feasible for implementation based on available space, land ownership, and cost. Projects will be prioritized based on the cost-effectiveness of the potential water quality benefits.

FEA personnel will conduct surveys in Chester and Londonderry during 2022-2023 and deliver designs and a final Stormwater Master Plan by April 2024. Please contact Fitzgerald Environmental Associates at 802-876-7778 or at evan@fitzgeraldenvironmental.com with any questions or comments regarding the Stormwater Master Plan.

ESBR receives VCF grant

LUDLOW, Vt. - From its inception, creating a cost-effective financial model for educating youth that is more community focused and locally controlled has been a priority of ESBR's leadership team.

As ESBR enters its second month of its third year of operation, it has received \$0 from the state's Education Fund. It continues to be 100% funded by a combination of charitable donations and tuition payments. Currently, ESBR is a "recognized" independent school. "Approved" status is required, so that state Education Fund dollars can follow students from school choice towns who want to attend this school.

In July 2021, the Board of Trustees submitted ESBR's application for approved status, and a required site visit was conducted on March 30, 2022. Because it is still not clear when the timeline for securing public funding will be completed, ESBR's Board is now crafting solutions through social entrepreneurship.

Due to the Agency of Education's inaction, ESBR is at an inflection point. ESBR has a proven model and is experiencing an increase in requests to accommodate more students. In order to grow its scope of impact, more structured and diversified revenue streams need to be established.

With VCF's award of the Nonprofit Capacity Building grant, ESBR's Board is

pleased to be able to hire Trevor Barlow, a local business owner and entrepreneur to consult on the design of diversified revenue streams for sustaining ESBR. A proven leader in community programming and planning, Trevor well versed in the challenges VT's mandate to merge schools (Act 46) has created for this region.

By exploring business opportunities that have a positive impact on the community, this project intends to establish a blueprint for reducing the cost of educating children in any community. To ensure financial sustainability for the school and its community partners, we intend to create a flexible and community-oriented system of learning at the secondary level.

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Frank Provance named 2022 Good Neighbor

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Vermont Association of Realtors (VAR) has named Frank Provance as its 2022 Good Neighbor. Frank is a Realtor with Diamond Realty in Ludlow, Vt.

“Each year, VAR recognizes one individual who has made an extraordinary impact on their community through volunteer work,” said VAR Chief Executive Kathy Sweeten. “Frank is well known as a tireless champion in his community.”

Frank’s volunteer commitment spans multiple organizations. As a member of the Crown Point Board of Realtors, he has supported

the board’s local community initiatives, including blood drives, annual yard sale fundraisers, member-to-member fundraisers, and more. He spearheads the board’s annual Golf for a Cause, which has raised nearly \$50,000 to support those in need in the Ludlow area.

Frank delivers Meals on Wheels weekly, and has been known to install windows, shovel driveways, move furniture, and pick up items for those along his Meals on Wheels route. Frank has also made an impact on the local ski industry, starting the Okemo freestyle program where he lends his expertise as a former ski in-

structor and mogul competitor. He has sponsored the Fox Run Golf Course Night at the Races, raising funds to support local charitable organizations.

Last year, Frank volunteered to play Santa Claus, visiting local fire stations, and delivering more than 3,000 gifts to local kids. “You’d have a hard time finding someone in the Cavendish and Ludlow area who is not familiar with Frank,” said Lisa Kelley, CPBR 2022 President. “The only thing bigger than his presence and the hours he spends volunteering is his heart.”

Vermont learning and beyond

REGION – The Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC) works in partnership with local, brick-and-mortar schools to overcome the three most common barriers that prevent students in a traditional school setting from taking the courses they want or need: availability of courses, accessibility to courses, and

flexibility in their education.

Last year, we launched our full-time K-8 program at VTVLC for students across the state of Vermont. Our mission for the K-8 program is for all learners to demonstrate academic, emotional, and personal growth while experiencing the joy of learning, cultivating a tangible community,

and connecting virtually through modern technology.

On Friday, Sept. 29, VTVLC hosted a Fall Fun Day to celebrate the onset of fall with our full-time K-8 students, both virtually and in person. Our first stop was a virtual trip to the Wolf Conservation Center in Salem, N.Y., followed by a Fall Foliage hike along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail to Dog Head Falls in Johnson.

VTVLC students have been invested in coming together and forming a wide array of social clubs, including a chapter of GSA, a fashion and design club, book clubs, and Dungeons & Dragons. We look forward to more outside-the-box adventures to bring our learners together in ways beyond the virtual classroom.

For more information on Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative’s full-time K-8 program, check out our website at www.vtvlc.org.

By Harold Vance, Grades 7 & 8 Teacher at VTVLC.

New Director hired for Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. – The Board of Trustees for the Whiting Library is pleased to announce that Pamela Johnson Spurlock has accepted our offer to be the next Library Director.

“We are so pleased that Pamela will lend her perspective, talents, and leadership in moving our library to new beginnings. With over a decade of experience in libraries, museums, and education, Pamela has a passionate commitment to the arts, educa-

tion, information access, and diversity,” says Donna McNeill-Hudkins, Chair on the Board of Trustees.

Pamela Johnson Spurlock has been the School Librarian at Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt. since 2017. She also has experience working in an Elementary School Library, a Town Library, and was a Teen Services Coordinator in a Public Library System. She has her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University in Georgia.

“I look forward to serving the Whiting Library and creating lasting community connections that benefit our community and the library’s commitment to lifelong learning,” said Pamela. “While I will miss my students, I am excited to serve our community in this new role for years to come.”

Pamela will be starting her new position at the Whiting Library in mid-December 2022.

For more information, contact Donna McNeill-Hudkins at dmcneill-hudkins@whitinglibrary.org.

Anthony Marro Fund seeks applications for funds

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Anthony Marro Memorial Trust Fund is seeking 501(c)3 entities within the town of Ludlow area for funds distribution. The Trustees will be requesting applications for

funding consideration. Application process deadline is Nov. 10, 2022. Recipients must meet trust fund requirements. All awarded recipients will be notified via mail with funding decision.

To request an application or if there any questions, please contact Kimberly Lampert, Trustee, on weekdays at 802-228-4000. Disbursement of funds will be processed in November 2022.

United Church of Ludlow installs new pastor

LUDLOW, Vt. – The United Church of Ludlow, a church serving all, is very pleased to announce the installation of Michelle Fountain as its new pastor. The installation was held at a special

service Sunday, Oct. 23, followed by a lovely reception with many representatives of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ.



Michelle Fountain. PHOTO PROVIDED

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come up with a list of proposals ready to start next spring, to present to the board.

The meeting concluded with McNamara’s Town Manager Report, which covered the Tarbell Hill Road paving completion, a job opening for As-

sistant Water/Wastewater Operator, tree cutting, and other road maintenance projects. McNamara is working with the Regional Planning Commission on a Transportation Alternative grant to replace the salt shed at the Town Garage, as well as conducting a second speed study for Route 131.

McNamara reminded everyone that in-person voting for the General Election,

Justices of the Peace, and the School Improvement Bond will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Proctorsville Fire Station from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Secretary Jen Leak announced that anyone with voting questions should call the Town Office. The meeting adjourned just before 8 p.m.

The selectboard will reconvene on Monday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

VOTE LAMONT BARNETT FOR ASSISTANT JUDGE

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Windham County as one of its two Assistant Judges for the last decade. In that time, I have helped develop a yearly budget to maintain the County buildings and property. I also have thousand of hours of experience hearing cases in the Brattleboro and Newfane Civil and Family Courts. These cases have addressed the safety and security of people throughout the county.

Cases such as:

- relief from abuse (RFA)
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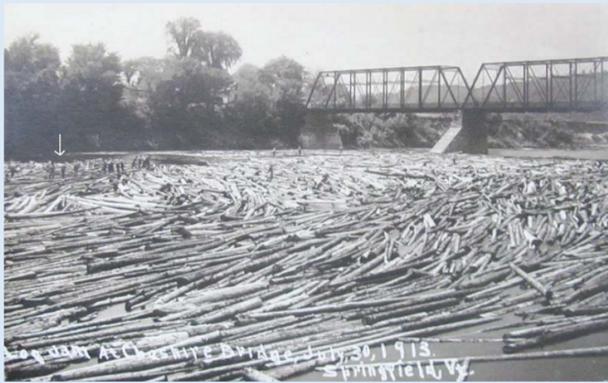
BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, past President of Chester Historical Society, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email ronpatch27@gmail.com

Connecticut River log drives

Some will know of Richard and Helen Moore at the Town Farm in Springfield. In 1998, Helen compiled a spiral bound book, "History Begins at Home." It's a history of Richard Moore's family. Below is a story written by Richard's father, Ray Moore, copied as written. The C.V.L. mentioned is the Connecticut Valley Lumber Company. I.P. is International Paper.



Log jam at Cheshire Bridge, July 30, 1913. Springfield Vt.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

In part: "I might start by saying that I was a scaler of logs and time keeper for the C.V.L. Co. and the Berlin Mills Brown Company. That is how I know so many of the old time rivermen of the Connecticut and Andrisco-gin Rivers. I was with the last two long log drives that went down the Connecticut River from the Connecticut Lakes to Holyoke, Mass. at Mt. Tom. I thought it might interest you folks to tell you about the last long drive of 1915, which was the longest drive in the world, 345 miles. Logs were driven from the headwaters at the Canadian border to the Long Island Sound.

The C.V.L. had 2,000 men in the woods cutting logs the winter of 1914 and 1915. The drive started in April with over 500 men on the rivers. 40 million feet from Second Connecticut Lake, 15 million feet from South Bay, First Connecticut Lake was 3 million, 3 million from Perry Stream, 6 million from Dead Water Brook, and when the drive hit North Stratford it had 65 million board feet of logs. Five men drowned at Perry Falls.

We had a big log jam at North Stratford Diamond Bridge. 35 million feet sticking up in the air 30-foot high. Flooded

houses and tore up ground track of the railroad. Took a lot of work and dynamite to break the jam. Next, all of the logs had to go over Gilman Dam (at which they did not want any water out), then Horse Race Head, and 15 Miles Falls (today the 15 Miles Falls are under a 100 feet of water). I saw Dan Besse and Simon Glisbee ride it over Mulligan Pitch at Six Island and the narrows in Woodsville opposite Wells River. Here they put the Mary Ann cook shack and horse rafts in over Wilder Dam.

We were six weeks sluicing logs in Bellows Falls that year. There were logs for over 100 miles from the rear to the head. Alphonse Roby was the big walking boss and Win Shoppe was boss of the rear. Burt Ingersoll was boss of sluicing and McDonald was General Manager. And many more foreman all famous rivermen, but Dan Besse in my book was the greatest of them all.

Also North Walpole produced some good rivermen - Joe Daigle who was in charge of the Log Yard for the I.P. Co. for years...

...The drives that I know went to Holyoke, Mass., and that drive might cover 100 miles with the cook wagon to the rear. The last camp of the drive was at Shepard Island below Hadley Bridge in 1915.

The Connecticut River was a tough drive. Falls, rapids, dams to sluice past, mill owners to fight with, dry ledges, fressets, droughts, and Ox-Bow bridges. How the rivermen hated those bridges.

Every kid in the North Country years ago wanted

to go on the river drives. It was like baseball to some, but a hard life. Four o'clock in the morning until dark at night. Wet, cold, and hot. The lumberjack was a special breed, but the riverman was very special. He was a product of the environment of the Northeast. Now that environment has passed and no longer exists...

...A little about myself. I was born in Littleton, N.H., Oct. 27, 1894. My father had a clothing store in Littleton, N.H. for thirty-five years. Also, a clothing store in North Woodstock, N.H. When I was about 12 years old, my father moved from Littleton to North Woodstock. Which was some town with the summer hotels, saw mills, and hundreds of lumberjacks. There was a lot of work for boys then.

I remember the year I was twelve (1906), I went on a surveying crew, running lines for a Timber Company.

I went to Plymouth, N.H. High School, which was 21 miles from North Woodstock. I traveled on the train. During my high school days, I worked for a geological survey before the government bought the White Mountain Forest."

I was fortunate to have met a couple of these old river men in the early 1970s.

This week's old saying is another epitaph: "I told you I wasn't feeling well."

OLLI presents "Yankee Spy!"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Alan Rumrill, Director of the New Hampshire Cheshire County Historical Society of Keene, N.H., will present the next OLLI - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program "Yankee Spy! New Hampshire's Jonathan Hale in the Civil War" on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

Cheshire County native Jonathan Davis Hale left New Hampshire to seek his fortune in the mid-1800s. He gained wealth in his adopted state of Tennessee, only to lose it all when the Civil War began because of his support for the Union. Consequently, he served as a spy for the Union throughout the war. His amazing life story is a tale

of wealth, happiness, patriotism, danger, loss, and, finally, heartbreak and poverty.

Rumrill has written books and articles and presented over 1,000 programs on regional history. He has previously presented programs to the Springfield OLLI group.

There is a Membership Fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

You may view the entire semester programs by going to the website www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. Registration can be done online or by phone by calling 1-802-656-5817.

The next program on Nov. 15 will be "Traditional Hand Tool Crafts, Wood Types and Local Forest History" presented by Wade Smith of the Mill Hollow Craft School of Keene, N.H.



J.D. Hale.

PHOTO PROVIDED

BRAM holds annual potluck

LUDDLAW, Vt. - The Black River Academy Museum will hold their annual potluck membership dinner

on Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Church of Annunciation in Ludlow Vt. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Please bring

a dish to share. Rejoyce Sherry, Executive Director of the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, will be the speaker.

Meet Rep. Leslie Goldman at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Drop by the Rockingham Library to chat with Windham-3 Rep. Leslie Goldman on Saturday, Nov. 5 between 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gold-

man says, "Please come for an informal conversation about current issues and bring your questions. I look forward to seeing you and thank you to the library for

sponsoring!" A table in a quiet corner of the fiction room will be reserved for these conversations on the first Saturday of each month from now through Nov. 5.



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Grace Cottage upcoming events

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – In the upcoming weeks, Grace Cottage will be offering two events: “Chair Yoga,” starting Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 1–2 p.m., and a flu shot clinic, on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Chair Yoga will be offered as a 6-week series, meeting every week. The class is ideal for anyone new to yoga and those with limited flexibility. It will be taught by Crystal Mansfield, Grace

Cottage Senior Director of Rehabilitation and Community Wellness, a certified yoga instructor who trained at the Kripalu Institute. All classes will be held in Grace Cottage’s Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. Call 802-365-3649 to reserve a spot. Grace Cottage will also be hosting a flu vaccine clinic on Saturday, Nov. 5. Pre-registration is recommend-

ed, although walk-ins will be accommodated as possible. Call 802-365-4331 to pre-register. Anyone can get a flu shot at the clinic; one does not need to be an established Grace Cottage patient. Masks are required, and anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring ID and an insurance card with you.

Kurn Hattin Homes 2022 Annual Meeting

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – On Sept. 28, 2022, New England Kurn Hattin Homes held its Annual Meeting of Trustees and Incorporators. The Board re-elected twelve Incorporators for terms of three years; Mark Bodin (Chester, Vt.), Cheryl Gay-Sherwin (North Walpole, N.H.), Christopher Hackett (Westminster, Vt.), James Lynch (Walpole, N.H.), Rhonda Nolan (Danbury, Conn.), Stephen Peterson (North Haven, Conn.), Sheldon Scott (Bellows Falls, Vt.), Eric Velto (Springfield, Vt.), Cliff Wood (Putney, Vt.), Wylene Wood (Putney, Vt.), Greg Worden (Brattleboro, Vt.), and John Zimmermann (Cape Porpoise, Maine). Jerry Bardwell (Middleboro, Mass.), Mark Bodin (Chester, Vt.), Christopher Hackett (Westminster, Vt.), and Greg Worden (Brattleboro, Vt.) were re-elected as Trustees for a term of three years. Stephen Peterson, Ph.D. (North Haven, Conn.) was elected as Trustee for a term of three years. Stephen Peterson had an extensive career in higher education, in directing grants and projects, and as a national and international consultant. The board elected two new Incorporators for a term of three years: Crystal Card (Swanzy, N.H./Durham, N.C.)

and Michael Fahner (New York, N.Y.). Crystal Card, a former Kurn Hattin Homes’ employee, is now a Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow in a master’s in public policy program at Duke University. Michael Fahner is an attorney with Goodwin Procter LLP focusing on emerging companies, venture capital and mergers and acquisitions in the technology sector. He has many fond childhood memories of the Homes from the times he spent visiting his uncle, Tom Fahner, who was a director for over 27 years. Re-elected as officers and members of the Executive Committee for a term of one year were: President, Mark Bodin (Chester, Vt.), Vice President, Christopher Hackett (Westminster, Vt.), Vice President, Eric Velto (Springfield, Vt.), Treasurer, Janet Wilson (Walpole, N.H.), and Secretary, Diane Bazin (Westminster, Vt.). Jerry Bardwell (Middleboro, Mass.) was elected as Member-At-Large for a term of one year. Elected as non-officer ex-officio members of the Executive Committee for terms of one year were Janet Wilson (Walpole, N.H.), Child Experience Committee Chair and Cathy McGrath (Fairlee, Vt.), Development Committee Chair. Trustee and Executive Committee member, Sheldon Scott (Bellows Falls, Vt.), and Incorporators, Michael Blau (Hudson, N.H.) and Kelley Tully (Bellows

Falls, Vt.) were thanked for their service. With new technology in place, Kurn Hattin held its first hybrid Annual Meeting with both in-person and virtual attendees present. President Mark Bodin lauded the staff for adapting and adjusting through the difficult times of the last couple years, and through it all, “Mission Accomplished.” Executive Director, Stephen Harrison gave a campus, program, and personnel update; and Financial Manager, Steve Fitch presented the financial report. School Principal, Will Gardner, Residential Director, Mary Beth Culver, and Curriculum Coordinator and Social Studies Teacher, Deb Velto, spoke about their collective efforts to provide the children with the best possible experiences and learning. Bob Bursky, Residential Dean, concurred and discussed how Positive Behavioral interventions and Support (PBIS) and other activities have resulted in some dramatic positive changes in student behavior and growth. Ben Weiner, SmartLab Facilitator presented an enlightening overview in the new John A. & Carol A. Hubbard Technology Center following its grand opening. Concurrently in Keene, N.H., Kurn Hattin Homes for Children was being celebrated for having been voted the 2022 Gold Medal Winner for Best Private School in the Second Annual Keene & Brattleboro’s Best Contest.

Claremont Savings Bank promotes financial literacy

REGION – Claremont Savings Bank stepped up to provide remote financial literacy learning resources available to local schools. Thanks to their sponsorship, over 4,780 students and teachers at 27 schools in New Hampshire and Vermont counties have free access to Banzai. Banzai is an award-winning online financial literacy program and content library of articles, calculators, and personalizable coaches. All of these resources are available to students at home or in the classroom, accessible by any device that can access the internet. “Banzai is a web-based financial literacy program. Kids get their own accounts, and they work through assignments that are based on real life,” says Morgan Vandagriff, co-founder of Banzai. “But because Claremont Savings Bank is sponsoring it, local schools get it for free. More than ever, it’s important that kids develop sound financial skills to prepare them for the real world, and Claremont Savings Bank realizes that and they’re doing something

about it.” Banzai content builds a foundation of practical knowledge and gives students the tools to create a sound financial future. While students learn, teachers can easily monitor and grade their progress remotely. After finishing Banzai, students will know how to track where their money is and what it’s for, recognize financial trade-offs, build a budget, and more. At a time when many are facing unprecedented financial challenges, these lessons are invaluable. The Banzai resources are available at www.claremontsavings.teachbanzai.com. Claremont Savings Bank is working with Banzai to build financial literacy in the community by investing time, money, industry experience, and a variety of bank resources. Beyond the Banzai library, Claremont Savings Bank also offers virtual or in-classroom presentations from local experts on timely topics. Banzai resources are used by over 80,000 teachers across the U.S. The courses align with New Hampshire and Vermont’s state cur-

riculum requirements, making the program a fun way for students to gain vital financial literacy skills. The following are some of the schools participating in the financial literacy program: Walpole Elementary School, Charlestown Middle School, Charlestown Primary School, N. Charlestown Community School, Kurn Hattin Homes, Bellows Falls Middle School, Bellows Falls Union High School, River Valley Technical Center, Riverside School, Elm Hill School, and Union School. Teachers interested in using the Banzai program with their class can visit www.claremontsavings.teachbanzai.com or call 888-8-BANZAI.

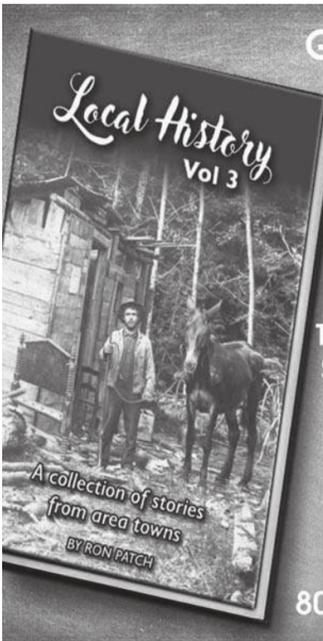
GFC seeks new Director

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Late in the summer of 2022, Laura Schairbaum, Coalition Director of Greater Falls Connections (GFC), announced that she was going to be leaving the organization in early 2023. “After more than nine years with GFC, I decided it was time to move on and explore some other interests, as well as move back to the Midwest to be closer to my family,” said Schairbaum. GFC Advisory Board President Doreen Stoodley is sad to see Schairbaum go, but is grateful for the leadership she has provided over her time at GFC. “Laura has been a driving force for

Greater Falls Connections for more than nine years. She has worked continuously to get and keep program funding to make GFC sustainable. Compassionate, caring, professional, and adaptive are just a few of the qualities she embodies,” said Stoodley. “She truly cares about the Windham Northeast community, GFC staff, and board members. On behalf of GFC, I would like to wish Laura the best on her future endeavors. “Moving forward, I am looking forward to seeing more youth involvement and GFC continuing to inspire and empower people through education and collaboration for promot-

ing wellness and to prevent abuse of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol along with youth substance misuse prevention,” she continued. A six-person hiring committee has been formed, consisting of board members, staff, and community members. “We are looking for a dedicated leader to fill the role of Coalition Director for Greater Falls Connections. Greater Falls Connections recognize generational poverty and trauma as substantial factors in addiction and actively addresses these issues by applying equitable, compassionate techniques to empower the youth and adults in our communi-

ties,” said Alex Stradling, co-chair of the hiring committee and Advisory Board member. “We are hoping to be able to find someone to fill the position by December.” Fellow hiring committee co-chair and youth Advisory Board member Shelby Bixler added, “Having people who are interested in the future of GFC come together to hire a new director will help make sure that the right person is hired. I’m excited about being part of the committee and doing this work with GFC.” For more information about the position, visit www.greaterfallsconnections.org/about/jobs.



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Springfield Hospital’s new Pain Clinic

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital is pleased to announce the opening of the Springfield Pain Clinic. Located on Level D at Springfield Hospital, the Pain Clinic’s goal is to assist patients with chronic

and acute pain issues and develop a treatment plan that meets patient’s needs and expedites their recovery process. The clinic offers pain management for medical conditions that include lower back pain, neck pain,

headaches, musculoskeletal disorders, complex regional pain syndrome, and neuropathy. The Pain Clinic team collaborates with primary care providers and other healthcare team members to develop a plan of pain management personalized for each patient that focuses on opiate-free and opioid-sparing techniques. The interventional pain management treatments include, for example, facet joint injections, epidural steroids, trigger point injections, ultrasound-guided regional injections, and occipital nerve block injections. Other treatments options are also available.

exam are completed and personalized recommendations may include physical therapy, lab work, imaging, injections, counseling and coping strategy therapy, and a surgical plan of care if needed. Providers Francis Valenti, CRNA, NSPM-C, and Daniel Rice, CRNA, NSPM-C, are board certified and work closely with patients and their healthcare team. All appointments require a referral and patients are encouraged to inquire about Springfield Pain Clinic services with their primary care provider. For more information on services or referrals, please visit www.springfieldpainclinic.org.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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CHURCH SERVICES

ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.

Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m., led by Pastor Maureen Adams. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. For more information, email alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com, call 603-835-6358, or go to www.facebook.com/Third-Congregational-UCC-Church-of-Alstead-NH-120645387960916.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

United Church of Bellows Falls, UCC, 8 School St.

Worship is held on Sundays at 10 a.m. Bible Study is Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

CAVENDISH, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.

Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to www.facebook.com/stjamesumproctorsville.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCofNorthCharlestown for more information.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.

Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.

Services are on Wednesdays at 5:30-6 p.m. and on Sundays at 10 a.m., both in person and by Zoom, followed by coffee hour. All are welcome. Visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org for a link to the Zoom service.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LULDOW, VT.

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

Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.ludlowbaptist.org.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.

Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. In-person and via Zoom. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. in person. Masks optional. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Join our worship service every Sunday at 10 a.m. Women's Study group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and Mens Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Vaccinated folks are welcome to attend service in person. Those who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminstercongonline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

Gwendolin Gonyaw Mossman, 1931-2022

CAVENDISH, Vt.

Gwendolin Gonyaw Mossman went peacefully home to the Lord on Oct. 9, 2022.

Born Oct. 8, 1931, in Ver-shire, Vt. to parents Clifford and Marion (Towle) Johnson, she and her nine siblings grew up on the "Johnson Cradle Farm" in Cavendish, Vt.

"Gwen" was predeceased in 2002 by her longtime husband and friend of 52 years, Bernard Gonyaw, (Chester, Vt.) with whom she resided in Bolton, Conn.

She was also predeceased by her husband of 12 years, Edward Mossman. They spent their golden years in South Berwick, Maine.

In all areas of life, whether social, family, or church, Gwen was beloved by all and her home was a gathering place for both friends and those in need. She was a tireless caregiver to her first husband and for many others following. Most importantly, she loved God and her family and put them first in everything she did.

She is survived by her



Gwendolin Gonyaw Mossman, 1931-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

children, Joanne Scavetta, Sharon Gonyaw, Gregg and Lisa Gonyaw, Harold Gonyaw, Jeffrey and Shannan Gonyaw, and Mathew Gonyaw.

She is survived also by her stepchildren, Guy and Naomi Mossman, Brian Mossman, Pam and Mark Benoit, and Brenda Mossman.

Gwen will be greatly missed by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her siblings, Clifford (Bud) Johnson, Eydie Bryant, Cedric Johnson, and their spouses.

Fraud Watch Network: Scam emails

REGION – Sadly, junk email and text messages are now parts of everyday life. In a recent email received from a reader they asked, "I'm wondering why I keep getting so much junk mail when I don't do much on the computer at all – just email a few friends and order a few things. I don't complete warranties or fill our surveys except from the doctor's office. Any suggestions?"

Much of the junk is not criminal activity but is a part of aggressive marketing from our internet providers and online search engines. Companies like Verizon, Consolidated, Comcast, and Spectrum share information with their affiliates. Google, Twitter, and Facebook are notorious for sharing data with advertisers and even selling contact information. Free services have to make money somewhere and it's not by charging us fees. I often comment, "If you are accessing the service free of charge, you are not the consumer; you are the product."

Here are a few ways to stop some of the junk:

1. If it comes from a legitimate company, they usually include a link to "Unsubscribe" which is a safe action if you are sure that the company is not fake or an imposter. Positive verification is relatively easy. With a website, the URL of the website should display the name of the company, spelled correctly, with ".com" immediately after the name. Note: Scammers use misspelled names or include a real company name somewhere in the address to fool you, such as www.walmartdeal.com or www.walmartt.com.

2. If you can't verify the legitimacy of the sender, do not click unsubscribe. That lets the sender know that you are a real person and set you up to receive more junk. The simple act of clicking a link can provide information to the website creator such as your location, type of computer being used, identification of the web browser being used, the type of computer operating system, and even identify your specific computer address. Also, resist the temptation to download documents unless you absolutely know the sender.

3. Notify your internet service provider of junk messages and ask them how you can filter them out. In many cases, they can filter

out or at least prescreen malicious websites or email and alert you.

4. If you are receiving junk from the same sender, you can adjust settings or preferences of your email program and create a rule that moves any message coming from this name or address to trash. This will not stop the messages, but it will move them to trash when they arrive so that you will not see them in your inbox. I do not use a PC or Outlook, but if your email address is Microsoft (@msn.com), the software offers filtering to deal with unwanted email, as does practically all email software. But, email software features are not the same with all programs. Apple is very good and helpful if you are using Apple Mail. Other computer companies will refer you to the specific software provider so if you use Microsoft Outlook, you will need to contact customer service at Microsoft. Another source for help is to contact the place where you purchased the computer.

Malware and virus protection programs like Bit-Defender deal with malware and viruses, not junk email or deceptive websites. Regardless of the computer operating system, be it Apple, Chrome, Windows, you do need to keep the protection software subscription up to date in order to protect from newly developed malware.

Often, we become willing accomplices to the criminals or victims of aggressive and deceptive marketing. Here is where human nature kicks in. Offers of expensive prizes for simply completing a survey, high return investments, emotional appeals, extreme scarcity, authority/credibility, or situations of urgency break down our defenses and opens us up to victimization. Regardless of the message, particularly when it comes from a stranger, step back and think. Let logic and reason guide your actions online.

Questions or concerns? Contact egreenblott@aarp.org. Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and a distributor of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. He hosts a CATV program, Mr. Scammer, distributed by GNAT-TV in Sunderland, VT – www.gnat-tv.org.

Joan Kelton Lake, 1930-2022

GRAFTON, Vt. – Joan Kelton Lake, of Grafton, Vt., died peacefully at home on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022. As she faced her final illness, she was lovingly cared for by her family and a devoted team of community members. Her last weeks were filled with visits from family and friends, and she reassured us all that while she loved and would miss us, she was ready to move on.

Joan was born in 1930 and grew up in Athens, Vt. She graduated from Bellows Falls High School, and studied at New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, Mass. She worked as an R.N. for many years, in Bellows Falls and later in Springfield, Vt.

Joan and Norman Lake were married for 55 years and they shared a kind, thoughtful, and adventurous partnership. They loved working outdoors together, whether they were clearing a view, loading brush, or going for afternoon drives down the back roads of Vermont, often by horse and buggy. They had two sons and three grandchildren. It was a special joy that Joan could meet and hold her great-granddaughter.

Joan was a strong advocate for the town of Grafton, Vt., and worked faithfully on events to bring people together and create community. Whether at the Fireman's Sale in October, the Athens/Grafton Town Picnic in July, or weekly Grafton Cares luncheons, she was happy working alongside and motivating friends of all ages. Joan was informed and engaged in local politics and organizations. She was deeply proud of and grateful for the small but strong community of Grafton, and led by example when it came to participating in town governance and organizing community events.

Joan cared deeply for her family and extensive network of friends, and was a fantastic listener because she wanted to understand people and share her knowledge and perspective. Joan's gardens were colorful and beautifully tended, and she lovingly planted flowers at many local cemeteries. She could often be found digging in the dirt, raking leaves, or rigorously weed whacking, right through her eighties. Her creative and productive



Joan Lake, 1930-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

nature was also expressed through her beautiful fiber arts. Her colorful quilts helped keep loved ones warm in chilly weather, and in times of loss, she would provide comforting shawls to remind people that they were cared for and thought of. Her hands were always busy; knitting sweaters, mittens, hats, and socks filled her time with purpose and practical beauty.

Joan's legacy as a woman of many talents and interests will be carried on by her extensive family and many friends whose lives she touched. She will be remembered as a steady friend, a voice of reason, and an active community member. She took pride in her full calendar, peppered with events like the Women's Community Club, Zodiac lunch, selectboard, community events, and, of course, coffee at MKT at 9 a.m. She was fearless and graceful until the end, never losing her sharp wit or ability to make everyone in the room feel loved.

She is survived by her son Tracy Lake and his wife Barbara Carey, granddaughters Mercedes Lake and Norah Lake (Chris Polashenski), grandson Hayden Lake (Hana Schlansker), and great-granddaughter Fern Polashenski. Joan was predeceased by her husband Norman Lake, and her son Steven Lake. She loved and will be remembered by many extended family members.

An outside gathering in the spring of 2023 is being planned, where Joan's amazing life will be celebrated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grafton Cares, P.O. Box 134 Grafton, VT 05146

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 22-PR-05638

In re ESTATE of: Sandra K. Small

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Sandra K. Small
Decedent

late of Plymouth
Decedent's Town of Residence

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.**

Dated: 10/22/2022 Signature of Fiduciary 

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
Stephen S. Ankuda, Administrator		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal - The Shopper - Windsor County

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Woodstock, VT 05301

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 22-PR-06130

In re ESTATE of: Jeffrey B. Gould

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Jeffrey B. Gould
Decedent

late of Springfield
Decedent's Town of Residence

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.**

Dated: 10/21/22 Signature of Fiduciary 

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
James Gould, Fiduciary		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156

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GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

The legal voters of the Towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont, being of Green Mountain Unified School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the official polling places in their respective Towns, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00 a.m.) in the Town of Andover; ten o'clock (10:00 a.m.) in the Town of Baltimore; ten o'clock (10 a.m.) in the Town of Cavendish; and nine o'clock (9:00 a.m.) in the Town of Chester, 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 bonds or notes of Green Mountain Unified School District in an amount not to exceed Twenty Million Four Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$20,474,354), subject to reduction from available state and/or federal construction grants-in-aid and the application of reserves, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of public school building improvements, namely, (1) Green Mountain Union High School efficiency upgrades and other building and grounds improvements (\$15,944,538), (2) Cavendish Town Elementary School efficiency upgrades and other building and grounds improvements (\$1,694,700), and (3) Chester-Andover Elementary School efficiency upgrades and other building and grounds improvements (\$2,632,400), the estimated aggregate cost of such improvements being Twenty Million Four Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$20,474,354)?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at the polling place in the Town of Chester, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of several towns under the supervision of the Clerk of the Green Mountain Unified School District.

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Unified School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed school building improvements and the financing thereof on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 6 p.m. at Green Mountain High School LLC in Chester, Vermont.

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Unified School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Sections 706u-706w of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Green Mountain Unified School District held on September 15, 2022. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Green Mountain Unified School District on September 15, 2022.

ATTEST: 
 Clerk, Green Mountain Unified School District


 Chair, Board of School Directors

OCT. 26 –
 PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Okemo Valley Chamber Members and guests are invited to a Business After Hours Mixer at Farm & Wilderness in Plymouth on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 5-7 p.m. The location will be at Tamarack Farm at Farm & Wilderness, at 869 Farm & Wilderness Rd., Plymouth, Vt.

OCT. 27 –
 LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Second Congregational Church, 2051 Main St., Londonderry, Vt., will hold a Community Lunch on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 12 p.m. This will be a homestyle meal with pumpkin pie for dessert, provided by the church. All are welcome. Free of charge. For more information, call 802-824-6453.

OCT. 28 –
 CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Friday, Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m., All Saints Parish will hold a catered turkey dinner at St. Peter's Church on 30 Church St., North Walpole, N.H. There is no cost, but donations to assist the parish with winter fuel costs are encouraged. On the menu will be boneless turkey, mashed potato, squash, coleslaw, and ice cream for dessert. Please notify Father John Loughnane at 603-717-5603 if you plan to attend.

NORWICH, Vt. – On Friday, Oct. 28 from 5:30-8 p.m., the Montshire Museum of Science will host a "Spooky Science" evening, featuring "tricked out" exhibits and live Halloween-themed demonstrations designed especially for families with children through age 12. Guests are invited to come in costume and participate

in the costume contest.

OCT. 29 –
 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment will play on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. at the VFW Post 771 on 191 River St., Springfield, Vt., performing classic rock and country music. For more information, call 802-885-6008.

ATHENS, Vt. – The First Annual Athens Community Halloween Party will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 5-8 p.m. at the Athens Community Center. There will be costume contests, games, candy, chili, and hotdogs available.

OCT. 30 –
 BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Moose Lodge 527 will hold a Halloween Party Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 5-9 p.m. At 7 p.m. there will be a hypnotist and at 9 p.m., a Rust and Ruin Costume Dance Party. Call 802-463-4054 to reserve a meal or for more information.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ed Smyth, absurdist comedian, will perform on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls, Vt.

NOV. 4-12 –
 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Players will present, "The Sweet Delilah Swim Club," on Nov. 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. More information and tickets are available at springfieldcommunityplayers.org, or call 802-885-4098.

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.

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.

MONDAYS –
 WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

TUESDAYS –
 LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions is sponsoring Tai Chi classes on Tuesdays at the Great Hall, Pearl St., Springfield, Vt. Intermediate-advanced classes will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and beginner classes will meet from 10:40-11:40 a.m. For more information, contact Wendi Germain at wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

WEDNESDAYS –
 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 –
 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.

CHALRESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center is playing horseshoes every Thursday at 1 p.m., weather dependent, and we are looking for more people to join us. It's just for fun. If you don't play, come watch us and laugh with us.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

FRIDAYS –
 BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach Tai Chi and Qi Gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

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.

TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Burtco Self Storage c/o Stanton Scott has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 786 VT RT 103 South in the Town of Chester. The proposed use is three self-storage buildings and an equipment garage.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 4:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 786 VT RT 103 South and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestertv.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 20th day of October 2022.

Preston Bristow
 Zoning Administrator
 (802) 875-2173
zoning@chestertv.gov

TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Jackie's Bakeshop c/o Joel Zalagens has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the former Hugging Bear Shoppe space located at 244 Main Street in the Town of Chester. The proposed use is a retail bakery.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 4:45 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 244 Main Street and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

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HELP WANTED

Greater Falls Connections is seeking a Director for our youth-focused grassroots substance misuse prevention work in the Bellows Falls area. Diverse candidates with a passion for breaking the cycle of addiction sought. Full job description at: greaterfallsconnections.org/about/jobs.

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Dear Editor,

Three talents as a team for Vermont State Senate.

There are three Democratic candidates for Vermont State Senate who are running as a team to represent the Windsor District. They are: Sen. Alison Clarkson from Woodstock; Sen. Dick McCormack from Bethel; and Rep. Becca White from Hartford (she is the new candidate for Vermont Senate following Alice Nitka's retirement).

I have met each of them and have found them to be knowledgeable and competent regarding state government. Each of them has demonstrated the ability to be highly engaged in listening to the issues and needs of Vermonters in their district and being responsive. We are indeed fortunate to have this team of candidates for our state senators.

Over the years, I have had direct contact by email and phone conversations with both Alison Clarkson and Dick McCormack. They have listened carefully and always followed up, responding regarding matters of concern that others and myself have raised. They have advocated for the issues facing those of us in the Mountain Towns and in other areas of the Windsor District. Both Alison and Dick currently hold senior-level posts with Alison as Majority Leader and Vice-Chair of Senate Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs and Dick as Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Institutions. Both know the ins-and-outs of the legislative process and are invaluable to us as constituents.

Becca White has been a Representative from Hartford and now seeks her first term as a state senator. In a recent "meet and greet" gathering in Weston, when all three of these candidates presented, listened, and responded, it was clear that, in addition to Alison and Dick, Becca is certainly versed with the issues facing those of us in the Windsor District. Given her life experience, she brings a fresh and new approach to representing Vermonters. I

was certainly impressed by her ability to listen, engage, and respond in the moment to the issues raised by those at this gathering in Weston.

As a team of candidates for Vermont State Senate, Sen. Alison Clarkson, Sen. Dick McCormack, and Rep. Becca White bring experience, competence, wisdom, historical

perspective, and a keen understanding of our needs in the Windsor District. Please join me in voting for them as I firmly believe that they will well represent us in the Vermont State Senate.

Sincerely,
William Freeman
Weston, Vt.

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 11/16/2022, at 100 Old School St to hold a public hearing for an application from Myles Rawson and Heidi Lynn for a variance and a subdivision at 1660 Middletown Rd.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANDOVER ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Andover, Vermont that the Andover Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing on November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall to receive public comments on proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning Regulations which establish a process and standards for regulating short-term rentals, and include minor changes to definitions. A revised Fee Schedule is also included.

A copy of the amended regulations, along with a report outlining the intent of the proposed amendments, is available at the Andover Town Office at 953 Weston-Andover Road in Andover.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 21st day of October, 2022
Jeanette Haight
Andover Town Clerk

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Answers
Solution time: 22 mins.

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

Application 202261 SRDC / REM Central LLC
Site Plan Review (Section 30-722) and Variance (Section 30-811) to construct a 1650 sq. ft. drive through restaurant and reconfigure driveway access that will not meet Highway Corridor Overlay District setback. The property is located on Clinton Street and is zoned General Business/Highway Corridor Overlay District.

Application 202285 Chlodyan Outpost LLC
Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Short Term Rental (Section 30-609) to establish a short term rental. The property is located at 921 Randall Hill Road and is zoned RA-5.

Application 202286 Michael Graham
Minor Subdivision Review (Section 22-222) to subdivide Parcel 005-1-29.1 (44.45 +/- acres) into two lots of 32.82 +/- acres and 11.63 +/- acres. The property is located on Baker Road and is zoned LR-10.

Application 202289 Sherri Rathbun
Boundary Line Adjustment (Section 22-154) to decrease Parcel 010-2-63.1 by 2.89 +/- acres (from 10.12 +/- acres to 7.23 +/- acres) and to increase Parcel 010-2-63 by 2.89 +/- acres (from 23.09 +/- acres to 25.98 +/- acres). The properties are located at 95 and 131 Modified Drive.

Application 202288 Philip Carpenter
Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Short-Term Rental (Section 30-609) to establish a short term rental. The property is located at 71 Fox Chair Mt. Road and is zoned RA-5.

REVISED WARNING FOR SPECIAL MEETING TOWN OF PLYMOUTH VT

There will be a Special Informational meeting for public discussion of the proposed building renovation and Bond issue, Inclusion Statement and Second Amendment sanctuary town designation prior to the November 8th election. The meeting will be held **Monday, November 7**, at 6:00 PM in the Plymouth Municipal Building.

Following are the Articles for THE NOVEMBER ELECTION:

Article 1

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE

Shall the Town of Plymouth borrow up to an additional \$800,000 thru a Municipal Bond to pay for the full and proposed weatherization/deferred maintenance project to be paid back over a 25-year period? Shall the Town of Plymouth proceed with the weatherization/deferred maintenance project and only complete portions of the project with the funds previously authorized by the Voters in the amount of \$950,000?

Article 2

VOTE YES OR NO

Shall the Town of Plymouth adopt the Declaration of Inclusion as signed by Vermont Governor Phil Scott in 2021 to condemn racism and welcome all persons to live freely and express their opinions as stated in the proposed language for a Plymouth Declaration of Inclusion as written below:

The Town of Plymouth condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.

As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

Article 3

VOTE YES OR NO

Shall the Town of Plymouth VT declare itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary town?

A separate article to be discussed is as follows:

WARNING FOR VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Shall the Town of Plymouth permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers pursuant to Title 7 V.S.A §863 which states:

"Prior to a cannabis retailer or the retail portion of an integrated licensee operating within a municipality, the municipality shall affirmatively permit the operation of such cannabis establishments by majority vote of those present and voting by Australian ballot at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose. A municipality may place retailers or integrated licensees, or both, on the ballot for approval."

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(11/23/22 - 13)

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LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Election Coverage: candidates for local, State, & nat'l office
- Senior Solutions: Get Out the Vote!
- Ludlow Harvest Fair highlights
- The original film "Nosferatu"
- Local church services

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)

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(10/26/22 - 13)

Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chef for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.
(12/14/22 - 13)

opinion

Dear Editor,

A dose of reality.

If you are happy that Vermont is in the top five in the country in regards to cost of living vs. wages and overall taxes per capita, then vote Democrat. If you believe that draconian measures including steep fuel tax hikes to reduce Vermont's 0.1% CO2 share will save the planet, then vote Democrat. If you believe that it's acceptable that multi-generational Vermonters are being forced to leave because the

state is no longer a place that is affordable to raise a family, then vote Democrat. If you are not bothered that businesses can't find help because an increasing share of the workforce is leaving being replaced by inbound people who have no intention of working jobs here, then vote Democrat. If you believe that the soaring crime and drug use problem is just a fact of life and not government policies, then vote Democrat.

If you believe young women have no right to feel safe and comfortable in a woman's locker room, then vote Democrat.

I could go on, but if these things don't bother you then there's no point. Unfortunately too many will vote against our best interests.

Sincerely,
Keith Stern
North Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Stu Lindberg says in an Oct. 12 letter to the Vermont Journal that he is answering questions from various groups. Here are a few more questions that he should answer.

According to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), echoed by NASA, the American Meteorological Association, and other scientific organizations, "Scientists know that recent climate change is largely caused by human activities from an understanding of basic physics, comparing observations with models, and fingerprinting the detailed patterns of climate change caused by different human and natural influences." See www.nap.nationalacademies.org/download/25733.

The NAS also states, "Greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide absorb heat (infrared radiation) emitted from Earth's surface. Increases in the atmospheric concentrations of these gasses cause the Earth to warm by trapping more of this heat. Human activities – especially the burning of fossil fuels since the start of the Industrial Revolution – have increased atmospheric CO2 concentrations by more than 40%, with over half the increase occurring since 1970." Does Stu Lindberg understand this statement? He has said, "CO2 is not a pollutant." What does that have to do with the NAS's explanation?

In a June 7 letter to the Vermont Journal and other pub-

lications, Lindberg claimed that a FDA website showed that "Covid-19 injections have killed 28,312 Americans. The data includes 232,694 serious injuries." This shows a complete misunderstanding of the FDA data. Anyone who has worked in clinical trials knows that your statement is nonsense. The website itself explains that these events are not generally related to the vaccine and that serious adverse events caused by the vaccine are very rare. Given these facts, and that readers who were misled by Lindberg's letter could have been convinced to not be vaccinated and possibly get Covid, be hospitalized, get long Covid or die, does Lindberg regret publishing this misinformation?

If elected, if scientific issues arise, will Lindberg seek out and accept the opinion of scientists who are knowledgeable, or will he accept the opinions of individuals who simply agree with his preconceptions, such as Robert Kennedy Jr., an anti-vaxxer conspiracy advocate and recognized fraud, who I believe Lindberg follows?

Sincerely,
Kem Phillips,
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to ask all Weathersfield voters to support me as an Independent candidate for Justice of the Peace on Nov. 8. There are ten positions as Justice in town, and there are only eight candidates on the ballot. I would appreciate it if you would write me in when you show up at the polls (or earlier, if you vote by mail).

In the fall of 2011 my wife Lynda Tallarico and I

bought land in Weathersfield, and in 2012 we moved from my childhood home in Chester to our new place on Chimney Ridge.

I soon became active with the Weathersfield Proctor Library, and at the 2022 Town Meeting I was elected a Trustee of Public Funds. Since then the Selectboard has appointed me to be the Emergency Management Director for Weathersfield.

I have served as a Justice of the Peace in Chester, so I am experienced in the position. Weathersfield deserves a full slate of Justices, and so I am asking you to write me in. I promise that I will take the job seriously.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Roderick Bates
Perkinsville, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As an Assistant Judge for Windsor County from 1999–2007, I recognize the respect and compassion Judge Ricci has for his constituents, his litigants, and his staff. He is a humble man who was seen as

the perfect candidate for the job by Governor Phil Scott when Judge Jack Anderson stepped down from the position. Judge Ricci has the knowledge and skills to manage Windsor County in a financially respon-

sible manner. He deserves to be elected as a Windsor County Assistant Judge.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Cooper
Plymouth, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Support Vermont Senate Candidates Clarkson, McCormack, and White. Support House Candidates Emmons and Morris.

It is extremely important for Springfield to have Senators and Representatives in the State Legislature who are accessible, knowledgeable about the pressing needs in Springfield, able to navigate the complexities of the state government, and willing to use their expertise and influence to fight for us. I have made it a point as one of your elected Se-

lectboard Members to get to know and work with Alison Clarkson, Dick McCormack, and Becca White who are running for the Vermont Senate, and Alice Emmons and Kristi Morris who are running for the Vermont House. I know that I can call on all of them to get information, set up meetings with State officials, be available for important meetings where their counsel and influence will benefit Springfield, sponsor and support legislation important for Springfield, and keep us informed about opportunities for programs and funding

to advance our local goals. I am proud that our community has such a strong and capable team to ensure that our voices are heard in Montpelier.

Please join me in voting for Alison Clarkson, Dick McCormack, and Becca White for the Vermont Senate, and Alice Emmons and Kristi Morris for the Vermont House. Thank you for helping to make Springfield a vibrant community for all of us.

Sincerely,
Walter Martone
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Vermonters are facing hard economic and cultural times. A fair share of the blame for these hard times rests squarely on the shoulders of the current progressive Democratic party majority that dominates both branches of the general assembly in Montpelier.

Since 1996, the Democrats have had control of the Ver-

mont Senate. They have had control of the Vermont House since 2004. Is Vermont better off for the decades of one party rule? By almost every measure, things have not improved for the average Vermonter. If you have lived here during this time and have observed the changes, you understand things are not as they should be.

The daily news is full of stories of crimes of the most heinous sort: drug overdoses, overflowing emergency rooms, understaffed police services, prisons, schools, and hospitals. Our public schools have strayed away from teaching the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic and have instead become focused on teaching the latest political and cultural agenda. Lake Champlain, our largest body of water, is heavily polluted by runoff from overflowing wastewater systems. Many of our rivers and streams are in similar poor condition. Young generational Vermonters and newcomers alike cannot afford to live and work here, creating a huge strain on the organizations and businesses that take care of the needs of every one us.

As always, the only solu-

tion offered by the majority party is to tax us more, regulate us more, and spend more of our hard earned and devalued money. This strategy has saddled the Vermont citizenry with a public debt of well over \$6 billion, with no efforts being made by those in power to address this other than kick the can down the road.

If you are concerned about all of this and would like change, you can vote for Republican candidates to represent Windsor County in the Vermont Senate. They include Bill Huff; Bill is a retired airline pilot and a successful certified financial planner. Dana Colson; Dana is an entrepreneur with decades of effective manufacturing experience and Alice Flanders; Alice is an actual retired NASA rocket scientist and distinguished retired officer of the United States Navy.

The definition of insanity is sending the same people who created our problems back to Montpelier and expecting them to fix these problems. Please vote to stop this insanity.

Sincerely,
Michele Mauti Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Claude Weyant. I am the current Captain at the Windsor County Sheriffs Department. Some of you may remember me as the Bellows Falls High School wrestling coach from 1996–2014. During the winter months, I would submit weekly press releases

about the team. Through the years, we had wrestlers come from Springfield before Springfield had the great team it now has. In our final years, Hartford High School joined us. My final year, when we

See **WEYANT** on Page 9

WE'RE HIRING DIRECTOR

Greater Falls Connections is seeking a dedicated and resourceful Coalition Director to help carry forward our youth-focused grass-roots substance misuse prevention work in the Bellows Falls area. We encourage diverse candidates to apply who have a passion for breaking the cycle of addiction and lived experience around substance use disorder, poverty, and/or other historically marginalized identities.

This management position includes working with a small staff, most-impacted youth and families, and the wider community as well as regional- and state-wide partners. Having a commitment to comprehensive and evidence-informed prevention strategies, community engagement, health equity, and trauma-informed approaches are key aspects of the position. You will be responsible for the administration of the organization, which includes budgeting and grant writing and management, and a portion of the program work.

This is a 40-hour per week position eligible for generous benefits including paid time-off, health and dental insurance, and 403(b) retirement benefits.

Candidates who wish to apply are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to careersgfc@gmail.com by November 7, 2022. Position will remain open until filled.

More details and the full job description is available at: greaterfallsconnections.org/about/jobs

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: Tomasz Pajak
Application No: SUB23-003
Property Location: 396 West Hill Rd
Ludlow, VT
Parcel Number: 220159.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a five (5) lot subdivision in the Mountain Recreation zoning district.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk, DRB

POLITICAL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please note that we will not be publishing any political letters in our November 2, 2022 edition, in print or online, per our publishing guidelines. Other letters regarding community news will still be considered. We reserve the right to publish at our discretion. The viewpoints expressed in the editorial section do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: Vacation Properties VT I LLC
Application No: SUB23-006
Property Location: 5 Gill Terrace
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 230259.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a two (2) lot subdivision in the Village Residential zoning district.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk, DRB

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: Linda Harrington Trustee
Application No: SUB23-004
Property Location: 744 East Hill Road
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 070246.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a two (2) lot subdivision in the Town Residential zoning district.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

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TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: Lara Fram
Application No: 483-21-AP, Amendment # 1
Property Location: 166 Trailside Extension, Arapaho Village
Unit 20B
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 030411.002

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a remand to the DRB, from the Vermont Superior Court, Environmental Division, for it's review on the merits of the Appellant's application.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

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The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: Russ Hurlburt (Russ Hurlburt Photography)
Application No: 51-92 PUD, Amendment no. 12
Property Location: 1 Lamere Square, Building # 2
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 220433.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to change the use from an office space to a Photography retail store. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

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Board Clerk, DRB

opinion

Dear Editor,

My thoughts on Article 22 – the “Reproductive Liberty Amendment”

I am a woman, a mother, and a nurse. A few years after Roe v. Wade, I was 18 and I used my freedom of choice to have sex, which resulted in a pregnancy. I made a rather quick decision not to be inconvenienced for nine months with another human being. I had an abortion. I say “nine months” as I could have delivered my baby and offered it to someone who could not have their own baby. I do not believe this was an example of “personal reproductive autonomy” as it involved three human beings: myself, the baby’s father, and the baby. Autonomy is defined as self-governing, not governing of the self plus two other individuals – this is not a personal choice, but a three-person choice, usually made by only one person. Also, reproduction is defined as giving rise to offspring. Abortion is the opposite of this.

I feel compassion for any woman who finds herself pregnant and does not want to be (especially if she was raped), and I would tell her my experience with abortion. It was the saddest day of my life.

A nation that has no limits on abortion is doomed to destruction from within. Since Roe v. Wade, abortion has been used as “the back-up plan” too many times and it has become an industry that receives taxpayer funding and money from desperate women. I personally believe some abortion providers should pay women for the products those women provide them as I have no doubt that fetal organs and tissue sell for a very high price. It makes me ill to think of those that profit off of desperate women that are doing something that will affect them for the rest of their lives. Thankfully, God is merciful and will forgive anyone who asks Him.

Many want Vermont to be

known as an abortion sanctuary state. They would be proud to be known for this. We know that, most likely, abortion will never be outlawed in Vermont, but to have no limits on it, no matter what circumstance the woman or girl is in or the stage of the pregnancy, is morally wrong in so many ways.

Vermont is a beautiful state that many people come to for a mostly peaceful and healthy way of life. Do we want to be known for this or for being the place to go to end an innocent child’s life? Life begins at conception – whether we value this life will determine what kind of a culture we create.

Vote “No” on Article 22. Choose life!

Sincerely,
Marcia Hildebrand
Belmont, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Early voting has begun in Vermont. There is still possible to make great positive changes in this election. From historic firsts in our Congressional race, to two opportunities to amend our state constitution to support freedom, along with a myriad of political offices to be determined, there are important decisions to be made. As I go door-to-door, meeting voters in Westminster, Rockingham, and Brookline, where I am running for re-election as a state representative, I find that many people are not aware of what we are voting on in this year’s general election. As a former teacher of U.S. history and government, I am concerned about what people do not know, and am also concerned about misinformation.

We will be voting on two important constitutional amendments this fall. For our state constitution to be amended, two successive legislatures need to pass a proposal before it is listed on the November ballot to get final approval from voters. This year, the legislature gave second approval to two proposals. Prop 2 will remove archaic language which leaves ambiguity around slavery being permitted in our state. Prop 5, which is also called Article 22, will guarantee reproductive freedom to people in Vermont. If the voters approve these constitutional amendments, our Vermont Constitution will be amended. If voters pass Article 22, we will be the first U.S. state to amend our constitution to protect reproductive liberty.

Opponents of Article 22 have claimed that passing the Reproductive Freedom proposal is supporting late term abortions. This is false.

By Vermont law, late term abortions are only possible in rare situations related to the health of the mother or severe health conditions in a fetus. Article 22 has no impact on policy for late term abortions, which are, again, extremely rare in Vermont.

Another important opportunity in this election is the chance to end Vermont’s status as the only state to never have had a woman represent us in Washington. Senator Becca Balint is a teacher, a mother, and a public servant who I know will serve Vermont honorably in Washington.

We have two open State Senate seats in Windham county and two highly qualified candidates running for those seats. Nader Hashim and Wendy Harrison are who I will cast my votes for as State Senators for the next two years.

During midterm elections, turnout is often lower than it is in presidential election years. There are many reasons it is important to go to the polls on or before Nov. 8, 2022 to cast your ballot. Becca Balint is one. Voting on the proposals to remove the language of slavery from our constitution and guarantee

reproductive freedom are two more. Electing your local representatives, from the Justices of the Peace who will support democracy at the local level, to casting votes to determine who will represent you in the Vermont Statehouse and in Washington are others.

The Vermont legislature passed 240 bills in the last biennium. Gov. Scott vetoed 15 of those, including a pensions bill for state employees, a bill protecting biodiversity, and other critical legislation. The legislature was able to override only some of the vetoes. Your votes will impact the future of Vermont: Our people, our land, our water, and our forest for more than the next two years. Choose wisely.

Wherever you live in our beautiful state, do your homework. Research the people running for office and cast your votes wisely to support candidates and proposals that match your values. The future of Vermont is at stake.

Sincerely,
Michelle Bos-Lun
www.michelleforvt.com
Representative from Westminster, Vt.

Dear Editor,

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, Article 22/Proposal 5 – actual name Personal Reproductive Liberty Amendment – will be on the ballot; “To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by adding Article 22 to read: (The explanation of wording is provided by VRLC)

“Article 22/Proposal 5 (Personal Reproductive Amendment) That an individual’s (Individual can apply to any age and gender) right to personal reproductive autonomy (Personal reproductive autonomy – will include abortion up to birth and more) is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one’s own course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compellingly State interest (Compel-

ling State Interest – a directive to the courts to use the highest standard of review to prevent interference, restrictions, or limitations) achieved by the least restrictive means.”

As you can see, and in the words of Rep. Anne Donahue, spokesman for Vermonters For Good Government, “The proponents of Article 22/Proposal 5 are trying to hide the ugly nature of this amendment behind vague phrases like ‘reproductive liberty,’ and (the words ‘abortion’ and ‘woman’ appear nowhere in its wording) they are hoping that Vermont voters do not find out that this amendment is about Late-Term Abortion.”

Continuing again in the words of Rep. Donahue, “If this Amendment passes on Elec-

tion Day, Late-Term Abortion will be permanently enshrined in the Vermont Constitution. That means our Constitution, which guarantees such rights as freedom of speech, the right to trial by jury, and the right to vote, will also now guarantee the right to abort a fully-developed baby that is just minutes away from being born.”

Because of these truths, I do not believe that Article 22/Proposal 5 has any place in the Vermont Constitution and I emphatically urge Vermont voters to voters “No” on Article 22.

Sincerely,
Mary Mayott
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Hold on a minute! What is this?

Voters will be presented with a word salad on the ballot coming up on Election Day this year.

The item is the proposed Article 22 to the Vermont Constitution, formerly known as Proposal 5. The proposed text reads as follows:

That an individual’s right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one’s

own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means. .

Notice that the word “abortion” isn’t in there. Neither is “pregnant” or “woman.” That’s what the majority wants you to read. Not “abortion,” but reproductive autonomy. As if a pregnant woman should only have her own body to consider, her own life, not the life and body she is nurturing inside.

Abortion, of which I am not a fan, is legal in Vermont and has been for quite some time. The scare tactic used by activists of Article 22 is to make us think we’ll all lose rights. Not so. That is just a confusing word salad passed by the Legislature and is fairly pointless... Except the second part, which is “unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Now, what the heck does

that mean? What State interest? Will they be limiting “reproductive autonomy based on a baby’s genetic abnormality? Based on the mother having a history of opiate abuse? Based on the parents low economic standing? Who knows?

Please do not let Article 22 become part of our wonderful State Constitution.

Sincerely,
Scott Frye
Springfield, Vt.

WEYANT

From Page 8

placed second in Vermont, the team was made up of wrestlers from Bellows Falls, Springfield, and Hartford.

Why do I bring this up in regards to supporting the re-election of Mike Chamberlain as Sheriff? Because Sheriff Chamberlain supported me the last 12 years I coached. Sheriff Chamberlain supported me as a coach and as a D.A.R.E. instructor, instructing the youth at several elementary schools. The youth are, and always have been, important to him. One of many great qualities of our longtime Sheriff.

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cerns, a Sheriff who expects his deputies to treat all people fairly, a Sheriff with proven experience, then re-elect Mike

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Sincerely,

Claude E. Weyant
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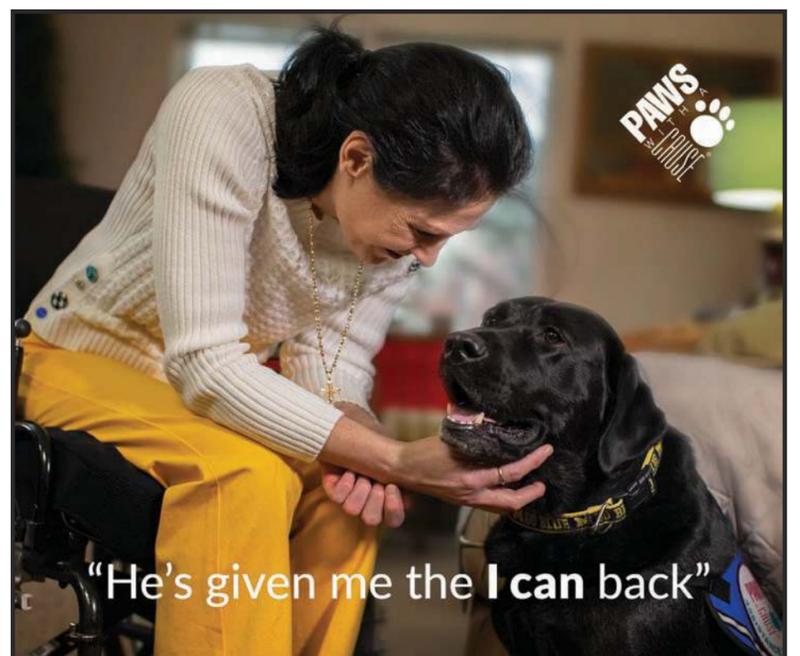
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sports & outdoor

Springfield Elks soccer shooters winners

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Recently, Springfield Elks held local soccer shoots for area students, ages eight to fourteen, in six levels by age. Springfield Elks soccer winners were represented at the Vermont Elks state soccer shoot by six winners from those local contestants.

Local winners at the Vermont Elks Soccer Shoot were as follows: Julien Danforth of Springfield (2nd place, Boys U-8), Jackson Cummings of Chester (3rd



Winners of the Vermont Elks Soccer Shoot in Saint Albans. PHOTO PROVIDED

place, Boys U-12), Porter Whalen of Chester (2nd

place Boys U-10), Ava Johnson of Springfield (1st place, Girls U-12), Brynlee Snide of Springfield (1st place, Girls U-10). Also, Zoey Kemp of Springfield competed, but was forced to step aside due to illness.

The reward for being a 1st place winner is a trip to Bangor, Maine, the weekend of Nov. 5, all expenses paid for by the Vermont Elks, to the participants and parents, including lodging and meals.

Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 members would like to congratulate all soccer participants and wish those going to Maine, good luck.

Another outstanding BRAT event

REGION – The 23rd Annual RiverSweep cleanup spanned several days and engaged dozens of people, netting an impressive array of junk from the bed and banks of the Black River. Thirty-one students from the Cavendish Area Elementary School, including three homeschool students, scoured the river in their community under the supervision of ten adults. Loads of junk were collected, including lots of metal, a machine engine fan, and a stash of food containers from the Everyone Eats program; one tire had to be left behind, as it was deeply embedded in the bank. In addition to trash removal, this crew diligently worked on Japanese knotweed management at Greven Field, the community's recreation park nestled on the bank of the river.

On official Sweep day, folks from Springfield and beyond came out to support the traditional cleanup. Before the morning mist had burned off, the Tire Brigade volunteers arrived at Hoyt's Landing public boat launch where

the Black River meets the Connecticut River. They paddled and motored their way upriver to pick up another volunteer, and the whole gang worked from the bottom of Goulds Mill above the Paddock Road bridge all the way back down to Hoyt's Landing. They extracted some 20 tires from the depths, a very heavy railroad tie, two bicycles, and loads of other junk along the 2-mile stretch.

Back at the "HQ table" at Riverside Middle School, WCFR's live broadcast reminded the community to come on down and lend a hand; members of the SHS track and field team met up with their coach and a parent with a truck to go tackle the Toonerville Trail. They returned with plenty of trash and had to go back for more. Black River Action Team volunteers scoured the shoreline along the sports fields at RMS and around the back of the shopping plaza. One young family launched kayaks in North Springfield and collected an array of junk along their 2.5-mile route downriver to the school.

Volunteers returning to RMS on Saturday with

their trash enjoyed grilled hot dogs, courtesy of the fine folks at Calvary Baptist Church, as well as several hot pies donated by Domino's Pizza. Water and other refreshments were supplied by Shaw's of Springfield.

The following week, third and fourth-graders from Ludlow Elementary School donned their river shoes and hunted down trash in a long stretch of the Black River in Ludlow, starting behind the Ludlow Health Center. Their teacher is pleased to note that this stretch seems cleaner each year, which is a source of pride and hope for her and her students.

Always held the Saturday after Labor Day Weekend, RiverSweep is the signature event of the all-volunteer Black River Action Team, founded and directed by Kelly Stettner of Springfield as a way to connect people to the river and to explore the watershed that connects us all. Contact Kelly at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or leave a message at 802-738-0456; donations of any amount are always gratefully welcomed if mailed to BRAT, 101 Perley Gordon Rd., Springfield, VT 05156.

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.

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Rockingham Library hosts local astronomer

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, Chester architect and astronomer Claudio Véliz will discuss some recent, unusual observations that researchers have been unable to explain. That aspect is nothing new to astronomy. "But this is different," says Véliz. "It's getting a little creepy."

In 2015, data from the Kepler space telescope regarding one star, for example – in the constellation of Cygnus – was observed as



Claudio Véliz. PHOTO PROVIDED

being extremely abnormal. The light patterns were seen to fit no known patterns with which observers were familiar. It was initially dismissed as probably faulty data. But thorough examinations and reviews of the methodology for the observations confirmed the data was clean.

Since then, other stars, some with even more peculiar characteristics, have been detected. Astronomers are now becoming a bit concerned as to why this growing number of targets cannot be explained, at least by known causes. Véliz will describe some very strange case studies of exoplanet detection and a handful of explanations – including the possibility for non-natural ones, which researchers now admit they cannot entirely dismiss.

Claudio Véliz has studied astronomy and physics at Santa Fe College, the University of Florida and the University of Wisconsin. He's worked and lectured at New York's Hayden Planetarium, Columbia University's Department of Astronomy, and Castleton University. He currently teaches astrophysics in the CALL program at Keene State College. He was co-founder and president of the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA). He also owns and operates an award-winning architecture firm in Chester, Vt.

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 the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

arts & entertainment

“The Sweet Delilah Swim Club” production

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – “The Sweet Delilah Swim Club” will be the final production in the Springfield Community Players’ 2022 season. It will be presented on Nov. 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 7:30 p.m. with a Sunday matinee on Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. at the group’s Studio Theater 165 South Street in Springfield.

Under the direction of Don Gray, this hilarious comedy by the team of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten is the story of five unforgettable women – a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever.

Five southern women, who first met on their college swim team, keep their friendship strong by meeting for a long weekend every

August at the same beach cottage, the Sweet Delilah, on North Carolina’s Outer Banks to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other’s lives.

The play focuses on four of those weekends and covers a span of 33 years.

The Swim Club consists of Sheree, the super organized team captain, whose life isn’t as perfect as it seems and Dinah, the wisecracking attorney, whose professional life is far more satisfying than her personal life. They are joined by the pampered Lexie, who is married and determined to hold onto her looks and Vernadette, who seems to live under a dark cloud, but has decided to give in and embrace the chaos. Rounding out our

quintet is Jeri Neal, a.k.a. Sister Mary Esther, who arrives with a big surprise for her friends.

“The Sweet Delilah Swim Club” is the story of these five unforgettable women – a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever.

The cast has Cindy Hughes of Springfield as Sheree, Sara Vitale of Athens as Dinah, Kay Burge of Springfield as Lexie, Fran Kemp of Charlestown as Vernadette, and Ashlee White of Springfield as Jeri Neal.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org or by calling 802-885-4098.

“Awakenings” to close Robin Williams series

LUDLOW, Vt. – The dramatic film, “Awakenings,” will mark the final movie in FOLA’s Robin Williams film series at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

“Awakenings” is a 1990 American drama film directed by Penny Marshall. It is written by Steven Zaillian, who based his screenplay on Oliver Sacks’s 1973 memoir “Awakenings.” It stars Robin Williams as Dr. Malcolm Sayer and Robert de Niro as Leonard Lowe with Julie Kavner, Ruth Nelson, John Heard, Penelope Ann Miller, Peter Stormare, and Max von Sydow.

In 1969, Dr. Malcolm Sayer is a dedicated and caring physician at a local hospital in the Bronx. After working extensively with catatonic patients who survived the 1917 – 1928 epidemic of encephalitis lethargica, Sayer discovers certain stimuli will reach beyond the patients’ respective catatonic states; actions such as catching a ball, hearing familiar music, being called by their name, or enjoying human touch, all have unique effects on particular patients and offer a glimpse into their worlds. Patient Leonard Lowe seems to remain removed, but Sayer learns that Leonard is able to com-

municate with him by using an Ouija board.

Nominated for three Academy Awards, “Awakenings” was well-received critically and at the box-office. Film critic Roger Ebert noted, “What both the movie and the book convey is the immense courage of the patients and the profound experience of their doctors, as in a small way they re-experienced what it means to be born, to open your eyes and discover to your astonishment that ‘you’ are alive.”

The movie is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated. For information, call 802-855-8883 or www.fola.us.

Garden Club hosts Festival of Trees

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 28th Annual Festival of Trees Garden Club fundraiser will be held Friday, Nov. 18, from 6–8 p.m. at the Great Hall, 100 River Street, Springfield, with the theme, “Have a Holly Jolly Christmas.” Santa will be center stage, along with his sleigh. Decorations will remain up through the first week of January for the public to enjoy.

The Friday night party will feature holiday music by the Glendon Ingalls Jazz Trio, as well as 25 dazzling trees, a silent auction, a raffle, wreaths, and other creations of seasonal greens available for purchase. This year’s event will again be catered by Black Rock Steakhouse, who will provide light appetizers with a focus on new items. The garden club will provide a table of cold hors

dœuvres, with wine, Vermont brews, and apple cider available.

This year’s raffle will feature 20 themed baskets with a value of over \$100 each. Guests will be able to select the basket of their choice and enter as many tickets to win as they choose. The garden club is blessed to have local businesses willing to give larger gifts which can be offered in the Silent Auction.

The fundraiser would not be possible without generous support from civic-minded businesses and individuals in the community. “The Festival is the sole means of support for the plantings around town, scholarships, and all of the programs the club provides to the community,” stated Lynn Likus, event co-chair.

Over the past 28 years of producing this extravagan-

za, the club has given over \$200,000 back to the community.

“What’s important to know is that the garden club strives to keep administrative and operational costs as low as possible. Those expenses are 95% covered by annual membership dues from the approximately 65 members it retains,” stated Jean Swanson, event co-chair.

The active members begin festival preparations in early October and work for weeks planning, organizing, collecting, decorating, and getting things ready. Each dedicated member also buys their own ticket to attend the festival and works that night.

The fundraiser event is open to the public and also by invitation. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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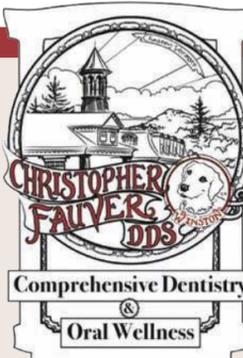
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Fall Home Improvement



Is your home ready for cooler temperatures?

REGION – Autumn is here, along with your favorite fall activities like sipping pumpkin spice lattes and visiting cider mills. While there is plenty of time to enjoy these favorite seasonal pastimes, fall is also the perfect time to knock out your cool weather preparation to-do list and ensure you're able to enjoy a warm, cozy home during the up-

coming colder months. Check out this list of cost-effective solutions that are sure to make a huge difference inside:

Check the Furnace – As temperatures begin to drop, you'll be thankful you took the time to ensure your furnace was up for the job this season. If possible, having a professional inspector examine your furnace is ideal.



Check your furnace before winter.

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If hiring a professional isn't possible, be sure to visually inspect the furnace for any obvious issues and change the filter.

Inspect the Fireplace and Chimney – Like most people, you're probably excited to start enjoying your fireplace soon. Before the inaugural fire, clean both the chimney and fireplace and ensure protective casings or doors are functional. Don't forget to stock up on firewood.

Test Safety Equipment – Fall is the perfect time of year to give your home's safety equipment a compre-

hensive review. Give smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors new batteries and make sure to have an emergency kit prepared in case of a winter power outage.

Prevent Drafts – The simplest way to keep your house warm is to prevent cold air from coming in through windows and doors. If there is a draft, weather stripping is a simple, cost-effective solution that'll help keep your home energy efficient all year long.

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Committee buttons up Meeting House

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 15, under the direction of Mr. Walter Wallace, curator for the Rockingham Meeting House, members and friends of the Rockingham Republican Town Committee finished projects at both the meeting and hearse houses during their final work session of the



Volunteers continue to work at the Rockingham Meeting House.

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season. Steve Hearne, Don Taylor, Albert D'Armand, Bill Morse, and guest Tim Wessel, spent most of their day replacing the distressed flooring in the hearse house with heavy planks from a local sawmill. The hearse house protects a circa 1816 funeral wagon built in Saxtons River. A prize awaits the person who can give the name of the last horse to pull the wagon.

Work on other projects will continue next spring as weather permits. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call Bill Morse at 802-591-1793 or contact by email at william-morse42@gmail.com.

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