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## Jack sledding

Jack the Elf is sledding down Paper Towel Hill in the office! Don't miss Jack every week this holiday season.

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## Students present their small businesses at Beyond the Unicorn fair

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Shopper

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The annual Beyond the Unicorn Craft Festival at Riverside Middle School Saturday, Dec. 1 was bustling with crowds right from the start. Shoppers browsed nearly 100 booths of festive holiday decorations, unique gifts, and gourmet treats. While many of the vendors were in the gymnasium, there were also vendors in the cafeteria, as well as classrooms on the other three floors of the middle school. New this year, RMS students occupied the fourth floor, offering child care and their own products and services.

The Student Market presented

a dozen student businesses, created in an elective quarter-long entrepreneurship class. Their teacher, JJ Whittemore, created the class after attending a financial literacy course at Champlain College in Burlington over the summer.

The Champlain Center for Financial Literacy “was designed to promote and develop financial literacy skills in K-12 students, college students, teachers, and adults, which leads to more sound decisions about spending, credit, debt, investments, and complex financial situations.” CFL primarily focuses its efforts on helping teachers create programs and classes to teach financial literacy to students in grades K-12 across the nation.

After Whittemore took the course,

she was inspired to bring back some of the skills to share with her middle school students. The result was the entrepreneurship class where students had hands-on experience starting a small business. They came up with their names and products or services, designed their logo and brand, created business plans, managed money, and marketed themselves. At the conclusion of the course, the students had a structured business that they could continue to market, whether it was babysitting and dog walking or selling upcycled fashion and soaps.

Though the class had already ended, and final grades were distributed, Whittemore suggested that the students participate in the Beyond the Unicorn fair as an opportunity to share their businesses with the wider community.

Inside the Student Market, Anna was selling prints of landscape photos from Salisbury Beach in Massachusetts. Spencer and Mason of S.S. Woodworking were selling cutting boards they created from the original 1956 Riverside bleachers. Echo and Aaliyah sold sewing kits,

upcycled pillows, and clothes. Petra sold upcycled fashion and Christmas ornaments, and Thomas sold unique tie-dye tee shirts. Maddison shared information about rescuing horses. She accepted donations and is working toward someday opening her own horse rescue or a career as a veterinarian. At A&A soaps, Ariana and Alyssa discussed their process for creating their own brand of soaps.

The Student Market was a unique addition to the annual craft festival, but whether the class will be offered again next year, Whittemore has her fingers crossed.



Spencer and Mason of S.S. Woodworking.  
PHOTO BY AMANDA WEDEGIS



Maddison wants to open a horse rescue; Ariana and Alyssa created A&A Soaps.  
PHOTO BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

## Area communities invited to participate in Welcome Home Parade

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Thank you to everyone who has reached out to get involved in the Welcome Home Parade for our veterans on Memorial Day 2019. We are still looking for ideas and suggestions from all area communities from Bellows Falls, Springfield, Ludlow, Cavendish, Chester, Weston, Londonderry, etc. Please note that Gary Macintyre's email is gmac1025@gmail.com. He can also be reached by phone at 802-228-7178.

## Rockingham Rec. ski tow anticipates opening around Christmastime

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Rockingham Recreation Department had a successful summer and is busy with their winter adult coed volleyball and youth basketball programs. The Recreation Department has a long history of serving the community with the first tennis courts being built in 1911.

In 1938, fundraisers held by children and adults alike raised funds and rallied for residents to vote for

a town pool. One year, Bill Kratky and the Rotary Club held boxing matches raising over \$3,000 and the kids collected Pennies for the pool instead of Halloween candy, resulting in \$17 more added to the fund. For 20 years, the pool was voted down, one year by only one vote. Press from Times staff Max Miller and John Nisbet and more fundraising efforts by Thelma Bronk finally resulted in the building of the Town Pool at its present location in 1958.

The ski tow has been available to town residents for a nominal fee

for almost 70 years. The ski tow has been in its current location since 1954, after the local Ski Bowl ski area closed and the village purchased the rope tow, engine, warming hut, and the control room buildings. The Bellows Falls ski club suggested the tow's present location where the 1920s Bellows Falls Outing Club used to ski. In 1961, new lights were added for night skiing and 1970 boasted its best season with over 50 open days between December and April.

Last year, a tree fell on the lights, a wheel bearing needed to be replaced, and the rope restrung. Director of Parks and Recreation Ryan Stoodley is optimistic it will be ready for opening day.

Though easily accessible and affordable, its opening is wholly dependent on snowfall. Stoodley plans to open around Christmas but needs to wait for snow that lasts. Go to Rockingham Recreation Facebook page for more information on Opening Day, which is always a free event. Once the season begins, check out the Free Friday Skate or Sled and hot chocolate nights.

This season, operational hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 4-9 p.m. and Saturday 12-4 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, contact Stoodley at 802-463-9732 or recreation@rockbf.org.



Rockingham Ski Tow in 2008.

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## A gift of warmth at Kurn Hattin

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – The record breaking cold November air is making it particularly chilly this year. Janet Wilson, a trustee and long-time volunteer, wanted each child to have something new and warm to wear to school. She asked some of her friends in the Walpole community, some of whom are already familiar with Kurn Hattin from their own volunteer service, to come forward in support of her project.

Bright red sweatshirts with white Kurn Hattin logos were purchased from Bees Tees in Keene, N.H. Nine of Mrs. Wilson's many friends came to campus to distribute the clothing. They were Judy Daniels, Peg Dion, Sheila Lennon, Nancy Lightner, Carol Melnati, Kay Stack, Maggi Suttles, Deb



Trustee Janet Wilson with the Kurn Hattin children in their new sweatshirts.  
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## George H. W. Bush, 1924-2018



Former President George H.W. Bush died Nov. 30, 2018 at 94 years and 171 days. He has the distinction of being the longest-lived president in American history. Bush was the 41st president of the United States, serving from 1989-1993.

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Timon, and Aylene Wozmac. “It was wonderful to see how excited the children were to receive these sweatshirts. I want to thank all of the women who helped me realize this goal,” Janet remarked.

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# Thank you from the Pierce Lawton Unit American Legion Auxiliary

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – President Marcy Smith and Veterans Rehab Chair Nancy Wright recently delivered over \$2,500 worth of gently used smoke-free clothing and shoes to The Dodge House in Rutland, Vt. Thank you to Christine DeCamp, Brenda Burke, Ellen Podurski, Donna Smith for graciously cleaning out your closets. Thank you to anyone I have missed as we received so many items and again some were dropped off.

The Dodge House, located at 95 Crescent St. in Rutland, Vt., is a transitional housing project administered by the Veterans Assistance Office Inc.

If you would like to donate any gently used smoke-free items, please contact Director Chris Morgan who can let you know what she is accepting based on weather and her storage facility. Call 802-775-6772.



President Marcy Smith, Executive Director Chris Morgan, and Veterans Rehab Chair Nancy Wright.

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# Free blood pressure clinic at Grace Cottage Dec. 13

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Thursday, Dec. 13, Grace Cottage Family Health will host a free blood pressure clinic run by Community Health Team member Bill Monahan, R.N.

Those over 50 who have been told

they have high blood pressure or who do not know their blood pressure are encouraged to attend. Participants will learn about hypertension, the silent killer, which can lead to heart disease, stroke, heart failure, and more.

Bill will share steps that can be taken to lower one's blood pressure and reduce related health risks.

Participants will each get their blood pressure taken, find out what the numbers mean, and learn why daily home monitoring is important. Those attending are invited to have their own home monitoring kits validated or find out about acquiring a kit.

Advanced registration is required and limited to 10. The Dec. 13 event will take place from 4–5 p.m. in the Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. To sign up, contact Bill Monahan at WMonahan@gracecottage.org or at 802-365-3762.

# Record low temperatures for the 6th annual Thanksgiving Day 5k

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 6th annual Edgar May Thanksgiving Day 5k experienced record low temperatures for late November but welcomed a healthy turnout of participants braving the frigid morning in Springfield, Vt. About 110 of 149 registered participants followed the course starting and ending at Springfield Hospital. The top male finisher was Jacob Dowman of Waterbury, Vt. with a time of 18:54 and the top female finisher was Makayla Early who finished the 3.1-mile course in 22:35.

The annual event, organized by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, encourages families and friends to start off the holiday in an active and healthy way. Ada McNaughton, age 8, was recognized for being the fastest finisher in the youth-under-12 category. She finished the race in 29:36, only seven minutes behind her 14-year-old brother, Zed.

Race organizers also presented awards in other categories, such as coffee and a gas card to the individual or family that traveled the furthest to participate, this



Runners brave the record low temperatures Thanksgiving morning.

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year Kira Kamrud traveled all the way from Whitefish, Mont. to participate.

The Edgar May Thanksgiving Day 5k is graciously sponsored by Springfield Medical Care Systems, ARC Mechanical Contractors Inc., Bibens Ace Hardware, Mascoma Bank, HB Energy Solutions, HCRS, Lawrence and Wheeler Inc., Muse

and Associates Realty, and the Springfield Rotary Club and is made possible with the help of many community volunteers.

For more information about the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center or to get involved with the 2019 Thanksgiving Day 5k, please call 802-855-2568 or email info@myrecenter.org.

# FM Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award

LANGDON, N.H. – Hannah McCormick, daughter of Gary and Faye McCormick from North Walpole, was chosen as the 2018-19 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen for Fall Mountain Regional High School. To be chosen, a student has to

possess the following qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Hannah had to write an essay and is now in the running to win a scholarship if her essay is selected by the panel of DAR judges. Congratulations, Hannah!



Hannah McCormick.

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# Bellows Falls Women's Club December meeting

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Bellows Falls Women's Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the United Church of Bellows Falls, School St., beginning at 1:30 p.m. Dianne Potter will lead the group in doing a holiday craft project.

At the Nov. 13 meeting, Justine Fafara, head librarian at Bridge Memorial Library in Walpole, N.H., spoke on the current renovations to the library including the addition to the building. She also highlighted the many program offerings of the library.

Justine was accompanied by Gail LaHaise, library board member. Club members contributed several bags of non-perishable food and personal care items to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Brenda Purney was welcomed as a new member and she received her General Federation of Women's Club's membership pin from club Co-President Judy Boynton. Committees gave reports, and announcements of upcoming community events were made.

Members provided cookies for the Dec. 1 Rotary Club sponsored family movie and time with Santa. Other December activities include attendance at one of the Kurn Hattin holiday luncheons and concerts – either Dec. 13 or 21 – and assisting with Central School's annual Shopping Day Dec. 19, by helping the children wrap the gifts they have chosen for their family members. Donations for the students' Shopping Day may be dropped off at the school at any time or brought to the Dec. 11 women's club meeting.

Area women interested in joining the club and helping with its many community outreach projects may contact Wendy O'Dette by email: jodette1@comcast.net.

The local club is a member of the GFWC, whose signature project is domestic abuse prevention and awareness.

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# Inndulgence Tour wows all the senses

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**REGION** – Traveling to 12 inns in the Okemo Valley area to sample and savor each inn's culinary offering, anyone would expect to enjoy the taste experience. Completely unexpected however were the warm welcomes, the behind-the-scenes peek into rooms, the interesting historical tidbits, and the inspiring and festively charming holiday decorations.

The Inndulgence Tour is a self-guided tour of a dozen participating inns in the Okemo Valley area over the course of two days, from noon to 5 p.m. Participants are issued a pass holder brochure that they have marked at each participating inn. Once participants have traveled to all the inns, they are entered into a drawing for a stay at the inn of their choice. Many of the inns also were holding drawings of their own for gift certificates, swag, and other goodies.

Brainchild of Julie-Lynn Wood, innkeeper of the Golden Stage Inn in Proctorsville, her goal was to introduce the surrounding inns in the



The Blue Gentian Lodge was decorated to the nines.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

Okemo Valley to "locals and tourists alike." With innkeepers often tied to their properties a good deal of the year, Julie saw this as an opportunity to meet people who would otherwise not explore the local inns and see what they have to offer.

This year marks the third anniversary of the Inndulgence Tour with this year's passholder numbers just shy of last year's numbers but still hovering around 125.

Savory morsel highlights this year included sweet potato biscuit – a Thomas Jefferson recipe – and pulled pork at The Weathersfield Inn, stel-



Festive display at the Inn at Weston.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

lar Beef Wellington and crab cakes at The Castle Hill Resort, delicious clam chowder and hearty Andouille sausage soup at the Echo Lake Inn, silky butternut squash soup at Seesaw's Lodge, yummy artichoke and spinach dip on crostini at The Weston Inn, creamy goat cheese appetizers

and hummus sampler at the Pettigrew Inn.

Sweet tooth fans were inspired by the stellar chocolate cake and endless cookie jar treats at The Golden Stage Inn, the eggnog and blueberry streudel cheesecakes at The Blue Gentian Lodge, warm and fragrant homemade

donuts at The Grafton Inn, crunchy and delicious maple scones from the Colonial Inn and Motel, Stone Hearth Inn's candy cane chocolate cake and small cinnamon rolls and selected pastries at the Hartness House.

The Hartness House, The Castle Hill Resort, and The Grafton Inn all took extra care to show off the architecture and history of their inns and were decked in gorgeous and stately decorations. Other highlights include the phenomenal Christmas decorations, including handmade paper ornaments, as well as the extensive Santa and nutcracker collections at the Blue Gentian Lodge. Seesaw Lodge's recent renovations were gorgeous and included stunning views. Golden Stage Inn, Echo Lake Inn, and Colonial Inn all had very cozy, casual, and welcoming sitting areas by a roaring fire. The Inn at Weathersfield had several cozy seating areas and a stunning wine-cellar private dining room perfect for a small holiday party.

The Inndulgence Tour is always scheduled on the first weekend of December and is worth writing the date in your calendar for next year.

## Thanks to participants of Tree of Warmth

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – American Legion Auxiliary Unit #37 from Bellows Falls would like to thank the following people for their generous support of the second annual Tree of Warmth project. Your knitted and crocheted hats, mittens, scarves, children outfits were donated to the veterans and their families at the White River Junction VA Hospital in November.

Thank you to Pat and Alan Fowler who graciously opened up Village Square Booksellers to receive completed items; Lisa Bingham, Tammy Westney, Virginia McGuire from Iowa; Marie Benway and Brenda Lindblade from the Knitting Together group that meets weekly at



Bellows Falls American Legion thanks Tree of Warmth participants for donating.

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Village Square Booksellers; Alisha Beam and her mom for the numerous baby outfits; and Kim Aumand and Linda Perham for the donation of large bags of yarn. Thank you to anyone else I may have missed as some donations were left with no names. We appreciate your generosity.

The Tree of Warmth was held for four days this year because of the overwhelming amount of veterans and their families who attended the two-day event in 2017. We will be requesting your assistance again for 2019, and we have yarn to hand out to start early. Please contact President Marcy Smith for more information, marcysmith802@gmail.com.

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## BFUHS October student of the month

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – It is a pleasure to announce that Kara Lescord has been named the October Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Kara, a junior, is the daughter of Zena and Kevin Lescord of Bellows Falls.

Kara works hard in her classes and puts in the time she needs to improve her skills. Always willing to offer assistance when a classmate has a question, Kara is a good role model to others and a pleasure to work with.

Her positive and caring attitude makes her a great addition to any class or group. She is kind to all students, and she goes out of her way to make people feel welcomed and accepted. Kara is often one of the first

to offer to help anyone in need.

Kara is attentive in her classes, but she is also a good independent learner who seeks out topics that are unknown and interesting to her to broaden her horizons.

Not only is Kara a hardworking student, she works hard in her outside activities as well. Since being at BFUHS, she has played field hockey and softball, and has been a member of the track team. Through her involvement in these activities, she supports her teammates and serves as a positive representative of the school and community.

As a member of the Greater Falls Connection board, a member of the youth group Above the Influence

and also of Friends for Change, Kara is clearly dedicated to serving and improving her community. Through her involvement with these organizations, she plans and hosts community forums, organizes activities for the youth in the area, and works to help those in need. Kara is also doing a workstudy with the restorative justice center in Bellows Falls.

A dedicated young woman who not only works hard in her classes but is also motivated to improve the lives of others, Kara is clearly deserving of this award this month. Congratulations go to Kara. The Elks and BFUHS are honored to have her represent us as the October Elks Student of the Month.



Kara Lescord.

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## HCRS recognizes Robin Rieske and Windham & Windsor Housing Trust

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – HCRS, southern Vermont's community mental-health agency, is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2018 Jim Bartley Community Partnership awards. The awards were presented at the agency's annual meeting Nov. 7 to the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust and to Robin Rieske, prevention consultant for Vermont's Alcohol & Drug Abuse programs in the Brattleboro District.

The Windham & Windsor Housing Trust has provided housing opportunities for many of the individuals and families served by HCRS. Many HCRS clients struggle with homelessness; the partnership between the two organizations has provided untold numbers of individuals and families with a place they can call home.

Earlier this year, the housing trust opened the first permanent supportive housing project in southern Vermont. Known as Great River Terrace, the 22-unit housing project in Brattleboro is supporting people who are homeless and/or struggling with addiction or mental health issues. This collaboration between the housing trust, HCRS, and the Groundworks Collaborative ensures that residents have a roof over their head and are connected to mental health and substance abuse services.

The second recipient of the 2018 Jim Bartley Community Partnership Award was Robin Rieske. As a passionate and dedicated advocate for substance abuse prevention for more than 25 years, Rieske has been a key partner in the agency's efforts to support those dealing with addiction.

Earlier this year, Rieske brought together HCRS and a diverse group of community partners to submit a successful \$200,000 Rural Opioid Plan-

ning Grant to the Health Resources and Services Administration.

According to HCRS CEO, George Karabakakis, Ph.D., "We regularly partner with over 60 organizations to meet the needs of our clients. Robin Rieske and the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust exemplify the quality and dedication that results in a successful collaboration as we work together to help meet the mental health and substance abuse needs of our

communities."

HCRS' Community Partnership Award was renamed the Jim Bartley Community Partnership Award in 2018 in memory of Jim Bartley, who was known for his expertise in partnering with dozens of community organizations in order to meet the needs of clients.

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# Vermont Health Connect enrollment ends Dec. 15

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Open Enrollment period for health coverage from Vermont Health Connect ends Dec. 15, and households that qualify can now sign up for a new plan or change their existing one. The bad news is that it can be confusing to understand what the best coverage option might be. The good news is that SEVCA's Health Navigator is available to help households in Windham or Windsor counties get or keep the coverage they need to stay healthy and/or obtain treatment.

SEVCA's Health Navigator has helped hundreds of Windham and Windsor county residents with their health insurance applications since the program started here in October 2013, and is pleased to be able to continue the program with the help

of the Fannie Holt Ames & Edna Louise Holt Fund.

In addition to providing assistance during the Open Enrollment period, SEVCA can also help people with a "qualifying event" that makes them eligible for coverage through a Vermont Health Connect plan at any time throughout the year. SEVCA also helps families apply for Medicaid and Dr. Dynasaur.

"SEVCA is committed to supporting health care access for low-income and other vulnerable households in our service area," said Steve Geller, SEVCA's executive director. "Without advocates to assist them, the negative impacts of an increasingly confusing health insurance maze can be significant, and hundreds of local families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and others could be

left to fend for themselves as they try to maintain coverage and obtain appropriate care and treatment. With our Health Navigator, southeastern Vermont residents have someone to help them choose their best option."

SEVCA recently welcomed Alicia Moyer as its new health navigator, and anyone in Windham and Windsor counties in need of assistance with coverage is urged to call her at 1-800-464-9951 to make an appointment.

Appointments are available in Westminister on Mondays and Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4:30 p.m. Appointments are available in White River Junction from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and in Brattleboro from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. SEVCA urges people seeking

coverage to call as soon as possible to ensure they have enough time to submit their applications.

SEVCA has served as the federally designated anti-poverty agency in Windsor and Windham counties for more than 53 years. In the past year, SEVCA served nearly 9,000 people in Windham and Windsor counties through a range of programs such as crisis fuel assistance, homelessness prevention, weatherization, home repair, business start-up and support, job readiness and skills training, financial fitness, asset building, Head Start early education, food stamp outreach, access to affordable health care, income tax assistance, budgeting/savings, case management, information and referral, and thrift stores.



## Ludlow Garden Club's flowers for Gill Home

LUDLOW, Vt. – Members of the Ludlow Garden Club met in November for the annual project of making floral arrangements in teacups, which are delivered to the Gill Home to add seasonal colors and cheer to the dining room. The December meeting will be the Christmas luncheon to be held at the Inn at Water's Edge Thursday, Dec. 13. For more information, contact Kay O'Hare at 802-228-2983.

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# Garden Club applauds 2018 Festival of Trees supporters

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Garden Club would like to thank the civic-minded sponsors and guests who made the 26th annual Festival of Trees a huge success. If you missed the event on the Friday before Thanksgiving, you can still view the trees and trimmings through Jan. 4 at the Great Hall, 100 River St. in Springfield. The sponsor names can be viewed on the wall near the stage.

The club appreciates the following local businesses who each decorated a tree: Claremont Savings Bank, Cuppity Kakes, Gallery at the VAULT, Great Hall Craftmakers, HB Energy Solutions, Kelley Sales & Service,

ODP Job & Transitions Program, Springfield Medical Care Systems, Springfield on the Move, Tina's Hallmark, town of Springfield, Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, and Von Bergen's Jewelry. This year's tree winner was HB Energy Solutions.

The Garden Club is grateful to the members and spouses who made the event possible as well as Ted Foster, 100 River St. building manager, who always provides enthusiastic assistance. Thank you to artist Dan O'Donnell for designing the invitation again this year. The club would also like to thank Black Rock Steak-

house for the delicious appetizers and cheerful service as well as the club members who donated and served some of their favorite appetizers.

A special thank you goes out to Meredith Kelley and Courtney Lihatsch who helped create the outdoor Nature Tree along with students from Union Street and Elm Hill schools as well as Girl Scout Troop #51308.

One hundred percent of all proceeds go back to serving the community in the form of civic beautification, scholarships, and other programs.

*The club would like to acknowledge the following list of supporters who gave a personal or corporate donation, raffle item, or silent auction gift:*

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Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all.



Children next to the holiday shack at Festival of Trees.

PHOTO BY KAREN VATNE

## Three factors to consider when making charitable gifts

**REGION** – The holiday season is here, which means gift-giving is probably on your mind. In addition to making gifts to your family and friends, you also may be interested in contributing to charitable organizations. But before you donate financial assets, such as stocks, you will need to consider several factors, including taxes, your portfolio balance, and the reputation of the charity. Let's look at these areas:

**Taxes:** Your donations to qualified charities – those that are considered 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service – can give you tax deductions if you itemize deductions on your tax return. However, due to recent tax law changes, the standard deduction for 2018 has almost doubled to \$24,000 for married couples and to \$12,000 for single filers. As a result, you may be less likely to itemize deductions so you could have less

incentive, at least for tax reasons, to make charitable gifts. However if you give appreciated stocks, you may be allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift on the date of the transfer even if your original cost was only a fraction of today's value. Plus you may not be subject to the capital gains tax you might have to pay if you eventually sold the stocks.

Also, depending on your age, you might be able to use your traditional IRA as a charitable-funding vehicle. Once you turn 70-and-a-half, you generally must begin taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions or RMDs – from your traditional IRA. These RMDs from your traditional IRA are taxable, but you may be able to exclude up to \$100,000 of RMDs per year from your taxable income if you transfer the funds directly to qualified charitable organizations.

In any case, consult with your tax advisor before donating appreciated assets to a charity.

**Portfolio balance:** When you donate financial assets to a charity, you are also taking them away from your portfolio. This could be an issue, especially if you repeatedly donate the same types of assets. For example, if you're donating some growth-oriented stocks, will you lower the overall growth potential of your portfolio?

You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure your charitable gifts will still allow you to maintain a portfolio balance appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

**Reputation of the charity:** You may want to do some homework to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. Many experts on charitable giving say that a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75 percent of its income on programs, rather than administrative costs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also browse the web for the names of agencies that evaluate charitable groups.

By considering the aspects of charitable giving described above, you can get more satisfaction from your generosity because you'll know that your gift not only supports a good cause, but also fits well into your overall financial picture.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

## The Gill Odd Fellows Home

Below is history of the Gill Home that I found in an 1899 Vermont Tribune. I found it in a special souvenir supplement to the Vermont Tribune newspaper.

I should explain about Mr. Gill being a dyer and what that means. In woolen mills of the old days, a prestigious position in a woolen mill was the man who dyed the wool to desired colors. This position required years of experience.

### James S. Gill

"James S. Gill was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, in 1828, the eldest of the six sons of Thomas and Elizabeth S. Gill; his father was a man of wealth, his business being that of a master dyer, but in consequence of the financial panic in 1837 he lost his property. In 1884 he removed his family to America and settled in Northampton, Mass. James learned the dyer's trade, and at the age of 17 he took charge of the dye house at the Bottomly Mill, Leicester, Mass., and was engaged in other mills.

"On account of his health he gave up his trade and engaged in the mercantile business in Leicester and Holliston, Mass., he carried at these places and was engaged in other enterprises till 1863, when he was again engaged as a dyer by C.L. Harding & Company who were then running the Burlington Woolen Mills at Winooski, Vt.

"In 1868 he became a member of the firm of George W. Harding and Company, Ludlow, Vt., then



Gill Odd Fellows in Ludlow circa 1909.

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operating the Ludlow Woolen Mills, and in 1878 he purchased the entire plant, and continued to run the business alone till Sept. 1, 1885, when other parties became interested with him.

"He has now retired from active business. In 1889 he built his beautiful summer residence in Ludlow. In 1894 he built the Gill Odd Fellows Home near his residence, which he deeded to the Fraternity in July 1895, a free gift. Mr. Gill has been a Mason nearly 45 years. He has always been a republican in politics. In 1849 he married Miss Rachel M. Wood. An adopted daughter, Florence Harding died in 1886, and in her memory Mr. Gill founded the Florence Memorial Library."

### The Gill Odd Fellows Home

"Situated on a broad and elevated terrace near High Street, and overlooking a wonderful panorama of mountains and meadows, village, river and forest, is this commodious and elegant building. It is a lasting monument to the beneficence of its founder, and to the great fraternity to which it is devoted. It was originally built by Mr. James S. Gill for a summer hotel, but was deeded to the order, July 24, 1895....

"...The dedication of the Gill Odd Fellows Home at Ludlow, May 20th, 1896, marked an era in history of the order in the state. About 3000 people were present at the exercises. The Home is a wooden structure three stories high with a frontage

of 66 feet and a length of 96 feet.

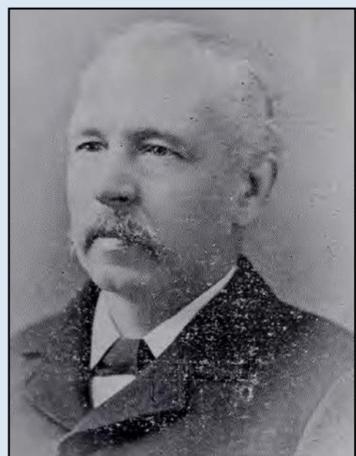
"The first floor is used for reception room, parlor, dining room and kitchen. On the second and third floors are twenty four rooms, twelve on each floor, many of them commanding fine views, and elegantly furnished by the various lodges of the state. The building is heated by steam and lighted by gas. It is a matter of congratulation that so few Odd Fellows need to avail themselves of the privileges of the Home, for at present there are less than half a dozen inmates.

"As the order becomes older, its hospitality will be more fully enjoyed by members of the fraternity. The treasurer has in bank more than \$2,000 which is proposed to be the nucleus of a beneficiary endowment fund."

Ted Spaulding told me the building in the photo with this article was torn down in 1978. I knew Ted was active in the Odd Fellows so I asked him a few questions. Ted is the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge Secretary. Ted's wife Noni is secretary of the Rebekah Assemblies. Both Ted and Noni have over 30 years in these fraternities.

Last week I wrote about the G.N. French Carriage Company. I mentioned the photo I used was taken in Bellows Falls but that I didn't know the location. Several readers contacted me telling me the location was at the corner of Westminster and Barker Streets in Bellows Falls. Now we know where it was.

This week's old saying. "You can't squeeze blood from a stone."



James S. Gill. This photo appears in the 1899 Vermont Tribune souvenir supplement.

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## Springfield Art and Historical Society presents "The Things They Carried"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Historian and educator Myric McBain and living history presenter Cori Santagate will present "The Things They Carried: Weapons, Uniforms, & Equipment of Soldiers in WWI" Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Springfield Art and Historical Society facility on 65 Route 106, North Springfield.

This educational program focuses on the soldiers' experience in World War I, with an emphasis on troops from Vermont, using period uniforms and artifacts to tell the personal stories of those who went to war a century ago. Participants can see first-hand the smaller, more personal items they carried with them

into battle. Focusing on the humanity of the people who used them, participants will learn the stories behind the artifacts, and how they fit into the wider context of the "Great World War."

This program is free and open to all. For more information, call 802-886-7935.

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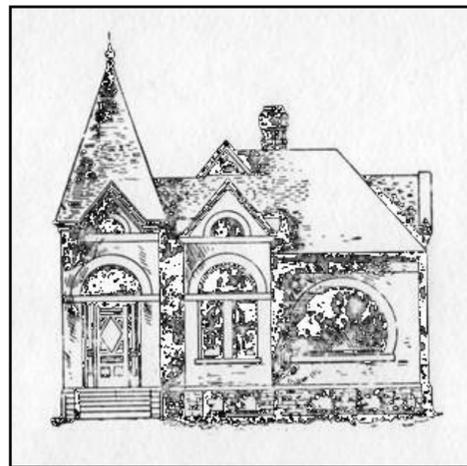
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## Limited letterpress print of Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library is pleased to offer a limited edition letterpress print of the Whiting Library. The image used for the print is from a plate in the library's archive dating to around 1900. The original engraved plate was produced by acid etching on copper. To our knowledge, this plate has not been printed since then.

Lew Watters and his grandson Guiron Lake worked together using Lew's Kelsey clamshell letterpress to produce a set of 25 prints. During the printing process, ink is transferred from platen by rollers to the copper plate. Paper is carefully positioned and aligned. Plate and paper meet under precise pressure to create the impression.

Due to the nature of clamshell printing, each print has unique characteristics due to inking and impression transfer. The image is printed



Whiting Library letterpress print.

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on Arches hot press paper using Speedball water-based ink and is approximately six inches square.

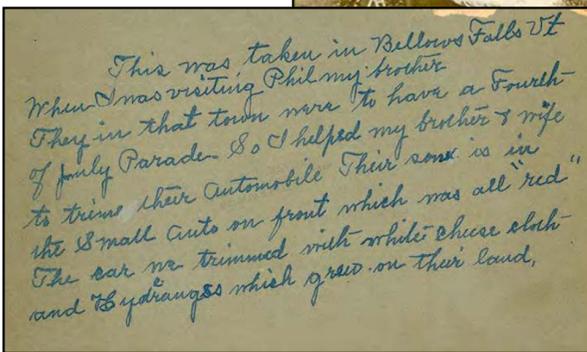
Through Lew and Guiron's generous donation of talent and materials, Whiting Library will be selling these prints to enable archival restoration of the contents of our Vermont Room. The materials housed there are invaluable to historians and genealogists, and are in need of repair and preservation.

Prints of Whiting Library circa 1888 can be viewed at the library. These limited edition prints will each be sold in acid-free mat or framed.

## Remember when...

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Does anyone remember the Bellows Falls Fourth of July Parade? Do you know who is in the photo, or when this photo was taken?

The back of the photo had a handwritten caption: "This was taken in Bellows Falls VT when I was visiting Phil my brother. They in that town were to have a Fourth of July Parade. So I helped my brother and wife to trim their automobile.



Their son is in the small auto on front which was all 'red.' The car we trimmed with white cheese cloth and hydrangeas which grew on their land."

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# CHURCH SERVICES

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## ALSTEAD, N.H.

**Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.**  
Sunday service and Sunday school is 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com or 603-835-6358.

## ASCUTNEY, VT.

**Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.**  
Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and refreshments. Nursery care provided during church service for children 5 years and younger. ADA accessible. Call 802-484-5944, email bcchurchvt@gmail.com, or go to www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

**Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, 2 Legion Rd., Hartland, Vt.**  
Every Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Hartland Legion Post behind Mike's Mobil Station. Potluck lunch after service. For information, contact Rev. Paula at 802-226-7653.

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**Immanuel Retreat Center, Currier Hall, 12 Church St.**  
Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

**Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.**  
Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is handicap accessible.

**Christ's Church, 24 Main St., Saxtons River**  
Sunday Service is 10 a.m. followed by a potluck luncheon. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

## CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

**Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.**  
Sundays at 10 a.m. More at CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, Main St.**  
Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Call 802-228-3451.

**St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.**  
Worship service is at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Earl Dionne. Sunday school and nursery available. For more information, call 802-674-3443.

**Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot St. Proctorsville**  
Join us for worship Sundays at 11 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. For more information, call 802-226-7967 or go to Facebook @GethsemaneVT.

## CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

**North Charlestown United Methodist Church, Rt. 12A River Rd.**  
Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. Church is handicap accessible. Contact 603-826-0381.

**Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.**  
Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 603-542-6273; frandrew@regubovstudios.com; hroc.org.

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

## CHESTER, VT.

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.**  
Sunday service is at 8 a.m. Service with music, Sunday School, and nursery care available at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning prayer at 9:40 a.m. Website www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org or call 802-875-6000.

**First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rt. 103. 211 North St.**  
Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday service is between September and June, followed by light refreshments and conversation. Free child care

available for children under 5. The building is handicap accessible with an elevator to the downstairs. More at www.chestervtu.org or 802-875-3257.

**Visiting Isaiah, A Chosen Prophet of Judah, Chester Apartments Community Room**  
Tuesdays 9:30 through lunch. Please bring your own lunch. Evening sessions are 7 to 9 p.m. Evening sessions include deep, personal discussion and self-assessment. Discussion includes discussion of the Book of Isaiah and comparing it to the 21st century. There is hope. Parking is available. Call 802-875-6960 for more information.

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

**Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.**  
Sunday school at 9 a.m. for children and adults. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for toddlers through pre-school. Youth group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Parking is on the street or in the lot at the rear of the building. Wheelchair accessible. Call 802-875-2638. Email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org or visit www.chesterbaptist.org.

## GRAFTON, VT.

**The Grafton Church (UCC and ABC), 55 Main St.**  
Worship begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

**The Village Church, 35 Church St., Belmont, Vt.**  
The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. Contact 802-259-2440; vbch.weebly.com.

**First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.**  
Worship services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

**Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.**  
Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and child care available. For more information, please call the church office, 802-824-6453 or go to www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org.

## LUDLOW, VT.

**The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.**  
Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and coffee hour. Call 802-228-4211 or email unitedchurch@tds.net. Visit us online at www.unitedchurch.us.

**Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.**  
Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Music Ministry, coffee and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with nursery care provided. Evening Praise service is at 6:30 p.m. Prayer meetings and Bible study are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann calling 802-228-7600.

## PERKINSVILLE, VT.

**First Congregational Church of Weathersfield, Weathersfield Center Rd.**  
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. Coffee/social hour to follow. Day care will be provided for families with small children. All are welcome. Call 802-263-9394.

**Perkinsville Community Church, 35 Church St.**  
All are welcome. Call 802-263-9539.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.**  
Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Devotional is at 6:30 p.m. Enter through the back downstairs door. Check

out the Facebook page: Springfield Church of Christ.

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.**  
Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

**First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main Street**  
Worship for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. with young people leaving for church school after the children's sermon. All are welcome to join us. Call 802-885-5728, email fcucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fcuccspfdvt.org for additional information and directions.

**Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.**  
Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sunday service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study for all ages at 6 p.m. The church also has a bus to pick up children for Sunday school. Call anytime during the week to schedule a pick up. Call 802-885-4261.

**United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.**  
Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Come and praise God through music, scripture, and prayer. Christian education and child care available during worship hour. Communion available weekly for those who wish to receive. Fellowship and refreshments after service. Service by the Rev. Gerry Piper. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.**  
Sunday service is 10 a.m. All are welcome. Call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

**St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.**  
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour. For more information about Art After School program, our outreach efforts, call 603-756-4533.

**First Congregational Church of Walpole / United Church of Christ, 15 Washington Sq.**  
Sunday service is at 10 a.m. Sunday school at 10 a.m. with coffee hour at 11 a.m. Wheelchair accessible with ramps and elevator. Call 603-756-4075 or email walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

**Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.**  
Sunday Service begin at 10 a.m. Minister is Rev. Elaine Bomford who will be present twice a month. The first Sunday of each month is Family First Sunday with breakfast and spiritual activities for the whole family. Check www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

## WESTMINSTER, VT.

**Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminster Rd.**  
Sunday song service begins at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship lunch on first Sunday of each month. Non-denominational. Visit www.christianfamilycirclechurch.com and like us on Facebook.

**The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5**  
Regular Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. All are welcome! The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access and a handicapped bathroom. For more information, call 802-772-4148.

All Church Services listed online at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com).

## Barbara Berry, 1939-2018

LUDLOW, Vt. – The family of Barbara (Jaird) Berry sadly would like all to know that she passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2018 surrounded by her loving family at The Pines in Lyndonville, Vt.

She was born July 30, 1939, the daughter of Francis and Edith Jaird. Her love for her family, friends, and animals was everything to her. A lifetime resident of Ludlow, Vt., Barbara loved her community and served on the Selectboard and as a lister for town of Ludlow.

She was married to Charles Berry who predeceased her. She is survived by a daughter Betsy and her boyfriend Skip of Ludlow, Vt.; a sister Patricia and her husband George Merrill of Enfield, N.H.; her nephew Peter Merrill and his wife Robin and their two children Sydney and Hayden of Sudbury, Mass.; her niece Sarah and her husband Christopher and their son Finn currently of Luxembourg.

She was predeceased by her sister



Barbara Berry, 1939-2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

Kitty. She is now in heaven with all her loved ones, especially Kitty who she has waited many years to see.

A service and burial will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, Barbara has always loved helping those in need. We ask you to do the same.

## Douglas M. Somerville, 1938-2018

CHESTER, Vt. – Doug loved to tell stories, and now we get to tell the life story of a loving husband, devoted father, and trusted friend.

Doug died peacefully Nov. 27, 2018 at his home in Chester, Vt. In 2011, he was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, which he faced gallantly and with a dry humor.

Douglas McGowen Somerville was born May 4, 1938 in Ridgewood, N.J., the son of Irwin and Margaret Marx Somerville. After graduating from Ridgewood High School in 1956, he received his Bachelor of Arts in 1960 from Lehigh University, and joined the National Guard, where he was stationed in Fort Belvoir, Va. Doug then joined the Royal Insurance and worked in New York City for 25 years.

In 1962, Doug married his college sweetheart, Elizabeth (Betty) Haver. They lived in Ridgewood, N.J. with their three children Susan (Susie), Douglas (Scott), and Thomas (Tom-

my) who passed away at the age 5. In 1986, Doug accepted a job with The Renaissance Group in Wellesley, Mass. and he and Betty moved to Concord, Mass. where they embraced the history of this charming town. He retired as senior vice president in 2006. Betty, Doug's beloved wife of 31 years, died in 1993.

Doug married Victoria (Tory) Liersch Spater in 2006 in Concord, Mass. Both were widowed and had known each other for over 45 years. They split their time between Concord, Mass. and Chester, Vt., before settling in Chester in 2012.

Sports, particularly golf, tennis, and fishing, were favorite activities of Doug's, as was spending time in Nantucket. Doug was an avid Boston sports fan who also liked to travel, whether to play golf in Scotland, trips to Bermuda, or fly fishing with the guys. He and Tory treasured their adventures with travels to Europe, China, and beyond. They spent five

happy winters in Akumal, Mexico, far from frozen Vermont.

Doug is survived by his daughter Susie and her husband Jim Swindell of New Canaan, Conn.; his son Scott and wife Lynne of Darien, Conn.; and his adored grandchildren Liza, Peter, Walker Swindell and Doug and Mimi Somerville. Doug is also survived by his sister Ann Somerville Benedict and her husband Bruce of South Norwalk, Conn., his brother Irwin (Sandy) and his wife Cecilia of Coconut Grove, Fla., as well as 11 nieces and nephews. Doug is also survived by his wife Tory and her children Gordon and Christopher.

"My life had its good and its bad times, but the best times were those I spent with my family."

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Dec. 9 at noon at The Old Parish Church, 144 Main Street in Weston. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the char-



Douglas M. Somerville, 1938-2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

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## EARLY CHURCH SERVICES DEADLINES

Don't forget! We will be CLOSED Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 01 for New Years.

Please send your Holiday Church Services by Friday, Dec. 14 for the Dec. 19 Christmas edition. Other services by Wednesday, Dec. 19 for the Dec. 26 New Year's edition.

See Page 8A for a calendar of deadlines

Thank you, and Happy Holidays from your friends at The Vermont Journal & The Shopper!

# holiday happenings

## Wallingford Town Hall holiday concert

WALLINGFORD, Vt. – Bells of Joy, directed by Karen James, will present a wonderful holiday concert that is sure to lift your heart and spirit as a fundraiser at Wallingford Town Hall Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature traditional Christmas music as well as selections inspired by the Lessons and Carols Service from Kings College, Cambridge in England arranged specially for this unique instrument comprised of five octaves of bronze hand bells and five octaves of lovely hand chimes.

Come early to get a good seat, as seating will be limited to 125 people. There is a suggested donation at the door with all proceeds going as a fundraiser to Bells of Joy.

Wallingford Historical Society will sponsor a bake sale. Wallingford Town Hall is accessible to all



"Bells of Joy."

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abilities. Elevator entrance is on the east side of the building off Taft Terrace.

For more information, contact

the Town Administrator at 802-446-2872. This concert is being presented as part of the Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series.

## Manchester lighted tractor parade returns

MANCHESTER, Vt. – The town of Manchester's annual Manchester Merriment celebration continues Saturday, Dec. 8 with the Lighted Tractor Parade. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., all are invited to watch the tractors adorned in holiday lights from the sidewalk as they make their way through Manchester spreading holiday cheer. This year's route begins at Manchester Elementary Middle School and travels down School Street, Bonnet Street, around the 7A/30 roundabouts, and back along Main Street before turning on Memorial Avenue towards the school.

A judging and viewing stand will be setup in front of Factory Point Place on Main Street. Cash prizes will be awarded courtesy of Dorr Oil & Propane to tractors with the "Best Use of Lights," "the Best Float," and the "Best Nonprofit." Spectators are encouraged to show their own spirit by dressing in their brightest attire. Kids, look out for giveaways and a visit from



Light Tractor Parade in Manchester.

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Santa Claus on a special tractor!

The event is presented by Manchester Life Magazine, the Manchester Business Association, the Town of Manchester, and Dorr Oil & Propane. The Lighted Tractor Parade is one event in this year's series of Man-

chester Merriment activities. Other happenings include Holiday Historic Elf Express Train Dec. 15 and 16. Full details on Manchester Merriment and the tractor parade can be found at [www.manchestervermont.com](http://www.manchestervermont.com).

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Present-making workshop at South Londonderry Free Library.

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teacher Casey Junker Bailey invites children of all ages to make a collection of one-of-a-kind presents for family and friends in one of our most popular workshops of the year.

Upstairs, parents may browse through a wonderful selection of antique and gently-used books in all categories to find the perfect gift. Cookbooks, travel books, beautiful art and coffee table books, as well as exciting fiction and nonfiction books are on sale at very reasonable prices. There will be refreshments, music, a visit from Santa, and a small gift for every child as well. Please join us Dec. 8 for the fun. For more information, call the library at 802-824-3371.

## Create a holiday atmosphere at home

StatePoint - Creating festive cheer at home for the holidays is easy and fun. Here are some great ways to transform your space into a winter wonderland.

• **Get cozy:** During the chilly holi-

day season, decorate with comfort in mind. Light the fireplace. Add throw pillows to sofas. Turn off overhead lamps and use soft lighting instead.

• **Screen festive flicks:** From "It's a Wonderful Life" to "Home Alone,"

keep your favorite holiday films playing all the time to create a festive holiday atmosphere, or host a special movie night and select a few classics. With the right projector, you can turn any room of the house into a home theater experience. Select a portable projector for the holiday season that will sense ambient light in the room and automatically adjust the projection accordingly, so you won't need to blow out candles or unplug holiday lights.

• **Fire up the oven:** There's no better time of year to roll up your sleeves and knead out some dough. One of the best ways to create a holiday atmosphere is with scent, and the aroma of baking cookies, cakes, and other holiday desserts will do the trick. If you're worried about having all those extra sweet treats around the house just before kicking off your New Year's resolutions, consider volunteering to bring dessert to potluck and parties you attend this season or donating the product of your labors to a holiday bake sale raising money for a charitable cause.

• **Make music:** Get the holiday cheer going in your home by making music. Now you can get the sound of a 9-foot concert grand piano with the Privia PX-160, a portable digital piano, making it easy to gather round for a sing-a-long of all your favorite seasonal tunes in any room of the house. Its 88-key Tri-Sensor Scaled Hammer Action keyboard simulates ebony and ivory-textured keys and its speaker system opens to the front but is also ported to the back, to deliver a big projected sound to all your holiday celebrants.

• **Add some flora:** Holly, poinsettias, mistletoe – decking the halls with traditional holiday plants adds color and vitality to side tables, mantels, dining areas, staircases, and more. Those with pets and small children should take heed, as certain plant species are toxic – so avoid these plants or be sure they are displayed well out of reach of curious children and animals.

Preparing your home for the holiday season takes a little thought and energy, but the end result is a cheerful and warm atmosphere to make memories while spending time with loved ones.



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# holiday happenings

## Keeping your health on track during the indulgent holidays —

**StatePoint** - The holiday season can be an indulgent one, full of cookies, candies, heavy meals, and eggnog. While no one wants to rein in the fun during the merriest time of year, there are simple ways to keep your health on track during this indulgent holiday season.

• **Stick to routines.** To the best of your ability during this hectic time of year, attempt to stick to routines that promote wellness. Set a bedtime and honor it. Hit the gym. Meditate. Do whatever it is that keeps you grounded and feeling your best.

• **Drink up.** Many people associate dehydration with the warmer months. But in winter weather it can be especially easy to forget to stay well-hydrated, especially when you're indulging in alcoholic beverages at all those holiday parties.

Remember, water doesn't need to be the only source of hydration you think about this season. Soups and purees made from hearty winter vegetables, as well as citrus fruits do the trick, too, and their nutritional properties can help keep you healthy in winter.

• **Keep things organically sweet.** Staying on track doesn't mean you can't enjoy the sweetness of the season. Instantly boost the flavor of your favorite meals with organic honey. One great option is Organic Honey In The Raw. USDA Organic Certified and Non-GMO Project Verified, it's made from pure nectar collected from exotic wildflowers found in the remote Caatinga region of northeast Brazil. The hand-harvested, sustainable honey is raw (never heated

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And just one tablespoon of organic raw honey provides the right amount of sweetness and flavor for any dish or drink, including year-round staples like oatmeal, yogurt, tea, and more. You can also consider giving a honey makeover to all your favorite holiday recipes, including glazes and sauces for meat and poultry, cocktail recipes, and of course baked treats.

• **Make substitutions.** Other healthful substitutions you can make this holiday season include topping pies with Greek yogurt instead of cream, using apple sauce in place of oil, and nut flour instead of white flour in baking, and serving vegetable mash as an alternative to mashed potatoes.

• **Be mindful.** The holiday party circuit can be dangerous when it comes to making nutritious choices. When you enter a party with a buffet set-up, it can be tempting to reach for the richest foods first. Before indulging in the canapes and Swedish meatballs, try filling up a plate with crudité first. While you're doing so, get a good look at all the options available. This way, you'll be more likely to savor choice items you'll truly enjoy.

A joyful holiday season doesn't mean you must pack on pounds or feel under the weather. By keeping your health on track throughout this indulgent time of year, you can start 2019 with your best food forward.

## HOLIDAY BAZAARS AND CRAFT FAIRS

### FRIDAY, DEC. 7 – SATURDAY, DEC. 8 –

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – The Orchard School and Community Center is hosting its 23rd annual benefit Craft Fair Friday, Dec. 7 from 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall. Forty artisans will be offering locally made handcrafted goods such as woolen, quilted, leather, and wooden items, watercolor prints, stationery, pottery, herbal teas, jam, jewelry, beeswax candles, soaps, lotions and more. Volunteers will offer dinner Friday as well as breakfast and lunch Saturday in their benefit cafe. This year's menu will feature soup, bread, desserts, and hot drinks made by volunteers from ingredients graciously donated by several local farms and businesses.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 15 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Farmers Market is holding a

holiday market Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Valley St. in Springfield. The Springfield Farmers Market is a nonprofit vendor run market. For details, email [springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com) or call 802-885-4096.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Visit the United Methodist Church in Springfield for their Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. A cookie walk is a large assortment of homemade cookies that prospective buyers browse, walking down a long table stacked high with cookies. We

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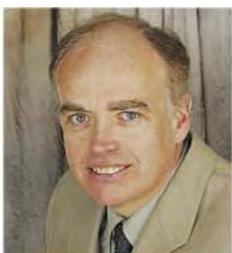
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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

### The Good Old Days

The state of New Hampshire is pushing the basketball season. They staged official games in November this year. The Fall Mountain Wildcat girls opened their 2018-19 season last Friday night, turning back Raymond 55-29. Area enthusiasts are used to seeing scrimmages conducted in November, but now there are official games. Our area hoop season began with that contest and will see the final state title game held March 16, 2019. That's 17 weeks of hoops, counting the preliminary two weeks of practice. That is way too long. The spring season is about half that long with the length of fall sports fitting in between.

Times were a lot simpler when I was a kid. The state finalists had been determined before schools returned from February vacation. Pro and college sports seasons were even shorter. It was manageable for my little mind. Today, as I have told you before, sometimes all the action gives me a headache. For even a sports fanatic like myself, too much is too much.

While on the subject of the old days, my sports memory bank allows me to go back to my late days of being a single digit. That's somewhere in the vicinity of 9 years old. Most of my early local memories were confined to Bellows Falls because I wasn't allowed to drive back then. Bellows Falls has excellent athletic facilities today. But way back then, their competitive venues were at the bottom of every list. The football and baseball fields overlapped at the village playgrounds and the basketball court was the present middle school venue. When the old bleachers were pulled out, fans in the front row often had their feet stepped on. New athletic fields came to be when some schools refused to play on the hard surface of the football field.

There were less than ten bowl football games back then. The college basketball champion was crowned in mid-March and the professional post seasons were complete about a month before they are now. I know everyone has heard about the "Good Old Days," well to me, sports wise, they were just that.

### A good idea that will likely never see its day

I really don't know where to file this idea. On the surface, it's really neat. In reality, it probably doesn't fit.

Fall Mountain Athletic Director Gordon Dansereau has twice scheduled a Thanksgiving Day football game for the Wildcats. First, a couple of years back, Monadnock was slated as the opponent. This fall, Stevens was to be the opposition. I had the contest on my calendar, but for the second time in three years, the idea had to be scratched.

If we didn't have area state champions to salute in recent weeks, this column was slated to do an April Fools-like piece about that Thanksgiving Day Game. It would have been a tongue-in-cheek synopsis about a make believe game between Fall Mountain and Stevens that obviously hadn't taken place.

The biggest reason I wish the game could have been held is there

are just not enough truly special traditions in high school sports. Communities need these events to feel good about themselves. Keene is the nearest location that seems to find special ways to celebrate. For years, their Pumpkin Festival – not a school event – was a truly spectacular event until some people who don't respect good things in life ruined the fun. Keene also has the Swampbats. Many people have teams in their towns, but the Swampbats are special. Many residents in Keene go to the games as much to see their neighbors and socialize as they concentrate on the game. Each home game serves as a New Year's Eve, Fourth of July, Old Home Days celebration for those in attendance. A Thanksgiving Day gathering could have done the same.

But it wouldn't have probably worked because so many families already have their traditions and these include not being in Langdon for the holiday. In addition, the weather may possibly not cooperate. This fall, if the game had stayed on the books, it may have been impossible to clear the field. The field would have been the number one problem. However, coupled with the cold, safety would have been a big issue this time around. Last, but not least, this old longtime basketball coach would have felt disrespected. Let me tell you, regardless of the sport, putting together a varsity team is not easy. Crossing your t's and dotting your i's is always a challenge to get your team ready. Snow days are already a problem. Add in missing between one and three more days to practice football and your team is behind the eight ball compared to others.

Again, I would love to see a Thanksgiving Day game, but...

### Russ Pickering coaching track?

That question mark is the big story. Russ Pickering is coaching track in the wintertime. The twist of said story is that Russ Pickering is not part of a basketball team for only the second winter in forever. He stepped down from coaching the Fall Mountain JV girls to help Fall Mountain get better in track.

Pickering grew up in Walpole. He played in the days when Walpole had their own high school – a decade before Fall Mountain opened their doors. He has coached at both Bellows Falls and Fall Mountain high schools for years and years. This is only the second winter in 60 some odd years that Pickering is not part of a basketball team in one



Former Bellows Falls Terrier Sarah Wells recently completed a stellar career at Castleton University. Her play left her as the fifth leading goal and point scorer in school program history and tied for third on the career assist list.

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way or another. Pass along the name of anyone else in the area that can make such a claim in any sport. The one year Pickering did not coach or put on a uniform was in the mid-80s, when he studied one year at the University of Oregon.

### A career well done

Sarah Wells played field hockey for Bellows Falls Union High School. She was one of the athletes who was on the ground floor of the building process for what the program has become today. I remember clearly her final game as a Terrier. The team suffered a difficult loss in the semifinals to Stowe 1-0 at Middlebury. A strange sky – which included rain, sun, and a rainbow – shown in the distance as the game ended. There must have been two pots of gold at each end of the colorful arch. One for the Terriers field hockey team, which has won every state championship since; and one for Wells who over the past four years has enjoyed one heck of a career at Castleton University.

The former Terrier led her team to a 15-5 record this fall and an 11-1 Little East Conference record. The Spartans advanced to the Little East title game and fell 2-1. Wells led the team in scoring with 18 goals and eight assists totaling 44 points. She also led the team in shots with 92. This was Castleton's first year in the tough Little East Conference.

Wells' coach Christine Kemp took over the helm of the team this fall and said before practice began that she was told that Wells "was a talented player." Kemp tells us that Wells "exceeded any expectations I had of her."

Wells started 72 of the 74 games in her career. She finished fifth in Castleton history in both goals scored and points and ended up third on the all-time assist list. Kemp told us, "Sarah is a captain and a passionate leader, a hard worker who sets an example. In the end, she is just a really special kid."

Wells won a Little East Player of the Week honor and was named to the New England All-Star second team list, which includes several leagues.

Comments about information in the sports page should be sent to [bmurphy@vermontjournal.com](mailto:bmurphy@vermontjournal.com).



Labeled "a special kid" by her coach Christine Kemp, Wells shows incredible focus in her game face as she is on the move, looking to put a point on the board.

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## Fall Mountain girls hoops wins opener

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. – Once upon a time Matt Baird-Torney heard the spirited faithful of the Fall Mountain Wildcats cheering his team on in his playing days in the Wildcat Den. He returns to his alma mater this winter to coach the girls' basketball team and the cheers are still in the house. This is especially true when the Wildcat girls open their season disposing of Raymond 55-29.

"I was pleased," Baird-Torney said. "It was a complete team effort offensively and defensively." The Wildcats scored early and often, out-rebounded their opponents 48-28 and totaled 28 of their points off 43 visitor turnovers.

Sophomore Morgan Beauregard led a scoring parade, which saw nine Lady Wildcats score. Beauregard tallied 12 points followed by senior

Kendall McAllister and freshman Avery Stewart, who both netted 10. Sophomore Sophie Bardis had 10 rebounds and senior Zoe Utton had 4 steals.

Baird-Torney says, "We are young. We have only two seniors and two juniors in the entire program. Luckily for us, our upperclassmen are strong leaders and our freshmen and sophomores have played confident and shown consistency thus far. It will take time for everyone to feel comfortable in a new system, but once we do, I expect this group to make a strong run come play-off time."

Baird-Torney was coaching at a rival school in recent years. For the past four winters, he was the varsity boys' coach for the Stevens Cardinals. The Cardinals were a play-off team each of those four years and had a trip to the New Hampshire Finals.

Now the headman is back home



FM girls win opening game.

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and the position feels just right. He was in familiar territory last Friday night for the opener. He tells me, "It was nice to be back in the Den on the home side bench. It was always a special place to play and the atmosphere is just as special as a coach."

The Wildcats second home game was Tuesday night played while this paper was printing. Always tough Conant was in town. A win over them now would be nice, but a win in the tournament over Conant is where you can get the frosting on the cake. Stay tuned.

## Some soccer statistics

REGION – Soccer season has ended for Vermont high schools and here's a few statistics. All four girls divisions were repeat winners from a year ago: CVU in D1, Milton, Thetford in D3, and Arlington in D4.

Division 1 CVU were undefeated their past two seasons. They also have won the last seven out of eight years. They won their 18th state championship. Division 1 girls soccer didn't start until 1981. CVU girls have won almost 50 percent of the D1 championships.

Compare this to the boys start-ups: D1 in 1957; D2 in 1974; D3 in 1965; D4 in 1981. Girls start-ups: D1 in

1981; D2 in 1981; D3 in 1984; D4 in 1989.

Division 2 Milton girls won their 16th state championship; Division 3 Thetford won their third championship; and Division 4 Arlington won their sixth Division 4 championship to go along with two in Division 3.

D1 CVU boys won their 18th state championship; D2 Harwood won their sixth championship; D3 Stowe boys won their 11th championship and their last seven in a row; D4 Arlington won their first D4 championship to go along with seven in D3. CVU high school has won 36 soc-

cer state championships playing the toughest schedule in the state. That to me is very impressive and that's why they refer to them as "soccer central."

The Rutland Herald in the past couple years has been running power rankings in various sports similar to the Burlington Free Press, who have been doing it longer. Even the Herald's sports writers understand rankings are by strength of schedule and the caliber of teams you play.

Written by Don Lloyd of Springfield, Vt.

## Youth hockey players take to the ice

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The Pleasant Valley Hockey Association season is under way, with 40 players ages 8 and up hitting the ice. The skaters play locally on the Mike Choukas ice arena at Vermont Academy and travel to other rinks in Vermont and New Hampshire during their season. The teams' schedules can be found at their website [www.pvahockey.org](http://www.pvahockey.org).

The opening weekend Nov. 17 saw five games against Woodstock, Manchester, Harwood, and the Chittenden-South Burlington hockey programs.

The Travel Mite eight-and-under (8U) team played two 20-minute games against Woodstock at home

Saturday and two away games against Manchester Sunday. Scores for this level are not maintained. Rather, the focus is on developing skills, the proper sense of competition and good sportsmanship, and having fun.

The ten-and-under (10U) Squirts battled on the ice both days against Woodstock on Saturday and Harwood on Sunday. Although they were the first games of the season and there were several new players on the ice, the team held tight to their competitors until the very end, losing by only one point in both games.

The Mixed House 14-and-under team (14U) composed of 13- to 9-year-old players met the CSB team Sunday and beat them in a sudden death over-

time. CSB scored first right out of the gate with just a minute into the game and a second goal with just over two minutes left in the first period. PVA came back in the second to tie it up, with goals scored at the seven- and four-minute markers. The third period ended with neither team scoring, and both teams took multiple shots against each goalie, who both made amazing saves throughout the game, ending the third with a 2-2 tie.

Both teams opted for a sudden-death tiebreaker, defining the winner of the game as the first to score in the five-minute period. With only 14 seconds into overtime, PVA broke away and scored on the CSB defense, winning their season opener 3-2.

## High school basketball schedule

**REGION** – Basketball games may change due to weather or other circumstances. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you have any sports news or photos from a recent game, submit them to [editor@vermontjournal.com](mailto:editor@vermontjournal.com), and we may include them in the next paper!

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7** – Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Arlington 6:30 p.m. (scrimmage)

Boys Varsity Springfield @ Fair Haven 7 p.m.

Boys Varsity Winnisquam @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Winnisquam 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8** – Girls Varsity West Rutland @ Bellows Falls 1:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 10** – Girls Varsity Arlington @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 11** – Boys Varsity Newport @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

Boys Varsity Randolph @ Springfield 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Newport 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Black River 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12** – Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Poulney 7 p.m.

Boys Varsity Long Trail @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 14** – Boys Varsity Springfield @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Arlington @ Black River 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Newfound 6:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Windsor 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Oxbow @ Springfield 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 15** – Boys Varsity Black River @ Green Mountain 1 p.m.

Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Mount St. Joseph 2:30 p.m.

# art & entertainment

## Neal's Bar and Restaurant plans some Steampunk fun –

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Neal's Bar and Restaurant in Proctorsville, Vt. is hosting a Steampunk night Saturday, Dec. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. Neal's menu will feature specialty menu items from Bowls of Braggot, Springfield's only Steampunk themed food vendor. Neal's will also offer a Steampunk themed specialty drink for the evening. The restaurant will offer specialty pricing on select menu items for those who come dressed in their finest Steampunk gear.

The Steampunk Society of Vermont, a Springfield, Vt. based nonprofit organization, will be attending this event. The society, whose mission is establishing Springfield, Vt. as the Steampunk Capital of Vermont, is glad to see local businesses embracing the Steampunk theme.

The society runs the Springfield Steampunk Festival, a massive week-end-long fundraiser used to generate



Join the Steampunk fun at Neal's Dec. 8.

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funds for scholarships for Springfield students. Students planning to study the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics are eligible to apply for the

scholarship.

Neal's and the Steampunk Society of Vermont look forward to meeting other local Steampunk aficionados at this event. Come join the group for great food, drinks, and lots of fun. For more information, visit their Facebook page "Steampunk Society of Vermont, Ltd" or their website [www.steampunksocietyvt.org](http://www.steampunksocietyvt.org).

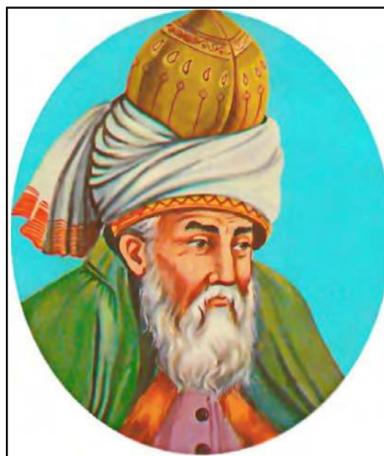
## Celebrating Rumi, the timeless Persian poet

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In these times of intolerance and religious factionalism, a voice of hope and compassion rings down through the ages. It's the voice of that great 13th-century Persian Sufi mystic and poet, Mevlana Jellaludin Rumi.

More than 750 years ago Rumi said: "Every war and every conflict between human beings has happened because of some disagreement about names. It is such an unnecessary foolishness, because just beyond the arguing there is a long table of companionship set and waiting for us to sit down... All religions, all this singing, one song. The differences are just illusion and vanity."

Given his uplifting message of unity, it's easy to understand why Rumi is the best-selling translated poet in the U.S. today. He invites us to go beyond our cultural conditioning and look for and witness the beauty and mystery of life.

Rumi lived in a time of upheaval and violence. He was a scholar and mystic and would recite ecstatic



Mevlana Jellaludin Rumi.

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Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The event is free. Popcorn will be served and a discussion will follow.

Around the world, lovers of Rumi gather in mid-December in honor of his urs, the day of his death. Rumi died Dec. 17, 1273 in Konya (now in Turkey). Springfield will have its own Rumi Night Saturday, Dec. 15, from 7-9 p.m. also at the UU Meetinghouse. There will be live music, zikr, poetry, and maybe even some whirling! The evening will be led by Shams and Walia Guillow and Rev. Mellen Kennedy. The evening will include the Dances of Universal Peace, simple, joyous dances that embrace the wisdom of the world's religions and focus on peace and community. The event is free, donations welcome.

You're invited to join in the film and/or participatory evening of poetry and ecstatic dancing in celebration of Rumi, both of which will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. All are welcome.

Written by Mellen Kennedy.



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## OLLI "Classics of Hollywood's Golden Age" rescheduled for Dec. 11

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The OLLI program, "Classics of Hollywood's Golden Age" was cancelled Nov. 27 due to inclement weather. It has been

rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

Rick Winston, film historian, will show clips of his favorite films from 1935-1963. So many old films fail the test of time while a few are

rediscovered by each generation of moviegoers. He'll discuss some of the elements of these classics from Hollywood's "Golden Age," including their writing, acting, directing, and cinematography.

Weather-related schedule changes

can be accessed on the program day online at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli). Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield. It is also posted on SAPA TV on their Comcast and VTel channels and at 802-885-6248.

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## Vermont Brewers Festival to be held at Killington Resort

KILLINGTON, Vt. – For the last 26 years, the Vermont Brewers Association has been running a successful brewers' festival on the waterfront in Burlington, Vt. On March 23, 2019, the brewers will host an all-outdoor winter festival at the picturesque mountain setting of Killington Resort.

This smaller, more intimate festival is held completely outdoors and is focused on collaborations beers. Thirty-four of the featured brewers will get together to create special one-off brews that can only be found at this festival.

Tickets are on sale now. You can also purchase a lift ticket to ski and ride over the weekend and attend the festival. Attendees will sample special beers in varying pour sizes, meet

the brewers, and enjoy food trucks and fire pits at the base of the K-1 lodge. There are two sessions to choose from: 12-3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Attendees will not want to miss out on trying unique beers at this one-day event.

Vermont brewers established the Vermont Brewers Festival in 1991. This event and the festival on Waterfront Park in Burlington each July are the only festivals created and hosted by the brewers. Tickets are on sale now at [www.vtbrewfest.com](http://www.vtbrewfest.com).



The Vermont Brewers Festival.

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# arts & entertainment



## The Dance Factory's "The Nutcracker"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Grace Wright of Chester as Clara, Ben Haseltine of Chester as the Nutcracker, Brigid Karl of Chester as the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Chelsea Rose of Cavendish as the Snow Queen. Join us at Springfield High School, Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. for this classic holiday tradition. This year's performances are dedicated to Laura Cody McNaughton who danced with the Dance Factory for many years. Tickets are available at Woodbury Florist, Tina's Hallmark, Sage Jewelry, or at the door.

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## "Quintessential" fine art show at 39 North Gallery

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia Art & Accents invites you to a new fine art exhibition at their 39 North Gallery. Their fine art show, "Quintessential," will feature paintings by local artist Marilyn Wendling Nov. 20 through Jan. 9, 2019.

Growing up and living in New England, Wendling uses its palette of endless beauty for inspiration. She works in studio as well as plein air to capture her essence of our area on canvas. Her subjects range from the seacoast to the backroads of Vermont. Like other master painters, she uses a limited palette of red, yellow, blue, and white oil paints. Marilyn's exuberance is translated into her works by painting in her preferred style, alla pri-

ma. Alla prima refers to painting wet on wet. Once she has begun a painting, she continues until it's completed. Her paintings can be found in fine art galleries and private collections throughout the United States.

Established in 2015, DaVallia's second location, 39 North Gallery, has been a five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village of Chester, their gallery and sculpture gardens provide an inspiring atmosphere to experience a diverse array of art. DaVallia welcomes you to enjoy this special exhibit. For more information, visit [www.39NorthGallery.com](http://www.39NorthGallery.com) or call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900 to schedule an appointment for a private viewing.



Quintessential exhibit featuring Marilyn Wendling at 39 North Gallery. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Shop local Ladies Night in Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – This year, Ladies Night in Bellows Falls is Friday, Dec. 14, from 4 p.m. until closing. This is a fun night for girl friends, sisters, sisters-in-law, moms and daughters, co-workers to shop. There are refreshments in the shops, specials at the restaurants, and the benefit of shopping local and getting your BFDDA Shop Local Cards stamped. Several businesses are holding fundraisers for local charities like Relay for Life.

- Boccaccio's Salon will be offering a special on gift certificates and products.
- Flat Iron Cafe will offer special drinks and treats.
- J&H Hardware and Sporting Goods has discounts on in-stock merchandise and 10 percent of sales go to American Cancer Society.
- JoAnna's Glamorama has specials.
- Popolo offers women a discount of all liquor drinks at the bar in recognition of the pay gap between men and women in America.
- River Artisans will be open.
- Sherwin's Art Glass will have glass demonstrations and refreshments as well as making a dona-



Shop local this holiday season.

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tion of 30 percent of his proceeds for Relay for Life.

- Windham Antiques has storewide discounts and free gift wrapping.
- Wunderbar is open until 1 a.m.
- Village Square Booksellers will be donating a portion of their proceeds to Dance Away Cancer/Relay for Life Team Super Hero. Refreshments will be served and holiday music will be playing for this festive occasion.

From 4-9 p.m., Halladays Flowers & Harvest Barn will donate 20 percent of all sales to the Windham

ages, holiday appetizers, and chair massages! Live radio event with Jane Eno from KIXX, plus a jewelry trunk show with Brenda Benware from Martha's Vineyard! Athen's, Pizza Palace, Famous Pizza, PK's, and Donovan's are open that evening too.

In Saxtons River, we have Kendall's Kitchen in Saxtons River serving a free glass of wine with dinner purchase and Main Street Arts will be holding a Holiday Sing-Along from 7-9 p.m. and the "Seeing It Through - The Artwork of Liz Guzynski" exhibit continues through Dec. 28.

For more information on the program, visit the BFD-

County Relay for Life. Enjoy beverage DA Facebook page.

## Vinnie DiBernardo at UU Coffee House

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The December UU Coffee House will take place on the second Saturday of the month, Dec. 8, due to the holidays.



Vinnie DiBernardo.

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Vinnie DiBernardo delighted us all with his songs in the past, and we are thrilled to have him back again. Here's hoping everyone can make it to this special coffee house.

Please come enjoy the music and the delightful refreshments. All are welcome. There is no admission fee. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; music starts at 7 p.m. This is a family-friendly evening of music and fun. You will be able to purchase delicious snacks and beverages. UU Coffee House is held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield.

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# outdoor news

## Mikaela Shiffrin takes first in Slalom at Killington World Cup, Federica Brignone first in Giant Slalom

KILLINGTON, Vt. – Killington Resort reports record-breaking crowds at the World Cup with more than 39,000 spectators over Thanksgiving weekend, while Italy's Federica Brignone received first place in giant slalom and Mikaela Shiffrin received first place in slalom.

"I could hear the crowd the whole second run, from the start to the finish. The crowd really carried me down the hill, and it's just amazing to race here in front of everybody. The atmosphere is incredible," says Mikaela Shiffrin.

"Showcasing Killington and the state of Vermont to the international ski community for a third year in a row, has us and the entire surrounding community boasting with pride," says Mike Solimano, president and general manager of Killington Resort and Pico Mountain. "Everyone involved, from volunteers to groom-

ers, put on another great showing for athletes and spectators. We're very much looking forward to keeping this event on the East Coast next year."

"Killington Resort and the fans have proved once again that the East can successfully host world-class global ski racing events," says Herwig Demschar, chair of the Killington Cup Local Organizing Committee and vice president of international business development at POWDR. "The bar has been set higher with each passing year of the World Cup at The Beast of the East, and the rest of the ski racing world is taking notice," adds Demschar.

"It's wonderful to experience the way the Killington Cup brings the New England ski community together," says John Cumming, chairman and founder of POWDR. "The Killington staff, community, hundreds of volunteers and everyone involved put on another top notch event. We're proud to celebrate greatness and inspire the next generation of skiers."

The Killington Cup set American attendance records with an estimated 39,000 spectators across three days – 5,500 Friday night for opening ceremonies, 18,500 Saturday giant slalom, 15,000 Sunday slalom – beating last year's attendance by 5,000 spectators.

The Killington Cup was broadcast in more than 60 countries worldwide and live on NBC in the United States. Over 2,000 children from New England ski clubs participated in the opening parades Saturday and Sunday.

**2018 Giant Slalom results:**  
1st Federica Brignone (ITA)  
2nd Ragnhild Mowinckel (NOR)  
3rd Stephanie Brunner (AUT)  
**2018 Slalom results:**  
1st Mikaela Shiffrin (USA)  
2nd Petra Vlhova (SVK)  
3rd Frida Hansdotter (SWE)



Ragnhild Mowinckel, Federica Brignone, and Stephanie Brunner placed in the Giant Slalom.

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Petra Vlhova, Mikaela Shiffrin, and Frida Hansdotter placed in the Slalom at Killington World Cup.

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Brignone racing in the Giant Slalom.

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A record-breaking attendance at the 2018 Killington World Cup.

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Shiffrin racing in the Slalom.

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## Vermont's wildlife in a changing climate

WATERBURY, Vt. – Vermonters of all ages are invited to attend a presentation about Vermont's wildlife in a changing climate Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The presentation will be given at the Green Mountain Club Visitors Center located at 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road (Route 100) in Waterbury Center. The talk is part of the Shutesville Wildlife Series and is co-sponsored by the Stowe Land Trust, Waterbury Conservation Commission, Stowe Conservation Commission, and the Green Mountain Club.

Tom Rogers will be presenting at the event. Rogers is a biologist who has worked on a variety of

conservation projects, researching zebras in Kenya, golden-winged warblers in New York, sage grouse and bald eagles in Wyoming, and grizzly bears in Montana. Tom currently works in outreach for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, connecting the public with fish and wildlife through writing, speaking, and photography.

Through colorful photos and captivating stories, the audience will come away with a new under-



Tom Rogers of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will be presenting on the effects of climate change on Vermont's wildlife Dec. 13.

PHOTO PROVIDED

"From warmer, wetter winters to increasingly severe storms, wildlife faces a variety of challenges from a changing climate," said Rogers. "We'll discuss how different species might continue to respond to many of these challenges and what conservationists are doing to address them."

standing of how climate change is affecting wildlife. Rogers will talk about what people can do to help conserve biodiversity in Vermont in the face of these new threats.

The talk is free and open to the public, though people are encouraged to register at [www.stowelandtrust.org/events/detail/news/vermonts-wildlife-in-a-changing-climate](http://www.stowelandtrust.org/events/detail/news/vermonts-wildlife-in-a-changing-climate).

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## business spotlight



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Williams River Gallery, in Chester, Vt., features American artists, primarily from the 20th century, with an emphasis on quintessential New England scenes. Owners John and Jo-Anne DeBenedetti have been collectors of artists like Andrew Wyeth and Eric Sloane for a long time with the original gallery functioning out of their house in the early 2000s. At the same time, they both worked with The Framery of Vermont when it was located in Bellows Falls.

In 2009, the couple bought The Framery of Vermont from the previous owners and moved it into their current location in Chester. At that time, they moved the Williams River Gallery into the same building. "The inventory was so large and content so appropriate for New England," John explained as the reason for the move to a more public location.

Today, when you enter their storefront on Elm Street, The Framery of Vermont is located on the left and the Williams River Gallery on the right. Their expertise in custom framing and ensuring "the long life of your art by using the highest quality conservation materials and the latest archival methods" lends itself to the care and dedication to the prints you will find in the Williams River Gallery.

The gallery hosts signed limited editions, rare out-of-print, and open editions by Andrew Wyeth, Robert Todd, Eric Sloane, Frank McCarthy, Edward Gordon, and more. Occasionally, some originals may filter into the mix. Many of the pieces were originally created in the 1970s and '80s. The scenes capture rustic, classic Vermont from covered bridges to skiing. Andrew Wyeth pieces include reproductions of watercolors and temperas with landscapes including people and places. Robert Todd lived in Vermont in 1986 and produced oil paintings of seasonal images from maple sugaring season to snow-covered barns. Eric Sloane also created well-known scenes of barns and covered bridges, but he is also known for his rendering of skies, in particular his clouds. The gallery also sells many of the books that Sloane authored and illustrated. There is also a selection of Luigi Lucioni etchings and Asa Cheffetz wood engravings.

With a visit to Williams River Gallery, you will be completely immersed in artwork that captures the best imagery of Vermont life. Whether you are a local and proud Vermonter or a second homeowner who loves this state, these pieces will complement your home or office.

The art prints are reasonably priced, and John's passion and knowledge of the subject matter – and the framing and preservation process – ensures you'll find what you're looking for in Williams River Gallery. Stop in to take a look around. The gallery is open Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other times by appointment.



### AUCTION

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### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - SUNDAY, DEC. 9 -** PERU, Vt. - Reiki III Certification class is being offered by Reiki Master and author Jennifer Rose Esposito on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at New Spring Farm, 135 Batchelder Barn Road in Peru. Prerequisite of Reiki I Certification is necessary for this class. For pricing details and to register, email Jennifer at [peaceofparadisising@gmail.com](mailto:peaceofparadisising@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY, DEC. 9 -** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join us for The Fear of Singing

workshop on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stone Church Art Center in Bellows Falls. Learn to sing in a way that's supportive, comfortable, and fun. Take home skills to start you on your way. Discuss the basics of music theory, so you'll understand more about how songs work. Sing familiar songs and learn new ones! We'll create a tool kit of accessible techniques for you to take home and use as you develop your skills. Discover the joy of your unique voice and let go of that old idea that singing isn't for you!

**SUNDAY, DEC. 16 -** PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project continues its highly popular cooking class series with "Cookie Swap with

Recipes" on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the newly renovated kitchen at Next Stage in Putney. A cookie swap is a way to reach out to our community and share family traditions. Make a cookie recipe of your choice. We suggest a minimum of four dozen cookies. Depending on the number of people who participate, each participant should be able to take home a collection of cookies! Bring your own containers please. Don't forget to print out your cookie recipe to share. We will have light nibbles available, so please let us know you are going to come. This class is free, but registration is required. For more information, contact 802-387-0102 or [kitchen@nextstagearts.org](mailto:kitchen@nextstagearts.org).

**SUNDAYS -** CHESTER, Vt. - The Odd Bobbins Spinning Group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 2 - 4 p.m. at Six Loose Ladies, 287 Main Street in Chester. The Odd Bobbins meet monthly to spin

in company, exchange fiber, and learn from each other. Occasional guest instructors and fiber producers attend. For more details visit [www.sixlooseladies.com](http://www.sixlooseladies.com). TFN

**FRIDAYS -** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free Open Art Nights, second Fridays from 7 p.m., open to people of all ages. Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Art Gym on 62 Clinton Street, Springfield. Visit [www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym/](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym/). TFN

### CLUBS

**MONDAYS -** QUECHEE, Vt. - Valley Stamp Club meets second Mondays at the Quechee Library at 7 p.m. located at 1957 Main St. For more information, contact John Lutz at 802-728-6212. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting, third Mondays at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester

Congregational Church on Main Street. Enjoy lunch, jokes and funny stories, and possibly Bingo. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia 802-875-6242. TFN

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](mailto:springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com) or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. [www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org](http://www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org). TFN

**TUESDAYS -** LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main St. from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive-through. Visit [www.ludlowrotary.com](http://www.ludlowrotary.com) or contact club President Jill Tofferi at [ludlowrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ludlowrotary@gmail.com). TFN

**WEDNESDAYS -** LUDLOW, Vt. - Looking for a friendly game of bridge? Want to learn how to play or update your rusty skills? We play every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St. in Ludlow. You are most welcome to join us. For more information, call 802-228-2983.

**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@comcast.net](mailto:rayandrosie@comcast.net). TFN

RUTLAND, Vt. - Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. For more information call 802-228-6276. TFN

**SATURDAYS -** MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Still life drawing. The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and sets up a still life. The sessions are open to all and free of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper. TFN

**SUNDAYS -** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets at 3:30-6:30 p.m. most Sundays at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Road, N. Springfield. Membership is open to ages 12 and up. Call Commander Capt. Tom Williams at 802-558-5571, [twilliams@vtcap.org](mailto:twilliams@vtcap.org). TFN

### COMMUNITY MEALS

**THURSDAY, DEC. 6 -** TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Everyone is invited to dinner at noon

on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Townshend Church. Sponsored by Senior Solutions, Inc., the food is prepared by the Townshend Dam Diner's Chef Stephanie. Take-out meals will be available. Suggested donation. All are welcome!

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7 -** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls on Friday, Dec. 7 from 5 - 7 p.m. Menu includes baked ham, potatoes, green bean casserole, peas, squash, rolls, dessert and beverage. Suggested donation. Fully accessible. Net proceeds to benefit Restorative Justice, Bellows Falls.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The North Springfield Baptist Church will be hosting a free community dinner on Friday, Dec. 7 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dishes served are usually salads, casseroles, beans, soups, breads, desserts and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 69 Main St. in North Springfield and is handicap assessable. For more information, call 802-886-8107.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8 -** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for our December Second Saturday Supper on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Springfield. The menu is turkey divan on biscuits with coleslaw, beverage and dessert. This

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**WEEKDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

## EVENTS

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7 – SATURDAY, DEC. 8 – WALPOLE, N.H.** – The Orchard School and Community Center in Alstead is hosting its 23rd annual benefit Craft Fair on Friday, Dec. 7 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall. Forty artisans will be offering locally made handcrafted goods. Volunteers will offer dinner on Friday as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday in their benefit cafe. This year's menu will feature soup, bread, desserts, and hot drinks. For more information, visit [www.theorchardschool.org](http://www.theorchardschool.org) or [www.facebook.com/TOSCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/TOSCommunity) or call the office 603-835-2495.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** – You are invited to The Festival of Lights and Silent Auction, presented by The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. at The Odd Fellows Hall, on Star Lake, in Belmont. Beautifully

decorated one-of-a-kind wreaths, creative gift baskets and an array of donated items will be auctioned. An array of hors d'oeuvres with wine and other refreshments served at 6 p.m. There is no charge to attend this "adults only" event. For more information about this event, visit [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org).

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Bellows Falls Middle School is having their annual Ski Sale on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria. Great prices on ski equipment with proceeds benefiting students. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. Cash and checks accepted.

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Bonnie's Bundles Dolls is having a special holiday party event on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at our home gallery in the Stone Village in Chester. To celebrate, we are offering four unique Bundles at 25 percent off. There will also be special homemade treats and 35 other original handmade dolls to meet and greet you. You can preview our special holiday sale dolls by going to the news page on our website [www.bonniebundlesdolls.com](http://www.bonniebundlesdolls.com).

**SUNDAY, DEC. 9 – CHESTER, Vt.** – The Gassetts Grange is holding their Monthly Country Jamboree and Christmas Giveaway on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 1 – 4 p.m. Everyone gets a ticket as they enter for raffle (wrapped gifts), so bring a gift to share. We are also having a Turkey dinner, raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. Also in our kitchen we have hot dogs, french fries, desserts, soda, and water on sale. Coffee and tea are free. Our house band Green Mountain Express will start the

music out and anyone who has talent who has signed in will take turns. Donation requested.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12 – WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Come see the medieval mystery drama, "The Oberufer Shepherds Play," on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Westminster. This is a performance by Waldorf teacher training students from Antioch University New England in Keene, N.H. Admission is free. Followed by a community supper of soup and cornbread.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 14 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Village Square Booksellers will be celebrating Ladies Night on Friday, Dec. 14 from 4 – 8 p.m. It's always a fun night for girlfriends, sisters, sisters-in-law, moms and daughters, co-workers, etc. to shop. Ladies Night specials include discounts on Christmas cards and books, pj's, t-shirts, socks, mittens & hats, mugs, plates and utensils. Refreshments will be served and holiday music will be playing. We are donating a portion of our proceeds to Dance Away Cancer/Relay for Life Team Super Hero.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 15 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – The Charlestown Recreation Dept. is hosting the Charlestown Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charlestown Primary School. Shop for those last minute unique Christmas

gifts. Concessions will be available. A 50/50 drawing and raffles. Drawings will be at 2 p.m. No need to be present, but arrangements must be made to pick up your prizes.

**WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt.** – Upper Valley Curling will hold a Learn to Curl Clinic at the Barwood Arena in White River Junction on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 5:45 to 8 p.m. There is a cost and registration is required. The club will provide all equipment; students just have to wear warm clothes, including hats and gloves, and bring shoes with non-skid soles. To register, or for more information about the club, please visit [www.uppervalleycurling.org](http://www.uppervalleycurling.org). Space is limited so sign up early! For more information about the clinic, please email [uppervalleycurling@gmail.com](mailto:uppervalleycurling@gmail.com). The Barwood Arena is located behind the high school in White River Junction at 45 Highland Ave.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Visit the United Methodist Church in Springfield for their Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. A cookie walk is a large assortment of homemade cookies that prospective buyers browse, walking down a long table stacked high with cookies. We will have a wonderful selection and will sell different size containers and let our customers mix and match their holiday selection. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Join us for Sultans of String's Christmas Caravan on Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Stone Church Art Center in Bellows Falls. Celebrate the season with an adventurous musical trip around the world! Three time JUNO Award nominees Sultans of String deliver an exuberant performance featuring band originals, world-music inspired

classics, and seasonal favorites to warm your heart on a cold winter's night.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 22 – GRAFTON, Vt.** – The VSO Brass Quintet joins forces with Counterpoint, under the direction of Nathaniel G. Lew, to ring in the holidays in style on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. at the White Church in Grafton. The ensemble is pleased to present the Vermont

premiere of a stunning new setting of Nancy Tillman's beloved children's book, "On the Night You Were Born," by Vermont composer Travis Ramsey. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on this seasonal treat—a perfect blend of brass, voices, and good cheer. Other dates available in Manchester, Newport, and Warren, Vt. For more information visit [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

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**EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINES:**

ADS AND PRESS FOR OUR DEC. 26 NEW YEARS EDITION ARE DUE  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19**

ADS AND PRESS FOR OUR JAN. 02 POST NEW YEARS EDITION ARE DUE  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26**

We will be CLOSED  
Dec. 24 and 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 01.

**The Commissioner's Office  
NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE DISTRICT**

The North Walpole Village District has filled an application with the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to develop a plac to remove 1, 4-Dioxane from the North Walpole Water Supply.

A public meeting for comments will be held at **6:30 pm on December 18, 2018** at the Commissioner's Meeting Room at 70 Church Street to discuss the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment.

Commissioners Barbara S. O'Brien and Patrick Kiniry

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**Town of Londonderry  
Development Review Board  
Notice of Public Hearings**

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, Vermont for Public Hearings on the following applications:

Application by Douglas Stevens for Owner Tim Dugan for Conditional Use review for Excavation to regrade and relocate driveway on Parcel 007012.000 located at 3007 Winhall Hollow Road.

Application by Jennifer Veech for Sara Stoesser Veech Trust for Subdivision of 120 acres that comprise Parcel 043003.000 located at 667 Haven Hill Road.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office or by email from the Zoning Administrator at [townadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townadmin@londonderryvt.org)

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Sharon Crossman, Acting Zoning Administrator  
Posted: December 3, 2018

**TAKE A BREAK!**

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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6 Measuring device  
11 Wig  
12 Show up  
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15 Vocalist  
16 Big bother  
17 Formal pronouncements  
19 Yoko of music  
20 Spill the beans  
22 Bear hair  
23 Coaster  
24 Black-and-white movie, e.g.  
26 90210, for one  
28 Always, in verse  
30 Mongrel  
31 Sways from side to side  
35 "Gone With the Wind" star  
39 Look lasciviously  
40 Three-man vessel?  
42 Intend  
43 Grazing area  
44 Filleted  
46 Suitable  
47 Identify  
49 Sarcastic remark  
51 Stag's lack

**DOWN**

1 Large beer  
2 Gaffer Palmer  
3 Schlep  
4 — out (supplemented)  
5 Helvetia lack  
6 Stomach-related  
7 Met melody  
8 Grecian con-

tainer  
9 51-Across of  
10 Tied  
11 "The Republic" man  
13 Wear away glass  
18 Since, slangily  
21 Belgian city  
23 "Get lost!"  
25 Conger or moray  
27 Boxer  
29 Cutting responses  
31 "Look Homeward,

Angel" author  
32 Anti-elderly bias  
33 Quick look  
34 Baltimore newspaper, e.g.  
36 Snoopy, e.g.  
37 Boutonnieres' sites  
38 Access  
41 Watch-crystal holder  
44 Ernie's pal  
45 Prima donna  
48 — long way (last)  
50 Diarist Anais

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**Salome's Stars**

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family member's personal situation is, fortunately, resolved in time for you to get back into your hectic round of holiday preparations. An old friend might bring a new friend into your life.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Pace yourself in meeting holiday pressures and workplace demands to avoid winding up with a frayed temper and a Scorpion stinger that lashes out at puzzled kith, kin and colleagues.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A financial matter requires close attention. Also, news from a trusted source provides the means to help sort out a long-standing state of confusion and put it into perspective.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce family ties. Make it a priority to assess and resolve all outstanding problems. Start the upcoming holiday season with a full measure of love.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't be pressured into a so-called solid-gold investment. Wait until the holiday distractions are over. Then take a harder look at it. You might find that the "gold" is starting to flake off.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A former friend might be trying to heal the breach between you by using a mutual friend as an intermediary. Best advice: Keep an open mind despite any lingering bad feelings.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of saying the right thing at the right time. Your friendships are deep and lasting.

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# calendar

# REAL ESTATE

## EVENTS CONT.

### TUESDAYS –

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Join us for Bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and first game starts at 6 p.m. Food is available. Call 802-463-4054 for details. TFN

### WEDNESDAYS –

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – Weekly bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, 365 Lovers Lane Rd. Early Birds at 5 p.m., Regular Games at 6:30 p.m.

### THURSDAYS –

**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. Raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – Dinner and a movie on the last Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. At each

event, 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. TFN

### SATURDAYS –

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Internet and jazz jam Saturday at the Flat Iron Exchange, located in the square. No cover charge, just a tip jar to listen to some great jazz music. Enjoy a coffee and relax. 5 - 7 p.m. TFN

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Join us for Karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster Street on Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. TFN

## FARMERS' MARKETS

**SATURDAY, DEC. 15 –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The

Springfield Farmers' Market is holding a holiday market on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Valley St. in Springfield. The Springfield Farmers' Market is a non-profit vendor run market. For details email [springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com) or call 802-885-4096.

### SUNDAYS –

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – The 9th annual Putney Artisanal Marketplace on Sundays through Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Green Mountain Orchards in Putney. Over 30 vendors! Live music, delicious food, fresh baked breads, greens, root veggies, herbs, mushrooms, preserves, chicken and duck eggs, pastured meats, grass-fed dairy, gluten-free pastries, herbal remedies and body care products, beeswax candles, CBD chocolates, fine woolens, functional ceramics, wood carvings, and so much more!

## KIDS' CORNER

### FRIDAY, DEC. 7 –

**GRAFTON, Vt.** – On Friday, Dec. 7, from 10-11:30 a.m., The Nature Museum presents our Preschool Nature Program: "Leave, Sleep, or Bundle Up? What Do Animals Do in Winter?" The leaves are gone, nights become cold, and snowflakes fly as chilly winds begin to blow! For us, that means getting out our winter coats, gloves, and hats! But what do animals do to be ready for winter? For ages 3 to 6 years old. Register at [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org). Caregivers are always free. The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Rd. Call 802-843-2111.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 11 –

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Join us for Crafty Tuesday on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 3 - 4 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow for grades K and up. We'll make Dancing Elves, a wiggly, jiggly elf that you made yourself. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details. TFN

### TUESDAY, DEC. 18 –

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Join us for Crafty Tuesday on Tuesday,

Dec. 18 from 3 - 4 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow for grades K and up. We'll be making Holiday Tree Ornaments – It's time to trim your holiday trees with bright and cheery ornaments and we will make a few to add to your collection. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details. TFN

### FRIDAY, DEC. 21 –

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Enjoy our Holiday Movie Matinee, "The Christmas Chronicles" presented by Netflix on Friday, Dec. 21 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Snacks provided. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details. TFN

### THURSDAY, DEC. 27 –

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Come read with Sailor the Reading Dog on Thursday, Dec. 27 from 3 - 4 p.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Sailor and his friend Arlene visit once a month and are always excited to meet new friends. Sailor especially enjoys being read to and can't wait to hear a new story or two. Reading to a dog is known to strengthen the reader's confidence while providing an opportunity to practice literacy skills. All ages welcome. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details. TFN

### FRIDAY, DEC. 28 –

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Kids ages 5 and up are invited to our American Ninja Warrior Junior Watch Party on Friday, Dec. 28 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. We will watch episodes 1 and 2, have some snacks and root for our favorite ninjas. Maybe someday there will be a competitor known as the "Library Ninja!" Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details. TFN

### MONDAY, DEC. 31 –

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Learn about how New Year's holiday is celebrated around the world on Monday, Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to noon at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. We'll read stories, learn about other traditions; make party

hats and countdown to "Noon-Year's Eve" at 11:59 a.m. with sparkling cider and other surprises! All ages welcome. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details. TFN

### TUESDAYS –

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – Story time for toddlers and Pre-K at the Silsby Free Library from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs, and finger plays. Session includes playtime, an activity and a story time. Free and open to all. TFN

### SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –

Springfield Town Library story time, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Free and open to the public with stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. For more information, call the library at 802-885-3108. TFN

### ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –

Crafts, Stories and Play Time toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact 463-4270. TFN

### WESTON, Vt. –

Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library, Lawrence Hill Road in Weston! 11 a.m. - noon. Call ahead to check, 802-824-4307. TFN

### WINDSOR, Vt. –

Preschool and Toddler Storytime 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. [www.windsorlibrary.org](http://www.windsorlibrary.org). 802-674-2556. TFN

### WEDNESDAYS –

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Storytime for ages 5 and under on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Children and their caregivers are invited to join us each week for early literacy activities, STEM explorations, music and more! Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details. TFN

### THURSDAYS –

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Edgar May Open Play Group 10-11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum, 71 Main St. An active playtime specifically

designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or [info@myrecenter.org](mailto:info@myrecenter.org). TFN

### 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. TFN

### FRIDAYS –

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Fridays, 9-11 a.m. creative movement activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at 802-885-2727. TFN

### CHESTER, Vt. –

Story time at Whiting Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277. TFN

### GRAFTON, Vt. –

Preschool Nature Programs at The Nature Museum in Grafton on Fridays through May from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Mighty Acorns Club invites young adventurers to explore the natural world through interactive games, puzzles, and activities. This program is held at The Nature Museum and most sessions involve exploring our backyard and the nearby woods, fields and pond; our environmental educators Jay DeGregorio and Jill Bruning leads the group. We hope you and your little ones can join us! TFN

### SATURDAYS –

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## LIBRARIES

### SATURDAY, DEC. 8 –

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating the holidays with a Present Making Workshop and Open House for Families on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. Art teacher Casey

Junker Bailey invites children of all ages to make a collection of one-of-a-kind presents for family and friends in one of our most popular workshops of the year. Upstairs, parents may browse through a wonderful selection of antique and gently used books in all categories to find the perfect gift. There will be refreshments, music, a visit from Santa and a small gift for every child. For more information, call the Library at 824-3371.

### MONDAYS –

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Children of all ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Chester for helping us with a generous donation for this program. For further information, call 802-875-2277, visit [www.whitinglibrary.org](http://www.whitinglibrary.org), or check out Facebook. TFN

### THURSDAYS –

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org). TFN

### FRIDAYS –

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public 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. TFN

### SATURDAYS –

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Town Library has a tech help desk available on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Having trouble with your first smartphone? Want to re-set your Facebook privacy? Need to take a course in Word or Excel? Call 802-885-3108 to make an appointment. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

## MEETINGS

### MONDAYS –

**ANDOVER, Vt.** – Select Board meetings are every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. For information, call 802-875-2765.

### CAVENDISH, Vt. –

Select Board meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office. For more information go to [www.cavendishvt.com](http://www.cavendishvt.com) or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at [www.okemovallley.tv](http://www.okemovallley.tv).

### GRAFTON, Vt. –

Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday at the Grafton Elementary School or the Town Garage at 6 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2552 or go to [www.graftonvt.org](http://www.graftonvt.org). Recordings are found at [www.fact8.com](http://www.fact8.com).

### LONDONDERRY, Vt. –

Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-824-3356 or go to [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org). Recordings are found at [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

**Chester, VT**



64 acres of property in Chester. This camp includes a house as well as a barn. 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. Its truly a handyman's dream. Magic Mountain, Stratton and Okemo are all within 30 minutes away. **PRICE: \$225,000.** Call John Napier 860-559-9334 or Karen Wilson 203-550-7430.

**Chester, VT**



2 bedroom, 2 bathroom charming house near the village of Chester on .87 acres. Enjoy the deck over looking the river, just 20 minutes to Okemo. **PRICE: \$118,000.** Call Kathy Fisher 802-228-5678 x224.

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 <p><b>Immaculate, Turn Key Ranch</b> Separate Apartment In Basement 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 0.49+/- Acres Charlestown, NH \$179,900</p>	 <p><b>Adorable &amp; Charming Cape!</b> In Town Location 2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths, 0.11+/- Acres Chester, \$149,000</p>	 <p><b>Mobilehome On 10+/- Acres!</b> Outbuilding &amp; Trails for ATV's 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath Marlboro, \$89,900</p>
 <p><b>2.1 Acre Lot</b> W/ Common Association Acres and Protective Covenants Rockingham, \$67,500</p>	 <p><b>10+/- Acres w/ Mountain View!</b> Southern Exposure, Solar Potential Surveyed Building Lot Rockingham, \$36,900</p>	 <p><b>1.44+/- Acre Lot in Prime Location!</b> Water &amp; Electric at Road Snowmobile Access 200' Ludlow, \$22,900</p>



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Lori Muse,  
Broker/Owner

Carol Cole,  
REALTOR

 <p>This Comfortable Cape Style Home has character and style. Includes an efficient kitchen with warm oak cabinets, large combination formal dining and living room with natural light, bright first floor bedroom and finished bath, upstairs master suite with office space &amp; large bedroom and lots of storage. Oversized detached garage has a side covered porch with views of local hillsides and a large back yard that connects to the next street. <b>REDUCED AGAIN TO \$112,000</b></p>	
 <p>A fantastic spot in North Springfield with easy access to State Roads in all directions. Convenient living on a single level with a mudroom, eat-in kitchen with walk-in pantry, livingroom with woodstove, two bedrooms, oversized 20x30 family room or studio connected by a bright/sunny breezeway. Includes 1+/- acres with a large fenced in yard. A must see! <b>\$125,000</b></p>	
 <p>Lots of room and options to configure. This home has been used as a multi-unit in the past, but can easily be a single family home by opening up a staircase. First floor includes a room off the entry ideal for pantry storage or mudroom, large kitchen with a wall of built-ins, living room, two bedrooms and a bath. Upstairs has three bedrooms, living area, kitchen and bath. Out back is a bonus building that is ideal for a workshop or storage. Within walking distance to convenience store and schools. <b>REDUCED PRICE AGAIN TO \$74,900</b></p>	
 <p>A nice opportunity to own a ranch style home near town, but set to the back of a side street with 2.3+/- acres. Paved Driveway to both lower portion of the house/basement access and to main level. Main level has a bright, over sized living/dining area, efficient kitchen, two bedrooms and bath. Walk-out basement includes garage bay, office/den, laundry, storage rooms and a half bath. Shed for storage, partially fenced yard, and views across the valley. <b>\$129,500</b></p>	
 <p>This Rockingham 3 bedroom ranch style home is ready for someone to roll up their sleeves and get to work. Includes a spacious interior with living/dining combination with fireplace, family room, three season porch and an over sized attached garage with overhead storage. All on 1.4+/- acres. <b>\$79,900</b></p>	

# AUTOMOTIVE

# calendar

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Select Board meetings are the first Monday of every month at the Town Hall. For more information, call 802-228-2841 or go to [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us). Recordings found at [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv).

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman's Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to [www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com](http://www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com).

**TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second Tuesday during the summer. Both meetings take place in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Call 802-463-4336 for more information or go to [www.rockbf.org](http://www.rockbf.org). Recordings can be found at [www.fact8.com](http://www.fact8.com).

**MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** – Select Board meetings are on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. of each month at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-259-2391.

**WESTON, Vt.** – Select Board meetings are on the second and forth Tuesday of every

month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Call 802-824-6988 or go to [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org) for more information. Recordings can be found at [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Westminster Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information can be found at [www.westminsterfireandrescue.org](http://www.westminsterfireandrescue.org). TFN

**WEDNESDAYS - CHESTER, Vt.** – Chester Select Board meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 802-875-2173 or go to [www.chestervt.org](http://www.chestervt.org). Recordings can be found at [sapatv.org](http://sapatv.org).

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the Community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main St. in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. More information, visit [www.braccvt.org](http://www.braccvt.org). TFN

## 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. For more information, call 800-639-6480 or visit [www.namivt.org](http://www.namivt.org). TFN

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7 - 8 p.m., 44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507. TFN

**TUESDAYS - WALPOLE, N.H.** – "Hope and Help for Families" is held every Tuesday night from 6:45 – 8 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the common in Walpole, N.H. It is open to all family members and loved ones (over the age of 16), of people who are suffering from addiction. It is free and confidential. For information call Becky Pearson at 603-860-0221. TFN

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Weight Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage

Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Instructor: Grace Cottage Health Coach Liz Harrison. Free. 802-365-3766.

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a nonprofit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Visit our website [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) for more information. TFN

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[springfieldmed.org](http://springfieldmed.org). TFN

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Mental Illness Family Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Facilitated by trained members of the

National Alliance on Mental Illness. Free. 713-591-2857.

**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. TFN

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