



# Moving Veterans’ Day Observance at Kurn Hattin —



Children singing in honor of Veterans’ Day. PHOTO PROVIDED

**WESTMINSTER, Vt. —** On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, veterans and friends joined the Kurn Hattin Homes’ children, staff, and volunteers for the 24th annual Veterans’ Day Observance. The annual event featured a program of commentary, music, and a delicious meal to honor and remember all veterans and their gift of service.

Highlights of the day included a report, read by three children, from Norwich University detailing how the roles of women in military have changed over the years. Four children read their entries in the Veterans of Foreign War Patriot Pen Essay contest. The topic this year is “What Makes America Great.” The children also gave each veteran in the audience a thank you card recognizing their service to the country. Following the luncheon, guests enjoyed viewing a Veterans’ Day art gallery exhibit

of student work. Kurn Hattin Executive Director Steve Harrison noted, “We all benefit so much from this respectful and informative event. I am proud that our children learn the meaning of commitment, honor, and service to our country. These values are often lost, but at Kurn Hattin, they truly mean something. Thank you Mr. Richard Long for organizing this event and to everyone for contributing so meaningfully.”

If you are a veteran and would like to attend next year’s Veterans’ Day Observance, please contact Heather at 802-721-6916 or [hlonge@kurnhattin.org](mailto:hlonge@kurnhattin.org). A place of hope since 1894, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children provides a nurturing home and quality education for children ages 5-15. Follow their journey at [www.kurnhattin.org](http://www.kurnhattin.org).

# Trustees initiate legal action on 66 Atkinson St. —

**BY BETSY THURSTON**  
*The Shopper*

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. —** On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees moved to initiate legal action enforcing the order on 66 Atkinson St. in the Unsafe Building Ordinance. Chris Glennon, owner of the old YMCA building, was joined by Elijah Zimmer who has been appointed as project coordinator of the newly formed non-profit organization. Zimmer, a resident of School Street, explained they were applying for a \$75,000 grant through the Preservation Trust of Vermont to begin work on the building. Zimmer said, “This is bringing the community together to save what’s important to us. I’ve heard people say they want this building to stay. It can be a community space for events and an important part of our historic neighborhood.”

Trustee Gary Lique agreed with McAuliffe and added, “Public safety is the number one concern.” Village President Deborah Wright had a piece of slate from the roof of the building that Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis had found on the ground last week. She showed it to those in attendance. Wright said, “Every day the integrity of the building is worsening, and we are worried about our public and our children.” Chuck Wise, town health officer, suggested the next step is for the village to conduct an asbestos inspection, which can be handled inhouse by his department for \$500 to \$1,000. He mentioned there would be added expenses if the building were to fall down or catch fire because then all of the materials involved would be treated as containing asbestos. He added that this inspection is required by the state of Vermont. Trustee Jonathan Wright reiterated that at this point the motion allows Trustees to move forward on a lengthy process. To Glennon he said, “Please continue to push forward on this, but understand we need to deal with public safety.” The Bellows Falls Village Trustees next meeting will be Dec. 10 in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m., and meetings are always open to the public.

# River discovery reveal at Adams Grist Mill benefit —

**BY BILL LOCKWOOD**  
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**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. —** This past Thursday, the Bellows Falls Historical Society held a benefit at the Opera House to help fundraise for repairs to the Adams Grist Mill. The building dates from 1831 and was once powered by water from the canal. The Historical Society has operated it as a museum since 1961. Some of collector Gordon Crandall’s fascinating historic artifacts found in Vermont, many from around here, displayed at the event included stone burial tools thought to be over 5,000 years old.

Roofs, unfortunately, don’t last anywhere near that long. Cathy Bergmann, president of the society, says between \$25,000 and \$30,000 is needed for roof and related repairs. Diver Annette Spaulding, who put the event together, said, “We desperately need to get together and put a roof on. We don’t want it to go away like Hetty Green’s house.”

Publicity for the event promised the revelation of recent underwater finds near the mill by Spaulding. She made very good on that promise, but she held her “big reveal” until the end.

Before the presentations, the large crowd that attended were able to examine parts of Crandall’s artifact collection found over a lifetime of hunting the shorelines and sediment areas in Vermont. It included artifacts from arrowheads and pottery to a powder horn from Lake Champlain, likely from the Revolutionary War.

Crandall said he has been hunting artifacts as a hobby since he was 10. His father, a



Part of Gordon Crandall’s large collections of river artifacts displayed for the Bellows Falls Historical Society’s fundraiser to repair the Grist Mill. PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

schoolteacher and also a collector, took him along. Crandall said it’s been “a wonderful part of my life.”

There were also tables with many silent auction items from generous donors, prints, pictures and Bellows Falls memorabilia. People bid on everything from a photo of Curtis Caswell, Bellows Falls’ legendary Amtrak train greeter in his cap, to a Superman comic book, to a Red Sox cap once worn by Jarod “Salty” Saltailamacchia, catcher on the 2013 pennant winning team. There were drinks and donated food. Those attending were of all ages. High school student Wess Nelson said, “I think it’s good the town is getting more into the community. And it’s especially good for the younger kids to volunteer and carry it on.”

Gail Golec, forensic anthropologist, gave a brief but fascinating talk on the topography and geography of the area. She covered the retreat of the Laurentide Ice Sheet through the Native American habitation, early colonial settlement, the Bellows Falls Canal era, the great log drives, and the continuing industrialization.

She did well setting the historical perspective of what Spaulding found in the Connecticut River.

Spaulding then showed underwater films of this summer’s dives. She has been diving since her early teens. She has been on the local underwater rescue team for 32 years and has dived in numerous countries and islands. This summer, she says, the conditions below the hydro plant were ideal, rainfall was light, and there was less opening and closing of the dam. She made 167 dives, spending about 300 hours under water. For the first time in 40 years, she could see without lights down to 52 feet, which is the depth south of the Westminster Station Bridge.

There she saw a huge area of glacial clay in daylight for the first time. Her biggest discoveries were first, two big round pulp millstones, likely used for grinding at a coating mill that once stood nearby. They were raised and now sit on display near the Grist Mill.

Second, was a little farther downriver. Spaulding found remains of a large wooden structure near where the first lock used to be. With the help of Larry Clark and the society archives, it is thought to have been a structure that held river boats too large to fit in the canal while they were being prepared to be lifted out of the water and rolled through the square to where Dari Joy now stands and be put back in the water.



Local diver Annette Spaulding who revealed her recent discoveries in the Connecticut River for the Bellows Falls Historical Society’s Grist Mill benefit. PHOTO PROVIDED

Third, was the discovery of two safes near the Westminster Station Bridge. Again, research shows a robbery at the Abnaqui Engine Company, once near the present day bridge, in the late 1800s, and a house robbery in Westminster in 1906. Both times safes went missing. Both doors are now off, and their contents are long gone.

Besides her love of history, Spaulding is also a member of the Connecticut River Conservancy, and she wants to show the younger generation how she has seen “30 years of reversal and improvement.”

The Historical Society can be reached through its Facebook page or at [www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org).

# Solar debate sparked at Selectboard meeting —

**BY JO ROBBINS**  
*The Shopper*

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. —** The Springfield Selectboard held its regular meeting Monday, Nov. 11, and opened with a public hearing to amend the Energy Chapter of the Town Plan, a matter that has concerned local citizens and created ongoing discussions between the Select, Planning, and Energy Boards.

In 2016, through the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan, a number of goals and strategies were proposed, the most significant goal being achieving 90% renewable energy by 2050. The Planning Commission prepared a proposed amendment that replaces the existing plan, originally drafted by the Town Energy Committee, with an “enhanced” energy element consistent with statutory standards developed by the Vermont Public Utilities Commission.

The amendment addresses potential sites for renewable energy facilities and their impact on the future use of vacant land for solar and wind projects. It defines what a “prime site” is, one that is suitable for residential or industrial development, and a “preferred site” more suitable for solar projects. It more clearly indicates project locations while addressing the impacts such facilities may have on the character of the surrounding area. An approved energy plan also gives Springfield greater weight in the Section 248 substantial deference process by the PUC if the town demonstrates an attempt to meet the standards set for targets.

Char Osterlund, Chairperson of the Energy Committee, said, “There are benefits of solar energy to our carbon footprint. We are undergoing climate change and should incentivize solar,” which Osterlund said was growing until 2016 and stalled when federal incentives diminished. She said young people are concerned about the effect of climate change and want to live in “green” environments.

Board member Peter MacGillivray said approving the new plan is significant because if it doesn’t pass at the local level, everything will be decided by the PUC. Board Member George McNaughton said the criteria is important because if it passes here, the PUC will pay attention.

The discussion that evening centered around the placement of solar arrays within the prime greenfields of Springfield. The Selectboard’s concern is that these sites will be covered with solar arrays where an industrial building could be located – one

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# Kurn Hattin students’ magical afternoon

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – It was an afternoon of magic, learning, and fun. Six members of the Yale University Magic Society travelled to New England Kurn Hattin Homes Sunday, Nov. 3, to conduct workshops on basic magic techniques and perform a magic show. Kurn Hattin students, along with their mentors from Vermont Academy, were treated to a great show featuring mind-




Member of Yale Magic Society teaching a Kurn Hattin student a card trick.

boggling tricks, optical illusions, and slight-of-hand techniques, which thrilled young and old alike. The Yale Magic Society is an extra-curricular group from Yale University in New Haven, Conn. They perform regular shows at the university and are also active participants in Magicians Without Borders, a nonprofit organization that has traveled to over 40 countries using magic to entertain, educate, and empower.

The performance was made possible through the generosity of Terry and Marya Holcombe and the Yale Alumni Club of Walpole, N.H. For more information about Kurn Hattin, go to [www.kurnhattin.org](http://www.kurnhattin.org).

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# Bellows Falls Legion celebrates Veterans Day –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Somber ceremonies were presented at the Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37 this past Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2019. The night started out at

5:30 p.m. with veterans and guests in a well-attended social meet and greet. At 6 p.m., the Legionaries, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, Fall Mountain JROTC, and many guests lined up for a Veterans Parade around the streets of Bellows Falls. The parade was led by the American Legion Honor Guard and supported by 27 of the Fall Mountain High School JROTC

Cadets. Once back at the American Legion Post, the Legionaries held an outdoor dedication honoring our nation's flags. Everyone entered the building for the Military flag presentations, hosted by Legion Commander Donnie Stocker. This brought us to the POW/MIA remembrance, presented by Sons of the Legion Commander, Richard Aumand Jr. To tie the whole event to-

gether, the women's Auxiliary offered a much-anticipated stuffed chicken dinner, feeding over 130 veterans and guests. A huge thank you to Auxiliary President Marcy Smith, her crew of ladies, and students from Bellows Falls Union High School for serving everyone. All in all, it was an honorable evening with heartfelt remembrance for all of our region's veterans.



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that would create jobs. In response, a clause was added to the plan that said prime sites are not to be used for solar arrays without substantial justification. Neighbors to a recent proposal by Norwich Technologies for approval of a preferred site status



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The Selectboard mentioned the Routes 10 and 106 intersection where a solar array is highly visible and is an example of a project that the Selectboard would not like to see happen again. McNaughton said there was a large solar array developed in a horse pasture in front of the Abbey Lynn Motel next to a new real estate development that was criticized because of its unsightliness. Under new criteria, it would now be considered a prime site. Present Nov. 11 was a group of residents that resisted a biomass proposal in North Springfield. McNaughton said later in an interview, that after the plan was rejected by the PUC, there was sympathy for the applicant who then prepared a plan to develop the vacant land in the Industrial Park with a large solar project. That plan was thwarted because of a PUC space requirement between arrays and, even though the Planning Commission supported the "preferred site" designation, the project did not meet the state criteria. The developer and owner were forced to appear at a public hearing where they were met with a lot of local opposition. Springfield resident John Hall was part of that opposition, and at the meeting said six net metering projects were applied for but only two were approved because of the PUC 2,000 linear-foot restriction. Board member Walter Martone said he is frustrated because Vermont is one of only six states where the state has total authority. Martone said the state set the 90% goal and everybody has to participate. He said these locations have enough wind, solar, and water to make viable projects and the potential to achieve the 90% goal. "But," he said, "I am sensing there is no way to meet our target. We have to make a decision if we want to have something to say."

The Town Plan Energy Chapter was voted on and adopted with two amendments to add to Chapter 9; first, the language to address permitting new, proposed hydro projects in a FEMA floodway, and second, language about allowing non-invasive, non-native plants.

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# Selectboard grants tax stabilization for solar projects

BY JO ROBBINS  
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Joel Stettenheim, president of Norwich Technologies in White River Junction, came before the Springfield Selectboard Monday night, Nov. 11, to request tax stabilization for two solar projects in Springfield during what became a long and complicated meeting that centered almost exclusively around the public hearing on the amendment to the Energy Plan and the town’s renewable energy goals.

Stettenheim said the Springfield tax rate is so high it is prohibitive for his projects on Fairground and Edgewood roads. He said Springfield has the highest municipal tax rate in the state and said these projects are different from properties with homes that have assessed value from town to town. The state sets a fixed formula where the tax is set and standardized so solar arrays are taxed the same in all towns instead of varying from town to town.

The solar array will have the same assessed value in any town, but in Springfield, because of the high municipal tax rate, the project will be taxed at a rate three times higher than the average. Stettenheim came before the Selectboard to request a tax rate that would be 10% above the average tax rate set by towns in the state. He said he is looking to level the playing field to invest in Springfield. Stettenheim said solar arrays do not put a demand on local resources or services, they improve the power generation in the area, and there is no demand on roads or impacts to schools and the economic benefits flow back into the grid.

Town clerk Barbara

Courchesne said a solar project does not always have a land tax. The solar panels are only taxed by the municipal rate and not the educational tax. But the high municipal rate puts solar developers at a disadvantage if they want to come to Springfield.

The Selectboard discussed qualifying the project under “new equipment and machinery” but that category would only give the developer an opportunity to be taxed at 50% of the assessed property value. Board member George McNaughton asked Town Manager Tom Yennerell if new equipment in Springfield is valued differently than other towns. Yennerell answered they are not valued differently but they are taxed higher, which McNaughton said does not make sense.

Selectboard member Michael Martin said Springfield has the highest town tax rate in the state and that is not a good thing. He said there are ongoing benefits to the local grid in these solar projects.

Selectboard member Peter MacGillivray said there is a negative incentive to come and build solar in Springfield at a time when the state has required all towns to reach a 90% renewable energy benchmark by 2050. He said he agreed with Martin and suggested Stettenheim come to the Energy Committee meeting to discuss green housing developments or ecovillages like the one developed by Norwich in Windsor where the housing development coexists with and receives the benefit from the solar panels at the site.

Board Chairman Kristi Morris said he was not in favor of granting stabilization on new projects that add to the grand

list, but he would consider stabilization for the Fairground Road solar project because it is on town-owned land and the town benefits from a \$12,500 lease payment. He said the Edgewood Road project is not on town-owned land, and he was not in favor of granting tax relief there.

There was discussion and disagreement among the members about the Town Charter language that authorizes the Selectboard to approve tax stabilization. Board Member Walter Martone said his interpretation of the charter is that each application is reviewed by the Selectboard and then placed on the ballot for town meeting vote. Chair Morris said the Selectboard has had this authority for 30 years. He said the incentive for tax stabilization is for economic stabilization and not tax relief.

McNaughton said he is opposed in general to tax stabilization for existing taxpayers. He said solar projects are already getting subsidies and these projects don’t actually create jobs. It is likely to encourage a flood of large solar array projects in the town. He said he is in favor of solar on roofs and in existing commercial projects.

McNaughton suggested amending the motion to vote on the two projects separately to address the Chair’s concerns. That motion failed, and the Selectboard approved a motion by a 3 to 2 vote to grant Norwich a tax stabilization rate on both projects that is based on 50% of the assessed value for five years in the category of new equipment and machinery.

# Fall Mountain class workday at VA hospital —

LANGDON, N.H. – The Fall Mountain Regional High School JROTC class brought 27 cadets to the Veterans Administration in White River Junction Nov. 5, 2019. Brooke, a veteran counselor, said, “This was a much needed workday, and we are so very thankful that the JROTC Cadets from Fall Mountain came up to help us.”

The students took right to working with the veterans in all the various phases of the projects. These included the washing of cars, vans, and buses; emptying a truck load of manure for the garden; straightening out, weeding, and planting vegetables in the greenhouse; and putting together a luncheon for all of the participating veterans. The JROTC program is led by senior instructor Bill Maynard and First Sargent Forde Delibac.



Ten of the Fall Mountain JROTC cadets and Smokey Aumand at the vehicle washing station at the VA Hospital.

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# Open House at warming shelter —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Greater Falls Warming Shelter will hold an open house at its new facility Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The shelter is located at 7752 U.S. Route 5 in Westminster, between Golden Cross and J&W Auto. The public is invited to stop in for coffee and donuts, and a tour of the new location that can serve 10 men and women who are experiencing homelessness for a variety of reasons.

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# New hours at Wardsboro Public Library for patrons —

WARDSBORO, Vt. – The Wardsboro Public Library is changing the library hours to better serve their patrons. Beginning Dec. 1, 2019, the library will be open Mondays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wardsboro Public Library,

located at 170 Main Street in Wardsboro, is a free library for Wardsboro, Stratton, and the connected towns. Its collection includes large print books, graphic novels, audio books, DVDs, and periodicals. It offers Wi-Fi 24/7 high speed fiber optic internet, programming for adults and children, an adult book club, story and craft time, art shows featuring

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# Special remembrances and Hearts of Hope

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We will hold a public Hearts of Hope celebration and tree dedication ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m., at the Nolin-Murray Center, Pleasant Street, adjacent to St. Mary’s Church in Springfield, Vt. Refreshments will be provided. All donations

received prior to Nov. 21 will result in your honoree being included in the evening’s program. You may also pick up your ornament at this special ceremony.

All funds go towards the purchase of items that support and comfort of our patients at the Springfield Hospital Specialty Clinic.

After the Dec. 4 ceremony, our Hearts of Hope tree will be on display in the Level C lobby at Springfield Hospital, just beyond the main entrance and the Information Desk. If you are unable to attend the Hearts of Hope ceremony, you may stop by the hospital prior to Dec. 12 to pick up your ornament. After Dec. 12, your ornament will be mailed to you or your

designee.

Contribution forms are available at [www.springfieldmed.org](http://www.springfieldmed.org) and will also be available at the following locations: Information Desk and Specialty Clinic at Springfield Hospital; Rockingham Health Center; Ludlow Health Center; Springfield Health Center; Mt. Valley Health Center; and Charlestown Health Center in New Hampshire.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to you joining us for a very special evening Dec. 4. If you have any questions, call Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or email [speplau@springfieldmed.org](mailto:speplau@springfieldmed.org).

# ATM skimmer found at CSB

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Illegal skimming devices were attached to Claremont Savings Bank’s two ATM machines at their Claremont Broad Street branch during the long Veterans Day weekend by two unknown men. These devices allowed ATM debit card information to be stolen. The men

created debit cards using the information and withdrew cash from consumers’ accounts the evening of Nov. 12.

Claremont Savings Bank is taking the breach seriously and immediately took measures to prevent further fraudulent activity. The customers who were affected had any missing

funds credited back to their accounts and were contacted by the bank. Their debit cards were closed and they will receive new cards. Customers with questions about the breach or the security of their accounts should contact the bank at 603-542-7711.

There is an ongoing investigation with the Claremont Police Department and other authorities. If you have any information in regards to this case, please contact the Claremont Police Department Detectives Division at 603-542-7010.

# Fire Departments awarded over \$2 million in grants

REGION – Vermont’s congressional delegation announced that the Vermont Fire Academy and fire departments throughout the state have received more than \$2 million through 16 federal grants.

The awards are part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, which helps fire departments, fire academies, and EMS agencies obtain critically needed equipment and training to better protect the public and first responders. This year’s AFG grants will help departments purchase equipment including air packs, vehicle extraction tools, and a fire truck, and it will also fund paramedic training.

“Vermont’s first responders are some of the most dedicated public servants we have. They keep our communities safe, answering the call at all

hours of the day and night, and they put their own safety on the line in doing so. We are pleased that these federal grants will help departments secure the updated equipment they need and deserve so that they can continue to provide these vital services,” said Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.).

Locally, federal grants were awarded to:

- Putney Fire Department, \$181,510
- City of Rutland Fire Department, \$47,317
- Vermont Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety, Vermont Fire Academy, \$124,585
- Peru Fire Department, \$62,039
- Springfield Fire Department, \$95,595
- Grafton Firefighters’ Association, \$65,238

The next AFG application period is expected to open in De-

cember. In preparation, FEMA’s grant specialists will be hosting online webinars this fall. Each workshop is approximately two-and-a-half hours long and provides information on the AFG programs, what is new for 2019, and tips to develop and submit a successful application.

The following online webinars are planned:

- Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Audio: 800-320-4330; PIN: 174852#; [www.fema.connectsolutions.com/r1\\_2019\\_afg](http://www.fema.connectsolutions.com/r1_2019_afg)
- Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Audio: 800-320-4330; PIN: 174852#; [www.fema.connectsolutions.com/r1\\_2019\\_afg](http://www.fema.connectsolutions.com/r1_2019_afg)
- Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Audio: 800-320-4330; PIN: 174852# [www.fema.connectsolutions.com/r1\\_2019\\_afg](http://www.fema.connectsolutions.com/r1_2019_afg)

For more information about AFG and to sign up for email updates, please visit [www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program](http://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program).

# Medicare Open Enrollment deadline

REGION – The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is the time during which Medicare beneficiaries can make new choices and pick plans that work best for them. Each year, Medicare plan costs and coverage typically change. In addition, your healthcare needs may have changed over the past year. The open enrollment period is your opportunity to switch Medicare health

and prescription drug plans to better suit your needs.

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period began Oct. 15 and continues through Dec. 7. Any changes made during open enrollment are effective as of Jan. 1, 2020.

Now is a good time to review your current Medicare plan. What worked for you last year may not work for you this year. Have you been satisfied with the coverage of your current plan? Are your premium costs or out-of-pocket expenses too high? Has your health changed? Do you anticipate needing medical care or treatment, or new or pricier prescription drugs?

You can switch to a plan that may work better for you. If you find that you’re still satisfied with your current Medicare plan and it’s still being offered, you don’t have to do anything. The coverage you have will continue.

In 2020, the Medicare Part D coverage gap or “donut hole” will officially close. If you have a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, you will now pay no more than 25% of the cost of both covered brand-name and

generic prescription drugs after you’ve met your plan’s deductible, until you reach the out-of-pocket spending limit.

Beginning in 2020, Medicare Advantage plans will have the option of offering nontraditional services such as transportation to a doctor’s office, home safety improvements, or nutritionist services. Of course, not all plans will offer these types of services.


If you’re covered by Original Medicare, you may have purchased a private supplemental Medigap policy to cover some of the costs that Original Medicare doesn’t cover. In most states, there are 10 standard types of Medigap policies, identified by letters A through D, E, G, and K through N. Starting in 2020, people who are newly eligible for Medicare will not be able to purchase Medigap Plans C and F – these plans cover the Part B deductible which is no longer allowed – but if you already have one of those plans you can keep it.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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## The migraine

The Chester Historical Society has been gifted Bud Nadeau's collection of Bartonville diaries and photos. The diaries date from 1884 to 1915. While not a complete run, it is substantial.

I've had migraine headaches for years. The pounding headache and vomiting makes you deathly sick. This can last for days. Noise becomes amplified, and light is a killer. Sometimes I lay in bed for 48 hours or more unable to perform basic tasks.

I mention migraines because of what I found in Flora Parker's 1904

Bartonville diary. Evidently, the term migraine wasn't in use in her day. She refers to them as "The headache." Flora had a migraine almost every week, month after month, year after year. I sympathized with her as I read her diary entries.

To familiarize you with some of the players in this article: Dr. Ray lived in Chester in the brick house near the entrance of Chester Elementary School. "Chas" is an abbreviation of Charles. Charles Parker was Flora's husband. Mary is Flora's sister. Below is taken from a 1904 diary kept by Flora Liddle Parker of Upper Bartonville.

### The headache

"Jan 30, 1904 My head aches. Flora here this P.M. Have been down to Mary's house. Am tired and sick to-night. Dr. Ray called on Mary."

"January 31, 1904: Have been sick with my headache and vomiting. Chas at Aunt Mary's and got the things."

"Feb 1, 1904 Headache. Have been sick all day. Frank Parker and Mary Clayton here."

"Feb 2, 1904 Chas has gone to Chester. Pa here. This has been a mean day. Chas worked at the shop this evening. Baby Gallup born."

Two days later. "Feb 4, 1904 Have washed. Sent plugs to Flint. My head aches. Mary here this P.M."

You can see how often she had the headache. She had five headache days in six days. I can only imagine the suffering she endured. Dr. Ray was there almost weekly, sometimes twice a week. One entry in her diary: "Dr. Ray



Little Flora.

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left some tablets." These had to be a narcotic like laudanum. My experience in taking pills is that it's impossible to keep them down long enough for them to work.

I went and saw Leon Parker the other day. Charles Parker mentioned above was Leon's grandfather. However, Flora is not Leon's grandmother. When Flora died, Charles married Ada Pollard. Ada is Leon's grandmother. Leon grew up hearing stories about Flora. Leon told me she was frail, sickly, and weak all her life. She died at age 47 in 1915.

Leon's grandfather Charles ran a sawmill in Upper Bartonville. At one time, Charles had a violin factory in Brockway Mills. Today his violins are highly collectible. In Lyman Hayes 1907 "History of Rockingham" I found this listing: "Charles Parker Saw-Mill and Wood-Working."

### Helen Liddle

Flora had another sister, Helen. Helen married Adin Pollard and lived in Bartonville. They had a daughter Flora, whom the family called Little Flora. A son, Carroll, died at about 3 years old.

### Little Flora

In Flora Parker's 1904 diary are numerous entries mentioning Little Flora. All of the diary entries in this article span a period of about three weeks.

"Feb 17, 1904 Flora sick. Had the doctor. Cut my green waist. Chas at Chester got some wrappers. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall here this evening."

"Feb 18, 1904 Helen and I down home. I went on and saw Flora. She is sick in bed."

"Feb 20, 1904 Flora is a bit better to-day."

"Feb 21, 1904 Flora is awful sick and afraid she will not get well."

"Feb 22, 1904 Flora is no better. O how sorry I am! Walter here. Dr. Ray here. Frank here. Mary Clayton here."

"Feb 23, 1904 Dear little Flora died this morning at 1:23."

"Feb 24, 1904 Sent to Keene for flowers. Mary Clayton here. Chas at Chester. Got the flowers. Walter here."

These diaries offer us a rare glimpse of life 100-plus years

ago.

Here is a little more. Helen died March 30, 1897. Little Flora now finds herself living alone with her father. Her father worked six days a week while struggling to raise a young child. As a result, Little Flora spent much of her time with Charles and Flora. Little Flora was almost 9 years old when she died. These family members are buried in the Meetinghouse Cemetery in Rockingham.

Danny Clemons and Leon Parker provided me with information for this article.

*This week's old saying was said to me years ago by a lady friend. I approached her and said, "Did you miss me?" Her reply, "Like a migraine."*

## Gallery North Star to permanently close

GRAFTON, Vt. – After 45 years in business, the last 16 of which were under the ownership of Kim and Edward Bank, Gallery North Star will be permanently closing its doors Monday, Dec. 2.

"This has been an extremely difficult decision for us," said Edward Bank. "We had to evaluate the many factors involved with continuing to operate the

gallery and it just proved to be unfeasible."

Kim Bank said, "We will be relocating to the mountains of North Carolina after the first of the year. We are sad to leave this great town and the many friends we have made. We are appreciative of the support of the community over the last 16 years and hope to revisit often."

Gallery North Star will re-

main open through Dec. 1 for a last opportunity for people to visit the gallery. Located in historic Grafton, Vt., it has been dedicated to presenting a diverse selection of work by Vermont's and New England's finest artists in a unique setting. The gallery will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available works can be viewed at [www.gnsgraffton.com](http://www.gnsgraffton.com).

## Springfield Art and Historical Society 2020 calendar

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art and Historical Society has published its 2020 calendar that features photos from their archives of years past. The calendar is available for purchase at the following businesses: Woodbury Florist, Tina's Hallmark, Bibens Ace Hardware, Haircuts Just Around the Corner, Young's Furniture and Appliances, the Springfield Co-op, Cota & Cota, and Images Hairstyling Salon. Copies are also available at the SAHS Facility in North Springfield Saturdays, from 1-4

p.m. Proceeds from the sale help support SAHS programming and archival needs. For

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TAKE A BREAK

Dear Editor,

I am deeply appreciative and humbled by all the thanks I have received for the Veterans Day Assembly. It was a wonderful celebration of patriotism. I would like to thank those where thanks is truly due:

To Principal Karen Trimboli, thank you for your support and encouragement; your energy and positive attitude is always present. To music teachers Ellen Boles and Mary Baron for working so diligently with the children. Thank you, Lisa Marks, for allowing me to share your fourth grade class. After only several lessons in American Sign Language, their performance was perfect. The stu-

dents from Ludlow and Mount Holly elementary schools who sang from the heart and waved their flags with such genuine spirit, it was infectious and a joy to behold. Black River Chorus and sixth grade for their exceptional performance.

A special thanks for Chet Gates, Mike Tuomisto, Roger Crowell, Abi Karner, Rachel Karner, and Dan Farrar – all critical to the success of the program.

We were honored and grateful to Gov. Scott for joining us and sharing his story. Thank you to the Gill Home residents who attended.

Last but not least, I thank my wonderful friends at the Bal-

lard Hobart American Legion Post 36. I cannot say enough about how grateful I am for all you do. Ned, your kindness, dedication, and support of our school and the community is second to none. Deb Tiernan, you are always busy supporting and caring for all our veterans – you are truly remarkable.

In closing, let me put my heartfelt gratitude where it was always belong: to each and every man and woman who so bravely lay down their lives for us all. Thank you and God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Sanford,  
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

After retiring from the Postal Service, I decided to volunteer. The question was – where? A good friend mentioned Springfield Hospital. As I thought about it, I remembered how much I had always liked the feelings that came over me at the sight of the chapel in the hospital. It was such a peaceful place of refuge. It was these feelings that led me to volunteer in the emergency department.

Sometimes, I would go in to pray for a friend or children or adults brought in for treatment for illness or accident. A few minutes in the chapel made all the difference to the rest of the day. As much as I needed the chapel, the patients, employees,

and nurses needed this peaceful place of refuge even more. What better place could there be to cope with daily stress of life or to hear bad news concerning your's or a loved one's health issues?

About four or five years ago, the decision was made by two men to dismantle the chapel. As far as I know, none of the employees' opinions were taken into consideration. Things went downhill fast after the chapel was dismantled, and employee morale took a nosedive.

As you can imagine, I was very disappointed and upset, and requested a meeting with Tim Ford to discuss restoring the chapel. As a result of this meeting, Tim Ford promised me to restore at least half of

the room back into the form of the chapel – as is was before it was dismantled. This never happened. He never kept his word. So when I read in a newspaper article that he was suing the hospital, I wondered if he was being truthful about the reasons, considering he hadn't been about the chapel.

I know it has been quite a while since this happened, but it has taken me a long time to deal with this whole issue.

I am praying the Springfield Hospital will continue to be available for all our healthcare needs, and that the chapel will be restored in its entirety.

Sincerely,  
Judith Dubreuil  
N. Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Fall Mountain golf team would like to thank the owners of Hooper Golf Course in hosting this year's team for practices and high school matches. Golf, unlike other high school sports, relies on courses like Hooper to host high school teams. The team is able to practice every day from mid-August until the first week in October and was assigned two home matches. Without Hooper's hospitality, the team would not be able to afford the practice times and matches for this season.

The team did very well this year. Fall Mountain is in Division III with 19 other teams. When all was said and done, we

were successful in meeting our goal and attending the State Championships. As a team, we ended the year in the ninth spot. On an individual note, we had two standout Hooper members. Walpole junior Kaylee Lintner ended the season in 13th out of 172 players, landing her a spot on the All-State Second Team. Freshman Mitchell Cormier seeded in the sixth spot, landing him a First Team All-State selection.

The other team members Spencer Harrington, Cameron Fry, Mary-Catherine Haefner, and Brayden Haefner all improved their golf game and had fun doing so.

Golf has many life lessons. It teaches honesty, focus, problem solving, and patience. It also teaches respect, safety, punctuality, and persistence. These are such important qualities the Fall Mountain team has learned with the help of Hooper Golf Course.

These student athletes get to play many courses throughout the state during the high school golf season. When it comes to Hooper, other players and coaches are always impressed with the course conditions and venue. Thank you to the members for their patience when our players were on the course, the superintendent for fantastic conditions of Hooper, and the ownership. Without their generosity, this team would not have a home.

Sincerely,  
Jason Lintner, varsity golf coach  
Fall Mountain Regional High School

Dear Editor,

Plastic pollution and its effects on the environment is one of the most pressing issues we face. With that being said, I am so excited by the news of Vermont's new single-use plastic ban. However, while reading all of these articles, I saw that many people are upset by the cost of our alternatives: paper and cloth bags. Paper bags will be available in stores for 10 cents, and cloth bags can be bought in a range of qualities for a range of prices.

Here is some background that can help us all make the most of this good policy.

The fee on paper bags has been put in place to incentivize people to remember their reusable cloth bags. In several Vermont news articles, I saw readers who commented rightly to point out that paper bags take more energy to produce and trans-

port, but simultaneously do not mention the fact that paper bags do not have the same lasting environmental impact on our ecosystems as the plastic bags do, as they do not take centuries to decompose.

A supply of sustainably sourced, durable cloth bags for a household of average size can be sourced for roughly the same price as splurging on a lunch date and if cared for properly, can last many years. When used to their full life potential, the cloth bags will eventually make up for and surpass the amount of energy required to produce them. Unlike the unsustainable alternatives, cloth bags can even be mended with little effort to extend their life cycle.

For those who are unable to afford some new cloth bags, there are alternatives being planned such as bag shares and local workshops in which

people can make their own bags with upcycled materials such as old t-shirts. Globally, only 18% of plastic is recycled, according to the 2018 National Geographic issue entitled, "Planet or Plastic."

In asking Vermont consumers to be responsible for our own reusable bags, we as a state set an example for the rest of our society to express that we do not need to embrace the throw-away culture any longer, and that our love of convenience comes at too high a cost to support in every facet of our lives. As a Charlestown, N.H. native, and a second year student at Bennington College here in Vermont, I am so proud to be part of a community that is leading this change across our country.

Sincerely,  
Gisele Dierks  
Bennington, Vt.

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- 21 Police officer
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- 23 Should, with "to"
- 26 Assail persistently
- 30 Entreaty
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- 32 Small wagon
- 33 Breastbone
- 35 "It's mine!"
- 36 Diving bird
- 37 Two, in Tijuana
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- 9 Parks of civil rights fame
- 10 "Yeah, right"
- 11 Defeat
- 16 Coagulate
- 20 Rotating part
- 21 Role
- 22 Oft-tattooed word
- 23 Chances, for short
- 24 Last (Abbr.)
- 25 "Gosh!"
- 26 Vagrant
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- 28 Aries
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- 31 Opposite of 31-Across?
- 34 Eccentric
- 35 No stay-at-home
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- 44 Shrek, for instance
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Sunday Masses at 9 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Thursday and Friday at 9 a.m. Confession on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Contact the rectory at 802-885-3400.

## Donna C. Falcone, 1934-2019

**GRAFTON, Vt.** – Donna C. Falcone, 85, of Chester Road, passed away early Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019. Donna was born in New Haven, Conn., April 21, 1934, the daughter of Dante and Emilia (Vitale) Carboni. She worked as a nurse's aide at Montowese Health Care in North Haven, Conn. and was an avid animal lover.

She married Carmen Falcone at St. Barnabas Church in North Haven, Conn., who predeceased her. She is also predeceased by

her son Anthony Falcone. Surviving are her children Donna Chemelli and husband Tom of Wallingford, Conn. and Dante Falcone and wife Dawn Fisher of Grafton, Vt.; grandchildren Sasha and Danielle Falcone, Elijah and Fairlight Chemelli; and great-granddaughter Devin Provencher.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt.

## Celia L. Taylor, 1945-2019

**PERKINSVILLE, Vt.** – Celia L. Taylor, 74, formerly of Perkinsville, passed away Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 at Cedar Hill Health Care Center in Windsor, Vt. She was born March 28, 1945 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Henry W. and Margaret (Heald) Spaulding. She attended Springfield schools, graduated from Springfield High School, and later graduated from River Valley Community College in Claremont, N.H.

On Sept. 11, 1971, she married Frederick Taylor at St. Joseph's Church in Chester, Vt. He predeceased her in 1999.

Celia was employed as a respiratory therapist at Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. for 29 years. She was a very active member of the North Springfield Baptist Church. She was a past president of the American Baptist Women of Vermont and New Hampshire, served on the Board of Trustees for the American Baptist Church, Vermont and New Hampshire Visiting Nurse and Hospice, served as trustee and secretary for the North Springfield Baptist Church, volunteered for many events at the church, was in charge of flowers for the church, and served as head cook for many ham suppers.

She was also a member of the General Federation of Women's Club of Windsor County.

Celia enjoyed cooking, doing crafts, crocheting and knitting, and loved her dogs.

She is survived by daughter Nicole Taylor and her husband Tony Pangilinan of Portland, Ore.; two brothers Keith Spaulding and his wife Nellie of Sandown, N.H. and Carl Spaulding and his wife Judy of Chester, Vt.; brother-in-law Edward Taylor of Chester; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her father Henry W. Spaulding in 1998, her husband Fred Taylor in 1999, and her mother Margaret Spaulding in 2018.

A memorial service will be held at the North Springfield Baptist Church Sunday Nov. 24, 2019 at 1 p.m. Reverend George Keeler will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt., and a reception will follow the burial back at the North Springfield Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Springfield Baptist Church at P.O. Box 23, N. Springfield, VT, 05150. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

**United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.**  
Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. by Rev. Gerry Piper. Praise God through music, scripture, and prayer. Christian education and childcare available during worship hour. Communion available. Fellowship and refreshments after service. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

**Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.**  
Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Minister is Rev. Elaine Bomford who will be present twice a month. Family First Sunday is the first Sunday every month with breakfast

## Jay C. Golden, 1950-2019

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Jay C. Golden, 69, passed away Tuesday evening, Nov. 12, 2019 at Mount Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vt. He was born March 20, 1950 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Cecil H. "Jack" and Treva (Holden) Golden. He attended Chester schools and graduated from Randolph Technical High School in 1968. He served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam.

On June 10, 1989, he married Susan A. Martin in Weathersfield, Vt.; they made their home in North Springfield. Jay was employed as operations manager for the city of Randolph Solid Waste Program, and later as operations manager and truck driver for Browning-Ferris Industries for many years. He was also a truck driver for Greg Chico Trucking in Chester, Vt. Jay was a member and Past Commander of the American Legion Post 67 in Chester, Vt.

He is survived by his wife Susan of North Springfield; two sons Charles Golden (Michelle) of Andover and Zachary Golden of Burlington; two stepchildren Brad Aubin (Kristin) of Springfield and Heather Stewart of North Springfield; four



Jay C. Golden, 1950-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

grandchildren Jayda, Vaylyn, Brenden, and Jenna; two sisters Wanda Eubank of Andover and Lani Williams of St. George, S.C.; and also by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by a brother Wayne Golden.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date and announced at that time. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Harry K. Shepard, 1948-2019

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Harry K. Shepard Jr. died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H., at the age of 71. Harry was born Jan. 22, 1948, in Springfield, Vt., the son of Harry Sr. and B. Virginia (Miller) Maxfield. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1967, and then enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served in the Vietnam War until 1970. Upon returning from duty, he went to work for his father until opening up his own shop. Harry was a certified welder and fabricator and worked as a heavy machinery and truck mechanic.

Harry was a caring gentle giant, always helping out friends and family in need. He enjoyed antique vehicles, collecting motorcycles, and the company of his puppy, Hussle.

Harry is predeceased by his parents and a sister Lee Wetherby. He is survived by his sisters Ann Creaser of Glover, Vt., Caroline Shepard of North Pomfret, Vt., Hope Shaver and her husband Mark of Columbia City, Ind., and June Mckenzie and her husband Thomas of San Bernardino, Calif. He also leaves behind 13 nieces and nephews, 13 great-nieces and great-nephews, four great-



Harry K. Shepard, 1948-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

great-nephews, and though not blessed with children of his own, he thought the world of Natalie Butler and her husband Will.

There will be a celebration of his life Nov. 23, 2019 at 11 a.m. at 890 Chester Rd. Springfield, Vt. In lieu of flowers, to commemorate Harry's life, the family would encourage friends and family to send donations to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative Care, 154 Hitchcock Loop Rd., Lebanon, NH 03756. Condolences to the family may be expressed in an online guestbook found at [www.knightfuneral-homes.com](http://www.knightfuneral-homes.com).

and spiritual activities for the whole family. Check [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org).

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## Joan H. Daniels, 1931-2019

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Joan H. Daniels, 88, passed away Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 at the Jack Byrne Hospice Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Aug. 31, 1931 in Middletown, Conn., the daughter of John and Sophie (Wolters) Heidtmann. She attended schools in Connecticut, graduating from Nathan Hale-Ray High School in Moodus, Conn.

In September 1949, Joan married Melville Daniels in Connecticut, and they moved to Vermont in 1952. Joan owned and operated Daniels Nursery, Greenhouse, and Dried Flower Shop in Chester, Vt. for many years. She made wreaths for Christmas for many years, and she also worked at the Vermont Country Store.

Joan and Melville were members of the 49ers motorcycle club, driving the chuck wagon and supply truck, traveling all over the East Coast for many years with the group.

She enjoyed gardening, feeding the birds, and bird watching. She also had a talent for dowsing. Joan knitted over 400 hats and donated them to the Middletown Hospital for cancer patients in honor of her sister Nancy.

Joan and Melville were well

known for their hospitality; the coffee pot was always on and baked goods always on hand for the many friends and family that would stop in for a visit each day.

She is survived by her children James (Diane) Daniels of Springfield, Vt., Joyce Daniels of Westmoreland, N.H., Irene Saulnier (Roland) of Chester, Vt., and Audrey Daniels of Chester, Vt.; one brother William Heidtmann of Springfield, Vt.; five grandchildren Laura Daniels, Michael DeZaine, Elijah Daniels, Amy Poole, and Brittany Huntley; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Melville in 1998, brother John Heidtmann, sisters Doris Comstock and Nancy Terice, granddaughter Michelle (DeZaine) Chrisicos, and great-grandchild Taylor Fraser.

A celebration of life gathering will be held Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 at 12 p.m. at the American Legion Post 67 in Chester, Vt. In Joan's memory, we encourage everyone to pass on an unexpected act of kindness.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Robert J. Haas, 1930-2019

**WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt.** – Robert J. "Bob" Haas passed away unexpectedly at his home on Patch Road in Westminster West Nov. 3, 2019. He was born March 24, 1930 in Brooklyn, N.Y., son of Katherine (Huber) and Aloysius Haas.

He grew up in Glendale, N.Y. His family spent summer vacations at the Yeaw farm in East Dover, Vt. When he was 10, he started spending his summer and school vacations working on that farm. On graduating from high school, he attended the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute in Farmingdale, N.Y. After serving in the army, he returned to Vermont in 1954. He worked for Holmes Transportation in Westminster for 33 years, then for Spring Tree Corporation in Brattleboro until he retired at 70.

He married Patricia Trevor on Oct. 18, 1958, and they set up housekeeping on Patch Road in Westminster West, where they spent 61 years together. They ran a small farm, which provided most of the food for themselves and their three children.

Bob was a member of the Westminster Fire and Rescue Department and served on its

Prudential Committee for 19 years. He was a longtime trustee of the Westminster Historical Society, a founding trustee of the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Society, and helped spearhead the Ancient Roads Survey.

History was one of his passions – hunting cellar holes, cemeteries, and old roads. Recently, he and Christopher Bergman worked on a project mapping these sites with GPS. Fact TV has televised several shows with Bob and Chris under the title, "Cellar Hole Investigators." Among Bob's other interest were fishing, hunting, all farm activities, and animals of all kinds, especially cats.

He is survived by his wife, son Jim, daughters Jessie Haas (Michael Daley) and Martha Haas (Jeff Martin), all of Westminster; and his sister Mary Ann Andrews (Ronald) of Bethany, Conn. His parents and two brothers predeceased him.

A celebration of life will be held Nov. 24, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Westminster Fire House on Grout Avenue in Westminster. Contributions can be made in his memory to the Westminster Historical Society, Westminster Fire and Rescue, or Westminster Cares.

## PLEASE NOTE

In order to have room for each obituary we receive each week, we ask that submissions be limited to 350 words. We reserve the right to shorten any obituary.

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## Reception for community art show

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public to meet the participants in its community art show. The show opened Nov. 12 and runs through Tuesday, Dec. 31 and features artwork across a wide range of media and age groups, amateurs to professionals. MSA mounts the show each year to give artists an opportunity to share their work with their neighbors who may not be aware of their talents.

The reception is free and open to all members of the community. Further information is available at [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org) or by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960 or emailing [info@mainstreetarts.org](mailto:info@mainstreetarts.org).

## Miscast Cabaret tradition starts in Saxtons River

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts brings musical theater to the stage with a twist in the Miscast Cabaret Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Some of the community art center's most talented vocalists will tackle show tunes usually performed by the opposite gender for an unforgettable evening of entertainment in an informal cabaret setting. Performers recently seen in MSA's musical productions of "The Secret Garden," "Chicago," "Sweeney Todd," "Pinafore," and "Hed-

## Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio at Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio burst into the national folk scene with their 2015 EP, "Still She Will Fly," and the title track was that year's #2 single on folk radio. Their 2017 CD, "Singin'," debuted at #1 and was the #11 folk charting album of the year. Heather's new solo album, "Lines and Spaces," comes out this month and is her 12th CD release.

The trio will bring their "traveling music store" of instruments – piano, acoustic guitar, tenor banjo, ukelele, melodica, cornet, dobro, fiddle, mandolin, bass, and maybe more – to Stage 33

Live in a special matinee performance Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. Local up-and-comer Emily Lyons will open. Doors open at 1 p.m.

The trio's performances feature Heather's multi-genre songwriting that spans from the streets of New Orleans to the valleys of Appalachia; heartfelt music featuring stirring three-part vocals and earthy charm with Shawn Nadeau on upright bass and Davy Sturtevant on "everything else."

One hundred percent of ticket sales support the musicians. Seating is limited. Advance tickets will have chairs reserved until 40 tickets are sold. If any chairs behind the reserved rows

are available on show day, those will be available first-come first-served. Attendees are allowed to bring their own portable seating to set up behind the house chairs, or to use in place of their reserved chair.

Advance tickets are available online at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

Stage 33 Live is an intimate, industrial-rustic listening room in a former factory located at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, Vt., documenting live performances and presentations of original material on a simple stage. Coffee, soda, water, and snacks by donation. For more information about the nonprofit project and other upcoming events, go to [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

## Pete Seeger 100th Birthday Songfest

CHESTER, Vt. – Join us for a Pete Seeger 100th Birthday Songfest, Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. at First Universalist Parish of Chester.

We'll honor Pete Seeger, singing many of his well-loved songs such as "If I Had a Hammer," "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," and many others. Led by composer and guitarist Jim Scott, who knew Pete well and collaborated on many projects with the folk legend, we'll remember the great contributions to our American heritage Pete made in his 94 years of life.

A prolific composer in his own right, Jim brings a

warmth and authenticity that turns any size audience into an intimate gathering. His lyrical melodies, well-crafted words, guitar mastery, and humorous surprises moved Pete to call him "some kind of a magician." Jim played for years with the Paul Winter Consort. A lifelong Unitarian Universalist with songs in our hymnbooks, he's visited over 700 UU churches in more than three decades of travels.

There is a suggested donation. Children under 12 admitted for free. First Universalist Parish of Chester is located in the historic Stone Village, 211 North St. For more information, call Melody Reed at 802-875-5414.

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## BFUHS to host Connecticut River Valley Music Festival

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Twice each year, our area is treated to a dynamic music festival featuring outstanding middle and high school student musicians. The Connecticut River Valley Music Festival Association 2019 Fall Festival, encompassing 25 schools, will be hosted at Bellows Falls Union High School Nov. 22 and 23.

In early October, students from all over the Connecticut River Valley traveled to Brattleboro Union High School and auditioned for the much coveted invitation to perform in the festival. Students prepare a solo performance, technical skills, and sight reading as part of their challenging audition.

Students audition for selection into four groups that will be performing Nov. 23: High School Concert Band, conducted by Karen Atherton of Westfield State University; High School Jazz Choir, conducted by Catherine Jensen-hole of University of Massachusetts Amherst; Middle School Jazz Band, conducted by Dan Liptak of Crossett Brook Middle School; and Middle School Concert Choir, with conductor Kristin Cimonetti of Mill River High School.

When asked how Bellows Falls Union High School obtained the honor of hosting the festival, music director Nick Pelton said he and the school offered to contribute due to the large level of involvement of BFUHS students. All schools involved in the festival help in some way, but BFUHS will be well represented with 18 students in concert band and one student in jazz choir!

This exciting performance will take place in the BFUHS auditorium Saturday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Pelton shared that the experiences these students will receive from participating in the festival are authentic to the way music is taught and learned. Students are often learning from more experienced players, with students serving as both mentors and mentees, learning and disseminating the language of music through these experiences. In our small school environments, these skills are useful as it also encourages students to learn to work with others and play music that is perhaps more challenging.

Simply working with a new conductor that may do things differently brings new dimensions to their experiences as musicians.

For more information on the Connecticut Valley Music Festival Association, go to [www.d6cvmfa.org](http://www.d6cvmfa.org) and click on the “Fall Festival” tab.

## Springfield High School’s “Peter Pan and Wendy”

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Springfield High School Theater Department presents “Peter Pan and Wendy,” adapted by Doug Rand from J.M. Barrie’s book. Performances will be at the Springfield High School Auditorium Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 802-885-7954 or email Rebecca Skrypeck at [rskrypeck@ssdvt.org](mailto:rskrypeck@ssdvt.org).

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The cast of “Peter Pan and Wendy” at SHS. PHOTO PROVIDED

Neverland to take care of the motherless Lost Boys. Soon the Darling children are swept into Peter’s deadly battle with Captain Hook and his mostly-fear-some pirate crew. With so much excitement, why ever go home again?

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to-stage adaptation. When the carefree and careless Peter Pan flies into the nursery of the Darling home, Wendy follows her instincts for maternity and adventure, bringing her little brothers along to the magical

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On Friday, Nov. 22, from 6-8 p.m., Shannon is leading a two-hour Copper Halo Earrings workshop, where she will walk you through the design and creation process of each of the earring components. Participants will learn to cut, file, sand, and manipulate wire to create their own copper hoops and gemstone headpins or wire-wrapped nests. You will also learn how to use Liver of Sulfur to add patina to your copper halos. Beads and sterling silver metal supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring any beads that you would like to use in your design. Come and enjoy a fun evening workshop for ages 12 and older. Class takes place at Community Art Garden, located on the green at 287 Main Street, Chester, Vt. Cost includes all materials. To register or for more information, please visit [www.communityartgarden.com](http://www.communityartgarden.com).

For more information about Shannon, visit [www.wisdom-riverdesigns.com](http://www.wisdom-riverdesigns.com).

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Fall Mountain has been playing football for 52 years. Teams have come and teams have gone; and unfortunately, most of those teams have been forgotten.

The best news is that Fall Mountain had football in the first place. I wish I was at the meetings to set up Fall Mountain football. I was a teenager at the time and have no memories of the sport beginning at the school, with the exception of the sport beginning as a junior varsity team back in the fall of 1967.

One thing I set out to do with this column was identify the father of Fall Mountain football. In the Fall Mountain region, soccer had attracted big crowds at high schools in Alstead, Charlestown, and Walpole, so how did football ever get in the door anyway?

The best answer I could find I was already aware of when I began my search. Bob “Whitey” O’Hearne. This graduate of the football trenches at Boston University – a school where former North Walpole native, Jim Stack, who played at Bellows Falls High School, was a standout player and captain for two schools of Terriers also competed – loved the sport and was a driving force behind the sport landing in Langdon. O’Hearne was the Wildcats’ first coach and – until someone else chimes in and identifies other influential figures – shall be labeled the father of Fall Mountain football.

I still am surprised that the sport was born at Fall Mountain. I was able to reach one member of the early Fall Mountain School Board days and that was bona fide Wildcat athletic supporter Gordon Gowen. I actually met Gowen at just about that time and have known him now for more than 50 years. He, like most of the area, was a soccer enthusiast but remembers some facts that were discussed at the School Board when the sports’ addition was considered.

Gowen, who competed four years in baseball at Cornell, loves sports and remembers, “The discussion pointed out several merits of the sport, which made it a good fit for the school. It was expected it would be popular with about 25 students, who were not competing in a sport in the fall, and I think that’s what it did.”

A side note: many readers know Gowen and I will pass along that the 93-year-old is presently doing very well and our phone conversation found him sharp as a whip.

Sportswriter Poody Walsh remembers attending O’Hearne’s first practice. “You could easily tell most of his players had never played the sport before. At the beginning he tossed the ball to one of his players who managed to grab the football at one end, not on the laces, and threw it back. I knew he had quite a coaching job ahead of him.”

Walsh also noted that in one of the team’s first games, he remembers standing on the sideline when O’Hearne sent one of his players onto the field. The kid started out and then stopped and looked back to the bench, asking, “Where is guard?”

O’Hearne yelled back, “Next to the center!”

Orion Binney coached this year’s team all the way to the New Hampshire Division IV Championship game. The Wildcats fell to a strong Winnisquam team 20-0 and won’t be forgotten.

My earlier comment that most teams had been forgotten was in no way a swipe at Fall Mountain football. It was meant to point out that, in a region that has never thrived on the sport, most Wildcat supporters haven’t expected much from their teams. The outstanding seasons have been few in the sport’s five-plus decades of history.

The best gridders in the school’s history were not even allowed to compete for the state title. However, they did win the infamous Connecticut Valley League Title. The year was 1980. That league, which included Bellows Falls, Springfield, Windsor, Woodstock,



Front: Jayedin Silva, Hunter Bailey, Andrew Grasso, Owyn Aldrich, Caleb Gibbs, Reggie Decamp, Derek Garneau, Aaron Blair, Layton Stevens, Keanan Jasmin, Tristan Gibbs, Cooper Sanborn.  
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Coaches: Cole Boone, Jim Trembay, Orion Binney, Rich Boone. Not pictured: Josh Pilsbury, Kole Burroughs.

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Only two teams in Fall Mountain football history have advanced to a New Hampshire State Championship game – this season’s team and the 1977 team. Both teams suffered shutout losses.

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Hartford, Lebanon, Hanover, and Stevens, had several strong teams every year. New Hampshire required their teams to play a specific number of games in state. Thus, teams in the well-balanced league were not eligible for state playoff competition.

This year’s team was the second ever to play for a New Hampshire State Championship. They are also the first team in school history to win a playoff game. Their astounding 37-0 victory over Raymond puts the team in the record books.

The 1977 team earned their playoff appearance by regular season success. There were no play-in games to reach the title game. They fell short to Plymouth 42-0 in that title contest.

Binney is in his third year at the helm of the Wildcats. The program has shown obvious growth during his tenure. They had troubles early in the title game, but they didn’t allow things to spiral out of control. Binney told me, “They brought a fumble back for a touchdown and then scored on a long screen a few minutes after

that. We couldn’t get much going offensively until late. We shut them down on offense other than two long touchdown passes.”

He went on to say, “I’ll always remember this team fondly. Nothing really came easy for them this year. We had some injuries to start the year. Then we lost some kids who left the team for one reason or another, but this group always kept working. When one guy would go down, the next one would step up and play well. It would have been easy for them to chalk this up to another rebuilding year after the 0-2 start, but they believed in each other and turned it around in a big way.”

Binney also sees a program developing in Langdon. He concluded by saying, “I think this is just the start for us. Hopefully, we’ll get another shot next year.”

To submit comments or information to Bill Murphy, email [bmurphy@vermontjournal.com](mailto:bmurphy@vermontjournal.com).

Some soccer statistics from this season

REGION – Soccer season has ended for Vermont high schools and here’s a few soccer statistics.

In **Division I**, number one CVU girls were undefeated for the third year in a row and have won the D-1 State Championship eight of the last nine years. With this win, it makes them 19 state soccer championships, which, according to the National Federation record books, is top in the nation. They beat number three Colchester, 4-1.

In **Division II**, number nine Rice girls won their first state championship since a 1999 Div. I crown. They beat number seven Harwood, 2-1.

In **Division III**, number one Thetford girls won their third straight Div. III championship and their fourth overall. They played number two Vergennes, 6-1.

In **Division IV**, number one Proctor girls won their eighth overall title. They were play-

ing in their ninth straight title game. They shut out number three Rivendell, 6-1.

In **Division I**, number one CVU boys were undefeated for the second year in a row and won their 19th State Soccer Championship, matching Proctor boys for the most boys’ soccer titles in state history. The Vermont schools are tied for second in the nation, according to the National Federation record books. CVU beat number six Mount Mansfield, 3-0.



Soccer season for Vermont high schools has ended. STOCK PHOTO

In **Division II**, number one Stowe boys moved up to D-II this year after winning the last seven D-III crowns, a state record. Counting a 1957 title in D-I, their total is 13 state soccer titles. They shut out number two Middlebury, 2-0.

In **Division III**, number four Green Mountain boys won their first soccer title in program history. They beat number seven Mill River 4-3 in overtime.

In **Division IV**, number one Twin Valley boys won their fourth soccer title in a win against number three Arlington, 4-1.

Here is something for you to wrap your brain around: CVU girls and boys total 38 championships – in just one sport. Also, little Proctor girls and boys total 27 championships – in that same sport. That is quite a high bar to set for the rest of the schools in the state.

Article written by Don Lloyd of Springfield, Vt.

Early Holiday Deadlines

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24	25	26	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!	29 ADS + PRESS DUE FOR DEC. 04 EDITION	30

DECEMBER / JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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22	23	24 CLOSED Merry Christmas!	25 CLOSED Merry Christmas!	26 ADS + PRESS DUE FOR JAN. 01 EDITION	27	28
29	30	31 CLOSED Happy New Year!	01 CLOSED Happy New Year!	02	03 ADS + PRESS DUE FOR JAN. 08 EDITION	04



# holiday happenings

## ‘Twas the Night LIVE! returns to Hartness House

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Nov. 30, the historic Hartness House Inn will once again transform into a Christmas wonderland where children and adults alike will experience the magic of the season. This event, created by Carrie Jewell, has become an annual holiday kickoff tradition for families and visitors to the greater Springfield region. All proceeds are to benefit the Springfield Area Parent Child Center, which serves thousands of parents, children, families, and caregivers with support and education each year.

In a small group of fewer than 20 people, each attendee will embark on a journey through the inn to witness the legendary tale of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” in an interactive performance presented by local talent. Moving room to room, your group will be delighted by the skill of dancing and singing elves, a magical puppet show, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and so much more. Each year, the show is a little different than the last, so be prepared for some fun surprises along the way.

Live music will fill the air with holiday cheer. The tavern will be transformed into Santa’s Gift Shoppe where children can decorate their own cookie, at-



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tendees can shop for souvenirs and other fun items, and families can take a seat and warm up with a complimentary cup of coffee or cocoa. End the experience with a quaint, horse-drawn wagon ride – weather permitting.

No ticket is needed to stop in and bid on our many amazing silent auction items including a three-night stay in Nashville, Tenn. with a tour and tasting at the Jack Daniel’s Distillery, a Red Sox baseball signed by Eduardo Rodriguez, a Boston Bruins hockey puck signed by Connor Clifton, and many other items generously donated by the local business community and friends of the organization. There will be 24 shows to

choose from between 9 a.m. and 6:20 p.m. Several times are already sold out, so please order tickets soon for preferred times. Go to [www.sapcc-vt.org](http://www.sapcc-vt.org) for more information and to purchase tickets. Call Springfield Area Parent Child Center at 802-886-5242 for additional assistance.

A special thank you to the following sponsors for helping to make this year’s “Twas the Night LIVE! event so magical: Mascoma Savings Bank, Lawrence Reed, People’s United Bank, Edgar May Health & Recreation Center, Tortola Headwinds Inc., Claremont Savings Bank, Indelible Inc., SM Putnam LLC, Fat & Happy, Willow Farm, VTel, All Seasons, Computers by Ken, and Nature Springs.

## Fun, food, and fine shopping at Weston’s Christmas Bazaar

WESTON, Vt. – If you have chosen to spend your Thanksgiving weekend amidst the tranquility and stark beauty of Vermont’s “Stick Season,” it doesn’t mean you don’t have access to a superior shopping experience. On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Weston’s Christmas Bazaar will again take place at the Weston Playhouse. Now in its 39th year, the Weston Christmas Bazaar just keeps getting better!

Over 60 vendors will be occupying booths on all three floors of the Weston Playhouse building for both days. All are local or regional artisans with their skills on display and with plenty of merchandise that is Christmas-related – gifts, decorations, and even wreaths. Artisanal food vendors will offer fudge, wine and cheese, coffee, and baked goods plus chocolates, honey, syrup, brittles, nuts and bars galore – you can stuff both your stockings and your face with their delicacies all day long.

There will be clothing, jewelry, fine art, woodcrafts, and a raffle. Shop ‘til you drop? No way! Let a restorative chair massage revive you.

Lunch will be available out in front from Junior’s gourmet food truck. Hot foods are on the planned menu.

So, for a sure and happy cure for Post-Turkey Syndrome, come to the Weston Christmas Bazaar. You’ll find the Weston Playhouse on the west side of Route 100 in the center of Weston village.

## Santa Express train rides return to Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Sunday, Nov. 24, embark on a magical train ride filled with holiday cheer aboard the historic Green Mountain Flyer from Bellows Falls to the North Pole and back again. There are two different rides at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Who doesn’t love taking a Christmas train ride with Santa and the Grinch, caroling with elves, and enjoying special surprises along the way? The train ride is usually 45 to 60 minutes long. At the North Pole, each child meets Santa and can also enjoy costumed characters for outdoor entertainment, soups and sandwiches from Smokin’

Bowls, a dessert cart, and more.

Please arrive between 9-9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ride or 1-1:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. ride. Purchase your tickets at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Blair Books & More in Chester, online at [www.susval.org](http://www.susval.org), or call 802-376-9534. Proceeds benefit the Bellows Falls Middle School Band Friends and Destination Bellows Falls and Beyond.

This scenic route has a long heritage of scenic excursions going back to 1964 when Monadnock Steamtown and Northern Amusement ran the stunningly



Don’t miss the Santa Express ride. PHOTO PROVIDED

beautiful Bellows Falls to Chester route. The historic station in Bellows Falls has a passenger waiting room outfitted for the holidays including early 20th century benches from the old Boston South Station, Oak and Tin Phone Booth, and interpretive displays from the New England Transportation Institute and Museum.

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## Springfield’s annual Local Loyalty Program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Do your shopping local this season and win! The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to bring the second annual Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program to the community. Thirty-three wonderful area merchants are participating in the rewards stamp program this year, each featuring a unique raffle prize that shoppers will have the chance to win.

The month-long shop local campaign kicks off Black Friday, Nov. 29, and will run through Dec. 31. Local Loyalty stamp cards will be available and valid at all participating businesses. Once shoppers complete a stamp card, they can enter it into the raffle of their choice. In January, each business will draw a raffle winner, and prizes will be awarded.

2019 Local Loyalty Stamp

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A heartfelt thank you to this year’s “Friends of the Program” sponsors for supporting this fun and festive collaborative effort: All Service, Bibens Home Center, and Rewind 106.5 WCFR.

As a special bonus this year, folks will also have the chance to get a little jumpstart with their stamp cards by shopping the Springfield Farmers’ Market Holiday Market Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Valley Street. Stamp cards will be available at the event.

Join us in the collective endeavor to spread cheer and strengthen support for small businesses in the Springfield region this holiday season. For more information, call the Springfield Chamber at 802-885-2779 or email [caitlin@springfieldvt.com](mailto:caitlin@springfieldvt.com).

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# holiday happenings

## HOLIDAY BAZAARS AND CRAFT FAIRS

**NOV. 23 – MARLOW, N.H.** – Come get your holiday shopping off to a great start at our 16th annual Holiday Craftsman Fair Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Marlow Village. Over 50 quality craftsmen will set up and sell their crafts in the historic buildings that make up the beautiful village. There will be a silent auction in the church and live holiday music throughout the day. A luncheon of homemade soups, breads, and the famous dessert buffet will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the village. The Fire Association will also have food available at the Perkins Academy. For more information, visit our Facebook

page “Christmas on the Pond” or call 603-446-4383.

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.** – On Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, the Holy Name of Mary Altar Society will hold a Holiday Fair, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Church Hall, 803 Main Street, Proctorsville, Vt. Featured will be a cookie walk, baked goods, jams, handmade gifts, Christmas items, and much more. For more information, call Carol at 802-226-7842.

**RUTLAND, Vt.** – The Gables at East Mountain will be hosting their annual Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will feature more than 25 vendors selling a variety

of gifts, crafts, jewelry, baked goods, raffles, and much more. Concession area will be serving lunch options. The Gables is located at 200 Gables Place, off of Gleason Road, in Rutland. For more information, call 802-770-5263.

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – St. John’s Episcopal Church in Walpole will host its Holiday Fair Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Elm Street. This year’s fair will include St. John’s famous Cookie Walk. The nature table will offer swag, wreaths, and Advent wreaths. The Harvest Home table will offer pies, tarts, and rolls for your Thanksgiving Feast and an assortment of novelty treats.

Find unique treasures and gift basket raffles. There will be free coffee, tea, or cider with a purchase of baked goodies.

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Walpole Thanksgiving Farmers Market Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Walpole Town Hall. The market will be held inside this year with lots of seasonal goodies available from your favorite local farms and producers. For information about becoming a vendor, contact Karen West at karenwest916@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Great River Co-op.

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – The annual Mistletoe Mart is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23, from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church on the common in Walpole, N.H. Come for candy, baked goods, crafts, white elephants, gifts, Christmas greens, gifts for your pet, and much more. This fair has been in existence for over 60 years with groups of dedicated ladies meeting each week to work on the best possible array of holiday treasures. Come early for coffee and donuts and stay for a delicious luncheon of soup, sandwiches, dessert, and beverages, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**NOV. 30 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Black River High School 40th annual

Christmas Craft Fair comes to Ludlow Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring 50 quality artists and crafters displaying their talents. Items for sale will include baskets, pottery, jewelry, fleece, goat cheese, hats, mittens, Vermont maple syrup, herbal soaps, dips, bird houses, ornaments, quilts, wooden folk art, handmade gift cards, photography, and plenty more. Black River Senior Class will be selling fresh balsam wreaths and offering a homemade lunch. This will be a great time to get a head start on your holiday shopping, and we promise there will be something for everyone! Parking is free, and there is no admission fee.

## The 41st annual Putney Craft Tour

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – The 41st annual Putney Craft Tour, Nov 29, 30, and Dec 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the oldest continuous craft tour in the country and a Top 10 Vermont Winter event, offers visitors a chance to meet the artists in the setting where it all happens. Thanksgiving weekend is the start of the gift-buying season and the Putney Craft Tour offers a unique chance to find the perfect gifts.

This year, the tour celebrates Parish Hill Creamery cheesemakers of Westminster, who were among seven Vermont cheesemakers who took home a collective 19 medals at this fall’s World Cheese Awards in Bergamo, Italy. In its first foray outside Vermont, Putney Mountain Winery’s Vermont Cassis received Double Gold and Best in Show for liqueurs in the 2019 New York World Spirits competition. The winery offers tastings of a variety of its wines, liqueurs, and ciders.

Stained-glass artisan Julia Brandis and her husband have spent the past four years building a studio, which they’re excited to premiere this year. Award-

winning handcrafted furniture maker Peter Maynard recently received his first international commission. Peter and his wife Marcie Maynard, whose work includes oil paintings, pastels, and monotype prints, enjoy adjacent studios on the tour. Dena Gartenstein Moses is known for her colorful and visually stunning wearables.

Glassblower Bob Burch, one of the founding members of the tour, is known for inspiring others with his mantra for life to “love what you do.” For Burch, the tour is a family affair with daughter Caitlin, a glassblower and jewelry maker, and son Ryan, who makes functional ceramics. Find all three artists in their studios along the tour as well as many other unique studios.

On Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music will be featuring contemporary folk, singer-songwriters Antje Duvekot and Marr Nakoa. For tickets and details, please go to [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

Sandglass Theater will be offering a piece about belong-

ing, memory, and intergenerational dialogue. “When I put on Your Glove,” is a puppetry, dance, and spoken word piece that explores a daughter’s relationship with her father’s work and how an art form endures and transforms as it is handed to the next generation. Performed and created by Shoshana Bass, daughter of the founders of Sandglass Theater. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Sandglass Theater in Putney. For tickets and more information, please go to [www.sandglass-theater.org](http://www.sandglass-theater.org).

Visitors can start at The Gleanery Restaurant, 133 Main Street, for information, maps, and a preview exhibition of artisans’ works. Lead sponsors include Four Columns Inn & Artisan Restaurant, Hidden Springs Maple, Putney Diner, Putney Food Co-op, and the Putney General Store. For more information, go to [www.putney-crafts.com](http://www.putney-crafts.com) where you can also download a map.

## The EdgarMay Thanksgiving Day 5k

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will host its seventh annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race and Walk Nov. 28. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome, and children under the age of 12 are free.

Thanksgiving morning is a great time to get out with friends and family for a walk or run. There will be prizes for the family with the greatest number of participants, for the most experienced participant, the runner who travelled the farthest to participate, and the youngest walker or runner.

The 5K Fun Run and Walk will begin and end at Springfield Hospital, at the bottom of Ridgewood Road. The route turns onto Park Street, following Park Street to Union Street and Union Street to South Street. Participants turn around at Springfield High School and head back to the starting point of the race. The course is a flat, fast course, perfect for a 5k. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the race starting at 9 a.m. The Springfield High School’s Cross Country program is timing the event and will benefit from the race proceeds.

EdgarMay Executive Director Christian Craig stated, “This event is a great way to start what is typically known

as the largest calorie consumption day of the year. Come out and burn off some calories and you won’t feel as guilty about that second piece of pie.”

2018 had a record turnout with 158 participants coming out to walk, run, and trot. Participants are also encouraged to bring food donations for the Springfield Family Center.

The race is sponsored by Mascoma Bank, the Springfield Rotary Club, Lawrence and Wheeler Insurance, Claremont Savings Bank, Bibens Ace Hard-

ware, Springfield Food Co-op, HCRS, and the Springfield Rotary Club.

Sponsorship opportunities can be found at [www.myreccenter.org](http://www.myreccenter.org). The race is also seeking volunteers. If you are interested in supporting a great event, contact Christian Craig. For more information regarding the Thanksgiving Day 5k, to register for the event, or learn about other Edgar May Health and Recreation Center programs, visit [www.myreccenter.org](http://www.myreccenter.org) or call 802-885-2568.

## Northshire’s Book Angel program begins again

**MANCHESTER, Vt.** – It’s time again for a wonderful Northshire Bookstore tradition – the holiday Book Angel program. The Book Angel Tree in the Children’s Department will be decorated with the first names of area children who might not otherwise receive a book this Christmas. Children from 20 area schools in Vermont and New York benefit from this generous program, which the store has sponsored for over 25 years.

Area schools and agencies provide a list of first names and ages of children who would benefit from the gift of a new book. Each name is written on a white paper angel, then hung on the Christmas tree. Anonymity is protected at all costs. Our customers participate by choosing one or more angels from the tree, then selecting and purchasing an appropriate book. We wrap the book, using the angel as a gift tag, and arrange with the schools for delivery during the week before Christmas. Our staff is happy to help you select a book, or you may prefer to donate. Donations are accepted year-round in our bookstore and online.

This was originally a nationwide program sponsored by several publishers. Publisher support was slowly disbanded and the number of stores that have continued with the program has dwindled. Northshire Bookstore is the sole sponsor for our piece of it.



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# Thanksgiving Day 5k

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**Course: Starts and ends at Springfield Hospital.**  
**Cost: \$20 if you register before Nov 15th, \$25 after.**

*Please bring a non-perishable item to donate to the Family Center.*



# outdoor news

## Hunters asked to help collect deer biological data

**RUTLAND, Vt.** – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking hunters for help in a statewide initiative to gather more biological data on the state’s deer population. Hunters who get a deer during the Nov. 16 – Dec. 1 rifle season are asked to provide an incisor tooth from their deer when they go to a reporting station. Biologists are collecting middle incisor teeth from all rifle season deer in order to evaluate regional differences in ages and antler characteristics of bucks as well as to help estimate population size, growth rate, health,

and mortality rates. Each tooth will be cross-sectioned to accurately determine the deer’s age, and the results will be posted on the Fish and Wildlife website next spring. Hunters are asked to obtain a tooth envelope from the reporting agent. Write your name, Conservation ID number, and date of kill on it. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent. Instructions on removing the tooth will be posted at re-

porting stations, and a video showing how will be available on Fish & Wildlife’s website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). “Knowing the ages of harvested deer is critically important, and more information allows us to make better management decisions,” said Nick Fortin, Vermont Fish and Wildlife’s deer project leader. “To produce accurate population estimates, and to better assess our current management strategies, we really need to get teeth from as many deer as possible.”

## EAB meeting on ash tree inventory

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – There will be a meeting to discuss taking an inventory of ash trees in public Right-of-Ways in the town of Ludlow Monday, Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Ludlow Town Hall Conference Room. The purpose of this meeting will be to plan an inventory of ash trees in the ROW under the town’s management. This

process is the initial step in developing plans to prepare for the inevitable infestation of ash trees in Ludlow by the Emerald Ash Borer. Since EAB infestation has already been found in Londonderry, coupled with the surrounding infestations elsewhere in the state, this has become an increasing critical issue. The

REREC was recently formed to cover southern Windsor County and portions of Rutland County to help prepare town-wide plans for dealing with the onset of EAB. They, along with state forestry officials and regional planning commissions, will assist in this effort. Even if you are not a resident or landowner in Ludlow, you may find this meeting useful in preparing your own community for this problem. For more information on EAB in Ludlow, go to [www.ludloweab.com](http://www.ludloweab.com) or call 802-228-7239.



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## Early bird registration for 2020 Susan G. Komen Snowshoe Vermont

**GRAFTON, Vt.** – Early bird registration continue to be available through Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 for Susan G. Komen New England’s Snowshoe Vermont 3K or 5K walk. Snowshoe Vermont will be held Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 at Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center, our new host venue in Grafton, Vt. The Outdoor Center will open for registration and pre-snowshoe walk activities at 9 a.m., and snowshoe walks will get underway at 10 a.m. A survivor group photo and fundraising recognition will take place prior to the start of the Snowshoe Walk. Tea Cup Raffle will be open between 9-11:30 a.m., with winners being drawn after all snowshoers are back. Snowshoe Vermont is a family-friendly event with fun for everyone, and snowshoe demos will be available event day on a first come, first serve basis from official snowshoe partner, Dion Snowshoes. A meet n’ greet will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, from 4-6 p.m. at the Grafton Inn. This will be an opportunity to register, turn in donations, and meet fellow snowshoers as well as event sponsors. While fundraising is not required, it is encouraged. Registered snowshoers raising \$50 or more will receive a long-sleeve event t-shirt. Snowshoe Vermont allows Komen New England to support many local families through funding for critical breast care services and groundbreaking research, and there are many ways to get involved. Participants can snow-

shoe walk as a team or as individuals. There are several ways to volunteer and donate, or become a corporate sponsor to help Susan G. Komen reach its Bold Goal of reducing breast cancer deaths by 50% in the United States by 2026. If you have ever been a part of a Susan G. Komen New England event, you know it’s a life-changing experience. Surrounded by survivors, patients, family members, and friends, you feel the inspirational, emotional, and powerful connection that brings thousands of people together every year to help raise funds to find a cure for breast cancer. For more information regarding Snowshoe Vermont, and including lodging specials, please visit [www.Komen-NewEngland.org/Snowshoe/Vermont](http://www.Komen-NewEngland.org/Snowshoe/Vermont).

## Killington Cup features Grace Potter, Recycled Percussion, and more

**KILLINGTON, Vt.** – Killington Resort, the largest ski and snowboard destination in Eastern North America and part of POWDR, announced the entertainment lineup for the Homelight Killington Cup. Taking place Nov. 29-Dec. 1, the World Cup will once again bring the best women’s technical alpine skiers in the world together with engaging music concerts, movie screenings, and more. Killington will host free concerts throughout the weekend featuring Grace Potter, Recycled Percussion, Twiddle, and DJ Logic. Headliner, Grace Potter, and Sunday’s act, Twiddle, both hail from the Green Mountain state. Recycled Percussion is an interactive band from New Hampshire – Mikaela Shiffrin’s home state – that got their big break after placing third on America’s Got Talent. Additional entertainment includes the World Cup Festival Village, fireworks, parades, and a Friday night bib draw featuring top athletes. “This year’s entertainment truly showcases the state of Vermont and our neighbors to the east – New Hampshire. All of Killington is excited to

welcome back record-breaking crowds to watch the fastest female ski racers in the world take on the Superstar trail,” says Jordan Spear, director of marketing and sales for Killington Resort. “The combination of talented artists and world-class athletes make World Cup weekend a one-of-a-kind experience for our guests.” “The Killington Cup event has become a Thanksgiving weekend tradition for many east coast skiers who love the fun and festive environment of world-class ski racing at The Beast,” says Herwig Demschar, chair of Killington’s World Cup local organizing committee. “The three-day event is free and open to the public with a music lineup more entertaining than ever. The combination of cheering fans, outstanding athletes, and outdoor concerts is a great way to kick off ski season.”



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The full weekend schedule is available at [www.Killington.com/worldcup](http://www.Killington.com/worldcup). While the ski races and concerts are free and open to the public, a limited number of tickets for premium viewing areas for the giant slalom and slalom races and preferred parking are still available for purchase. VIP ticket packages are also still available at [www.kwcgivesback.org](http://www.kwcgivesback.org) in partnership with the Killington World Cup Foundation, which supports athlete hospitality and provides grants to support winter sports infrastructure and access to winter sports throughout the region.

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**MONDAYS –** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item, and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate Knitted Knockers to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information, or call 802-463-3907.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Senior Solutions continues its Tai Chi for Fall Prevention class in the Great Hall, 100 River St., Mondays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi not only helps to lower the risk of falling but also improves concentration, leg strength, balance and coordination, and reduces joint pain and stress. Come join us – it’s fun and free!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Weekly Tai Chi classes Mondays from 5-6 p.m. at Springfield UU Meetinghouse with instructor Sue Ruble, a certified instructor through Tai Chi Vermont. All ages and abilities welcome. Wheelchair accessible. All

are welcome to this free class.

**TUESDAYS –** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come try Senior Safe Tai Chi Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the top floor meeting room of the Rockingham Library. Better balance, mindful movement, and fall prevention are just a few of tai chi’s benefits. This program is free and open to the public. Located at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls and wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Subway, 65 Square in Bellows Falls. All poets welcome. Discussion covers of all aspects of the poem. Call 802-463-2204.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesdays, from 4:30-6 p.m., Grace Cottage offers yoga in the Viniyoga tradition with Crystal Mansfield. Participants build strength, balance, and endurance as they move through basic postures in fluid motion with coordinated breath work. Students of all ability levels are welcome. Mats and blocks provided. Classes are held at Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to www.gracecottage.org.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Healthy Aging Educational Series offered every other Tuesday, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at Grace Cottage Hospital. Free, five-session healthy aging educational series for women 50 plus. The informal meetings will focus on matters of the mind, body, and spirit. Lectures and presentations will be followed by group discussion. Meetings will be held in the Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, email Deb at dbrown@gracecottage.org or call 802-365-3640.

WINDHAM, Vt. – On Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., join Pauline O’Brien for Zumba Gold classes at Windham Elementary School. These classes are structured for the active 45-plus crowd. Zumba Gold recreates all the original zumba moves at a lower-intensity in an easy-to-follow format. Come prepared to sweat, and leave feeling strong and empowered. For more information, email paulineblakeob@outlook.com or call 802-376-5397.

New Spring Farm, 135 Batchelders Barn Rd., in Peru. For details, email peaceofparadisising@gmail.com.

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Sit and Knit workshop every Wednesday, from 7-9 p.m., at the South Londonderry Free Library in the Janeway Wing, located at 15 Old School Rd., South Londonderry, Vt.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Wednesdays, from 1-2 p.m., there is a Chair Yoga class at Grace Cottage Wellness Center, 133 Grafton Rd. Beginners to yoga are welcome as is anyone with limited flexibility or an inability to practice on the floor. Students will flow through an eclectic blend of seated and standing poses while incorporating breathing techniques into their movements. Class is led by Rebecca Griswold. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to www.gracecottage.org.

**THURSDAYS –** CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Six Loose Ladies for Knit Knite Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. at the Six Loose Ladies shop in Chester. This is not only for knitting but also to crochet, spin, or work on any other portable fiber project. We also serve sweets in the evenings – many ladies like to bake. Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet or consult with a more experienced knitter, this is a great time to join us. For more information, visit www.sixlooseladies.com.

CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn on the Chester Green. For more information, visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868.

PERU, Vt. – CBD Yoga, happening every fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at

10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist Church from 10-11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3-4 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Adult Learning offers ongoing classes to earn your high school diploma. Anyone interested should contact 802-546-0879 or visit Vermont Adult Learning at 363 River St. in North Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Youth and adult swim lessons are available at Edgar May Heath and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website for days, times, and details at www.myreccenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Strong Bones ongoing classes offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 5-6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45-9:45 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd. in Townshend. Preregistration required. Call 802-365-3649.

CLUBS

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

**TUESDAYS –** KEENE, N.H. – Keene Cheshiremen Chorus rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship, 25 Roxbury St., in Keene. As the oldest chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society in New Hampshire, we welcome any male singers – no training necessary. We’re now starting work on Christmas music. Visit www.cheshiremen.org, call 877-312-7467, or email info@cheshiremen.org.

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

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

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

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Town Offices 3rd floor Conference Room to review two zoning applications. The first project is located at 115 Rockingham Street and is a residential/commercial renovation of the Bellows Falls Garage. The second project is located at 1987 Rockingham Road and is a change of use that converts the former Vermont State Police barracks into the Northeast Driver Training Center.



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

*Note the different location for the hearing*

The Development Review Board will be holding a **Site Visit at 3:30 pm on Monday, December 9th and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019** at the News Bank Conference Building (352 Main St.) , for a Conditional Use application (#542)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Nancy F. Phillips Trustee  
APPLICANT: Jeannie Wade  
LOCATION: 26 The Common  
DISTRICT: Village Center (VC)

ACTION REQUESTED: **Mixed Use with community and educational driven space on first floor and garage with rental apartment(s) on the 2nd floor**

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

For the Development Review Board  
Michael Normyle  
Zoning Administrator  
(802) 875-2173  
[michael.normyle@chestervt.gov](mailto:michael.normyle@chestervt.gov)

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT  
FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE  
POLICE OFFICER

The Town of Ludlow invites applications for the position of full-time Police Officer. The successful candidate must be certified as a Police Officer by the VT Criminal Justice Council (VCJTC), possess a valid VT driver’s license and be able to perform all essential functions of the job. This is a full-time, year-round union position with a competitive wage and municipal benefit package. Please send resume in confidence with references to the Chief of Police, Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149 or email [jeffrey.billings@vermont.gov](mailto:jeffrey.billings@vermont.gov). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Town & Village of Ludlow  
Development Review Board  
Notice of Public Hearing

A meeting will be held on December 09, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in Howard Barton Jr. Conference Room, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB 20-005  
APPLICANT: Nancy L. Briggs  
PROPERTY LOCATION: Freedom Hill North  
PARCEL NUMBER: 040310.000

REASON FOR HEARING: A re-subdivision of a 38.41-acre parcel to eliminate a previously approved 4.71-acre parcel to create two 3-acre parcels.

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall. Pursuant to 24 VSA §446(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. If you cannot attend the hearing, comments may be made in writing prior to the meeting and mailed to: Ludlow Planning & Zoning, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149 or by email at [planning@ludlow.vt.us](mailto:planning@ludlow.vt.us) or [zaassist@ludlow.vt.us](mailto:zaassist@ludlow.vt.us)

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF ANDOVER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BEFORE THE  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following application for subdivision:

**Application #:** 4/31.1/19/10/23 - Subdivision Application  
**Applicant/Owner:** Norman & Pauline Wengerd  
**Location:** 1992 Andover Ridge Road  
**Application for:** An application has been submitted for a Minor Subdivision proposing to subdivide a 19± acre lot into two parcels.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 14th day of November, 2019.  
Jeanette Haight  
Andover Town Clerk



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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Great Hall Handcrafters group meets every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. at The Great Hall Gallery, located at 100 River St. in Springfield. Bring a project to work on, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, rug hooking, rug braiding, basket making, or anything alike.

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

**SUNDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets every Sunday, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Rd., N. Springfield. Cadets ages 12-plus at these meetings go through indoor and outdoor classes learning about becoming a ground team member. For further information, contact Captain Williams 802-886-8199 or the squadron at 802-558-5571.

EVENTS

**NOV. 22 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -** Springfield Garden Club is hosting the 27th annual Festival of Trees Friday, Nov. 22, from 6 - 8 p.m., at the Great Hall, 100 River St., in Springfield. Wine, microbrews, hors d'oeuvres, wreaths, and centerpieces for sale. Tickets at the door. Raffle, silent auction, and live music. All welcome.

**NOV. 23 – BELLOWS FALLS Vt. –** All Latin Dance Party Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9:30 p.m. -1:30 a.m., at Wunderbar in Bellows Falls. Inaugural new monthly all Latin Dance party with DJ El Duque. No cover. Nightclub dance party atmosphere, great bespoke cocktails all made in-house, inclusive happy vibe, all welcome. Come dance with us.

**NOV. 24 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Reiki Public Open House and Practitioner Share Sunday, Nov. 24, from 1 - 4 p.m., at Studio Time and Space in Springfield. Climb onto a warm massage table, fully clothed, be covered with a warm blanket, and relax! Donations welcome, no appointment necessary. For details, visit www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com.

**NOV. 29 – CHESTER, Vt. –** Smokeshire Design is hosting a Glass Friday event Friday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy discounted Farmhouse Pottery and receive a free 4 inch Glass Evergreen when you spend a certain amount on Simon Pearce gifts. Local farm will be there with a selection of holiday wreaths and trees. Serving cocoa and cookies too. Open this night and every Friday night in December until 9 p.m.

**NOV. 29 – DEC. 1 – PUTNEY, Vt. –** The 41st annual Putney Craft Tour happens Thanksgiving

weekend, Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Saxtons River and Putney. Glass blowers, potters, jewelers, weavers, painters, woodworkers, and more invite visitors to come into their studios, sip hot cider, and buy that one-of-a-kind gift directly from the artisan who made it. Visitors may start at The Gleanery Restaurant, 133 Main Street, in Putney for information, maps, and a preview exhibition of the artisans' works. For more information, go to www.putneycrafts.com.

**MONDAYS – WESTON, Vt. –** Weston Rod & Gun Club will host Monday Night Bingo, starting at 7 p.m., at their location Route 100 North, one mile north of the town center. For more information, call 802-824-6577.

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

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

**THURSDAYS – 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.

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts

Grange holds Bingo every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Route 103 in Chester. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call 802-591-4290 for details.

**WESTMINSTER, Vt. –** Bingo at Compass School on the third Thursday of the month until the end of the year, then the last Thursday of the month January through June at 6 p.m. at 7892 Route 5 in Westminster. For details, call 802-463-2525 or email info@compass-school.org.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Trivia with Rick Davis every Thursday, at KJ's Place in N. Springfield from 7-9 p.m.

**SATURDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Join us for karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster St., Saturdays, from 7 to 11 p.m.

KIDS' CORNER

**NOV. 23 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating Thanksgiving with a special program for children Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will help children make harvest crafts and decorations for the Thanksgiving table. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, contact the library at 802-824-3371.

**MONDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. –** Children of all ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs, and you supply the imagination. The program is Mondays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For further information,

call 802-875-2277, visit www.whitinglibrary.org, or check our Facebook.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Playgroup at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center, from 9-10:30 a.m. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 802-886-5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net.

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

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –** Crafts, stories, and playtime for toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact 802-463-4270.

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. –** Play group at Saxtons River Elementary School takes place 9:30-11 a.m. Come on over for crafts, activities, and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Springfield Town Library

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

**WINDSOR, Vt. –** Preschool and toddler story time every Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. Each week features a theme, music, stories, and a craft. For more information, go to www.windsorlibrary.org or call 802-674-2556.

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

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

**THURSDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Edgar

May Open Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., at Studio Momentum, 71 Main Street. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years. Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or info@myreccenter.org.

**WINDSOR, Vt. –** Play group is from 9:30-11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games, and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center at 802-674-6783.

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

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

**SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Edgar May Open Play Group is

10-11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum, 71 Main St. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years. Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or email info@myreccenter.org.

LIBRARIES

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

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

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Carol Cole,  
REALTOR

This unique and beautiful property is ready to become your new home or perhaps a new business location. Located on the Main Street of picturesque Chester village the former Rectory has beautiful woodwork throughout as well as lovely french doors, fireplace and numerous built-ins. This home features two living rooms, the dining room with built-ins, an eat-in kitchen with a butler's pantry, three bedrooms as well as a den or office. The bonus room, formerly the Chapel, is open to numerous possibilities. A full basement and attic space and sitting on a newly sub-divided lot of .53 acre the property includes a detached garage and lovely wrap around porch. **JUST REDUCED TO \$295,000**

Price reduction announced on this lovely Weathersfield home. The 38+/- acres of fields, forest, lovely flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees in the landscaped yards are but a preview of all this property has to offer. The cozy kitchen/family room with a beautiful wood burning cook stove will offer extra warmth on those snowy days and can't you just smell the bread baking in the oven? The living room-dining room boasts lovely wood floors and woodwork. Three bedrooms are on the second level with plenty of closets and storage for all the treasures. The full basement features additional family room. The three season porch overlooks the in-ground pool and provides a quiet place for morning coffee and bird watching. An attached 2 car garage and a separate barn-workshop will make this the perfect new home for you family. Call today, **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$374,000**

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# calendar

## AUTOMOTIVE

Library every Friday, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library

computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

**SATURDAYS -**  
ALSTEAD, N.H. – Stop by the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library for cinnamon

buns the last Saturday of each month and visit with friends or neighbors. The cinnamon buns are from McGuire’s Bakery and are available for a small fee. All the proceeds go to benefit the library. The library is at 3 Main St., Alstead.

### MUSIC & THEATER

**NOV. 24 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio’s three-part vocals, multi-instrumental chops, and wide-ranging repertoire consistently lands them on the folk radio charts. They’re bringing their “traveling music store” to Stage 33 Live in a matinee Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. Emily Lyons opens. Tickets and more information are available at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

**NOV. 27 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Intercept rock ‘n’ roll band Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at KJ’s Place, 3 Main Street,

in N. Springfield. Intercept is a high-energy, great stage show, band first formed in 1984.

**NOV. 27 –**  
WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Players will present John Carter’s “In Bethlehem Inn” Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall. Audience members travel back 2,000 years as guests of the Innkeeper and his wife at the Bethlehem Inn. Dinner is provided, BYOB. Tickets available at Joanie Joan’s, 14 Westminster St. in Walpole. Call 603-756-2535 for more information.

**TUESDAYS –**  
WOODSTOCK, Vt. – The Freelance Family Singers of Woodstock began holiday concert rehearsals Tuesdays at 7 p.m. If you enjoy singing, join us. There are no auditions. Rehearsals are at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 36 Elm St., Tuesdays, from 7-9 p.m. There is a participation fee. The holiday concerts are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec.

8 at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Ellen at 802-457-3980.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

**TUESDAYS –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Breast Feeding Support Group is on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D from noon-2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information, call Erin at 802-885-7511.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Hope and Help for Families is held every Tuesday night, from 6:45-8 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the common in Walpole, N.H. It is open to all family members and loved ones – over the age of 16 – of people who are suffering from addiction.

It is free and confidential. For information, call Becky Pearson at 603-860-0221.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center, 7 Morgan St., Springfield at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, and peer-led. Contact [TwinStateDSG@gmail.com](mailto:TwinStateDSG@gmail.com) or 641-715-3900 ext. 650055#.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – TOPS at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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