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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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**Black River High School dedicating gymnasium floor**

LUDLOW, Vt. – Dedication of the new BRHS gymnasium floor is planned for Dec. 10, 2018 at 7 p.m. in honor of Sue Pollender, longtime girls varsity basketball coach. Following the dedication, girls' varsity Black River and Green Mountain teams will play their first basketball game of the season. We invite all family, friends, and alumni to attend this memorable event, adding to the rich history of Black River High School.

**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.

**George H. W. Bush, 1924-2018**

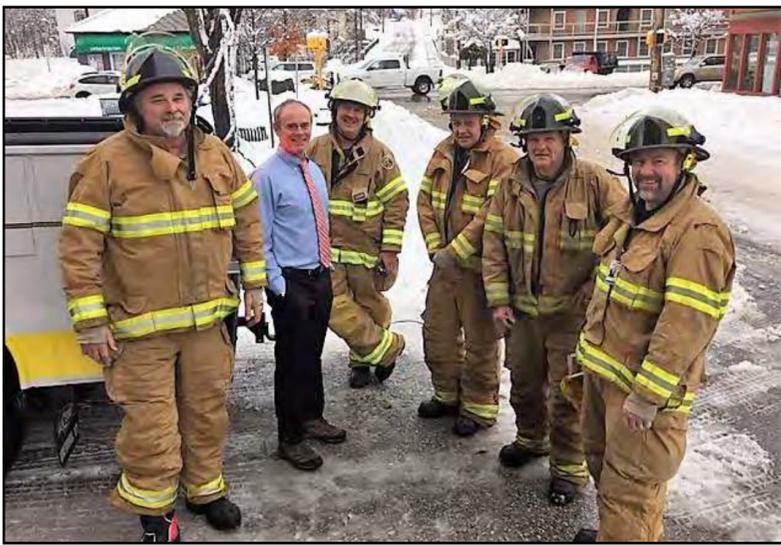


Former President George H.W. Bush died Nov. 30, 2018 at 94 years and 171 days. He has the distinction of being the longest-lived president in American history. Bush was the 41st president of the United States, serving from 1989-1993.

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**Ludlow Fire Dept. issues a warning about carbon monoxide during winter**

LUDLOW, Vt. – With the winter season in full swing, Ludlow Fire Chief Peter Kolenda is issuing a warning to homeowners about a silent and deadly killer. Residents can avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning by having their fuel-burning appliances inspected by a qualified technician every year, and by purchasing and installing CO detectors that meet the requirements of the Underwriters Laboratories standards.



Municipal Manager Scott Murphy is standing with Ludlow's hometown hero firefighters: (left to right) Jim Briggs, Chief Peter Kolenda, Butch Higgins, Richard Carle, and Steve Wilson.

Municipal Manager Scott Murphy learned first-hand of the dangers of carbon monoxide when a leak in the muffler of the Town Hall generator allowed dangerous levels of carbon monoxide to accumulate in the building during a power outage. When the CO detectors went off, the Ludlow Fire Department arrived on the scene and cleared and vented the building until it was safe for staff and guests to return.

The staff in the Ludlow Town Hall would like to thank the Ludlow Fire Department for their quick response and for taking the time to educate them about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide poisoning from the use of fuel burning appliances kills over 100 people each year and sends many more to hospital emergency rooms for treatment. Burning any fuel produces carbon monoxide, which is a colorless, odorless gas. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, and include dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing. High-level exposure to carbon monoxide can cause death.

“Modern heating equipment is sophisticated and requires special training and tools for proper maintenance,” Kolenda said. “We recommend that you should not service your own appliances, but instead have a qualified professional perform an inspection.”

A yearly inspection of your home by a professional should include a careful look at the following sources

of carbon monoxide: furnaces, hot water heaters and stoves, chimneys, flues and vents, High Temperature Plastic Venting pipes, improper ventilation, and charcoal grills.

**What to do in a CO emergency**

If you are suffering from chronic flu-like symptoms, see your doctor and ask him/her if it could be a low-level CO poisoning. If you have a CO detector, and it alarms, open the windows and ventilate your home with fresh air and have your heating system checked by a professional. If your alarm sounds and you are feeling drowsy or dizzy, leave the house immediately and call 911 from a neighbor's home. You may need medical attention for carbon monoxide poisoning.

“While carbon monoxide poisoning is a deadly threat, the hazards can be avoided by having a yearly professional inspection of your home fuel burning appliances and by installing a CO detector that meets the most recent UL standards,” Kolenda said.

The Ludlow Fire Department staff wishes everyone a happy and safe winter season.

**Holiday housewarming raises funds for food and fuel assistance**

CHESTER, Vt. – Continuing a tradition established in 2005, the Chester and Andover Democrats will hold their annual Holiday Housewarming Fuel & Food Fundraiser at Baba a Louis Bakery in Chester Friday, Dec. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. As always, there will be plenty to eat and drink at this event, which is open to the entire community. All money raised will be given to the Chester-Andover Family Center to help those who need assistance in heating their homes this winter. Since the fundraiser's inception in 2005, over \$20,000 has been raised to help local residents keep their homes warm in the cold winter months. For the past several years, attendees also brought non-perishable food items to help replenish the shelves at the Family Center's food pantry.

Even though Baba a Louis Bakery closed earlier this year, owner John McClure graciously offered to reopen his beautiful building and once again host this year's fundraiser. John strongly believes in giving back to his community and this might be one of the last times community members can gather here.

Winter arrived early this year



Help families in need stay warm and well this winter.

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and as we've already had many single digit temperatures at night, it has put an extra burden on folks trying to pay for home heating fuel earlier than expected. With the premise that no one should have to make a choice between heating or eating, food donations were added to the annual Winter Fuel Fund-

raising Event, so that families could continue to provide nourishing meals, even as they have to spend more money to keep their homes warm through the winter months.

“When the cold weather hits, some people have no choice but to spend less on groceries so they can heat their homes. Having enough

food is not just a problem in the winter, but it is made worse when people need to spend more money on heating fuel. At this time of the year, it's the least we can do to help ease the burden. We've seen that state aid is not always enough and does not reach all the folks who need assistance,” said former State Reps. Kathy Pellett and Leigh Dakin.

Current State Rep. Tom Bock emphasized that it is really going to be tough this year as the federal program LIHEAP may again be cutting funding to the states. “That's why it's so important that we continue raising money in our own community to help our neighbors. The Chester-Andover Family Center does a great job of getting the assistance to those who need it,” said Bock.

For more information, contact Tom Bock at 802-875-2222 or Kathy Pellett at 802-875-1372. If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to Food & Fuel Assistance Fund and send to Bill Dakin, c/o Dakin and Benelli, P.O. Box 499, Chester, VT 05143.

We hope to see you at Baba a Louis Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. Let's all help our neighbors stay warm this winter.

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# Christmas in Weston festivities capture true holiday spirit

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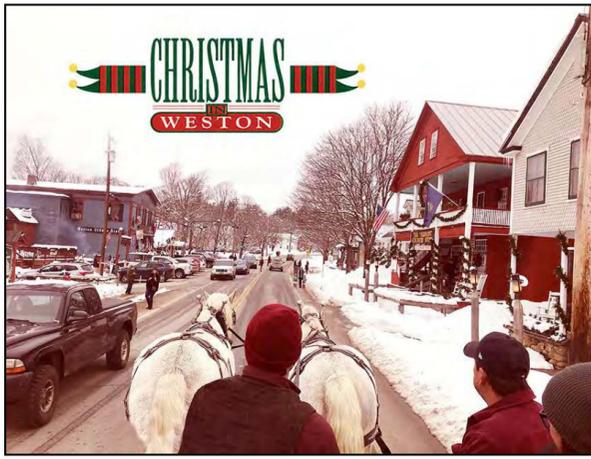
WESTON, Vt. – Though the skies may have been cloudy with a chill in the air, holiday decorations and Christmas activities throughout the town of Weston kept visiting families and holiday revelers basking in the warmth of the festive season.

This is Christmas in Weston, a daylong townwide celebration that kicks off the season “celebrating traditional holiday nostalgia.” This past Saturday, Dec. 1 marked the 34th year this event has been attracting visitors from near and far to enjoy a bevy of free, Christmas themed

events and activities for all ages happening in the galleries, shops, museums, and inns throughout this idyllic picturesque village.

Not to be missed is the horse-drawn carriage ride, ours led by driver Kent Stafford steering his sturdy equine team of Dan and Duke, all of North Meadow Farms. The jaunty circuitous route down Main Street and around the Village Green, offered an excellent view of the many stores, museums, shops, and booths that were offering foods and activities.

Heart and soul of Weston’s Main Street is The Vermont Country Store, which outdoes itself each year with



Horse drawn wagon ride with driver Kent, and horses Dan and Duke. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY



Children lined up to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

## FML holiday auction



LUDLOW, Vt. – Come on into Fletcher Memorial Library and bid on our holiday auction! We have Red Sox tickets, two hours of interior design, your name in an upcoming Archer Mayor book, local gift certificates, scrapbooking materials, local jelly and jams, holiday slates, pinecone wreath, and more. The auction ends Friday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

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its festive holiday decor. Once inside, it is like stepping back in time with old-fashioned bins, wooden drawers, and shelves brimming with nostalgic foods, products, toys, clothing, and sweets. There’s always plenty to sample here with sweets, dips, and cheeses available for tasting throughout the store. Despite the long lines, visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus is an absolute must here and ultimately children are rewarded with a sweet and unhurried moment with the most authentic Santa and Mrs. Claus I’ve ever seen.

Other Weston shops like Weston Village Christmas Shop and Weston Country Store were festive and bustling with shoppers and also had samples, cider, and cookies for shoppers. There was also a cozy fire set for roasting marshmallows in front of the Weston Country Store.

Many food booths and tables were set up throughout town and on the Village Green selling soups, chili, sausage and peppers, hamburgers,

and hot dogs. There were also more formal dining options in the restaurants.

Kids’ craft activities were happening around town at The Little School and at the John Wilder Memorial Library, and there were two magician performances at the Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm.

More mature revelers packed the Old Parish Church for a reading of “A Christmas Carol,” which was led by members of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company. It also involved many audience members who volunteered and were given parts once they were seated. In what felt like perfect timing, the Inn at Weston, conveniently located right next door to the church, was serving free tastings of Vermont craft beer and cheeses immediately following. The room was abuzz with many out-of-town visitors including four exuberant women I spoke with who were enjoying a ladies’ weekend, having traveled from the Maryland/D.C. area to enjoy the festivities.

The Farrar Mansur House Museum and Mill were also open for a tour, the only time to visit during the



Visitors from Maryland at Weston Inn for Vermont beer and cheese tasting, part of Christmas in Weston. From left to right, Jackie Crispell, Colleen Hughes, Mary Olds, and Sharon Runge. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

winter months. These early 19th century buildings, with many of their original furnishings and artifacts, all conveyed that same sense of nostalgia and stepping back in time.

The day culminated with Burr & Burton students leading carol sing-

ing as everyone gathered for the tree lighting on the Village Green.

Christmas in Weston traditionally happens during the first weekend in December and continues to be a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season.

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## Critical deadlines approach for two key chamber benefits

REGION – Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce announced two key program offerings in October and November with critical deadlines now approaching.

In October, the Vermont Association of Chamber Executives announced that its member chamber organizations will again add health insurance to their member offerings statewide.

The three competitively priced plans through BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont and only offered to Vermont chamber member businesses with 1 to 100 employees. The enrollment deadline for these plans are Friday, Dec. 14.

More recently, following the Vail Resorts acquisition of Okemo Mountain, the EPIC Local Merchant Pass was announced as a benefit for busi-

ness members of Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce. This season pass provides unlimited skiing or riding at ten mountains including Okemo and Mount Sunapee, as well as an additional eight mountain including points West, Stowe, and other mountains – some with holiday and other restrictions.

In addition, the pass provides discounted lift tickets – six ski with a friend and six buddy tickets. The deadline for employers to purchase vouchers for the EPIC Local Merchant Pass is Saturday, Dec. 15.

Okemo area businesses don’t miss the opportunity to take advantage of these valuable chamber benefits – not yet a chamber member? Join us today!

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## Combating winter blues with mindfulness

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The days are getting shorter and our calendars are down to the last pages. For many, these are especially hard days when our minds are burdened with negative thoughts and feelings. Mindful meditation can help relax our minds. On Thursday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m., Cheryl Wilfong will be at Neighborhood Connections to discuss mindfulness and lead short guided meditations designed to help combat the winter blues. Cheryl teaches mindfulness at Vermont Insight Meditation Center and at Northampton Insight in Massachusetts. She is an author, master gardener, master composer, and writes an award-winning blog at www.themeditativegardener.blogspot.com. Space is limited, so call 802-824-4343 to attend.

Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency serving nine area mountain towns and located in Londonderry’s Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

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## Heald Auditorium gets tuned up for Christmas

LUDLOW, Vt. – Don Dalton, a certified piano technician, examines the 1906 upright grand piano in the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow's Town Hall. The piano, donated to FOLA by Glenn Brown, has been the principal source of musical accompaniment in the auditorium since 2010. Dalton appears to be very closely checking out the condition of the 112-year-old piano. He indicated that it was in very good condition. The piano will be used during FOLA's annual Community Christmas Celebration program Friday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium. The event will feature music and skits by area students and local thespians.

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# Inndulgence Tour wows all the senses



The Blue Gentian Lodge was decorated to the nines.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY



Festive display at the Inn at Weston.

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*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 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, stellar 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.

## Green Mountain Middle School Students of the Month



From left to right: seventh grade recipients Forest Garvin and Delaney Bargfrede. Eighth grade recipients Conner McCann and Olivia Rebetz.

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CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Middle School would like to congratulate our most recent recipients of the Student of the Month award. Every month the middle school teams select one student from seventh grade and eighth grade to receive this honor. The criteria for Student of the Month includes pos-

sessing outstanding scholarship, having a strong work ethic, and a willingness to collaborate with others. The winners of the September Student of the Month award are Forest Garvin and Conner McCann. The recipients for October are Delaney Bargfrede and Olivia Rebetz.

## How the Trump tax law affects you

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – If you are part of the 1 percent, you will love the new Trump Tax Law. If not, then let Ron Theissen, CPA, CFP of the Chester office of Fisher Financial Advisors, tell you how the new tax law may affect you and some end-of-the-year planning opportunities.

Ron will be at Neighborhood Connections Thursday, Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m. He will discuss how itemized deductions will be affected; what you can do about your

investments; how your retirement accounts be will affected; whether you should consider a Roth Conversion; and detail the latest changes in the Vermont law.

Space is limited, so call 802-824-4343 to register. Light refreshments, coffee, and tea will be served. Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

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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 Octo-

ber 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 floral arrangements 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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**Chester Annual Christmas Dinner**

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## Okemo Valley Women's Club Tree of Remembrance

LUDLOW, Vt. – It's that time of year again when the GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club lights up the Tree of Remembrance in Veterans Park in Ludlow. The tree is an opportunity for people to remember loved ones

by donating to GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club. Our main project is scholarships for Black River High School seniors to help further their education.

Names of persons remembered will be listed periodically during the season. The tree will be lit throughout the holiday season and will stay illuminated until Feb. 24, 2019.

Please open your hearts and wallets and support our deserving students. Donations and your list of

names should be submitted to Fran Derlinga, P.O. Box 229 Plymouth, VT 05056 with checks payable to "GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club."

Names received to date are Helen Bates, Oscar and Nellie Beckman, Harold and Mary Bragg, Harley and Ida Bragg, Oscar Bryant, Margarites Bryant, Roy Bryant, Marie Bryant, Kim Bryant, Kim Bryant, Stanley Bryant, Francis Bryant, Evelyn Bryant, Helen Ballard, Peter Connor, Laine Danyow, George Dever, Ethel

yn Dever, Kathy Dever, Ellsworth and Dorothy Davis, Roy and Leta Davis, Leonard Gendron, Leta Hudgings, Carol Sullivan Kuk, George Laber, George and Violet Matulonis, Ernest and Melba Noll, Helen Remy, Laval "Jim" Remy, Gardner and Laura Ripley, Allyn and Helen Seward, Leon and Mary Shabbott, Bernard and Shirley Snow, Caroline Spaulding, David Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tedford.

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## 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.

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## 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.

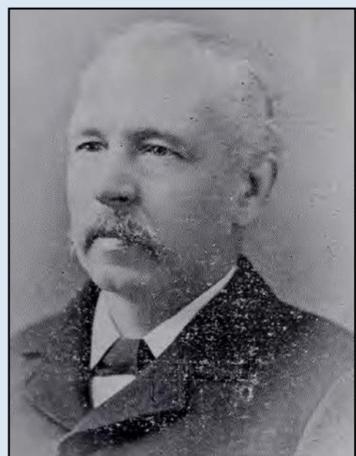
"The first floor is used for reception room, parlor, dining room and kitchen. On the second and third floors are twenty four rooms, twelve on each floor, many of them commanding fine views, and elegantly furnished by the various lodges of the state. The building is heated by steam and lighted by gas. 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 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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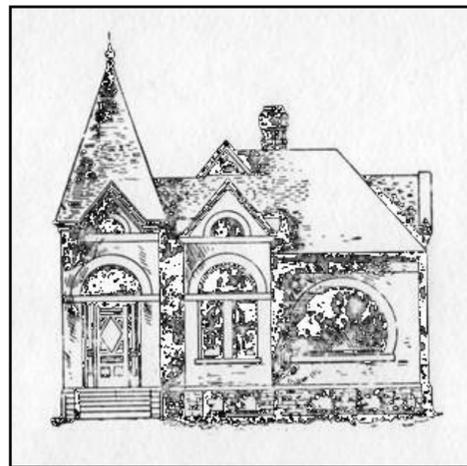
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## Limited letterpress print of Whiting Library

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.



*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's 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. The car was trimmed with white cheese cloth and hydrangeas which grew on their land.*

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# CHURCH SERVICES

# obituaries

## 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@tregubovstudios.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 while 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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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 Inn Tours, and the Manchester Lions 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.

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## 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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## 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.

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### 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

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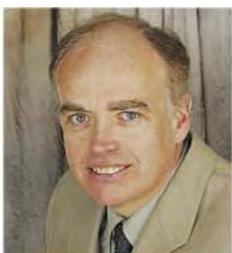
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# sports



## 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).

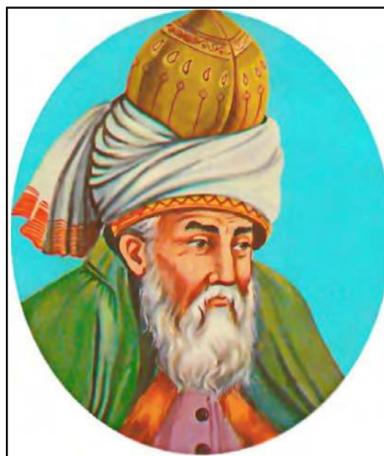
## Celebrating Rumi, the timeless Persian poet

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-weather 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.



Shop local this holiday season.

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- 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-

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 County Relay for Life. Enjoy beverages, holiday appetizers, and chair massages! Live radio event with Jane Eno from KIXX, plus a jewelry

## 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.

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"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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**Williams River Gallery**  
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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

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**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).

**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

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### 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

## 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.

TAKE A BREAK!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Yard activities
- 6 Measuring device
- 11 Wig
- 12 Show up
- 14 Hang around
- 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 glass
- 2 Gaffer Palmer
- 3 Schlep
- 4 — out (supplemented)
- 5 Helvetia lack
- 6 Stomach-related
- 7 Met melody
- 8 Grecian con-
- 9 51-Across of tainer
- 10 Tied
- 11 "The Republic" man
- 13 Wear away
- 18 Since, slangily
- 21 Belgian city
- 23 "Get lost!"
- 25 Conger or moray
- 27 Boxer
- 29 Cutting responses
- 31 "Look Homeward,
- 32 Anti-elderly bias
- 33 Quick look
- 34 Baltimore newspaper
- 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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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Careful, Lamb. Don't let your generous nature lead to some serious overspending as you contemplate your holiday gift-giving. Your social life kicks off into high gear by week's end.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A positive attitude helps you weather annoying but unavoidable changes in holiday plans. Aspects favor new friendships and reinforcement of existing relationships.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Demands on your energy level could be much higher than usual as you prepare for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to pace yourself. Friends and family will be happy to help.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't allow a suddenly icy reaction from a friend or family member to continue without learning what caused it — and what can be done to restore that once warm and caring relationship.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A relationship seems to be unraveling, mostly from a lack of attention. It might be a good idea to ease up on whatever else you're doing so you can spend more time working to mend it.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) New facts emerge that not only help explain the recent rift with a trusted colleague, but also might provide a chance to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start in your friendship.

**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 Scorpian 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 springfieldfarmersmarket@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. 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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. 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 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. 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

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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, 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, or go to 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 or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at www.okemovallay.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 ww.graftonvt.org. Recordings are found at 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. Recordings are found at www.gnat-tv.org.

**Chester, VT**



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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. **REDUCED PRICE AGAIN TO \$74,900**



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. **\$129,500**



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. **\$79,900**

# 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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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Free. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email [cht@springfieldmed.org](mailto:cht@springfieldmed.org)

**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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