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Rockingham Discusses Transportation Center

BY BETSY THURSTON
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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed an update of the Bellows Falls Intramodal Transportation Center with Development Director Gary Fox.

Fox outlined the sources and uses for the funding stack and explained one of the dependencies included completing an Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for lead and asbestos to include with the National Environmental

Policy Act (NEPA) review.

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) was finalizing the NEPA review, but Fox said there were challenges due to the number of agencies and partners for this project. He said the lease with the State of Vermont must be negotiated before the Town of Rockingham can sign a purchase agreement for the station building. Fox said they are looking at the history of the intersection at Depot and Island streets to determine the right of way. He explained that since the 1800s the town has maintained the road.

Fox explained that the ABCA analysis must be completed with the NEPA review at an additional cost of \$10,000 and requested approval for the funds by the selectboard.

Fox explained that reviews for NEPA and Section 106 – basically the project effect on a historic property – must be complete before the grant funding from Agency of Commerce and Development (ACCD) is approved for \$200,000 and the Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) gives the notice to proceed. The town is work-

ing with the Division of Historic Preservation who holds a strong interest in maintaining interior plaster and interior portions of the building.

Fox said those funds give the town \$550,000 for acquisition and to complete the brickwork, masonry, bulkhead foundation repair, and window and door rehabilitation.

Fox said the station would be eligible for \$300,000 for lead and asbestos abatement. He is meeting with VHB and the Vermont Rail Division next week to identify where the departments

can collaborate on the right of way and also the parking lot during the Depot Street Bridge Project. Fox has scheduled meetings to coordinate with Amtrak on the site work, walkways, and platform.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said the challenge is to coordinate with the agencies on their requirements. He said there were potential ARPA funds in the funding stack which will be discussed in the future on a final document, but wanted to bring that to the board's attention.

Board member Bonnie

North asked if the village could kick in ARPA funds. Pickup said he had not spoken to the village.

Board member Rick Cowan moved to approve \$10,000 for the analysis, the motion passed.

The Rockingham Selectboard meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House and on Zoom. Budget presentations on Tuesday came from Rockingham Free Public Library and Rockingham Entertainment Development, more will be presented on Dec. 6.

Elks Student of the Month, BFUHS

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Grace Waryas has been named the October Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Grace, a senior, is the daughter of Rebecca Bezanon of Bellows Falls.

Grace works hard in her classes. If a topic or unit does not come easily to her, she puts in extra effort outside of school to clarify information so as to make sure that she is prepared for class. A bright and creative young woman, Grace possesses a strong work ethic and is dedicated to doing well. She is a trustworthy student who can be relied on to produce thought-provoking and creative work.

Sensitive to others, Grace goes out of her way to help when she can. Perhaps one of her greatest personal qualities is the unusual sense of humility that she possesses. Grace almost always accepts praise for all of her accomplishments with modesty. Grace is a born leader with a “take-charge” personality.

Grace has a passion for activism and for improving the lives of others. She has served as a valuable member of the BFUHS Student Council as President for the 2022-23 year. She has worked hard to organize school



Grace Waryas. PHOTO PROVIDED

and community activities through her role on Student Council.

BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Grace represent us this month with this award.

First grade students plant promises

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Thursday, Nov. 10, Greater Falls Connections (GFC) visited Central Elementary School in Bellows Falls. GFC's Community Engagement Coordinator Deb Witkus was there to help Jean Illingworth, or, Mrs. I, and Heather Murphy Hick's first grade classes plant tulip bulbs around the flagpole as part of a Red Ribbon Week event, a national drug abuse prevention campaign that takes place every autumn.

Before planting the bulbs, each student shared their promise on what they would like to work on over the school

year. The answers included being nicer to people, improving their reading skills, and one who wanted to discover magic. Murphy Hick's class's promises included improving with reading and math, being nicer to people, and exercising more.

In the spring, the classes will visit the tulips to see



Jean Illingworth (left) and Deb Witkus (right) watch students plant tulip bulbs. PHOTO BY NEIL PIERCE ALLEN

how well they did with keeping their promises.

For more information about GFC, visit www.greaterfallsconnections.org.

Springfield's 5th annual Local Loyalty Program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Shop local this season and win. Plaid Friday, Nov. 25 marks the official kick-off of the 5th annual Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program. The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to bring this fun collaborative program to the community again this year. With so many wonderful area merchants participating in the rewards stamp program this year, you're sure to find plenty of opportunities to fulfill your holiday shopping needs in the neighborhood.

Simply get your Local Loyalty Card at any participating Springfield area mer-

chant and earn a stamp for every \$5 or \$10 you spend. Each participating business will feature a unique raffle prize. Once you fill your card, you can enter it in the raffle of your choice.

The shop local campaign runs from Plaid Friday, Nov. 25 through Dec. 31. Raffle winners will be drawn in January.

2022 Local Loyalty Program Stamp Card Participants:

Biben's Ace Hardware, Black River Coffee Bar, Black River Kwik Stop, Black Rock Stakehouse, Boccaccio's Salon, The Copper Fox, Crown Point Pub, The Dance Factory, Edgar

and community activities through her role on Student Council. BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Grace represent us this month with this award.

A heartfelt thank you to this year's "Friends of the Program" sponsors for supporting this fun and festive collaborative effort:

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Join us in the collective endeavor to spread cheer and strengthen support for small businesses in the Springfield region this holiday season. For more information, call 802-885-2779 or email alice@springfieldvt.com. Follow the official Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program Event via the chamber's Facebook page or www.springfieldvt.com for more information about participating businesses, their raffle prizes, and ongoing program news. Wishing you all safe and Happy Holidays!

Bellows Falls Shop Local Holiday card program

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Downtown (BFDDA) is presenting the 2022 Shop Local Holiday card program, from today until Saturday, Dec. 31.

Plaid Friday will take place on Nov. 25, and Small Business Saturday will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26. Small Business Saturday will include: Rockingham Roasters, opening at 7 a.m., and Wunderbar, Donovans, and PK's, opening until 12 a.m. At 5 p.m. there will be caroling

and tree lighting in Brown Fuller Memorial Park.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, it will be Sunday Fun Day and Artist Sunday, an event that includes brunch and open studios, with Cider Monday and Giving Tuesday following.

On Thursday, Dec. 1, sip, dine, shop, and enjoy your way from Allen Brothers, with local wine from Vermont Vines, to Leslie's for dinner. There will be samples from 7 Balls Brewing from 4-8 p.m., and the Bellows Falls Rotary and Wild Goose Players will present

the Holly Jolly Bellows Follies at 7:30 p.m.

December events also include: Ladies Night, Friday, Dec. 9 from 4-8 p.m., the Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m., the Bellows Falls Rotary sponsored movie on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m., and Men's Night on Friday, Dec. 16. Bellows Falls Third Friday will fall on Friday, Dec. 16, with Canal Street events, open studios, Meet the Artist Live, and music.

Like BFDDA on Facebook or visit www.bellowsfallsvt.org for more information.

SEVCA assists with heat and utilities

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Are you concerned about heating your home? Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) offers a variety of services and supports for eligible Windham and Windsor County residents. There are a number of programs available to keep you warm through the cold months. The state offers a Seasonal Fuel Assistance program. This benefit is issued once a year in November, and households can access it by applying online or in person at their local

Economic Services office. If you have access to the internet, you can find the application at www.dcf.vermont.gov/esd/applicants/mybenefits. If you need support to access the application or other assistance, call SEVCA at 800-464-9951 and listen to the auto-voicemail for your local family services office.

In addition to heat and utility programs offered by the State of Vermont, SEVCA can help eligible households get a fuel delivery, prevent electric disconnection, and respond to heating emergencies. It's best to contact SEVCA before you run

out of heating fuel. Make a habit of checking your tank once a week and when you get to a quarter full, give us a call.

People who are eligible for fuel assistance are also likely to be eligible for 3Squares-VT, which can help families to put healthy food on the table. SEVCA can provide more information about this program and help you apply. Additional information on SEVCA and the no-cost services and programs we provide to Windham and Windsor County residents is available on our website, www.sevca.org.

CORRECTION

In the “Bellows Falls Trustees discuss opioid settlement” article in the Nov. 16, 2022 edition of The Shopper, we incorrectly reported that, “Parks Place recently hired Jennifer Tolaro-Heidbrink as Director to replace Schairbaum.” Tolaro-Heidbrink was hired as Parks Place director to replace Megan Applegate. Schairbaum remains the director of Greater Falls Connections.

We also stated that, “Turning Point South representatives Zach Labelle and Lama Tomas O’Flaherty Jr. asked the Town of Rockingham for a one-time grant of \$4,050, to pay 24 weeks for a part-time outreach coordinator, and for signs at George Street and at the entrance of the carriage house at Greater Falls Connections,” which should be signage at Parks Place.

Greater Falls Connections is not the only tenant at Parks Place and not the only full-time tenant. There are currently five organizations as full-time tenants.

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Springfield Elks Soccer Shoot

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Two young ladies from the Springfield area represented the Vermont Elks Association and Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 at the recent Elks Regional Soccer Shoot in Augusta, Maine. They got to go there by competing locally and at the Vermont Elks State Soccer shoot and winning at both venues. The ladies and their parents were shown a great weekend in Maine with all expenses paid by the Vermont Elks Association.

Brynlee Snide and Ava Johnson, both of the Springfield school system, did well and represented their town and local Elks Lodge proudly. They competed against kids from all the New England states and up-



Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 soccer shoot competitors are, left to right, Brynlee Snide and Ava Johnson in front and Victor Baskevich soccer chairman for Springfield Elks Lodge, Jim Kirkwood, Vermont Elks State President as well as a member of the Springfield Elks Lodge #1560, and Ed Knoras, Exalted Ruler for Springfield Elks Lodge.

PHOTO PROVIDED

state New York. They are at a young enough age to be able to compete again next year in this Elks function

locally and work their way back to Maine again.

The proud parents of Snide are Jason Snide and Jennifer Goodrich and Johnson's parents are Chad Johnson and Carly Hozkiewicz.

“Giving Tuesday” at Grace Cottage Hospital —

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – After Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes Giving Tuesday, a worldwide day of philanthropy during the season of gratitude.

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital asks its friends and neighbors to help it cross the finish line and raise \$50,000 for a much-needed expansion of its hospital emergency de-

partment. With an uptick in emergency department visits, this project is crucial to improve patient privacy and security.

Grace Cottage has received its Act 250 permit and is scheduled to begin construction on the 17' x 42' emergency department addition the first week of January. The Emergency Department will remain fully open throughout the construction process. A

temporary entrance will be located in the glassed-in Nessel Pavilion on the south side of the hospital and will be well marked.

To participate in Grace Cottage's Nov. 29 Giving Tuesday campaign, call 802-365-9109 or go online to www.gracecottage.org. Checks payable to Grace Cottage with “Giving Tuesday” on the memo line can be sent to P.O. Box 1, Townshend, VT 05353.

Last 2022 Vegan Potluck —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The last “Food for Life Vegan Potluck” of this year will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27 from 3:30-5:30 p.m., upstairs at the Springfield Vermont Community Center, 139 Main St., Springfield, Vt. These events have attracted a delightful array of people including veteran herbivores and people who have never thought

of changing to a plant based diet. The food is always great.

We will skip December and have the first potluck of 2023 on Jan. 8. Everyone is welcome; just bring a dish to pass that has no animal products in it. Meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, eggs, and honey are all animal products.

Reasons for eating little or no animal based foods in-

clude, dramatically reducing your greenhouse gas footprint, making greater food equity possible, improving your health, not having to kill animals to eat, and having more interesting and appealing food. Whether you are vegan, vegan-ish, vegetarian, or even a little vegan-curious, join us for a fun and varied meal. Call 802-624-6116 if you would like more information.

‘The Beauty and Poetry of the Heavens’

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mark Breen, Planetarium Director and Senior Meteorologist of the Fairbanks Museum, will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program “The Beauty and Poetry of the Heavens: The Ancient Teachings of Aratus” on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Astronomy has inspired and informed almost every type of expression you can imagine, from visual arts, to music, and the written word, to say nothing of the range of sciences and mathematics. Each creates a way to appreciate the universe from an infinite number of viewpoints. An early, example of this is found in Phaenom-

ena, by the Greek poet Aratus, written about 280 BCE. Breen provided the commentary and context for a newly minted edition of the ancient text, designed, illustrated, and printed by his friend Claire Van Vliet. Breen will use the illustrations and excerpts from this new book to guide you through the heavens in the very same way Aratus did over 2 millennia ago.

Breen, a dynamic and informative speaker, is a popular presenter and this will be his 11th yearly appearance for the Springfield OLLI group.

This is the final program of the fall semester. The spring semester begins on Feb. 28. In January, the program listing will appear on the Springfield OLLI website

www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and over who enjoy learning. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. and last about an hour and a half.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form and an addressed envelope to send in payment after the program.

Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs

for a single program fee.

Registration can be done online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield with a credit card. You may also register over the phone at 802-656-5817 during regular office hours Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you prefer to register by mail, send your contact information (name, address, phone number, and email address) indicating full series membership or which specific program(s) you wish to attend. Mail this information and your check (made out to University of Vermont-OLLI) to OLLI at UVM, 460 South Prospect Street, Burlington, VT 05405. Please allow 10-14 days from the date of mailing check to receipt and processing.



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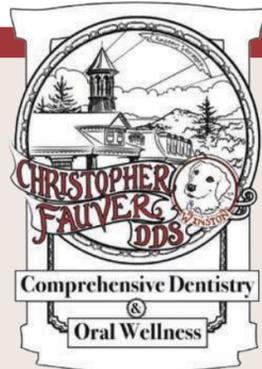
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Who put the jam in Ed's boots?

Most readers will be aware of high school yearbooks. Yearbooks have not always been around. Here I shed light on what existed before yearbooks. This history would apply to most New England towns.

Autograph albums

The earliest artifacts I have seen regarding organized classes are autograph albums. The photo with this article shows an 1860s autograph album. It's in the foreground under the hat brim. Each

page has different signatures, town, and state the signators were from, and date. Calligraphy became popular in the mid-19th century. Some pages have elaborate ink drawings, quite often a fanciful eagle. Depending on individual skill, some calligraphies are



Hump's hat.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

Felt Hats

In the early 1900s, it wasn't uncommon to collect classmates' signatures

on your felt hat. Remember collecting signatures in your yearbook?

Given the nature of felt, now over 100 years old, moths and the conditions under which they were stored, many hats have been lost. These felt hats are scarce today. The photo with this article is a hat in my collection. I have only seen two. The other was a Dartmouth hat.

Ed Farr

Years ago I bought the felt hat you see with this article from Ronnie Metzger. Ronnie lived on Church Street in Chester. This hat is covered with symbols, 1912 to 1917 classes, and doodles from Chester High School kids. A curious inscription: "Who put the JAM in Ed. Farr's BOOTS?" Howard Peck answered this question for me.

Beginning in the late 1800s, plays were a popular entertainment. Plays were held on the stage upstairs of Chester Town Hall. In the old days where the town parking lot is today, stood the Odd Fellows Hall. Overhead there was an iron footbridge that connected the

Odd Fellows Hall to the rear of the stage at Town Hall. Initially, this footbridge was a fire escape.

When actors completed their scene, they would run across the iron footbridge to the Odd Fellows, and change costumes for their next scene. Ed Farr was a regular actor in these plays.

Howard told me Ed raced over to the Odd Fellows to change costumes. Ed hurriedly changed costumes and slipped into his boots for the next scene. Someone had put jam in Ed's boots.

Ed instantly felt the squishy squashy in his boots. Ed appeared for his next scene. Howard said Ed bore it in good spirit. Howard said Humphrey "Hump" Barrett put the JAM in Ed's boots.

At the lower right of the photo on the hat you'll see: "H.W.B." a rifle and "STILL WALKING, HUMP" Notice the L's in "STILL" have short legs pointed upward as if feet walking. Ken Barrett remembers Hump as an old man. He was still walking.

Other inscriptions on the hat: "The 1912 Boys" with ax and two man cross-

cut saw. "VA (Vermont Academy in Saxtons River) to Chester, 2 hours 40 minutes on SKEES." A beautiful casting rod with "STRATTON POND '17." "Foot-Ball VA. 48 opp, 0." Howard told me Chester lost 48 to nothing. Go Chester!

Ted Spaulding and his brother John Leon donated hundreds of Chester artifacts to Chester Historical Society. Included were a few old photos of Town Hall plays. Ed Farr can be seen in several of these old photos, along with other Chester notables.

Edwin "Ed" Farr was the Bartonville rural route mail carrier. From the Spaulding donation, we know Ted's father Edward, sometimes substituted for Ed Farr delivering mail.

This week's old saying: One Sunday Henry's father insisted he work moving rock. When Henry complained, his father said, "If God can move a rock on Sunday, so can you."

Springfield Town Library happenings

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library has planned activities for all ages the next couple of weeks. Preschool Story Time has resumed; meet other caregivers and their little ones in the children's room of the library on Wednesday at 10 a.m. through Dec. 20. Expect a fun time, filled with stories, songs, and activities.

The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving weekend. Please plan ahead. It will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28.

The Art, Grief, and Loss of a Child program, a four-week session in collaboration with Springfield Area

Parent Child Center, will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at noon in the Flinn Room of the library. Contact SAPCC to register.

Susan Speranza, a local author, will discuss her book "Ice Out" on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 5 p.m.

A community movie and luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30 starting at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the library. Watch a great movie about four families in LA of different ethnicity (Latino, Asian/Vietnamese, African and Jewish) gather together for Thanksgiving dinner. Lunch is provided by the Springfield Family Center. Call the

library at 802-885-3108 for the exact title, if you cannot guess it.

Learn how to better use Facebook on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. Register in advance by calling the library 802-885-3108. There will also be an Astronomy class at 6 p.m. to learn how to borrow and use the library's telescope.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the Friday afternoon book club will meet via Zoom at 3 p.m. The library will extend its hours on Dec. 2 to participate in the Holiday Sticker Walk.

If you have questions about any of the events, please call the library.

The 44th Putney Craft Tour

PUTNEY, Vt. – Putney, celebrates Thanksgiving with a "Weekend of Arts" on Nov. 25, 26, and 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. highlighted by the Putney Craft Tour and late day and evening events at Sandglass Theater and Next Stage Arts. Meet 20 of Vermont's most prominent makers – glass blowers, potters, jewel-

ers, woodworkers, painters, and artisan cheese and wine makers. Find that one-of-a-kind gift and buy direct from the artisan who made it. Part of the fun is following the map to find these prominent craftspeople and view the works where they are conceived and created. Many artisans do demos.

Visitors may start at Putney Mountain Winery, 8 Bel-

lows Falls Rd. for a preview exhibition of the artisans' works and to pick up maps and brochures. After touring during the day, plan to attend a performance at Sandglass Theater, and gallery opening at Next Stage Arts. Details at www.putneycrafts.com, facebook.com/Putney-Craft-Tour, www.sandglasstheater.org, and www.nextstagearts.org.

Astronomy Observing class

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. join Rick Hunter at the Springfield Town Library for his presentation on Astronomy, Observing: Learning the Sky, and Using Binoculars and Telescopes. Subjects he will touch upon include learning the sky and finding objects, using

binoculars, with specific reference to the Library's Orion StarBlast 4.5-inch altazimuth reflector tabletop telescope.

A perfect telescope for beginning amateur astronomers, enjoy hour after hour of fun under the stars. The StarBlast makes a great telescope for road

trip adventures, campouts, and just hitting the local park. From a dark sky you will study intriguing views of bright galaxies, distant cloudy nebulas, and sparkling star clusters.

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

First Universalist Parish of Chester

CHESTER, Vt. – World-renowned pianist Carolyn Enger will bring "Mischlinge Exposé" to the First Universalist Parish of Chester, 211 North St., on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

"Mischlinge Exposé" weaves a multimedia tapestry around a little-known aspect of the Holocaust: "The Mischlinge" – a derogatory Nazi term for those neither fully Jewish nor fully Aryan. This multi-media performance is an interweaving of video and audio testimony from Carolyn's godmother

and father, with music by composers from the salon period who converted to Christianity before the war. The program will also draw on works that address questions of racial identity, both during and after the war, vividly illustrating what it was like to be branded between identities in the first half of the 20th century.

Enger has performed in venues as nationally familiar as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and as far away as the National Gallery of Oslo and the Felicia

Blumenthal Center in Tel Aviv. Her 2013 Naxos recording of music by Ned Rorem, "Piano Album I," was selected as one of "The New York Times" "Best in Classical Recordings."

Proceeds from this performance of "Mischlinge Exposé" will benefit the Chester-Andover Family Center, and the First Universalist Parish of Chester. A \$10 donation per person is suggested.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

On July 2, 1777, Vermont was the first colony to abolish slavery in its constitution, as well as provide full voting rights for African American males. In 1777, Vermonters owned 25 slaves. In December of 1865, the United States Congress ratified the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery in the entire nation. On Nov. 8, 2022, Vermonters, by an overwhelming majority vote, recommitted themselves morally and spiritually to the proposition that slavery is abhorrent to the human condition by passing Proposition 2.

While we as modern day Vermonters enjoy all the benefits of living as free men and women in an affluent and liberated society, there are currently an estimated 40 million slaves in the world today. "This includes

victims of forced labor, debt bondage, domestic servitude, human trafficking, child labor, forced marriage, and descent-based slavery," stated Katrina Summer-Center for Global Justice. In 1860, the United States had an estimated 4 million slaves. Despite the legal abolitions, according to the global slavery index, there are 57,000 people enslaved today in the United States. See www.inverse.com/article/31386-countries-with-the-most-slaves.

Many of the comforts we enjoy as Vermonters and Americans come at the expense of our human brothers and sisters in far off places in the world. Our cell phones, solar energy, and electric car batteries are sourced from mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The

DRC has 873,100 slaves. 40,000 of these slaves are children working in the cobalt battery mines. The DRC supplies 60% of the world's cobalt. The nation is an ecological and human rights nightmare. Despite commitments from corporate electric car manufacturers, the huge increase in demand means these conditions will continue unabated.

The only way modern day slavery stops is a concerted effort to make the public aware of the external costs of our luxuries and for consumers to understand the consequences of their decisions in choosing how they spend their money.

There are many groups that are fiercely dedicated to ending slavery. Vermonters this holiday season, as well as every single day, have an opportunity to put into action the sentiment we expressed on Nov. 8. There are many organizations dedicated to ending slavery. A simple internet search will allow you to research which one is right for you. I happen to use www.freedomunited.org/donate and Exodus Cry at www.exoduscry.com/donate.

Sincerely,
Stu Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

The online version of the Vermont State Constitution has not been updated yet to reflect the will of the people to end slavery with Proposal 2; and there is no mention in Proposal 2 of amending and deleting Section 64 of the Vermont Constitution, which is clearly a form of slavery:

§ 64. [PUNISHMENT AT HARD LABOR, WHEN]

To deter more effectively from the commission of crimes, by continued visible punishments of long duration, and to make sanguinary punishments less necessary, means ought to be

provided for punishing by hard labor, those who shall be convicted of crimes not capital, whereby the criminal shall be employed for the benefit of the public, or for the reparation of injuries done to private persons: and all persons at proper times ought to be permitted to see them at their labor.

Proposal 2 amends the Constitution of the State of Vermont to clarify that slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited. CHAPTER I. A DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE STATE

OF VERMONT:

www.legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/constitution-of-the-state-of-vermont/.

I want to thank the Vermonters who voted for me. It was a disappointing last place loss, but I will run again because no one else is raising the important issue of our tax dollars going to corporations as subsidies while we don't get a share of the profits they make using our money. I call that modern day slavery.

Sincerely,
Cris Ericson
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Let us take a moment to first introduce ourselves. We are Contractors for Christ, a small group of Christian contractors that have banded together to help serve the needs in our local community. Over the summer, we witnessed just like you, the overall increase in the cost of living expenses. The stark rise in fuel, food, and housing prices became an imminent threat to the health and well being of the residents in our small town. Interestingly enough, we also saw a rise in the demand for contractor services. Homes were selling like hotcakes and with that, the demand grew for home repairs and new construction. We can honestly say that God has formed our small group to

give back to the community with what God has abundantly provided for us. With that being said, we are offering a few ways we might be able to lighten the financial burden some of you might be experiencing.

Children's winter coats and boots: we are thankful to have partnered with the Boot Pro and Singleton's to make this possible. If you are in need, simply email contracotrforchristlbc@gmail.com giving us your name, address, coat and boot size, along with the gender of the recipient. We also have adult size boots for older children.

Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings: we offered a hearty thanksgiving meal complete with a large

turkey, along with all the items that make this holiday extra tasty. Pickup for this meal took place on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the Ludlow Baptist Church.

We hope these offerings can be a bright spot to you. And a special thanks to Jo Bania, the Boot Pro, Dick's Sporting Goods, Ludlow Baptist Church, Noah Milligan, Singleton's General Store, and the Town of Ludlow for helping us make all this possible.

Sincerely,
Contractors for Christ
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Dear Editor,

Recently we have been learning about some of the problems facing communities in Vt. who are governed by selectboards. These elected officials are legislative, executive and judicial authorities who are assigned numerous minis-

terial duties defined in the Vt. statutes.

The financial aspects of running multi-million dollar businesses are complicated by the failure of our legislators to include any reasonable consequences for ignorance and/or abuse.

Each year the independent auditors report on the municipality's internal control structure. In the letter which is printed in the bound volume, they generally advise that, "we found no material misstatements" but have sent a "separate letter to management [dated]". This "separate letter" should be available under public records law, but local municipalities will generally not release it. Nor will they willingly inform taxpayers of the details of their banking activities.

With the help of Sen. Phil Gramm in Texas in the 1980s I was able to get my town to release signature authority cards held by 'officials' drawing funds from municipal accounts. One school district had 23 bank accounts with only two signed by board members.

In order to understand the financial activities of our multiple municipal districts, we must have authority to look at their books, and not be placated by reports that show nothing important.

Sincerely,
Nancy Kessling
Plymouth, Vt.

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Elinor K. Jones, 1943-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Elinor K. Jones, 79, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt.

She was born on June 4, 1943 in Walpole, N.H. to the late Guy and Edith (Metcalf) Jones.

Elinor enjoyed many things such as, dancing, walking, listening to music, reading, and doing crossword puzzles. She took pride in maintaining her home and yard. When traveling she would collect refrigerator magnets from each state that she visited. She loved helping people and being social. Her children, grandchildren, cats, and dogs were her greatest love and she cherished them beyond anything else.

She is survived by her children Kelly Parent, Wendy Ciuffo and her husband Tom, Martin Ingalls, and Scott Renfro and his wife Reiko. She is also survived by her siblings Elwin "Sonny" Jones, Gloria Cass, and Ralph "Butch" Jones, and her former husband Joe Renfro.

She was predeceased by her daughter Stacy Ingalls



Elinor K. Jones, 1943-2022.
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and her siblings Virginia "Ginny" Wornick, Betty Roberts, Dennis Jones, and Bonnie Hesse. She was also predeceased by former husband Paul Ingalls.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Westminster New Cemetery in Westminster, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will be officiating.

Memorial donations may be made in Elinor's memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

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

Sandy M. Parker, 1949-2022

WESTON Vt. – Sandra "Sandy" M. Parker of Weston passed away peacefully on Nov. 14, 2022 at Rutland Hospital surrounded by her loving husband and children. Sandy was born in Rutland on July 9, 1949, the third child to Clarence (Ted) and Rose (Barone) Dayton.

Sandy was one of seven children growing up with four sisters and two brothers. Sandy attended schools in southern Vermont and graduated from Leland and Gray Seminary in 1968. She went on to graduate from beautician school in Rutland and worked for a time at Londonderry Coiffures.

She had different professions over the years including hairdresser, waitress, and bartender. She worked in the banking industry for a time before transitioning to become a most treasured bookkeeper for many local businesses, continuing throughout her semi-retirement. Those taking over her accounts will have big shoes to fill.

On March 6, 1971 she married the love of her life, Wayne Charles "Charlie" Parker, Sr. at The Chapel of the Snows in Stratton, Vt. They later moved to their home in Weston where they happily raised their children.

Besides Charlie, her soul mate and husband of 51 years of Weston, she leaves her son Wayne C. Parker, Jr., his wife Deborah, and her three most beloved granddaughters Tori, Halle, and Jenna, all of Londonderry, Vt. She also leaves her son Jerrod Parker and his new wife Stephanie who live right next door to their home in Weston. Her sisters Patricia Roberts and her husband Doug of Peru, Donna Williams and her partner Roy of Peru, Kathy Dayton and her husband Michael Mell of Cold Spring, N.Y., and her brothers William "Bill" Dayton and his wife Jodie of Jamaica, Vt., and Ronald "Ronnie" Dayton and his wife Janice of Leland, N.C.

Sandy was predeceased by her parents, her sister Joan Dayton of Londonderry, and her husband's parents Fernando and Marguerite (Hart) Parker. Sandy is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and very special friends.

One of Sandy's greatest joys was being "Grammy" to her girls, Tori, Halle, and Jenna. She proudly remarked how great it felt to greet them off the bus after school, feed them a snack, and bring them desk-side while she worked and they did their homework. They



Sandy M. Parker, 1949-2022.
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brought her such joy and laughter over the years and her eyes lit up when any of them walked in the room. She created very special bonds with each one, founded by the incredible amount of time they got to spend together.

Sandy loved to feed people. She was well known by her immediate and extended family for her signature spaghetti and was never able to cook for just a few. No one ever went hungry.

Sandy and Charlie spent many years bowling together, boating on Lake St. Catherine, attending NASCAR races in their motorhome, camping with family and friends at her sister's home in Peru. They loved to dance and they most recently enjoyed playing a good round of golf with family and friends. In recent years, they enjoyed their time spent at their second home in Florida during the winter months. They generously hosted the family after the annual Dayton golf tournament in September.

Everyone enjoyed her perfect spaghetti and meatballs supper and shared a joyful afternoon and evening with many memories and laughter. Sandy will always be remembered as a kind, caring, family centered person, mother and grandmother who was always there to lend an ear or a hug when needed. To Sandy, spending time with family was everything and she would most wish that tradition to be carried on.

A celebration of life for Sandy will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 11 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church on Main Street in Londonderry. If friends desire, memorial gifts in Sandy's memory may be made to the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, c/o Brewster-Shea Funeral Home, P.O. Box 885 Manchester Center, VT 05255. To send the family personal condolences, please visit www.sheafuneralhomes.com. The family has entrusted arrangements to the care of Brewster-Shea Funeral Home, 34 Park Place Manchester Center, VT.

Julia H. Pierson, 1935-2022

TYSON, Vt. – Julia H. Pierson, 86, passed away on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. She was born Nov. 18, 1935 at her home in Tyson, Vt. the daughter of James O. and Violet M. (Tucker) Massey. She attended the Tyson School.

On July 4, 1964 Julia married Roy M. Pierson. He predeceased her on Jan. 9, 2017.

Julia lived most of her life in Tyson, Vt., residing in Ludlow and Reading for a short time.

She was a homemaker and fantastic seamstress, she worked from her home doing sewing, mending, and upholstering for many years.

She enjoyed her flower gardens, reading, and doing puzzles. She loved spending time with her family and hosting holiday gatherings.

She is survived by one son Michael Pierson of Tyson, Vt., step-son Scott Pierson and his wife Tammy of Hartford, Conn., step-daughter Sheila Pierson-Roy and her husband Jon of Strafford, N.H., four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Julia H. Pierson, 1935-2022.
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She was predeceased by three brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Tyson Community Church. Reverend Margo Marrone will officiate. Burial will be in the Plymouth Notch Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

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

Donald L. Wilcox Jr., 1967-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Donald L. Wilcox Jr., 55, passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Nov. 2, 2022 in Bakersfield, Calif. He was born March 6, 1967 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Donald and Sarah (Fuller) Wilcox. Don graduated from Leland and Gray in Townshend, Vt., Class of 1985.

Donald served in the United States Air Force, serving in Iraq.

He served in the Vermont Air Guard for 18 years before relocating to California where he had been employed as a Civilian Contractor at the Edwards Air Force Base since 2005.

Don enjoyed target shooting and attending the yearly Ammo Conference; he enjoyed playing Dungeons and Dragons and collecting guns and antiques. Don was an organ donor.

He is survived by his parents Donald Sr. and Sarah Wilcox of Springfield, Vt.; two sisters, Kelly L. Wilcox of North Springfield, Vt. and Tracy Wilcox-Parsons and her husband Jonathan of Milton, Vt.; four nieces;



Donald Wilcox Jr., 1967-2022.
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and one nephew.

He was predeceased by paternal grandparents Frank and Ada Wilcox; maternal grandparents Kenneth and Doris Fuller; and uncles Kenneth Fuller and Lester Fuller.

A graveside service will be held in the spring of 2023.

Don had a love of Husky dogs so any donations may be made in his memory to Shadow Husky Animal Rescue 27851 Bradley Rd # 130m Menifee, CA 92586.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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NOV. 24 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Thursday, Nov. 24, from 12–2 p.m., the American Legion Post #37 will host a Roast Turkey Dinner at their Hall at 42 Rockingham St., Bellows Falls, Vt. Dinner is free and open to the public. Call 802-463-9700 to reserve a place.

NOV. 25, 26, & 27 PUTNEY, Vt. – Putney, Vt. celebrates Thanksgiving with a “Weekend of Arts” on Nov 25, 26, & 27 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Meet 20 of Vermont’s most prominent makers—glass blowers, potters, jewelers, woodworker, painters and even artisan cheese and wine makers. Highlighted by the Putney Craft Tour and late day and evening events at Sandglass Theater and Next Stage Arts.

NOV. 26 & 27 – PLYMOUTH, Vt. – There will be a Holiday Craft Fair at the Community Center, Route 100, Plymouth, Vt. on Nov. 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

DEC. 4 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Yulefest with a cappella concert, tree lighting, visit with Santa, kid and adult activities, sing along, Yule log, and campfire on Dec. 4, from 3–7 p.m. Smokin’

Bowls food and PK’s Irish Pub adult beverages. At Saxtons River Historical Society and Main Street Arts. More information at www.mainstreetarts.org.

EVENTS & MORE

DEC. 3 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Elks Basketball “Free Throw Contest” will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Middle School, 15 School St., Bellows Falls, Vt. Open to all participants ages 8–13, from the Bellows Falls Union area through the Fall Mountain region. The event will consist of 25 free throws. Wear sneakers, t-shirt, gym shorts, or a team uniform. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and the event starts at 10 a.m. This event is sponsored by Elks Lodge #1619. First place shooters will move on to the District level on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 at 10 a.m. in Windsor, Vt.

DEC. 11 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Folk musician Tom Pirozzoli returns to Stage 33 Live for a rare performance on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, Vt. Corey Wrinn will open. Limited seating; recorded and filmed. With Tom’s blessing,

advance tickets are discounted, or available at the door. Tickets and more information about this and other events, visit www.stage33live.com.

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.

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1–2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

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.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women’s meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

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 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Winter Market in South Londonderry is back! Come to the Historic Depot Station off Route 100 every Saturday through Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for hot food and locally-made crafts. For more information, contact Kyle Cohen at kic0319@gmail.com.

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.

Holiday Open House at VAULT is back

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us on Dec. 3 at Gallery at the VAULT for a festive Open House from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. Want to see how to make Moravian Star Ornaments? Robin Bickel will demonstrate and teach this craft from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Stephanie Taft from Pink Lady Pastry will provide sweet artistic treats for sampling that you can pre-order for your holiday festivities.

You can even take chances in a raffle to win a custom cake for a future special occasion. The gallery will be filled with beautiful music from Kathi Byam on flute and Karen Engdahl on keyboard who are delighted to be able to share holiday favorites. Music and pastries

will be from 1–3 p.m. Enjoy the Open Wall show, “Festival of Color” and of course shop beautifully handmade crafts and artwork for everyone on your holiday list. Gifts for children, stocking stuffers, tree ornaments, woodenware, pottery, scarves, jew-

elry, glass, cards, as well as prints, fine art, and photographs. Gallery at the VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, is located on 68 Main St. in Springfield. See www.galleryvault.org for more information and to shop online.

Peace on Earth

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Start the holiday celebration with a weekend of winter carols sung by the Springfield Community Chorus on Dec. 3 and 4. The chorus is singing songs from around the world.

“Carol of the Bells” is a Ukrainian Christmas carol written by M. Leontovich and arranged by Peter J Wilhousky. “Ave Maria,” written by Serge Rachmaninoff, Russian born, two traditional Spanish tunes called “Song of the Wise Men” and “A La Nanita Nana.” A lively Andalusian carol, called “Gatumba,” is arranged by Walter F. Anderson. A traditional spiritual from the United States called “Children Go Where I Send Thee” and a British carol by

John Rutter called “Nativity Carol” are also included. The song to end the concert will be “Donna Nobis Pacem,” and the audience will be encouraged to sing or hum along this song of hope for peace on earth. The concerts will be on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at Chester Baptist Church and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. at the Springfield Congregational Church. There is no charge for the concerts but a donation is encouraged to cover the chorus costs.



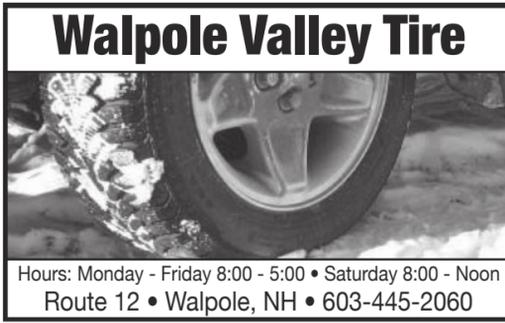
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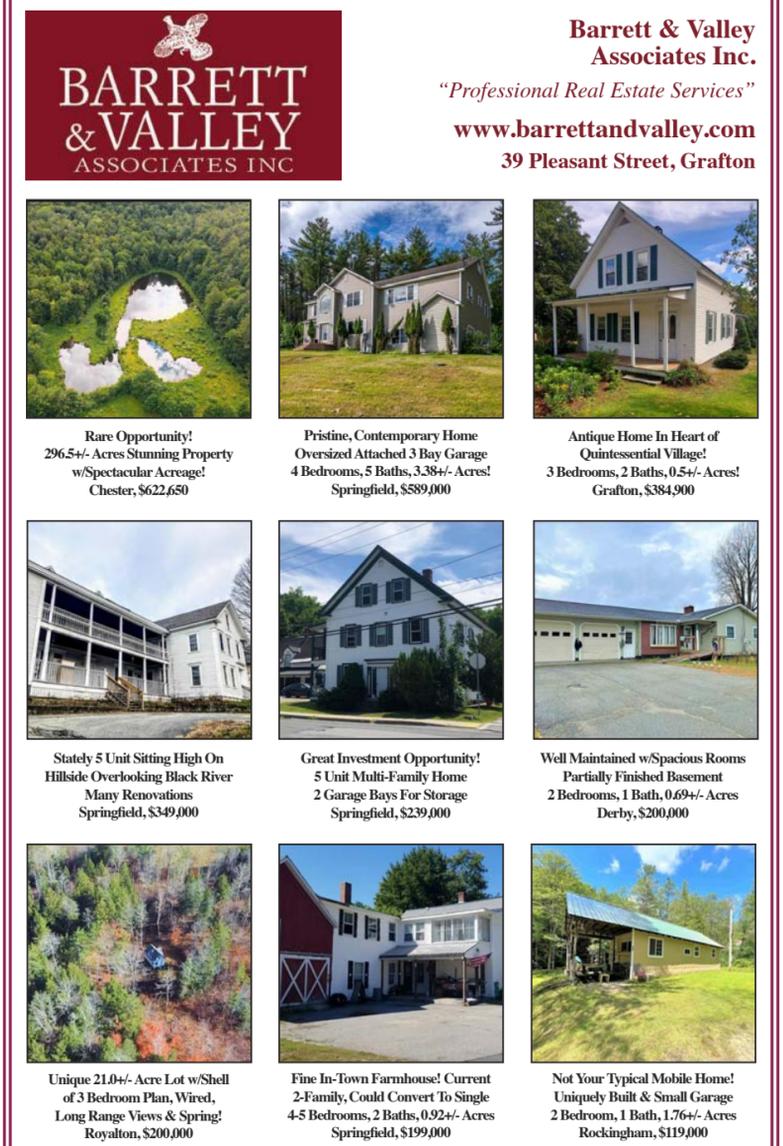


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Plymouth Notch Holiday Open House

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. – In 1923, with the press of a button, President Coolidge illuminated the electric lights on the nation's Christmas tree during the first National Tree Lighting Ceremony in Washington, D.C. In honor of that momentous occasion, the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is hosting its Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Media and the public are welcome to attend the Holiday Open House at the Cal-

vin Coolidge State Historic Site, located at 3780 Route 100A Plymouth, Vt.

The main attraction of the day, a tree lighting ceremony, will take place on the porch of the Cilley General Store at 1 p.m. Immediately following, guests are invited to join pianist Stephen Morse at the Union Christian Church for caroling. Tracy Messer, as President Coolidge, will treat guests to recitations of portions of the president's Christmas addresses interspersed with the music.

Additionally, this family

friendly event hosts festive activities and gifts, both free and for purchase from local artisans, including the opportunity to create and take home stenciled holiday stationery, with local artist Polly Forcier. Live wreaths will be for sale with proceeds supporting the Coolidge Site Garden Fund. Award-winning cheeses will be available at the Plymouth Cheese Factory and the museum gift shop will have its end-of-season clearance sale.

While in Plymouth Notch, take time to stroll through

the historic village and see the homestead where Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as President of the United States. Experience the Coolidge Birthplace, decorated as it would have been in 1872, the year the future president was born. Tour guides will be present to describe the significant artifacts found within the homes.

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lowship Hall for some holiday cheer.



TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at 96 Main Street, Town Hall, Springfield, Vermont to receive public input and take testimony on the following:

1. Application 202290 Green Mt. Power / McGee Family, LLC for Conditional Use and Site Plan Review to change use to overflow vehicle storage for adjoining McGee automotive business. The property is located at 86 Clinton Street and is zoned General Business.

2. Application 202293 Francis LeBarron / TMM Dispensary LLC for Site Plan Review to reconfigure the parking lot. The property is located at 35A Chester Road and is zoned General Business / Flood Hazard Overlay District.

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Heather Chase has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to establish Corporate Lactation Services, Inc. as a home business in an accessory building at 1712 Green Mountain Turnpike.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 4:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 1712 Green Mountain Turnpike and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 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.chestervt.gov.

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by Linda Thistle

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holiday happenings

Weston Christmas Bazaar

WESTON, Vt. – If you have chosen to spend your Thanksgiving weekend amidst the tranquility and stark beauty of Vermont’s “Stick Season,” it doesn’t mean you don’t have access to a superior shopping experience. On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, Weston’s Christmas Bazaar will again take place at the Weston Playhouse. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and there is no admission charge. Now in its 41st year, the Weston Bazaar just keeps getting better, with more and more artisans the level of merchandise has evolved over the years from trinkets to treasures.

Over fifty vendors will be occupying booths on all

three floors of the Weston Playhouse building for both days. Almost all are local or regional artisans with their skills on display. There’s lots of merchandise that is Christmas-related: gifts, including for yourself, decorations, and beautiful wreaths. Artisanal food vendors will offer everything from sausage and cheese to honey and jam to Christmas shortbread. Lots of winter clothing items. Fine Vermont woodenware, artwork, and jewelry as well. New this year, there will be health and wellness products. Let a restorative chair massage revive you. It’s the gift shopping equivalent of “Farm to Table” in a delightful Vermont village.

There’s a raffle with a Shopping Spree at the Vermont Country Store, a “Grab Bag” to which all our vendors contribute, and a beautiful painting to be won. Raffle proceeds and all vendor booth rentals go to preserve and enhance the Weston Playhouse.

Lunch will be available from Junior’s popular food truck. Hot foods and hand-helds will be on the menu.

Black Friday? Make it Green (Mountain) Friday and come to the Weston Christmas Bazaar. You’ll find the Playhouse on the west side of Route 100 in the center of Weston Village.

Gingerbread House Extravaganza

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Gingerbread House Extravaganza returns to the Grafton Public Library. Visit Grafton on Saturday, Dec. 3 to enjoy Christmas in Grafton, a village-wide event, and view the full gingerbread house display at the library, stop by the library during the week preceding and enjoy the growth of our gingerbread house village, or join us as a contributor.

The Grafton Public Library seeks gingerbread makers, expert and beginner alike, for participation in a Gingerbread House Extravaganza. Whether you are looking for a fun family project or

want to show off your culinary skills, the library will be delighted to display your creation.

You may choose to loan your house to the library or donate it to the library for a Silent Auction to be held during the Extravaganza, with proceeds to benefit the Grafton Public Library. For more information about submitting a gingerbread house, check out our website at www.graftonpubliclibrary.org, email us at librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org, or stop by the library, located at 204 Main Street in historic Grafton. Submission forms are kindly requested by Nov. 26, so we know how many houses to

expect. Join in the holiday fun by making a house, visiting the library to marvel over the gingerbread houses, and perhaps bidding on a donated house.

Confectionery creations will be displayed during library hours from Nov. 28 to Dec. 2 and Sat., Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. A Silent Auction will be held during the duration of the event, culminating at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3. The Gingerbread House Extravaganza is part of the Christmas in Grafton Festival, a village-wide event on Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Christmas Tree class in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Art Gym class with Jessica Hagland, Sunday Nov. 27, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Jessica’s class, Christmas Tree, is a small acrylic painting that can be used

as a tree ornament. All supplies are furnished and includes organic and homemade tools to paint with.

For more information, check out Springfield Art Gym’s Facebook page or

email dpiletz@comcast.net. The Springfield Art Gym, where you can exercise your creativity, is at 335 River St. in Springfield, Vt., behind Joe’s Discount Beverage.

Downtown Holiday Program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield’s Annual Downtown Holiday Program will take place on Friday, Dec. 2.

Once again, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and Springfield On The Move are teaming up to bring an evening of family fun and cheer to the community. Festivities will kick off with Springfield On The Move’s Sticker Map, starting at 4 p.m. at 41 Main St. At the end of the treasure hunt, children can turn in their com-

pleted maps at 41 Main St. in for a goodie bag and the opportunity to select from an assortment of handmade mittens and hats, donated by Knit Wits.

Starting at 4 p.m., Clafin Family Food will be set up across from the tree lighting, at the entrance to Comtu Cascade Park, 5 Main St., selling food. The Springfield Community Band will bring holiday cheer from 5:30-6 p.m. And as always, the Chamber has invited Santa to come to town for our community tree lighting ceremony. Santa will make

his grand entrance at 6 p.m., and he will be on site outside his special house at 6 Main St., or the Springfield Food Co-op lot, until 9 p.m., to visit with all the children.

We look forward to the gathering on Dec. 2 and we hope you can join us for this merry celebration.

Unable to attend? Drop off a letter to Santa in the mail slot in Santa’s House, 6 Main St., or visit Santa at his house on Dec. 4 from 5-7 p.m., Dec. 9 from 5-7 p.m., Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., or Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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for the trees on display by the Phelps Barn at the Grafton Inn right in the center of Grafton Village from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. both days.

Decked out for the holidays and with a variety of happenings for the annual “Christmas In Grafton” event on Saturday, the al-

ways picturesque Grafton Village will have a special guest that day. Arriving at 11:30 a.m., escorted by a fire engine, Santa Claus will be touring the village stopping to greet children as he goes along. Santa will be visiting regardless of the weather.



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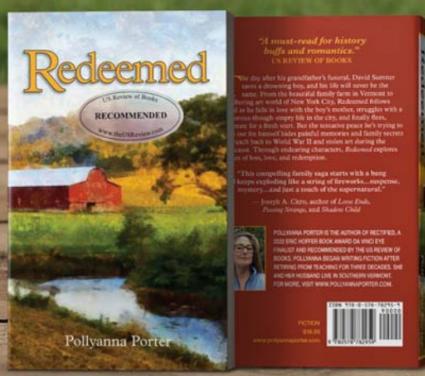
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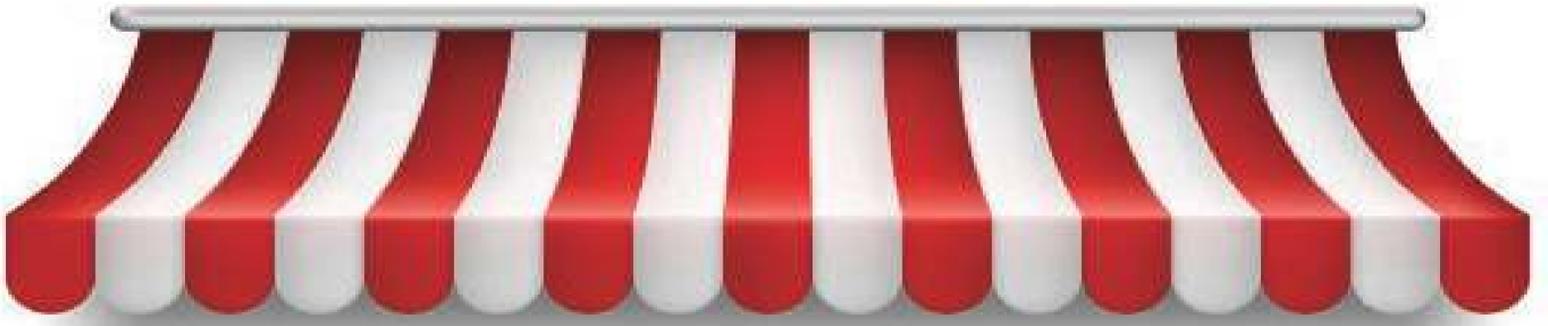


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