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Annual Grafton Ice Bar event sells out for the second year in a row

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

GRAFTON, Vt. – On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 6 and 7, the normally sleepy town of Grafton, Vt. wel-

comed the return of the annual party known as the Grafton Ice Bar. Sponsored by the Grafton Inn, Jamie Gregory Trucking and Excavating, and others, the event featured bars and

sculptures carved from ice, a selection of craft beers, cocktails made with local Vermont spirits, hot apple cider, and bonfires aplenty.

The skies remained clear and the weather seemed perfect for the evening, with temps cold enough to feel chilly if a fire pit wasn't close, but warm enough that the ice bars, cocktail tables, and benches were melting just a bit. The ice sculptures shimmered under the blue and white string lights hanging throughout the outdoor space. Attendees in winter gear crunched across the packed snow mingling and chatting in small groups, while a DJ from Peak Entertainment played a rowdy mix of pop music from the 80s through today. Sometimes a song would inspire



The 2023 Grafton Ice Bar. PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON



Ice beer tap. PHOTO BY IAN FURRER PHOTOGRAPHY



The Grafton Ice Bar event sponsor ice sculptures. PHOTO BY IAN FURRER PHOTOGRAPHY

a few folks to bop their heads or do some hip shaking.

There was a long line at Tito's Taqueria most of the evening, the popular food truck serving tacos and burritos to the patient crowd. A huge bonfire raged just above the main event area at the bottom of the hill behind the Grafton Inn and Main Street. Volunteers from the Windham Foundation carried six foot

logs to stack in tee-pee style on the blaze. Bales of hay circled the bonfire where dozens of people sat visiting with friends or meeting new ones, sipping cocktails, and soaking up the warmth of the flames. Many of the people there were guests of the Grafton

Inn, and had come from nearby states, or other towns in Vermont, but more than a handful of locals were also in attendance, enjoying one of the annual social events that make the town of Grafton such a unique community.

Increasing police presence in Rockingham

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed public safety services with Windham County Sheriff Mark Anderson.

Anderson, who has been with the Windham County Sheriff's Office since 2004, explained that they fund civil process and the transport of prisoners. Contracted services include law enforcement and assisting construction projects, which provide 70-80% of their revenue. He said they have contracts with towns from \$2,000 per year to 24 hour 911 services.

Chair Peter Golec said

there was an article on the Town Warning asking Rockingham voters for \$6,000 to pay for eight hrs per month; 96 hours per year for policing in Rural Rockingham.

Anderson said they provide supplemental service with the State Police, explaining the office relies on a 3 legged stool (engineering, education, and enforcement); without one leg the system fails. He said, "two hours per week was not a significant amount of time to support that stool."

Board member Susan Hammond suggested starting with a heavy presence and spreading out the hours over time. She said there was more concern in the summertime with

speeding because of walkers on the road.

Anderson agreed that "saturation controls create a belief of consequence should a person violate the law." He was not advocating for the amount of a contract, but "cautioned the effect versus the desired goal."

Board member Rick Cowan asked Anderson if his office had the capacity to add another 96 hours. Anderson said Rockingham's request was "a fairly easy lift." Cowan asked Anderson about Westminster's concerns over service. Anderson explained the contract with Westminster was a misunderstanding of the number of hours expected and contracted.

He said, "the expectation didn't meet reality."

Anderson said that last year they were understaffed; in July they had 30 members and currently they have 40. He explained the hiring process takes roughly one full year to recruit, train, and implement Officers.

Cowan said he expected town voters to have questions for the Sheriff's Office and asked if he was available to attend this year's town meeting. Anderson agreed to coordinate with Municipal Manager Scott Pickup.

Board member Elijah Zimmer asked about reporting. Anderson explained the town would have access to reporting

based on his deputy's time sheet reports. He said they had six devices for data collection, so they know what response to use and when. He said Rt. 30 delivers traffic to three ski areas, so they know to target Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. He said the data collection devices help the office target and utilize town resources conservatively.

Hammond asked if the town receives a portion of each ticket to potentially defray some of the costs. Anderson gave a layperson's assessment, the amount of money that can be returned if and when tickets are paid is roughly 60% of the overall ticket. He said, "I caution...it's

the benefit that the town receives, but not the goal (which is) to target public safety goals and identify and address concerns."

Resident Jennifer Quilty asked how the cost would be absorbed. Hammond explained by all taxpayers living in Rockingham which also encompasses Saxtons River and Bellows Falls.

The selectboard meetings are the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The tri-board meeting is the fifth Tuesday, January 31 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. with voting at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday, March 7.

Community Action Live

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." This is perhaps one of Martin Luther King's lesser-known quotes, and expresses a hope that even now has not been fully realized. However, each one of us has the power to do a little something to sustain those who do not have access to three meals a day.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, The Springfield Democratic Town Committee will hold its third annual Community Service Day in tribute to Doctor Martin Luther King. Volunteers will be at Shaws' in The Plaza to collect food for The Springfield Family Center from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please help us take care of our community by donating food items or making a



Steve Osterlund and Ted Cody, March 4, 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

monetary donation to the Springfield Family Center.

Because of Springfielders' generosity, the committee raised \$450 and an impressive 617 pounds of food for the Springfield Family Center at our 2022 food drive. Springfield really rocked it; let's do it again.

Look for the table in front of Shaws on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and help honor the legacy of MLK by giving back to our community. In case of inclement weather, the food drive will be rescheduled at a later date.

A great year for Springfield Lions Club

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Lions Club would like to thank the greater community of Springfield for their generous support in 2022. Through fundraisers such as the 2022 Annual Fishing Derby in October and the 2022 Annual Christmas Tree Sale in December, the Springfield Lions Club was able to raise funds and awareness for their community outreach programs throughout the year in addition to supporting local organizations. In December, the Lions Club donated \$1,500 to the Springfield Family Center. Along with the donation, members of the Lions Club visited the Springfield Family Center on Dec. 15 and helped pack over 85 holiday meal



Lions club members at family center. PHOTO PROVIDED

baskets for area residents. The Lions Club members also lent a hand to the Santa Claus Club in preparation of their annual gift distribution for the Holiday Season. To learn more about the

Springfield Lions Club, please contact the Lions at springfieldvermontlions@gmail.com or see the Lion's Club Facebook page at www.facebook.com/svtlions.

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January is Rotary Awareness Month

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Do you know who your local Rotarians are and what they do? Springfield Rotarians work to “Serve to Change Lives” of those less fortunate in our community and in the world.

The Springfield Rotary Club is more than just an assembly of business professionals that meet weekly for a social lunch. Our members range from retirees to independent business professionals to CEOs. The goal of the Springfield Rotary Club is to carry out the mission of Rotary International (RI), an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Springfield Rotary is one of 61 local clubs in District 7870 in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Locally, our members raise funds to enhance the quality of life in our local community. A sampling of our ongoing outreach includes:

- Working with local art-

ists, Rotary constructed and donated six little libraries to Friends of the Springfield Town Library. This effort not only raised \$2800 for the FOSTL but also furthered the goal of increasing literacy in the community.

- Springfield Rotary Club tackled food insecurity with a Weekend Backpack Program for YMCA summer campers, two food drives, and by raising monies to build shelves for the Springfield Family Center.

- The 68th annual Penny Sale raised monies for local scholarships. The total scholarships donations resulting from the Penny Sale exceeds \$205,000.

- A Springfield Rotary Club fundraiser “Live Butterfly Release” to remember and honor our friends and family raised monies to support local community projects.

The club has also provided support to a variety of international initiatives such as End Polio Now. After over 35 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this

tenacious disease. Additional efforts have been put forth to support a range of international humanitarian projects. Springfield Rotarians have personally been involved with medical and educational projects in Honduras and an orphanage project in Mexico. And, along with eight other clubs in Vermont and New Hampshire, the club provided a local children’s hospital with a pediatric bronchoscope in South Africa.

January is Rotary Awareness Month, and the club welcomes new members who share a passion to “Serve to Change Lives” by assisting those less fortunate in our community and worldwide. If you are interested in learning about the club, visit the club website www.springfieldvtrotary.org/ or Facebook page www.facebook.com/SpringfieldVTRotary. Or contact Springfield Rotary Club President Karen Longo at LongoKaren7@gmail.com.

West River Community Project updates

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – We are currently unable to accept donations at our thrift store until after Feb. 1 as we renovate and reorganize our storage area. We recognize

this is not ideal for the community as you have all generously expressed interest in donating, we apologize for the inconvenience. Thanks so much for your patience as we get our ducks in a row.

Needle Felting workshop will be on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m.

Our Annual meeting will be held in person this year on Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. I hope you all join us and hear about this past year and the plans moving forward.

We now have a Volunteer sign up board in the store you can sign up with.



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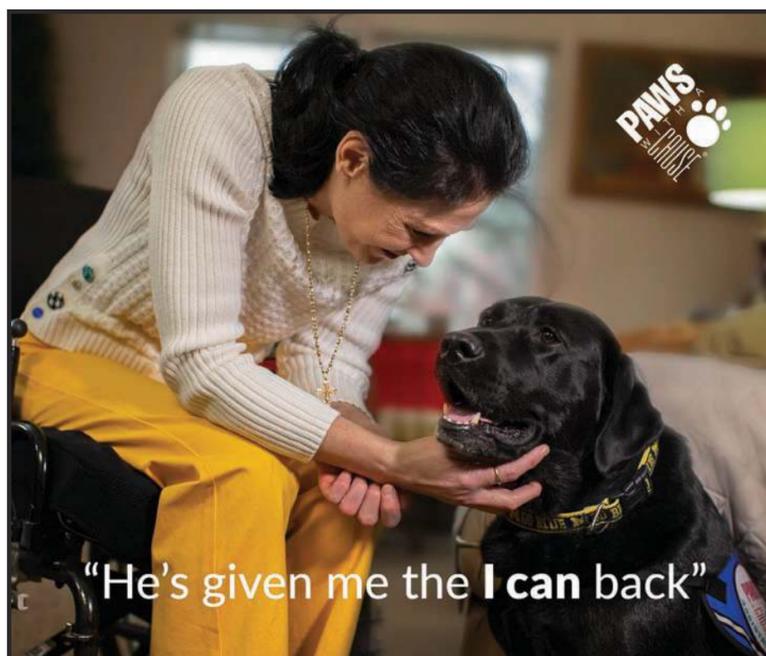
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Local appeal hearing on Perry Mountain development

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) will hold a public meeting on Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. in the community room at 26 Railroad St., Charlestown, N.H. to hear an appeal brought by the Perry Mountain Community Group (PMCG). The appeal challenges the selectboard’s 3-2 decision to issue permits for a barn/garage and for a 10,000 square foot, five-bedroom residence near the top of Perry Mountain.

Residents of Charlestown and neighboring towns are rightfully concerned about a major change-of-use from existing pristine land in the Zone D watershed to new residential development on Perry Mountain. The selectboard ignored town, state, and

conservation requirements that preclude building permits for Perry Mountain. The requirements include protection of the Sky Farm Conservation Easement on the Borough Road Class VI Extension.

On Nov. 9, BCM Environmental and Land Law, PLLC, submitted PMCG’s appeal* and attachments to Charlestown’s ZBA. Of significance are two facts:

A. Class VI Borough Road cannot legally be widened

B. The Charlestown Selectboard’s failure to uphold its contractual obligations under the Sky Farm Conservation Easement exposes Charlestown to costly litigation.

Sharon Francis, PMCG member and former owner of the Sky Farm Conservation Easement land, states: “In 1992, I placed a conservation easement on my land so the people of

Charlestown would always have a beautiful place to hunt, snowmobile, hike, ski, and share discovery of unspoiled nature.”

Bonnie Remick, PMCG member and current owner of the Sky Farm easement, explains: “We are convinced that the proposed residential development cannot be completed without illegally widening the Class VI Borough Road and causing permanent damage to the conservation easement and other abutting properties.”

Leanne Mortell of Unity adds that, “the proposed residential development in a watershed area only increases the risk for more environmental damage and taxpayer costs in the Perry Mountain area.” Acworth resident John Tuthill agrees: “Please support efforts to protect Perry Mountain and the Conservation Easement on Borough Road.”

Springfield Rotary Scholarship applications

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Applications for the 2023 Springfield Rotary Club Scholarships are now available. The Rotary Club is offering two \$2,000 scholarships for Springfield High School seniors as well as the \$500 Lew Baldwins Memorial Industrial

Trades scholarship. Applications are available through the Springfield High School Guidance office, emailing bobf@springfielddevelopment.org, or visiting the club’s website at www.springfieldvtrotary.org/

The deadline for the applications is April 21.

Rotary International is an international service organization with over one million members in over 200 countries. With over 40 members, the Springfield Rotary Club is in its 95 year of service to the community and donated over \$200,000 in scholarships.

A Vermont family farm for over 225 years

LUDLOW, Vt. – Smith Maple Crest Farm, lo-

cated in Shrewsbury, Vt., was established circa 1790. The seventh Smith generation still farms it today. Dairy and sheep herds and maple sugaring were the initial focuses of the family farm. As years and markets changed, dairy and sheep herds were phased out while maple sugaring remained. Grass fed beef became the livestock part of the farm.

The Smith’s, Willard

“Jeff” and Mary, have wonderful stories to share of the Smith Maple Crest’s past history and its present farming operation on Thursday Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow.

For a sneak peak of what’s in store, please visit www.fmlnews.org or www.smithmaplecrest-farm.com, or call FML at 802-228-8921 or Jerry Milligan 802-734-3829.

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Springfield Hospital seeking Apple Blossom Cotillion directors

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – According to the American Heritage Dictionary, tradition means “a time-honored practice or a set of such practices.” Keeping traditions like the Apple Blossom Cotillion alive requires people and a strong commitment to the “practice.” For years there has not been any lack of commitment from individuals such as Pam Church, Carrie Jewell,

Larry Kraft, Marie Laplante, Tracy Austin, and numerous others. We appreciate the years of volunteer dedication since the Cotillion's inception in 1957. Springfield Hospital remains committed to the Apple Blossom Cotillion, and we are seeking your help. We are seeking new directors for the 2023 Cotillion. Pam and Carrie have done an outstanding job over the

years, and are now ready to hand over the directorship to new leadership. If you have an interest in either directing or helping with the production of the 2023 Apple Blossom Cotillion, which traditionally takes place the first weekend in May, please email or call Sandy Peplau, Marketing and Development, 802-885-7686, speplau@springfield-hospital.org.

“Bits and Pieces”

REGION – Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, FACT TV will be airing the program “Bits and Pieces” with host Bill Morse.

The 30-minute program will air twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

This pilot program will begin by look-

ing at the decades old alliance between Big Tobacco and Big Food and how the marketing of cigarettes is now being used to market food.

Questions regarding the program can be directed by email to Bill at william-morse42@gmail.com.

Mirrors for climate mitigation at Rockingham Library



Use mirrors to reduce earth's rising temperatures. PHOTO PROVIDED

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Learn about a new climate solution that uses mirrors to reduce earth's rising temperatures, presented by Professor Lisa Doner on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. at the Rockingham Library.

One of the most pressing environmental problems we face today is that the earth is overheating, threatening human, plant, and animal life. This presentation will discuss a strikingly innovative solution, which proposes that surface-based mirrors can be used to reflect sunlight away from the earth before it can be absorbed as heat, thereby helping to reduce rising temperatures. Such a simple, mechanical solution would grant us a vitally necessary reprieve - time to work on transitioning away from fossil fuels.

This new idea, developed by MIT and Harvard scientist Dr. Ye Tao, will be presented by Dr. Tao's colleague, Professor Lisa Doner, who is an Associate

Professor in Environmental Science at Plymouth State University. Prof. Doner currently spearheads two field experiments using prototype mirrors at Plymouth State University and the Concord Technical Institute, both in New Hampshire.

For more information on the subject of the presentation, visit www.meer.org.

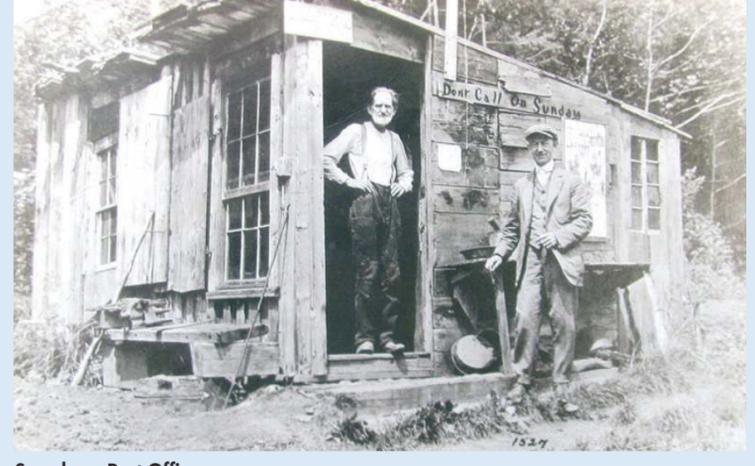
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Unfinished business



Searsburg Post Office. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

I have a number of articles I'm working on. But as is often the case, I need more information.

Hunting rattlesnakes

Ken Cook called me last month. Ken was my neighbor growing up on High Street. Ken wanted to talk about my father, Arnold, hunting rattlesnakes in the 1950s. Ken urged me to write about it. I do remember the rattlesnakes. Dad hunted rattlesnakes on the slate piles in Fair Haven. Vermont paid a bounty of a dollar each in those days.

I have a 35mm slide of me at four or five years old holding a rattlesnake. I told Ken I would need the slide to write the story. The problem is, the slide is in a crawl space that no man dares enter.

This past weekend Bill Burton called. Ken Cook and Bill married sisters. Bill remembers my father going to the Burton house to show Bill's father, Wendell, rattlesnakes he got that day.

Bill said his father took a photo of my Dad holding two rattlesnakes. Bill doesn't have the photo but is going to ask his sister, Brenda, if she might have it. That photo would be perfect with this story.

Photos, postcards, and unfinished business

I have an excellent book, "Vermont Album," 1974, with text by Ralph Nading Hill, and published by Vermont Life and The Vermont Historical Society. In it I found a few postcards pictured that I have. But I need written permission to use the text

in the book. I will inquire.

One postcard description I need permission to use is the Post Office in Searsburg, Vt. It is the photo with this article. Needham Drury Bartlett stands in the doorway. He was an old Yankee. He raised a few vegetables on the hillside behind the shack. He had a string from the shack to the garden. A postal customer would pull the string, which activated a bell in the garden. It's a fun story.

Another photo in this book I also have is a butcher with his horse-drawn meat wagon. Painted on side of the wagon is "L.E. Stratton." The butcher stands at the tailgate wearing a white apron and cutting meat. I knew nothing about this postcard until this past week. I saw Quint Carr at the Chester Post Office the other day. We got to talking about things.

I told Quint about the Stratton postcard. Quint told me his father, Paul, has the same postcard. Now it got interesting. I've known Paul for years, and sometimes visit him. Paul is in his 80s and grew up in Williamsville, the other side of Newfane.

Paul has some wonderful stories about growing up in Williamsville. Quint told me L.E. Stratton was a foster parent of Paul's father, or grandfather (I forget which now), and he was a butcher peddling meat in the area.

I'll pay Paul a visit and record this history before it is lost. Paul told me a story that dates to 1913. A man was chopping firewood with his Dalmatian close by. A large bear slipped off a ledge above, and rolled down next to the dog and man. The bear aggressively took after the

dog. The man with the axe killed the bear with one blow. I don't recall if Paul has this postcard or not. If he does I'll copy it.

If you have any information on any of these stories please call or email me.

Yankee cuisine

Ted Spaulding and I were talking about my New Year's story last week. We talked about Yankee food. Salmon pea wiggler, dried beef gravy, salt pork and codfish gravy, sausage gravy with biscuit, and the dreaded meatloaf.

Next we talked about horseradish. I love horseradish when I was young. It's a large root. Once cleaned, we ground it and added distilled vinegar. The fumes are so potent we ground it in the barn for better ventilation.

Oyster stew is another favorite of mine. Oyster stew suppers were held at churches and fraternal organizations years ago. Ted told me about such a supper at the Odd Fellows Hall in Saxtons River. The cooks were busy keeping customers supplied. Claude Tenney was adding pepper to a kettle of oyster stew when the cover came off the pepper shaker, dumping large amounts of pepper in the stew. Ted described it this way: "Claude bailed out the pepper." That expression struck me funny.

This week's old saying was sent to me by a reader. He asked an elderly man how he was doing. "Circling the drain, Lindy, just circling the drain."

Springfield Town Library planning for the future

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library and the Library Board of Trustees are planning for the next three years and are seeking community input to guide the plan. Opinions about the needs of the town as well as the library are sought. Non-users of the library are especially encouraged to participate so the library

can meet the needs of the entire community.

Those who have an existing Google account can access the online survey from the library website, www.springfieldtownlibrary.org or go directly to <https://bit.ly/3vEX7tC>. There are print surveys available for those who prefer paper or do not have a Google account. They are available

at the library, from library trustees, at the senior center, and the town offices. Additional locations will be added.

It is vital for the library trustees and staff to get as many people to complete the survey as possible. The library is here for the community and it is important to develop a plan to serve its needs.

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opinion

OBITUARIES

Dear Editor,

To the voters of Plymouth, In Spring 2021, the Town of Plymouth contracted with Maclay Architects in Waitsfield, Vt.

Maclay completed a Net Zero energy report and requisite building renovation plan for the current Plymouth Town Hall facility, which can be found on the Town of Plymouth's website.

At the time, the projected cost of implementing this Net Zero building renovation plan was roughly one million dollars.

Since that time, global supply chain problems, inflation, and contractor backlogs have significantly increased the cost of completing a Net Zero renovation project.

Moving forward, and in deciding which way to re-cast their vote for the bond necessary to complete the full project, Plymouth voters should consider all of the following points:

1. The current town hall facility is a metal span structure with separately-framed office space, erected in the early 1970's. Metal span structures of this type, then and now were never designed to be "Net Zero" structures.

2. Net Zero-style structures by their very nature are designed or modified to be "tight" structures, in that they do not "breathe" or "leak" like a typical structure, but instead require an impenetrable insulation envelope.

3. To transform the current metal span structure into a "tight" structure requires a significant investment in very expensive roof modifications and prefabricated wall panels. Moreover, the Maclay-recommended heat pump technology, ventilation systems, and solar panels are all highly expensive options.

4. The Maclay plan originally presented several different options, one of which was simply performing deferred maintenance on the current town hall facility, which would include a new roof, new bay doors for the shop, and a new propane heating system (and to that end, the selectboard already and just recently had installed a brand-new high efficiency propane boiler for the town hall offices).

5. For the already-approved \$950k, it would be largely possible to erect a brand-new metal span structure for use by the Highway Department and Fire Department, and then relocate the town offices to the former school building/current community center.

The town of Plymouth already owns and maintains the former school/current community center. It's a masonry structure in good condition that would require minimal modifications to be repurposed as the town offices.

Ultimately, voters must decide what's in the best interests of the town, all things considered, and whether or not they're willing to put the town into debt to achieve it.

Voters must keep in mind that a vote of "Yes" for the bond will mean the borrowing of up to \$800k, and an increase in municipal taxes. This will be on top of a projected increase of 16% in education taxes due to the \$75 million bond for the new middle/high school building in the WCSU.

Sincerely,
Keith Cappellini
Selectboard member
Plymouth, Vt.

Dear Editor,

To the voters of Plymouth, I support the bond acquisition and full weatherization project of our municipal building. What began as a project to repair a leaky

roof and upgrade its insulation evolved into a well thought out process to look at the building as a whole. Our municipal building itself has good bones and meets the needs of our

Robert Lee Currier Sr., 1941-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert Lee Currier Sr. of Springfield, Vt. died peacefully at Springfield Hospital with his wife Joan by his side on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023. He was able to say his goodbyes and give her one final kiss.

Bob was born on June 17, 1941 in Springfield, Vt. to Clifford F. Currier and Vivian M. Currier (Hill) who both preceded him in death. Bob had a younger brother Richard F. Currier as well as a sister Nancy M. Currier who both preceded him in death.

Bob is survived by his loving (and very patient) wife Joan and their dog Angel. They would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in February. They were married in Springfield at the Calvary Baptist Church.

He is also survived by his three children Amy (Currier) Estey of Atlanta, Ga. and her husband Joe, Robert Lee Currier Jr. and his wife Patti of Westford, Vt., and Bechi Currier and Brian LaRusso of Howell, N.J.; Six grandchildren Allison Crouch, Joshua Estey, Robert Lee Currier III, Erin Zervas, Matthew Currier, and Megan Currier.

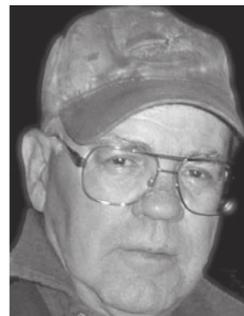
He was also blessed with five great-grandchildren whom he was over the moon for, Olivia, Benjamin, Clara, Emma, and Luna.

All of his grandchildren and great grandchildren were the lights of his life.

Bob is also survived by his brother Ronald Currier of Weathersfield, Vt. and sister Carol Peebles of Perkinsville, Vt., as well as many, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a myriad of wonderful lifelong friends.

Bob started his career working for Dick Nelson as a mechanic's helper at 15 years old, simultaneously running two stations for him in Springfield. Despite never graduating from high school, he went on to run two successful businesses, Bob's Shell Service and Bob's Sunoco. After that he worked from his home service station and up until last year was still servicing lifelong customers. He loved his work and loved the people he met.

Bob started off playing league horseshoes, but trapshooting soon became his lifelong passion. He has traveled throughout the New England



Robert Currier, 1941-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

states, as well as New York, New Jersey, and Ohio participating in different leagues and tournaments. He was Vermont State Champion in 1980. "RC," as he was known by his shooting friends, won hundreds of trophies and other accolades throughout the years and most recently shot at the Vermont State Shoot in June of 2022.

He loved his Cowboys and the Red Sox and remained a steadfast fan through thick and thin. He was a hunter, a fisherman, and he loved working around his home. He could fix anything. He watched westerns and loved John Wayne. He fought for the neck from the turkey every year at Thanksgiving - most recently with his granddaughter Megan. He loved strawberry shortcake, which Joan lovingly made him each year for his birthday, and never passed up the opportunity for lobster and steamers! Some say he might have cheated on a game or two of cribbage, a game he enjoyed with his daughters Amy and Bechi, his sister Carol, and many of his friends. And no morning was complete without a few rounds of pinochle on the computer.

Bob, RC, Daddy, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle - our diamond in the rough. You had a heart of gold, and would do anything for anyone; a champion of young and old, of animals, anyone in need of a helping hand. We will miss you more than words can say. You have left your mark on all of us. You will never be forgotten.

A Visitation will be on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

A memorial service will take place following the visitation at 3 p.m.

As Bob was a life-long animal lover, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Springfield Humane Society in Springfield, Vt.

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highway, administrative, and fire departments.

Our building consumes a lot of energy, especially compared with other Vermont municipal buildings, which was discovered after an energy audit from Two Rivers Ottauquechee. This is due in part to design and accumulated deferred maintenance. Daylight is visible in sections of overhead doors, some steel entry doors are rotted, leaky windows, and outdated heating systems all contribute to this. The lack of roof overhangs in our climate is contributing to the degradation of the siding.

A goal of the project is to be sure that we are balancing long-term operating cost with capital investment. Inflation has increased the initial cost of the project substantially; however, heating fuels have also risen accordingly. The bond, if approved, will increase our town's annual expenses by approximately \$70,000 per year but we expect to achieve a significant reduction in annual energy costs. I think we can also eliminate most of the \$25,000 annual appropriation to the building reserve for at least the next 20 years.

The project did not start as a "green" or "renewable" project,

but it has many of those attributes. It has the potential to be "net-zero," reducing the town's carbon emissions if we choose to employ enough renewable energy to meet the buildings energy demands. I've seen how these investments have proven worthwhile, locking in at a fixed electricity cost for 20 years or more.

The project will also improve building occupant comfort, potentially improving employee retention and recruitment. The timing of the project is opportune, Selectboard member Rick Kaminski is serving as the Town's Project Manager, with over 45 years of experience in commercial construction, and he's generously worked to develop this project and will see it through to completion.

Whether your priority is operating expense reduction, carbon emissions, employee retention, or pride in our town, if completed we'll have an essentially new building requiring very little work for years to come, and I hope you'll join us in approving the bond and supporting the project.

Sincerely,
Jay Kullman
Selectboard member
Plymouth, Vt.

Ronald L. Albrecht, 1935-2023



BANGOR, Maine – Ronald L. "Ron" Albrecht, 87, passed away Jan. 3, 2023, at a local nursing home. He was born Dec. 30, 1935, in Derby, Conn., the son of Lewis D. and Gladys I. (Spear) Albrecht.

Ron graduated from Chester High School in Vermont, Class of 1953. He attended the University of Vermont, where he got his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He participated in the Air Force ROTC and upon graduation, was appointed Second Lieutenant USAF June 1957. His military career took him to many places, to mention a few, Lackland AFB Texas, Sioux City AB, Iowa, Cheveston, England, Waco, Texas, Tennessee, Holloman Air Force Base N.M., Washington D.C., Pentagon, Griffiss AFB in Rome N.Y., United Nations Command Seoul, Korea. Then he retired from his first career as Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 1980.

During his Air Force career, he obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management, Baylor University, 1966, and a Master of Arts in Business Management, Center Michigan University, in 1975.

During his military career, Ron sold Amway and was a Real Estate Agent. During his Air Force career he fell in love with the love of his life, Mikyong "Miki" Kim, whom he married. He retired in Bangor, Maine. Upon retirement, he began his second career at Bangor Savings Bank as Vice President at the State Street Branch and continued his real estate career at ERA Dawson. In the 1980's, he left Bangor Savings Bank to open his own Financial Planning firm with Wayne, Ind., and Kathryn Albrecht, of Largo, Fla.; Miki, which he owned for 34 years. Ron obtained his Certified Financial Planner designation in March 27, 1987. He thrived during his career as a Financial Planner, making top placement throughout the country and New England through his broker dealer Commonwealth Financial Network. He was very active in the community with the Kiwanis, Shriners, United Way, and was a Mason. He was an active member in the Kiwanis Bangor Noon Club. He was nominated by the members as Kiwanis of the Year, in 1983, Second Vice President, in 1984, First Vice President, in 1985, then, was nominated President in 1986. He was a Business Services Division Leader of the United Way Penobscot Valley. Ron



Ronald Albrecht, 1935-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

has been a Mason for more than sixty years, serving as a member and past Master of Mount Moriah Lodge #96, Wallingford, Vt. Ron was also a devoted member of the Anah Shriners since 1982.

Ron was also an instructor at Los Angeles Community College, Seoul, Korea, 1977-1979, Husson College, Bangor, 1981-1984, and was an evening instructor at the University of Maine in Orono.

Ron is in his final resting place with his wife, angels, and the Lord. Ron enjoyed reminiscing and loved telling stories about growing up on the farm with his loving family. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who had a heart of gold. It showed in every endeavor of his life. He will be greatly missed by his family and many people whose lives he touched. He will be remembered by a great number of people.

Ron is predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Mikyong "Miki" Albrecht. He is survived by his daughters, Rondi K. Albrecht, of Bangor, Maine and Naples, Fla., Karen Albrecht, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Kathryn Albrecht, of Largo, Fla.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Marilyn Belyea and her husband, Scott, of South Burlington, Vt.; one brother, Eugene Albrecht and his wife, Janet, of Ludlow, Vt.; and two nephews.

Relatives and friends are welcome to call Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor, where a funeral service will be held immediately after. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor, following the service. Those who wish to remember Ron in a special way may make gifts in his memory to Anah Shrine Center, 1404 Broadway, Bangor ME 04401, or to Maine Veterans Project, 207 Parkview Ave., Bangor, ME 04401. Godspeed Ron.

Dear Editor,

To the voters of Plymouth,

The Plymouth Selectboard hired McClay Architects due to their experience and track record with designing energy efficient, well-insulated projects. This is not a net zero project. Early in the design phase, we discussed using that as our goal. However, we determined it was cost prohibitive.

The current design has propane heaters in the garage bays and there is a back up propane boiler for extreme conditions. The design calls for a heat pump system that will provide temperate air through the municipal office area. Solar is just an option at this time. The design will result in a well-insulated building that will meet Vermont energy codes.

The current building has no ventilation. Mold is prevalent and the existing insulation is dramatically below today's standards. This condition is unhealthy and uncomfortable for our employees and residents who come to the building. The current temperature is difficult to maintain with drafty windows and doors. The office employees use electric heaters in

the office area due to uncontrolled cold air infiltration. The current building uses twice the energy for heating compared to a similar building in this environment. The roof has leaked for many years and the design calls for a new, well-insulated roof system with a four-foot overhang on the eaves, which will keep water from running down the side of the building as it currently does.

These conditions stated are facts and the design was based on modern building practices and energy codes. We believe a clean, modern, energy efficient building will help attract and retain quality employees. Options have been explored utilizing other town properties. These are inadequate for meeting the town's needs.

Voting yes for the bond will cost a typical homeowner about \$90 per year for a home valued at \$300,000.

Sincerely,
Rick Kaminski
Selectboard member
Plymouth, Vt.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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obituaries

Gayle E. Mousley, 1953-2022

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Gayle E. Mousley (nee Johnson), 69, of Alstead passed away on Monday Dec. 26, 2022 at Monadnock Community Hospital. Arthur and Elizabeth (Reitmeier) Johnson welcomed their daughter on Jan. 23, 1953. Born in Lakewood, N.J. and raised in Manahawkin, N.J. Gayle was a 1972 graduate of Southern Regional High School.

In 1973, Gayle enlisted in the US Army and was stationed over seas in Germany until 1978. While stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, Gayle met her future husband Ronald Mousley and they married in 1980. Gayle worked various jobs in her life from the army to waitressing to being a police dispatcher to being a mother and homemaker.

Gayle was predeceased by her mother in 1984, her father in 2014, grandson Joshua Giberson in 2016, and "adopted" daughter Lisa Schneider and her husband James, both in 2022. Gayle is survived by her loving husband of 42 years Ronald of Alstead, daughters Nichole Giberson (Jeff) of Cedar Run, N.J., and Pauline Seavey (William "Butch") of Walpole, N.H., sisters Sarah "Sally" Horn (William) of S.C., and Kimberly Riley



Gayle Mousley, 1953-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

(Arthurlin) of N.C., brother William Johnson (Elaine) of Manahawkin, N.J. Also surviving are her grandchildren Austin Mousley, Sarah and Hannah Giberson of N.J., and Aiden, Colton, and Krissalyn Mousley of N.H., as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and "adopted" children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Gayle's name to the Monadnock Humane Society 101 W. Swanzy Rd., Swanzy, NH 03446.

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

Roger L. Fuller, 1950-2022

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Roger L. Fuller, 72, of Cavendish, Vt. died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Dec. 29, 2022.

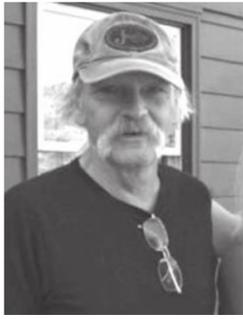
Roger was born on July 9, 1950, in Townshend, Vt. to Doris (Bills) Fuller, and Kenneth Fuller, Sr, both of whom preceded him in death. Roger's two older brothers Lester and Kenneth Fuller Jr. also preceded him in death.

Roger is survived by his loving wife of 46 years Joyce (Wood) Fuller of Cavendish and their three beloved dogs, oldest son Silas, his wife Jenna, their two daughters Ava and Kendra, his youngest son Virgil, his wife Nicole, and their two children Lester and Leona. Surviving siblings are Ellen Fuller of South Newfane, Vt., Sarah (Fuller) Wilcox, and husband Donald of Springfield, Vt., and Bonnie (Fuller) Bedi of Albany, Ga., along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Roger was a contractor for over thirty years, owning his own business, Roger Fuller Building and Remodeling. He took great pride in his work and left behind many fine projects that people will be able to enjoy for years to come.

Roger was happiest when spending time with his family, dogs, and being the best "Pepe" to his grandchildren. Roger was an avid deer hunter and sports fan. He had a keen ear for music and an eye for a good book. Anyone who knew Roger knew him as a man of passion, generosity, love, and sincerity.

He felt the most peace



Roger Fuller, 1950-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

in life while in the fields of Vernon overlooking the Connecticut River where he worked with his older brothers Lester and Kenny as a boy, in the woods of the Stratton and Somerset area of the Green Mountain National Forest, where he hunted for many years, his family Deer Camp in Norton, Vt. and his home in Cavendish.

It meant the world to Roger to see his family continue his legacy and love for hunting, sports, music, building, and providing acts of kindness to the people of our world. He would want to see us work hard, love hard, be honest, and be true - It is not a goodbye but simply a see you later.

Public Calling Hours will be held on Jan. 14 from 2-4 p.m. at Davis Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Springfield Humane Society in Springfield, Vt. or Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, Vt. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

Russel Alan Comstock, 1946-2022

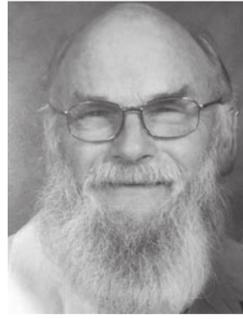
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Russel Alan Comstock, 76, passed away on Dec. 19, 2022 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in White River Jct., Vt. He was born Jan. 23, 1946 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Harold and Marion (Clark) Comstock. He attended Springfield schools, graduating Springfield High School class of 1964.

Russel served in the United States Navy on the USS Ranger during the Vietnam War.

On Oct. 26, 1968 He married Marilyn Hosford in Springfield, Vt.

Russel and Marilyn lived in Middletown and Chester, Conn. for 10 years, where Russel worked at Loctite and at the Chester Yacht Club. After moving back to Springfield, Vt. Russel worked at the Fellows Gear Shaper and for the Precision Valley Development Corporation.

Russel loved being Santa Claus and did so for over 40 years. He volunteered with the Springfield Santa Claus Club and the Springfield Rummage Sale for many years. He also served as a



Russel Comstock, 1946-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Boy Scout Leader for Troop 16 in Connecticut and Troop 216 in Vermont.

Russel enjoyed spending time outdoors and camping. He is survived by his wife Marilyn "DeeDee" Comstock; two sons Arthur Comstock and Erik Comstock; two grandchildren Timothy and Juliana; and two brothers Dale Comstock and Steve Comstock.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 at 1 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Malcolm Fowler will officiate.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Marie Elizabeth Noyes, 1931-2023

CHESTER, Vt. – Marie Elizabeth Noyes, 91, formerly of Bristol, Vt. passed away Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 at Springfield Hospital.

She was born Sep. 10, 1931 in Middlebury, the daughter of Harold and Mildred (Allen) Carpenter.

She was a member of St. Ambrose Church in Bristol and Bristol American Legion. She was a country girl who loved her cats and birds, spending time outdoors, and being independent.

Predeceased by her husband Robert Noyes, daughter Bonnie, brothers, and her sister.

Marie is survived by her children Robert Noyes Jr., and Robin Prepost, all of Chester, 15 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 13 from 5-7 p.m. at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. A mass of Christian burial



Marie Noyes, 1931-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. at St. Ambrose Church in Bristol. Interment will be in Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery in Bristol in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Homeward Bound Addison County Humane Society, 236 Boardman St., Middlebury, VT 05753. To send online condolences to her family, please visit www.brownmcclayfuneralhomes.com.

Keith R. Young, 1956-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Keith R. Young, 66, passed away suddenly on Thursday evening, Dec. 29, 2022 at his home. He was born Feb. 16, 1956 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Richard C. and Janet (Stevens) Young. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School in 1974.

On June 18, 1988 He married Pamela Westover in Springfield, Vt.

Keith was employed with the Young's Cable Company, Maine Post & Beam, Springfield Realty Corporation as Property Manager for 28 years, owned and operated KRY Property Management for 3 years, retiring this year. Most recently He worked at Napa Auto Parts in Springfield.

In Keith's younger years he enjoyed helping his grandfather on Fairview farm. This is where he learned to drive a tractor and to tap maple sugar trees. During the winter he enjoyed having fun riding snowmobiles with his cousin Bill Young. Keith also loved camping with his family in York beach, Maine, and throughout the White Mountains. His love for camping extended to his own charming space in Weston, Vt. at Horseshoe Acres, where he could spark up a conversation with anybody. At the camp, he could also be found relaxing with his sons or tending to the camper, all while seeking out the next campfire. Keith was a devoted husband, and his 3 sons were the light of his life. In his free time he



Keith Young, 1956-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

enjoyed trips to Maine any chance he could get. Keith was never scared to take on new opportunities and did everything with honesty and integrity.

Keith was really enjoying retirement, hanging out early in the morning at the plaza visiting with his best friend Tony Jerolino like a couple of kids. You would also find him visiting all over town; sometimes you would catch him down at the Circle K chatting with his friend Dennis. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Pam Young and sons Tyler, Kyle, and Alex all of Springfield, Vt., Mother Janet Young of Venice, Fla., brother Jay Young of Springfield, Vt., and sister Debra Murray of Venice, Fla.

He was predeceased by his father Richard C. Young in 2019.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

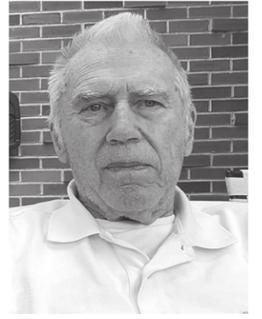
Karen Matina Lande Crisson, 2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Karen Matina Lande Crisson, wife of the late James H. Crisson of Staten Island, N.Y., passed away

peacefully at home on Dec. 26, 2022. A memorial service will be planned for the spring of 2023 in New York.

Arol Ward Jr., 2022

GRAFTON, Vt. – Arol Ward Jr. passed away at Springfield Hospital on Dec. 31, 2022. A longtime resident and business owner in Grafton, Vt. A private service and burial in Grafton will take place with family this week. To view the full obituary, please go to www.fentonandhennessey.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home.



Arol Ward Jr., 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Francis A Young, 1923-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Francis A. Young, 99, formerly of Springfield, Vt., died Saturday afternoon, Dec. 31, at the Village on the Isle Hospice Center in Venice, Fla. He was born Sept 2, 1923, in Springfield, the son of Sidney and Ethel (Shippy) Young. He attended Springfield Schools and graduated from High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army during World War 2 in the European Theater in Germany, was wounded in action, and received the Purple Heart. He came back to Springfield to join his father and his brothers, to work in the family business, Youngs Furniture and Appliances. He served as the furniture and appliance division manager for over 45 years.

On May 15, 1954, he married Lorraine Cloutier at St. Mary's Church in Claremont, N.H. He served as the secretary of both S.R. Young, Inc. as well as the Springfield Realty Corporation, which owned and operated the Springfield Shopping Plaza. He made his home in Springfield for most of his life. After retirement, he spent his winter in Venice, Fla. and his summers in Wells, Maine. He was a member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Elks Club, and a lifetime member of the Robert L. Johnson Post 771 V.F.W. He was a longtime member of the Springfield Lions Club and served as past President. He was a longtime member of the Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, and he played golf until he was 92 years old. He served as a incorporator of the Springfield Hospital for many years, was a former member of the Springfield Red Cross, and served as Chairman of the Disaster Committee. He was a member of St. Mary's



Francis Young, 1923-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

in Springfield and was currently a member of Epiphany Cathedral in Venice.

Fran is survived by three children, His sons William F. Young and his wife Sara of Venice, Fla. and Wells, Maine, Mark E. Young and his wife Mary of Eldorado, N.M., and his daughter, Lori Young Barlow and her husband Ken of Orlando, Fla. and Colchester, Vt.

Francis has five grandchildren Nicole Young Tarbell, Ashley L. Barlow, Matthew Young, James Young, and Jordan Barlow, three great grandchildren, two sisters Shirley Cooper of Springfield and Barbara Ross of South Burlington, Vt. and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Lorraine in 2012, beloved grandson Stephen W. Young in 2021, and by four brothers Sidney, Bernard, Robert, and Richard.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Springfield in the spring, which will be announced. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Springfield Hospital, Ridgewood Road, Springfield or to Tidewell Hospice, 220 Wexford Blvd., Venice, FL 34293.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.



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CHURCH SERVICES: We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at www.VermontJournal.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

JAN. 14 –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an evening of contemporary folk music with Antje Duvekot and The Sea The Sea at Next Stage on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment on Saturday, Jan. 14, 7:30 pm at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, Springfield Vt. Performing classic rock and country music. Open to the public. More info call 802-885-6008

ANDOVER, Vt. – Andover Snowmobile Club is hosting a Pasta Dinner on Jan. 14 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Andover Community Center pay per person or per couple, children 12 and under eat for free. Silent Auction/Raffle.

JAN. 21 –
WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be doing a drive by drop off collection of peanut butter and jelly.

Stop by on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Your donations will go to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

JAN. 22 –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present New England's acclaimed folk/ roots quartet Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem at Next Stage on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m.

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.

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

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.

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

THURSDAYS –
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.

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.

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 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.

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 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.

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

**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 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?

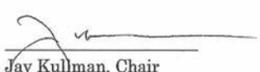
Article #2 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e?

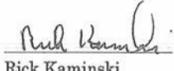
Article #3 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?

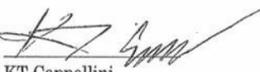
The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

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

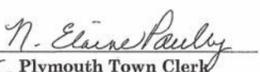
TOWN OF PLYMOUTH SELECTBOARD


Jay Kullman, Chair


Rick Kaminski


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Filed with the Plymouth Town Clerk's Office this 15 day of December 2022.

ATTEST: 
Asst. Plymouth Town Clerk

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Monthly conversation with your legislators

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., drop by the Rockingham Free Public Library in Bellows Falls to chat with your Windham County Senators Nader Hashim and Wendy Harrison and your Windham-3 (Brookline, Rockingham, and Westminster) House Representatives Michelle Bos-Lun and Leslie Goldman. Subsequent conversations at the library are planned for the third Saturday of the month of each month February – April. Please note these dates on your calendar: Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20 (tentative). Come for an informal conversation about current issues and bring your questions. We look forward to seeing you and thank you to the library for sponsoring. A table in a quiet corner of the fiction room will be reserved for these conversations.

**STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.**

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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. 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

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

AUCTION

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 at 11 a.m. at 368 River Street. To be auctioned: Gordon Jacobs, Storage Unit #10.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held Feb. 4, 2023 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield 05150. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Robert Gokey- #127.

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GUNS WANTED

REGION – Guns wanted. Hand-guns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Roy at 802-775-

2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Wanted: Part-time driver. Must be flexible with hours. Car provided. \$15/hour. Passengers include 12-year-old and legally blind parents. Duties include: groceries and errands. Female preferred. Must be personable. 802-226-8131.

WESTON, Vt. – Part-time Housekeeping. New Hotel and Restaurant seeks part time house-keeping. Monday through Friday. Competitive pay, fun environment, and room to grow! Call to apply 802-824-5000.

HOUSE SITTER/DOG SITTER for our 2 gentle Golden Retrievers in Cavendish, for an occasional day, weekend, or vacation. Looking for a retired person/couple or someone who works from home. Please call 203-645-6405.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Countryside Alarms full time office positions. 40 hours per week. \$20 – \$22 to start. We are looking for reliable and motivated individuals. Responsibilities will include receiving emergency and non-emergency signals and requests that need to be dispatched and recorded. Call 802-259-2213 to apply.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Countryside Alarms Licensed Fire Alarm Technician or Licensed

Journeyman-Full time, overtime available. Starting wage \$30 – \$33 per hour. Must be reliable and motivated. Responsibilities to include installation, maintenance, and testing of commercial and residential alarms, CCTV, and access control. Call 802-259-2213 to apply.

WOOD

Two cords well dried for \$625, one cord for \$350. 16-20 inches. Call and leave a message 802-376-3041.

FWN: Responding to spam calls

REGION – Sharon experienced an all too familiar scene. The call warned her of over \$10,000 in charges made on her account from several countries and she was asked to “help investigate this” by agreeing to install the app “Open Desk” on her cell phone. The caller told her to withdraw \$10,000 from her bank and deposit the money in a special account “to keep the hackers from getting her money.” The criminal told Sharon not to tell the bank “because the hacker might be a person from the bank.” A claim was being filed with the FTC and the agency would call her. When the call came on a spoofed phone number displaying “United States Government,” Sharon realized that the whole thing was a fraud and contacted the FTC finding that no claim was filed; she filed one herself.

Here are some takeaways from this incident:

1. Scammers like to use the phone to commit crimes. Calls are virtually untraceable using spoofed numbers.
2. To the degree possible, allow calls to go to voice-mail. Criminals rarely leave messages.
3. Criminals play on emotion and urgency. In this case the loss of \$10,000 is likely to trigger a strong emotional response. Any time a caller unknown to you sets emotions into gear, step back and consider how to respond.
4. Refrain from giving the unknown caller any personal information. This, too, can be difficult. Often the scammers impersonate authority, and generally people respond with obedience to authority.
5. Determine if the criminal was successful in accessing personal data from you such as Social Security or Medicare number, credit card or bank account numbers, or other information.

If the information included your Social Security Number, contact www.ssa.gov/fraud/; for Medicare identity theft, www.medicare.gov/fraud. If financial account or credit card information was divulged, notify the company involved and request an account cancellation and reissue.

While nothing provides 100% protection from fraud, here are some steps you can take to protect your assets and information:

1. Contact the three major credit bureaus and activate credit freezes. Freezes lock your credit reports from others obtaining personal information. Freezes are free of charge and can be lifted if there is a need to provide access. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com and request copies of your credit reports from the three major credit bureaus, you will be asked

for your Social Security Number and some questions related to your financial report.

2. Activate multi-factor authentication, MFA, with all financial, insurance, and shopping accounts. MFA requires use of an alternative means such as an email or cellular number to verify identity and provide access to the account.

AARP issues bi-weekly alerts and anyone, regard-

less of age, can register at www.aarp.org/fraud. The Federal Trade Commission issues frequent alerts; register at www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts. The Better Business Bureau – www.bbb.org/scamtips; National Consumers League – www.fraud.org; and, Scam Detector – www.scam-detector.com.

Questions/Comments? Contact egreenblott@aarp.org.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT



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802-885-5120 mtarbell@ssdvt.org

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VT PLANNING COMMISSION RECORDING SECRETARY

The Town of Ludlow Planning Commission has an opening for the position of Recording Secretary for their meetings. This is a part-time position working 1-2 hours per month under the general direction of the Municipal Manager.

Principal duties include attending monthly Planning Commission meetings, taking notes, recording the meeting, preparing meeting minutes and forwarding minutes to Municipal Office for posting. Candidate will be able to work independently. The successful candidate will have typing skills, some computer knowledge, and the ability to work well with others in a meeting environment. This position pays a stipend of \$126.00 per attended meeting

Interested candidates should submit a Town employment application available at the Ludlow Town Office, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 or online at www.ludlow.vt.us and send to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The Town & Village of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

Town of Westminster
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722-4524 Fax 802-722-9816

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)
WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on **Monday, February 6, 2023** to consider the following:

Application # 23-20 Application #23-20; Don & Linda Marcille (Owners) – property located on 122 Old Ledge Road. The Applicants are requesting a Change of Use - from an existing Shed to a Dwelling (18' x 24'). This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone; Section 215 Zoning Permit Procedure** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application # 23-21 Application #23-21; John & Cheryl Kmetz (Owners) – property located on 178 Airport Road. The Applicants are requesting a Change of Use – adding an Apartment above the Existing Garage. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Westminster West Village District; & Section 215 Zoning Permit Procedure** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

MAINTENANCE PERSON IMMEDIATE OPENING!

Maintenance Technician needed for several apartment complexes located in Newport, NH and Windsor, VT. Looking for a responsible, experienced hands-on person for general upkeep, repairs, painting and coordination with contractors when needed. There is an on-call requirement for emergency maintenance and winter snow removal. Salary between 19-21 per hour and is commensurate with experience and skills. Must have a valid driver's license, reliable vehicle, tools, and knowledge of carpentry, light plumbing, and electrical. Rotating on call schedule required. **This is a Full Time Position 40 hours.**

Email resume to: bdesmarais@stewartproperty.net with subject line: Maintenance Person-Newport NH/Windsor VT

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Exhibit *Local Faces and Local Places Portraits in Watercolor* by Robert J. O'Brien.

Paint the New England Landscape w/ Rob O'Brien Jan. 14 Workshop (Register by 1/11) \$85.

Introduction to Handmade Books w/ Deborah Stuart Jan. 28 Workshop (Register by 1/25) \$30.

Next Steps in Bookmaking w/ Deborah Stuart Feb. 4 Workshop from 1 to 3 (Register by 2/1) \$30.

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Builders/Contractors

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(11/22/23 - 52)

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Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166
Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167
(TV Schedules available at okemovallay.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

Watch Online: okemovallay.tv & youtube.com/okemovallaytv

"Gavel-to-Gavel" coverage of local meetings (playing daily on Ed. / Gov. channel)
(Meeting Playback Guide available at bottom of okemovallay.tv/schedule)
(04/05/23 - TFN - 13)

arts & events

REAL ESTATE/AUTO

Live poetry in Chester —

CHESTER, Vt. – It's time to pull out your poetry notebook for Series II of the Stone Village Poetry Experience in Chester. The poetry slams and workshops will be led by Tuck Wunderle and surprise guest collaborators.

Poetry slams and workshops will take place on Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9 at the First Universalist Parish in Chester's Stone Village. All are invited to take part. Whether you come to share your poetry or to listen, we guarantee you will have fun

and be inspired.

Poetry slams are light-heartedly competitive events in which judges made up of audience members rate each poet's reading. GMUHS and Emerson College graduate and published poet Tuck Wunderle returns as slam master.

Poetry workshops will be held on Jan. 26 and Feb. 23. Participants bring poems to share and receive feedback from workshop attendees. Sessions start at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Social Hall at the First Universal-

ist Parish, located at 211 North Street in Chester's Stone Village. Tuck Wunderle will be the workshop leader.

Poets who participate in all three slams can compete for \$25, \$50, and \$100 prizes. For more information about slams, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSSf9k8zo4k.

For more information about the Stone Village Poetry Experience, contact Tuck Wunderle at tuckerman@terrigenous.com.

Birding on the Farm workshop series

WALPOLE, N.H. – This winter and spring, the Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) in partnership with the Antioch Bird Club, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District (Windham NRCD), and Southeastern Vermont Audubon Society will launch a two-part workshop series run-

ning through March 2023.

Participants will learn about farm habitat dynamics for birds, habitat management, wildlife conservation on the farm, as well as species identification from experienced bird guides. This workshop series is open to birders and enthusiasts of all skill levels. Participants may bring binoculars with them, and weather appropriate dress and boots for walking are recommended.

Workshop dates and loca-

tions:

- Jan. 21, at 9 a.m. at Green Wagon Farm, Keene, N.H.
- March 22, at 10 a.m. Location TBD

More details for 2023 dates will be made available soon. Registration is required at www.birdingon-farm.eventbrite.com.

For more information or assistance in online registration, please contact CCCD at 603-756-2988 ext. 3011 or benee@cheshireconservation.org.

Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present New England's acclaimed folk/roots quartet Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem at Next Stage on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m.

Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem feature four-part vocal harmonies, indelible

songs, fiddle, acoustic and electric guitars, bass, and a homemade percussion kit of cardboard boxes, tin cans, caulk tubes, packing-tape tambourines, bottle-cap rattles, Mongolian jaw harps, and a vinyl suitcase. Over the past 20 years, the quartet has toured across North America, and has

released seven CDs on Signature Sounds.

In the lineage of string bands who blur the boundaries of American roots music, Rani, Andrew Kinsey, Anand Nayak, and Scott Kessel have always been standard-bearers, with a particular knack for pairing words and music. From bluegrass barnstormers to sultry swing, old-time gospel to bluesy folk-rock, they consistently turn in lush arrangements of original songs alongside artful reworkings of a melange of music.

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. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit www.nextstagearts.org.

HCRS 2023 positivity calendar fundraiser

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's second largest nonprofit community mental health agency, announced the sale of 2023 wall calendars to raise needed funding for food and shelter assistance across southeastern Vermont. The 12-month calendars feature seasonal images with positivity quotes and sayings.

The rate of food insecurity and need for safe shelter spiked during Covid, and thanks in part to the rise of costs, sufficient food and affordable apartments have remained beyond reach for many in our region. Anne

Bilodeau, HCRS' Chief Operating Officer, said, "We wanted to support this critical need in our communities, so we came up with the idea to create and print positivity calendars as a fundraiser."

HCRS will donate 3/4 of the money from the sale of each calendar to the following organizations: Upper Valley Haven in White River Junction, the Springfield Family Center, Parks Place Resource Center in Bellows Falls, and the Groundworks Collaborative in Brattleboro.

You can view the image for each month as well as purchase the calendar at www.hcrs.org/blog/hcrs-2023-positivity-calendars-are-available-now. There is a

cheap shipping cost for one or two calendars; supplies are limited.

Bilodeau adds, "This fundraiser not only allows us to support our valued community partners and people in need across southeastern Vermont, but the calendars will also bring a feeling of positivity to any space where they are displayed."

Anyone with questions about the calendar or fundraiser can call 802-886-4567 ext. 2191 or email abradeen@hcrs.org for more information.

Bilodeau said, "We hope the community will join us in our effort to support the food and shelter needs of friends and neighbors in our communities."

Springfield Community Chorus spring session

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Springfield Community Chorus.

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rehearsals for the spring concert on Jan. 30. The program for this concert will feature songs from the late 60s and 70s; songs you might sing on a road trip. The first rehearsal will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Church on 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. Subsequent rehearsals will be held at 7 p.m. with concert dates tentatively set for May 6 and 7. Sing with us.

Snowmobile season

REGION – The U.S. Forest Service is looking forward to a successful snowmobile season. Weather permitting, snowmobile use is allowed on designated trails from Friday, Dec. 16 through Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) officials remind snowmobile enthusiasts to heed to all gates and signs and to stay off roads and trails that are closed. Keep to the right at all times, wear helmets, and stay on designated trails. All snowmobiles must be legally registered, and operators must purchase a VAST Trails Maintenance Assessment Decal.

The GMNF and the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) cooperate to maintain more than 470 miles of National Forest System trails that are part of the larger statewide snowmobile network, for mixed uses, including snowshoeing, hiking, and cross-country skiing.