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January activities at Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Neither the snowstorm nor the bitter cold prevented the Kurn Hattin children from having fun with exercise and education. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams played at home and away games. A few boys attended a basketball game at Northfield Mount Hermon Friday, Jan. 11 where Boston Celtics General Manager Danny Ainge was in attendance. He made one boy especially happy when he signed his basketball and had his photo taken with him.

The younger children couldn't wait to get out and use their new sleds and winter gear, while others chose to host their own "Spa Day" treating one another to facials and massages.

At school, the children showcased their art projects during an in-house "Gallery Walk." On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Select Choir visited Vermont Academy and performed together in song, "We are the World"



Kurn Hattin Hubbard Cottage girls treat themselves to a "Spa Day." PHOTO PROVIDED

and "We Shall Overcome." Later, back on campus, the entire Kurn Hattin community gathered to appreciate speech and quotes by Dr. King and Maya Angelo, among others. A film clip of Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" public speech, delivered during the March on Washington for

Jobs and Freedom Aug. 28, 1963 calling for civil and economic rights and an end to racism, was shown to the children – many learning about it for their first time.

On Friday, Jan. 25, the Kurn Hattin Acapella Choir performed the National Anthem at the Dartmouth



Volunteer Terry Gulick discussing books with a child in the school library. PHOTO PROVIDED

College Men's Hockey game. On Thursday, Jan. 31, children in the seventh and eighth grade classes will have a Skype session with author Jodi Picoult. Her book, "Nineteen Minutes," was read prior to the session to enable the students to write the second chapter of the book along with

her. This was a spectacular way for the students to use their writing skills and imagination.

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Boston Celtics Manager Danny Ainge signing a Kurn Hattin student's basketball at a recent game at Northfield Mount Hermon. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Postal Service hikes price of Forever stamps

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION – If you happened to buy Forever stamps after Sunday, Jan. 27, you may have noticed the price rose from 50 to 55 cents. The rise in stamp prices come as a result of a \$3.9 billion loss in revenue reported in the U.S. Postal Service's fiscal year 2018. The Associated Press reports that the 10 percent increase in the Forever stamp price is the biggest increase in total cents in the history of the Postal Service.

The Postal Service fiscal year 2018 report that they released in November 2018 shows that the total revenue for the year was \$70.6 billion, an increase of \$1.0 billion from 2017. The revenue was driven by the growth of

shipping and packaging businesses, and mostly offset the loss of sales in First Class and marketing mailing, which fell by 3.6 percent in a growing national trend of electronic communications instead of paper.

Operating expenses also saw an increase of \$2.2 billion, or 3.1 percent, the report shows, due to an increase in compensation and benefits, increased transportation expenses due to high package volume, and increase in fuel prices and higher highway contract rates. Similar to past years, the Postal Service was unable to make billions in payments to the federal government for pension and health benefits to postal retirees.



USPS increases their price for stamps and other services. STOCK PHOTO

As a result, the USPS governors decided that new rates would keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the much needed revenue.

Postmaster General and CEO Megan Brennan called for reforms to reduce costs, generate revenue, as well as compete and adapt more effectively with the marketplace. She stated in the fiscal report news release, "We are aggressively managing our business and continuing to focus on serving our customers and communities. However, the flawed business model imposed by law continues to be the root cause of our financial instability."

The Postal Service relies on

the sales of stamps and other products to fund its operating expenses, as it does not receive federal tax dollars to do so.

Other U.S. Postal Service 2019 price increases include:

- Small box from \$7.20 to \$7.90
- Medium box from \$13.65 to \$14.35
- Large box \$18.90 to \$19.95
- Regular envelope \$6.70 to \$7.35
- Large envelope \$7 to \$7.65
- Padded envelope \$7.25 to \$8

While the one-ounce metered letter price rises from 47 cents to 50 cents, the single-piece additional ounce price has been reduced from 21 cents to 15 cents.

For more information about the Postal Service and the price increases, visit www.USPS.com.

Scott changes course on taxes and fees in budget address

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The pledge is dead. After a first term in which Gov. Phil Scott categorically opposed any new tax and fee increases, the governor has proposed a fiscal year 2020 budget that includes several.

Going forward, Scott will almost certainly continue to vigorously oppose increases of broad-based levies, like the income, sales, and property taxes.

But in a marked departure from his administration's budgeting practices for their two years in office, Scott has proposed several tax increases and new fees, the goal of which, officials say, is to "modernize" state government.

In last year's budget address, Scott was emphatic about his no new tax and fee campaign pledge – even at a time when there were significant state budget surpluses. And he underscored that stance when he threatened to veto a dozen bills from the Legislature that contained taxes or fees.

While he sounded a theme of fiscal restraint again in the speech on Thursday, Jan. 24 before lawmakers, this time around Scott has reneged on his pledge not to raise state revenues.

"Without any new investments – just paying the bills – we began building this budget with about a \$40

million gap," Scott told lawmakers. "That's just our basic obligations – debt service, pension funding, contracted salary increases, caseload pressures at AHS [Agency of Human Services], clean water and others."

Scott said he asked his team to "think differently," "question assumptions" and innovate "so that even with these spending pressures, we can make a difference and emerge stronger and more sustainable."

To that end, he asked lawmakers to "face our unfunded liabilities," and urged them to use \$22.2 million to pay down a loan for retired teacher health care costs.

Scott's overall budget, however, is up by 4 percent over last year's proposal, which came in just shy of \$6 billion. This year, the governor's budget crests that high water mark for state spending.

Revenue growth is up by \$73 million. That increase is due to an uptick in current and projected tax receipts tied to the state's economic growth.

The governor's budget proposal includes about \$10 million in taxes and \$8.45 million in new fees.

The Scott administration hopes to reap \$7 million from online marketplaces like E-Bay and Amazon by passing a law that expands the boundaries of the U.S. Supreme Court's Wayfair decision that allows

states to collect online sales tax from companies that don't have a physical presence in a given state. That money would go directly toward childcare subsidies.

The governor is also looking to levy \$2 million in new taxes on online hotel companies for reservations made in Vermont that are not already taxed locally.

In addition, Scott is proposing a \$1 million tax on e-cigarettes. He said in the past two years "1.5 million more kids began using e-cigarettes and vape products across the nation."

Scott is pitching a hike on the fees the state charges broker-dealer agents, mortgage brokers – and \$250,000 on the state's burgeoning hemp industry.

"Right here in Vermont, we among young people nearly doubled," Scott said. "I think you all know it's not my first instinct to add a tax, but with a growing health risk for our kids, I'm proposing to levy the same tax as we do on tobacco products. Let's learn from the past, let's not make the same mistakes with e-cigarettes or anything else."

Scott is also proposing a reduction in the estate tax from about \$20 million on average per year to \$11 million over a five-year period – achieved by increasing the exemption from \$2.75 million to \$5.75 million over four

years. The administration says that threshold is more in line with other states.

At the same time, the governor proposes to use \$8 million of estate tax revenues to fund the gap needed for clean water funding projects starting in fiscal year 2020.

The governor's estate tax proposals will likely face pushback from Democratic lawmakers who have said they believe the revenue generated by the estate tax is not a reliable source of ongoing funding because it varies each year. The money currently goes to the general fund.

There are no sweeping cost cutting proposals – as there were in the first biennium – to the state's education fund, though he does suggest dipping into the fund to pay for childcare subsidies. State funding for schools is otherwise untouched in Scott's budget. In the previous biennium, the governor fought lawmakers over teacher health care and payments on teacher retirement. Last year, he vetoed the budget over school spending.

It was no surprise that Scott continues to oppose a carbon tax. Instead, the governor says he wants to address transportation emissions by incentivizing the purchase of electric vehicles with \$1.5 million in subsidies.

Scott struck a conciliatory tone

with lawmakers and joked at the beginning of the speech: "I'd like to thank the speaker for not cancelling my budget address."

There were a number of other olive branches to the Legislature, from some form of paid leave to paying down teacher retirement liabilities.

In a briefing before the speech, Susanne Young, the secretary of the Agency of Administration, and Adam Greshin, the commissioner of the Department of Finance and Management, said the Scott administration worked with lawmakers on some of the proposals.

That's a first for the governor's office. In years past, the Scott administration has had a contentious relationship with House and Senate Democrats and has not reached out in advance to House Speaker Mitz Johnson and Senate President Pro Tem with proposals. Instead, the governor's office played a game of cat and mouse with lawmakers over budget proposals.

Faced with a Democratic supermajority in the House and Senate, Scott seems to have done a strategic about-face, attempting to ensure buy-in from the beginning.

Near the end of the speech, Scott was interrupted by Vanessa Brown, a protester from East Montpelier, who complained she was being arrested

for booing when she was simply exercising her right to free speech.

Scott said in response: "Let me return to civility." The chamber broke into applause and drowned out the protester.

Other key budget items:

- Another \$1 million for the Remote Worker Grant Program
- \$1.4 million to phase out of the tax on retirement income for the military
- \$3 million for the Vermont State Colleges to defray a 3 percent tuition increase
- \$1 million to launch a voluntary paid leave program
- \$1 million for rental housing rehabilitation incentives
- Elimination of the \$1.75 million land gains tax on profits on the resale of properties held for less than six years
- \$2 million for support of children impacted by the opiate crisis
- \$2.3 million for improvements to the state's cybersecurity
- \$1.7 million in professional fees

CORRECTION: The Scott administration is proposing \$10 million in new taxes and \$8 million in new fees. The amounts were originally misstated.

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VFW announces winners of annual essay competition

CHARLESTOWN, N.H., – Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 announced the winner of the VFW's annual Patriot's Pen youth essay competition. Taylor Porter, a seventh grade student at the Vilas School in Alstead, was declared the winner of the Post competition. Her entry was forwarded to District 5 judging where her entry was judged against students from Keene, Hinsdale, Winchester, Jaffrey, and Milford. Once again she came out on top and was advanced to the state level. On Saturday, Jan. 19, the Department of New Hampshire's Scholastic Awards Banquet was held at the Bektash Shriners in Concord, N.H. where the top finishers were announced. Congratulations to Taylor for finishing third in the state. Great job! In attendance were Taylor's parents, Tony and Jenansys, as well as her siblings Rylie and Joe.



Taylor Porter and her parents, Tony and Jenansys. PHOTO PROVIDED

Middle school students in grades six through eight in this area have the opportunity to compete and win thousands of dollars in national awards. Next year's theme will be announced this summer with a deadline for submissions to your local Post by Oct. 31, 2019. We serve as the local Post for all of the

Fall Mountain Regional School District and encourage all schools in the district to encourage their students to participate.

The VFW enacted the Patriot's Pen competition in 1995 to encourage young minds to examine America's history, along with their own

experiences in modern American society by composing a 300- to 400-word patriotic-themed essay. The theme for the 2019 competition was "Why I Honor the American Flag."

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to district competition with district winners advancing to the state competition. State first-place winners compete for their share of thousands of

dollars in awards, and the national first-place winner is awarded \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Each year, more than 125,000 students participate nationwide. Deadline for student entries is Oct. 31, and interested students and teachers should contact local VFW Post 8497 by phone at 603-826-5186 or email the Post at vfwpost8497@gmail.com for more information. For more information, visit www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen.

Springfield Promise Community completes its final quarter

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In 2016, interested community members successfully applied for a Promise Community Grant of \$150,000 to improve school readiness for children ages 0-5 in Springfield. The Springfield Promise Community developed a vision that "the community of Springfield is a connected place where young children and their families thrive," and a mission "to engage our community to build pathways that empower all families with young children to flourish."

SPC steering committee members used surveys and community cafes to gather information from Springfield community members. Using the input regarding the needs of families with young children, the steering committee decided to invite Springfield entities and organizations to apply for funding for projects that would best achieve the vision and mission of SPC. In July of 2017, the steering committee read proposals and selected applicants that best fit SPC's criteria for interviews. The final selection was made and subgrantees began planning their projects for implementation. Having completed its final quarter at the end of December 2018, here are the results.

The ACES for Action Program presented a movie series to promote resilience and reduce the effects of trauma and toxic stress. The program had two events planned and rained out in the third quarter and was able to hold two events indoors during the fourth quarter. Thirty-three people attended the two events and 70 trauma-informed brochures and bumper stickers were passed out as part of their "stick up for kids" campaign.

The Childbirth Center at Springfield Hospital utilized the SPC funding to develop a program to educate and support women and families as they transition from pregnancy into parenting, called Shine On. This program began seeing families in the third quar-



Funding helped redesign the children's library at Springfield Town Library. PHOTO PROVIDED

ter with six parents or three families attending and in the fourth quarter four parents or two families continued their participation.

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center created new, free opportunities for families including two new family yoga classes and the free family swim times. Yoga classes ran during the second and third quarters of 2018 and the small numbers in attendance prevented it from continuing during the fourth quarter. However, the family swim time is a huge success with 27 families participating during the fourth quarter. Christian Craig states that EMHRC plans to continue the free family swim throughout 2019 even though the grant period has ended. Call EMHRC at 802-885-2568 or go to www.myreccenter.org for more information regarding this and other events.

The most extensive project was that of the Ro Ratti Children's Library at the Springfield Town Library. The library developed a design committee comprised of library trustees, Friends of the Library, and early childhood experts to work with Office Environments to refurbish the children's room. The new design has niches for all age groups of children with new carpeting and furniture, three new computers and new bookracks that are child-friendly and entice very young children to explore the book covers. Additionally, the library has enhanced its pass program providing families with many local and regional opportunities, most of which are free with the pass. During the fourth quarter, 167 families were served.

Other aspects of the library's project include the development of the family room, an intimate and private space on the library's second floor. The room provides meeting space and children's toys and activities. The library reports that the room has been reserved 27 times during the fourth quarter of the grant year. Families may call the library at 802-885-3108 to reserve the room.

Watch for new children's programs at the library, such as "A Thousand Books Before Kindergarten," a challenge for families in which parents track through an app or reading log, the books their children experience from birth to kindergarten entry. Incentives are provided along the way.

Also, The Very Ready Reading Program, will soon be underway. This program, designed by early childhood literacy specialists, focuses on the parent-child relationship and provides tools for parents and caregivers to enrich the child's early literacy and brain development. Contact the Springfield Town Library to learn more.

The Springfield Art Gym's project included scholarships for families to come and enjoy the activities it has to offer. In the fourth quarter of the grant year, the Art Gym held four events, which included the participation of 105 children from birth to 5 and 140 of their parents.

The Springfield Medical Care Systems Children's Dental Program offered services to Springfield's child care providers for children up to age 5 and their siblings. During the third quarter of the grant, a dental hygienist visited seven childcare centers with over 124 children in Springfield to talk about good dental health. They had fun learning about good dental health and loved their "take home bags" containing a toothbrush, paste, floss picks, and a sticker. The hygienist also provided to 44 children free dental cleanings, fluoride applications, and when appropriate Silver Diamine Applications. Six children were referred to a dentist.

In addition to serving these children in their child care settings, SMCS Children's Dental Program has held an event at the Springfield Town Library for parents and their children.

In conclusion, the SPC Steering Committee would like to thank the Springfield community for its input and support, its partners for their hard work in implementing new projects to meet the vision and mission of SPC, and their perseverance through some challenging times. The committee and partners sincerely thank SPC's fiscal agent, SEVCA, for its tireless assistance in managing timelines and procuring funding so that partners could receive payment in a timely way. It was truly a collaborative effort on the part of all involved and partner leadership intend that these collaborations will continue. These accomplishments say much about the strong intentions of the partners and the SEVCA organization to make Springfield a connected and supportive community.

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Savings Bank of Walpole helps raise \$23,724 for Good Friends

KEENE, N.H. – Douglas Cuddle Toys and the Monadnock Radio Group/KNE-FM along with Savings Bank of Walpole helped raise \$23,724.62 during the Good Friends campaign that benefitted the Salvation Army of Keene. The annual campaign is held each year and takes place during the holidays.

Douglas Cuddle Toys Sunbeam the Unicorn, Nipper the Dog, and Fenton the Frog were the "Good Friends" and faces of the 2018 campaign. The stuffed animals were sold at all SBW branches with proceeds from each sale going to the Salvation Army of Keene.

"We're grateful to Douglas Cuddle Toys and WKNE-FM and the Monadnock Radio Group for the outstanding job they did in creating and implementing fundraising efforts for the Good Friends campaign, which benefitted our efforts toward helping the community and people in need," says Salvation Army Lt. Nicholas Senik, who received the check during a special ceremony.

"Having Savings Bank of Walpole branches serve as point-of-sale and fundraising collection centers was invaluable in terms of making the



From left are Scott Clarke, Douglas Cuddle Toys; Lieutenant Nicolas Senik from the Keene Salvation Army; Teri, Monadnock Radio Group; Danielle Ruffo, Savings Bank of Walpole; Steve, Monadnock Radio Group; and Mark Bodin, president for Savings Bank of Walpole.

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campaign a success. We truly appreciate their involvement."

The Good Friends campaign is the largest fundraising effort in the Keene area that's facilitated by outside organizations.

"Raising money for the com-

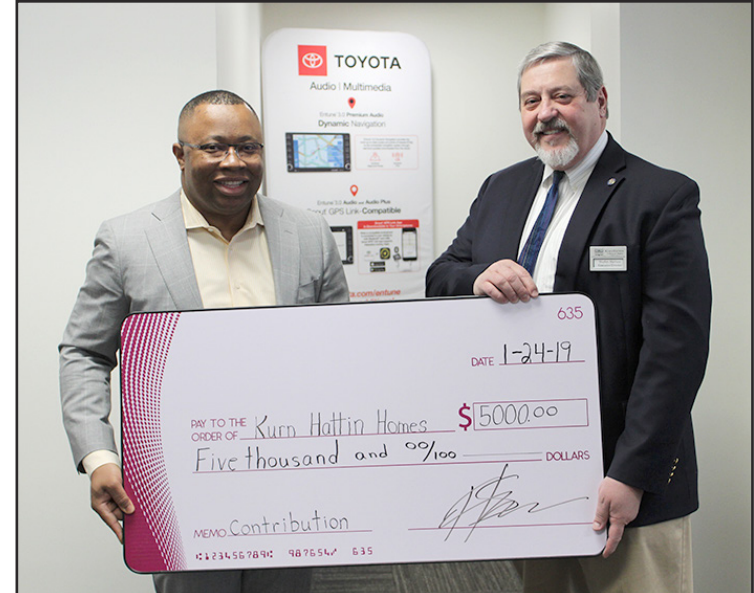
munity is an important part of our mission at SBW," says Mark Bodin, president for Savings Bank of Walpole. "The Good Friends campaign is an event that all of us at the bank look forward to each year."

Faith's Auto Group supports Kurn Hattin Homes for Children

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Faith Mba, president of Faith's Toyota Ford in Westminister and Faith's Ford in Brattleboro, Vt., presented Stephen Harrison, executive director of Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, with a donation of \$5,000.

Building bonds between local businesses and the communities we serve is important to both Faith and Kurn Hattin. Faith said, "I was struck by the diversity of the players from Kurn Hattin at a recent basketball game I attended. The players were so supportive of one another and had a real sense of pride and comradery, and this moved me."

"Kurn Hattin is honored to receive the support from local busi-



Faith Ford presents donation to Kurn Hattin Homes for Children.

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the community that help us continue the mission of transforming children's lives each and every day," stated Steve Harrison.

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nesses such as Faith's. It is the richness of relationships with people in Follow their journey at www.kurnhattin.org.

Hemp farmers work to set the hemp industry apart from marijuana

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Daniel Chang, co-owner and operator of Kria Botanicals, moved to Vermont with his family four years ago expressly to join the state's fast-growing hemp industry.

Although at that point hemp, the cannabis plant that does not contain high levels of the psychoactive ingredient THC, still had a low profile in Vermont, Chang saw opportunity in the state's agricultural economy and its reputation for quality products.

Now Chang, who ran a micro-brewery in Minnesota, operates a CBD extraction company and laboratory in South Burlington. He was one of several hemp industry leaders who got together at the Statehouse on Friday to talk to lawmakers about their business. CBD is a product with medicinal uses that is extracted from the hemp plant.

"I saw a unique opportunity," said Chang. "In the last couple years I've been working with farmers... growing hemp in Vermont, learning about genetics, farming, climate." Along the way, he and Kria CEO Bill Lofy saw a need for a laboratory that would help them extract CBD to sell wholesale.

"How does a farmer who grows an acre of hemp get that raw commodity into safe, sellable form? How do value-added processors know their products are legal?" Chang said. "The legitimacy in this industry will come through analytics."

The House Agriculture and Forestry Committee and the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee held the joint hearing to learn more about the fast-growing industry, which gathered momentum in December when Congress ended the federal prohibition on hemp production.

Now, after a long period of working largely without conventional business supports such as insurance and loans, Vermont producers are working with banks and joining forces to help their industry grow the way they want it to.

One of their first priorities, the producers told lawmakers, is to make sure all hemp growers and CBD producers are held to quality standards.

Rep. Carolyn Partridge, D-Windham and chair of the House Agriculture and Forestry Committee, said she'd like to use CBD lotion now, but she's worried that it would show up on a drug test. Partridge drives a school bus.

"I grew hemp this year, and I'd like to make some salve out of it," said Partridge. "I'd love to rub some stuff on my knees, but I'm worried that I'm going to get busted."

Reliable lab testing can take care of that, said Carl Christianson, who founded the Northeast Processing hemp operation and laboratory in Brattleboro.

"We have to make sure we have trustworthy foundation of analytics so when people have a label that says it has no THC, they can trust they won't be drug-tested and fail a drug-test," Christianson said. "These challenges from an entrepreneurial perspective are also op-

portunities."

Another priority is to educate the lawmakers and the public on the difference between hemp and marijuana.

"We want to make very clear that we see hemp as an agricultural good, something that is totally removed and different from marijuana in terms of the medicinal and recreational side of marijuana," Christianson said. "It is important to go through the process of regulation."

Otherwise, he said, hemp farmers and CBD producers might find themselves regulated the same way marijuana growers are, which could suppress their business. The Legislature is expected to take up the matter of taxing and regulating marijuana this winter.

It's also important to make sure the Vermont trademark is protected, said David Barash, CEO of Luce Farm Wellness. Barash said he has been running agricultural consumer products businesses in Vermont for 40 years.

"One of the challenges I've seen in the market here in Vermont, and one of the things that is being observed in an early market such as CBD and hemp, is that many folks use a Vermont label without the produce being grown in Vermont or processed in Vermont," Barash said.

"In some places the oil is purchased at the cheapest rate and put in a bottle with Vermont label. The risk here is pretty significant," he



Hemp (right) contains very low levels of THC, versus the marijuana plant (left). STOCK PHOTO

added.

Hemp is an industry that can revive Vermont's farm economy and attract educated professionals, the industry leaders said. Christianson moved to Vermont from Boston last year and opened his business in October. He and his wife are building a house in Weathersfield.

Some of the hemp business owners also met with officials from the Agency of Agriculture this week to talk about regulations for hemp growers and laboratory operators. Most of the industry regulation will happen through the rulemaking process, with minimal involvement from lawmakers. But there's value in educating lawmakers about hemp, said Lofy.

The Legislature would have to be involved if the industry tries to change the legal concentration of THC in CBD products, which is now set at .3 percent, said Lofy. And there are regulatory structures that must go through the legislative process. For example, Lofy's business can extract THC from CBD.

"The Legislature can provide some clarity," he said. "What do we

do with THC when we extract it? Can we engage in commerce with a medical dispensary? Should we destroy it? Right now the statute does not address that issue."

Chang and Lofy have formed a loose partnership with Christianson; with Rebecca and Joe Pimentel of Luce Farm Wellness, a hemp and CBD operation in Stockbridge; and with Brenden Beer and Amy Skelton, owners of Kitchen Cabinet Medicinals in Greensboro.

"We're competitors with one another, but we have a shared vision for this state," Lofy said. "We believe we're all going to be able to thrive with proper and thoughtful regulation."

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ACS Relay For Life of Rutland County to hold kickoff celebration

RUTLAND, Vt. – The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Rutland County will hold a free kickoff for the annual event Feb. 7 at the Diamond Run Mall Community Room with the doors opening at 5 p.m. and celebrations beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to the kickoff to learn about how to help the American Cancer Society save more lives from cancer.

"Kickoff is our opportunity to showcase the many programs and

services the American Cancer Society provides to the people in Rutland County," said Richard Vitagliano and Ken Shattuck, volunteer Event Leadership Team co-leads. "Our teams are proud of their hard work and are always looking for more neighbors to join them in the fight."

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest peer-to-peer fundraising event to save lives from cancer. At Relay For Life events, participants celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. Together, we can beat our biggest rival. Join a Relay For Life event and help us attack cancer from every angle. During the kickoff event, community members will

have the opportunity to register a team for the Relay For Life of Rutland County, which will be held June 15-16, 1 p.m.-8 a.m. at the Vermont State Fairgrounds.

Funds raised help the American Cancer Society attack cancer in dozens of ways, each of them critical to achieving a world without cancer – from developing breakthrough therapies to building supportive communities, from providing empowering resources to deploying activists to raise awareness.

Visit www.RelayForLife.org/RutlandVT to learn more about the event, or contact the event co-leads Richard Vitagliano, vita-glianorichard@gmail.com, or Ken Shattuck, cdabr@comcast.net.



More Than Pink Walk organizational meeting

MANCHESTER, Vt. – The inaugural Komen Vermont More Than Pink Walk will take place at Riley Rink at Hunter Park in Manchester, Vt. Saturday, July 20 and Linda Maness, Komen New England development coordinator of special events in Vermont, is looking for interested people to serve on the More Than Pink Walk event committee.

There are many Komen Vermont Walk areas to participate in: Hope Village, Remembrance Tent, volunteers, registration, sponsorship, the walk course, merchandise, teams, fundraising, and traffic and parking.

Committee participation is encouraged from all over the Green Mountain state!

An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, March 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Komen New England office located at 1009 Depot St., second floor, staircase at rear of Women and Children's



Join the More Than Pink Walk meeting on Thursday, March 7.

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Health Services building. Remote meeting attendance can be arranged. If you are interested serving on the Komen Vermont More Than Pink

Walk committee, please contact Linda Maness at 802-362-2733, or by email at LManess@KomenNewEngland.org.

Funding available to support Vermont's LGBTQ communities

REGION – Funding is now available for new or existing projects, programs, and organizations that

serve LGBTQ communities in Vermont through the Samara Fund at the Vermont Community Founda-

tion. The Samara Fund's mission is to help create vibrant Vermont LGBTQ communities and ensure that LGBTQ Vermonters are connected, healthy, appreciated, safe, and empowered.

This year, the Samara Fund will accept applications for projects or organizations that serve critical needs within LGBTQ communities or support HIV/AIDS services or prevention at the grassroots level. Non-LGBTQ identified organizations are encouraged to seek support for projects that directly serve Vermont's LGBTQ communities. Nonprofits may apply at any time for up to \$3,500; applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, March 21, 2019.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

Runaway train in Ludlow

Beginning in the 1870s, it was popular for people to collect newspaper clippings of their day. This hobby continued well into the middle of the last century. In many cases, the individual who collected these clippings pasted them into an old book or ledger no longer used. Many of these old scrapbooks exist today. At the Chester Historical Society, we have quite a few scrapbooks.

The historical value is determined by the newspaper clippings the individual kept. It's fair to say most scrapbooks are births, deaths, and marriages. While they are interesting, few would make an interesting article.

My story last week about George Hilton came from a Ted Spaulding scrapbook. Whoever the keeper of this scrapbook was, he or she collected more than just obituaries. It's full of interesting articles.

There's a story about a Ludlow man who had his head crushed by a press while working at the Ludlow Woolen Mill. Hard to believe but the man survived and suffered no long-term effects.

It seems the Vermont Tribune had a correspondent who had grown up in Ludlow by the name of "Addie Howard Wheeler." Addie was living in Sangerville, Maine when she was sending her memories to the Tribune. Her stories are very entertaining. The title of her column is, "North of Forty-Five." Week after week, she sent her stories in. Many of her memories were of the Ludlow area many years ago. Unfortunately, they are too long for me to reproduce here. I could run them in installments but I'm not sure that would be effective.

It is possible that Addie's stories are fiction. Perhaps someone in Ludlow will know and contact me. There is another scrapbook from Ted that is a collection of J.M. Hull and A.J. Hough clippings. Again I think these are



J.M. Hull and A.J. Hough scrapbook.

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Ludlow people. If you know about these people let me know.

Below is a circa 1920 story I found in one of Ted's scrapbooks. In the old days, Okemo Mountain was known as Ludlow Mountain. I think most of us will know the location of this runaway train. It would be north of the intersection of Routes 103 and 100, on Route 103 and at the summit.

Wooden Brakes on Train Caught Fire - It was 40 Years Ago.

The St. Cloud, Minn. Daily Times of December 29 contains a couple of columns about William Ryan, who retired December 31 after 53 years of railroading. For 40 years he had been a resident of St. Cloud, but there are still a few in North Walpole and D.W. Riley is one of them, who remember him as a boy when he lived in that village. When 17 years old he began work for the Central Vermont railroad at Bellows Falls. Later he worked for the Connecticut River road, Rutland and Burlington and the Cheshire.

The Times says:

"Though never seriously injured in his many years of service, Mr. Ryan has had many interesting and thrill-

ing experiences. Perhaps the one which he will ever remember most clearly, even more so than a head on collision at Melrose, was the time he fired on a runaway train down a steep Vermont mountain side.

"Ryan on that occasion was firing a heavy train over the Green Mountains, a train with the now obsolete wooden brake shoes, when the friction caused the shoes to ignite. The only possible method of preventing the fire was the release of the brakes, and that course meant disaster because of the steep grade. As a consequence, Ryan, then a mere youth, had the unique experience of riding on the head end of a fiery comet which coasted down the mountain with a trail of fire and sparks through the darkness of the night. That the 'comet' metaphor is apt is evident from the fact that the train made 11 miles in 7 minutes flat during the runaway.

"The engineer, an "old hand," realized the danger more thoroughly than did the boy fireman and resigned himself to meet his death. At the number 8 cut, near Ludlow, was the spot the engineer selected as the one which would bring death, and he so informed the fireman. However, the train remained on the rails and was eventually brought under control, but Ryan's son Jack never had a more thrilling experience dodging submarines in the North Atlantic than his father had on that wild ride down the New England mountain."

Instead of an old saying I offer a little ditty I found pasted in the same scrapbook.

**"Epitaphlet.
Here lies the body
Of Jonathan Trott
The train travelled faster
Than Jonathan thought."**



Remember When...

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Do you remember when the November flood of 1927 came to Cavendish? Here are a few photos of the waters and damage that it left behind. Can you identify what or where some of these buildings

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A quote from Calvin Coolidge about Vermont

"My fellow Vermonters: For two days we have been traveling through this state. We have been up the East side, across and down the West side. We have seen Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, Windsor, White River Junction and Bethel. We have looked toward Montpelier. We have visited Burlington and Middlebury. Returning we have seen Rutland.

"I have had an opportunity of visiting again the scenes of my childhood. I want to express to you, and through the press to the other cities of Vermont, my sincere appreciation for the general hospitality bestowed upon me and my associates on the occasion of this journey.

"It is gratifying to note the splendid recovery from the great catastrophe which overtook the state nearly a year ago. Transportation has been restored. The railroads are in a better condition than before. The highways are open to traffic for those who wish to travel by automobile.

"Vermont is a state I love. I could not look upon the peaks of Ascutney, Killington, Mansfield, and Equinox, without being moved in a way that no other scene could move me. It was here that I first saw the light of day; here I received my bride, here my dead lie pillowed on the loving breast of our everlasting hills.

"I love Vermont because of her hills and valleys, her scenery and invigorating climate, but most of all



Calvin Coolidge.

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because of her indomitable people. They are a race of pioneers who have almost beggared themselves to serve others. If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the Union, and support of our institutions should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont."

Calvin Coolidge, Sept. 21, 1928.

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History of women in Rotary

CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Rotary First Thursday Feb. 7, 2019 will feature a panel discussion led by Chester Rotarian Nancy Davis on the "History of Women in Rotary." Participating in the discussion will be Sandy Walker and Joan Morey, former members of Chester Rotary.

Sandy served for many years as

town clerk of Chester and Joan is a real estate broker with Barrett & Valley Associates. Also expected to join in the discussion is Barb Lemire, a Chester resident and one of six women Rotarians currently serving as copresidents of Ludlow Rotary. Other women Rotarians from Chester Rotary and Ludlow Rotary are expected

to attend as well.

Open to the community, Chester Rotary First Thursday will be held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Green in Chester, Vt. The program starts at 5:15 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar and ends at 6:30 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The real travesty to the news like that of recent similar instances that Green Mountain College will be closing due to economic problems is that meanwhile billions upon billions of federal taxpayer money goes to funding a bloated military budget for endless phony wars to generate endless military/industrial corporation profits.

America is more interested in spending tax dollars to teach its youth how to kill and die than for educating them so they can pursue peaceful, rewarding lives and ca-

reers. When will the United States of Amnesia wake up from its narcotic slumber and realize the American Military isn't part of the solution. Along with decades of nefarious U.S. foreign policy, they're part of the problem.

True world peace will begin when the youth of the world awaken and rise up and refuse military conscription and recruitment. The time has come for a worldwide revolution of mind, body, and soul that rejects the economic and cultural militarization of the nations of the planet.

To paraphrase the iconic social activist Mario Savio: there's a time when the operation of the war machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you cannot take part anymore even as a passive observer and you've got to be willing to put your body upon the gears, upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus and make it stop once and for all.

Sincerely,
Ralph Corbo
E. Wallingford, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Democrats, Independents, and Republicans. In this bitter time in Washington, Vermont is a light of hope simply because we get along with one another. Democrats and Progressives are a united team. Our Republican friends are true to their ideals, but they are not obstructionists. We negotiate agreements that all sides can live with. Both the governor and the Legislature understand that, having elected divided government, Vermonters have indicated that they see value in our divergent understandings and expect us to work through our differences.

The Common Agenda. As part of the Senate Democratic Caucus, I'm happy to support our shared priorities: paid family leave, raising the minimum wage, clean water, addressing the shortage of

mental health facilities. Drug addiction, affordability, and less burdensome taxes remain persistent challenges. Access to affordable health care is unfinished business. And global warming remains the overarching existential issue of our time. In that regard, serving on the executive committee of the Climate Solutions Caucus is probably the most important work I do as a legislator.

My bills. In addition to this shared agenda, legislators offer bills on many other issues. I'm either sponsoring or co-sponsoring bills to do the following: create a rebuttable presumption of joint child custody after divorce, allow expedited eviction of tenants who vandalize rental properties, allow qualified psychologists to prescribe medications, create a moratorium on Act 46 driven actions until resolution of related pending

law suits, prohibit use of glyphosate herbicide, require a study of civics as a condition for high school graduation.

Committees. My morning committee is Health and Welfare, which deals with all medical, mental health, health access, and benefits issues. My afternoon committee is Appropriations. We're considering the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Adjustment Bill. Such a bill is considered midway through every fiscal year to true up overestimates and underestimates of revenues and expenses and shift resources where needed. As with the fiscal-2020 budget, the Administration proposal is the template, but the Legislature does its own calculations.

Sincerely,
Sen. Dick McCormack
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

Suicide is a national public health issue that affects communities everywhere. That's why Department of Veterans Affairs has adopted a broad public health approach with an emphasis on comprehensive, community-based engagement. All of our nation's health systems and communities must work collectively to reduce suicide rates using the best available information and practices. Coordinated effort at the federal, state, and local level is key to preventing suicide.

Each community across the country plays a role in supporting veterans. The VA's suicide prevention efforts are to equip communities to help veterans get the right care, whenever and wherever they need it.

This means using suicide preven-

tion approaches that cut through all sectors in which veterans interact such as faith communities, employers, schools, state and local leaders, medical professional, criminal justice officials, and many other stakeholders.

Put simply, VA must ensure suicide prevention is a part of every aspect of veterans' lives, not just their interactions with VA. White River Junction VA Medical Center plans to work strategically with community partners this year to think creatively to reach more and save more lives.

Learn to recognize these warning signs:

- anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, or mood swings
- feeling hopeless
- rage or anger

- increasing alcohol or drug misuse
- withdrawing from family and friends

If you notice these warning signs or changes in a veteran, encourage them to contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, send a text to 838255, or visit www.VeteransCrisisLine.net.

Lastly, if you would like to partner with White River Junction VA Medical Center's efforts to save veteran lives, contact me, Meghan Snitkin, at 802-295-9363 ext. 6939.

Sincerely,
Meghan Snitkin, LICSW
White River Junction VA Medical Center Suicide Prevention coordinator

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Op-Ed: The Carbon Tax, a wolf in green clothing

"If you drive a car, I'll tax the street, if you try to sit, I'll tax your seat. If you get too cold I'll tax the heat, if you take a walk, I'll tax your feet... TAXMAN!"

Though that's from a 1966 song by The Beatles, with our Legislature plotting to impose an \$0.85 per gallon tax on gasoline and fuels, it might as well have been written in 2019.

Can somebody help me to imagine what the representatives of the state of Vermont, with the 50th or lowest carbon emissions of all states in the Union, are possibly thinking? Or are they thinking? Can zeal to save the world from the supposed pernicious evils of all things carbon justify blindness to the financial and economic consequences to the lower and middle class working Vermonters? You know, the ones for whom consumption of gasoline and fuel oil is not a capricious and discretionary luxury but an absolute necessity in order to live, work, drive, heat a home, and make a living?

This is a highly regressive tax, which has a punishing effect on those who have no money left at the end of the month, which would include at least half of all Vermonters. And let's not forget the indirect taxation to all Vermonters on all goods that must be either produced or transported by the use of fuels, which costs will be reflected in the inflated costs of everyday necessities for Vermonters.

After all, it's not as if most citizens are like a certain politician from our state who recently flew around the

country for 13 days in a private jet for almost \$1 million when he could have flown on a commercial jet, all while proclaiming that climate change is the biggest crisis since World War II and that millionaires are evil. Hypocrisy, thy name is Sanders!

But I have no qualms with finding a way to reduce our emissions. For example, if we stop subsidizing inefficient renewable companies with ratepayer and taxpayers' money, these companies will be forced to innovate and produce renewables elements, which can actually pay their own way. This would also have the added benefit of short circuiting the crony capitalism put in place by previous Vermont administrations, which we all are paying for today.

In other words, instead of punishing Vermont taxpayers in their overtaxed mouths with still another tax, reduce the sweetheart deals to the solar industry so that they will be obliged to produce systems that can pull their own weight in the world of costs per kilowatt-hour. The good news is that the costs of renewables like not only solar and wind, but geothermal, bioenergy, and hydropower are coming down so fast, that the market itself will solve the very problem the proponents of this carbon tax say they are trying to solve. In the meantime, the current lowest cost producers of energy, the region's two nuclear reactors, must be protected and preserved.

And tell Gov. Scott that Vermont does not need to participate in a

Transportation and Climate Initiative, which will give us the sneaky "cap and trade" which is a Trojan Horse deception cleverly designed to give us a carbon tax by another name. With apologies to William Shakespeare, a carbon tax by any other name will smell just as foul, ironically coated with the black soot of political chicanery to boot.

And stop making Vermont more anti-business by new onerous Act 250 restrictions on building, which are now supposed to be "carbon neutral." Humans will be carbon neutral only when they are dead. Of course, this new and oppressive taxation might well hasten the arrival of that very day for some.

Vermont is the greenest state, with the second-smallest population. Even if you accept the most dire claims of the climate alarmists, a carbon tax imposed on Vermont would not have any significant or even measurable impact on our climate.

It would be symbolic. It would be a symbol lifted up on the backs of the poorest among us, on working-class Vermonters living paycheck to paycheck, retirees living on fixed incomes – those who can't use any less gasoline for their cars or fuel for their homes than they already are using.

For the wealthy, a carbon tax would be an inconvenience. For the rest of us, a carbon tax is a catastrophe. How very revealing it is that the same political group which loudly proclaims their concern for the poor and disadvantaged by promoting more of their government provided compassion, is willing to sacrifice those same souls on the green altar of carbon neutral-

ity. Besides, this is not an argument about climate change. This is an argument about pure economics.

Whatever you believe about the effects of CO2 emissions, this tax is simply wrong. So, yes, this proposed tax is not a symbol of sound environmental stewardship. It is a symbol of the callous cluelessness of its proudly self-righteous proponents.

If our esteemed Legislature cares about the climate, by all means, pass a resolution denouncing the mass pollution of India and China, but let the Senate and House know this: if you want to beat down our farmers, our veterans, our single mothers, every worker with a commute, just to send some vague green message to our neighboring states, we will not endure it. We will not be flagellated for your guilt. Vermonters across the political spectrum will remember how you tried to harm us. They will drive you from Montpelier at the ballot box, and take your offices!

What is the message? Leave we, the people, the taxpayers alone; let the geniuses of renewables do their work without subsidy and bailout; and watch the problem be solved the way Vermonters and Americans have always solved problems: through innovation, competition, and good old-fashioned Yankee ingenuity!

And lastly, a word of caution to legislators keen to raise taxes on a people whose nation and state was birthed in a Revolution triggered by unjust taxation: Better think twice!

Written by Lawrence Zupan. Lawrence Zupan is a Manchester resident and the 2018 Republican nominee for United States Senate.

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Charles R. Loura, 1941-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Charles R. Loura, 77, passed away Thursday evening, Jan. 17, 2019 at his home in Springfield. He was born Dec. 29, 1941 in Hardwick, Vt., the son of Jack C. and Blanche H. (Conrad) Loura. He was raised by his mother Blanche and stepfather Don Graves. He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School.

He served in the United States Air Force, stationed in Germany.

He was employed as a custodian with Ames Department Store in Springfield for several years and for many years with the Springfield school system working at the high school.

He was an avid Red Sox and Giants fan, and enjoyed watching sports.

He is survived by his companion of 34 years Dona Farrar of Springfield; one daughter Dawn Loura; stepdaughter Michele Kingsbury; three stepsons Tyce Kingsbury, Michael Farrar, and Travis Farrar; two grandchildren Ted and Melina; 16 step-grandchildren; 33 step-great-grandchildren; and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by two brothers Jack and Jim and sister Bobbi.

A graveside service will be held at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made in his memory to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.



Rose Waryas, 1928-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

She is also predeceased by her parents; brothers Phillip, John, Stephen, Anthony, Walter, Frank, and Joseph; and one sister Helen Frankiwicz.

Per her wishes, there will be a funeral Mass in the spring at Saint Charles Church, Bellows Falls, Vt. The date will be announced at a later date. A burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Westminster, Vt.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Donations can be made in Rose's memory to the Bellows Falls Senior Center, 3 Hyde St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

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@uds.net. Visit us online at www.unitedchurch.us.

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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.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

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 fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org for additional information and directions.

Edwin Fransen

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edwin Fransen, 66, died Jan. 20, 2019, at the Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vt., where he was recovering from his recent hip surgery.

The only son of Olive (Burrington) Fransen and Wendell Fransen, Edwin was a lifelong resident of North Springfield, Vt., and a dedicated volunteer for the North School Preservation Society and its mission "to protect and preserve the North School property for recreational uses and as a park for the citizens of the village" and visitors. He also attended the Advent Christian Church in North Springfield.

He is survived by three sisters Nancy Fransen of Concord, N.H.; Carol Murphy and her husband Rev. Richard Murphy of Santa Fe, N.M.; and Vivian Fransen and her husband Robert Kubli of Scotch Plains, N.J. He is also survived by niece Michelle Fransen-Conroy and her family of Concord, N.H. and by nephew Jeremiah Murphy and his family of Chapel Hill, N.C.



Edwin Fransen. PHOTO PROVIDED

Memorial service at the Advent Christian Church in North Springfield, Vt. is planned for April 2019 at this time. Date and time will be published when available.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Paul A. Jones, 1947-2019

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Paul A. Jones, 71, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born May 10, 1947 in Lawrence, Mass., the son of Francis E. and Florence E. (Heinrich) Jones. He attended schools and graduated high school in Lawrence, Mass. He served in the United States Army.

He was employed with Futurebiotics in Long Island, N.Y. and Brattleboro, Vt. for many years, and as a salesman with Burlington Foods for several years.

On Oct. 10, 1992, he married Connie R. Smith in Saxtons River, Vt.

He was a member of the American Legion in New Hampshire. He

enjoyed playing golf, fishing, playing cards, and was an avid sports fan and Patriots fan. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Connie of Charlestown, N.H.; son Scott Jones of Texas; stepson Shane Hillock and his wife Ann of Springfield, Vt.; stepson Douglas Hillock also of Springfield, Vt.; one brother Herbert Jones and his wife Judy; also by four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, one brother Alan Jones, and a stepson Nicholas Marrow.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Barbara A. Skinner, 1967-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Barbara A. Skinner, 51, passed away Sunday morning, Jan. 20, 2019 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Nov. 25, 1967 in Hanover, N.H., the daughter of Charles and Ellen (Payson) Haynes. She graduated from Woodstock Union High School.

She was employed as a housekeeper in the area, most recently working at The Pointe at Castle Hill in Cavendish, Vt.

She loved her animals: cats Sylvester and Sadie; bird Rosie; and guinea pigs Wally and Gracie.

She enjoyed eating out at the Riverside Restaurant and the Springfield Royal Diner. She enjoyed dancing, going to the movies, and watching movies at home. Most of

all, she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by one son Kenneth Skinner III of Springfield, Vt.; one daughter Elizabeth Kaehler of Chester, Vt.; one granddaughter Arley Kaehler; and one grandson Liam Skinner; two sisters Linda Thompson and Sue VanAlstyne; two brothers Irving Haynes and Charles Haynes; her companion Dean Allen of Springfield; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service was held at the Assembly of God Church in Springfield, Vt. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. Reverend Marc Aube officiated.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

Norman J. Vanasse

LUDLOW, Vt. – Norman Joseph Vanasse, 86, of Ludlow, Vt. passed away at his daughter's home, Jan. 22, 2019.

Friends and family are invited to gather at the United Church of Lud-

low, 48 Pleasant St., Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at 1 p.m. for a memorial service. There will be an hour of calling prior to the service to commence at noon.

A complete obituary will follow.

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I is at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. Holy Eucharist, Rite II is at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2723.

WALPOLE, N.H.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

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

All Church Services are listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

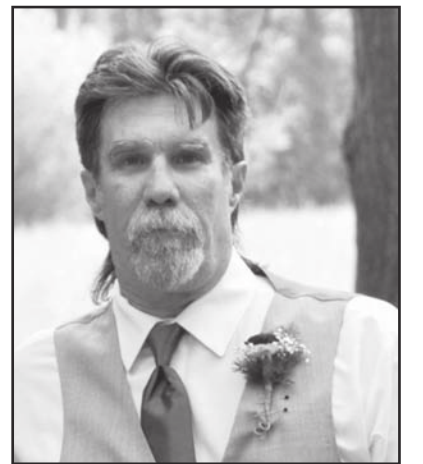
Christopher J. Crowley Sr., 1965-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Christopher J. Crowley Sr., 53, passed away Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, 2019 at his home in Springfield, surrounded by his family. He was born June 30, 1965 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Jon L. "Jack" and Anita (Patoine) Crowley. He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School, class of 1983.

On July 20, 1991, Chris married Penny Barror in Springfield, Vt. He was employed as a heavy equipment foreman with the Public Works Department in the town of Springfield for 31 years. He was also the tractor operator for the tractor rides at Wellwood Orchard during apple season for many years. Chris always took pride in a job well done.

He enjoyed hunting, four wheeling, campfires, and cookouts. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Chris is survived by his wife Penny of Springfield; son Christopher J. Crowley Jr. "CJ" and his wife Ashley of Chester, Vt.; two daughters Jessica



Christopher J. Crowley Sr., 1965-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Crowley of Windsor, Vt., and Casandra Crowley of Springfield, Vt.; three grandchildren; two sisters Pamela Crowley of Brattleboro, Vt. and Terri Hall of Springfield, Vt.; and by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

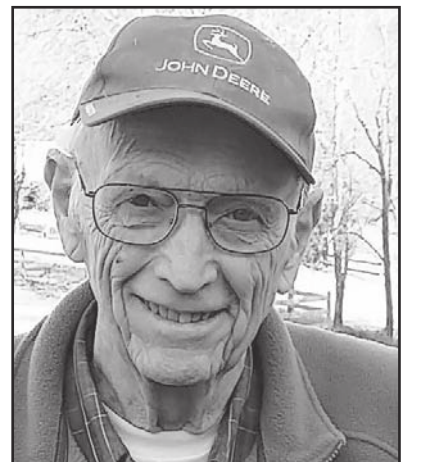
Edgar McWilliam Jr., 1930-2019

GRAFTON, Vt. – Edgar McWilliam Jr., 88, of Cedar Hill Continuing Care Community in Windsor, Vt., formerly of Townshend Road in Grafton, Vt., died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, following a brief period of declining health. Ed was born in Albany, N.Y., May 20, 1930, the son of Edgar and Mildred (Jeffrey) McWilliam and was raised in Rockville Centre, N.Y. He was a graduate of South Side High School in Rockville Centre and the University of Vermont, where he earned a degree in agriculture in 1952.

He also met his future wife, Jean Feldman, at UVM, whom he married in 1954. The two settled in Grafton and formed a partnership with his parents to operate the family dairy farm. Later that partnership continued as the four of them became the founding managers of the Grafton Village Cheese Company.

Ed was active in the Grafton Church where he served as deacon. He was also a volunteer member of the Grafton Fire Department for 60 years, where he was chief for 15 years and also served as president of the Grafton Firefighter's Association. He was a founding member of the Grafton FAST/Rescue Squad. He served as town lister, on the Select Board, the Board of Civil Authority, Scoutmaster, and was involved with numerous community projects.

It should be noted that Ed achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in his early scouting days. Ed also drove the Grafton school bus for over 15 years and had a positive impact on many, many community children. He was a proud dairy farmer and enjoyed working with the cattle and equipment and being outdoors in all ways, including daily walks with his dog Shadow. He enjoyed reading, especially Civil War history, and traveling with Jean, par-



Edgar McWilliam Jr., 1930-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

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ticularly to the Maine coast.

Ed was predeceased by Jean in 2018, whom he was married for nearly 64 years. He is survived by his daughter Gail McWilliam Jellie and husband David of Charlestown, N.H. and their children Michael and Emily; son Bruce McWilliam and wife Cathy of Chester, Vt., and their children Shannon and Jenna; brother and sister-in-law John and Ann McWilliam of Hamilton, Ohio; nieces, nephew, and many grand-nieces and nephews; and Shadow, his loyal, four-legged buddy. Ed loved spending time with his family and friends and was a dedicated volunteer for various community activities and causes. Ed's family was blessed by his guidance and support through the years.

There will be a service celebrating Ed Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Grafton Church. A private burial will follow in the spring. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Grafton Church, P.O. Box 158, Grafton, VT, 05146 or Grafton Fire & Rescue, 711 Rte. 212 E., Grafton, VT 05146.

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Postal Service seeks residents' help clearing a path to mailboxes

REGION - Snow and ice in New England this time of year are no surprise. We can't control the elements that winter delivers, but, for your letter carrier, these conditions can make delivering your letters and packages a lot more challenging.

Winter walking and driving are never easy, especially when days are at their shortest and carriers find themselves working more in the dark. We remind residents to watch for letter carriers on foot and slow moving postal vehicles particularly during the winter months.

Of course, the main spots to



Please clear the snow near your mailbox. PHOTO PROVIDED

be concerned about are right at your house where letter carriers, newspaper carriers, meter

readers, and even delivery personnel from a florist or pizza shop may come by. For everyone's safety, we ask that you clear the snow and ice from sidewalks, walkways, porches, and steps to help prevent falls.

For mailboxes at the curb, we ask that snow and ice be removed regularly for safe access to the box by the carrier and uninterrupted delivery.

Regardless of the weather, we'll be out there binding the nation together through mail. Doing your part to help keep our carriers safe is appreciated every step of the way.

Myths and facts about Social Security

REGION - **Myth: Social Security will provide most of the income you need in retirement.**

Fact: It's likely that Social Security will provide a smaller portion of retirement income than you expect.

There's no doubt about it - Social Security is an important source of retirement income for most Americans. According to the Social Security Administration, more than nine out of ten individuals age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.

But it may be unwise to rely too heavily on Social Security, because to keep the system solvent, some changes will have to be made to it. The younger and wealthier you are, the more likely these changes will affect you. But whether retirement is years away or just around the corner, keep in mind that Social Security

was never meant to be the sole source of income for retirees. As President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "The system is not intended as a substitute for private savings, pension plans, and insurance protection. It is, rather, intended as the foundation upon which these other forms of protection can be soundly built."

No matter what the future holds for Social Security, focus on saving as much for retirement as possible. You can do so by contributing to tax-deferred vehicles such as IRAs, 401(k)s, and other employer-sponsored plans, and by investing in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. When combined with your future Social Security benefits, your retirement savings and pension benefits can help ensure that you'll have enough income to see you through retirement.

Myth: Social Security is only a retirement program.

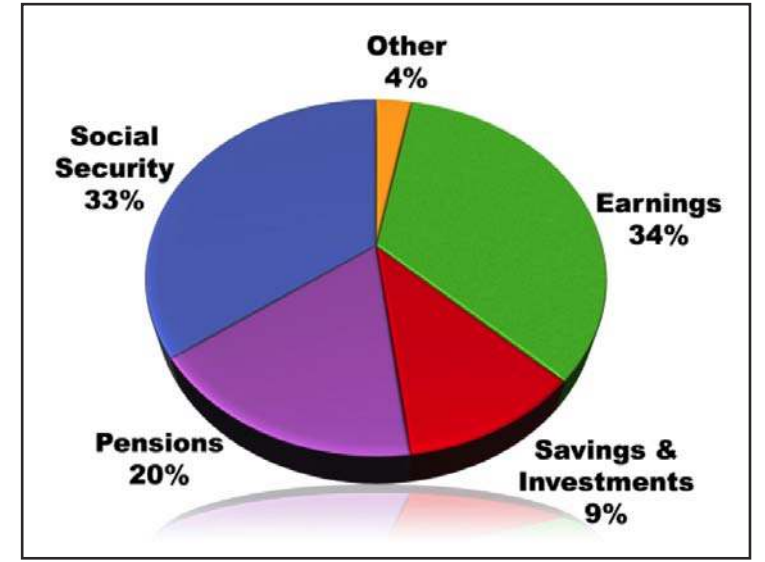
Fact: Social Security also offers disability and survivor's benefits.

With all the focus on retirement benefits, it's easy to overlook the fact that Social Security also offers protection against long-term disability. And when you receive retirement or disability benefits, your family members may be eligible to receive benefits too.

Another valuable source of support for your family is Social Security survivor's insurance. If you were to die, certain members of your family, including your spouse, children, and dependent parents, may be eligible for monthly survivor's benefits that can help replace lost income.

For specific information about the benefits you and your family members may receive, visit the SSA's website at

Major sources of retirement income



Fast Facts and Figures about Social Security, 2017, Social Security Administration.

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www.ssa.gov, or call 800-772-1213 if you have questions.

Myth: If you earn money after you retire, you'll lose your Social Security benefit.

Fact: Money you earn after you retire will only affect your Social Security benefit if you're under full retirement age.

Once you reach full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without affecting your Social Security retirement benefit. But if you're under full retirement age, any income that you earn may affect the amount of benefit you receive:

- If you're under full retirement age, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 you earn above a certain annual limit. For 2018, that limit is \$17,040.
- In the year you reach full retirement age, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 you earn above a certain annual limit until the month you reach full retirement age.

Even if your monthly benefit is reduced in the short term due to your earnings, you'll receive a higher monthly benefit later. That's because the SSA

recalculates your benefit when you reach full retirement age, and omits the months in which your benefit was reduced.

Myth: Social Security benefits are not taxable.

Fact: You may have to pay taxes on your Social Security benefits if you have other income.

If the only income you had during the year was Social Security income, then your benefit generally isn't taxable. But if you earned income during the year or had substantial investment income, then you might have to pay federal income tax on a portion of your benefit. Up to 85 percent of your benefit may be taxable, depending on your tax filing status and the total amount of income you have.

For more information on this subject, see IRS Publication 915, "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits."

Written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.

GFWC scholarships available for Vermont women

REGION - The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont announces the availability of scholarships for Vermont women seeking to fur-

ther their education or training or to upgrade their skills in preparation for advancing in the workplace. Applicants must submit a specific plan for their

education or training. Applications are due to Betty Haggerty, 16 Taylor St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101 by March 15. Her contact information is listed below and on the application.

The scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500. This marks the 25th year that GFWC-VT has awarded this financial aid, which is funded through contributions from the state federated women's clubs and from individuals.

The scholarship is named for Barbara Jean Barker, late of Poultney, who was GFWC-VT president, 1992-1994, and who was instrumental in establishing the program. Women receiving the awards over the years have come from a wide range of towns in the state.

Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from Betty Haggerty, 16 Taylor St. Bellows Falls, VT 05101, hubett@hotmail.com, 802-463-4159. Other contacts include Beverley Pallmerine of the Springfield club, bpallmerine@myfairpoint.net, and Darlene Remy of the Ludlow club, remyslp@comcast.net.

Community College of Vermont sites around the state and federated Vermont clubs have applications. The scholarships will be awarded at the state federation's annual meeting in early May.

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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Let it snow. Let it snow. Let it snow.

Most everyone knows those words from a popular holiday song. When I just looked at the forecast on my phone before sitting down to pen this column, it seemed like that was all it was going to do, but if it's not going to snow, then it's going to be so cold.

When the weather gets like this for a week or so, I think of the tough jobs area athletic directors face in keeping sanity in their winter schedules. And the real good ADs have a tougher time preserving any semblance of a team-friendly schedule than others. The top notch ADs work tirelessly to fit games in down the stretch of the season in a way that possibly gives their teams the best route moving forward. It is very easy to just reschedule a game and plug it in where there is an opening, but consideration needs to be given to a team having four games in five or six days, three road trips in four days on school nights, etc. Very strong ADs obviously get more headaches working tirelessly trying to place square pegs into round holes, but these are the ones who really earn their money.

I look back at the 22 years I coached basketball at the high/prep school level and I worked constantly with the half dozen or so ADs I worked under to create a schedule that would be the best possible derived from the teams' competitive edge, as well as physical and academic needs. I was blessed to have had the people sitting in the ADs seat at both Bellows Falls and Vermont Academy to have made sure they were team-friendly and did everything in their power to maximize both the athletes' team and individual needs. Bud Weiser, Dan Covell, Martha Jamieson, Jim Peters, and Mike Atkins were the individuals who went the extra mile and it was strongly appreciated. If I have somehow forgotten an AD along the way, make sure someone wakes me up because every year I coached, their involvement played a part in any success those teams had because of their family and student-first attitude.

One of the best things about being a reporter is that there are times when you have a choice about what games you cover. From my reporting days, both newspaper and radio, there were so many times I could be a neutral correspondent at a gem of a game. My schedule allowed me to attend a high school game this Thursday, the final day of January. When I looked at the schedule, I found two that really caught my eye, among many contests that all seemed worthy.

The two which stood out the most were a couple of traditional rivals,

Bellows Falls at Springfield and Fall Mountain at Bellows Falls. At first glance, I noticed right away that both contests featured Bellows Falls. I figured one of them must have been a make-up. How could two such attractive entertaining games be opposite each other? Then I ran into some Bellows Falls fans at the Hartford boys' game last week and they were actually upset about the conflict. One parent told me they had called the school in November requesting a change and was disappointed no one had ever got back to them.

Then, I really started thinking. No, this piece isn't going the way some of you expect right now. Bellows Falls is not the target. The entire Marble Valley League is, not to mention the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association.

We will begin with New Hampshire because they are the biggest problem of all in this type of scheduling. The premise of the entire state high school basketball schedule is built around boys and girls playing home and away on the same evening. It is easy and clean. If one team is on the road, the home gym is open. Both the boys and girls play on the same night, so there is no worry about complaints with either gender getting better prime time nights to play. And although make up games are always difficult to schedule, numerous open nights per week make things a lot easier. In fact, generally, New Hampshire schools play on Tuesdays and Fridays, just like they did way back when I was a kid.

Which also means, every team has a split crowd and students who may have interest in attending the other gender's games, and back in the days when they could about 70 percent did, and parents who have children on both teams have all kinds of problems. It's easy for the ADs, but not easy for almost everyone else. Sometimes officials are spread so thin, not ready for prime time youngsters learn to run with their whistle before they can walk.

Everyone talks about how crowds are just not what they use to be; well, they are not. There are all kinds of reasons everyone has pointed out from students having a variety of interests to basketball not being played at the same level anymore, which for the most part is true. But now, much of the crowd that used to be in attendance is split and is at another game scheduled for another team at the school. New Hampshire definitely is missing the boat.

Fall Mountain has done some things to combat the place they have been given and this creative thinking deserves a loud cheer. They play four games a year without splitting the teams. First, they have a couple of boy/girl double-headers with Stevens. In these cases, not only are the crowds not split, they are actually enlarged because there are a certain element of basketball fandom that only chooses to attend games of one particular gender. On these double-header nights, I have personally seen them stick around for both games.

Fall Mountain also still plays one boys' game across the river with both Bellows Falls and Springfield. They make sure these contests are scheduled without the girls' team in action. Thus, unlike most New Hampshire schools, Fall Mountain has four of their 18 regular games on a solo card.

Moving back to Vermont, the Marble Valley League creates the south-



Springfield Athletic Director Rich Saypack tabs Justin Devoid as coach of the SHS baseball program.

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ern Vermont schedule. When the ADs receive the schedule, they have a chance to move things around. However, it takes two schools to move dates and find dates and that is not always easy. Bellows Falls just went through a stretch where the two teams had games on the same day four times in six or seven games. Somehow, this has to be addressed with powers that be, both in the MVL and the individual schools to keep this from happening.

Which game did I choose? In the end, it was the Fall Mountain at Bellows Falls boys' game. I have gone two full seasons without seeing the Wildcat boys, thus that fact was the determining factor. I think both games have the capability of being a barnburner, so hopefully neither one disappoints.

Springfield tabs new baseball coach

Springfield baseball has been surfacing up a little in recent years, but that growth has been stymied to a degree by being a few talented athletes short overall. A full rebuild may take a few more years but AD Rich Saypack announced a hire this week that may be just what the doctor ordered. Justin Devoid, a 2017 graduate of Colby Sawyer College, is on board and the young man is an impressive one. It was less than a half-dozen years ago that he competed against Springfield as a standout at Hartford High School.

Devoid is presently helping out on the Hartford basketball bench as a volunteer assistant to Steve Landon, getting some priceless experience interacting with high school athletes. Devoid produced some incredible numbers in his baseball career at Colby Sawyer. In his junior season, cut in half by an injury, he hit at a team best .411 clip with an on base percentage of .484.

He was tabbed by the Upper Valley Nighthawks of the New England Collegiate Baseball League as a replacement player late that summer when he healed and made limited appearances in a league, which generally has little use for Division III college athletes. His healthy senior season at Colby Sawyer saw him hit .328 and he led the team in doubles, total bases, slugging percentage, and home runs. He also completed his career with the school's second highest fielding percentage as a first baseman.

Saypack says, "It's a bit of a risk putting a young coach in his first job right at the top, and believe me that weighed on my mind. But after three conversations with Justin and checking out his background, he may bring the fresh air our players need right now."

I spoke with Devoid in an after game parking lot conversation about his hire and his outlook towards his opportunity. He said he wants to make a difference in shaping these athletes as both ballplayers and people, and listening to him certainly convinced me.

Devoid says, "I believe not only my skill set, but my knowledge of the game itself, provides me ample reason to be successful with this job opportunity."

From here, success would mean things are still moving in the right direction two years from now. Stay tuned.

Vermont Elks Hoop Shoot

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Recently, Springfield Elks Lodge held their annual Elks Hoop Shoot with one winner going on to the Vermont Elks Hoop Shoot in Barre, Vt.

The sole participant from Springfield at the Vermont Elks Hoop Shoot was Savannah Dezaine, competing in the 10- and 11-year-old girls' age group. Her proud parents are Daniella Guica and Josh Dezaine. Savannah did not win, but she has several more years to compete and get better with practice. Springfield Elks Lodge is very proud of her.



From left to right: Josh Dezaine, Savannah Dezaine, and Daniella Guica after Savannah competed in the Vermont Elks Hoop Shoot in Barre. In back are Victor Baskevich, Springfield Elks Hoop Shoot chairman, and Vermont Elks State President Rocky Putnam of Bellows Falls Elks Lodge.

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Wrestler Donavin Sprano is champ at Essex



Wrestlers Skyler Congdon, Donavin Sprano, Skylar Wallace, Jeremy Curfman, Brandon Bennett, Tim Amsden, and Bryan Stafford.

PHOTO BY CATHY BENNETT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Seven members of the Springfield's varsity wrestling team battled it out for the two-day Michael Baker Classic tournament in Essex Jan. 18 and 19. Coach Don Beebe was very pleased with the efforts put forth by every grappler.

Skyler Congdon, Tim Amsden, Bryan Stafford, Jeremy Curfman, Brandon Bennett, and Skylar Wallace each performed at the top of their game with skill, strength, and great attitudes. Many of their arms were raised in victory over the course of the tournament.

Sophomore Donavin Sprano, in his first year of wrestling, took his work to the next level against all his opponents in the 220-pound weight class. Sprano's final match was a true nail-biter, as the sophomore battled a larger opponent who has experience competing at the national level. After a couple of close calls, Sprano resisted a powerful throw to off-balance his opponent and reverse the match, claiming the top spot on the podium with a beautiful pin by headlock.

The Green Machine continues to drill every weeknight and has competitions scheduled every Saturday for the next month until the end of the season. For more information on the team, visit the Facebook page, which covers Springfield's entire K-12 team, at www.facebook.com/SplfdVTWrestling.



Donavin Sprano on the podium as champ of the 220-pound division.

PHOTO BY SHAWNA SMITH

This week's 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, and we may include them in the next paper!

THURSDAY, JAN. 31 -

- Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Mid-Vermont Christian @ Black River 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Springfield 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Woodstock 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Mid-Vermont Christian @ Black River 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1 -

- Boys Varsity Springfield @ Arlington 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Gilford @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Proctor 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 -

- Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Proctor 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Black River @ Blue Mountain 1 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 4 -

- Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Windsor @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Woodstock @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5 -

- Boys Varsity Black River @ Arlington 7 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Windsor 7 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Hartford @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Monadnock @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.
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THURSDAY, FEB. 7 -

- Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Springfield 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Poultney @ Black River 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8 -

- Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Black River @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Raymond 6:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Poultney @ Green Mountain 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 -

- Boys Varsity Blue Mountain @ Black River 2:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Rivendell @ Leland & Gray 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Blue Mountain @ Black River 1 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ West Rutland 2:30 p.m.

Upper Valley Curling Club to teach curling

HARTFORD, Vt. - Upper Valley Curling is a diverse group of individuals who regularly play the game of curling in White River Junction at the Barwood Arena. The group would love to show you how to play and will hold a Learn to Curl clinic from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Many people watched the USA win gold in curling at the last winter Olympics. If you were one of those people, here is your chance to find out how much fun the game can be.

There is a cost for the clinic and registration is required. For more information about the club or to register for the clinic, visit www.uppervalleycurling.org.

All you need for the clinic is to wear warm clothing, including a hat and gloves, and bring shoes with non-skid soles. The club will provide all equipment.

Experienced curlers will teach the elements of curling and stu-



Sweeping the curling ice.

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dents will get to practice on the ice. Space is limited, so sign up early!

For more information, please email uppervalleycurling@gmail.com.

The Barwood Arena is located behind the high school in White River Junction at 45 Highland Ave.

art & entertainment

Putney Moves celebrates four years in business with anniversary party

PUTNEY, Vt. – Putney Moves will be celebrating four years of yoga with an anniversary party at its studio Saturday, Feb. 2. The morning will start with a free Strength and Flexibility class from 9 to 10:15 a.m. and a Stress Relief class from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Those who wish to participate in the morning classes are encouraged to preregister at www.putneymoves.com/schedule. Starting at noon, the community is invited to gather to create prayer flags and enjoy snacks and refreshments. At 1 p.m., Amanda Upton, owner and director, and Heather Kulikowsky, yoga advisor, will share their vision for the studio. The afternoon will end with a free raffle drawing at 1:30 p.m.; prizes will include a Putney Moves membership, yoga clothing, yoga gear, and more.

Putney Moves has grown from

four teachers offering six classes a week for 69 students in January 2015 to now offering 21 classes with 11 teachers. The studio has supported more than 1,700 people over the past four years.

“It has pushed me to move beyond fear and self-doubt, take risks, and develop confidence and trust within myself. It is an incredible honor to be here and to continuously evolve Putney Moves,” says Amanda Upton. “Together, we have created a vibrant, loving, and supportive community, a space where everyone is welcomed, and a sanctuary for the heart, mind, and body.”

Founded in 2015, Putney Moves has been the Putney and Brattleboro area's go-to studio for inspiring and transformative group classes, workshops, private sessions, and retreats. Whatever your experience or ability

level, you will feel right at home at Putney Moves. We are a welcoming, compassionate, and non-competitive studio that will support you in exploring yoga as well as cultivating awareness and connection in body, mind, and spirit. We invite you to come in and try one of our numerous classes and experience the healing power of yoga. For more information, visit www.putneymoves.com or call 802-387-0633.

“Senza Zefiri,” Juno Strings, debut concert at Latchis Theatre

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Juno Orchestra, Vermont's newest professional chamber orchestra, announces its debut performance at the Latchis Theatre in downtown Brattleboro. Engaging musicians from the tri-state area surrounding Brattleboro, the orchestra is in residence at the Brattleboro Music Center.

“The title, ‘Senza Zefiri,’ literally means ‘without winds or breezes,’ and refers to this concert's focus on

the Juno string section. We have expanded the string sections to present some powerfully evocative pieces for string orchestra,” music director Zon Eastes commented.

The concert features three colorful pieces from three centuries. “Battalia” by Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber, composed in the 17th century, is scored for ten players. Most of us likely have little stomach for the pains and grief of war. But, perhaps



Make felt mushrooms with Sue Carey.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Brighten up your day by felting mushrooms with Sue Carey Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gallery at the VAULT.

Sue's classes are always a fun experience. You will use felting needles and wool to craft your own colorful toadstools. The wool comes from Sue's own Cotswold sheep. All materials are provided. This class is great for beginners and intermediate felters.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open Monday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

like journalists, composers reflect upon all manner of human propensities as they “report” upon the world and our human condition. Composers from Jannequin to Tchaikovsky, from Beethoven to Britten have explored the implications of battle, in victory and defeat. Biber's “Battalia,” surely one of the most ingenious compositions of its time, is a spirited reflection on the deeply devastating Thirty Years War that ravaged Europe in the early- to mid-17th century. Brief, pointed movements create contemporary reactions to a number of elements associated with war: calls to battle, battle itself, meetings among divergent cultures, and finally lament.

New York composer Philip Glass has to date written six string quartets. About his “String Quartet 5,” commissioned for the Kronos Quartet in the early 1990s, Glass said, “I was thinking that I had really gone beyond the need to write a serious

string quartet and that I could write a quartet that is about musicality, which in a certain way is the most serious subject.”

The five continuously played movements work are rich and compelling, churning in a full-throated circular and minimalist style. Zon Eastes commented about the piece, “This quartet offers a particularly grand scope. I performed the quartet many years ago, and even then, recognized its potential for string orchestra.” A string bass part has been added to Glass' score, and appropriate permissions have been earned from Glass himself.

In 1875, Antonin Dvořák was a new father as he wrote the “Serenade for Strings,” certainly one of his most beautiful and inviting compositions. Married two years earlier, he was also on the verge of international success, having won the lucrative Austrian State Prize thanks to the influence of Johannes Brahms, an ardent fan. The prize provided a significant stipend that allowed Dvořák a focus resulting in a burst of high-quality compositions that solidified his reputation as a top-flight composer. Composed in just two weeks, the Serenade lifts and lifts through five stunning movements, finally circling back to the calm and repose of the Serenade's opening bars.

The concert takes place Sunday, Feb. 10, 3 p.m. at the Latchis Theatre, Brattleboro, Vt. Tickets range in price and can be purchased by calling 802-257-4523. For more information, visit www.junoorchestra.org or call 802-380-9550.

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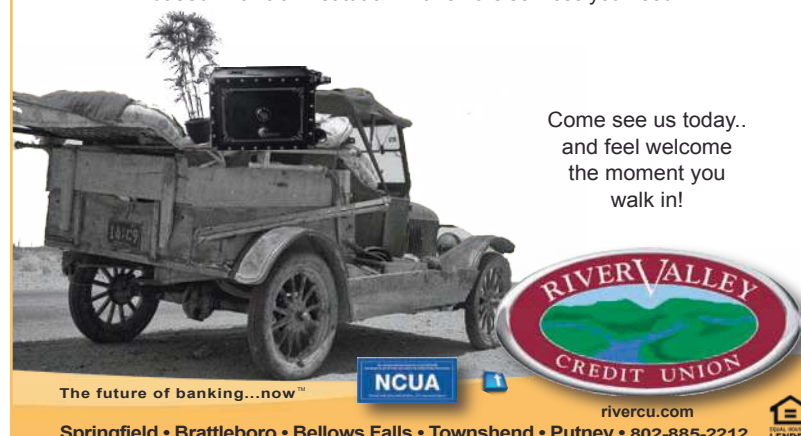
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Join in Bingo Night at Compass School

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – This Thursday, Jan. 31, from 6-8 p.m., the Compass School will host its monthly night of Bingo at the school on Route 5 just south of Bellows Falls. Great for families and serious players alike, there will be cash payouts in all games plus extra prizes including Mount Snow ski tickets as well as a 50/50 raffle. There will also be food, desserts, and beverages available. Come join the fun!

Compass School's monthly bingo nights occur the last Thursday of each month and will continue throughout the school year. The fundraising efforts support the school's Global Connections program. Every year, Compass 11th graders participate together in an international trip to a Spanish speaking country. Compass is committed to ensuring every student can go on this trip, regardless of family income. With over 50 percent of Compass students eligible for free and reduced

lunch, fundraising is essential to ensure everyone can take part in this life-changing travel experience.

The general public is warmly invited to join in this event, with all bingo supplies available along with baked goods and refreshments for sale. Bingo cards will be sold, and cash prizes will be awarded for every game.

Bingo night revives the early days of the Compass building when it was an Elks Club hosting high stakes bingo for busloads of players coming up from Connecticut. A regular Thursday night bingo game continued in Bellows Falls for some years thereafter. The 11th graders are hoping Thursday night bingo will be a way to bring the wider community into the school for a fun, shared evening each month. The other dates for bingo are Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, and May 30.

All proceeds of the evening will benefit the Compass junior class Global Connections trip. The Glob-

al Connections Program focuses on cultural immersion and international understanding. It is an integral part of the junior class curriculum, inspiring students to broaden their horizons as global citizens. The Global Connections Program began in 2003 and since then Compass has had over 160 participants travel to locations including the Mexico/Arizona border, India, Nicaragua, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Peru, and Cuba.

For more information about Bingo Night or about the Global Connections program or Compass School, call 802-463-2525 or email info@compass-school.org. Put this entertaining evening on your calendar and invite family and friends to join in the fun.

Experience the magic at Springfield Town Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Being a funny magician is serious business! Come to Springfield Town Library Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. to experience magic right in front of your eyes. Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day at the library with Magic with Bob!

Bob Lisaius has been producing shows for the past 30 years. We know him best as Dinoman. With many experiences in film, TV, radio, and theater and a focus on the Dinoman Science series, Bob has now added a magic show.

Bob has performed from Halifax, Canada to San



Bob Lisaius, aka Dinoman.

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Diego, and many, many places in between. Most of Bob's time is centered on performing, digging, and traveling. When not involved in these activities, he is trying to stay warm in chilly Vermont.

Abracadabra and Alla peanut butter sandwiches. Science in our skills and magic in our hands Feb. 2 at Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 802-885-3108 or go to www.springfieldtownlibrary.org.

Authentic Middle Eastern cooking class at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project continues its highly popular cooking class series an authentic Middle Eastern/Israeli cuisine Monday, Feb. 18, from 6-9 p.m., with instructor Yohar Arama of Yalla Vermont. The class is in the newly renovated kitchen at Next Stage in Putney. Registration is limited to 12, and space must be reserved at www.nextstagearts.org.

The cuisine of Israel is multi-faceted, and this class dives into some of the classic favorites inspired by the Middle East as well as some less common, but equally authentic, dishes. In this class, you will work with quintessential ingredients from the region, such as chickpeas, tahini, yogurt, eggplant, goat cheese, and rose water. The menu is varied and shares some very special and delicious recipes!

Instructor Zohar Arama owns the local business Yalla Vermont. His company has supplied area co-ops with hummus, tahini, and pita bread for years and recently opened a storefront in downtown Brattleboro that is a destination lunch spot.

Born and raised in Israel, Zohar moved to the United States in 2012. In 2015, Zohar and his wife – who he met in 2001 while hiking the Appalachian Trail – began their work with Yalla in their home kitchen, making hummus and pita bread. After years of trying different techniques and recipes, selling food at farmers markets and products at local stores, Zohar opened the restaurant in Brattleboro. Zohar grew up around people who love to cook where there were always pots on the stove. He learned to appreciate the freshness of ingredients and not to buy what you can make!

"Although I've got Greek and Yemeni roots, I was exposed to endless ethnic foods in Israel, a young country shaped by emigrants where you get this amazing mix of middle eastern, African, European, South American ... and Jewish cousin, and with some creativity the Israeli

kitchen developed into something special," said Zohar.

The menu includes hummus; tzaiziki, a Greek yogurt dip; Baba Ganoush, roasted eggplant dip; chickpea salad with herbs, tomato, and cucumber; Burika, egg fried in a filo dough; Burakitos, baked pockets of dough filled with sweet potato, eggplant, and goat cheese; Skhug, sauce of cilantro, peppers, and spices; Sachleb, sweet, hot rose water drink; and Kenafe, Kataifi noodles, goat cheese, and rose water.

Wine will be served.

Let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or allergies. For more information, call 802-387-0102 or email kitchen@nextstagearts.org.

South Londonderry Free Library showcases Karon Allen pastels

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – For the rest of January and the month of February, the South Londonderry Free Library will be showing the pastels of local artist Karon Allen.

These pastels were painted from photographs taken on trips to Ithaca, N.Y. and Burlington, Vt. Noticing a number of barns had been falling down over the span of ten years or so, Allen's collection of photos grew. She had students from The Collaborative's af-

ter school program begin paintings with pastel chalks. Inspired by her students' work, Allen began painting from her collection of photos of Vermont barns from recent seasons past.

There will be a reception to meet and chat with the artist Friday, Feb. 1, from 4 to 5 p.m. All paintings are for sale with a portion donated to the library. Prices are negotiable, and you can call Allen at 802-824-4337.

If you can't make it to the reception, Allen's work can be viewed any

time during current library hours, which are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. We are open Wednes-

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Waterfowl blinds must be removed

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Waterfowl hunters who did not remove their hunting blinds from the waters of the state earlier must do so before Feb. 15 on Lake Champlain or May 15 on inland waters according to a reminder from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

State law requires removal of the blinds before these deadlines in order to protect natural areas and to prevent boating accidents after the ice melts.

"Removal of the blinds and any posts that may be below the surface of the ice is important because of the danger they present when boaters are on the water in the spring," said State Game Warden Colonel Jason Batchelder.



State Game Warden Dustin Snyder inspects a duck blind on Lake Champlain prior to the Feb. 15 deadline for its removal.

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Batchelder says wardens annually record names and addresses of blind owners and will follow up with inspections.

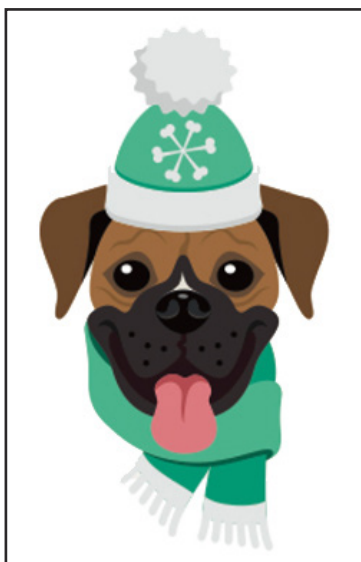
Keep dogs safe in the cold weather

StatePoint – Make winter a wonderland for dogs by ensuring they're safe when temperatures drop.

While dogs have fur coats, they can still get too cold in the snow, frigid temperatures, and severe storms. Particularly at risk are dogs that are short-legged, older, or sick, say the dog-walking experts at Wag! For winter dog safety tips and to find dog walkers in your area, visit www.wagwalking.com.

This winter, take precautionary measures to keep dogs healthy and happy, no matter what the weather brings. Their fur coats help when the temperatures drop, but your furry friends can still get cold. **When it's time to go in the snow, remember:**

- Shorter walks may be better
- Short-legged dogs can get colder faster
- Older and sick pets can be especially vulnerable



Keep your pups warm and safe on your winter walks and outdoor playtime.

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• Even thick-coated dogs can be at risk if outside too long

What can you do?

- Before going out, consider a dry sweater or coat for your dog
- Booties can help protect your dog – if they fit properly
- Salt, chemicals, and sand can irritate paws and bellies
- When weather is severe, minimize your dog's outside exposure

If severe storms can keep you homebound, make sure you have everything you and your dog need for extended stays.

Vermont's 2019 hunting, fishing, trapping law books are available

MONTPELIER, Vt. – If you are going ice fishing soon, planning a family fishing trip next summer, or want to check deer season dates for next fall, you will want to get copies of the 2019 "Vermont Hunting and Trapping Guide" and "Fishing Guide." Both are available free where licenses are sold and from Vermont Fish & Wildlife offices statewide.

The two publications are updated with the latest laws and 2019 season dates as well as a lot of additional helpful information. Digital versions of the publications can be found on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.



The 2019 law book covers.

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Simple tips to make outdoor chores and activities easier

StatePoint – Whether you're doing chores in the yard or going on an outdoor adventure, activities that take place outside come with their own set of challenges, particularly in colder weather.

You can make all your outdoor activities safer and more effective this winter with these suggestions.

Keep your hands warm

Your extremities are the first to suffer from the chill, so keep your hands warm at all times to prevent frostbite. Keep in mind that these days a good pair of gloves means touchscreen functionality so you won't have to remove them every time you use your devices.

While there are a lot of stylish options on the market that work great for your day-to-day life, you'll want to pick up an additional pair that's designed specifically for sports performance and utility, so whether you're pitching a tent or tinkering with the car, your hands will stay toasty.

Eliminate spills

Gassing up the snow blower? Trail-bound and preparing the ATV? Using your chainsaw to cut wood for the fireplace? You can improve the experience of fueling your equipment with innovative storage tools. If you're still using leaky metal cans to store gasoline, diesel, or kerosene, consider upgrading to a fuel can system such as the new SmartControl system



Make your outdoor chores and activities safer and easier.

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Crafted with a unique push spout that provides a clean, fast, and hassle-free pour, and constructed of durable and safe high-density polyethylene, it makes fueling easier, faster, cleaner, and safer. What's more, you'll end up saving fuel – and money – as its design, which is available in 1-, 2-, and 5-gallon sizes, eliminates messy spills. And, its user-controlled flow makes it easier to direct the amount of fuel being dispensed.

Be prepared

When you're hitting the road for an outdoor adventure, be sure your

car is stocked with an emergency kit. Should you get lost or encounter car troubles along the way, you'll be prepared. Include such essentials as jumper cables, road maps (yes paper ones – should your GPS device lose power or you go offline), a blanket, warm clothes, first aid supplies, a flashlight, extra batteries, bottled water, and nutrition, such as granola bars. This will help keep you safe in unforeseen circumstances, and offer you peace of mind the rest of the time.

This winter, have the tools and information you need to do all your favorite outdoor activities safely and effectively.

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Okemo Mountain Resort	12 / 20	34"	2" (1/28)
Stratton Mountain	9 / 11	28"	2" (1/28)

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Penni Thomas knew when she returned to Vermont after living in Florida for several decades that she wanted to get back to her roots, farming and canning her own produce. So much so that even from her small Bellows Falls apartment, she began canning local produce right away while looking for a farm to purchase. From that fateful move, Thomas launched Penni's Pantry in 2012.

Thomas eventually found and purchased a farm in North Springfield, which was the Old Bibens Farm, a property she knew well from when she was younger. After the farm was rechristened Hawks Meadow Farm, the name of the business followed suit.

Hawks Meadow Farm makes jams, jellies, salsas, relishes, pickles, garlic, hot peppers, and herbs. Most are sourced from their own farm, and beyond that, from other local growers.

The last few years, the farm has emerged as a niche garlic producer. According to Thomas, "naturally grown local garlic is not common" so she has established a name for herself with local restaurants and other businesses who appreciate the many varieties and quality of her garlic. Her partner, Steve Haldeman, has been focused on growing all types of hot peppers and they've had a lot of success drying and selling fresh hot peppers and dried peppers, processed as pepper flakes. They plan on focusing and expanding the business in this savory direction.

Through partnerships with Winter View Farm, they add local honey and beef to their offerings. Thomas uses the honey in her jams and sells the honey products and beef along with her own products.

They do not sell through stores but have traditionally sold only word-of-mouth, and through farmers' markets on the weekend, since both she and her partner hold down full-time jobs. This year, they will focus on setting up a permanent selling structure at their farm on the weekends so that they can continue to get more work done while they are selling. They plan to limit their farmers' market appearances to once a month at the Saturday Springfield Farmer's Market and at special events.

If that wasn't enough to keep her busy, Thomas is also a partner in her family maple sugaring business, E. C. Thomas & Sons, which was started by her great grandfather. Her cousin Joan Whaley now lives at that old family farm in Baltimore, Vt. The two of them will start this year's sugaring sometime around mid-February and sell the maple syrup through the Hawks Meadow Farm's farm stand.

You can follow the produce and happenings of the Hawks Meadow Farm and access their price list through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HawksMeadowFarm.



AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Auction held Feb. 16, 2019 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106, N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned:
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The Windham Planning commission will hold back to back public hearings on changes to the town's zoning regulations and to its Enhanced Energy Plan on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 starting at 6:00 PM in the Town Office. The proposed changes under consideration are intended to make the zoning regulations and energy plan more precise and consistent with the goals and policies of the Town Plan, especially in regard to regulations pertaining to wind energy systems and solar energy systems that are permitted within the town. A summary of the changes and complete copies of the revised zoning regulations and Enhanced Energy Plan are available in the Town Office and on the town website (www.townof-windhamvt.com).



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ACT 250 NOTICE APPLICATION AND HEARING #2W0524-23 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6093

On January 8, 2019, Ski Magic, LLC, PO Box 188, Londonderry, VT 05148 filed application #2W0524-23 for a project described as snowmaking upgrades as part of Ski Magic, LLC's five-year capital improvement plan, including: updated conservation flows from the withdrawal sources for the existing snowmaking reservoir; installation of 5,100 feet of above-ground and 2,500 feet of underground snowmaking pipe at the lower mountain/base area; reconstruction of the snowmaking reservoir dam and stream alteration work; refurbishment and reuse of the Thompsonburg Brook weir intake; and increase in storage capacity of the snowmaking reservoir from 4.7 MG to 8.7 MG. The project is located at 495 Magic Mountain Access Road, in Londonderry, VT. This project will be evaluated by the District #2 Environmental Commission in accordance with the 10 environmental criteria of 10 V.S.A., § 6086(a). A public hearing is scheduled for February 27, 2019. A site visit will be held before the hearing at 10:00 am at the Project Site (495 Magic Mountain Access Road, Londonderry). The public hearing will immediately follow at the Londonderry Town Offices, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry.

A copy of the application and plans for this project is available for review online at the Natural Resources Board web site (<http://nrb.vermont.gov/>) by clicking on "Act 250 Database" and entering the project number 2W0524-23. For more information or disability accommodations, contact the District Coordinator before the hearing date at the contact information noted below.

Dated at Springfield, Vermont this 25th day of January 2019.

BY: *Stephanie Gile*
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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 – QUECHEE, Vt. – “Introduction to Ice Fishing,” Saturday, Feb. 2, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Dewey’s Pond, Quechee, Vt. Come learn how to experience all that a Vermont winter has to offer by getting started at ice fishing. We’ll learn the basics from checking the ice for safety to selecting sites and drilling holes to setting tip-ups and jigging. This clinic is sponsored

by the Hartford Parks & Rec Department and will run in conjunction with their Youth Ice Fishing Derby. Equipment will be provided, but participants should dress for the weather. Space is limited to the first 30 sign ups. Registration is required and can be completed by calling 802-265-2279 or letsgefishing@vermont.gov. Directions to the meeting spot will be given upon registration.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Make your own valentines on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the North Springfield

Baptist Church, 69 Main St., N. Springfield, from 1 to 3 p.m. A wide assortment of supplies including papers, paper punch designs, stickers, ribbons, lace, paper doilies and much more are provided for free and all ages are invited to participate. Bring your kids, grandkids, mother, father and friends and enjoy a relaxing afternoon creating Valentines. Light refreshments will be available. For more info call 802-886-8107.



TUESDAY, FEB. 5 – CASTLETON, Vt. – “Introduction to Ice Fishing,” Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2-5 p.m., Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Vt. Come learn how to experience all that a Vermont winter has to offer by getting started at ice fishing. We’ll learn the basics from checking the ice for safety to selecting sites and drilling holes to setting tip-ups and jigging. Equipment will be provided, but participants should dress for the weather. Space is limited to the first

30 sign ups. Registration is required and can be completed by calling 802-265-2279 or letsgefishing@vermont.gov. Directions to the meeting spot will be given upon registration.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – The Upper Valley Curling Club will hold a Learn to Curl Clinic from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. Here is your chance to find out how much fun the game can be. There is a fee to attend the clinic, and registration is required. Please wear warm

clothing, including a hat and gloves, and bring shoes with non-skid soles. The club will provide all equipment. Space is limited so sign up early! For more information and to register, please visit www.uppervalleycurling.org or email uppervalleycurling@gmail.com. The Barwood Arena is located behind the high school in White River Junction at 45 Highland Ave.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Margaret Miller of Jamaica

Healing Arts Center will be at Neighborhood Connections Thursday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. to discuss and demonstrate the popular and beneficial healing modality that is Reiki. As an aid to stress reduction and relaxation, Reiki is a complement to traditional medicine and is practiced in many hospitals and medical care settings as part of a patient’s wellness plan. Space is limited, so call 802-824-4343 to register. Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency located in Londonderry’s Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

MONDAYS – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – Income-eligible residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Appointments are available Mondays from Jan. 28 through April 8 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, located at 749 Hartford Ave, from 10:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 866-444-4211.

TUESDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 5 and continuing each Tuesday through April 9, from noon to 4 p.m., the AARP Foundation is providing free individualized assistance and preparation for all low to moderate taxpayers – especially those 50 and older – at Neighborhood Connections, located in Londonderry’s Mountain Marketplace next to the Post Office. Call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343 to schedule an appointment. A volunteer will work with you and provide guidance on what materials to bring with you.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Income-eligible residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Appointments are available Tuesdays from Jan. 29 through April 9 at the SEVCA office located at 91 Buck Drive, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 800-464-9951.

THURSDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Join Neighborhood Connections for a series of three meditation sessions running through Thursday, Jan. 31. Meditation is an approach to training the mind, which is similar to the way fitness is an approach to training the body. Join Peter Miller, co-founder of New Thought Divine Science in Weston. Space is limited, so please call 802-824-4343 to attend.

WINDSOR, Vt. – Income-eligible residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Appointments are available Thursdays from Jan. 31 through April 11 at Windsor Resource Connection Center, located at 1 Railroad Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 866-444-4211.

CLUBS

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Feb. 2, meet at Shaw’s in Manchester Center at the south side of the parking lot. Car pool to the trailhead. Snowshoe up the Homer Stone Brook Trail to the north end of Little Rock Pond and return the same way you came. About 5 miles, about 1,400 feet elevation gain. Moderate hike. Bring extra clothes, snacks, lunch and fluids, snowshoes, poles. RSVP to Bob Fish at 802-384-3650 or onebobfish@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Wednesday, Feb. 6, meet at

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NOTICE OF SALE 3643 Vt Route 103 N, LLC Parcel #060110

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to 3643 Vt Route 103 N, LLC by Warranty Deed of Gregg P. Adamovich dated March 2, 2018 and Recorded in Book 182, Page 228 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January 2019.

Attest:
David Pisha
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Darlton W. Cenate and Candice L. Cenate Parcel #140101

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Darlton W. Cenate and Candice L. Cenate by Quit Claim Deed of Kathleen C. Estep, Darlton W. Cenate and Candice L. Cenate dated December 27, 2013 and Recorded in Book 151, Page 255 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE James Jahrsdoerfer and Ginamarie L. Disney Parcel # 362046

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to James Jahrsdoerfer and Ginamarie L. Disney by Warranty Deed of Thomas Torello and Elinor S. Torello dated July 15, 2005 and Recorded in Book 93, Page 518 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Attest:
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

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NOTICE OF SALE Roger Outlaw & Gary Outlaw Parcel # 252062

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

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and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

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NOTICE OF SALE Kelly J. Parent Parcel #535002

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Kelly J. Parent by Quit Claim Deed of Glenn A. Parent dated September 16, 2010 and Recorded in Book 129, Page 161 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 9th day of January, 2019.

Attest:
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

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NOTICE OF SALE Douglas K. Paulding Parcel #322010

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2017 and 2018 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Douglas K. Paulding by Order of Confirmation of Sale dated October 12, 2010 and Recorded in Book 121, Page 124 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January 2019.

Attest:
David Pisha
Delinquent Tax Collector

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NOTICE OF SALE Amy Elinor Pratt, Jonathon Pratt and Jon K. Spaulding Parcel # 232017.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jon K. Spaulding, Amy Elinor Pratt and Jonathon R. Pratt by Warranty Deed of Arthur F. Fournier, Trustee of the Restatement of Trust for the Arthur F. Fournier, Sr. Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 10, 2011 dated July 19, 2013 and Recorded in Book 147, Page 118 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

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NOTICE OF SALE Eric Schubert Parcel # 362051

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Eric Schubert by Quit Claim Deed of Richard Connelly dated July 30, 2010 and Recorded in Book 100, Page 271 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

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NOTICE OF SALE Linda C. Towers Parcel # 392029.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Linda C. Towers by Warranty Deed of Horst Schwarzer dated December 8, 2005 and Recorded in Book 94, Page 438 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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the Congregational Church parking lot in Manchester Center at 8 a.m. Car pool to trailhead and snowshoe up to lookout Rock on Equinox Mountain and back the same way. Difficult hike, 7 miles round trip, 2,300 feet elevation gain. Bring extra clothes – it is cold on top – snacks, lunch, fluids, snowshoes, and poles, which are really helpful on the steep section. RSVP to Steve Grzyb at 203-414-4370 or alryrub@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join Preston Bristow Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Community Library for a slideshow and talk about rail trails and the Long Trail. Hosted by the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club. Vermont's logging railroads lacked the scale of New York's Adirondack Mountains where no fewer than 22 logging railroads reached deep into old growth forests. Vermont also lacked villainous timber barons like New Hampshire's J.E. Henry, the notorious White Mountain railway "wood butcher." Yet logging railroads did penetrate the Green Mountains, and three are intertwined in the history of the Long Trail. There is no fee to attend but donations to support the maintenance of the Long Trail will be welcomed.

COMMUNITY MEALS

FRIDAY, FEB. 1 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North Springfield Baptist Church will be hosting a free community dinner on Friday, Feb. 1 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 accessible. For more information, call 802-886-8107.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for our First Friday Supper on Friday, Feb. 1 from 5–7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls. Menu includes spaghetti, marinara sauce, homemade meatballs (meatless sauce as well), bread (garlic and plain), garden salad, beverage, and dessert. Suggested donation. Net proceeds to benefit Greater Falls Warming Shelter.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – United Methodist Church, at 10 Valley St. in Springfield, will host

their Second Saturday Supper Saturday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and dessert. This is a free community supper and is one of the many missions of the United Methodist. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

EVENTS

THURSDAY, JAN. 31 – ESSEX JCT, Vt. – Visit the 2019 Vermont Farm Show

from Tuesday, Jan. 29 through Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds. Farmers and agricultural businesses come together to showcase their products and equipment. Visitors can meet local farmers, and see, taste and buy Vermont products. Visit www.vtfarmshow.com for details.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for Bingo Night at The Compass School on Thursday, Jan. 31 from 6–8 p.m. Route 5 just south of Bellows Falls.

Great for families and serious players alike, there will be cash payouts in all games, plus extra prizes including Mount Snow ski tickets as well as a 50/50 raffle. There will also be food, desserts, and beverages available. For more information about Bingo Night, call 802-463-2525 or email info@compass-school.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The First Friday Film on Feb. 1 at the Springfield UU will be "The Abolitionists," "What began as a pacifist movement fueled by persuasion and prayer became a fiery and furious struggle that forever changed the nation." Free admission and popcorn. Doors open at

6:45 p.m. film begins at 7 p.m. Held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield Vt. All welcome.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT's Ninth annual Chocolate Tasting is coming up Feb. 2, from noon until 4 p.m. Visitors will be able

to sample from a large assortment of fine chocolates and chocolate confections. The Chocolate Tasting is free and donations are greatly appreciated to benefit our community arts center. VAULT is located at 68 Main Street. For more information, call 802-885-7111 and visit www.galleryvault.org.

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

13 Tuckerville Parkway, Ludlow, Vermont
Mobile Home only, 1995 Fleetwood, Serial No. 22A0839006132763A located at Tuckerville Mobile Home Park situated on Lot 13.

112 Fishing Access Road, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Anthony J. Ciuffo to Anthony J. Ciuffo and Angela M. Benson-Ciuffo by deed dated November 17, 1997 and recorded in Book 174 at Page 242 of the Ludlow Town Land Records. Reference is made to the Deed recorded in Book 195 at Page 188 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

151 Nelson Road, Lots 1 & 2, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Frank E. Punderson, Jr., Trustee to Gregory Dunnett by deed dated November 20, 1995 and recorded in Book 158 at Page 166-167 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

73 Melrose Lane, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Ursule Nadeau and James Allen, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Michael J. Nadeau to Ryan Hardie and Virginia Dietrich by deed dated November 30, 2015 and recorded in Book 389 at Page 417 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

Pine Hill Road, Lots 8 & 9, Okemo Pines, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Earle H. Levenstein and Mary K. Levenstein to Christopher Martin and Tracy M. Martin by deed dated February 27, 2004 and recorded in Book 257 at Page 201 of the Ludlow Town Land Records. Reference is made to the Trustee's Deed on behalf of Christopher James Martin to Tracy M. Martin dated May 30, 2017 and recorded in Book 405 at Page 205 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

546 Nelson Road, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Althena Nelson to Otis A. Nelson and Rosalie Nelson Thumser by deed dated October 17, 1997 and recorded in Book 169 at Page 439 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

546 Nelson Road (Mobile Home), Ludlow, Vermont
Mobile Home located at 546 Nelson Road may be all and the same conveyed by Jennifer J. Johnson and Otis A. Nelson to Otis Nelson by Mobile Home Bill of Sale dated November 6, 2001 and recorded in the Ludlow Town Mobile Home Bill of Sale Records.

465 Rod & Gun Club Road, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Ruth S. Ramm to Curtis Ray Potter and Ella Marie Laramie (now deceased), as joint tenants, by deed dated November 15, 1996 and recorded in Book 164 at Page 488 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

13 Lovejoy Brook Road, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Dayle M. Brown to Baja M. Ray and Theodore L. Brown, III by deed dated October 15, 2009 and recorded in Book 336 at Page 257 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

Evergreen Acres, Ludlow, Vermont
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Paul Burns to Jerome Rodriguez, Paul Burns and Kevin Romano by deed dated December 4, 2002 and recorded in Book 228 at Page 590 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

Town of Londonderry Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearings

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, Vermont for Public Hearings on the following applications:

Application 2019-02 by Stratton Corporation (Applicant) and Joseph Donahue (Owner) for Change of Use of property known as Swiss Inn and Restaurant to be used as workforce housing for Stratton Mtn Resort, located on Parcel 112058.000 249 VT Route 100.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office or by email from the Zoning Administrator at 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.

Shane O'Keefe, Zoning Administrator
Posted: January 28th, 2019

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Venissa White Parcel #252031

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2017 and 2018 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Venissa White by Warranty Deed of Andrew White and Venissa White dated November 25, 2013 and Recorded in Book 150, Page 280 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February 2019, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January 2019.

Attest:
David Pisha
Delinquent Tax Collector

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Soybean paste
- 5 Young fellow
- 8 In the thick of
- 12 Pastoral poem
- 13 Hockey surface
- 14 Start over
- 15 Tear
- 16 Some inoculations
- 18 Left the premises
- 20 Grown-up nit
- 21 Petrol
- 22 Jan. and Feb.
- 23 Building wing
- 26 Battery brand
- 30 Golf prop
- 31 Whammy
- 32 Equal (Pref.)
- 33 Combat-zone helicopter
- 36 Connection
- 38 Express
- 39 Peruke
- 40 Accumulate
- 43 Empty spaces
- 47 Time away from work
- 49 Largest of the seven
- 50 TV trophy
- 51 Conk out
- 52 Trawler equipment
- 53 Actor Roger
- 54 Peculiar

DOWN

- 1 Nuclear missile acronym
- 2 Concept
- 3 Harmonization
- 4 Senescence
- 5 A cat has nine —
- 6 Mil. sch.
- 7 Nov. follower
- 8 Melodious
- 9 List of options
- 10 Mid-March date
- 11 Medicinal amount
- 17 Satiated
- 19 Levy
- 22 Baer or Schmelting of boxing
- 23 \$ dispenser
- 24 Born
- 25 Homer's neighbor
- 26 Fun 'n' games
- 27 Compete
- 28 " — was saying, ..."
- 29 Anti
- 31 Dinner for Dobbin
- 34 English compositions
- 35 Expansive
- 36 Twitch
- 37 Galapagos lizard
- 39 Subsided
- 40 State
- 41 Jerry Herman heroine
- 42 Pinnacle
- 43 Null and —
- 44 Secondhand
- 45 Teeny bit
- 46 Back talk
- 48 Altar affirmative

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those niggling doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out — especially where money matters might be involved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

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EVENTS CONT.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7 – RUTLAND, Vt. – Help us celebrate an exciting year at NewStory Center! Join us for NewStory Center's annual Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 5:30-7 p.m. at 77 Gallery, 77 Grove Street in Rutland. Meet staff and board

members, hear highlights from the previous year, and get a sneak peek at the exciting things to come. There is no cost to attend but please RSVP by calling 802-775-6788 or by email at info@nscvt.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8 – PERU, Vt. – On Friday, Feb. 8, Bromley Mountain Ski Resort

will hold their 17th annual "Mom's Day Off" fundraiser. Moms ski or ride for a discount when they show the ticket seller a snapshot of their kids. This year's event will benefit women's breast cancer care at the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center in Bennington. The cancer center will receive the entire lift ticket

cost as a donation. The event will feature giveaways and après-ski activities. Bromley Mountain is located at 3984 Route 11, Peru, Vt., six miles east of Manchester. For more information about Bromley, visit www.bromley.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for an evening of games and crafting on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bring a favorite game, your knitting, or any other craft

project. Games and coloring will also be available. Join the conversation and the fun at the Meetinghouse. Held at the UU Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. All welcome!

THURSDAYS – 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 Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. For pricing or reservations, call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available.

LIBRARIES

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 – CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Nature Museum at the Whiting Library for the family nature program, "Finding Clues of Animals in Winter Through Tracking"

Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feel real animals pelts, learn the basics of animal tracking, and then caravan to nearby Chester Pinnacle to head out on snowshoes to test out your winter animal detective skills! All ages welcome. Admission is by donation, RSVP is appreciated, and drop-ins are welcome. Let us know if you need to borrow snowshoes! For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org or call 802-843-2111.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Local farmer and activist Laurel Green will lead a two-hour workshop called "Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown" Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Rockingham Library's top floor meeting room. This workshop is designed to shift the conversation around global warming and climate crisis issues. It is meant to give people a clear idea of what actions they can take to contribute to reversing global warming. The workshop includes several short videos, listening exchanges, and group activities. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-436-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or rockinghamlibrary.org.

stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

MONDAY, FEB. 4 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pick up a copy of "The Romanov Bride" by Robert Alexander at the Rockingham Library anytime and get ready for the book discussion about it on Monday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. Based on the true story of the life and death of Grand Duchess Elisaveta Fyodorovna, this historical novel is a gripping journey through one of the most turbulent times in Russian history. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or call 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating Valentine's Day with a valentine making workshop on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will provide ribbons, lace, and hand-dyed papers for creating gorgeous one of a kind valentines and valentine mailbags. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for kids of all ages and grown ups too! For more information, contact the library at 802-824-3371.

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