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# Rockingham appoints Gary Fox as Interim Zoning Administrator

BY BETSY THURSTON  
*The Shopper*

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Rockingham Selectboard appointed Development Director Gary Fox as Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator. Chuck Wise vacated his position as Planning, Zoning, and Health Officer of Rockingham after Christmas.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup asked VT League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) for guidance, and Rockingham reserves the right to appoint someone for up to one year. He suggested Fox as Interim Planning and Zoning. Pickup said as a shared position of zoning and health it “created conflicts and difficulty on the enforcing end as well

as administration and zoning requirements, it was difficult to do all three well.” He indicated that was not a reflection on Wise, but the reality. Pickup suggested prioritizing the zoning administrator and hiring a health officer part-time.

Chair Peter Golec said Shaun McGinnis was Deputy Health Officer, Village President Deborah Wright expressed concern of adding to his current duties as Village Fire Chief.

Board member Rick Cowan asked about the town website. Board member Bonnie North volunteered again to teach staff how to manage and update the website.

Golec had concerns with the appointment of Fox and his workload. Fox explained

when Pickup discussed it with him, he had called places like White River to ask questions about their combined office. He said it’s “typical for planning and development to work jointly together, there is a lot of overlap.”

Fox said the development office has ramped up projects and grant applications with Betsy Thurston assisting with administration pieces. He explained each successful grant application added more work, but structurally they were positioned to take on the role.

North agreed that planning with development made sense, but was concerned about zoning and the constant flow of applications. Fox said that Wise had automated much of the

functionality and for now it was workable, but said the picture could change in the spring.

Fox said with the current and future work on the Area Wide Plan, Island, and Under the Hill projects, the departments had many ongoing permits they were working on together. He said he “appreciated Chuck’s work” and saw the offices working well together moving forward. Fox said that working as an interim “will provide insight into the departments to keep them cohesively working together.”

Fox referred to the work being done by Rockingham Incremental Development Working Group (RIDWG) and the necessary zoning bylaw adjustments for the future. A recent grant ap-

plication has been submitted for the Modernization Bylaw Grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Pickup said by appointing Fox this gave the town the opportunity to continue holding meetings and supporting the Development Review Board (DRB) and Planning Commission (PC) while they began the hiring process.

Vice-Chair Susan Hammond asked about the revision of the town plan scheduled for 2023. Wright, also the PC Chair, said they were at the end of the polishing piece, but still had the introduction, maps, and links. She said there was a lot of input necessary for the zoning administrator, and once the town plan was complete

the next step was the zoning bylaws. She said Wise took the minutes.

Golec said, “the information needs to be ready for the board ahead of time, it can’t be done the night of the meeting.”

Board member Elijah Zimmer asked if there were any other options. Pickup said they could leave the position vacant and cancel meetings.

The board appointed Fox as Interim Zoning Administrator. Cowan thanked Wise for his work over the years.

The Rockingham Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3 will have the final articles for the warning, budget, and tax rate. The meeting will be in the lower theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m.

# The Discuss Neighborhood Development program targets housing crisis

BY JOE MILLIKEN  
*The Shopper*

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – In an effort to help alleviate the current housing crisis in Springfield, the Town Manager Jeff Mobus recently introduced a presentation to the selectboard by the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) called Discuss Neighborhood Development.

The presentation was organized to help investigate

ways for Springfield to possibly help with the growing problem of a lack of affordable housing in the area. Additionally, Martha Harrison and Jason Rassmussen from MARC, also presented a packet of information to the select board as the parties look toward the common goal of creating more housing.

Rassmussen has been working with the Springfield Planning Commission as they look over the town plan,

and he is also looking into the possibility of a Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) designation, which would create benefits and better opportunities for possible projects moving forward.

The NDA program helps provide special permit and tax incentives for communities and developers that strive to build mixed-income housing within designated downtowns, or village areas that have been NDA desig-

nated. The designation encourages municipalities and developers to plan for new and infill housing in the area of its designated downtown or village.

“The goal of discussing Neighborhood Development Area designation was to ensure that the select board was aware of the requirements and the benefits of an NDA designation,” Town Manager Jeff Morbus said in a recent interview. “In particular, the town would likely need to

make some changes to the zoning bylaws and make a decision about our river corridors. The benefits would include Act 250 exemptions to certain housing projects, as well as discounted application fees.”

For an area to be eligible for designation it must be within a neighborhood planning area that is suitable for new and infill housing and that has been approved by the State Board for designation.

“The first step, which the selectboard has taken, is to allow the planning commission to work with the MARC to determine if an NDA would benefit Springfield,” Morbus said. “And, if so, what bylaw changes would need to be made. The town’s strategic plan encourages the development of our neighborhoods for the overall benefit of Springfield. An NDA could potentially assist the town in accomplishing this goal.”

# Edgar May gives Springfield first graders their First Fins swim lessons

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On Dec. 20, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center presented Springfield first graders with a First Fins certificate for one free four-week session of Starfish Swim School group swimming lessons.

The Edgar May Center has been offering the First Fins program since 2008. Through First Fins, children will learn the basics of water safety, including safe behaviors when enjoying any bodies of water, including the beautiful rivers, ponds, and lakes throughout Vermont.

According to the CDC, drowning is the second leading cause of death in children under the age of 14. However, participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning among children and young adults.

In addition to safety, swimming lessons give children the skills to feel confident and comfortable in the water, and introduces them to a lifelong activity. “Learning to swim can provide the skills needed to

join recreational swim teams such as our Stingrays Swim Team, as well as future certifications for lifeguard training and to become a swim instructor for future generations,” says Zoe Lirakis, Aquatics Coordinator. “Swimming is a skill and an enjoyable sport that can last a lifetime.”

“The mission of the Edgar May Center is to provide area residents with the opportunities and resources necessary to pursue a healthy and active lifestyle. This is an important skill for children to learn, and we are happy to provide children in our community with this opportunity,” said Christian Craig, Executive Director.

The First Fins certificates



Swim Lessons Coordinator Zoe Lirakis gives First Fins to Elm Hill first graders.

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were delivered to first grade students this week and can be redeemed for any of the Edgar May’s group swim lessons prior to the end of September 2023. To register for a swim session, please call the Edgar May Center at 802-885-2568. For more information about our group swim lesson offerings, go to [www.edgarmay.org](http://www.edgarmay.org).

Interested in bringing First Fins to your school? Contact Christian Craig at 802-885-2568 or [ccraig@edgarmay.org](mailto:ccraig@edgarmay.org).

# 2022 End of the Year Review

**JAN. 5 – Rockingham, Saxtons River Support Grant to study fire departments**

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – In a Rockingham Selectboard meeting, the board agreed to match a \$5,000 contribution that the Saxtons River Village had also contributed in order to apply for a federal grant that will study the operations of three local fire departments.

*By Joe Milliken*

**FEB. 16 – Springfield Community Players named Organization of the Year**

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce has named the Springfield Community Players as Organization of the Year for 2021. For over 100 years the organization has presented at least one community theater production a year and averaged four a year. The organization’s involvement in bettering the Springfield community also played a large part in its receiving the award.

*By Bill Lockwood*

**FEB. 16 – Longtime BF Teacher and Coach, Tim Eno, gets “The Call to the Hall of Fame”**

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Lifelong Bellows

Falls resident and Bellows Falls Union High School graduate, teacher, and coach, Tim Eno, was recently chosen as an inductee into the Vermont Principles’ Association Hall of Fame. Coach Eno’s accomplishments are impressive; achieving an astounding 18 combined state championships, many conference and league titles, as well as coaching many individual state and New England champions. His impact on the community, the student athletes, and his peers is unmistakable.

*By Joe Milliken*

**MARCH 9 – Rockingham area residents form RARR to help Afghan refugees**

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – 30 Bellows Falls area residents formed a group called Rockingham Area Refugee Resettlement, or RARR. Its mission is to aid those Afghan allies who helped our troops during our long war there. In order to streamline organizational require-

ments, the effort is allied closely with the long-standing refugee group ECDC out of Brattleboro.

**MARCH 16 – Town and Villages hold meeting seeking resident input on use of Covid funding**

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Town of Rockingham and the Villages of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River held a joint public meeting March 16 in the Lower Theater of the Rockingham Town Hall to gather input into the decisions their boards will make on the use of ARPA, or American Rescue Plan Act, funds that have been allocated to the three local administrations. They are tasked with putting them to use for the good of their communities.

*By Bill Lockwood*

**APRIL 6 – Town looks to purchase, restore Bellows Falls Train Station building**

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** –

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## CORRECTION

In the “Together we brightened the community” article in the Dec. 21 edition of The Shopper, many people were listed as “In Memory of” that are still alive. Also, the Town of Springfield DPW Office Manager was listed as Mary Perry rather than Lois Smith. A corrected version of the article has been republished online at [www.vermontjournal.com](http://www.vermontjournal.com). We are truly sorry for this mistake.

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# Thanks to our 2022 Hearts of Hope donors —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Hospital and its volunteers would like to thank all those individuals that supported this year's Hearts of Hope campaign. The Hearts of Hope campaign is an opportunity to remember and honor loved ones, friends, or co-workers in a very special way, while supporting Springfield Hospital. Individuals who contribute \$15 or more have a handmade heart ornament placed on the Hearts of Hope holiday tree. Each ornament has the name of an individual that the donor wishes to remember or honor. Over 250 ornaments were on display at the hospital. All the ornaments have now been sent to the donors or their honorees so they

may display them in their homes. The Hearts of Hope Committee members include volunteers Barbara Bye, Linda Feddersen, and Marcia Manner. The ornaments were made by Chrissy Bedard, Brenda Buswell, Pat Graves, and Sandy Peplau. This year, the campaign will support Springfield Hospital's 2022-2023 Annual Giving Campaign. Our generous donors continue to send funds for this campaign, and to date we have raised over \$9,000. Thank you to all the donors. To view the tree dedication ceremony program, visit [www.springfield-hospital.org/fundraising-events](http://www.springfield-hospital.org/fundraising-events).

# Charlestown Boys Basketball

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. — The middle school basketball season has opened up with some good playing teams in our Connecticut Valley Region. One of these teams is the Charlestown, N.H. "Forts." There are twelve energetic, focused, and hard playing players on the 2022-23 team.

"The season started off with a couple of bumps, but has brought home a very nice win this past Tuesday evening," said Coach Smokey Aumand. Teams on the tight schedule include: Bellows Falls, Claremont A and B, Green Mountain, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Vilas, and Walpole.



Front: Mason Thibodeau, Azyi Crews, Milachi Baltad, Grady Batchelder. Back: Aiden Brownell, Brayden Rogers, Thomas Rabtoy, Coach Smokey Aumand, Joshua Blouin-Andrus, and Clynton Harris. Not pictured: Devyn Martin, Alton Young, and Elijah Cummings.

PHOTO BY BRANDON HILL

# Springfield Elks Lodge honoring veterans with winter apparel

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 recently held a members all out effort to donate winter mittens, gloves, and socks to the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vt. Members donated dozens

dozens of each article, solely for the residents of the Veterans Home.

In front is a veteran resident Sue Bull, 87 years old, and a living twin of her sister. In back are PER Carolee Murchie, CEO of the Vet's home Melissa Jackson, Recreational Therapy Director of the Vet's home Michelle Burgess, and Elks Chairman of the winter apparel drive Gloria Gunn.

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## YEAR

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Back in early February, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the possibility of a new business, possibly a brew pub and restaurant, to be located at the historic Bellows Falls Train Station. On Town Meeting Day, Bellows Falls residents voted overwhelmingly to purchase the building, which is currently owned by Vermont Rail Systems. By Joe Milliken

MAY 17 - BF Trades community garden approved for 66 Atkinson lot

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. — On Tuesday, May 17, the Rockingham Selectboard awarded the lease for the Bellows Falls Trades community garden at 66 Atkinson Street. BF Trades anticipates a year-long project development process which would engage youth throughout the school year. Their plan is to provide real-world instruction in design, agriculture, construction, advertising, and financial

literacy as they work closely with Central Elementary School's Farm to Table program.

By Betsy Thurston  
JUNE 14 - Trustees approve funds for fire and police

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — On Tuesday, June 14, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the recreation center summer schedule and capital improvement projects on the public safety building.

By Betsy Thurston  
Continued next week.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

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*

## Schist & Giggles

Of my many interests, Mother Nature ranks at the top. Ever since I was a kid I've always picked up bird nests or feathers I found. I have a few feathers I've kept, along with a few bird nests. The question has always been how to display them. They are ephemeral at best.

The photo with this article is one of my creations. The glass base is an antique lamp shade. On top is a tiny bird nest. The eggs you see are antique clay Bennington marbles.

I love putting little things like this together. This display makes me smile. At the bottom of the glass shade is a cardboard milk bottle cap.

It's from Hastings Dairy in Springfield. We'll get to Hastings Dairy in a bit.

The bird nest is very small and made of fine grasses intricately woven together. It very much resembles basket weaving. It's no more than two and a half inches in diameter, and weighs almost nothing.

The glass shade is 100 years old. Part of the glass is frosted while other parts are molded. I'm sure many will have seen these shades. They no longer sell but I still pick them up when I see them.

In the antiques trade, these marbles are referred to as Bennington marbles. No doubt other 19th century potters produced them. They are made of clay and

of different diameters. They have an unglazed surface and come in many colors. By themselves they are not much to look at, but in the nest they are fun.

**Hastings Dairy**

Several years ago I interviewed Marion Harlow of North Springfield. Marion was 100 at the time. We talked about her memories of the old days. I remember her telling me about Hastings Dairy. Hastings Dairy was on Union Street very close to what is Union Street School today.

I remember Marion telling me about the day Charles Lindberg landed at the North Springfield airport in 1927. Marion said Hastings Dairy was at the airport selling ice cream.



Tiny bird nest with marbles for eggs. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

I called Hugh Putnam about Hastings Dairy. He agreed it was near the school. And Springfield Historical Society has two Hastings milk bottles and some of the cardboard bottle caps. Hastings milk bottles have always been desirable with milk bottle collectors.

Ted Spaulding remembered doing some electrical wiring in the Hastings building in the early '50s. By then Hastings had been bought out by Idlenot Dairy. Ted mentioned the

hardening room. I asked what that was. It was the cold room for ice cream. Ted said it was -28 degrees below zero. Ted said Frank Kendall worked in the cold room and that he wore a fur coat to keep warm.

The Hastings bottle cap pictured reads: "SPRINGFIELD, VT MILK PASTURIZED Hastings (in script) 4%" I think today whole milk is 3%. Hastings 4% milk would have been creamier.

**Rufus Estey Dairy**

I also have a Rufus Estey bottle cap. Estey Dairy was on Route 143, or Skitchewaug Trail as I know it. Past the Springfield Humane Society the road curves to the right. If you went straight instead of taking the curve you would be in Eureka. Keep to the right. The first building on the left was Estey Dairy when I was a kid. I don't know what it is today.

Some dairies processed only milk from Holsteins, Jersey's, or other breeds. I don't always trust my memory but I seem to remember

Estey used milk from Jersey cows. Jersey milk has a higher butterfat content than say Holsteins. But Holsteins produce more milk than Jerseys do.

Because I love the natural world I have a number of other interesting items. I have a couple of the paper-like wasp nests. They can be quite large although mine are smaller. When I was 14 out hiking in the woods one cold winter day I found a wasp nest fastened to a low hanging branch. I broke the limb off and brought the nest home.

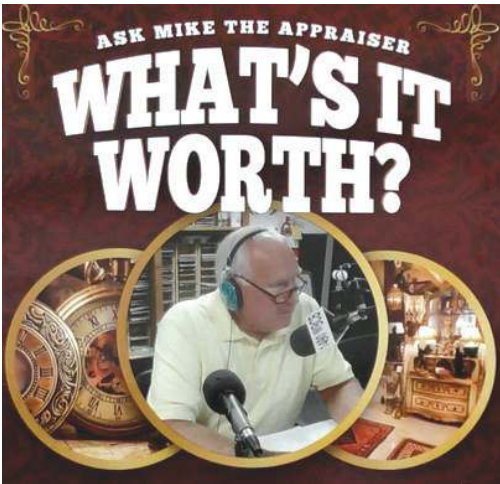
My mother had an antique secretary with glass doors on top. Ma kept a few china dishes and such in the top section. I opened the doors and put the large wasp nest on a shelf. A couple hours later I went to admire my new acquisition. Imagine my surprise to see the inside of the glass doors covered with crawling wasps. I didn't gain any points that day.

*This week's old saying is from Henri Rousseau: "Nothing makes me so happy as to observe nature and paint what I see."*

## "What's It Worth" Zoom appraisal program

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m., join Springfield Town Library with author, auctioneer, appraiser, and radio show host Mike Ivankovich on Zoom. Mike will introduce you to "What Determines Value," and reveal what your antiques, collectibles, and personal treasures are really worth today.

Each attendee is invited to bring in one or two items for Mike to appraise. Mike will explain how values today are determined, and then reveal what their personal treasures are really worth today.



"What's It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser." PHOTO PROVIDED

Mike has been involved in some phase of the auction, antiques, or collectibles business for more than 40 years. Radio show host of WBCB's "What's It Worth?

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

## DNA test results meet the family tree

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Windham County Genealogy Interest Group will meet on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rockingham Library and over Zoom. This meeting's focus will be on DNA test results coupled with family trees.

DNA testing companies are heavily promoting their products by offering sales for the holidays, which means that many more matches will be coming to those who have already tested. Those who are testing for the first time now have many more possibilities than in the past. Testing companies have also made changes to their websites. In this meeting

we will focus on how to get the most out of your test results and talk about how to take advantage of the features offered on each company's website.

Testing alone is not enough. To be useful for genealogy, a family tree needs to be uploaded or created to connect the results of the person who took the test to the profile card in their family tree. Then, it is possible to connect matches who are known relatives to their profiles on the tree. New tools and enhancements to existing tools provide a way to sort through matches to identify common ancestors. It is possible to make connections with cousins who may not be known in person but who can help provide informa-

tion about ancestors that others are also researching.

To register for this program or to share your questions about DNA test results, go to [www.forms.gle/D5X6wDAhd36bbjw9](http://www.forms.gle/D5X6wDAhd36bbjw9). Zoom links will be emailed to registrants.

Meetings are free and open to all with an interest in family history. The Windham County Genealogy Interest Group is an informal organization whose members are dedicated to genealogy education, research, and best practices. Meetings are held every other month, alternating between the libraries in Brattleboro and Bellows Falls, and online using Zoom. For more information, please contact [windhamcountygig@gmail.com](mailto:windhamcountygig@gmail.com).

## Springfield Elks Lodge last initiation of 2022



L to r: new member Michael Lund, Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras, new member Jenny Allison, and PSP Andy Cook. PHOTO PROVIDED

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 held their last initiation of 2022. With Exalted Ruler presiding, the lodge welcomed three new members. They were, Michael Lund, Jenny Allison, and Matthew Ciochci.



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# community news

## Local retailers receive “Star Store” recognition

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – According to the Centers for Disease Control and [www.CounterBalanceVT.org](http://www.CounterBalanceVT.org), tobacco companies in America spent 15 million dollars in Vermont last year. Most of that marketing budget was spent placing ads in the stores where their products are sold, and targeting the youth.

To celebrate local stores that have reduced advertising in 2022, three non-

profits in Windham County, (Building A Positive Community, West River Valley Thrives, and Greater Falls Connections) have completed the 2022 “Star Store Program.” This program recognizes retailers for protecting the youth in our community, either by not selling tobacco, or by not putting up tobacco ads where children are likely to see them.

Recently, the two groups completed 66 store assess-

ments in the towns and villages of Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, Dummerston, Grafton, Guilford, Jamaica, Newfane, Putney, Rockingham, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Westminster. These assessments looked at both tobacco and alcohol marketing in stores.

Forty-eight retailers in these towns were provided Star Store window clings to promote their business as helping to reduce youth’s

exposure to tobacco or alcohol products and marketing, which has shown to have a strong influence on underage use of tobacco and alcohol.

The substance misuse prevention organizations recognized the following 23 stores with a Gold Star for not selling and not advertising tobacco products: Aldi, Brattleboro Food Coop, Dollar Tree, Grafton Cheese, Greater Falls

Pharmacy, Green Mountain Wine, Halladay’s Flowers & Gifts, Hannaford’s, Harlows Farmstands, Hotel Pharmacy, Kampfires, KOA, Little Lisa’s Corner Deli, Lisa’s Market, Price Chopper/Market 32, Putney General Store, Putney Food Coop, Vermont Country Deli, Vermont Country Store, Walker’s Farmstand, and West Townshend Country Store.

There were 42 of stores throughout the area receiv-

ing either Silver or Gold Stars. A Silver Star lets customers know that the store does not have any advertising for either tobacco or alcohol. A Bronze Star shows that the retailer does not have any outdoor advertising for either tobacco or alcohol.

Stores that are interested in learning more about how to qualify for a star store certificate can contact Parker-Houghton at 802-505-7653.

## Westminster Cares services

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – The Westminster Cares Board of Directors met Dec. 7 with Vice President Pete Harrison presiding.

**Programs & Services Provided in November**

**Meals-on-Wheels:** One recipient ended meals in November due to dietary restrictions. WC volunteers delivered meals five days a week to 23 different people. One new client is expected to start on Dec. 1. Those in need of weekend meals received two frozen meals each Friday.

**Transportation Program:** One ride was given in November. Several ride requests are pending for December.

**Healthy Aging Programs:** Both of our strong living exercise classes, (Karen W. and Ronnie E; instructors), are happening two times per week on Zoom. Gentle yoga and Tai Chi classes are also being offered online as well. We are discussing having a new, in-person Tai Chi class at the institute in January.

**Assistance and Referrals:** Volunteers picked up prescriptions at a local pharma-

cy and delivered them twice in November.

**Friendly Visiting:** Friendly phone check-ins are happening via the director and our community Nurse.

**Medical Equipment:** In November we loaned out four pieces of equipment and accepted six returned pieces of equipment.

**Community Nurse Program:** In November our nurse completed one in-person home visit and consulted with seven additional clients by phone for a total of 14 contacts.

## Top year-end investment tips

**REGION** – Just what you need, right? One more time-consuming task to be taken care of between now and the end of the year. But taking a little time out from the holiday chores to make some strategic saving and investing decisions before Dec. 31 can affect not only your long-term ability to meet your financial goals but also the amount of taxes you’ll owe next April.

**Look at the forest, not just the trees**

The first step in your year-end investment planning process should be a review of your overall portfolio. That review can tell you whether you need to rebalance. If one type of investment has done well – for example, large-cap stocks – it might now represent a greater percentage of your portfolio than you originally intended. To rebalance, you would sell some of that asset class and use that money to buy other types of investments to bring your overall allocation back to an

appropriate balance. Your overall review should also help you decide whether that rebalancing should be done before or after Dec. 31 for tax reasons.

Also, make sure your asset allocation is still appropriate for your time horizon and goals. You might consider being a bit more aggressive if you’re not meeting your financial targets, or more conservative if you’re getting closer to retirement. If you want greater diversification, you might consider adding an asset class that tends to react to market conditions differently than your existing investments do. Or you might look into an investment that you have avoided in the past because of its high valuation if it’s now selling at a more attractive price. Diversification and asset allocation don’t guarantee a profit or insure against a possible loss, of course, but they’re worth reviewing at least once a year.

**Know when to hold ‘em**

When contemplating a change in your portfolio, don’t forget to consider how long you’ve owned each investment. Assets held for a year or less generate short-term capital gains, which are taxed as ordinary income. Depending on your tax bracket, your ordinary income tax rate could be much higher than the long-term capital gains rate, which applies to the sale of assets

held for more than a year. For example, as of tax year 2022, the top marginal tax rate is 37%, which applies to any annual taxable income over \$539,900 (\$647,850 for married individuals filing jointly). By contrast, long-term capital gains are generally taxed at special capital gains tax rates of 0%, 15%, and 20% depending on your taxable income. (Long-term gains on collectibles are different; those are taxed at 28%).

Your holding period can also affect the treatment of qualified stock dividends, which are taxed at the more favorable long-term capital gains rates. You must have held the stock at least 61 days within the 121-day period that starts 60 days before the stock’s ex-dividend date; preferred stock must be held for 91 days within a 181-day window. The lower rate also depends on when and whether your shares were hedged or optioned.

**Make lemonade from lemons**

Now is the time to consider the tax consequences of any capital gains or losses you’ve experienced this year. Though tax considerations shouldn’t be the primary driver of your investing decisions, there are steps you can take before the end of the year to minimize any tax impact of your investing decisions.

If you have realized capital gains from selling securities at a profit (congratulations!) and you have no tax losses carried forward from previous years, you can sell losing positions to avoid being taxed on some or all of those gains. Any losses over and above the amount of your gains can be used to offset up to \$3,000 of ordinary income (\$1,500 for a married person filing separately) or carried forward to reduce your taxes in future years. Selling losing positions for the tax benefit they will provide next April is a common financial practice known as “harvesting your losses.”



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**NOTICE OF SALE**

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years indicated are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

- **0 Commonwealth Avenue, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Kathleen Wenger to Gregory B. Ameden and Kathleen Wenger by deed dated November 15, 2012 and recorded in Book 365 at Page 61 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **14 Tuckerville Parkway, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2021-2022. Mobile Home located at Tuckerville Parkway situated on Lot 14 and conveyed to Debra Bixby by Kimberly Nassetta, Louis Nassetta, and Thomas Dembeck by deed dated November 7, 2008 and recorded in Book 327 at Page 430 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **799 North Hill Cross Road, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Michael Baxer and Linda Baxer to Giuseppe Boccanfuso by deed dated April 12th, 2018 and recorded in Book 411 at Page 200 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **0 Hemenway Road, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Helen Holden to Jamie Tyler Larson by deed dated October 8, 2013 and recorded in Book 373 at Page 573 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **126 Okemo Trailside Ext – 16E, so-called Ludlow, VT**  
For the years 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Jonathan R. Baum and Jeanine M. Baum to Lisa Massicotte by deed dated March 31st, 2006 and recorded in Book 296 at Page 104 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **13 Lovejoy Brook Road, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Dayle M. Brown to Baja M. Ray and Theodore L. Brown, III by deed dated October 15, 2009 and recorded in Book 336 at Page 257 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **1616 Route 100 South, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Dwight E. Parsells and Rose M. Parsells to Thomas Ruby and Donna Bushey by deed dated November 15, 2015 and recorded in Book 389 at Page 213 of the Ludlow Town Land Records. Also including a Mobile Home being a Titan Model 146, 1990, Serial Number 6652.
- **61 Rimrock Road, Unit 11A, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Christine S. Shaw to Andrew R. Shaw by deed dated August 3, 2005 and recorded in Book 292 at Page 147 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **103 East Lake Road, Ludlow, Vermont**  
For the years 2021-2022. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John E. Sharp and Grace G. Sharp to Marguerite J. Tuttle dated August 9, 1995 and recorded in Book 156 at Page 384 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, second floor, a public place in such Town, on the 26th day of January, 2023 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. § 1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

If this property is your primary residence, you may be able to get help with delinquent property tax and utility payments through the Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program (VHAP). VHAP can help you avoid tax sale and transfer of your property by paying delinquent property taxes, water and sewer charges, interest and penalties. You can apply for VHAP online at [vermonthap.vhfa.org](http://vermonthap.vhfa.org). For advice about the program and help completing the application, call Vermont Legal Aid at 1-800-889-2047. If you apply for VHAP, you must notify your town in writing, and your property will not be sold or transferred while your application is pending.

Dated at Ludlow, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 22nd day of December, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Scott Murphy  
Scott Murphy, Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**ACROSS**

1 Dallas cager, for short  
4 Reindeer herder  
8 Persian leader  
12 Hit CBS series  
13 Vicinity  
14 Roof overhang  
15 Like some salad dressings  
17 Frat letters  
18 Duo  
19 Sikhs' headwear  
21 Enjoy, as fine food  
24 Luau bowlful  
25 Guitar's kin  
26 Yule quaff  
28 Desert flora  
32 Simple  
34 Drench  
36 Lunch hour  
37 Pesto herb  
39 Super Bowl VIP

**DOWN**

1 P followers  
2 Joke  
4 Learned one  
46 Sans  
50 Lucy of "Elementary"  
51 Coup d' —  
52 "Deathtrap" playwright  
56 Impetuous  
57 Toy block name

9 Bard's river  
11 Big name in oil  
16 Farm female  
20 Sinbad's bird — luck (accidental success)  
22 Furniture brand  
23 At once  
27 Jewel  
29 French chicken dish  
30 Undecided  
31 "Meet Me — Louis"  
33 Pizza slices,

often Sports bar sets  
38 Asian language  
40 Wan quality  
43 Screen Actors —  
45 Compete  
46 Existed  
47 Slanted type (Abbr.)  
48 Chore  
49 Sloth's home  
53 Khan title  
54 Post-op area  
55 Little louse



CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

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.

**Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.**  
Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.**  
Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in-person. Masks are optional. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch or to our website www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

**Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.**  
Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

**Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.**  
Worship is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in person. Masks are optional. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

CHESTER, VT.

**Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.**  
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

**First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.**  
Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Masks are suggested. Services will still be live streamed at www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.

**Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.**  
Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. For further information, see our website at churchoftheannunciation.org, or call us at 802-228-3451.

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

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

**Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.**  
Masks recommended, but we welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.**  
Sunday services are at 10 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.

**North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.**  
All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.**  
Sunday Services are at 10 a.m., in person and on Zoom. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

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

WALPOLE, N.H.

**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.

WESTON, VT.

**The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.**  
A diverse, informal, and welcoming congregation. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Jon Bliss, minister, at 802-824-4452 or email easthillfarm@vermontel.net.

Mary R. McGrath, 1935-2022

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Mary R. McGrath, 87, formally of Gage St., passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at the Sterling House in Bellows Falls. Mary was born on Nov. 24, 1935 in Kelso, Scotland, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Russell) Donaldson.  
On Sept. 21, 1962 in Edinburgh, Scotland, she married Bernard B. McGrath, who predeceased her in 2015. Mary is survived by her son Barton McGrath and his wife Kim of Saxtons River, one sister Ann Jackson of Kelso, Scotland, as

well as six grandchildren. Mary was predeceased by her son Ian McGrath.  
Calling hours will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.  
In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Buddy Walk NDSS, 1155 15th St. NW, Suite 540, Washington, DC. 20005.  
Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. www.fentonandhennessey.com

Roger L. Pelton, 2022

LANGDON, N.H. – Roger L. Pelton, 82, of Langdon, N.H., died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 in Claremont, N.H. He is preceded in death by his loving wife Marylou Pelton in 2004.

Roger served in the National Guard for six years and then worked in construction for the remainder of his life. He started Pelton Construction Inc. with his dad Roger C. Pelton, also deceased. He loved to help others who might need a driveway repair or just a bucket of sand to keep from sliding in the snow.  
Roger loved to play cornhole, horseshoes, cards, and especially the game wizard with his family. He always gloated about winning, which he did every time. He would want to make a wager, which would usually involve a pie or cookies. He was a jokester and loved to pull pranks. He enjoyed hunting and just being outside in nature.

He is survived by his three daughters, Tracy Shepherd and husband Tony of Newbury, N.H., Dacia Walsh and husband Tom of Sapulpa, Okla., Shannon Nuckolls



Roger L. Pelton, 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

and husband Brandon of Surprise, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, Sean, Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, Isaac, Caleb, Ethan, and Blake; and four great-grandchildren, Othniel, Micahiah, Jael, Eli; a brother Mike Pelton; two sisters, Kathryn Targett and Anne Pratt. He was also preceded in death by brothers Francis, William C., Walter, and Ed Pelton.  
Services will be private.  
Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101. www.fentonandhennessey.com.

Shirlee Etta Ball Smith, 2022

DREWSVILLE, N.H. – Shirlee Etta Ball Smith, age 89, of Drewsville left for heaven peacefully on Dec. 10, 2022.

To read the full obituary, please go to www.fentonandhennessey.com.

A memorial service is possibly being scheduled for spring 2023.

Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT.



Shirlee Smith, 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Joyce R. Nash, 1938-2022

WALPOLE, N.H. – Joyce R. Nash, 84, passed away Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at Applewood Rehabilitation Center in Winchester, N.H. She was a native and longtime resident of Walpole, N.H.  
She was born Nov. 15, 1938, in Bellows Falls, Vt., a daughter of Fredrick and Althea (Wood) Bingham. She has a brother, Wayne Bingham, of Walpole, N.H.  
She attended schools in Drewsville and Walpole, N.H.

After graduating from hairdressing school in Concord, N.H., she opened a home-based salon named Country Beauty Shop. She cherished the many friendships with her customers that developed through the years.

In 1961 she married Richard Nash. They went on to have a family of five children. They parted in 1997.

Joyce enjoyed gardening, sewing, visiting with friends and family, as well as reminiscing about growing up on the farm. She truly had a love for anything related to farms and cows. She had an immense passion for swimming, often times family joined in cooling off and relaxing in her pool.

Her family was especially important to her.

After retiring from hairdressing, she was a proud caregiver for a family in Walpole.

Later in her life, she grew to enjoy going out to eat with family for a burger and ice cream. She never met an ice cream flavor she didn't like! She developed an affinity for getting her nails done and really enjoyed showing others how



Joyce R. Nash, 1938-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

nice her nails came out.

Despite her Dementia and physical limitations, she persevered to be as independent as possible with quality and zest for life.

Joyce is survived by her sons, David Nash of Phoenix, Ariz., and Brad Nash of Walpole, N.H., her daughters, Tammy Nash of North Walpole, N.H., and Donna (Nash) Kilburn and her husband, James (a special son-in-law) of Westminster, Vt. She had nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Tracy Nash of Walpole, N.H.

There will be a Grave-side Service and Celebration of Life, details of the service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joyce's memory can be made to Walpole Fire/EMS, PO Box 162, Walpole, NH 03608. Please include Joyce's name on the memo line.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101. www.fentonandhennessey.com.

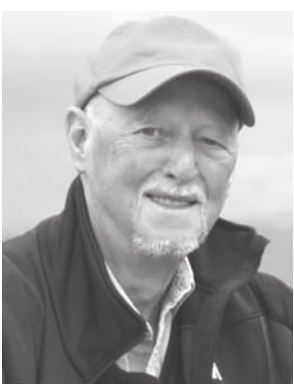
Charles M. Racicot, 1943-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Charles M. Racicot passed away peacefully on Nov. 30, 2022 at the age of 79 in North Port, Fla., after a hard-fought battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Charles is survived by his loving wife Joanie of 55 years, their daughter Lisa and Bruce Schmidt, their son Shon and Alex Racicot, their four beautiful grandchildren Noah and Abigail Schmidt, and Haley and Luke Racicot, all of Ludlow, Vt., and whom he dearly loved.

Charles was born Feb. 21, 1943 to Herve and Renette (Couture) Racicot in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He is survived by his two loving brothers George and wife Linda Racicot, and Raymond Racicot, both of Woodstock, Vt. Special nephews Jason, Aaron, Brian, and Christopher, and precious nieces Brittany and Georgie. He was predeceased by his older brother Paul. We are sure he is having a joyous reunion with his five Golden Retrievers right now.

Charles graduated from Woodstock Union High School class of 1961.

Charles was proud to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Army in 1963. He did his training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. as a paratrooper with the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division. He made 28 jumps, one in Vietnam. He received the Combat Infantryman Badge and a Parachutist Badge, among other Metals and Ribbons.



Charles M. Racicot, 1943-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED


In addition to his immediate family, Charles leaves behind a multitude of extended family, close friends, and acquaintances that he connected with on a very personal level as he was an intelligent, inquisitive, and genteel conversationalist and listener. He was genuinely interested in you, your life, your work, your view of the world, and attentive to your answers. He looked for opportunity to encourage, advise, teach, and correct, if necessary! He rarely missed a chance to ask how you were with Jesus.

We love you very much Charles, Charlie, Dad, GD, Friend, and we will miss you and look for you in each other.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the local Springfield, Vt. Humane Society, which will support the rescue and homing of pets in need of families.


There will be a Celebration of Life in the fall.


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**NEWFANE**  
802-365-4311



**DEC. 28-30**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Art Gym is hosting a three day camp for children 8 to 12 years old. Winter Break Camp will have two sessions, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and another at 2-5 p.m. on December 28, 29, and 30. Children will experience several mediums, including painting, art journal, clay, and mixed media. For more information or to sign up please email us at [springfieldartgym@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldartgym@gmail.com). You may also message us on our Facebook page.

**DEC. 31** – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment in Springfield Vt. will be performing classic rock and country music on Saturday Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, Springfield VT, as a New Year's Eve celebration. Open to the public. For more info call 802-885-6008

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – New Years Eve yoga flow, Saturday, Dec. 31 at 9 a.m. at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St., Proctorsville. An all-level 75-minute class designed to improve core strength and balance, stretch and strengthen muscles, and promote a sense of well-being. With consistent flow, connection to the breath, positive affirmations, and an extended savasana, you will leave the class with a sense of peace and upliftment, letting go of 2022 and ready to embrace the new year. There is a drop in fee.

**JAN. 1** – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Create a vision board on Sunday, Jan. 1, at noon at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St., Proctorsville. A vision board is a great tool to help you get clarity on your goals, a guide to help you

make decisions that will support your dreams, and move toward what you want to create in your life. To register, contact Lori at [loriwright163@gmail.com](mailto:loriwright163@gmail.com). There is a fee for supplies.

**JAN. 7** – PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents a screening of "The Reverend," a documentary feature film, followed by a Q&A with director Nick Canfield on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. The subjects of the film, Reverend Vince Anderson & His Love Choir, perform at Next Stage at 7:30 p.m. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine and cocktail cash bar. Advance tickets are available online. For information, call 802-387-0102

**JAN. 8** – WINDSOR, Vt. – Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Jan. 8 from 2-3:30 p.m., this choral concert will be performed by area singing groups, accompanied by Gerry Grimo, Parish Director of Music. Come and explore, musically, the many traditions of Epiphany as we travel with the Wiseman on their journey. While there, enjoy some refreshments at intermission.

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

**MONDAYS** – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email [sdoyle@springfieldmed.org](mailto:sdoyle@springfieldmed.org).

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit [www.dgbodyworks.com](http://www.dgbodyworks.com) for more information. Private classes are available.

**TUESDAYS** – LUDLOW, Vt. – Aquatic Aerobics, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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

**THURSDAYS** – N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m.,

at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email [dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aqua Sculpt, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit [www.dgbodyworks.com](http://www.dgbodyworks.com) for more information. Private classes are available.

**FRIDAYS** – CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Friday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at [bwquilter1778@gmail.com](mailto:bwquilter1778@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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## ACT 250 NOTICE APPLICATIONS 2W1213-4 AND 2W1283-3 PREHEARING 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

Leonard and Barbara Rowe, PO Box 123, S. Londonderry, VT 05155 and Hunter Excavating Inc., Attn: Hunter Kaltsas 2218 Vermont Route 100, S. Londonderry, VT 05155 filed application number 2W1213-4 for a project generally described as 5-year extension of operations and reclamation of the previously permitted pit to crush existing large tailings into crushed gravel and 3/4 inch stone products. The project is located at 197 Rowes Road in Londonderry, Vermont.

Hunter Kaltsas and Mad King Quarry LLC, 2218 Route 100, S. Londonderry, VT 05155 filed application number 2W1283-3 for a project generally described as expansion of the existing bedrock quarry to the following: increase from 8,500 cy to 25,000 cy per year; increase from 1 blasting event to 2 blasting events per year; increase from 20 round truck trips to 25 round truck trips; and expand crushing and hammering from 2 weeks per year, to 2 months per year, being May and August.

The District 2 Environmental Commission will hold site visits on January 19th beginning at 10:00am and a public prehearing for the applications following the site visits onsite. The site visits will begin at 197 Rowes Road, S. Londonderry for application 2W1213-4. Immediately following, will be a site visit at 287 Rowes Road, S. Londonderry for application 2W1283-3.

In case of inclement weather, the Commission will hold the site visits and prehearing conference on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00am. Anyone with questions about whether the site visits and prehearing will occur, should email Stephanie. [Gile@vermont.gov](mailto:Gile@vermont.gov) on January 18th.

These applications can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=2W1213-4>) and (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=2W1283-3>). All prospective parties are obligated to attend the prehearing conference or file a written party status petition in advance of January 19th. To request party status, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrb.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 2 Office at: [NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov](mailto:NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov).

If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process (including participating in the public hearing), please notify us as soon as possible, in order to allow us as much time as possible to accommodate your needs. For more information, contact Stephanie Gile, District Coordinator before the hearing date at the address or telephone number below.

Dated December 21, 2022

By:   
Stephanie Gile  
District Coordinator  
100 Mineral Street, Suite # 305  
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802-261-1943  
[Stephanie.Gile@vermont.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Gile@vermont.gov)

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WARNING  
VOTERS IN TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

There will be an Informational Meeting regarding the three articles on the Official Ballot mailed to the voters in the Town of Plymouth. This Informational Meeting will be held in the municipal building auditorium at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 16, 2023, at a scheduled Select Board Meeting. It's purpose is to answer any questions or concerns voters have regarding the 3 Articles on the ballot.

Voters may cast their vote by submitting their ballot to the Clerk on or before Tuesday, January 17, 2023, or in person on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, when polls open between the hours of 10:00AM and 7:00 PM.

PLYMOUTH TOWN CLERK POSITION

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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICIAL WARNING  
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Plymouth Municipal Building in said Town on January 17, 2023 between 10:00 o'clock morning (AM), when the polls will open, and 7:00 o'clock in the evening (PM) when the polls will close, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following Articles:

Article 1:

Shall issuance by the Town of Plymouth of \$800,000 bonds or notes to fund (together with \$950,000 previously approved by the voters and available for that purpose) weatherization, renovation and refurbishment of the Town municipal building and related activities approved by majority vote at a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth on November 8, 2022, despite an affirmative vote at that Special Town Meeting on Article 1B confirming approval of a limited weatherization, renovation and refurbishment project, and any act or action of the municipal officers or agents pursuant thereto be readopted, ratified and confirmed?

Article #2

Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e?

Article #3

Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?

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

Dated this 15th day of December 2022 at Plymouth, Vermont.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH SELECTBOARD

Jay Kullman, Chair

Rick Kaminski

KT Cappellini

Filed with the Plymouth Town Clerk's Office this \_15\_ day of December 2022.

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# arts & entertainment

## Jake Swamp and The Pine plus Derek Sensale

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** There will be a special co-headline matinee concert with Americana Act of the Year nominee Jake Swamp and The Pine, plus Derek Sensale of Pinedrop at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

Jake Swamp and The Pine is Drew Zieff: one guy with a beard, a guitar, a voice, foot-stomping percussion, and gumption. His live shows seamlessly ebb and flow between the energy of a full band and the intimacy of a singer-songwriter, with songs ranging from powerful acoustic anthems to knee-slapping hoedowns to slow and somber waltzes.

A New England Music Awards nominee for ‘Americana Act of the Year’ and ‘Roots Act of the Year,’ and a Boston Music Awards nominee for ‘Americana Act of the Year’ and ‘Vocalist of the Year.’ This show will be a stop on the Jake Swamp

and the Pine “Simpson and Banks” album release tour, and is scheduled just a few days before his performance at the Rockwood Music Hall in NYC.

Derek Sensale, the driving force behind the well-loved, but on-hiatus Brattleboro-based string band Pinedrop, will play original folk songs rooted in tradition and generously dusted with Vermont soil. Since 2019 he’s been keeping a relatively low profile, writing and starting a family, and Stage 33 Live is honored to be part of his return to public performance.

Tickets are cheaper when bought in advance online or can be purchased at the door. Limited seating is available; the event will be recorded and filmed. The Covid protocol will be the guidelines in effect in the community on show day. Currently the guidance is that masks are optional, which may change without

notice. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms.

More information about the nonprofit, all-volunteer project, and this and other upcoming events, can be found at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

Stage 33 Live gratefully acknowledges the help of so many individuals without whom none of this would be happening, and institutional support this season from The Island Corporation, the Vermont Arts Council, the Bellows Falls Opera House, and the Rockingham Arts & Museum Project that helped fund improvements and maintenance, and generally smooth out a lot of the rough edges. Stage 33 Live is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, and all donations are deductible to the fullest extent. Volunteers run the thing from stem to stern.

## Antje Duvekot and The Sea The Sea in Putney

**PUTNEY, Vt. –** Antje Duvekot is a german-born, American-raised singer/songwriter whose songs have been critically praised for their hard-won wisdom, dark-eyed realism, and street-smart romanticism. Her bicultural upbringing and relative newness to english have helped shape her unique way with songs, giving her a startlingly original poetic palette. They are the keys to the powerful, even revolutionary, empathy that informs everything she writes. She has won some of the top songwriting awards including the grand prize in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition, the Kerrville Folk Festival Best New Folk Award, and the Boston Music Award for Outstanding Folk Act.

Since the release of her debut studio CD “Big Dream Boulevard,” which was voted #1 Folk Release of 2006 by the Boston Globe and was named to the Top 10 Releases of the Year by National Public Radio’s Folk Alley, Antje has been touring extensively, criss-crossing the United States and Europe. She is a compelling live performer and has played at major festivals, including Newport, Mountain Stage, Philadelphia, Falcon Ridge, Great Waters, and Kerrville. Antje’s most recent studio release, “Toward the Thunder,” centers around themes of courage, resilience, and striving for something better, and as with most of her writing, a sense of hope and perseverance shines through the songs.

The Sea The Sea is the upstate New York-based indie

folk/pop duo Chuck E. Costa and Mira Costa. They have garnered features across all music platforms, including Apple Music “Best of the Week” and “A-List Singer/Songwriter,” and appeared on live performance broadcasts of Mountain Stage, Audiotree, and Paste Music/Daytrotter. The group’s 2020 release “Stumbling Home,” dubbed “otherworldly” by Rolling Stone magazine, marks the duo’s third full-length album.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are cheaper in advance or can be bought at the door. Advance tickets are available at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org). Next Stage will provide a cash bar with beer, wine, and cocktails. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

## MSA seeks storytellers

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. –** Do you have a true life story to tell or song to sing? In the spirit of public radio’s “The Moth Radio Hour,” Main Street Arts (MSA) is seeking storytellers and singer-songwriters from our local community to present in the sixth “A Night of True Stories,” an

MSA event which will be held in our historic Saxtons River theater on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023.

Your story or song should be appropriate for teens and up, derived from your personal experience, and delivered without notes in ten minutes or less. No prior

telling experience is necessary. There will be two required practice rehearsals prior to the performance, which will be scheduled at a later date. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Main Street Arts at [info@mainstreetarts.org](mailto:info@mainstreetarts.org).

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Singer-songwriter Phil Henry builds detailed worlds and characters with vivid lyrical imagery. His music displays the skills of a craftsman and the authenticity of an artist, with strong melodies buoyed by rhythmic acoustic energy. He’s earned contest wins at SolarFest and Susquehanna Music and Arts, and showcase slots at Falcon Ridge, Kerrville,

and the NorthEast Regional Folk Alliance.

Popular retro-inspired country rock act Rust and Ruin will open the show with original songs by bandleaders Beth and Josh Adams, featuring their signature sweet harmonies and fancy fretwork.

This will be a 3 p.m. matinee on Jan. 22 at Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. Tickets can be bought cheaper in advance through [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com) or paid for at the door. Seating is limited. All performances are recorded and filmed.

The Covid protocol will be the guidelines in effect in the community on show day. Currently the guidance is that masks are optional, which may change without notice. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms.

Stage 33 Live is a casual and intimate industrial-rustic listening room in a former factory hosting local, regional, and national performances, and presentations of original material. No bar or kitchen, the stage is the mission; coffee, soda, juice, water, and weird snacks available by donation. More information at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com)

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