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Jan. 14 – Plans progress to ensure healthcare services for the Springfield region
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Members of the Springfield Medical Care Systems and Springfield Hospital boards of directors met with Gov. Phil Scott and several members of his team early Monday, Jan. 14, to address SMCS’ financial challenges. The meeting was constructive and it was clear that

significant work lies ahead for the health system, which must be accomplished in a very short period of time.
Jan. 14 – Jones & Lamson project building momentum
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In a Springfield Selectboard meeting held Jan. 14, the discussion of the environmental clean up and demolition of the former Jones & Lamson machine tool

plant building, located at 280 Clinton St. in Springfield, picked up steam. Empty since 1986, the building was purchased out of bankruptcy by the Springfield Regional Development Corp. in 2003. The agenda at the meeting was to look at some of the existing conditions and structural concerns on the property, some details of the corrective action plan itself, and the schedule.
By Joe Milliken, The Shopper



Springfield Hospital looks for community support in 2019.
PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

Affordable Housing Credits through the Vermont Housing Finance Agency.
By Joe Milliken, The Shopper

March 19 – Springfield, Brattleboro hospitals announce collaboration for childbirth services
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – At a special Board meeting held Tuesday, March 19, Springfield Hospital and Springfield Medical Care Systems voted to close the hospital’s Childbirth Center. After months of careful analysis and an additional week of listening sessions and analysis as employees, members of the medical staff, and the community shared information and insights regarding the continuation of the childbirth services at Springfield Hospital, the vote favored closure.

March 25 – Boston Marathon runner celebrates 20 years with LES class
LUDLOW, Vt. – In April, Lisa Marks will be stepping up to the starting line of her 20th Boston Marathon. To honor year 20 on the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team, Marks has brought her running experience to her fourth grade classroom at Ludlow Elementary School where she’s teaching a new generation of potential marathon runners. In the classroom, Marks teaches her students about the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team and their goal to “help reach the ultimate finish line – a world without cancer.”
By Amanda Wedegis, The Vermont Journal

March 28 – Vermont ranked 11th in U.S. for Midterm Election voter turnout
MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos is pleased to announce that Vermont has been ranked 11th in total voter turnout for the 2018 Midterm Election across all 50 states in the 7th biennial edition of the “America Goes to the Polls” report, released by the nonpartisan groups Nonprofit VOTE and the U.S. Elections Project. The report found that the national voter turnout average was 50.3%, which is the highest recorded voter turnout for a midterm election since 1914. Vermont’s voter turnout was 55.9%.

April 1 – Pike Industries and VTrans hear public comment on Route 103
LUDLOW, Vt. – Representatives from Pike Industries and VTrans met in front of a crowd of approximately 80 agitated residents from Ludlow and surrounding towns at the Heald Auditorium Monday, April 1 to answer questions regarding the poor quality of the incomplete 2018 Route 103 paving project. The 38.75-mile project spanned from Rockingham to Clarendon town line with



Ditty Bags for veterans

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Women’s Fellowship of the United Church of Bellows Falls recently made 44 “Ditty Bags” of colorful material for veterans at the White River Junction Veterans Hospital. Twelve bags were filled with items the patients can use for their daily care. These were rounded out with snacks, playing cards, and books. Unfilled bags await similar items for future use. The Legion Auxiliary coordinates the project. Pictured are Betty Haggerty, Barbara Brackett, Lorraine Yates, Kathy Fuller, Linda Wilson, Pat Tokarski, and Nancy Wright.

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Jan. 20 – Viral Angelo’s bachelor party lives up to the hype
LUDLOW, Vt. – Angelo Onello and his bachelor party were thrust into the national spotlight after Will Novak from Arizona, having erroneously received an email invitation to Angelo’s bachelor party from Angelo’s brother Devin, responded that, although he didn’t know Angelo or much about skiing, he was coming. The group countered with a real invitation. The plan? Skiing at Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow, Vt.
By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

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

Feb. 5 – New partnership, but we’re still your local community newspaper
LUDLOW, Vt. – In recent months, Miller has joined forces with the Rutland Herald, outlining a partnership that will protect The Vermont Journal & The Shopper and allow it to continue publishing, essentially untouched, once he completes the process of turning over day-to-day management to newly named Assistant Publisher, Shawntae [Webb].
By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Feb. 12 – Springfield Hospital CEO looks for community support as cuts move forward
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As Springfield Hospital and Springfield Medical Care Systems continue to look for ways to cut \$6.5 million in annualized expenses, the way back to viability will largely depend on the support from the community. Halstead has had to make some tough decisions in recent weeks, cutting 27 staff positions and instituting across the board salary reductions of 10% for salaried workers and 4% for hourly workers, which goes into effect Feb. 24. Cuts in staffing focused primarily on non-patient care areas in administration, managers, and supervisors in order to ensure that excellent patient care remained a top priority.
By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Feb. 26 – BRISC launches capital campaign, next hurdle to finalize location
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Independent School Committee has seen a positive early response to their newly launched capital campaign. Of the 350 letters sent out, BRISC has received 25-30 percent response rate in the first week, with donations totaling over \$6,000. Although the letters asked specifically for a \$15-dollar contribution, donations have ranged from \$15 to \$100 dollars with a few hitting the \$1,000 mark. This is good news for BRISC, whom worked with a consultant to help them organize how to approach their fundraising as they look to secure at least \$300,000 in start-up costs.
By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

Feb. 28 – 450 Springfield students participate in Day of Code
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 450 students from Riverside Middle School, Springfield High School, and River Valley Technical Center participated Thursday, Feb. 28 in a day of coding that included hands-on coding activities and panel discussions with computer science professionals. The day was designed to expose local students to coding, give them an opportunity to hear from computer science professionals, and explore pathways to coding careers.
By Amanda Wedegis, The Shopper

March 19 – Woolson Block Renovation to begin in April
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Woolson Block renovation project, a redevelopment endeavor located on Main Street in downtown Springfield, is scheduled to begin construction in April. The building was originally purchased in 2016 from a private owner, E. J. Cully of Bridgewater, and is currently managed by co-general partners Springfield Housing Unlimited and Housing Vermont. The project was originally part of a \$37 million “affordable apartments” development project throughout the state, supported by federal low-income credits and Vermont



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a cost of \$8.4 million. The job was awarded to Pike Industries in April of 2018 with an expectation that the job would be completed by the fall of 2018.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

April 20 – Pierce-Lawton American Legion Post 37 celebrates centennial
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Over Easter weekend, the Pierce-Lawton American Legion Post 37 celebrated 100 years of the American Legion in Bellows Falls, Vt. Adjutant Linda Perham and Commander Ernest “Smokey” Aumand, with the help from veterans Ron Borges, Larry Clark, and Jim Managan, collected photos and documents and researched many local veterans over the past year. They brought the project together to present to the community Saturday, April 20. According to Aumand, 114 people attended the event.

By Betsy Thurston, The Shopper

April 25 –Springfield School Board presents revised budget
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, April 25, the Springfield School District Board held their informational meeting at the Springfield High School auditorium on the revised school budget proposal that residents voted on Tuesday, April 30 at Riverside Middle School. The proposed budget is \$30,645,214 with \$7,279,378 generated from Springfield taxes.

By Amanda Wedegis, The Shopper

May 4 – A gleeful Apple Blossom
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 63rd Apple Blossom Cotillion held two gleeful evenings, Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4. The event featured songs from the show Glee, which premiered 10 years ago, May 19, 2009. A huge congratulation goes to the 63rd Apple Blossom Queen, Hannah Crosby, escorted by Hayden Morancy.

By Shawntae Webb, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

May 4 – Route 106 North Market raises \$11,539 for Honor Flight New England
CHESTER, Vt. – Route 106 North Market & Deli hosted a fundraiser for Honor Flight New England Saturday, May 4 at the Chester American Legion and raised \$11,539. Honor Flight New England pays to send World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C. for the day at no expense to the veteran. Since 2009, it has completed 54 flights to D.C. and has transported over 1,969 veterans.

May 17 – Grand opening of Bellows Falls Historical Society's new space
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Friday, May 17, the town of Rockingham held its second annual Downtown Development Open House celebrating

the village of Bellows Falls recent 20-year history of renovation and redevelopment of its downtown. A few hours later, the Bellows Falls Historical Society held a very well-attended opening event and Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at its new archive, exhibit, and education center downtown at 31 Westminster St. in the Edward Arms Block near the Square.

By Bill Lockwood, The Shopper

May 26 – Chester open-air Artisans Alley Market off to a great success
CHESTER, Vt. – A new open-air market called Artisans Alley Market opened under sunny skies in Chester for the first time Sunday, May 26, drawing a crowd estimated between 300-400 visitors, with organizer Sharon Baker declaring the launch “an overwhelming success.”

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

May 31 – Police Chief Ron Lake is BF Alumni 2019 Grand Marshall
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Alumni Association is honored to announce

Ron Lake as our 2019 Grand Marshall. Originally from the Brattleboro area, Ron has been the Chief of Police in Bellows Falls since 2008, making him the longest serving chief in the department’s history.

June 4 – Timothy Carey is Vermont’s Warden of the Year
MONTPELIER, Vt. – Senior Warden Timothy Carey of Mount Holly is Vermont’s State Game Warden of the Year. A game warden since 2013, Carey received the award in recognition of his excellent service from Gov. Phil Scott June 4 in Montpelier. “I want to thank Timothy for his outstanding performance in protecting Vermont’s fish and wildlife resources and serving the people of Vermont,” said Gov. Scott. He added, “Warden Carey was chosen for his integrity, professionalism and high motivation in all of his work duties, and that he has earned respect from other wardens and the public.”

June 3 – Green Mountain girls and Bellows Falls boys track teams are state champions

June 8 – The Black River Presidents are Division IV state



2019 Apple Blossom queen, Hannah Crosby. PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



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June 10 – Robertson Paper Mill demolition complete
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Demolition of the Robertson Paper Mill is complete and the property is currently zoned for industrial and commercial use. The newly vacant 1.67-acre lot is nestled between the United States first commissioned canal and the Connecticut River. The Robertson Paper Mill closed in 1987 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. An environmental assessment found that renovation would cost up to \$5 million with an immediate need for \$250,000 to stabilize the roof and walls.

By Betsy Thurston, The Shopper

June 15 – Bellows Falls Alumni 2019 parade
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls High School Alumni Parade was great, despite some rain. At 12 p.m., Jasmine Boucher was crowned Alumni Queen in the square and the parade began promptly at 1 p.m. led by the Post 37 Color Guard. Class of 1969 celebrated their 50th reunion.

June 26 – SMCS, Springfield Hospital file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On June 26, 2019, Springfield Medical Care Systems and Springfield Hospital filed for Chapter 11 – Reorganization bankruptcy protection in Rutland, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont. The hospital and health centers will remain open and operating as usual while the organizations work through the Chapter 11 process, which is expected to last approximately 12 months but may be longer depending on a number of factors.

June 29 – Music in the Meadow surpasses attendance and fundraising goals

CHESTER, Vt. – Music in the Meadow surpassed attendance and fundraising goals at this year’s event Saturday, June 29 on the sprawling lawn behind Motel in the Meadow in Chester. Organizer Patricia Budnick estimated the enthusiastic crowd reached a record 500 to 600 visitors and raised

over \$14,000, all to benefit the Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk, formerly Race for the Cure. Budnick hosted her first Music in the Meadow fundraising concert 17 years ago with a single pop-up tent and a few borrowed speakers.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper



Holiday wishes

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The children and staff at Kurn Hattin Homes wish each of you – our friends, supporters, volunteers, and families – safe and happy holidays and a happy New Year.

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Condos announces 2020 presidential candidates

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the list of candidates who have qualified to appear on the ballot for the 2020 Presidential Primary Elections. In order to appear on the ballot, candidates must file a petition signed by 1,000 registered Vermont voters with the Vermont Secretary of State.

“With the March 3 Presidential Primary elections and Town Meeting Day right around the corner, I want to encourage every Vermont voter to make sure that they are registered and ready to vote on or before Election Day,” said Secretary Condos.

The list of qualifying candidates who have filed to appear on the ballot for the March 3 Presidential Primary Elections can be found on the Secretary of

State’s website. Candidates had until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 to file. The listing has been finalized, with the exception of one candidate who has been granted supplementary time as per state statute.

Eligible Vermont voters can register any day, including on Election Day, and may register www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us, by mail, or in person at their municipal clerk’s office during regular business hours. Vermont residents who are 17 years old who will turn 18 on or before the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election, who meet the other voter eligibility requirements, are eligible to register and to vote in the March 3 Presidential Primary elections.

Vermont voters can check their registration status, update their voter registration infor-

mation, view their polling place, and request an early or absentee ballot at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us. Early voting in Vermont starts no later than 45 days before Election Day.

Secretary Condos also issued the following words of caution for the upcoming elections: “In the age of increasing disinformation and misinformation on social media, I want to remind Vermont voters to look to official sources for election information. As our foreign adversaries seek to divide us using social media disinformation campaigns designed to spread chaos and create tension, remember that our elections are the very core of our democracy and that your vote is your voice!”

Applications open for Vermont businesses to vend at Big E

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets welcomes applications from Vermont businesses seeking to vend at the Vermont Building at the Eastern States Exposition, located in West Springfield, Mass., from Sept. 18 through Oct. 4, 2020. Help grow your Vermont business and the state economy with this special opportunity at the Vermont Building to reach a larger market.

The Vermont Building is one of six New England buildings on the Avenue of the States at the Big E, a 17-day fair and exposition that takes place each September. During this event, which brings in approximately 1.5 million people each year, the Vermont Building is home to

a variety of Vermont food and retail businesses, which showcase the best of what Vermont has to offer.

VAAFM Secretary Anson Tebbetts said, “The Vermont Building at the Big E truly shows the best of Vermont’s traditional and innovative products, highlighting the high quality of Vermont’s food, beverage, and retail goods that are part of our working landscape.”

The Vermont Building at the Big E hosts approximately 28 vendors each year. Booth spaces are offered for both retail and food and beverage products. There are spaces for the entirety of the 17-day fair and for 8-9 day rotating spots. While most booths are inside, there are additional spaces on the grounds for products deemed an appropriate fit.

VAAFM has identified the following priorities for products at the Vermont Building for 2020:

- Vermont-sourced ingredients or materials,
- prepared foods not requiring a hood for ventilation,
- savory food products, and
- products that align with current regional and national trends.

Any business or organization will be considered eligible that is registered with the Vermont Secretary of State, has been in business for over one year, and is in good standing with the state of Vermont. Applications are due Feb. 17, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Please find the Request for Application and more information at www.agriculture.vermont.gov/bigevendor.

Mentors celebrate National Mentoring Month

WINDSOR, Vt. – Windsor County Mentors joins in the state and national celebration of youth mentoring during January’s National Mentoring Month.

Windsor County Mentors creates and supports mentoring partnerships between caring adults and Windsor County youth to help children thrive. Mentoring partners share activities, create friendships, and build community connections, guiding children as they develop their sense of self, their interests, and their

resilience in the face of the challenges youth face today.

The impacts of mentoring are powerful. Young people who have had mentors achieve higher academic and career goals, are less likely to engage in risky behaviors, develop a stronger sense of community and self-esteem, and are more likely to volunteer to help others than their peers who have not had mentors. These mentoring impacts are the results of having adults in their lives who care, who listen and guide, who share experiences

with them, and who give them a sense of belonging.

As part of our National Mentoring Month initiative, Windsor County Mentors has partnered with public libraries throughout Windsor County to provide written information about mentoring and opportunities to learn more about our programs. Library patrons may find this information at their local library branches. Special mentoring information events will be scheduled regionally.

Windsor County Mentors

will join in MENTOR Vermont’s celebration at the State House Jan. 22, 2020, where they will be part of the gathering of parents, mentors, mentees, legislators, and program representatives from across the state of Vermont. Gov. Phil Scott will be a special guest at this celebration. More details about the event and the statewide activities that mark National Mentoring Month will be available in January at www.mentorvt.org.

Whatzit?



Do you know what this “Whatzit” is? Email Ron at knotz69@gmail.com with your guess.

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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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Nathaniel Fullerton

Last week I wrote some on the subject of antique photography. That article was about ambrotypes. In that article, I mentioned the ambrotype was replaced with the tintype in the 1860s.

From my collection are the two photos you see with this article. On the left is a CDV albumen photo of Chester's Nathaniel Fullerton circa 1867. On the right is a tintype photo of Nathaniel Fullerton circa 1870. Fullerton's CDV has written on the reverse, "N. Fullerton Aged 92 years." The photographer's back mark is, "A.S. Hayward, Photographer, Chester, Vt. Negatives preserved."

The Tintype
Tintypes were a very inexpensive process. They tend to be dark and not as clear as the albumen. With these two Nathaniel Fullerton photos side by side, you can see the differences. Tintypes enjoyed the longest run of all the antique photographs. They were still in use in the 1920s in amusement parks.

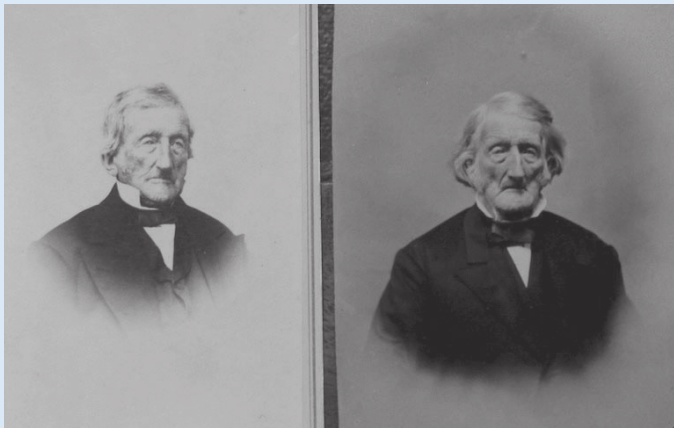
A tintype is not tin but a thin iron sheet. When treated with the collodion process and inserted into the camera, they would result in an image within minutes.

The albumen
The albumen is my favorite photograph. They are not dark like the tintype and are much sharper. In the 1860s, a basic CDV as you see here would cost 25 cents. The tintype would have cost 10 to 15 cents.

Another advantage of the albumen is that they are a paper photograph. This enabled people to write a name on the reverse of the photo. Tintypes being black metal, neither ink nor pencil would adhere to the metal. Seldom does a tintype have any history with it.

Albumens were a glass negative that produced positive images. Many photos could be produced from the glass negative. Tintypes were the negative and the only one produced.

Nathaniel Fullerton
Nathaniel Fullerton was born in 1775. He was a prominent citizen in Chester in the banking business. He was president of the Bellows Falls National Bank. When he died in 1872 at the age of 97, he had the distinction of being the oldest bank president in this country.



On the left is Nathaniel Fullerton albumen, and on the right is Nathaniel Fullerton tintype.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Many will know the home his son Frederick Fullerton built on Main Street in Chester. This is the yellow mansion where Jerry Stewart lives today. I find this home mentioned in his day as "The Fullerton Mansion." It certainly is the finest Victorian home in Chester. Nothing else comes close. The Fullertons are buried in Brookside Cemetery.

A.S. Hayward
A.S. Hayward is Albert Steven Hayward. I've been aware of Hayward's photographs for years but never knew much about him. Peter Farrar and I have been researching Hayward.

Hayward moved around quite a bit. We found him in Londonderry and then Ludlow. For a while, he was in Proctorsville working as a photographer using the albumen process. He then moved to Chester where he continued the albumen process. I've seen more of his Chester photos than his Proctorsville photos. Over the years, I've picked up a few of his Chester and Proctorsville photos. Thanks to Ted Spaulding, the Chester Historical Society now has a couple more Hayward photos to add to those we had.

We have a number of questions we have yet to answer. Where did Hayward receive his training in photography? His photos are more thoughtfully arranged than his country peers. I've always thought he was trained by an urban photographer.

As you look at the photo with this article, ask yourself which process you would choose? I think most will agree the albumen is best. The pose in the albumen is not straight on as it is in the tintype. In the albumen, Fullerton poses at a slight angle.

I'm known by many Vermont and New Hampshire antiques dealers as a buyer of most anything Chester. It was probably 15 years ago I was offered the two photos you see with this article. They were found in a Victorian photo album where they had not seen the light of day since they were taken. This accounts for their like-new condition.

Another thing worth mentioning about Hayward is the red border he used to frame his photographs. Almost without exception, photographers of his day used a gold border, not red. To my knowledge, Hayward is the only Vermont photographer who used a red border.

Over the years, I have examined thousands of these photos. I have only seen a handful of CDVs with a red border from other New England photographers. I have seen one green border.

This week's old saying. "If you don't like my answers, don't ask the questions."



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Understanding the Net Investment Income Tax

REGION – If your income hits a certain level, you may face an additional wrinkle in calculating your taxes: the net investment income tax – also referred to as the unearned income Medicare contribution tax. This 3.8% Medicare tax applies to some or all of your net investment income if your modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain thresholds. The tax is in addition to any other income tax applicable to such income.

In general, the net investment income tax applies to U.S. individual taxpayers – similar rules apply to certain domestic trusts and estates.

Calculation of net investment income tax

The net investment income tax is equal to 3.8% of the lesser of (a) your net investment income or (b) the excess of your MAGI over:

- \$200,000 if your filing status is single or head of household
- \$250,000 if your filing status is married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child
- \$125,000 if your filing status is married filing separately

For purposes of the net investment income tax, MAGI is generally equal to your adjusted gross income. However, if you are a U.S. citizen or resident living abroad, you must include in MAGI the foreign earned income that is generally excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Net investment income
Net investment income includes gross income from interest, dividends, nonqualified annuities, royalties, and rents that are not derived from the ordinary course of a trade or business, and net gain from the disposition of property not used in a trade or business.

Gross income and net gain from a trade or business may be included in net investment income if the trade or business is a passive activity or engaged in trading financial instruments or commodities.

In general, a passive activity is a trade or business in which you do not materially participate. Rental activities are treated as passive activities regardless of whether you materially participate, but there are certain exceptions.

Net investment income is reduced by any income tax deductions allocable to these items of gross income and net gain that are included in net investment

income. Examples of deductible items that may be allocated to net investment income include investment interest expense and state and local income tax. Deductions may be subject to limitations.

Generally, an interest in a partnership or S corporation is not property held for use in a trade or business, and gain or loss from the sale of a partnership interest or S corporation stock is included in net investment income.

Net investment income does not include income excluded from gross income for income tax purposes. It also does not include items of gross income and net gain specifically excluded from net investment income. Examples of excluded items include: wages, unemployment compensation, alimony, Social Security benefits, tax-exempt interest income, income from certain qualified retirement plan and IRA distributions, self-employment income, and gain that is not taxable on sale of a principal residence.

Even though certain items such as wages and income from certain qualified retirement plan and IRA distributions may not be included in net investment income, they may be included in MAGI, which is a factor in determining the amount of net investment income that is subject to the net investment income tax.

Planning for the net investment income tax

For a particular taxable year, the net investment income tax applies only if your MAGI exceeds the appropriate threshold based on your tax filing status. Also, the net investment income tax applies to the lesser of (a) your net investment income or (b) the excess of your MAGI over the appropriate threshold. So you may be able to reduce exposure to the net investment income tax by controlling the timing of items of income or deduction that enter into the calculation of net investment income or MAGI.

For example, you might consider increasing your net investment income in a year in which your MAGI does not exceed the threshold. Conversely, you might consider decreasing your net investment income in a year in which your MAGI exceeds the threshold.

In general, you may be able to increase net investment income in a particular year by pushing income into that year and

deductions into another year. Conversely, you may be able to decrease net investment income in a particular year by pushing deductions into that year and income into another year. You will need to consider how increasing or decreasing net investment income affects MAGI.

Ordinary income and long-term capital gains tax rates are generally much higher than the 3.8% Medicare tax rate applicable to net investment income. Planning for the net investment income tax should not be done without considering its effect on the regular income tax.

There is no standard deduction for purposes of determining your net investment income. Itemized deductions are not available for purposes of reducing net investment income unless you itemize deductions for purposes of regular income tax. However, neither standard nor itemized deductions reduce MAGI.

Recordkeeping
Net investment income tax is reported on IRS Form 8960. If you owe net investment income tax, you must attach Form 8960 to your tax return. For purposes of the net investment income tax, certain items of investment income or investment expense receive different tax treatment than for the regular income tax. You will need to keep records for the items included on Form 8960. Generally, you need to keep records for the life of the investment to show how you calculated basis. You also need to know what you did in prior years if the investment was part of a carryback or carryforward.

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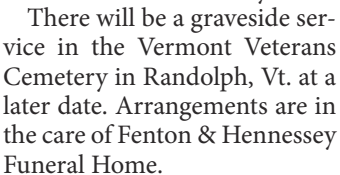
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Janet R. Moot

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Surviving are his bride, Jo-



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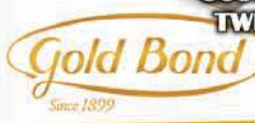
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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Before the ink was dry on last week’s issue, Green Mountain made a major statement on where their rank was in boys’ area basketball. I had stated that Bellows Falls and Springfield were likely the top two teams in the area because of their new coaches and a senior-laden experienced group. The Chieftains defeated Springfield 66-49 on the second day of their own Holiday Tournament and blew those rankings out of the water. Now, we will take our chances on the girls’ rank and file.

Once again, I believe two teams should separate themselves from the rest of the pack; and this time, I find it really difficult to choose between the two. Springfield and Fall Mountain should be the two teams that advance the furthest. For the sake of making a choice, I tab the Cosmos with the top spot. The Division II Cosmos came out on top in their first two contests against a pair of Division III locals and showed the necessities to take the early fly on them.

Pete Peck’s team opened with a 52-12 triumph over Leland & Gray and then came out on top in a home contest with archrival Bellows Falls 57-45. Unfortunately, those two teams, who have delighted area fans the past two years with their match-ups, will only meet once this season. The Terriers’ move to Division III has removed their second contest from the slate. Obviously, because they are in different divisions, the classic playoff match-up with the large crowd the two schools drew last winter won’t be repeated.

In those first two encounters, Hailey Perham led Springfield in scoring in the opener with 12 and Gabby Wardwell and Meghan Stagner added 8. In the Bellows Falls victory, Wardwell’s 22 led the way, Perham contributed 18, and Stagner 8. Haley Streeter added 8 points of her own versus Bellows Falls. Peck said, “You can’t complain about being 2-0. Bellows Falls is good and was a good early season game for us. I like our group of seven seniors and the underclassmen we have and look forward to the challenges ahead.”

Fall Mountain is 1-1 and will be hosting their own holiday tournament beginning the day after Christmas with the Wildcats in action versus Hillsboro-Deering at 2:30 p.m. Matthew Baird-Torney’s team caught bad breaks the first week of action. First, they lost their opener to weather against Raymond, which forced them to open against New Hampshire Division III favorite Conant.



Bill Murphy predicts girls basketball teams’ success.

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That line of bad luck continued when the Wildcats fell into foul trouble right away versus Conant and dropped behind by a bundle. Although Fall Mountain played Conant quite even for about half the game, the early lead prevented them from being really competitive and they lost 66-47. Sophomore Avery Stewart’s 17 points paced Fall Mountain and Sophie Bardis and Makenna Gril-lone added 10 and 7 respectively. Taylor Patch had an impressive game with 7 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals.

The Wildcats were not tested at all in the season’s second game as they thrashed Winnisquam 81-6 in a game, which saw ten Fall Mountain players score. This time Stewart and Bardis netted 15 and 13 respectively, while Grillone and Shea Pickering were also in double figures with 13 and 11. Baird-Torney was “pleased with our depth on display,” in the second game, while mentioning, “Glad we had an early opportunity to see where we need to get to,” regarding the Conant game.

Although Bellows Falls stands at 0-2 with a tough home game versus Windsor taking place as this paper is being printed, don’t be surprised if they put together a strong season.

The schedule maker did the Terriers no favors concerning their start, which saw that open with Division II defending champ Fair Haven on the road and bowing 65-42. The Slaters could be working on a back-to-back scenario. Taylor Goodell led the Terriers in scoring in both games thus far, tallying 13 versus Fair Haven and 20 in the Cosmos game. Halle Dickerson netted 12 in the Fair Haven encounter and Maya Waryas’ 9 supported Goodell’s mark-

52-25 defeat in the opener to Twin Valley. Hannah Robinson tallied 9 points in that opening loss and netted 11 in the victory over Black River in the second day of the tourney. Turnovers have been a problem for Green Mountain.

The win over Black River 43-31 could well be the final athletic contest between those two schools, who have been rivals since before any of us were around. Kim Cummings’ 22 points led the scoring parade for the girls from Chester, who had their own high school when the rivalry began.

Black River is presently 0-4 in their final year of competition, but Coach Howie Paul feels, “We are getting better every game, and I think – with the lack of experience we have – played as well as we could against Black River. It was close much of the second half and even Coach Buffum said with a few breaks the game could have been ours.”

Leland & Gray should finish above Black River in area play. The Rebels held their own tournament to open the season, and they split the two games. They advanced to the finals with a one-sided 32-14 triumph over Arlington before they ran into a buzzsaw named Brattleboro 47-14.

Brattleboro won one of the best girls’ games in the Vermont early season in the first round when they nipped Burr & Burton 66-65 on a big hoop at the buzzer. Sydney Hescock had 11 points to pace Coach Terry Merrow’s team in their opener.

“It was a good opener for us, but, playing Brattleboro, we certainly couldn’t match up,” Merrow stated.

Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl N.H. coach announced

LEBANON, N.H. – The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Board of Governors is pleased to introduce Coach Tarek Rothe as the 2020 New Hampshire Head Coach. Coach Rothe will lead his team of 38 of New Hampshire’s best senior players into the 67th annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game, which will be played in the Dave Wolk Stadium at Castleton University Aug. 1, 2020.

Coach Rothe was previously

introduced as the New Hampshire head coach for the Shrine team at the New Hampshire Huddle recently. He comes to us from Alvirne High school in Hudson, N.H. where he has been head coach for the last three years. Coach Rothe began his career at Alvirne in 2001, taking a full-time teaching position as a special education teacher just a few years later. He was also the indoor and outdoor track coach for both the girls’ and boys’ teams.

Prior to taking the helm as head coach, he was an assistant for many years in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Coach Rothe was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico and moved to Massachusetts when his dad’s firm moved to Wilmington. He played on the 1988 State Championship football team at Dracut High School and then onto the University of Lowell until a knee injury forced him out.

Coach Rothe stated, “I’m

excited. It’ll give me a chance to coach some of my guys one more time. I was the freshman coach for this group of seniors.”

Because the Shrine game is played the day after his wedding anniversary, he told us, “Of course, I had to talk it over with my wife, but she understood. She told me I couldn’t pass up the opportunity to coach in the game.”

Coach Rothe continued, “I know what the Shrine Game

is all about,” and “I’m looking forward to representing New Hampshire in the right way, meeting a lot of new kids and, hopefully, bringing home a win.”

The purpose of the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl is fundraising for the world’s greatest philanthropy, that of supporting children in need at our Shrine hospitals. The game contributes to three hospitals in our region: Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield,

Mass. and Montreal, Quebec, Canada in treating orthopedic conditions and our world-renowned burns hospital in Boston. All services are provided regardless of the families’ ability to pay.

The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Board of Governors is extremely pleased to have Tarek as our 67th New Hampshire coach. Please visit www.shrinemaplesugarbowl.com for updates to our program after the start of the new year.

Winter sports schedule, Dec. 27 – Jan. 4

REGION – For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools’ athletic department websites. If you have any sports news or photos from a recent game, submit them to editor@vermontjournal.com, and we may include them in the next paper!

FRIDAY, DEC. 27 –

Boys basketball

Arlington at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 7 p.m.
West Rutland at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.
Windsor at Green Mountain,

7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Green Mountain at Proctor, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Mill River, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28 –

Girls basketball

Windsor at Leland & Gray, 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 30 –

Boys basketball

Blue Mountain at Black River, 7 p.m.
Hartford at Bellows Falls, 7

p.m.

Leland & Gray at Arlington, 7 p.m.
West Rutland at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2 –

Girls basketball

Mount Anthony at Springfield, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3 –

Boys basketball

Hillsboro-Deering at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Fall Mountain at Hillsboro-Deering, 6:30 p.m.
Green Mountain at Mill River, 7 p.m.
Leland & Gray at Proctor, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 –

Boys basketball

Arlington at Bellows Falls, 1:30 p.m.
Black River at Sharon Academy, 2:30 p.m.
Otter Valley at Springfield, 2:30 p.m.
Poultney at Leland & Gray, 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Curl clinic offered in Hartford at Barwood Arena

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – Did you watch the Olympic Curling events on television? Did it look like something you want to explore? Well, the time to check out the sport of curling is now. There are many local people in the Upper Valley who curl regularly, and they want to show you how much fun it is to play the game.

The Upper Valley Curl-

ing Club is offering a “Learn to Curl” clinic Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Barwood Arena in White River Junction, Vt. The clinic is open to anyone interested in learning the sport. The club will provide all of the equipment needed to curl; you just have to wear warm clothing and shoes with non-skid soles. Participants will start with an off-ice introduction to the concepts and rules of the game

and then move onto the ice for hands-on instruction.

Space is limited, so interested participants must register in advance at www.uppervalleycurling.org.

The Barwood Arena is located on the grounds of the Hartford High School at 45 Highland Ave. in White River Junction. For more information, go to www.uppervalleycurling.org, or email uppervalleycurling@gmail.com.



Learn to Curl clinic will be held Jan. 7 at the Barwood Arena in Hartford.

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Main Street Arts, Historical Society host Fireside Chats

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts and the Saxtons River Historical Society are again pairing for a series of Fireside Chats to highlight the area's history and nature three Sundays in January, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., in the dining room of the Saxtons River Inn.

This year's series features talks on early gunsmiths, theater in the area, and Wagyu beef. This series begins Jan. 5 with a talk by Eric Bye of North Springfield, the former editor of Muzzle Blasts magazine, a rendezvous coordinator, a member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and author of "Flintlocks: A Practical Guide for Their Use and Appreciation." He is the national record holder with flint pistol on NMLRA's Curley Gostomsky National Primitive Range and is an experienced deer and turkey hunter. In his real life, Bye is a translator ac-

credited by the American Translators Association and is fluent in French, Spanish, and German.

His talk will highlight two local gunsmiths: Artemas Leonard of Saxtons River (1804-1859) and Norman Brockway of Bellows Falls (1841-1936). While Leonard was best known locally, Brockway's skill and prowess enjoyed national fame.

The second in the series is Jan. 12 when the topic will be "Rockingham's Love Affair with Theater," featuring actor and theater owner Falko Schilling and Rick Cowan telling the story of theatrics from the 1800s at the Bellows Falls Opera House to more recent productions at the Saxtons River Playhouse, Vermont Academy, and Main Street Arts.

The series concludes Jan. 19 with a talk on the produc-



Eric Bye will talk about early gunsmiths at this year's first Fireside Chat Sunday, Jan. 5 at the Saxtons River Inn.

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Get into the spirit with Gypsy Reel at Copper Fox

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Get into the spirit of the season with Gypsy Reel's "Wassail," coming to the Copper Fox Saturday, Dec. 28, from 6-9 p.m. You'll be in for a centuries-spanning range of festive music – modern Christmas favorites, Wassails, traditional Celtic instrumentals, and a few surprises you won't hear anywhere else. The Gypsy Reel Wassail band is Graham and Camille Parker, Jon Clinch, and Claudine Langille, and features fiddle, mandolin, guitars, and power-



Gypsy Reel will perform at the Copper Fox.

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ful four-part harmonies. The

Copper Fox is located at 56 Main Street, Springfield.

"Yee Haws and Ha Has" at Claremont Opera House

CLAREMONT, N.H. – On Saturday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m., comedian Paul D'Angelo and Nashville recording artist Lexi James will be co-headlining a "Yee Haws and Ha Has" event for a night of hilarious stand-up comedy and sensational country music.

Comedian Paul D'Angelo has been headlining A-list comedy clubs around the country for over 30 years, entertaining hundreds of prominent corporate clients and opening for over 60 international stars such as

Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, The Beach Boys, Chicago, Tony Bennett, and Tom Jones. He co-starred in the Showtime movie, "The Godfathers of Comedy," and is the author of two multiple award-winning books, "Stories I Tell," and its sequel, "More Stories to Tell."

As a New England front-runner in pop country music, singer-songwriter Lexi James has amassed more than 16,000 Facebook fans in her short career. She's toured up and down the Northeast and beyond with her message of feel-good, be

yourself lyrics paired with a soulful vocal performance. Lexi James has shared the stage with country legends such as Charlie Daniels Band, Marshall Tucker, and Brad Paisley. She recently released her last record, "Ripple in the Water," in 2018, and in 2019 she expanded her touring and moved to Nashville part-time!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.claremontoperahouse.org, by phone at 603-542-4433, or in person at the Opera House Box Office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square.

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StatePoint – Whether you're braving the cold to find the perfect Hanukah

gift or searching high and low for the ideal Christmas tree, there are plenty of opportunities to create special memories with your family this season. And there are ways to make each event a little warmer and fuzzier.

"One of the best things about the holidays is how cozy everything can feel," says Laryssa Grant, women's buyer for national shoe retailer, Rack Room Shoes. "And while it can be a busy time of year, it's important to treat comfort as a priority and slow down to enjoy each

moment."

Here are three activities to try this season that can make you feel warm and fuzzy on the inside and outside!

Get snugly

Over-scheduling can put a damper on the holidays. That's why it's important to carve out some quality time to get in the spirit. Give each family member a goodie bag of holiday-themed pajamas and then pop in a holiday movie to spend the evening snuggled up with the people you love.

Make it cozier: Pair the pajamas with shearling-lined or faux fur-lined slippers to ensure everyone's feet stay warm and toasty all night. Cozy, comfortable slippers can also serve as ideal stocking stuffers this holiday season.

Adopt a charity

Set an example for younger generations by adopting a charity for the holidays. Whether you give the gift of your time or money, supporting causes close to your heart can become a cherished family tradition.

Make it cozier: After each family member selects a special charity, set aside time to discuss over a cup of hot chocolate and homemade cookies.

Take a tour of local lights

Check out the lights in your community for a fun and budget-friendly way to get in the holiday spirit. From spectacular light shows to twinkling home displays, take advantage to explore all your area has to offer.

Make it cozier: Change into your pajamas before heading out to see the lights. Everyone will be warm and comfortable on your journey.

Whether it's doing good works or enjoying the sights and sounds of the season, there's no better time of year for creating cozy memories.

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arts & entertainment

Northshire presents “Sing to It” by Amy Hempel

MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Friday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m., legendary writer Amy Hempel, a master of the short story and one of the most celebrated and original voices in American short fiction, comes to Northshire Bookstore to present “Sing to It,” an “exquisite collection” and a “quiet masterpiece by a true American original.”

Hempel is a master of the short story. A multiple-award winner, Hempel is beloved and highly regarded among writers, reviewers, and readers of contemporary fiction. These 15 exquisitely honed stories reveal Hempel at her most compassionate and spirited, as she introduces characters, lonely and adrift, searching for connection.

In “A Full-Service Shelter,” a volunteer at a dog shelter tirelessly, devotedly cares for dogs on a list to be euthanized. In “Greed,” a spurned wife examines her husband’s affair with a glamorous, older married woman. And in “Cloudland,” the longest story in the collection, a woman reckons with the choice she made as a teenager to give up her newborn infant. Quietly dazzling, these stories are replete with moments of revelation and transcendence and with Hempel’s singular, startling, inimitable sentences.

Amy Hempel is the author of “Sing to It,” “The Collected Stories of Amy Hempel,” “The Dog of the Marriage,” “Tumble

Home,” “At the Gates of the Animal Kingdom,” “Reasons to Live,” and the coeditor of “Unleashed.” Her stories have appeared in Harper’s, Vanity Fair, GQ, Tin House, The Harvard Review, The Quarterly, and have been widely anthologized, including “Best American Short Stories” and “The Best Nonrequired Reading.” She teaches in the graduate writing program at Bennington College and at Stony Brook Southampton. She lives near New York City.

Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or go to www.northshire.com.

Fred Marple humorous Guide to New England

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Historical Society will present Yankee humorist Fred Marple and his Guide to New England “for locals and people from away” Friday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Walpole Town Hall.

Fred will discuss Yankee food, including why we think baked beans and vegetables boiled with a piece of corned beef are fine cooking. He’ll examine Yankee fashion, from the ever-present flannel to rummage sale ensembles. Fred will also explain life in a small



Fred Marple.

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transplant.

Fred Marple has appeared on New Hampshire Chronicle, on radio, and in the pages of Yankee Magazine and New Hampshire Magazine. His book, “Welcome to Frost Heaves,” was recently published by Islandport Press. He has been called “hilarious,” “a hoot,” and “really smart for a guy his age.” His “Yoga for Yankees” has been viewed over 6 million times online. He is also known as author and songwriter Ken Sheldon from Peterborough.

The event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be available. For more information, go to www.walpolehistory.com.

Fletcher Farm School announces Open Art Studio for painting

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts has announced a new program, a Open Art Studio, to be held two days a week: Wednesdays, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This program will be led by artist Annie Moore. Moore will supply painting supplies for a small fee per session, or participants are welcome to bring their own supplies and their works-in-progress. Participants will be able to build a body of work with as little or as much help from Annie as desired. The Open Art Studio will open Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow. To register, call 802-228-8700, or register online at www.fletcherfarm.org.

New spring classes

In addition to the Open Art Studio, we have a number of other new classes coming up during

the spring term, as well as a few old favorites. Among the new classes are “Fantasy Felting,” “Introduction to Fly Tying,” “Handmade Stories,” “Beginner Pysanky,” and “Monoprinting Fabric,” all in March.

In April, we have “Painting Spectacular Flowers in Watercolor,” “Needle Felting,” “Art Quilting,” “Chair Caning,” and “Contemporary Impressionist Landscapes in Pastel and Mixed Media” with 2020 featured artist Robert Carsten.

National Geographic contributor Ted Schiffman will lead a workshop on “Nature and Landscape Photography” in May, joining classes in “Botanical Printmaking on Fabric,” “Creating Mosaic Wall Art,” and “Making a Black Ash Pack Basket.”

For more information on these classes or to see what other classes are available, visit



Join Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts for an Open Art Studio for painting.

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www.fletcherfarm.org. You can also donate to our annual appeal and purchase or renew a membership in the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen Inc. Membership in the society entitles you to a discount off any class we offer and provides a number of other benefits as well.

You will automatically be

entered into a drawing for a hand-hammered sterling silver bracelet if you buy or renew a membership or donate to our appeal before Dec. 31. The Society’s Board would like to wish everyone a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Soprano Mary Bonhag featured during special two-night Jukebox

RUTLAND/BURLINGTON, Vt. – The Vermont Symphony Orchestra’s innovative chamber music series, Jukebox, returns in 2020 with special guest performer Mary Bonhag. Performing at Rutland’s Merchants Hall Jan. 17 and ArtsRiot in Burlington Jan. 18, this two-night feature will focus on the power of words, poetry, and speech, and how it transforms and inspires artists.

Bonhag, a Marshfield, Vt. resident, is noted for her “marvelous versatility” and “supple, expressive” voice by the San Antonio Times. In the 2019-2020 season, she has worked to compose lullabies with at-risk mothers as part of the Lullaby Project, been a featured recitalist at the Middlebury Song Fest, sang the music of Evan

Premo at the annual Beethoven and Banjos Festival, and much more.

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outdoor news

Registration for Susan G. Komen Snowshoe

GRAFTON, Vt. – Standard registration rates continue to be available now through Jan. 25 for Susan G. Komen New England's Snowshoe Vermont 3K or 5K walks. Fees will go up on event day, Sunday, Jan. 26.

Snowshoe Vermont will be held at Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center, the new host venue, in Grafton, Vt. The Outdoor Center will open for registration and pre-walk activities at 9 a.m., and both 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 of Bennington, Vt.

A meet and greet will be held



There's plenty of time to register and fundraise for the 2020 Komen New England Snowshoe Vermont.

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Saturday, Jan. 25, from 4-6 p.m., at the Grafton Inn. The Grafton Inn has a limited number of rooms available. Call the inn for details at 802-843-2253. The event will be an opportunity to register, turn in donations, and meet fellow snowshoers and sponsors, while enjoying light appetizers and beverages.

While fundraising is not re-

quired, it is strongly encouraged. 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 snowshoe walk as a team or as individuals. There are several ways to volunteer and donate. There is still time to become a corporate sponsor and 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, please visit www.Komen-NewEngland.org/Snowshoe/Vermont.

2020 hunting, fishing, trapping licenses are available

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for 2020 are now available on the Fish and Wildlife Department's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Existing permanent, lifetime, or five-year licenses cannot be updated online until Jan. 1.

"Vermonters really enjoy hunting and fishing," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "Many people like to purchase 2020 licenses before Jan. 1, so they will be ready

for the new year."

According to a federal survey, Vermonters rank first among residents of the lower 48 states when it comes to participating in fish and wildlife recreation – with 62% of Vermonters going fishing, hunting, or wildlife watching, and they led in the New England states in hunting and fishing with 26% of residents participating in one or both.

Porter noted that proceeds from license sales have helped pay for some of Vermont's greatest wildlife conservation suc-

cess stories, including restoring game species as well as helping nongame species such as peregrine falcons, bald eagles, loons, and ospreys. These funds also go to managing more than 145,000 acres on wildlife management areas that provide critical habitat for many species as well as recreational opportunities for Vermonters.

Printed copies of the "2020 Hunting & Trapping Guide and Fishing Guide" are also available from license agents. The department's website will soon have a link to online versions as well.

Ice fishing clinics start Jan. 11

REGION – Learning how to participate in an outdoor activity can be challenging, and ice fishing is a good example. Knowing this, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has scheduled a series of free ice fishing clinics for anyone would like to learn about the latest proven ice fishing techniques.

"Our ice fishing clinics will be held from mid-January through February with the possibility that some dates may change according to ice and weather conditions," said Fish and Wildlife Education Specialist Corey Hart. "Everyone is welcome no matter their experience level. We want this to be fun and



Vermont Fish and Wildlife's ice fishing clinics in January and February offer a great opportunity to learn about the different kinds of ice fishing.

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Experience the fun of ice fishing.

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helpful for all."

Each clinic will last 2.5 to 3 hours, and exact location details will be given when people register for the event. Topics to be covered include ice safety, hole drilling, equipment and techniques, regulations, and different techniques for different fish.

All participants will have the opportunity to practice what they have learned near the end of each event. Everyone is urged to wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions.

Pre-registration is required and can be done on Fish and Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Corey Hart at LetsGoFishing@vermont.gov or 802-265-2279 will be available for questions.

Ice fishing clinics for 2020:

- Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9 a.m. "Targeting Walleye Through the Ice" at Lake Carmi State Park
- Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. "Introduction to Ice Fishing" at Mallets Bay Fishing Access, Lake Champlain
- Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. "Targeting Panfish Through the Ice" at Shelburne Pond Fishing Access
- Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. "Ice Fishing Festival" at Lake Elmore State Park
- Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8:30 a.m. "Dewey's Pond Ice Fishing" with Hartland Rec. Dept.
- Sunday, Feb. 2. "Panfish Clinic" at Shelburne Pond Fishing Access
- Thursday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. "Smelting" at Blush Hill Fishing Access on Waterbury Reservoir
- Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. "Intro to Ice Fishing" at Lake Bomoseen State Park
- Saturday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. "Intro to Ice Fishing" at Lake Parran Fishing Access
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MONDAYS –
BELLOW 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!

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TUESDAYS –
PERU, Vt. - Kripalu Yoga Class held on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Barn Studio at New Spring Farm, 135 Batchelder Rd. in Peru. Small fee per class. Mats available. All levels welcome and drop-ins welcome. For details, email VermontOrganicYogi@gmail.com.

BELLOW 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.

BELLOW 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.

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.

WEDNESDAYS –
BELLOW FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Wednesdays 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. Call 802-463-3907.

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.

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. – Six Loose Ladies is offering a separate skill building workshop on the third Thursday of the month, starting on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. geared toward those who want to move on to more challenging projects. Participants must be able to cast-on, knit, and purl confidently. If you’re not there, please check into our basic learn to knit class. The skill building workshops are free, but you must reserve a spot by calling the shop at 802-875-7373 or email 6looseladies@gmail.com.

CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:35 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility, and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com, or www.buddhafulyoga.com.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV offers “Train the Trainers” workshops on fourth Thursdays at

no cost, 6-7 p.m. at the Okemo Valley TV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the “ticks and tricks” of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at pcody@lpctv.org or call 802-228-8808.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – From 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, join a Tai Chi beginners’ class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville. This is a soft, grounding practice to improve alignment, balance, and prevent or relieve postural pains, reduce stress, and strengthen legs and core muscles. Available to all levels. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225 or email djem.translator@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS –
TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Fridays, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., enjoy yoga in the Hatha tradition. This class takes participants through a series of standard yoga poses with coordinated breathing exercises for the benefit of mind, body, and spirit. Mats and blocks provided. Registered yoga teacher Rebecca Griswold is a physical therapy assistant at Grace Cottage. Classes are held at Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to www.gracecottage.org.

SATURDAYS –
PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Enjoy weekly yoga classes at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville Saturdays at 9 a.m. All-level classes designed to improve core strength and balance, stretch and strengthen muscles, and promote a sense of well-being.

WEEKLY –
PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Join Denise at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville for Boot Camp classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Let Denise work you towards your health and fitness goals with an amazing workout that will leave you coming back for more.

REGION – Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis is free and open to seniors 55-plus. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney from 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.myrecenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Strong Bones ongoing classes offered Mondays and Wednesdays from

NOTICE
Black River High School Alumni
1939-1999

Student Records from 1939-1999 can be picked up at the Black River High School Middle School office by appointment only. Please contact Debby Neubert at 802-875-4721 to schedule an appointment. Student Records that have not been claimed by June 1st will be destroyed.

TOWN OF CHESTER
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER
POSITION AVAILABLE

The Town of Chester is searching to fill the position of Town Health Officer. The primary roles of a Town Health Officer include:

1. Investigating when information is received about a condition that may be a public health hazard.
2. Enforcing the provisions of Title 18 and the rules and permits issued by the Health Department.
3. Preventing, removing or destroying any public health hazard, or mitigating any significant public health risk in accordance with provisions of Title 18.
4. Taking necessary steps, in consultation with the Health Department, to enforce all orders issued pursuant to 18 V.S.A. Ch. 3.

The full text of Chapter 3 of Title 18 is available online at legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/18/003.

Please submit a Resume and Letter of Interest no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 30, 2019 to the Chester Town Manager’s Office, 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vt, 05143.

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 3:30 pm on Monday, January 13th and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday January 13, 2020 at the Town Hall, for a Flood Hazard Review (546) and a Conditional Use application (#544). The News Bank Conference Center is the designated back up location if the Town Hall renovations are not completed.

PROPERTY OWNERS: One Credit Union
APPLICANT: SEVCA Head Start
LOCATION: 42 Maple St
DISTRICT: VC (Village Center)

ACTION REQUESTED: SEVCA is proposing to purchase 42 Maple St. with the intent of installing a Head Start program to serve Chester. The facility will be open primarily Monday – Friday with two classrooms serving children ages 3-5.

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
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michael.normyle@chestervt.gov

TOWN OF WESTON NOTICE OF A
CONDITIONAL USE HEARING AND
A SITE PLAN REVIEW HEARING

Weston Community Hub of 27 Uphill Rd, Landgrove VT, has submitted an application for a 27 seat café at a property located at 719 Main St in the Town of Weston. The Town of Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a conditional use hearing for this application on 1/14/20 at 7:00 PM at the Weston Town Offices. The Weston Planning Commission will hold a site plan review hearing for this application on 2/3/20 at 7:00 PM at the Weston Town Offices. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained at the Weston Town Offices Monday-Friday 8AM-1PM.

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

Dated at Weston, Vermont this
19th day of December, 2019
William Goodwin Zoning Administrator
Town of Weston, Vermont

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:00 pm on Monday, January 27th and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday January 27, 2020 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use application (#545)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Town of Chester
APPLICANT: David Pisha, Town Manager
LOCATION: 130 Pleasant St.
DISTRICT: R20

ACTION REQUESTED: The project is the construction of an approximately 15,000 sf new emergency services building. This will house the Chester Police and Fire Departments, along with the Ambulance Service with associated drive, parking and sidewalks

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
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Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Development Review Board
Notice of Public Hearing

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT for Public Hearings on the following Applications:

Application 2019-49 by James Barthelmes for Conditional Use Review regarding construction of a new single-family dwelling on Parcel 065088.100 located on Keith Hill Road within the Resource Conservation Overlay District.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office during regular business hours. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 3:00 pm on Monday January 13th with a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Town Hall, for a Boundary Line Adjustment application (#543). The News Bank Conference Center is the designated back up location if the Town Hall renovations are not completed.

PROPERTY OWNERS: James Tomasso
APPLICANT: Joe DiBernardo
LOCATION: Baileys Mills Rd. and Lovers Lane Rd.
DISTRICT Residential 3 acres (R120)
ACTION REQUESTED: A proposed boundary line adjustment(s) which will exchange 21.12 acres between two adjoining properties.

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
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REAL ESTATE

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

JAN. 1 – WINHALL, Vt. – On Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, welcome in the New Year with a snowshoe hike to Stratton Pond with the Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section. Meet at the Winhall Post Office at 10 a.m. and carpool to the trailhead. Lunch at the pond. Total distance is a little over 5 miles. Total elevation gain is about 500 feet. Moderate hike. Must bring extra layers, wool or fleece hat, extra mittens, snack and lunch, fluids, hand warmers. Poles are helpful. No cotton. Bring snowshoes and traction device – the decision of what to use will be made at the trailhead. Must have a leash for any dogs. RSVP required to Bob Fish at 802-384-3650 or onebobfish@gmail.com.

TUESDAYS – 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.

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 dlike.

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

DEC. 27 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Don’t miss Okemo’s Torchlight Parade

Friday, Dec. 27 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Clock Tower Base. An amazing torchlight parade of skiers and riders traversing the Open Slope trail precedes a spectacular pyrotechnics show. For a different perspective of the fireworks display, visitors can join a guided snowshoe hike up the mountain with local naturalist Joe Karl. Guests can go to Okemo Rental Shop to be fitted for snowshoes. The tour departs from the Clock Tower at 4:30 p.m. and heads up the Bull Run Trail to watch the fireworks.

DEC. 28 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo is hosting a Shake ‘n’ Skate family event Saturday, Dec. 28 at the Ice House at Jackson Gore, from 6-9 p.m. This fun evening of ice skating includes a DJ, games, and fun for the whole family. Admission fee is charged. Skate rentals available on a first-come, first-served basis.

STRATTON, Vt. – Stratton Mountain School will be hosting “The Collective,” a new film from Faction Skis Saturday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. at Stratton Mountain School, co-hosted by Stratton Mountain Resort. Pro U.S. Freeski Team members and SMS student-athletes Mac Forehand and Caroline Claire will be in attendance to meet with audience members and sign posters.

DEC. 31 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us for a Family New Year’s Eve Party Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 5-9 p.m., at Jackson Gore. Following early evening ice skating, snow tubing, mountain coaster rides, horse-drawn wagon rides, party-hat decorating, bingo games, and a trivia tournament, families can ring in the New Year early with a

9 p.m. fireworks show. Visit www.Okemo.com for details.

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.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Wound care for feet will be available at Putney Community Cares on the first Tuesday of every month, from 12-3 p.m., starting Tuesday, Jan. 7, with Margaret Heale, R.N. of Heale Wound Care. Call 802-376-8249 or email mheale@healewoundcare.com for scheduling.

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 at 6 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 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.

CHESTER, Vt. – Round and Square Dance at the Gassetts Grange on the first Saturday of every month from 7-10 p.m. Door donation per person.

KIDS’ CORNER

JAN. 7 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Kids in kindergarten and older can join Crafty Tuesdays, from 3-4 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Jan. 7 is “Skiing Snowman and Friends.” Build a ski mountain and some skiers to swish down the slopes.

LIBRARIES

THURSDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Weekly Genealogy Research Group on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library with genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard. 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 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.

MEETINGS

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

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Selectboard meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office. For more information, go to www.cavendishvt.com or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at www.okemovalley.tv.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Selectboard meetings

are the first and third Monday at the Grafton Elementary School or the Town Garage at 6 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2552 or go to ww.graftonvt.org. Recordings are found at www.fact8.com.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Selectboard meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-824-3356 or go to www.londonderryvt.org. Recordings are found at www.gnat-tv.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Selectboard meetings are the first Monday of every month at the Town Hall. For more information, call 802-228-2841 or go to www.ludlow.vt.us. Recordings found at www.okemovalley.tv.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Selectboard meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman’s Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to www.springfieldvt.gov/office2.com.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rockingham Selectboard meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30

p.m. and Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second Tuesday. All meetings take place in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Call 802-463-4336 for more information or go to www.rockbf.org. Recordings can be found at www.fact8.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Selectboard meetings are on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-259-2391.

WESTON, Vt. – Selectboard meetings are on the second and forth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Call 802-824-6988 or go to www.westonvt.org for more information. Recordings can be found at www.gnat-tv.org.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Westminster Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information can be found at www.westminsterfireandrescue.org.

WEDNESDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Selectboard meetings are

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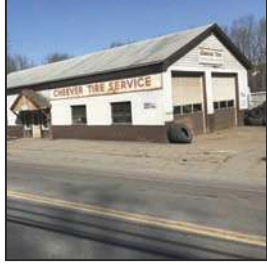


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Weathersfield treasure located just off Skyline Drive. This 3-4 bedroom home offers great detail throughout including an open/bright kitchen with abundant corian countertops, viking range, canadian pantry. Formal dining area with windows taking in bright light and views of the back yard. Living room with cathedral ceilings and stone fireplace. Den/Bedroom with catwalk storage on first floor, 2nd bedroom and 3/4 bath with fossil stone tile. 2nd floor balcony currently hosts a baby grand piano to the Master Bedroom with 3/4 tiled bath. Walk-out daylight basement includes family room, laundry room, half bath, office and bedroom. Attached 2 car garage, multi-tiered deck, gazebo. Detached barn with garage bay, workshop space,carport and overhead 23X16 seasonal living space. Kennel, shed and a heated green house. Situated on 5.3+/- landscaped acres with gardens and pond. Just beautiful! **JUST REDUCED TO \$399,000**



Looking for an affordable start? This 3 bedroom bungalow is quaint in size with living room, kitchen/dining combo, full bath, bedroom on the first floor with two closets and upstairs with 2 more bedrooms. Vinyl siding and replacement windows. Nested amongst boulders and ledges, this home sets above the street looking out over the town. **\$54,900**

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LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main Street, in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.braccvt.org.

MUSIC & THEATER

DEC. 28 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Get into the spirit of the season with Gypsy Reel’s “Wassail,” coming to the Copper Fox Saturday,

Dec. 28, from 6-9 p.m. You’ll be in for a centuries-spanning range of festive music – modern Christmas favorites, Wassails, traditional Celtic instrumentals, and a few surprises you won’t hear anywhere else. The Gypsy Reel Wassail band is Graham and Camille Parker, Jon Clinch, and Claudine Langille, and features fiddle, banjo, mandolin, octave mandolin, guitars, and powerful four-part harmonies. The Copper Fox is located at 56 Main Street, Springfield.

DEC. 31 – WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. – Northern Stage’s First Night Family Celebration Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 6-8 p.m., at The Barrette Center for the Arts. Bring

the kids and kick off the New Year with a family-friendly holiday cabaret and sing-a-long featuring members of the cast of “The Sound of Music.” From traditional carols to “My Favorite Things,” this new holiday celebration will close with a toast to 2019 with cocoa and cookies.

THRU JAN. 5 – WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. – Northern Stage presents “The Sound of Music” through Jan. 5 at The Barrette Center for the Arts. For details, visit www.northernstage.org.

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.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – TOPS Chapter Vermont 12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS, a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Weight Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Instructor is Grace Cottage Health coach Liz Harrison. Call 802-365-3766.

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.

WINDSOR, Vt. – Cedar Hill Alzheimer’s caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they’ve been there too when things are difficult or isolating. First Tuesdays of every month, from 3:30–5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Dr. off Route 5.

WEDNESDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester. Find out more about CoDA at www.coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com.

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

THURSDAYS – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month, from 11 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Led by Grace Cottage Community Health team member Claire Bemis. Free. Call 802-365-3763.

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