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Holiday on Main Street draws crowds

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – People of all ages in the community went to celebrate this holiday season at Ludlow's second annual Holiday on Main Street recently.

Twenty-four local businesses and organizations decorated their storefronts for the holidays, and they all participated in a contest for the Best Decorated Business.

Aubuchon Hardware was awarded first place, for the second year in a row, and second place was awarded to Knight's Tubs.

Big Eyes Bakery, at 126 Main St., hosted a Magic Show with Fanzoni, and the room was packed with children and their families, who were all amazed and impressed by the fantastic Fanzoni.

Santa Claus and the Elves, Jeremiah, Jamie, and Amy, arrived at the Veterans Park Gazebo, and it wasn't long before a line of children and their

families, eager to see Santa and make their Christmas wishes, stretched from the gazebo to the Memory Tree, filling the park.

All children received a gift from Santa and his elves, and the Snowman had an abundant supply of cookies, cocoa, candy, and treats.

Donald Dill took photographs, Aubuchon's, which decorated the gazebo and donated lights to decorate the Memory Tree, sold hardware, trees, wreaths, hats, and homemade ornaments, Goodman's American Pie brought their truck, debuted their new tent and logo, and sold pizza by the slice, and Mary Moeyskens, independent stylist, modeled and sold Lilla Rose hair accessories.

Scott Stearns at the Book Nook hosted Rumpus Storytelling. He worked with Michael Kingsbury and organized a congregation of storytellers from all over Vermont to come to the Book Nook and tell 10 minute stories that fit the theme, O' The Holidays. Dolly Parton Christmas albums

were playing on vinyl, and handmade Dickens paper theater boxes decorated the tree and window display.

Russ Hurlburt Photography, at 136 Main St., hosted gift wrapping by volunteers from Four Seasons Sotheby's. Hurlburt just opened his Photography Studio last month.

He grew up in Connecticut and moved to Vermont in 1990. Since then, Hurlburt has photographed skiers, weddings, fine artwork, and special events. Visit his website, www.russhurlburtphotography.com, or call 802-236-2888 with questions.

Barbara, at the Chaos Casbah, held face-painting and ornament-making for people of all ages, with giant cutouts on the front lawn of reindeer, an elf, and Disney's Trolls.

Cumberland Farms offered hot chocolate and cookies to kids, and took entrees for the Name the Moose Contest. The Homestyle Hostel roasted marshmallows around a campfire, and shared the delicious s'mores.

Mojo's donated cookies for chil-

dren and families sharing their holiday wishes with Santa, and invited Eric King, a local musician, to play for their customers. The decorations included the window display and Melvin, who's dressed for the holiday season. Mojo's is open from Tuesday to Thursday for dinner and for lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday.

DJ's was filled with holiday decorations, with festive gold and silver Christmas trees and nutcrackers wearing ugly Christmas sweaters. DJ's welcomes all customers during this holiday season to enjoy their food.

Brewfest also decorated their window display and store front for the holidays, and invited Trout River Brewery, which is based in Springfield. They brought Rainbow Red Ale, an old recipe, a Bavarian Hefeweizen, a type of Hefewump, and two double IPAs to taste. Trout River Brewery is mostly doing in-store tastings, while they continue to make beer and meet the needs of their market.

David and Paula VanGuilder, orga-

nizers and masterminds behind this event, wanted to thank all of the local businesses for their dedication and donations, including Aubuchon's Tom, Renee and team, Cumberland Farms, Gail and her employee that baked 200 cookies, Shaw's, Nancy Carle, LaValley's, Slopeside, Four Seasons Sotheby's, Okemo Ladies Group. Jackson Gore, Homestyle Hostel, Ludlow Police Department, Fire Department, and ambulance, Cavendish Canine, Big Eyes Bakery, Chaos Casbah, Mojo's, Killarney's, The Chop

House, Mr. Darcy's, The Pointe, and Goodman's American Pie, who stood in the frigid air and fought with frozen dough to cook up pizzas.

Some say it takes community involvement and business relations to create an event like Holiday on Main Street.

Everyone said they're looking forward to the third annual Holiday on Main Street, when hopefully the weather won't be quite as cold, and even more local businesses and organizations will be involved.

First Deputy Chief Sheehan retires



Roger Sheehan retires from the Proctorsville Fire Department after 34 years. PHOTO PROVIDED

BY LARRY WILFONG
The Vermont Journal

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – As the Proctorsville Fire Department gathered together for its annual Christmas party, the air was filled with mirth, cheer and the sounds of children, young and old, frolicking through the meeting hall.

Conversations and laughter rang through like bells on a sleigh, or in this night's case, the alarm announcing Santa's firetruck arrival.

It was at the gathering that First Deputy Chief Roger Sheehan was honored upon his pending retirement.

The Proctorsville Fire Depart-

ment was established in 1833, it has since served the needs of not only Proctorsville, but throughout the area.

The people who make up this department, like fire departments around the world, say they all share a sense of connection.

They say people who risk their lives together often forge the strongest bonds, and it is always a safe bet that when someone joins a fire department, they join a family.

A big member of this family, First Deputy Chief Roger Sheehan, announced his plans to retire. Sheehan also serves as the town's fire marshal, a position which he will be retaining.

His official last day holding his position of second in command will be Dec. 31. A native of Vermont, Sheehan has served the Proctorsville Fire Department for 34 years.

In 1982, the factory located at what is now called the Proctorsville green, was engulfed in flames, and this was Sheehan's first call to duty. Since then he has moved up the ranks and helped to keep the Proctorsville Fire Department prepared and up to date with the continuous

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GFWC Okemo Valley Trees of Remembrance light two towns

LUDLOW, Vt. - The GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club annual Trees of Remembrance are lit for the holiday season once again. This year there are again two trees; one in Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow and the second on the Common in Proctorsville. These are community trees which honor and remember friends, relatives and loved ones during the holidays. A combination holiday symbol, personal memorial and fundraiser, the trees will be illuminated during December and January. GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club is accepting donations in any amount to remember your loved ones. The entirety of this fundraiser will benefit Black River High School and Cavendish Town Elementary School students.

The tree lighting ceremonies took place last week. On Friday, Dec. 9 the tree was lit in Proctorsville and in Ludlow on Saturday, Dec. 10. There was carol singing to celebrate both

events and the festive season along with hot chocolate and cookies for participants. Thank you to one and all for joining in the festivities and your contributions to date.

Your generous donations make up the greatest part of this fund raising effort. In return, the names of those you wish remembered during this holiday season will be printed weekly in local newspapers.

Please help us to light a young student's smile by remembering someone through the Trees of Remembrance. Please send your donation to:

Roxie Davis, 126 Newton Rd., Proctorsville, Vt. 05153 OR
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Irene Lorraine, George and Violet Matulonis, Ernest and Melba Noll, Pete Noyes, Mary and Frank Owen, Frank and Lena Phillips, Theresa Phillips, Richard and Josephine Pitts, Dud Pluta, The Leo Plutas, Mike Pluta, Bruab Priestley, Sandra Prokop, Helen Remy, Laval "Jim" Remy, Norma Rlau, Kelley Sanderson, Allyn and Helen Seward, George Shaw,

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Betty Sweeney, Marilyn Trick, William and Helen Tucker, Hal and Ruth Whitman, Zachman family.

RETIRE

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list of changes and adaptations, which spring from experience and helped to form procedure.

Keeping his volunteers trained in the latest skills, as well as ensuring that they have a mastery over the basics, Sheehan has been referred to as a second father by many who have been pushed by him to realize their potential.

Always concerned about making sure his firefighters have what they need, Sheehan said he regretted that, due to health reasons, he can not fulfill the duties of his official role within the department. Sheehan is determined to remain in a volunteer capacity at the station.

When asked what his favorite part of the job was, you can see the sparkle of the ever youthful spirit within his eyes when he said, "driving the truck."

At the party, Sheehan was presented a handcrafted cherry wood case, displaying his helmet, badge and

patch, to commemorate his years of service to the department.

With the second in command leaving, a few promotions were in order. First Captain Robert "Bobbie" Glidden Jr, will now be the first deputy chief. Glidden follows a long line of firefighters. His great grandfather and grandfather both have served as chief of the department. His father, Robert Glidden Sr., is the current chief of the Proctorsville Fire Department.

First Lt. Seth Perry will now take on the role of first captain and Second Lt Nate Rose will become the new first lieutenant.



Chamber of the Month

Congratulations to Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts for being chosen the December Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Members of the Month. L-R: Marji Graf, Layne Herschel, Susan Chadwick.

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Spaulding celebrates 80

Carolyn Spaulding is a resident of Gill Home. She is well known to folks at cafe delight, the book nook, and Ludlow town hall. She frequently was seen sitting in the park or walking down Main Street. A group of friends helped her celebrate her 80th birthday with cake and ice cream.

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Grade 6 Honor roll:
Clark, Ella; Ghia, Caleb; Mallan, Austin; Maxfield, Ashlin; McDermid, Julianna; McGrath, Gwendolyn; Moore, Jake; Noble, William; Nystrom, Jamison; Pennell, Susanah; Spaulding-Doyle, Jada; Wal- lace, Mary; Waryas, Grace

Grade 7 Honor roll:
Baeza, Dominic; Bartlett, Ashley; Bazin, Grace; Bird, Courtni; Bouch- er, Ashlynn; Broadley, Abigail; By-

field, Trinity; Caron, Jaia; Cravinho, John; Douglass, Nicholas; Gleim, Harrison; Guild, Grace; Ham- mond, Isabella; Haskell, Madison; Hodge, Abbigale; Illingworth, Kay- leigh; Illingworth, Keigan; Joy, Sap- phire; Kelley, Ethan; LaRoss, Owen; Lynch, Thomas; McAllister, Haley; Mitchell, Corina; Nystrom, Julia; Parker, Hayley; Quint, Madison; Ri- vera, Maddison; Ross, Mackinnon Smidutz; Scott, Mason; Sheehan, Willa; Stockman, Breanna; Stoodley, Shelby; Sylvester-Neal, Savannah; Taylor, Anya; Terry, Jonathan; Wan- dz, Payton; Waryas, Maya; Wilkin- son, Grace; Wunderle, Ariana

Grade 8 Honor roll:
Aither, Allison; Atkin, Kendra; Baldasaro, Colton; Bazin, Kobe; Bazin, Sydney; Boucher, Riley;

Bupp-Chickering, Bela; Clarke- Williams, Ashleigh; Conroy, Kai- tlynn; Conroy, Kristen; Darrell, Taryn; Edwards, Owen; Ghia, Elijah; Graham, Elliott; Graham, Emma; Haskell, Ozzee; Hodg- son, Magdalen; Hodsdens, Molly; Illingworth, Madisyn; Jones, Lo- rilei; Larsen, Anika; Leonard, Alyssa; Lisai, Logan; Lober, Jed; Lockerby, Grady; Maiocco, Layla; Mallan, Liam; Martin, Hayley; McGrath, Anna; Moody, Sky- Lee; Parker, Joshua; Perkins, Emma; Perry, Owen; Pinette, Olive; Ran- ney, Garrett; Richards, Alexan- drea; Schemm, Birgess; Smith, Benjamin; Stack, Isabel; Stanley, Tylar; Stetson, Richard; Terry, Chestina; Ticino, Tyler; Walker, Mason

GMUHS Q1 honor roll

7th Grade Principal's List:
Liam Benoit, Kimberly Cum- mings, Caroline Donovan-At- wood, Maya Farrar, Miles Garvin, Clara Gignoux, Jayme Hamel, Jordan Harper, Benjamin Hart, Maxwell Hooke, Makenna Mil- bauer, Everett Mosher, Hannah Robinson, Mitchell Rounds, Royce Schultz, Eva Svec, Lily Vullo

High Honors:
James Birmingham, David Dykes, Aiden Farrar, Kagan Hance, Evan Hayes, Sequoyah Kingsbury, Zoe Meyer

Honors:
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8th Grade Principal's List:
Erik Heitsmith, Alexandra Hutchins, Ty Merrill, Kyleigh Mo- ses, Tierney O'Brien, Claire Tyr- rell, Keegan Wilbur, Olivia Wright

High Honors:
Willem Bargfrede, Mary Cam- eron, Rosalee Saccardo

Honors:
Aliza Allen, Tori Blanchard, Meghan Call, Mary Churchill, Sarah Devereux, Rex Hill, Nicolas

Houghton, Lily Jones, Gwendylan Kekic, Skyler Klezos, Pearl Myers

9th Grade Principal's List:
Kameron Cummings, Ozzie Jewett, Laurel King, Erin Otis, Jackie Park- er-Jennings, Kamryn Ravlin, Chase Rawson, Alyssa Ripley, Anna Sol- zhenitsyn, Magali Stowell Aleman, Zoe Svec, Jacob Thomas, Rleigh Thomas, Madison Wilson, Angelae Wunderle

High Honors:
James Anderson, Alexander Be- shay, Meekah Hance, Alexis Palmer, Cailyn Williams

Honors:
Devin Brown, Reagan Bushey, To- byn Charlton, Austin Chaves, Meade Pollard,

David Reiss, Anthony Steele, Lind- sey Sturtevant, Isaiah Tyrrell, Mycah White

10th Grade Principal's List:
Emery Benoit, Keegan Ewald, Ra- chel Guerra, Grace Johnson, Paige Karl, Anne Lamson, Simone Mar- torano, Reilly Merrill, Delenn Moore

High Honors:
Carissa Bailey, Jillian Hale, Allison Kenney, Maya Lewis, Jenner Lyman, Caitlin McCoy, Chase Ordway- Smith, Cassandra Spaulding

Honors:
Evan Church, Krysta Francoeur,

Bradley Frye, Brigid Karl, Erika Knockenhauer, Brooks Ordway- Smith, Jeffrey Parker, Alexandria Pippin, Chelsea Rose

11th Grade Principal's List:
David Charlton, Lydia Churchill, Skylar Dailey, Ben Haseltine, Si- erra Kehoe, Clara Martorano, Eliza Rounds, Alexia White, Sadie Wood

High Honors:
Josh Bodin, Casey Richardson

Honors:
Andrew Gould, Madeline Harp- er, Adam Landry, Brianna Luman, Owen Massey, Ryan McSally, Evan Otis, Rachel Parent, Samantha Stod- dard, Wyatt Wilbur

12th Grade Principal's List:
Mikayla Call, Ian Kehoe, Sean Ken- ney, Edon Selimi, Artem Shevtsov, Tuckerman Wunderle

High Honors:
Lily Burgess, Emily Ditzler, Brianna Dyer, Julia Howard, Ian Kehoe, Sara Ripley, Noah Packard, Ashley Thom- as, Michelle Turk, Skylar White

Honors:
Chad Carey Jr., Kassidy Cummings, Mathew Eastman, Rose Jackson, Arin Kenyon, Thomas Knockenhau- er, Benjamin Reilly, Kimball Schultz, Brendin Snape, Hanna Veysey, Vic- toria Walker, Rebekah Washburn, Ariana Webster

Flood Brook School first trimester honor roll

6th Grade High Honors:
Lily Birch, Halyn McIntyre, Sophia Witkin

6th Grade Honors:
Angus Bellingham, Mia Ciccone, Sam Henning, Bailey Keck, Se- bastian Lennon, Rorie Mara, Cole Williams, Bella Lindgren, Hana Markowski-Washizu, Knight Okie,

Wyatt Teaford

7th Grade High Honors:
Chloe Anderson, Tessa Lunderville, Jenna Parker, Ada Perry, Rowan Per- ry, Brielle Proctor, Alexa Witkin

7th Grade Honors:
Laurel Baker, Angelo Bonnano, Mathias Boudreau-Golfman, Piper Chapman, Skylar Dryden, Keegan

Ewens, Briana Lawrence, Alex Northrop, Alexa Witkin,

8th Grade High Honors:
Karson Barclay, Grace DiStasio, Sage Freeman, Emma Hall, Devan Kajah, Addie Kujovsky

8th Grade Honors:
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January 2 (?), potential meeting to analyze draft report and negotiate articles

January 11, report and articles

January 18, tentative agree- ment on report and articles

January 24, all involved boards and study committee meeting, full group overview of proposal

February 14, State Board Meeting

February 28, target for getting all information to town clerks

March, public meetings?

April 11, proposed date for vote in all involved town school districts

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LOCAL HISTORY

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A Vermont Cabinetmaker

Prior to 1850 many Vermont towns had their own cabinetmakers, usually the more rural a town the less skilled the cabinetmaker. This was mainly a case of economics. A wealthy town like Norwich with Hanover and Dartmouth College as a neighbor had many wealthy citizens. Where there was wealth the more highly skilled cabinetmakers settled.

The subject of this article is Samuel Walker of Grafton, Vermont. Walker (1791-1864) moved from Langdon, New Hampshire about 1817 and established his cabinetmakers shop in Grafton.

The Grafton Historical Society has a chest made by Walker in the Empire style that is signed and dated 1834. Over the years I have owned two or three chests made by Walker.

The Walker chests I have seen have been rather clunky and very plain. These plain, unadorned chests reflect the needs of Walker's modest customers. One Walker chest I bought about 1990 is the exception. It was very well made and artfully designed using cherry and select birdseye maple. That chest is pictured in the photo with this article.

It does exhibit characteristics of a skilled cabinetmaker but also shows Walker was somewhat confused in his design. The backplash has beautiful inlaid oval panels of birdseye maple. On the extreme left and right of the backplash are corresponding vertical oval inlays also of birdseye maple.

The drawer fronts of the chest are inlaid with rectangular birdseye maple panels that clash with the oval panels of the backplash. The corners of the rectangular birdseye maple drawer fronts are blocked as well. While this is a beautiful and striking chest, oval inlays of birdseye maple on the drawer fronts



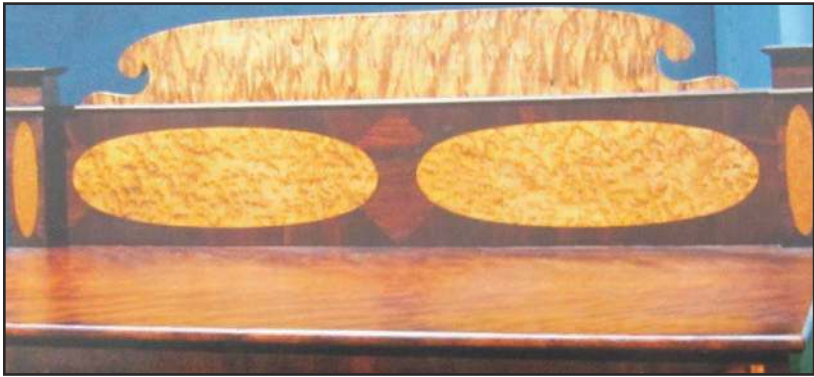
Walker chest.

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would be more appealing to the eye.

The supporting columns on the front of the chest have expertly turned urns at the top with concentric turned rings. The main body of the columns are nicely rope turned. The feet are nicely turned Sheraton style with reeded upper sections. The wooden knobs are original. The wooden knobs also reflect Walker controlling cost. Brass pulls would be much more attractive but would have made the chest more expensive. Wood knobs Walker could make. Brass he would have had to

thickness and cut to the precise size as the recessed section and glued in place.



Backplash with ovals.

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Rope leg.

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Urn with concentric rings.

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Reeded leg.

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In those days they used hide glue made from rabbit skins. The gluing was done perfectly. Over many years the birdseye maple and cherry dry, shrink and move at different rates. A knowledgeable woodworker carefully chose his woods to prevent shrinkage from occurring. Walker knew this aspect of his work very well.

This style chest is known as a gentleman's chest. The deep center drawer at the top was used for his hats. The other drawers would be used as we might use them today.

Other then it was refinished years ago it was 100 percent original. It would date to 1825-1830. This chest has passed through the hands of many different owners in its 180 years. It survives in amazing condition, a tribute to how cherished it was in the family in which it descended. I found it in a Chester home.

This chest was a departure from other known chests that Walker made. It is by far the best chest by Walker known to exist.

It was signed on the backboards in red stain "S Walker—Grafton VT."

The first Antiques Roundtable for 2017 is Sunday, January 15th, which is Martin Luther King's three-day weekend. The roundtables are held upstairs at Chester Town Hall at 2 p.m.

Anyone from any town is invited to show and talk about items they collect. We are hoping to focus on hunting, fishing and trapping items for a theme for this date. If you have any old traps, backpacks, fishing equipment or gun related items we welcome you to show your collection.

Maybe you have a collection of deer or moose antlers or mounts you'd like to show. Another appropriate subject would be any old logging collectables you might have. Saws, axes, boots, photos or log rules.

This week's old saying. "He's as useless as a screen door on a submarine."

Give a taste of Vermont this year!

REGION – Vermont has more specialty food producers per capita than most other states. Besides maple syrup and cheddar, Vermonters also make other artisan products. It's a diverse list that just scratches the surface of the amazing bounty produced in our beautiful Green Mountain state. There are gluten free gift ideas too!

Vermont Maple Syrup, 8 oz, Woodstock, VT: From Maplecrest Farm right down the road-our all-time favorite maple producer. **Vermont Wholesome Foods-Parmesan Salad Dressing, 12 oz, Cavendish, VT:** Killer for anything green, we've been selling this dressing since day one.

Joni's Homemade-Jam, 10 oz, Weathersfield, VT Joni and Joe Lloyd make killer jams-many from locally grown fruits and veggies. These make great hostess gifts all year long. They are one of our favorite local preserves!

Cobb Hill Ascutney Mountain: Named after a breathtaking local peak, Ascutney Mountain, is an alpine-style cheese with a complex, nutty flavor. It was awarded a blue ribbon in 2006 by the American Cheese Society in the Farm-

stead Cheese category, which means that all the milk comes from their own farm.

Springbrook Farm Reading Cheese: Sporting an orange pink rind and a buttery yellow paste Reading is a real looker, and the taste follows through too. It's a wonderful cheese that's best described as buttery with a slight mushroom flavor. This is a classic Raclette-style cheese is a great melter and frankly, makes a killer grilled cheese sandwich.

WFM Maple Syrup, 16 oz, Woodstock, VT: Made especially for us by Maplecrest Farm.

Side Hill Farm, Maple Apple Drizzle, 9oz, Brattleboro, VT: Like apple pie in a jar! Outstanding on anything but spooning on top of homemade vanilla ice cream is absolutely killer.

Gluten free gift ideas: **Cavendish Monkey Bar, Cavendish, Vermont:** a fantastic locally-made energy bar with cranberries and chocolate.

Back Roads Paleo Granola, Brattleboro, VT: One of our all-time favorites! Completely grain-free, loaded with coconut, seeds and nuts, and great as a snack any time.

Gifts can be purchased from www.woodstockfarmersmarket.com



Made in Cavendish, Vt is the Monkeychew granola bar - a prefect gluten free gift

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christmas will soon be here

Time to get in the Christmas spirit. Let's think about what that means. The traditions of Christmas shine brightly through the night. They make up our humanity and our compassion for others, even those we don't know, those who pass us in the night. They're a gift for a stranger, a meal for others, a wreath on the door, a tree by the hearth. Christmas is when we should give to those who have less than us. We can all take inspiration from the seasonal magic of Christmas. It's a time when everyone, Christian or not, can celebrate the gifts of the holiday. It's peace on earth, good will to all, the singing of carols and lighting of candles to bring hope to the world. Not to mention sugar-sprinkled cookies, eggnog, gingerbread men and snowmen, and glowing lights and shining ornaments hung on trees. Of course, Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ, the center of the Christian religion, yet its joy and harmony are for all. Christmas is a time when we open doors that are otherwise closed, when we can bridge a divide, and bring friendship, if we wish. It has universal symbols that are not to be ignored. Christmas is a holy time that invites us to reflect on the most important issues in our lives. As the holiday approaches, we urge everyone to sit back and think of how you can make a place in your heart for others. There is no better time. Merry Christmas all! ~BM~

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Springfield On the Move would like to thank all our sponsors very much for their generous support of our annual Downtown Holiday Program. They helped to bring much joy to almost 200 children who participated in the sticker map activity while awaiting Santa's arrival. Much volunteer time and effort are involved in creating an evening that makes our downtown come alive with festive activity. This effort has been increasing in popularity over the years, with excited children and their families taking advantage of the fun. Twenty-seven downtown businesses and organizations actively participated in the sticker map ad-

venture this year. We appreciate the financial and additional support of this merry seasonal endeavor: Alpha Delta Kappa, Bibens Ace Hardware, Boc-caccio's, Nicole Capen, Claremont Savings Bank, HB Energy Solutions, Kelley Sales & Service, Lawrence & Wheeler, Mascoma Bank, Mr. G's, People's United Bank, Springfield Garden Club, Springfield Health & Rehab, Springfield Housing Authori-ty, Springfield Medical Care Systems, and Springfield Orthodontics. From Springfield On the Move, Sandy MacGillivray and Executive Director Stephen Plunkard



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Dear Santa, I love you. because you give us gifts and because you are nice. What I want for christmas is a Baby. I am going to give you cookies for christmas.

love, Emma

Age: 7 School: Elm Hill

Dear Santa, I want a play date with Avery and I want more hatching mols any last year I want a happy christmas.

love, Preslynn

Age: 8 School: Elm Hill

Dear Santa, I want an ipod because I thank I'm responsible for it and a charger

love, Hailee

Age: 7 School: Elm Hill

Dear Santa, I want a tablet a Nintendo 3DS. I want a game called Animal Crossing Nintendo 3DS and a swing + hangers up in a tree.

love, McKenna

Age: 7 School: Elm Hill

Dear Santa, I love you. because you give us gifts and because you are nice. What I want for christmas is a Baby. I am going to give you cookies for christmas.

love, Emma

Age: 7 School: Elm Hill

Dear Santa, I would like magnets that are skinny and small. I also would like a metal tractor you are nice to me thank you

love, Dmitri

Age: School:

OBITUARIES

church services

Obituaries

Dona Marie Villemaire,
1952 – 2016

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Dona Marie Villemaire, 63, of Canal House died Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Donna was born in Springfield, Vt. on August 22, 1952 the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hamblin) Bates. She was a graduate of Springfield High School and worked at local restaurants as a waitress.

Donna is survived by her son Bill Muzzey & his partner Nancy Wheeler Sage of Westminster, Vt;

her siblings Billy, Lorraine, Harriett, Donnie, Larry, Wesley, and Sharon; her grandchildren Toni, Greg, Hanson, Mason, Arianna, Ethan, Forest, and Katie. Her baby twins and her daughter Susan Wilkinson predecease her.

There will be calling hours Thursday, December 22 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be no funeral service.

Ray Albert Lawrence, 1929 – 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Thursday December 1, Springfield lost one of its finest. Ray Albert Lawrence passed from this life to the next with an impressive personal and professional resume. Ray was born on January 11, 1929 in Ludlow Vt. His mother having died during childbirth his half-brother Harry Lawrence and his wife Florence French raised Ray as their own. The family survived the flood of 1936 which was an indelible memory for him. Ray was an alumnus of Ludlow Elementary and Chester High School Class of 1947. He served our country in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers from 1951-1953 and thoroughly enjoyed his tour. He worked for 32 years at E.R. Wiggins Builders Supply. During this time he and his father build his house in Springfield and a vacation home in Northern Vermont. After his retirement at age 65 he worked for Western Auto Assoc., Red House Press, Midway Oil, Precision Con-

tract Image Tek Corp finally retiring again at age 78.

Ray was a member of the Springfield Junior Chamber of Commerce, Vermont Junior Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Rotary, and Springfield Assoc. for Retarded Children, The Peru Congregational Church, and served two terms as Justice of the Peace in Springfield.

He was predeceased by siblings Gladys Walker, Barbara Fogg, Helen Willard, and by his lifetime dear friend Kermit Reilly. He is survived by a nephew David Walker and many great nieces and great nephews. Contributions in his honor should be directed to the Peru Congregational Church Bathroom Fund, O Box 212 Peru, and VT 05152. Services were held on Dec. 9.

Adams Funeral Home, Chester assisted his family with arrangements.

Stanley J. Karpinski, 1929 – 2016

CLAREMONT, N.H. -Stanley J. Karpinski, 87, of Claremont, N.H. passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with his family by his side.

Stan was born on July 3, 1929, in North Walpole, the son of Stanley and Eva Karpinski.

He graduated from Bellows Falls High School and later from the University of New Hampshire.

Stan was in the US Army and then in the Army Reserves. He served at the end of the Korean War and after 30 years, retired as a Colonel. He also worked as a pharmaceutical salesman for more than 25 years, traveling all over New England.

Stan loved to play with his grandchildren, Sophia, Ava, Nate and Noah. He also enjoyed reading and watching the Red Sox and Patriots and following UNH Football.

Stan is survived by his son, Stanley Karpinski and his wife, Cara of Chesapeake, VA; his daughter, Kori Costa and her husband, Sal of Hanover, N.H.; his son, Adam Karpinski and his wife, Amy of Buckingham, PA; seven grandchildren including Chris, Phil and Hailey; his sisters, Arlene Marro of Claremont, N.H., Phyllis Martin of Newport and Claire Barbieri and her husband, Bruce of Glastonbury, CT.

He was predeceased by his wife,



Stanley J. Karpinski, 1929 - 2016
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Eudora Karpinski in 2012.

Visiting hours were held at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Tuesday, December 20 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m..

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph Church in Claremont, N.H. at 11 a.m. with Father Shawn Therrien officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Donations may be made in his memory to St. Joseph Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 824, Claremont, N.H. 03743.

To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

Bonnie Lee Keefe, 1944 – 2016

WALPOLE, N.H. - Bonnie Lee Keefe, 72, of Main Street died Sunday, December 11, 2016. Bonnie was born in La Salle, IL on March 18, 1944, the daughter of Daryl and Dorothy (Dickinson) Lane. She earned a bachelor's degree in busi-

ness and worked for Child Protective Services in Johnson County, TX.

Her husband Charles J. Keefe of Walpole survives her.

Per Bonnie's wishes, there will be no services.

ALSTEAD, NH

THIRD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALSTEAD, RIVER ST. Sundays at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Maureen Lasell. Find us on Facebook (Third Congregational Church) or call 603-835-6358.

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OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 168 CEMETERY RD. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Fellowship meal at 12 p.m. Afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT

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CHESTER, VT

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CLAREMONT, NH

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LUDLOW, VT

THE UNITED CHURCH OF LUDLOW (UCC AND METHODIST), 48 PLEASANT ST.

Eleanor B. Spencer, 1925 – 2016

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. Eleanor B. Spencer 91, passed away at her home on Thursday evening December 15, 2016. She was born January 4, 1925 in Barnard, Vt. the daughter of Roy H. II and Hazel (Badger) Barnes. She attended schools in Woodstock, graduating from Woodstock High School.

On June 21, 1951 she married Leslie O. Spencer in North Pomfret, Vt. He predeceased her on April 23, 1990.

She worked as a telephone operator in Woodstock, a secretary, a cook for the hot lunch program at the Perkinsville School, and as a seamstress from her home in Perkinsville for many years.

Eleanor enjoyed nature, walking and caring for her flower gardens.

She is survived by two daughters – Nancy Bladyka and her husband Paul J. of Springfield, Vt. and Mary Jane Tetreault of Perkinsville, Vt. two grandsons – Tyler Bladyka and his wife Jennifer, and Jesse Bladyka and his wife Michelle. Also by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, one daughter Victoria, son-in-law Jeffrey Tetreault, three brothers – Charles Barnes and his wife Cecilia, Wesley Barnes, and



Eleanor B. Spencer, 1925 - 2016
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Roy H. Barnes III, and by one sister Hazel Barnes Dana.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield on Wednesday evening December 21, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Reverend Lucile Grambling will officiate.

Burial will be in the Grout Cemetery in Perkinsville in the Spring.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Vermont Food Bank, 33 Parker Road Wilson Industrial Park, Barre, Vermont 05641 or at www.vtfoodbank.org.

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Horvath, Co-Rectors of the parish, will be conducting the service. What better way is there to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord than attending what could be considered an early Midnight Mass. There will be no services on Christmas Day. There will be a simple said Eucharist on New Year's Eve, also known as Christmas I, at 4:00 p.m. Like all services at St. Mark's this is open to everyone.

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Dr. Mozaffari of Greater Falls Dentistry stands with McKinley Ruskowski. McKinley won a gift basket including a \$100 amazon gift card for being the 2016 no cavity club winner!

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

Here's hoping each and every one of you has a very enjoyable Holiday Season and take in some chestnuts roasting on an open fire, but do not have Jack Frost nipping at your nose.

This was the most scattered beginning of a winter sports season that I ever remember. The New Hampshire Girls basketball teams started practicing November 14th, the New Hampshire boys took the court a week later on the 21st, while those on the Vermont side of the Connecticut River didn't begin until after Thanksgiving on the 28th. As a coach, I hate the late Vermont start, however it is student and athlete friendly, allowing everyone to enjoy Thanksgiving Weekend.

Fall Mountain football coach John Callahan has stepped down and it looks like the Fall Mountain powers that be, are putting their heads down and going full throttle ahead with the program. Athletic Director Gordon Danserau is playing it coy in letting me know that he knows that there are real football people, who have expressed interest. I know he is telling the truth because friends of former Newport coach Larry McElreavy, who recently coached Newport to a state title, said he would love to give the job a crack, but he had made a two-year commitment to Pembroke Academy. For those who don't know, McElreavy has been a life as a coach at all levels, including leaving his mark at Columbia University. McElreavy has passed his 70th birthday; don't be surprised if he coaches for a number of more seasons. Danserau's expressed interest comment went well beyond McElreavy, so who else could there be?

The Wildcats do plan on competing at the varsity level next year and already have their schedule in hand. The 2017 version is much like the 2016 version; they open Labor Day weekend on the road at Interlakes and have the same number of seemingly alike opponents, three. They don't face Raymond this time around; instead have Farmington/Nute, a similar opponent. The home opener is against Kearsarge in the seasons third week. Sending out the Holiday spirit, hoping somehow interest picks up for the sport in Langdon.

It will be the same old thing in Vermont with Bellows Falls in Division II and Springfield in Division III in football next fall. We were hoping that those in charge would see the light and make four divisions, but that is not what happened. For BF, the present set-up works, yet it still makes things very difficult for Springfield. To us, there is too much humbug in Vermont football. There were several changes and Mount Anthony, Spaulding, Union-32 and Otter Valley will be joining BF in D-II and Burlington and Mount Mansfield will be going up to Division I. Since there will be twelve teams in the Division now, there will only be eight regular season games

and three weeks of play-offs, signaling a change there. Springfield's case is just the opposite; they hope to go to a nine-week regular season and two weeks of play-offs there in Division III. I believe they didn't think that through well enough and many teams will have trouble finding more than seven games to play (unless they play some of their own division teams twice). Division III does lose Union-32 and Otter Valley, which could be a help to the Cosmos.

In case anyone was wondering what my perfect Vermont football system would be: they would have four divisions and the alignment would be decided by both the formula system presently used by the Vermont Independent Football League and the eye test of a well schooled three to five person executive committee. Placement could be appealed, but it would be better to present briefs ahead of time to state where one belongs.

My division I would include: Middlebury, Rutland, Essex, Champlain Valley Union, Bellows Free Academy of St. Albans, Hartford, Colchester and Brattleboro. Division II would be made up of Burlington, South Burlington, Mount Mansfield, Rice, Burr + Burton, Mount Anthony, Bellows Falls and Spaulding. Division III would include Union 32, Lyndon, North Country, Mount Abraham, Otter Valley, Milton, Fair Haven, Mill River, Windsor and Woodstock and this would leave Missisquoi, Springfield, Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax, Poultnery/Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Oxbow. Divisions I thru III would play nine games (two non-league in Divisions I and II) and have two weeks of play-offs and Division IV would play each team in their own division home and away with noplay-offs needed unless there was a tie for first place. This formula would not take into account at least a couple of rivalry games played against Division IV teams (Bellows Falls-Springfield and Fair Haven-Poultnery/MSJ) BUT, we encourage the Vermont Principal Association allowing these matchups in the last week of the scrimmage season being played in a game format, charging admission, BUT, not counting on the record. The truth is, they are both glorified exhibitions at the moment.

In closing today, the area lost a sportsman recently who should be remembered. Bellows Falls High School graduate Paul Aumand, who spent much of the later part of his life in Orange, Massachusetts, was a tremendous athlete in both football and basketball, going on to play both sports at a high level at St.Michael's College before returning to his beloved North Walpole. Even though Aumand lived in North Walpole, he helped kids on both sides of the river. He built an outdoor basketball court on the property of North Walpole Elementary School and ran leagues for persons of all ages. I grew up in Bellows Falls, but I felt he cared about me personally as much as those across the river. He did various things to help build his own community. One thing I just learned last week though was that more than once, he took his high-level hoop game to Boston Garden. During the fifties, Bellows Falls and Rutland had very high-level semi-pro basketball teams and they were attractive barnstormers. They were good enough to play more than once, as a prelim to the Boston Celtics. Aumand also coached baseball at the varsity level for Fall Mountain and served as Legion coach at BF. Aumand lived to be 88 and now it is time for this great contributor to rest. That you "Paulie", you were a great man.



Pee Wee Football

The Packers completed an undefeated season in winning their third straight Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football Championship.

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First time entrant Sampsell wins Dari Joy baseball contest

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Joseph Sampsell entered the Dari Joy baseball contest with his entry sent on April 3 at 7:42 p.m., one day before the Chicago Cubs began their quest for the 2016 World Series championship, which remained in doubt, until the end of the tenth inning of the seventh game of the World Series This is the Sixth Annual Contest and this is the first year Sampsell has joined the fun. Still he had all the confidence in the world.

You see, first of all, Sampsell is a Red Sox fan; he made it clear, he picks with his baseball brains. He said picking the Cubs, "Was hard

for a Red Sox fan," but it did qualify his IQ by adding "but I love ice cream too." Thus, his picks which came through, including the Cubs winning the title and a second all time highest 20 points accumulated allows him plenty of ice cream, when the Dari Joy opens in April.

He basically needed all those points too. By totaling the 20 points, he outdistanced both inside plants in the contest, Dari Joy owner Rich Demuzio and sports editor Bill Murphy and by contest rules, doing that doubled all the prizes of the competition. The six winning entries will now choose by order of finish: Dari Joy gift certificates of \$100, \$50 and \$30 and from autograph baseballs signed by Craig Kimbrel, Koji Uehara and

Yoan Moncada. Murphy had totaled 18 points and would have won the tiebreaker with the second place finisher.

Sampsell picked three division champions correctly (Texas, Washington and Chicago) receiving three points each, tallied the big seven points for tabbing the Cubs as World Series winners and had single points for having Toronto, Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles in the post season.

What a difference a year makes. Sampsell's 20 points was almost double the winning total of a year ago and the four contestants, who totaled 12 (last years' winning total) finished out of the money this year. The next five places were filled with contestants, who have placed in one of the five

previous competitions. Charlie Keefe of Walpole, had 18 points to finish second, Ian Clark of Weathersfield was third (16 points), Lewis Clark and Kath Korstange of Putney, who have similar yet not exact entries tied for fourth (15). Clark won the tiebreaker by picking four last place teams correctly to Korstange's three. Sixth place went to North Walpole's Charlie O'Brien, who collected 13 points.

This year's contest high totals were basically fostered by the success of the Chicago Cubs and contestants support of their effort. The number of entrants plus the high point totals likely accumulated more total points than any previous competition. Start getting your picks ready, next years' contest begins in three months.

Walpole Basketball Hoop Shoot winners

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Elks Lodge #1619 sponsored their annual Hoop Shoot at the Walpole Middle School gym, Walpole, N.H. on December 10, 2016. Again, it proved to be another spectacular basketball event.

The contest consisted of 25 Free Throws per player, Boys/Girls, ages 8-13. The fun filled competition brought in nearly 50 players from the Bellows Falls - Charlestown region. Really nice trophies where handed out to the top three shooters in each classification.

The first place 'Foul Shooters' who are now legible to shoot in the District event that will held at the Windsor, Vt. High School, on Jan. 7, 2017 are as follows: age group 8-9: Cora Buswell / Augustine Smith, 10-11: Donna Blagrove / Walker James, 12-13 : Shea Pickering / Tristan Parker.

Everyone is invited to attend and support their favorite players from our region. The first place shooters at the Windsor District event will be invited to shoot at the Vermont State Event, Jan. 28, 2017 at the Spaulding High School in Barre, Vermont.

From there it is on to the New England Regional's, March 24-27, 2017 in Portland, Maine - and finally at the finals in Chicago, Illinois on April 22, 2017. The first Place Shooters at the finals will get their name inscribed at the Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield, MA.

A huge thank you to all the Elk & family members who volunteered their time to help make this event another rousing success: Ronda Schling, Gary McCormack, Karen Putnam, Rocky Putnam, Cheryl Baraby, Jeff Tallman, Michaila Aumand, Andrew Aumand, Richard Aumand Jr., and Rose Hayes.



Hoop Shoot winners.

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BF girls field hockey

BF #11 Madison Streeter and BF #88 Goal Keeper Emma Lober and Missisquoi #7 Mae Gates from a Field Hockey play-off game.

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GM girls soccer seniors

L to R kneeling: #3 Hanna Veysey, Coach Emily Lehet, & Molly Verespy
L to R standing: #5 Molly Verespy, #17 Skylar White, #33 Kassidy Cummings and #20 Sara Ripley

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GM boys soccer seniors

L to R: #5 Edon Selimi: #9 Artum Shetsov: #2 Ethan Hart: #6 Tuck Wunderle: #10 Ian Kehoe: Head Coach Brian Rapanotti : #8 Mack Walton: #18 Jace Provance & #11 Ryan Stocker

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Springfield girls hockey

Springfield #2 Ashleay Wilcox and #6 Ericka Schoff in Field Hockey Championship game.

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“Christmas on the Air”

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON
The Shopper

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Players “Christmas on the Air” drew a full house to the Walpole Town Hall recently.

Ray Boas handled ticket sales. “We are thrilled and overwhelmed by the turnout,” Boas said.

Boas traced this show to the lack of the 50 or so people it takes to put on the traditional Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.”

To raise money for good causes and entertain, the players pulled the show together using their March Radio Follies format. Two formal rehearsals and much individual work by the players resulted in success, organizers said.

Encouraged to bring their own dinners and drinks, attendees filled all 20 round tables with great spreads.

The Walpole Players decked the hall with Christmas wreaths, garlands and lights. They covered tables



Burns and Allen played by Barbara Kasper and Tom Durnford.

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with white tablecloths and center pieces. Party atmosphere prevailed.

Flutist Lisa Bryan drew in musicians Kimi Hasegawa, Connie Green, and Kaitlin Haskins from

Brattleboro; Donna Moore and Julie Armstrong from Keene; Melissa Richmond from Claremont; Emilie Zucker from Putney; and Sherry Willumitis and Barbara Rodgers from Springfield to play holiday music.

A few of the acts were Becca Plante reading the letter Virginia Hamilton wrote to the press asking if there was a Santa Claus.

Tara Sad answered with the editor’s famous, “Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus” reply. The letter speaks of hope.

Six women swinging hips and flicking fingers sang “Santa Baby.”

Plante and her mother, Jenny, sang “Christmas Wishes,” with part of it a solo by Plante to tons of applause.

Pianist Rich Smith nailed “Santa Baby” and “Christmas Wishes” with equal ease.

Carolyn Norback appeared as wife, little girl, little boy, and an owl.

Becca Plante, Jenny, and Ben Plante read the story of why Christmas trees are never perfect in shape. A pine tree who opens its branches to protect animals loses perfect shape. A queen honors heart, so picks pine as best.

Mike Delaney told “The Night Before Christmas” with players Samara Aldrich, Jim Baucom, Ray Boas, Lisa Bryan, Tom Dunford, Judy Epstein, Barbara Kasper, Jan Kobeski, Jean Kobeski, Jeannie Levesque, Carolyn Norback, Becky Pearson, Ben Plante, Jenny Plante, Kathy Reilly, Deb Robarge, Tara Sad and Becca Plante.

Delaney encouraged the audience to join in “Silent Night” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Adam Terrell was tech for the show.

The \$1,675 raised will go to Fall Mountain Food Shelf and Our Place Drop-in Center.

Walpole Players celebrate their 30th year in Summer 2017. They welcome new talent, and those interested can contact Ray Boas, rayboas@comcast.net.

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Black River Winter Concert does the hits

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River High School-Middle School Music Department presented its Winter Concert with a medley of holiday favorites in Black River’s Presidential Hall recently.

Katherine Herrle, Black River’s music director, conducted the choir and band and performed with the Jazz Band.

All three ensembles have been working relentlessly over the past few months to prepare for this concert, adding additional rehearsals on top of already daily rehearsals, rehearsing with the pianist, and taking advantage of combined rehearsals with the band and chorus.

The combined choir, directed by Katherine Herrle and accompanied by Diane Chartrand, started the concert with a soprano-alto-bass arrangement of “Jingle Bell Rock.”

This upbeat tune got the audience dancing in their seats, and some said, “This is the best concert I’ve seen in a long time.”

The choir then performed “Somewhere in My Memory,” a tune from “Home Alone.” The voices of the choir melted into one pure, harmonious sound, with soprano soloist Natasha Fortin.

“Bonse Aba,” a traditional Zambian piece of repertoire, provided a sharp contrast to the previous number. Soloists Ben Stanchfield, Natasha Fortin, Juliana Comstock, Aiyana Fortin, Christina LeTourneau, Sadie Kobak, and Jessie Powers sang in the traditional Zambian way, with power and confidence.

The choir then split, with one group performing “Silver Bells,” arranged by Audrey Snyder, and the second performing a “Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!” arrangement by Joyce Bacak.



Black River combined chorus at the Winter Concert.

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The Jazz Band then performed, beginning with “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer,” with soloist Bailey Matteson on the trumpet.

Madeline Veysey played tenor saxophone for “Blue Christmas” and Mary Faenza played alto saxophone for “Frosty the Snowman.” Mary and Madeline also played a duet as they performed “Baby it’s Cold Outside,” which really brought a smile to everyone’s face. Bailey Matteson and Katherine Herrle also played the drums and the piano.

The band, directed by Katherine Herrle, began with “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” with soloist Jonathan Oakes on the clarinet. Soloists Jonathan Oakes, clarinet, and Graeffn Anderson, French horn, starred in “Christmas Canon,” a combination of Pachelbel Canon and The First Noel, arranged by Michael Green. They continued with “In the Bleak Mid-Winter” by Gustav Holst, arranged by James Curnow, and finished with “Celtic Carol,” arranged by Robert Smith, starring senior soloist Alex Barton on the flute.

The combined band and chorus then performed “Sleigh Ride,” bringing a fantastic conclusion to the 2016 Winter Concert.

The audience was invited to enjoy holiday treats, provided by the Black

River Booster Club.

Music Director Katherine Herrle said she has seen tremendous growth this semester, particularly from the chorus. This is her first concert as choral director, and she said her students have done an amazing job learning their music and how to project their voices, to make up for a small choir.

In addition, this is Herrle’s first concert directing the Jazz Band.

“The Jazz Band has also learned an incredible amount in the past few months,” Herrle said. “All three students walked into Jazz Band this year having never improvised a solo on their primary instrument or having ever played the bass, piano, or drums, but they all performed wonderfully at the concert, and I’m very proud of all their hard work.”

In the coming months, Herrle plans to work with the Jazz Band to move beyond the basics and perform some pop/rock tunes, and with the band and chorus behind the scenes to improve their sight-reading skills, allowing the students to learn more complicated music and refine their performance even more.

Black River’s next concert, the Spring Concert, will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Presidential Hall, and will feature the School Chorus, Band, and Jazz Band.



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Springfield Christmas Farmers' Market

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Holiday shoppers gladly waded through the deep snow outside the United Methodist Church to reach the indoor Christmas Farmers' Market last weekend.

Most of the vendors familiar to summertime Farmers' Market patrons were set up in the church hall, decked out for Christmas.

Customers browsed through tables of crafts, homemade food, fresh eggs, and locally raised meat and poultry.

Eddie Brown of Chester said she hadn't minded the snowy drive.

"I got the last chicken!" she exclaimed, as she finished her transaction with long-time vendor Diane Moulton.

Moulton said business had been

steady throughout the morning.

"Lots of people have been coming through," she said. "Two of our usual summertime vendors didn't make it today, so the rest of us are filling in the gaps. This will be the last market until next summer, then maybe I'll be able to catch up on my housework at home."

"I start baking on Wednesday and Thursday every week before the market, so I'm out of the rhythm of cleaning."

Moulton's stand brimmed with a variety of pies, baked goods, fresh eggs, and handmade wooden bowls.

Other vendors, including the Fog family, Audrey Tarbell, and Anne Perreault, assisted shoppers with crafts and locally-produced foods. A warm feeling of community permeated the room as regulars chatted at their favorite stands and newcomers

gathered information about local farms and crafters.

"It just feels good to shop local," said one customer, carefully carrying a huge reverse-glass painted "Let It Snow" picture to his snow-covered car.

Not to be missed was the cookie walk, sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

"We're fundraising for the church," said Pastor Gerry Piper. "Everything here is homemade, but not by me."

Piper's co-worker at the popular cookie table, Louise Peale, laughed.

"No, that's true," Peale said. "She really doesn't bake."

Other church members, however, clearly devoted a lot of time to crafting a bountiful selection of cookies. Shoppers armed with metal tongs gently lifted the delicate cookies into tins.

"I'm so glad you're here," said one woman, as she carefully covered her purchases with foil. "Now I don't have to do any Christmas baking."

Happy to complete their Christmas shopping and baking, people lingered in the brightly decorated room, discussing plans for Christmas celebrations.

"We're going to have a beautiful service here on Christmas Eve at 11 p.m.," said Piper. "We'll have lots of special music. And when we all leave after the service, it will be Christmas Day."

Parishioners and shoppers smiled warmly at the thought as they trudged out into the deepening snow.



Louise Peale at the cookie table at the farmer's market. PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

Madrigals we have heard on high

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield High School Madrigals spread holiday cheer to the dedicated and hard working Union Street Elementary School

children. As the SHS students sang, children and teachers poured out of their classrooms and into the hallways to listen. Fourth grader, Collin H. said,



Holiday cheer was spread to the Union Street Elementary School children by the Springfield High School Madrigals. PHOTO PROVIDED



Later the SHS Madrigals performed over the intercom so everyone could hear the songs. PHOTO PROVIDED

"Mrs. Rounds you should put them on the intercom so everyone can hear the music"

The advice was taken, the singers with their choral director, James Chlebak prepared themselves to go "live" over the school intercom as they sang: "Good King Wenceslas", "Deck the Halls" and

"Shchedryk - Ukranian Carol".

Lore Lei B., a fifth grader later remarked, "My class was having science in the outdoor classroom when we heard the singing all the way up in the woods".

The singing filled everyone up with holiday cheer and goodwill.

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Frank Forcier and the Springfield Senior Songsters may be the house band for the Springfield Senior Center, but that doesn't mean they sound old.

The group presented a holiday concert full of vitality and cheer to a capacity crowd at the Springfield Community Center recently, and repeated the program for the Adult Day Service in Springfield and the residents of the Gill Home in Ludlow.

Jam-packed with holiday favorites, the ambitious program included more than 25 musical selections featuring 23 chorus members, as well as instrumentalists Cindy Wooton and Bob Mitchell on keyboards, Dave Coleman on guitar, and Mike Wooton on bass. Vocal soloists were Carol Jaquith, Priscilla Linberg, Val Woodbury, Andy Ohotnick, Mike Wooton, Bob Mitchell, Dave Parker, Denise Follansbee, Lorraine Zigman, and Don Gray. Sally Reeves was flute soloist.

Audience members joined in for many of the familiar carols such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Good King Wenceslas," and "We Three Kings," and, of course, there was a visit from Santa.

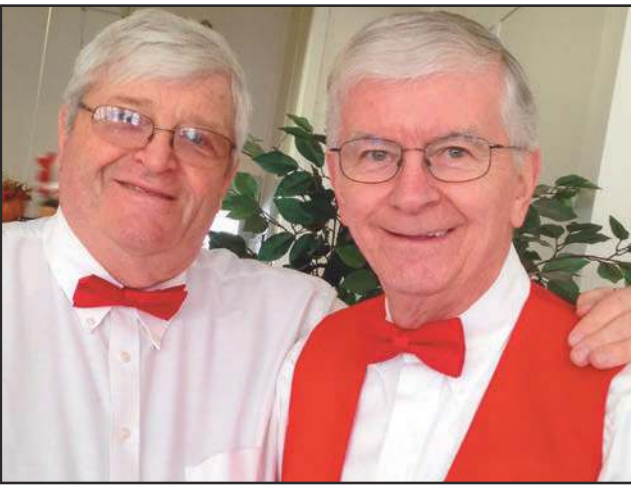
Afternoon festivities continued after the concert with refreshments provided by Senior Center regulars as well as a gift exchange.

The Springfield Senior Songsters have a long history at the

Senior Center and have provided dozens of programs over the years for Senior Center patrons and visitors, as well as throughout the community. Their annual Christmas program and summer concerts often go "on the road" to local nursing homes/rehab centers where residents enjoy the energy and positive outlook of the songsters.

Frank Forcier has directed the group for the past several years and brings an upbeat point of view to his conducting, helping each singer feel relaxed and eager to contribute. The Songsters rehearse regularly at the Senior Center and welcome new members at any time.

Heather Hall, who officially took the reins as executive director of the



Mike Wooton on left sings bass with Director Frank Forcier. PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

Springfield Senior Center in Fall 2016, was clearly proud of the Songsters and eager to promote all the great activities of the Senior Center.

Upcoming events include a trip to Bermuda in Fall 2017 and, to ring in the New Year, a concert featuring Mark Shelton, an Elvis impersonator, on Jan. 11, 2017.

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Magic Mountain will be open before Christmas

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Getting open before Christmas week for the 1st time in years, even despite closing on the purchase of Magic just last

month, Magic is set to open on December 22. The newly refurbished Black Line Tavern had its grand opening on Fri-

day, December 16, at 5 p.m. with drinks, dinner and late-night food for all travelers. Saturday, Goofy Foot was live to help celebrate the beginning of winter together.

Red Chair was inspected successfully on Tuesday and they are just finishing up some minor items for the state of Vermont so she is “red-dy” to roll for opening day.

Magic did get some snow Monday, which really helped out their base, but they will be using the new, re-vamped snowmaking system to get themselves open before Christmas.

The dedicated and enthusiastic mountain operations have been working overtime getting both lifts and snowmaking ready for all of Magic’s fans. The Black Chair realistically will be added in probably 3 weeks. So while in the short term there may be longer lines at the Red Lift during the holidays than they would like, over the long term, and most of this season, Magic’s customers will have a reliable, state-certified 2nd summit chair.

They will be open from Thursday December 22 through Monday January 2. While Magic has typically not been open on Christmas Day, it falls right on the weekend, so they have decided to do a special half-day opening for their skiers and riders from 12:30 -4 p.m. so their employees can spend Christmas morning with their families. There will be a special ticket on Christmas Day.

Now is the time to start booking local reservations and lessons for the holiday break. Check out the information and affordable rates on their website. www.magicmtn.com. Your child can even try the program for free one day during the holiday break to see how they like it. Just give Magic a call or go see them in the office.



Snowmakers at Magic are back at it, getting ready for opening day. PHOTO COURTESY MAGIC MOUNTAIN SKI FACEBOOK PAGE

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Fresh snow provides wildlife tracking opportunities

REGION – The bountiful snowfall in Vermont’s woods and field this December provides ample opportunities to head outdoors looking for signs of wildlife. Winter adventurers are encouraged to keep an eye to the snow for tracks this time of year.

While most wild animals are elusive and difficult to spot, fresh snow can be a rare opportunity to witness the abundance of nature. According to a recent survey conducted by a national polling firm, 98 percent of Vermonters expressed the importance of knowing that Vermont’s native wildlife populations are healthy, even if they do not get to see them.

“Winter provides a unique chance to glimpse into the secret world of wild animals that can otherwise remain hidden,” said Alison Thomas, education coordinator for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. “I’ve taken novices out tracking in the snow and I’m al-

ways amazed at how excited they are to realize that wildlife is all around us. It makes the otherwise quiet and seemingly empty forest come alive for them.”

Thomas says that tracking wildlife can also be a great way for people to understand the importance of habitat conservation. “Seeing tracks in the snow confirms that wildlife really is out there using the landscape, even if we don’t always see it, and illustrates that it is on the move. Wildlife need healthy and connected

forests and waters to weather winter successfully and move between food and shelter safely.”

Thomas encourages Vermonters to submit tracking photos on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department Facebook page for help identifying difficult tracks, or if they find something interesting or unusual.

“You don’t have to be an expert to start looking for tracks,” added Thomas. “Even deer or turkeys are easy to spot and identify in fresh snow. And a mouse’s tail dragging

through the soft snow always gives it away.”

Several resources are available for Vermonters interested in learning more about wildlife tracks. Audubon Vermont runs several tracking workshops throughout the winter that are geared towards families and for adults. And Keeping Track is a nonprofit that runs trainings and workshops, in addition to having books and other wildlife tracking resources for sale on their website.



December's fresh snow provides ample opportunities for wildlife tracking in Vermont. Tracks seen in photo are Black Bear tracks. PHOTO PROVIDED

Ice safety tips

REGION – The recent arrival of cold temperature has formed early-season ice on Vermont ponds, lakes and rivers. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds winter enthusiasts that ice should never be considered safe and ice conditions vary.

“We are urging all outdoor enthusiasts – people going ice fishing, cross-country skiers, hikers, and snowmobilers -- to be extremely cautious and prepared if they are going to venture out on any ice,” said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. “Ice conditions can vary dramatically on different parts of a lake. Remember, even though it may look thick enough on the surface, moving water from currents, rivers and springs can cause ice to form unevenly.”

“Once we have sustained cold weather to form good ice, activities such as ice fishing can be safe and a lot of fun,” said Porter, “but when we go onto the ice, we need to use good judgment and observe several

safety precautions.”

Here are some safety precautions to keep you safe on the ice:

- Leave your car or truck on shore. Every year several motor vehicles go through the ice on Vermont lakes, and some people have drowned as a result.
- Leave information about your plans with someone -- where you intend to fish and when you expect to return.
- Wear a personal flotation device and don't fish alone.
- Fish with a friend. Ice fishing is a great sport to share with family members and friends, and having a partner with you increases both the fun and the safety.
- Ice varies in thickness and condition. Always carry an ice spud or chisel to check ice as you proceed.
- Be extremely cautious crossing ice near river mouths, points of land, bridges, islands, and over reefs and springs. Current almost always causes ice to be thinner over these areas.

- Avoid going onto the ice if it has melted away from the shore. This indicates melting is underway, and ice can shift position as wind direction changes.
- Waves from open water can quickly break up large areas of ice. If you can see open water in the lake and the wind picks up, get off!
- Bring your fully charged cell phone with you.
- Carry a set of hand spikes to help you work your way out onto the surface of the ice if you go through. Holding one in each hand, you can alternately punch them into the ice and pull yourself up and out. You can make these at home, using large nails, or you can purchase them at stores that sell fishing supplies.
- Carry a safety line that can be thrown to someone who has gone through the ice.
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	Lifts	Snow Depth	Snowfall
<u>Sugarbush</u>	9 / 16	36"	2" (12/19)
<u>Killington Resort</u>	12 / 21	24"	0" (12/19)
<u>Okemo Mountain Resort</u>	10 / 20	20"	0" (12/19)
<u>Stratton Mountain</u>	7 / 11	20"	0" (12/19)

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**TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 3:00pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan 9th 2017 at the Town Hall, for a Preliminary Plat Review of a Minor Sub-Division (application #492)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Hugh and Nancy Pennell
APPLICANT: Don Stein
LOCATION: 465 Pennell Rd
DISTRICT: Residential 120 (R120)
ACTION REQUESTED: Sub-divide the existing 70.5 acres parcel into two smaller ones. Lot 1 will be 57.6 acres and Lot 2 will be 12.94 acres

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board

Michael Normyle
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**TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on January 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for Local Flood Hazard Review, located in the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Town Residential District.

APPLICANT:Robert Ross
Maria Ross
227 Capron Farm Drive
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
PROPERTY LOCATION: 139 Buttermilk Falls Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 030131.000
REASON FOR HEARING: Application for Flood Hazard Review to remodel the existing home, located in the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Town Residential District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 447-17-FHR

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing.

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**TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 3:45pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan 9th 2017 at the Town Hall, for a Preliminary Plat Review of a Minor Sub-Division (application #493)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Daniel Putnam, Marsha Putnam-Call, Richard Putnam and Paul Putnam Est
APPLICANT: Don Stein
LOCATION:159 River St.
DISTRICT: Residential 40 (R40)
ACTION REQUESTED: Sub-divide the existing 4.99 acre parcel into two smaller ones.Lot 1a will be 1.78 acres and Lot 1b will be 3.21 acres

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For the Development Review Board
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**TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on January 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Subdivision, located in the Town Residential District.

APPLICANT: David P. Creaser, III
Susan L. Creaser
245 South Hill Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 245 South Hill Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 070323.000
REASON FOR HEARING: Application to allow for a subdivision creating 2 lots, located in the Town Residential District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB17-003

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WEDNESDAYS-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204.

THURSDAYS-
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WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center (802) 674-6783.

FRIDAYS-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 9 - 11 a.m. creative movement activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at (802) 885-2727

SATURDAYS-
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WEEKLY -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Come swim with a great group of adults in our Masters Swim Group at the Edgar May Center. The group, beginning Jan. 2, meets twice per week on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. The group is comprised of a wide range of abilities including new swimmers. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The next session of swimming lessons will begin on January 8. Youth swim lessons are offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Current classes available including our Parent and Toddler class in our warm water therapy pool as well as levels 1, 2, and 3. Our adult swim lessons are on Thursday mornings and feature three levels: Stroke Development, Stroke Improvement, and Stroke Refinement. We also offer a special class, Swimming for the petrified by appointment call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

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CLUBS

MONDAYS -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Rotary club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main Street from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive through. Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President, Tesha Buss at teshabuss@gmail.com

THURSDAYS -
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Rotary Club meets at The Charlestown Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Summer Street. For more information email rayandrosie@concast.net

SATURDAYS -
MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and

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**TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on January 9, 2017, at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Planned Residential Development Permit located in the Mountain Recreational District.

APPLICANT: Winterplace COA
PO Box 370
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

PROPERTY OWNER/LOCATION:
Anthony & Carolyn Forlenzo
19 Whiteloop A204 Winterplace
030211.008

Marc & Lisa Pensabene
22 Harrison Lane L303Winterplace
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Mark & Barbara Engel
81 White Loop F303 Winterplace
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Todd & Jennifer Gjervold
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Geraldine Reilly
42 Harrison Lane M306
030216.018

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider an amendment to a Planned Residential Development Permit to change the attic space into a bonus room instead of the currently permitted bedroom. The project is located in the Mountain Recreational District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 081-94-PRD; Amendment No. 8

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

CLUBS CONT.

SATURDAYS CONT. - set up a still life. The sessions are open to all and completely FREE of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper.

SUNDAYS- WOODSTOCK, Vt. - The Upper Valley Curling Club will play each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. from January 8 through March 19 at the Union Arena in Woodstock. The club invites anyone with an interest in the sport of curling to join them this winter. There is a non member charge is for the evening. For those who need it, the club supplies curling equipment. Union Arena is located on the grounds of the Woodstock Union High School on Route 4 just 1½ miles west of the Woodstock village. For more information on league play, drop-in games, or clinics please e-mail uppervalleycurling@gmail.com or visit www.uppervalleycurling.org.

EVENTS

FRIDAY, DEC. 23- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Send the kids ages 6+ for up to four hours of supervised fun! Limited to 25 youth. Pizza, healthy beverages an and afternoon snack, gift wrapping supplies are provided. Bring: towel, swim gear, gifts that need wrapping. 12 – 4 p.m. at EdgarMay Health and Recreation Center. Limited to 25 youth. Pre-registration and advance payment required by calling 885-2658 or online at www.myreccenter.org

MONDAY, DEC. 26 - WESTON, Vt. - Meet at 9am at the Weston Town Office by the Weston green to car pool to the trail head. Hike or snowshoe (depending on conditions) the Rootbeer Ridge Loop with its excellent winter views. Bring extra clothes, lunch and snacks and fluids, a headlamp just in case (dark comes really early at this time), hiking poles are helpful. 8.5 miles round trip from the winter parting lot, about 700 feet elevation change, moderately difficult. RSVP to

Andrew Harper at 802-824-3139 or ap_harper@hotmail.com

SATURDAY, JAN. 7- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us on January 7 and help us celebrate 10 years of good health in our community. The EdgarMay will be FREE for anyone to use throughout the day and we will be offering a wide range of FREE classes, demonstrations, and give-a-ways. Checkout www.myreccenter.org for more details and a schedule of events or call 802-885-2568

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY – PUTNEY, Vt. - Dinner and A Movie. At each event, at 5:30 p.m., the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at the newly-renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd.

THURSDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine Ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style.

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, Raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Any info. needed call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051.

LIBRARIES

TUESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. –Fletcher Memorial Library off Main St. for “Crafty Tuesdays,” from 3 to 4 p.m. for kindergarten through grade six age children.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt.– 10 a.m Story Time. Stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. Springfield Library.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story

time for Toddlers and PreK , at the Silsby Free Library, from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger plays. Session includes play time, an activity and a story time. Free and open to all.

WEDNESDAYS – ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Preschoolers join Jordan for stories, fun and a simple craft. Contact wplyouthservices@gmail.com or 802-674-2863. Weathersfield Proctor Library 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Saturdays: 10 – 11 a.m.

LUDLOW, Vt. - DCF Book Club meets Wednesday from 4 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. For grades four through eight. Join us each week as the librarian reads aloud from this months' book club selection

WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library! 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call (802) 824-4307

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool and Toddler Story Time every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. 802-674-2556. www.windsorlibrary.org (802) 674-2556

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Silsby Library, 226 Main St. will host the Roaming Readers at 9 a.m. In an effort to be active before the winter months, the library is starting a book club that meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Join us in front of the library as we walk our beautiful stretch of town and discuss the latest

books we have been reading. Make sure to wear comfortable sneakers!

FRIDAYS- CHESTER, Vt. - Story Time at Whiting Library from 10: 30 - 11 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of Library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a Library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY – WINDSOR, Vt. - The Yo-Yo Club meets at 2:45 p.m. at Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. All ages are welcome. Bring your own yo-yo, or let us help you purchase a yo-yo, also available to borrow for classes and to check out through the library. Call 802-674-2556, www.windsorlibrary.org.

MEETINGS

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7 - 8 p.m., 44 School Street, Bellows Falls 05101 Please call 802-376-3507.

FIRST TUESDAY- ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Abeniqui Snowmobile Club is holding our regular business meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (September through May) at 7 p.m. at the

Bellows Falls Fire Department. For more information, you can contact George Berube, Trails Master at 802-869-2593.

TUESDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Smoking Cessation class to be held at Neighborhood Connections, 5700 Route 100, from 6– 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1 – 2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org.

TUESDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. 12 – 2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 885-7511.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Just Us Moms Program (JUMP). Come with your children. Have dinner with other moms in the area, learn about resources, and have fun while your children play, and eat dinner. 5 – 7 p.m. at Cherry Hill School Contact Michelle 275-7871

FIRST TUESDAY - WINDSOR, Vt. – Cedar Hill is Proud to Announce our New Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they’ve been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. From 3:30–5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Dr. (off Rte. 5).

WEDNESDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

THURSDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group from 2 – 3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group’s goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at: 802-289-1982

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
PART-TIME ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking applicants for the part-time position of Zoning Administrator (Administrative Officer). The ZA administers the Londonderry Zoning Bylaws, works with the Development Review Board, acts as Floodplain Administrator and reports to the Select Board. The opening is immediate and entails approximately 8-10 hours per week.

Please contact Town Administrator Stephanie Thompson at 802-824-3356 or townadmin@londonderryvt.org. for the job description and more information.

The deadline for applications is Friday December 23rd. Please note, Nearby towns are also searching for a ZA. It is possible that an applicant could be a candidate for multiple positions.

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Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continued misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

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arts & entertainment

Weston Playhouse’s Weston 101 returns this winter

WESTON, Vt. - The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company’s Weston 101, a series of entertaining and interactive classes in anticipation of the productions in its 2017 season, returns for its second year with reduced prices and an array of artists participating live and via video link.

Hosted by Weston Director of Education/Artistic Associate Piper Goodeve and featuring artists from the theatre’s summer productions,

Weston 101 will be held on select Thursday evenings in January, February, and March in the Hunter Seminar Room at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester and live streaming via your home computer. Engage with members of the upcoming productions, such as Directors Michael Berresse, Malcolm Ewen, Tim Fort, and Steve Stettler, Actor Susan Haefner, Musical Director Larry Pressgrove, Choreographer Michael Raine, and more to

be announced.

“Last year’s inaugural series was a great success, with dozens of class members joining us both live and online,” comments Goodeve. “We’ve reduced the price this year to reach even more theatre lovers, and registration can be done online 24/7 via our website.” Participants can take individual sessions or the entire series at a discount, with access to online materials, an optional reading list, and archived video

of all classes.

Each 90-minute session will include an introduction to the play and playwright(s), live reading and listening, informal discussion, and Q&A. Guest artists talk about their visions of the plays and their parts in bringing them to life. Best of all... no homework, no tests, no grades, and you can take any class you want from the comfort of your own home.

As a special bonus, all Weston

101 participants are invited for a class reunion in the summer, including a post-show talk back, a private backstage tour, and a sneak peek at Weston’s new second stage, slated to open in the fall of 2017. Weston 101 is sponsored by the Northshire Bookstore and offered in partnership with Burr and Burton Academy and the Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning.

Dates/Times: January 19, Buyer

and Cellar; February 2, Tenderly; February 16, Lost in Yonkers; March 2, Once; March 16, The Music Man; March 30, Long Day’s Journey into Night. All classes from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Registration: www.westonplayhouse.org or contact Director of Education/Artistic Associate Piper Goodeve at pgoodeve@westonplayhouse.org. For further information about Weston 101 and Weston’s 2017 season, visit westonplayhouse.org.

Art and music is in the air

CHESTER, Vt. - Art and Music is in the air this holiday season at 295 Main Street in Chester, Vermont! Come out to the green in Chester on Thursday, December 22 for some local fun with Community Art Garden and Moon Dog Cafe as they extend their hours from 5 – 7 p.m. Community Art Garden will have several tables of crafts for all ages (for a fee) as well as locally

handmade gifts for sale all to benefit our small community art studio. Featuring live holiday music by some of our area children, it will be merry and bright!

Come treat yourself to a hot cocoa or a mocha latte from one of the best cafes around or pick up something to take home for dinner or some last minute gifts or stocking stuffers. It is bound to be

a festive time and a great way to show support for locally made art, food and music this holiday season. The entire green is staying open until 7 p.m. Thursday as well, so you can follow the festive lights to all the participating shops and see what other treats you can bring home.

Bring a non-perishable food item for our local food shelf (one per person) to the Community Art Garden for \$1 off of your craft fees for the evening. It’s a beautiful time of year to connect with community. Come share the warmth of the season!

Special Broadway musical will be featured this holiday season

LUDLOW, Vt. - FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will offer a bonus for the holiday season by streaming the hit Broadway musical, “She Loves Me” during the Christmas week on Wednesday, December 28 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

This musical is a charming story of two co-workers in a perfume store in Budapest have great difficulty dealing with one another - yet, neither one realizes that they are the same penpal



“She Loves Me” will be feautured Dec. 28. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Elf on the Shelf

After all the fresh powder Vermont received recently, Jack decided to have some fun making a snow angel.

Stay tuned!
We will publish a picture of Jack WEEKLY through Christmas!

Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @VermontJournal for our DAILY posts of Jack bringing Christmas sprit, and mischief, to our office throughout December!

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River Theater Company announces audition dates for spring production

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Looking for a fun activity to make the winter pass quickly that involves snakes, fireworks, artists of varying abilities, an interesting tax scheme, visitors from Russia and lots of laughs? Auditions for the River Theater Company’s spring production of the George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart’s classic comedy You Can’t Take it With You will be held Sunday, January 8, from 3 - 6 p.m. and Wed, January 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., in the upstairs theater at the Charlestown Town Hall. Performances are April 29, and May 5, 6 and 7 at the Charlestown Town Hall. The production will be co-directed by RTC Board member Jeanie Levesque and her husband, Bill Lockwood, who have both been involved in many area productions.

The much-loved Pulitzer Prize winning play was also made into a film, which won Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Director. The story involves three gen-

erations of a quirky but loving and very lovable family living under the same roof, and their often surprised and surprising visitors. The cast includes a wide range of 19 characters of all ages from about 18 years old.

A synopsis of the play, as well as a complete description of the characters and a copy of the script are all readily available online. If you are unable to make these audition dates, please contact Jeanie Levesque @ 603 445 7037 or breakaleg1@comcast.net to make other arrangements.

The River Theater Company is a family- oriented community theater group that has been providing performance opportunities to Connecticut River Valley children and adults for over a decade. We always welcome new members who are interested in performing or working in technical and other capacities. For more information please email breakaleg1@comcast.net.

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Santa brings magic and joy to Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - As part of a long-standing annual tradition, the Chester Rotary Club coordinated a much-anticipated visit by some very special friends. On Thursday, December 15, Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, The Grinch, and an entourage of elves came to Kurn Hattin Homes and went from cottage to cottage with a magical sack of presents for the wide-eyed children!

Each home was decorated with colored lights and garlands of green in anticipation of their arrival. Children could be heard squealing with delight, and seen jumping up and down in the doorways as Santa approached, his sleigh bells jingling as he came up the path. He had too many



Children smiled and hugged their toys as they expressed their gratitude. PHOTO PROVIDED

presents to fit down the chimneys. Shouts of joy accompanied the tearing of paper, and

the children smiled and hugged their toys as they expressed their gratitude. Even the dusty termite-ridden heart of the Grinch was forever changed by their happiness, and he handed out gifts to them, as well. Everyone enjoyed punch and frosted cookies made by the children and house parents. Later, delicious pizzas provided by the Club arrived for all of the cottages.

Kurn Hattin Homes wishes to thank the Rotary Club of Chester, Community Friends of Rotary, The Interact Club of Green Mt. Union High School, the employees of the Vermont Country Store, Bill and Leigh Dakin, Nancy Davis, and Tuck Wunderle.



Santa, Mrs. Claus, The Grinch, and some very special elves delivered a magical sack of presents for the Kurn Hattin children. PHOTO PROVIDED

Bidi Dworkin to offer vocal improvisation workshops —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Discover your unique voice during a two-part vocal improvisation workshop, which is open to anyone who enjoys singing. Bidi Dworkin, jazz singer, recently completed a yearlong vocal improvisation immersion with Rhiannon (All The Way In) - an intensive supported by the Vermont Council of the Arts. "Vocal improvisation is fun, creative, musical and often transformative," says Ms. Dworkin.

"It creates a bridge to self-expression, communication and community building."

The workshops are at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Tuesday, January 10 and Thursday, January 12 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. All are invited to come to one or both of these workshops that are offered at no charge. Reservations are necessary, so call 824-4343 to register. Each session begins with gentle stretching to tune the body

and awaken the breath, so participants are asked to wear comfortable clothing. Check out Bidi's website at www.bididworkin.com.

At these workshops, participants will play with melody, rhythm, language and harmony; explore the rainbow of colors inherent in our voices; and join with other singers to create vocal landscapes, soulful harmonies and impromptu sonic masterpieces.

January winter events in Vermont

REGION - The return of winter and plenty of snow will make this January in Vermont a paradise for outdoor sports enthusiasts. Visitors to Vermont will find no shortage of destinations to enjoy skiing and riding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing or a host of other recreational opportunities in our picturesque winter conditions.

In addition to the outdoor sports, there are plenty of other cultural and recreational activities that await in Vermont next month. Below are many of Vermont's top events for January, 2017.

Vermont State Parks Free First Day Hikes January 1, Statewide Start the New Year on the right foot with a hike in a Vermont State Park. Join one of the free-guided hikes taking place in state parks and forests throughout the state. Hike leaders will include professional guides and outdoor educators, sharing their knowledge and love of the Vermont outdoors.

World's Largest Ski/Snowboard Lesson January 6, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Jeffersonville Smugglers' Notch is delighted to again be a part of this fun event. All over the country, participating resorts will organize a lesson at 10:00 a.m. In addition to attracting newcomers to snow sports in a fun way, this group effort will try to set a new Guinness World Record for the largest ski and snowboard lesson.

Überwintern Fatbike Festival January 7, Stowe The Stowe Mountain Bike Club and Mountain Bike Vermont are at it again in 2017, bringing you Vermont's best antidote to the winter blues—Überwintern. It's a day of fat bike revelry on a powder-packed single track for people who want to keep charging on two wheels through the depths of winter.

Okemo Let it Glow Laser Show and Fireworks January 14, Okemo Mountain Resort, Ludlow Okemo presents a laser light show spectacular with colorful lasers projected on the Bull Run Trail and into the night sky just outside Okemo's Clock Tower base lodge. A

fireworks finale will cap the evening's colorful display.

Stowe Winter Carnival January 14-28, Stowe The 43rd Stowe Winter Carnival celebrates the 2017 winter season, as it highlights many reasons why people visit the winter wonderland of Stowe. Festivities include an ice carving competition at Stowe Mountain Resort, zany snow sporting events and an ice fishing derby.

Photography Outback Tour January 15, Sugarbush Resort, Warren Experience and capture the beauty of Sugarbush and the Mad River Valley with a guided photo hike. The photography workshops are centered on the area's beautiful landscapes. Enjoy the trails equipped with a DSLR or an iPhone, while experienced guides teach you the ins and outs of digital photography.

Torchlight Parade and Fireworks January 15, Mount Snow, Dover Join the fun as Mount Snow Ski & Snowboard School instructors descend the Canyon ski trail in a beautiful torchlight glow. Immediately afterward, they'll light up the sky with a huge fireworks display. The best place to watch the torchlight parade is between the Clocktower and Cape House.

Trick or Treat January 18 to February 5, Barrette Center for the Arts, White River Junction Trick or Treat is a dark comedy that brilliantly skewers a family in crisis on Halloween. A distraught husband, a nosy neighbor, and a dark secret set the wheels in motion for a night of confrontation, mystery, and relentless suspense. This world premiere is a roller-coaster ride starring

NYPD Blue's Gordon Clapp.

Jean-Michael Pilc January 21, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Hall, Middlebury Called "a dazzlingly inventive pianist" by the New York Times, Jean-Michel Pilc's solo jazz piano takes the listener on a journey crafted with unexpected landscapes and powerful emotions, using a wide range and spectrum from intimate lyricism to breathtaking virtuosity.

City of Angels January 27 to 30, Town Hall Theater, Middlebury This musical comedy is written in the contemporary jazz idiom. The winner of the 1990 Tony Award for Best Musical, City of Angels combines two plots related to a writer trying to turn his book into a screenplay. The show makes reference to the film noir genre of motion pictures that rose to prominence in the 1940s.

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Art of the Book exhibited at the library

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The work of Flood Brook eighth grade art students was on display this month at the South Londonderry Free Library. The exhibition, Art of the Book, featured a collection of handmade books and altered books created by our talented artists. Using hand decorated and imported papers, students created a variety of book forms including accordion books, star books, zip zap books, and flag books. They also gave new life to old books, altering them to create their own artists' books and sculpture. The work was on display in the Janeway wing of

the library through December 20. Congratulations to Addie Kujovsky, Devan Kajah, Emma Hall, Sage Freeman, Lindsey Bolton, Stella Turner, James Birch, Tadhg Bannon, Malachy Rukat, Bradley Wade, Walker Brown, and Simon Loomis for their fine work.

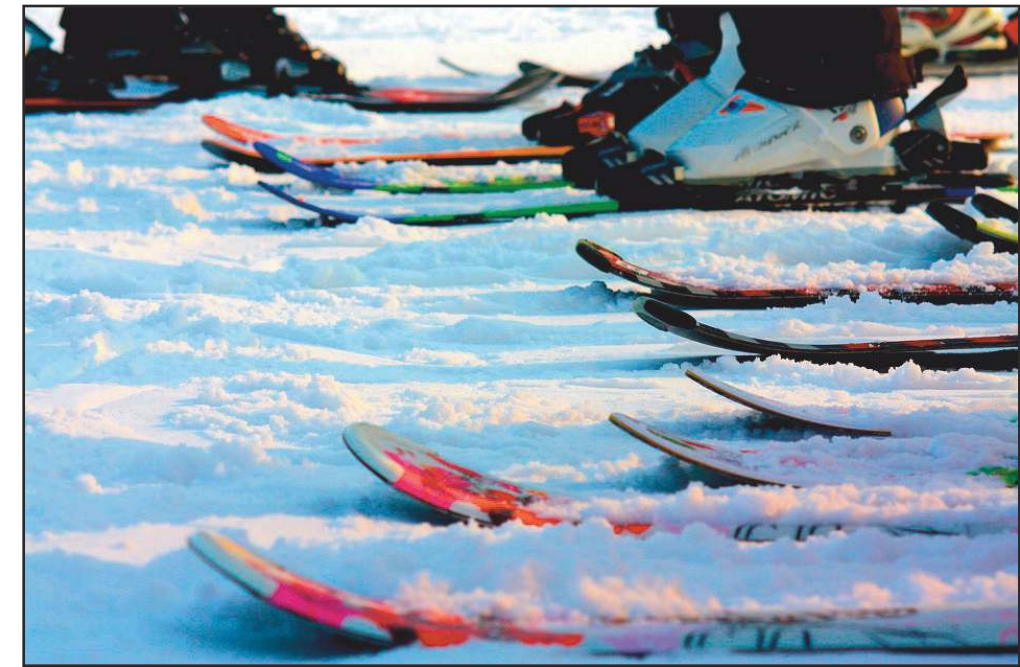
"Ask the Local Expert" about computers

WESTON, Vt. - Join Matt, owner of sydscompufix.com, a computer repair service, for a free trouble-shooting computer basics class for PC Windows users on Saturday, January 21 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bring your PC Windows laptops, tablets and other devices to the library and feel free to ask Matt questions about your specific computer trouble spots. Regis-



Have a computer question? Ask a local expert. PHOTO PROVIDED

tration is required and we encourage you to reach out to Matt directly via sydscompufix@rocketmail.com before the class so you can let him know your questions in advance. Matt will tailor his class to the needs of his students. To sign-up please contact: director@wildermemoriallibrary.org or phone 802-824-4307



First day of winter

Wednesday, Dec 21 is the first day of winter!

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SAPA TV to run New Year's 'Nymarathon'—

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - SAPA TV, Springfield's public access TV station, invites you to spend New Year's with intergalactic warlord Nymar the Uncharitable for a New Year's Nymarathon. From 10 p.m. New Year's Eve to 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day, SAPA's Public channel, Channel 8 on Comcast, Channel 1160 on VTel will run all seven



Nymar and Blinky. PHOTO PROVIDED

2016 episodes of Nymar the Uncharitable, finishing with a special new 2017 episode at 8 a.m. Portrayed by station employee Kevin Paquet, Nymar the Uncharitable hosts old movies and takes viewer questions, which can be mailed to 303 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156, Attn: SAPA TV, or emailed to asknymar@gmail.com.

Gingerbread Construction Contest

RUTLAND, Vt. - Brandy and Kristina Todt entered their creation into the Chaffee Art Center Gingerbread Construction Contest on December 14. Thirty hours of labor later, their construction of the 16th century tower house ruins, Greenan Castle, located in Ayr Scotland was complete. The cliff was made from four boxes of cocoa Rice Krispies covered in moss made from dyed graham crackers and the jagged cliff edges from smashed root beer barrel candy. The castle was gingerbread covered in tan chocolate rocks. Inside the ruins were the remains of a floor, made with dried fettuccine. Moss filled crevices and windowsills. Dried broccoli created the shrubs, and chocolate dipped grape stems were the trees. The beach was a mixture of light brown sugar and amaranth. The ocean was created from melted sugar and food coloring.



Great detail was put into every inch! PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT



Winners of the People's Choice award! PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT



The Grennan Castle gingerbread house, from Ayr, Scotland. PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

Hike Rootbeer Ridge Loop

WESTON, Vt. - Hike or snowshoe (depending on conditions) the Rootbeer Ridge Loop with its excellent winter views. Meet on Monday, Dec. 26 at 9am at the Weston Town Office by the Weston green to car pool to the trail head. Bring extra clothes, lunch and snacks

and fluids, a headlamp just in case (dark comes really early at this time), hiking poles are helpful. 8.5 miles round trip from the winter parting lot, about 700 feet elevation change, moderately difficult. RSVP to Andrew Harper at 802-824-3139 or ap_harper@hotmail.com

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Winter frost

Jenni Haynes of Claremont N.H. snapped the frost that graced the ground at her house on Dec. 20

PHOTO BY JENNI HAYNES

Make a snow globe at The VAULT



Design and create your own snow globe.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - December 27 from 10 to 12 p.m. Create your own special worlds inside jars using small figures and found objects. For children and an adult partner. There is an admittance fee. Preregister by calling 885-7111 or stop in at Gallery at the VAULT, located on 68 Main St. in Springfield and open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Ice Age Mammals on the Meadow

QUECHEE, Vt. - The Vermont Institute of Natural Science has re-opened its spectacular outdoor exhibit titled "Ice Age Mammals on the Meadow." This year, the exhibit features an Irish Elk, a Dire Wolf, a Saber-toothed Cat, and a handful of Mastodons. The sculptures will be on display in the VINS meadow for

visitors to see through April of 2017. Allow your imagination to explore the life-sized artistic works of artists Bob Shannahan and Wendy Klemperer. Through their artistic interpretations, as well as information about each animal, you'll encounter a winter landscape naturally decorated with unusual

and exotic creatures. Shannahan has been making and exhibiting his animals in New England for the past ten years. They are an extension of his landscape work and his work with school gardens. Each life-sized animal is made of a wood and metal structure covered with local plant material. Brooklyn-based sculptor

Wendy Klemperer uses scrap metals to weld together all types of creatures. Klemperer has taught welded sculpture for over a decade and annually teaches a workshop at the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in West Rutland. Her enormous eagle sculpture graces the VINS Nature Center entrance and her Great Horned Owl greets visi-

tors to the raptor exhibits. For more information about VINS and the variety of exhibits, programs, and environmental education opportunities offered, please visit www.vinsweb.org or call 802-359-5000. Stay connected with VINS through our nature blog at vt-nature.blogspot.com and our Facebook page.

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Eleven ways to help stay sane in a crazy market

REGION - Keeping your cool can be hard to do when the market goes on one of its periodic roller-coaster rides. Here are 11 ways to help keep yourself from making hasty financial decisions.

1. Have a game plan: Having predetermined guidelines that recognize the potential for turbulent times can help prevent emotion from dictating your decisions. For example, you might take a core-and-satellite approach, combining the use of buy-and-hold principles for the bulk of your portfolio with tactical investing based on a shorter-term market outlook. You also can use diversification to try to offset the risks of certain holdings with those of others. Diversification may not ensure a profit or guarantee against a loss, but it can help you understand and balance your risk in advance. And if you're an active investor, a trading discipline can help you stick to a long-term strategy.

2. Know what you own and why you own it: When the market goes off the tracks, knowing why you originally made a specific investment can help you evaluate whether your reasons still hold, regardless of what the overall market is doing. Understanding how a specific holding fits in your portfolio also can help you consider whether a lower price might actually represent a buying opportunity.

And if you don't understand why a security is in your portfolio, find out. That knowledge can be particularly important when the market goes south, especially if you're considering replacing your current holding with another investment.

3. Remember that everything is relative: Most of the variance in the returns of different portfolios can generally be attributed to their asset allocations. If you've got a well-diversified portfolio that includes multiple asset classes, it could be useful to compare its overall performance to relevant benchmarks. If you find that your investments are performing in line with those benchmarks, that realization might help you feel better about your overall strategy.

Even a diversified portfolio is no

guarantee that you won't suffer losses, of course. But diversification means that just because the S&P 500 might have dropped 10% or 20% doesn't necessarily mean your overall portfolio is down by the same amount.

4. Tell yourself that this too shall pass: The financial markets are historically cyclical. Even if you wish you had sold at what turned out to be a market peak, or regret having sat out a buying opportunity, you may well get another chance at some point. Even if you're considering changes, a volatile market can be an inopportune time to turn your portfolio inside out. A well-thought-out asset allocation is still the basis of good investment planning.

5. Be willing to learn from your mistakes: Anyone can look good during bull markets; smart investors are produced by the inevitable rough patches. Even the best investors aren't right all the time. If an earlier choice now seems rash, sometimes the best strategy is to take a tax loss, learn from the experience, and apply the lesson to future decisions. Expert help can prepare you and your portfolio to both weather and take advantage of the market's ups and downs.

6. Consider playing defense: During volatile periods in the stock market, many investors reexamine their allocation to such defensive sectors as consumer staples or utilities (though like all stocks, those sectors involve their own risks, and are not necessarily immune from overall market movements). Dividends also can help cushion the impact of price swings. According to Standard & Poor's, dividend income has represented roughly one-third of the monthly total return on the S&P 500 since 1926, ranging from a high of 53% during the 1940s to a low of 14% in the 1990s, when investors focused on growth.

7. Stay on course by continuing to save: Even if the value of your holdings fluctuates, regularly adding to an account designed for a long-term goal may cushion the emotional impact of market swings. If losses are offset even in part by new savings, your bottom-line number might not be quite so discouraging.

If you're using dollar-cost aver-

aging—investing a specific amount regularly regardless of fluctuating price levels—you may be getting a bargain by buying when prices are down. However, dollar cost averaging can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss. Also consider your ability to continue purchases through market slumps; systematic investing doesn't work if you stop when prices are down. Finally, remember that the return and principal value of your investments will fluctuate with changes in market conditions, and shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when you sell them.

8. Use cash to help manage your mind-set: Cash can be the financial equivalent of taking deep breaths to relax. It can enhance your ability to make thoughtful decisions instead of impulsive ones. If you've established an appropriate asset allocation, you should have resources on hand to prevent having to sell stocks to meet ordinary expenses or, if you've used leverage, a margin call. Having a cash cushion coupled with a disciplined investing strategy can change your perspective on market volatility. Knowing that you're positioned to take advantage of a downturn by picking up bargains may increase your ability to be patient.

9. Remember your road map: Solid asset allocation is the basis of sound investing. One of the reasons a diversified portfolio is so important is that strong performance of some investments may help offset poor performance by others. Even with an appropriate asset allocation, some parts of a portfolio may struggle at any given time. Timing the market can be challenging under the best of circumstances; wildly volatile markets can magnify the impact of making a wrong decision just as the market is about to move in an unexpected direction, either up or down. Make sure your asset allocation is appropriate before making drastic changes.

10. Look in the rear-view mirror: If you're investing long term, sometimes it helps to take a look back and see how far you've come. If your portfolio is down this year, it can be easy to forget any progress you may already

have made over the years. Though past performance is no guarantee of future returns, of course, the stock market's long-term direction has historically been up. With stocks, it's important to remember that having an investing strategy is only half the battle; the other half is being able to stick to it. Even if you're able to avoid losses by being out of the market, will

you know when to get back in? If patience has helped you build a nest egg, it just might be useful now, too.

11. Take it easy: If you feel you need to make changes in your portfolio, there are ways to do so short of a total makeover. You could test the waters by redirecting a small percentage of one asset class to another. You could put any new money into investments

you feel are well-positioned for the future. You could set a stop-loss order to prevent an investment from falling below a certain level, or have an informal threshold below which you will not allow an investment to fall before selling. Even if you want to adjust your portfolio during a period of turmoil, those changes should happen in gradual steps.

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1	Select Board	3 year term	Peter Golec
1	Select Board	1 Yr. of unexpired term	Susan Hammond
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2	Trustee Public Funds	3 year term	Empty Seat & Doreen Aldrich
2	Trustee Campbell Fund	3 year term	Brenda Doherty & Empty Seat
3	Trustee Public Library	3 year term	Doreen Aldrich, Carol Blackwood L. Raymond Massucco
1	Town School Moderator	1 year term	Michael P. Harty
1	Rockingham School Dir.	2 year term	Sherry Arvin
1	Rockingham School Dir.	2 year term	Margo Ghia
1	BFUHS #27 Dir.	3 year term	James McAuliffe

The last day to register to vote in the Rockingham Town and Rockingham Town School Annual Meeting is March 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm. The last day to register to vote for the Bellows Falls Union High School is February 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm. If you have questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 463-4336 ext 102 or e-mail clerk@rockbf.org or asstclerk@rockbf.org

The last day to file an article petition signed by 5% of the registered voters to be included in the Town Meeting Warning is January 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. A minimum of 168 signatures from Rockingham registered voters is required.

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<p>2016 GMC Sierra 3500HD</p> <p>SAVE \$6,820</p> <p> 4WD, Spray-on Pickup Box Bedliner, 18" Wheels MSRP \$41,610 8' Boss SS Plow \$5,200 \$46,810 Sale Price \$39,990* *Must Qualify for Business Uplift Stk# NGT16318 </p>	<p>2016 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Crew Cab</p> <p>SAVE \$8,326</p> <p> 4WD, 7" Diagonal Touch Screen, Bluetooth MSRP \$43,285 Ruby 2-3 yd eliminator Dump Body \$9,000 \$52,285 Sale Price \$43,959* *Must Qualify for Business Uplift Dump Truck Stk# NCT16401 </p>	<p>2017 GMC Savana 2500 Cargo Van</p> <p>SAVE \$4,365</p> <p> Remote Vehicle Starter System, Heavy-Duty Trailering Equipment, Rear Vision Camera, Leather MSRP \$35,355 Sale Price \$30,990* *Must Qualify for Business Uplift Stk# NGT17051 </p>	<p>2015 Chevrolet Express Cutaway Service Body</p> <p>SAVE \$8,793</p> <p> Remote Keyless Entry MSRP \$33,783 Supreme Spartan Service Body \$15,000 \$48,783 Sale Price \$39,990* *Must Qualify for Business Uplift Stk# NCT15377 </p>
<p>2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD w/Service Body</p> <p>SAVE \$11,970</p> <p> 4WD, V8 MSRP \$47,960 Redding Aluminum Classic Service Body \$9,000 \$56,960 Sale Price \$44,990* *Must Qualify for Business Uplift Stk# NCT16381 </p>	<p>2016 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD</p> <p>SAVE \$7,035</p> <p> 4WD, Power Door Locks, Auto, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, Tilt Steering Wheel, 2 Doors, Tachometer MSRP \$41,025 Sale Price \$33,990* *Must Qualify for Business Uplift Stk# NCT16429 </p>	<p>2017 Chevrolet Express 2500 Cargo Van</p> <p>SAVE \$5,388</p> <p> Remote Vehicle Starter System, Heavy-Duty Trailering Equipment, Rear Vision Camera MSRP \$36,378 Sale Price \$30,990* *Business Choice Stk# NCT17032 </p>	<p>2016 GMC Sierra 2500HD 4WD</p> <p>SAVE \$8,120</p> <p> Spray-on Pickup Box Bed Liner, Electric Rear Window Defogger MSRP \$41,610 8.2 SSV Plow \$6,500 \$48,110 Sale Price \$39,990* *Business Choice Stk# NGT16306 </p>
<p>2016 GMC Sierra 3500HD 4WD</p> <p>SAVE \$6,795</p> <p> Power Door Locks, Auto, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, 6 Liter V8 Engine, Tilt Steering Wheel MSRP \$38,785 Sale Price \$31,990* *Business Choice Stk# NGT16304 </p>	<p>2015 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Crew Cab</p> <p>SAVE \$9,170</p> <p> 4WD, V8, Snow Plow Prep Package MSRP \$50,675 2-4 Yd Dump Body \$7,485 \$58,160 Sale Price \$48,990* *Must Qualify for Business Uplift Dump Truck Stk# NCT15313 </p>	<p>2015 Chevrolet Express Cutaway Box Truck</p> <p>SAVE \$7,763</p> <p> Auto, Air Conditioning, 6 Liter V8 Engine, 2 Doors, RWD, Tach, Trip Computer, TPMS MSRP \$31,753 Body \$7,000 \$38,753 Sale Price \$30,990* *Business Choice Stk# NCT15474 </p>	<p>2016 Chevrolet Express Commercial Cutaway Service Body</p> <p>SAVE \$9,660</p> <p> Power Convenience Pkg, Chrome Appearance Pkg, Remote Keyless Entry, 7-Pin Sealed Trailer Wiring MSRP \$33,175 Body \$13,975 \$47,150 Sale Price \$37,490* *Business Choice Stk# NCT16260 </p>
<p>2016 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Dump Truck</p> <p>SAVE \$9,335</p> <p> 4WD, V8, 7" Diagonal Color Touch Screen, Snow Plow Prep Pkg MSRP \$48,480 2-3 Yd Dump Body \$7,845 \$56,325 Sale Price \$46,990* *Business Choice Stk# NCT16243 </p>	<p>2017 Chevrolet 5500HD Diesel Low Cab Forward</p> <p>SAVE \$16,473</p> <p> MSRP \$62,463 Sale Price \$45,990* *Business Choice Stk# NCT17046 </p>	<p>2015 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Crew Cab</p> <p>SAVE \$8,435</p> <p> 4WD, WT Convenience Package, Snow Plow Prep Package MSRP \$42,230 Body \$9,195 \$51,425 Sale Price \$42,990* *Business Choice Rack Truck Stk# NGT15389 </p>	<p>2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD</p> <p>SAVE \$7,940</p> <p> Snow Plow Prep Package MSRP \$38,930 Redding Classic II Aluminum Service Body \$9,000 \$47,930 Sale Price \$39,990* *Business Choice Stk# NCT16409 </p>

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