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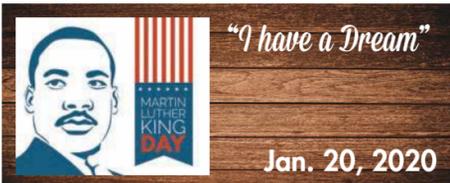
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## The 64th Apple Blossom Cotillion rehearsals begin

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – While the 64th Apple Blossom Cotillion is almost four months away, the hard work for its participants began Sunday, Jan. 5. Weekly practices will continue at Riverside Gymnasium in Springfield, Vt., each Sunday until the final performance and crowning of the 2020 Apple Blossom Queen May 2.

Twenty-one high school senior girls and their chosen escorts will be joined by 21 elementary school couples at this year's cotillion. The musical theme for this year's production is Hollywood Nights and will feature songs that were

performed or written by stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The high school senior girls who will be competing for the title of 2020 Apple Blossom Queen are Julianna Albero-Levings, Lucy Applegate, Bailey Beebe, Jessica Cerniglia, Ashley Chamberlin, Lucia Coutermarsh, Hope Darrell, Alyssa Ferris, Allison Gibbons, Kayla Gibbons, Sarah Gurney, Grace Guy, Xandrea Luurtsema,



2020 Apple Blossom contestants began their first rehearsal, Jan. 5, 2020.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE

Madison O'Brien, Hailey Perham, Ahna Perry, Courtney Stearns, Madison Tennis, Kaylee Warren, Maizy White, and Mycah White.

Pam Church and Carrie Jewell return as this year's cotillion directors. They will be assisted by Tracy Austin, Anna Church, Bridget Sydney Wentworth, Brittany Peebles, Kyla Beardsley White,

Robin Stoto-Keefe, Taylor Knoras, Mykahla Jasinski, and Marie LaPlante. Larry Kraft will be the event's master of ceremonies for the 20th consecutive year.

The Apple Blossom Cotillion is a fundraiser for Springfield Hospital. Proceeds from this popular evening of community entertainment provide support for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career Award and services of Springfield Hospital.

For further information about the cotillion, please contact Sandy Peplau, 802-885-7686 or speplau@springfield-med.org.

## Council on Rural Development holds follow-up to community forums

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Wednesday, Jan. 8, the Vermont Council on Rural Development visited the town of Rockingham in a priority-setting meeting at the Bellows Falls Opera House to continue the process that began Dec. 4, 2019 with its well-attended community forums. All community members were invited to this gathering that had the stated purpose of reviewing the action items gathered at the forums and from online and youth surveys, discussing what is most important, voting on community priorities, and, importantly, lining up for action. The final result of the evening was that three action areas were selected and people signed up to be on task forces for building a youth center; advancing community energy, efficiency, and resiliency; and redeveloping Bellows Falls

buildings.

A large group of perhaps 200 attended the meeting Wednesday. In his opening remarks, Paul Costello, executive director of the Council on Rural Development, said, "There's no vision for the redevelopment of rural America except the one we make."

Later, he said that after the first session visitors from around the state who attended told him, "They heard an amazing story of this town and an amazing number of assets and talents." He also complimented the town on its opera house as a "great facility," but he added that with all aspects of progress, "It's in constant need of renewal."

The presenters had a list of 24 "ideas and opportunities" identified at last month's forums. Two more were added in the ensuing discussion. They ranged from boosting tourism and marketing; improving

broadband service; improving public transportation; supporting and fostering small businesses; expanding access to quality child care and improving life for Rockingham youth; advancing access to the arts for all to start a community garage; expanding and improving recreational facilities, and developing the hemp and CBD industry. Those in attendance then voted to narrow the list down to eight.

Then, the attendees were invited to speak in favor of their favorites. Speaking from the floor in favor of a youth center, Deb Witkus felt it would "produce creative citizens." It was felt that a youth center was "actionable and concrete in that it can be accomplished."

Perhaps less concrete, Amy Howlett said of energy efficiency, "If we don't get this under control, we have nothing."

Laural Green felt the energy topic would be "thinking to-



Attendees voting for the three action tasks that were selected.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

ward the long future."

As to redeveloping buildings, Roberta Stradling said we could have "buildings now liabilities turned to assets." There was a general consensus that restoring the old buildings would also aid some of the other areas like small business development and jobs for youth.

After some discussion, the attendees voted again, and the

final three action items were selected. Costello noted that just because a topic was not selected for the final three that will have task forces doesn't mean that residents can't unite and work on them as well.

Local business owner Kathleen Govotski said, "It was great to see the community coming together for the future."

The next step will be Feb. 13

when council staff will be back at the Bellows Falls Middle School at 6:30 p.m. to launch the task forces. The council will invite visitors from across the state who have been involved in similar projects and who will share their expertise. Anyone interested or seeking more information can contact Jenna Koloski of the council at 802-225-6091 or jenna@vtrural.org.

## Selectboard discusses positions for budget

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – At the Jan. 7 Rockingham Selectboard meeting, the budget was discussed at length and members agreed they needed to cut spending. They reexamined Public Works Director Everett Hammond's position and Development Director Gary Fox's request for full-time.

Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison supported Fox's request to increase his hours, making him full-time. Gaetano Putignano did not agree that adding staff hours would benefit taxpayers. Harrison noted if Fox had the extra hours needed, it would help her and give more time for necessary grant applications and better relationships with agencies who provide funding for Rockingham's economic development.

Susan Hammond agreed and stated the benefits outweigh the cost, recommending Fox for the requested full-time position.

Putignano disagreed, stating "We do not need more personnel."

Ben Masure admitted he was not "100% convinced it was necessary" for this position to be full-time. Stefan Golec said he wanted to see tangible results and was not interested in staff increases. Chair Peter Golec said his sense from the Selectboard was to keep Fox at his current 30 hours. Golec noted that Hammond disagreed.

The need for Everett Hammond's full-time position was discussed. Harrison stated they saved over \$100,000 on the Burt and Blake streets projects because of Hammond's knowledge of the town. Stefan Golec asked Hammond, if no longer employed "what would not get done that should be done?" Hammond asked for time to present a list.

Putignano argued that this was a "very expensive position. There are no scheduled projects and other folks that can write grants."

Highway Superintendent Michael Hindes said, "It's not good practice to cut a position like this," reminding the Selectboard that they would need an engineer for upcoming culvert projects. Susan Hammond said it was "short-sighted thinking to get rid of his position" and to "leave as-is."

Village Trustee President Deborah Wright reminded the Selectboard that 10 years ago this position was cut. Wright questioned those that were on that Selectboard, "What was the reason?"

Peter Golec replied, it was "a tax situation, and we needed to cut the budget at the time."

Stefan Golec recommended waiting for the next meeting Jan. 21 to make the decision. He said, "Let's look at this and make sure it's what we want to do."

The Rockingham Selectboard's next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

## Local author self-publishes book exploring quirky Vermont

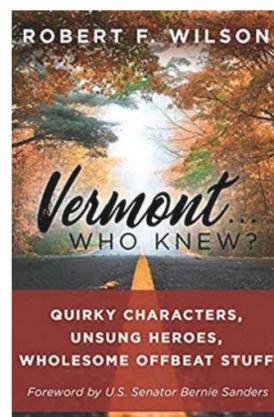
BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Local writer and Saxtons River resident, Robert Wilson, a former editor for renowned book publishers Macmillan, and Hill, Houghton Mifflin, and a former promotional writer for Reader's Digest, recently published his third Vermont-based travel book titled "Vermont... Who Knew?"

After living in various locations around the country including South Carolina, California, Seattle and more recently New Haven, Conn., Wilson and his wife, Martha, moved to southern Vermont some 20-plus years ago after discovering the area during a cross country ski trip.

"After 10 years in New Haven, my wife and I decided to get back to small-town living," Wilson said in a recent interview. "We sampled towns in several states but were drawn to Vermont be-



"Vermont... Who Knew?" PHOTO PROVIDED

cause of the friends we made here during that time. With no opportunity for at least four generations 'in the ground,' we know we'll always be Flatlanders. My wife, born in Alaska, at least has a face-saving comeback. We're now in our 22nd year in Saxtons River and likely here for the long haul."

Having spent many years working in publishing houses

in New York City, Wilson wrote 10 "career-building" books before choosing to write about Vermont life. His first two Vermont-themed books are titled "Vermont Curiosities" and "Vermont: Off The Beaten Path." The latter book is in its eighth edition, while "Vermont... Who Knew" is now in its second printing.

"My first Vermont book came about while listening to a New Hampshire Public Radio show called 'The Front Porch,' which included a book review for 'New Hampshire Curiosities,' part of a state series. After the second book, I decided to self-publish 'Vermont... Who Knew?' and utilize my 20 years in the publishing industry to help lighten the load."

With a foreword written by Sen. Bernie Sanders and introduction penned by former Vermont Life editor Tom Slayton, the book features a collection of over 100 profiles, essays, and anecdotes as well as 85 color

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# Chamber thanks community for successful Light-A-Pole program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Every year, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce decorates the lampposts on Main Street in downtown Springfield with banners and white lights to bring sparkle and cheer to the neighborhood during the winter months. This tradition creates an inviting avenue for visitors passing through our lovely town and brings about a sense of warmth and community for all who live here.



Springfield's holiday display. PHOTO PROVIDED

Many of the lights we used in the past were worn out or broken, so we asked the community for help with replacing them. The outpouring of enthusiasm and financial support has been overwhelming. We are so grateful and moved by everyone's generosity. Thanks to Bibens Home Center for their support, and we'd also like to express our gratitude to Christmas Trees at Bishop Farm for donating such a beautiful tree for the Downtown Holiday Program.

Much appreciation goes to our partners, Springfield On the Move and the Springfield Garden Club, for the lovely wreaths, and for adding extra

sparkle to the adjacent trees, and thanks to the downtown businesses that decorated their storefronts so creatively. And a special thank you to H.B. Energy Solutions for hanging the banners and doing such a beautiful job of putting up the lights.

H.B. provides us with an enormous amount of assistance with this project, and we'd like to give a huge shout out to Brian Hernon and his team for their amazing efforts setting up Santa's house and doing the legwork for the tree lighting ceremony. The downtown avenue

is looking festive and bright, and the Springfield Chamber wants to express utmost appreciation to the following organizations and individuals who helped to Light the Poles for the holiday season:

Rewind 106.5 WCFR, Springfield Supported Housing Program, Rundle & Rundle PLLC, Bibens Home Center, Char and Steve Osterlund, Denise E. Photography, Mike and Judi Martin, The Hartness House Inn, the Garfields, Jeanice Garfield in honor of all those who work to educate our children,

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Written by Caitlin Christiana.



## HCRS welcomes new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – HCRS welcomes the following new employees, front row from left: Alayna Spear, residential specialist in Brattleboro; Marjorie Trombly, area manager in Hartford; Jill King, residential specialist in Springfield, Catherine Mace-Tracy, residential specialist in Woodstock, and Mary Misavage, school-based clinician in Hartford. Back row from left: Casey Potter, office generalist in Hartford, Taylor Liimatainen, residential specialist in Brattleboro; Joshua Rich, DSP-Community in Windsor; and Manuel Soares III, behavioral interventionist in Hartford. These new hires will support the nonprofit agency's comprehensive mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability programs, which serve more than 4,000 individuals annually across Windsor and Windham counties.

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## New board members for Parks Place Community Center

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Last month, Parks Place held its annual meeting and board retreat. The organization's governing board welcomed two new members – Richard Doyle, who has a long history of serving on the Parks Place board dating back to 1996, as well as Louis Tomberg,

a Bellows Falls resident who worked for Cota & Cota for 32 years until his retirement in 2016.

In addition, the board reelected members James O'Malley, a board member since 2013; Katie Dearborn, a board member since 2015; and Cheryl Gay-Sherwin, a board member since 2017, to

additional two-year terms.

The 12-person Board of Directors is tasked with supporting the mission of Parks Place and its executive director. Parks Place, based out of Bellows Falls and founded in 1995, will celebrate its 25th anniversary this summer.

For more information, call 802-463-9927.

## The Collaborative, Flood Brook School present "Screenagers: The Next Chapter"

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Join the Collaborative and Flood Brook School Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 6-8 p.m., at Flood Brook School for a screening of "Screenagers: The Next Chapter." All members of the community are welcome and admission is free. Directly fol-

lowing the screening, attendees will have the chance to discuss their thoughts in small group discussions. Erica Marthage, the Bennington County Vermont State's Attorney, will be moderating the event.

"Screenagers: The Next Chapter" examines the science behind youth's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and most importantly, what can be done in our schools and homes to help young people build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age.

Save the date for Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 6-8 p.m., in Flood Brook School's gymnasium. Food and refreshments will be provided. Free childcare is available for the duration of the event. Please contact Lucy at [vista.collaborative@gmail.com](mailto:vista.collaborative@gmail.com) to register your child.

Natalie Philpot, [natalie@thecollaborative.us](mailto:natalie@thecollaborative.us), or Victoria Silsby, [victoria@thecollaborative.us](mailto:victoria@thecollaborative.us), are available to answer questions. You can also call the Collaborative at 802-824-4200.

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# Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty raffle winners

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the 33 businesses that participated in the second Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program. Special thanks also to our program sponsors All Service Office Machines, Bibens Home Center, and Rewind 106.5 WCFR for helping us to make the whole thing possible.

The concept was to distribute stamp cards so that shoppers could receive stamps in exchange for dollars spent at any of the participating businesses. Each time a shopper filled a card, they had the opportunity to enter it in any of the 33 raffles being offered by the merchants.

This year, we were amazed to distribute nearly 10,000 blank stamp cards to the participating businesses. Each merchant collected completed stamp cards for their raffles, and, in the end, we tallied up all the completed cards valued at more than \$263,500, which is an additional \$19,400 over last year! We couldn't be more thrilled about how great things went this year, and we certainly hope the program gave our wonderful businesses a bit of a boost.

We received lots of positive feedback from the participating businesses as well as the folks doing the shopping – it was fun to see everyone getting excited and the program was a truly fantastic way to generate comradery and community



Basket of local goodies for Jake's South Street Market.

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pride. We were so happy to bring this fun program to the Springfield area, and we were blown away by the enthusiasm of local shoppers. Thank you to everyone who got involved and assisted us in the collective endeavor to keep dollars local this past holiday season.

Some of the participating businesses even provided extra prizes this year, for a total of 39 lucky raffle winners.

Congratulations to all the winners: Jeffrey Hoisington, Bibens Home Center; Robin Punt, Black River Kwik Stop; Anonymous, Black Rock Steakhouse; Marta Reichenbecher, Boccaccio's; Steve Neily, The Cactus Patch; Kelly Stettner, Clever Cow Designs; Tami Millard, The Copper Fox; Dave and Linda Long, Crown Point

Country Club; Rachel, Dark Mountain Games; Anonymous, Dreamz in Motion; Suzanne Jansen, The EdgarMay; Pat Ankuda, Flying Crow Coffee Co.; Sharon Snide, FOSTERING Wellness Springfield; Jennifer Genung, Gallery at the VAULT; Allison Gee, The Hartness House; Loreen Billings, H.B. Energy Solutions; Debbie Osgood, The Inn at Weathersfield; Bill Ward, Jake's South Street Market; Amy Hill and Marielle Stoeltzing, Joe's Discount Beverage; Justin Moulton, Route 106N Market & Deli; Lorie Small, Shannon's Upscale Resale; April Hensel, Tracy Moyna, JoAnn Stanton, Springfield Animal Hospital; Brooke LaPlante, The Springfield Barber; Joanne Kraft, Springfield Farmers' Market; Claire Trask, Springfield Food Co-op; Kathy Hallock, Reuben Allen, Ruby Pinders, and Kassandra Hoisington, Tina's Hallmark; Jay Clapperton, Trout River Brewery; Angela Derosia, U.S. Cellular; Anonymous, Verizon – Amcomm Wireless in Claremont; Karen Engdahl, Vianor; Christine Secord, Von Bargen's Jewelry; Heather Toth, Willow Farm Pet Services; and Noel Farrar, Woodbury Florist.

Written by Caitlin Christiana.

# Springfield Habitat for Humanity latest property –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Habitat for Humanity affiliate has closed on our latest property at 422 Lacross Rd. in Springfield, Vt. This is the 10th house by Greater Springfield, Vt. Area Habitat for Humanity. It was completed Nov. 30, 2019 and closed with a new partner family Dec. 30, 2019.



The new Habitat for Humanity house in Springfield.

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The project was a rehab that was completed with the help of Habitat volunteers and many donations of time, talent, equipment, building materials, and several financial donations from businesses and organizations in the surrounding area.

The partner family contributed over 500 hours of sweat equity and completed the homebuyers' workshop as part of their agreement to purchase the home with a no-interest mortgage held by Greater Springfield, Vt. Area Habitat for Humanity.

Located on 1.6 acres at 422 Lacross Rd. in Springfield, this two-bedroom ranch has an eat-in kitchen, large living room, bath and a half, a three-season enclosed porch, an attached heated breeze-

way, and an attached two-car garage. There is also a free-standing tool shed.

This Springfield Habitat Affiliate is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with an all-volunteer Board of Directors. We welcome you to call 802-885-5318 or email c21dyesman@vermontel.net for information on how you can get involved in committees, projects, food sales, volunteering, and fundraising.

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photos and maps, highlighting Vermont's unique characters, hometown heroes, and special aspects of the Green Mountain State. The cover, featuring classic Vermont foliage, was chosen with the help of his daughter and a vote from Facebook subscribers.

The author certainly did his homework by first collecting stories from friends and acquaintances throughout Saxtons River and Windham County before stretching his research and search for additional anecdotes throughout the state. Additionally, most of the stories told in the book also include links to various YouTube videos to provide additional insight and creating a unique, multimedia experience. The stories and interviews featured in "Vermont... Who Knew?" are far-ranging in topic and cover the entire state.

"The 125 or so profiles, essays and anecdotes encompass a selection of the most unique people, places, and events – both past and present – the Green Mountain State has to offer. Roughly 70% of the book's entries are followed by references to one or more short YouTube videos, providing additional sight-and-sound coverage based on the topics that inspired them. No URLs are necessary, as videos are easily accessed with a single click after the forward citation title is typed into the YouTube search box."

Another feature of the book, for families with time constraints, a single back-of-the-book appendix serves as a two-dimensional global positioning system. Locations for many of the book's entries are on – or close to – four well-traveled Vermont roads: two east-west and two north-south roads. Based on preference, this offers an opportunity to easily organize a range of one-to-10-day itineraries.

Moving forward, Wilson's next book will be of the children's variety, a story based on a mile-plus walk to school with his California granddaughter a few years ago. "She was a first-grader and so eager to show me her friends and activities along the way – in considerable detail – that she was late for school," Wilson explained.

"This was a first, and she was too embarrassed to accept responsibility, so I took the fall. I'm also working on travel ar-

ticles based on trips to various countries."

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**REGION** – Funding is now available from the Vermont Women's Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation for programs that support viable career pathways and career prospects for Vermont women and girls.

The Vermont Women's Fund was established in 1994 as an enduring resource to support women and girls in the state. A council of women from around Vermont advises the fund and participates in its grant-making and leadership

work, including the work of its partnership with the Vermont Commission on Women and Vermont Works for Women – Change The Story – an initiative seeking to fast-track women's economic security in Vermont.

To achieve a deep and strategic impact, the Vermont Women's Fund will continue to focus its grant-making on an area highlighted by the research of Change The Story: women and girls on the pathway to viable careers. There are significant

funding gaps in this area, and the Women's Fund believes it is uniquely positioned to make a difference.

The 2020 competitive grant program will award grants of up to \$10,000 to support programs seeking funding to pilot

a model, demonstrate effectiveness, or expand program delivery. Nonprofits may apply online; applications will be accepted through Feb. 21, 2020 at 5 p.m. Visit [www.vermontcf.org/VWFGGrantmaking](http://www.vermontcf.org/VWFGGrantmaking) to learn more.

## Two trade agreements offer optimism, but uncertainty remains

**REGION** – On Dec. 13, 2019, the United States and China announced a "phase one" trade agreement just before new tariffs were scheduled to go into effect. Six days later, the House of Representatives passed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement in an overwhelming bipartisan vote, virtually assuring enactment of the long-awaited replacement to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Both of these deals were expected to be enacted in early 2020, though details of the China pact remained unclear as of late December. The two agreements are important steps toward resolving conflicts with our three largest trading partners that had cast a pall over a generally strong U.S. economy.

While the USMCA had been on the table for more than a year, the China agreement is a wild card and more critical to addressing economic damage to U.S. manufacturing and agriculture. Leaders in both industries were cautiously optimistic, pending further details and proof that China would carry out its end of the deal.

U.S. and global stocks soared to record highs Dec. 12 when President Trump tweeted that a deal was "very close," but the reaction was mixed when the agreement was officially announced the following day. After an early surge, U.S. stocks lost their gains and closed flat for the day as investors reacted to the lack of details and limited scope of the deal. The U.S. market closed at another record high Dec. 16, suggesting a more optimistic view for long-term economic growth.

### **Skinny China deal**

The so-called "skinny" trade pact with China marks a truce in the U.S.-China trade war and could be a stepping-stone to a broader agreement. Here are the key provisions.

The United States dropped plans to impose new tariffs on \$156 billion of Chinese goods, including smartphones, consumer electronics, and toys, that were scheduled to go into effect Dec. 15. It's estimated that these tariffs would have cost U.S. households an average of \$150 annually on top of the \$400 annual costs of previous tariffs, so the pullback is good

news for consumers. The United States also agreed to cut tariffs on \$120 billion of Chinese goods from 15 to 7.5%. However, 25% tariffs on \$250 billion of Chinese goods will remain in effect, providing leverage for future negotiations.

In return for the tariff relief, China has agreed to purchase an additional \$200 billion in U.S. goods and services over the next two years, with pre-tariff 2017 levels as a baseline. This would include an additional \$32 billion in agricultural goods over the two-year period, bringing total Chinese agricultural purchases to \$40 billion annually, with China working to raise it to \$50 billion. After a difficult year of weather- and tariff-related losses, U.S. farmers welcomed the potential market expansion. Still, there are concerns about how China might reach these levels, which are significantly higher than peak agricultural imports before the tariffs.

Although no details were released, the deal also addresses intellectual property rights, forced technology transfer, financial services barriers, and

unfair currency practices.

### **North American market**

The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement regulates more than \$1.2 trillion in annual trade among the three countries. The USMCA maintains the NAFTA framework of an open North American market, while adding additional controls aimed primarily at the auto industry, the Mexican labor market, and the Canadian dairy industry.

To avoid tariffs under the USMCA, a car or truck must have 75% of its components manufactured in the United States, Canada, or Mexico, up from 62.5% under current rules. At least 30% of labor on a vehicle must be performed by workers earning a minimum of \$16 per hour, about three times what Mexican workers currently earn, increasing to 40% for cars by 2023. While these rules should help U.S. workers, they may also lead to higher auto prices and drive manufacturing of some small cars to Asia.

Mexico will be required to make it easier for workers to form unions, which in theory should drive wages upward and make it less profitable for U.S.

companies to move operations south of the border. Mexican trucks that cross the border will have to meet more stringent safety regulations. Stronger enforcement procedures on these promises were key to gaining support from U.S. labor unions, which generally have not supported free-trade agreements.

Although much of Canada's protective dairy regulations remain in place, U.S. farmers will be able to sell more dairy products in Canada along with additional sales of U.S. eggs and poultry. For its part, Canada was able to retain a dispute process that has allowed it to successfully contest U.S. lumber restrictions.

The USMCA also includes stronger and more modern protections for intellectual property and data, environmental measures such as protecting marine wildlife from pollution and overfishing, and enhanced provisions against currency manipulation.

An analysis of an earlier version of the USMCA by the U.S. International Trade Commission projected that it would raise U.S. gross domestic prod-

uct by a modest 0.35% and create 176,000 U.S. jobs over a six-year period, including 28,000 jobs in the auto industry. The Trump administration projects 76,000 new auto industry jobs.

### **Looking ahead**

These agreements could reduce some of the uncertainty surrounding trade and provide new business opportunities that may help stimulate the U.S. economy. As with any agreement, however, their impact depends on compliance by all parties. The China deal is tenuous, and it remains to be seen whether China will fully comply with the phase-one agreement – perhaps even more important – whether there will be a phase two that leads to a broader resolution of conflicts between the world's two largest economies.

All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there is no guarantee that any investment strategy will be successful.

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



# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## My neighborhood

Below are a few of my memories of growing up on High Street in Chester in the 1950s.

At the intersection of High and Grafton streets is where Joe and Jackie Krupsky lived. Harry Milkman lived here later. Joe worked in one of the shops in Springfield. Jackie was an attractive and petite woman. My mother and Jackie were friends so I saw a lot of her growing up.

I remember collecting old cow plops – meadow muffins – in Robert Parker Sr.'s pasture for Jackie. Every year, Jackie made what she called "barnyard tea" for her houseplants. The cow plops had to be bone dry. Jackie would put the plops in a kettle of water and simmer them for 30 minutes or more. This tea made a great fertilizer for houseplants.

The next place was Bill and Alice Bliss. They ran a small farm. When I was young, Alice did babysit me some. Going out in the barn and seeing the cows and pigs was fun for me. Bill, on the other hand, was a little rough around the edges to put it mildly.

One day, when I was 5, I went out to the barn to see the animals. Bill asked, "Do you want some warm cow's milk?" That didn't sound very appealing so I said, "No." Bill asked a couple more times with the same answer. Finally, Bill reached up to a timber where he had hidden a pint of whiskey. He took a swig and handed it to me. "You take a good swig, boy." Boy did that burn.

Alice was a very kind and generous woman but was a bit of a gossip. My mother told me over and over, "Never tell Alice anything." We probably had skeletons in our closet.

One summer day, my mother sent me to Al's IGA to get something she needed. I was riding my bike with a small paper bag of groceries. Where Southern Pie is now, there was a laundromat. Alice was sitting on the steps in front of the laundromat as I rode by.

"Whatcha' got in the bag, Ronnie Patch?" Bang! Flashback to my mother, "Never tell Alice anything." So, I said to Alice, "None of your d\*\*\* business, Al-

ice Bliss," and rode on. I was 8 or 9 at the time.

Fast-forward 50-plus years to August 2007. We had a reception at the historical society that evening. Over 120 people attended. We offered an assortment of wine and cheese and new displays.

I was upstairs talking to a couple people when I saw Alice coming up the stairs. She was in her 90s at the time. I went out to her and said, "Alice, you shouldn't have come up here." She replied, "I had to come see what Ronnie Patch was up to."

Alice and I walked into the room where I had been talking. Soon, she was recounting the day I was on my bike. She told those present how she had asked what I had in the bag and my reply. She enjoyed telling that story. Alice was a good sport.

The next place up the hill was John and Florence Pierce. John worked heavy construction and Florence had a taxi. My mother and Florence were good friends. My mother called Florence "Big Floss." We went on several taxi trips with Florence. I will never forget the day I met Louis Marshall.

Between the Ulbrich/Stacey place and Winston Cook's was a small cabin where Andy Ahola lived. We pronounced his name "Aho." His dog, Tilly Lilly, was a constant companion. Tilly would wait outside a store while Andy got what he needed.

One day, I crossed the swinging bridge on School Street and



Alice Bliss.

PHOTO PROVIDED

was walking up the hill to High Street. It was here that I found Andy's leather wallet stuffed with cash. I raced home to tell my mother. Along the way, I was thinking I was rich.

My mother made it clear that I couldn't keep it and I had to return it to Andy. My mother called Florence and told her. Soon Florence drove in our yard with Andy. They came in the house and I handed Andy his wallet. He never said thank you or offered any reward.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. upstairs of Chester Town Hall. The monthly slideshow will include photos of the damage done by the 1915 Chester Town Hall fire. Other photos are from Ted Spaulding. All are welcome.

*This week's old saying. "A poor man keeps a dog. A very poor man keeps two."*

## Castleton Center for Schools spring course offerings

CASTLETON, Vt. – Castleton Center for Schools will offer more than 75 courses during the spring semester to meet the professional development needs of K-12 educators and administrators.

The spring course list includes a variety of delivery formats to accommodate educators' schedules, including online options, onsite classes held throughout Vermont, and hybrid models that combine in-person and online learning. Spring course site locations include Rock Point Center in Burlington, Salisbury Community School, Thatcher Brook Library in Waterbury, Middlebury Middle School, Rutland High School, and Castleton University to name a few, as well as locations in

Bennington, Bellows Falls, and Newport. Course topics range from career development, classroom management, leadership, outdoor education, social media, work-based learning, and more.

"Our Center for Schools team also builds customized courses for districts and individuals. If educators need coursework not listed on our spring schedule, I encourage them to contact us," said Tara Lidstone, assistant director for the Castleton Center for Schools. "With the expertise and support of Castleton Director of Education Dr. Ric Reardon, we can tailor professional development offerings to meet their specific needs."

Established by Castleton University in 2002, the Castle-

ton Center for Schools is committed to advancing education for all public and private school educators and administrators throughout Vermont and beyond. The Castleton Center for Schools' primary goal is to provide educators with the skills and coursework needed to support them in their work.

Registration is currently open for Castleton Center for Schools spring courses, with varying start dates from January through May. To view a list of spring offerings or to register online, visit [www.castleton.edu/continuing-ed](http://www.castleton.edu/continuing-ed). To contact the Castleton Center for Schools about customized course work, please contact Tara Lidstone at [tara.lidstone@castleton.edu](mailto:tara.lidstone@castleton.edu).

## New England Youth Theatre registering young actors for Frozen Jr.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – New England Youth Theatre is now registering young actors ages 11-15 for their spring musical, Disney's "Frozen Jr." The adventure begins Monday, March 9 and goes until closing night, Saturday, May 9.

Celebrate your extraordinary and wonderful unique self with Elsa, Anna, and the enchanted land of Arendelle. Every memorable song from the animated film, plus five new songs written especially for the Broadway show can be heard in Disney's most epic princess adventure. Turning the traditional Disney fairytale on its head, with flawed

characters, a sun-loving snowman sidekick, and kick-butt girl power, this musical embraces the power of the princess.

Register online at [www.neyt.org](http://www.neyt.org), email [neytoperations@gmail.com](mailto:neytoperations@gmail.com), or call 802-246-6398. Financial aid is available.

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## TAKE A BREAK

Dear Editor,

Jan. 9, 2020 is designated as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Law enforcement officers have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for the citizens in their communities. They have a dedication to service that we should honor and respect, and this is a day that we can show that and thank them in several ways.

We can send a note of thanks to our local or state departments, we can wear blue, wear thin blue line wristbands, or shine a blue light in support.

Dear Editor,

The 2020 Legislative Session started Jan. 7, 2020 and was in full swing on the first day. All members had been sworn in last year and continued with their same committee assignments. There were a few exceptions, including Kristi Morris of Springfield who was selected by Gov. Scott to fill the seat of Robert Forguites, the former Springfield representative who passed away in 2019. Representative Morris has been assigned to the Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

In the Senate Chamber, inspirational words prior to our commencing work were offered by brothers Jesse and Joseph Bruchac, speakers of the Abenaki language with a translation provided. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All members were present, as were many others in different roles: demonstrators, the press, new staff, visitors from around the state, lobbyists – and as a result, there was a shortage of places to park.

New bills were introduced, words were offered on various topics including safety, phones, demonstrations, and bills on which work will continue from last May when we adjourned. In my morning committee, Judiciary, we took up bail reform, restorative justice, and issues at the various correctional centers, including the need for of-

We can thank an officer when we see one. And we can share with others an experience where an officer helped us – I can share one now.

I broke my wrist in August chasing my dog, and I was alone at our store before opening hours. My husband was 30 minutes away. He left a voice-mail for a Springfield police officer – unaware that he was not on duty at the time. This officer arrived in 10 minutes to aid me, brought me to the emergency room, and then went back to our store to help my husband

so he could get to the hospital to be with me. This shows the caliber of our officers on and off duty. I will always be thankful for his help that day, and we will always support our police officers, firemen, and EMTs. Please take a moment to show your thanks, and pray for their safety every day.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Brandmeyer  
Route 106 North Market & Deli  
N. Springfield, Vt.

listened to them respectfully for more than five minutes. The governor requested that they stop and let his address be heard, as did the lieutenant governor, but to no avail. The police finally had to intervene to remove the group, most of whom cooperated while others did not.

Gov. Scott continued, calling for unity and collaborative leadership to make a difference in the lives of Vermonters across the state. He highlighted several proposals to grow the state's labor force, including relocation incentives, education and training investments, streamlined licensing procedures, and targeted tax relief.

The governor invited and acknowledged in his address the Ludlow volunteer firefighters who spent their Thanksgiving Day cooking dinner for a family with three children whose stove had been destroyed by a fire that morning. It was a privilege to see four of them who could attend seated with the Supreme Court Justices, statewide elected officials, and other honored guests.

Feel free to contact me at the Statehouse at 1-800-322-5616, on weekends at 802-228-8432, or anitka@leg.state.vt.us.

Sincerely,  
Sen. Alice Nitka  
Windsor County

### Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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Dear Editor,

We at the Vermont Veterans' Home want to thank our fellow citizens from Bennington and all of Vermont for their steadfast support of our veterans and our home during the past year and your incredible kindness during the holiday season!

In front of the Veterans' Home is a banner exclaiming, "Where Heroes Live." This banner speaks the truth, not hyperbole. Veterans live here from all branches of service and major conflicts back to World War II. From WWII alone, we have an Iwo Jima Marine, a soldier who liberated concentration camps in Germany, and a member of Patton's 3rd Army!

The number of people, families, groups, and organizations who visited in November and

December to donate, entertain, or simply celebrate with our veterans was astonishing. Once again, our residents participated in a sponsored gift program where they receive a Christmas gift and selected gifts to send to their families. Handwritten cards arrived by the box-load and adorn the doors and rooms of our veterans. Christmas parties were sponsored, and musicians arrived to provide holiday cheer to both residents and staff. Some just came to volunteer and share a story.

Wreaths Across America had almost 400 in attendance to "Remember, Honor, and Teach" about those who have gone before us. Participants at the event ranged in age from 6 to 96; some traveled from as far as St. Albans.

At the Vermont Veterans' Home, we have an amazing staff. We are, of course, a 24-hour facility, seven days a week, to include the most valued of holidays. If you visited us, you assuredly observed an upbeat, motivated, and caring staff; the emphasis here is on caring. Because of them, the Veterans' Home truly feels like a community. To our staff at the home, we appreciate all you do!

We begin a new year with a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps fulfill the promise to our veterans.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Jackson, CEO, and Col. Al Faxon, COO  
Vermont Veterans' Home  
Bennington, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Vermont Legislature has begun its 2020 session at a break-neck pace. Within the first four days, we're back at work in our committees, we've had our first major demonstration, we've listened to the governor's State of the State speech, we've had several of our Statehouse colleagues announce their intentions to run for different offices, and we've welcomed two new legislators.

It is wonderful to get back to work at the statehouse. The energy around the building is positive and productive, and it seems we are all ready to dig into the hard work of addressing the needs of Vermont. One of the pleasures of being a legislator in Vermont is serving in a functional legislature where we can work together. Over 90% of our votes are by consensus, and people respect the work of the committee of jurisdiction. We may disagree on how to solve some of the thorny challenges we face, but every one of your legislators is there because they care deeply about Vermont and are committed to improving life in our state.

During the off session, in addition to helping move my 94-year-old mother to Vermont, I was engaged in two major areas of our legislative

work – workforce development and housing. As vice-chair of Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, I have been very involved in workforce development and housing issues. As a result, I was invited to go to two conferences – one to Utah to work on reciprocal licensing and one to Germany to learn about their famous apprenticeship system. The costs of my attending both conferences were almost completely covered by the non-partisan Council of State Governments. From these stimulating meetings, I come into this session with hopes to expand our formal apprenticeship programs, engage more career and technical education students in dual enrollment, create incentives to reduce student debt, reduce barriers to licensing for our veterans, alumni of corrections and new Americans, and work with other states to expand uniform licensing.

In addition, our SED committee undertook a housing tour of Vermont. Our objective was to more fully understand the housing needs across the state. We held public meetings with key housing stakeholders in Bellows Falls, Rutland, South Burlington, St. Albans, and White River Junction.

Housing is a critical piece of economic development – as without housing we cannot attract new employees. And, without affordable housing, employees use up valuable time commuting ever-longer distances at a cost to the environment and to themselves. In every corner of Vermont, it is clear that we need a lot more housing that people can afford at a variety of incomes. We also need housing for people to downsize into, and we need to renovate and weatherize our older housing stock. In addition, there is a need for more service-supported housing for people with special needs – from the disabled to those recovering from addictions.

Because the cost of building is so high, financing housing has become incredibly complex, requiring many partners to leverage significant investment. The state can help in meaningful ways. Three years ago, we authorized a Housing Revenue Bond. The Vermont Housing Finance Agency issued the bonds and raised \$37 million in proceeds, which have been used to create almost 1,000 new homes. In 2020, we hope to continue our work creatively incentivizing the building of more housing.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us, by phone at the Statehouse Tuesday-Friday at 802-828-2228, or at home Saturday-Monday at 802-457-4627.

Sincerely,  
Sen. Alison Clarkson  
Windsor County

# TAKE A BREAK!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 12 Pouch
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- 8 One of the Three Bears
- 12 Admitting customers
- 13 Time of your life?
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- 15 Draped dress
- 16 Sailor
- 17 Western state
- 18 Deceptive
- 20 Melody
- 22 Lengthwise, to 16-Across
- 26 In spades
- 29 Actress Farrow
- 30 Mai – (cocktail)
- 31 Exceptional
- 32 Corral
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- 35 One of the Brady Bunch
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- 28 Annoyingly proper
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- 33 Numbers to be crunched
- 35 Cookie container
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# obituaries

## Elsie M. Fuller, 1926-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Elsie Mable Hart Fuller, 93, of Springfield, Vt., died Friday, Dec. 20, 2019. She passed away peacefully from cancer at the Springfield Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. She was born June 27, 1926 in Weston, Vt. She was the last surviving daughter of Henry W. Hart and Rosetta (Chadburn) Hart.

On Feb. 17, 1945, she married Earl Harold Fuller of Weston, Vt. Earl was in the Army, one of the first men hit by Japanese bullets in World War II, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He predeceased her Dec. 9, 1973.

She enjoyed snowmobiling, crocheting, and cooking, but most especially visiting with her sisters Anna and Helen and reminiscing of their earlier day growing up.

She was predeceased by her parents, her sisters Anna Hart and Helen Merrow, and her brothers Harry Hart and Charles Hart all of Weston, Vt.

She is survived by her two daughters Charlotte R. Austin of Baltimore, Vt. and Jane C. Stevens of North Springfield, Vt. She is survived by five grandchildren Vanessa Sipe and husband Keith, Bruce and Valerie Holden all of Springfield, Vt., Kevan Austin and wife Tracy and Kyle Austin, all of Baltimore, Vt., and Vern Stevens and wife Candy of Cape Coral, Fla., and also by nine great-grandchildren Kenneth Goodell,



Elsie M. Fuller, 1926-2019.  
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Jazmyn Sipe, Darian Holden, Hunter Briggs, Talynn Briggs, Paige Austin, and Payton Austin, Devan John Stevens of Cape Coral, Fla., and Zachary Alan Stevens who is in the Air Force. Also survived by four great-grandchildren Kyeera Goodell, Raelynn Moore, Kenzi Goodell, Olivia Grover, and another one on the way in March 2020. She was also blessed to see two five generations. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She leaves behind her two precious cats, Tony and Blue, who were given to her by her grandson Vern many years ago as a birthday present and are now being taken care of by her grandson Kyle.

At her request, there will be no calling hours. Burial will take place in the spring at the convenience of the family.

## Sheila B. Kawesch, 1933-2019

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Sheila B. Kawesch, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 27, 1933 to Jack and Sara Spear, she was married to Louis Aaron Kawesch, from March 21, 1954 until his death Feb. 18, 1983. She is survived by her children Francine and Michael, their spouses Willie Kennedy and Yuko Iwadate Kawesch, and grandchildren Jenny Gold Kawesch-Kennedy and Hannah and Louis Kawesch.

At one time a cartoonist and always a gifted painter and muralist, Sheila was an exceptional and dedicated cook and served

as head chef at two culinary establishments that she owned and operated following her husband's death. She catered many important events and was well known on Vermont movie sets, where her offerings earned high praise from stars and crew alike. She was an avid bridge player, crossword puzzle aficionado, and word-game enthusiast, and a huge fan of the Boston Red Sox.

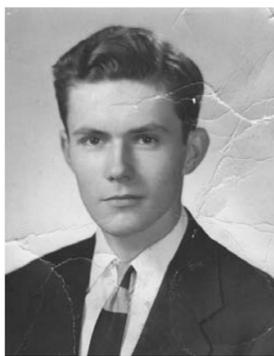
Sheila will be missed dearly. Her family shall be hosting a celebration in commemoration of her life Sunday, Jan. 25, from 3-7 p.m., at 287 Main Street in Proctorsville, Vt. We encourage all who knew Sheila to stop by and celebrate with us.

## Vincent G. Wallen Sr., 1936-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Vincent G. Wallen Sr., 83, passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at his home in Springfield. He was born Nov. 16, 1936 in Brighton, Mass., the son of Vincent J. and Violet I. (Troughton) Wallen. He graduated from Woburn High School in Woburn, Mass., Class of 1955. In 1957, he graduated from Coyne Electrical & Technical College in Boston.

He worked as an electrical engineer and electrical designer for many years, working in Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont, working at Jones & Lamson, Raytheon, and with many other companies as a contractor on government projects. After moving to Vermont, he worked for SEVCA and Pathways as an advocate. He also volunteered with organizations to aid battered women.

On June 22, 1985, he married Judith Cram in Woburn, Mass., and they moved to Vermont in the late '80s. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Springfield, Vt. He enjoyed fishing, deep sea fishing, fixing things, collecting things, enjoyed watching wrestling, loved animals, especially his dogs, and enjoyed attending his



Vincent G. Wallen Sr., 1936-2020.  
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church.

He is survived by his wife Judy (Cram) Wallen; five sons Jeffrey Wallen, Glenn Wallen, Dean Wallen, Wayne Wallen, and Vincent Wallen Jr.; stepdaughters Deborah Stewart, Mary Wescom, and Lynn Springer; one sister Joan Kato; and also by 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two nieces.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at the Assembly of God Church in Springfield, Vt. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. in the spring of 2020.

## Rickey W. Bemis Jr., 1987-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Rickey Warren Bemis Jr., 32, of Springfield, Vt., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019. Rickey was born Oct. 5, 1987 in Claremont, N.H. He is the son of Patricia Knight and Rickey Bemis Sr. He also has a stepfather Jason Stearns.

Rickey B. was a great carpenter, roofer, painter, and auto mechanic. He loved music and dancing, the outdoors, hiking, camping, and climbing trees. He always tried to make the best of every situation and always tried to make everyone happy, smile, and laugh. He always made you feel loved and welcomed.

Little Rick was a man who had plenty of life; he could share some with everyone and still be the life of every party. Although he was fighting some medical issues and some life challenges, he tried really hard to stay strong. He will always be remembered for his beautiful smile, his laughter and sense of humor, and most of all his huge, loving heart. There will never be enough words in the world to describe the man Rickey was

and how much he means to everyone he touched. He was always about family, blood or not. He was a fun-loving and caring son, grandson, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. Rickey always loved all and will forever and always be loved by all.

Unfortunately, we have all lost an amazing person on Christmas; may he rest in peace and be surrounded by loved ones whenever he may be until we meet again. There will only be one of you, Rickey, and you will always be loved and missed.

Rickey is survived by his mother Patricia Knight; stepfather Jason Stearns; two children Hailie Rose and Rickey III; his fiancée Ayla Hodge; his five sisters Desiray, Chelsea, Amanda, Kate, and Sabrina; brother Jeremy; brother-in-law RJ Edwards; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and many other he considered family; and also by 10 nieces and nephews Brandon, Brianna, Chloe, Cassidy, Aria, Laila, Ethan, Tameka, Indica, Lyric, and one on the way. He was predeceased by his father Rickey Sr. and his nephew Isaac.

## Doris P. Dustin, 1924-2020

WALPOLE, N.H. – Doris P. Dustin, 95, of Applewood Lane, passed away at her home Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. Doris was born in Vernon, Vt., Aug. 29, 1924, the daughter of Perley Lynde and Ruby Phelps and was a graduate of Chester High School. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and wrote in her journal every day.

Surviving are her children Ronald Clark, Pearl Bonnet, Patricia Clark, Marilyn Kimball, and Julie Barry; her sister Vida Eno; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and

great-great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Harold Q. Dustin, her son Robert Dustin, her daughter Gloria Gallagher, and her brother Robert Lynde.

There will be no calling hours. There will be a memorial service Saturday, Jan. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Meals on Wheels at the Bellows Falls Senior Center, 18 Tuttle St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

## Hildagarde B. Jaquith, 1930-2019

CHESTER, Vt. – Hildagarde B. "Hilly" Jaquith, 89, passed away Dec. 9, 2019 at Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center in Springfield. She was born May 4, 1930 in Monroe, N.H., the daughter of Oscar and Electa (Griffin) Bedor. She was a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy in 1948. Her husband of 38 years, Norman "Jake" Jaquith, died in 1987.

Hilly, along with her husband, owned and operated Jake's Esso on Clinton Street in Springfield and later Jake's American U-Haul in Chester. She was a life member of the Eastern Star and for many years was the organizer of bingo, which began with the Masons and continued with the Springfield Fire Department. Hilly loved music, playing both piano and organ, and was a longtime organist at the Jamaica Church.

She is survived by her three daughters Andrea Wilson and

her husband Dan of Chester, Vt., Suzanne Jaquith and her husband Stephen Burns of Carleton, Kan., and Joan Benton and her fiancé David Lake of Quechee, Vt.; a sister Penny Barlow of Florida; three grandchildren Christine Edwards and her husband Larry, Kimberly Rawson and her husband Wayne, and Matthew Wilson and his wife Amber; four great-grandchildren Taylor Wilson, Madison Wilson, Chase Rawson, and Kyleigh Moses; one great-great-grandson Brayden; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister Matilda Yount, and brother Leslie Bedor.

Private graveside services will be held in Glebe View Cemetery in South Londonderry, Vt. at the convenience of the family. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Louise Robinson, 1921-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Louise Robinson, 98, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at the Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt., after a brief illness. She was born June 29, 1921 in Barnard, Vt., the daughter of Clayton and Laura (Dutton) Campbell.

She graduated from Whitcomb High School in Bethel, Vt., and later graduated from bookkeeping and secretarial school. She came to Springfield in the early '40s to work at Fellows Gear Shaper where she met Kenneth J. Robinson, whom she married Feb. 18, 1942. He predeceased her Sept. 10, 1989. Louise also worked for Dufresne-Henry Engineering in North Springfield, Vt. for 23 years, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by two daughters Kendra Underwood and husband Ray of Charlton City, Mass. and Cathryn Honeywell and husband Bryce of Springfield, Vt.; three grandchildren Kim Reed of Manchester, Conn., Bud Reed and wife La-

nette of White Rock, N.M., and Sara Honeywell of Somerville, Mass. She is also survived by a great-granddaughter Nakota Reed of White Rock, N.M. and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter Judith Reed in 2018 and her six Campbell brothers and one sister. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt. Louise enjoyed quilting, jigsaw puzzles, and was a wonderful cook. Her thoughtful and caring ways will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Springfield Hospital for the compassionate care of our mom during the last week of her life.

A graveside service will be held at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. in the spring of 2020. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements. Donations can be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156 in her memory.

## Michael L. Bodi, 1955-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Michael L. Bodi, 64, passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma. He was born Aug. 14, 1955 in Vallejo, Calif. to Louis and Margaret (York) Bodi.

He was a licensed master plumber and was a plumbing and heating contractor in the area for many years. Mike served in the U.S. Navy (Seabees) from 1972 to 1975. He was a member of the American Legion Post 67 in Chester, life-

time member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 723 in Chester, and a lifetime member of the NRA.

He is survived by his sister Cindy (Louis) Raimondi of Staten Island, N.Y., brother Louis (Val) Bodi of Middletown, N.J., and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Monica (Nick) Capano Jan. 2, 2003.

An American Legion service was held Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Davis Memorial Chapel.

## Neil H. Corliss, 1940-2020

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Neil H. Corliss, 79, passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at Springfield Hospital. He was born Dec. 13, 1940 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Merriam and Frances (Houghton) Corliss. Neil served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1964 and received his associate's degree from Champlain College in 1967.

Neil worked in construction and manufacturing, most recently for many years at General Electric in Rutland, retiring in 2002. He loved sailboats and the New England Patriots, enjoyed travelling with his wife, and gathering with friends and

family.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Nancy (Guica) Corliss; his children Chris Corliss and his wife Ally of Weathersfield, Vt., Cathi Fitzgerald and her husband Dennis of Burlington, Vt., and Adam Corliss of Mississippi; his stepdaughter Melissa Stevens and her husband Scott of Mount Holly, Vt.; two stepsons Jeremy Colburn of Proctorsville, Vt. and Jason Colburn of Londonderry, Vt.; and grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Fredericka Holden, 1927-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Fredericka "Freddy" Holden, 92, passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 at the Springfield Hospital. She was born Jan. 25, 1927 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the daughter of Frederick and Hazel (Austin) Fair. She graduated from Springfield High School. On June 4, 1949, she married Raymond E. Holden in Springfield, Vt. He predeceased her Nov. 4, 2014.

She worked as a secretary with the Fellows Gear Shaper Co. in Springfield, Vt., for over 30 years. She was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester and active with the Springfield Humane Society. She was very family-oriented, loved to write letters to family and friends, and enjoyed working outside on her property, especially mowing her lawn.

She is survived by her sister Janice Fielder of Springfield, nephew Frederick Fielder

(Alyce) of New York, niece Bonnie Snarski (Jim) of Vermont, nephew Keith Albee of Vermont, niece Karen Trefry (Mike) of New Hampshire, niece Kathi Nacca (Joe) of New York, niece Marlene Gardner (Bruce) of Florida, nephew Donald Holden of Florida, niece Marilyn Beebe of New York, nephew Max Holden (Mickey) of Florida, nephew Larry Holden (Loretta) of Florida, niece Jenevia Holden of New York, and niece Kimberly Cooper of New York.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Luke's Church in Chester with burial in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156 or to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 8, Chester, VT 05143.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Sherry L. McAllister, 1943-2019

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Sherry Lee McAllister, 76, of Front Street, passed away peacefully Dec. 30, 2019 with her daughter Elizabeth by her side. Sherry was born Dec. 26, 1943, the daughter of Roxie Whitney and Red Johnson. Sherry was a stay-at-home mom until her children grew up, and then she went to work at Santa's Land with her husband Burt and girls' Kurn Hattin in Saxtons River. Shortly after, Sherry retired while her husband went to work at Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland.

Sherry is survived by her children Russell, Blaine, Elizabeth, and Arlene McAllister; her sister Lori; her brother Marc McAllister; grandchildren Tasha, Kristlecheri, Heath, Sasha, Danielle, Holly, Zach, Jacinta, Lily, Alexis, Ray Ray, and Elizabeth; her great-grandchildren Diamond Elizabeth, Nelson, Brooke, Autumn, Gracelynn, Parker Wade, Willow Jade, Sawyer Ernest, Damian, Karianna, Harper, Kaidence, Remmy, Carmeron, Landon, Spencer, Tucker, Sophia, and Mya; and



Sherry L. McAllister, 1943-2019.  
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her great-great-grandchildren Carter and Roo Roo; and her nieces Nikkii Borage and Milisa Stacy. She was predeceased by her husband Maynard "Burt" McAllister, her mother Roxie Whitney, and her grandson Jacob Allen McAllister.

There will be a memorial service Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, from 1-3 p.m., at the United Church, 8 School St., Bellows Falls, Vt. A graveside service will be held in the spring, date to be announced.

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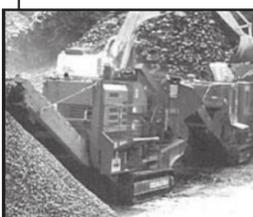
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### Dari Joy Baseball Contest winners

The 2019 Dari Joy Baseball Picking Contest went to extra frames before a winner could be decided. In a year with a large picking pool of over 100 entries, not one contestant picked the Washington Nationals as the World Series champion. Three contestants accumulated 18 points, and it only took one round of the contests' infamous tiebreaker to decide the top three places.

In some ways, this year's event was a family affair. One well-known sportswriter is a big fan of our newspaper. In fact, he has been known to venture miles out of his way on occasion to pick up his weekly copy. Tom Haley lives in Rutland.

Tom Haley has been a sportswriter since the mid-70s. He began in the heart of our reading area with The Eagle Times. He began while he was a teacher at Fall Mountain Regional High School. By 1981, he was a full-time sportswriter. In the mid-80s, he shifted to The Rutland Herald. And the rest is history.

As I've said, Haley has always been a fan of the paper. A couple of years ago, he decided to take his luck at entering the baseball contest. I should also add, he is a self-admitted fan of the Dari Joy. "They really have good ice cream," he told me.

Both years he entered, Haley finished just out of the money – or should we say ice cream? He talked up his enthusiasm for the contest with his family. They drank the Kool-Aid, and this spring both his wife and his oldest son decided to try their luck. They both had beginner's luck, and Tom has been left by the curb, scratching his head once again, finishing just outside of the top six.

Evan Haley of Bomoseen is the winner of the 2019 Dari Joy Baseball picking contest. His entry tallied those 18 points, as did the submissions of Jeff Miller of Walpole and Tim Clark of Saxtons River. By contest rules, if the points are equal, everything moves to your fifth place picks. Haley picked five of the six cellar dwellers correctly. Miller tabbed three of the bottom six and Clark two. Eighteen points each and the tiebreaker crowned Haley champion, with Miller second and Clark third.

One big reason all three were able to add up to 18 was the fact they all received four points for Houston advancing to the World Series and losing. Haley saw Atlanta as the champion with Miller picking St. Louis and Clark Milwaukee. Do note each of those teams did make baseball's post-season tournament.

Following the three 18-point winners comes Tom's wife, Robin, alone in fourth place with 17 points. She would have won the contest if she had a little less confidence in Houston. Unlike all three contestants above her, she selected Houston to win the championship, which left her with two points instead of the four the others gained by appropriately tabbing them as World Series runner-up.

Fifth and sixth place found two entries with 15 points. Again, it only took the fifth place tiebreaker to decide who was ahead of the other. Kyle O'Brien, part of another family who has seen good days in the sun in years past in this contest, won the tiebreaker over Ian Clark of Weathersfield, who was runner-up last year, champion the year before, and has finished with a prize in five of the nine years the contest has been in existence. O'Brien selected three of the fifth place teams correctly and Clark two.

The 2020 Dari Joy Baseball Contest will be open in mid-March so you still have a couple of months to gear up and enter this year's fun. Wonder who you think will be the next World Series champion?

### Mack Walton saluted

Mack Walton was a very good athlete at Green Mountain Union High School. Although he branched athletically outside of soccer, Walton's name is usually attached to the original brand and spelling of "futbol." There was soccer at both Green Mountain and Clarkson University before Walton arrived, but in many ways it wasn't the same. Walton was not solely responsible for either program gaining victories and respect, but he was in the middle of the revival of each program when it went from existing to noticed. The guess from our vantage point is that is no coincidence.

Green Mountain won their first Vermont State Soccer title this fall and Walton was not a part of that team. He is presently a junior at Clarkson. "It wasn't easy," Walton said of waiting for results of Chieftain games this fall, especially once the team reached the playoffs.

"It became even more exciting when they beat Vergennes," he told me, but not being able to actually attend the games was difficult. When Walton is home in the soccer off-season, it is commonplace to find him at a Green Mountain athletic event. However, during the soccer season, it is impossible to consider attending any games at all.

Before Walton, Green Mountain had not won a soccer Division III playoff game this century. He attended Green Mountain during the 2013 through 2016 soccer seasons at the school. His play spoke for itself. He was noticed for his play and his leadership, and the team won a playoff game reaching the quarterfinals in three of his



Mack Walton beats his opponent to the ball and tries to turn it up field for a scoring opportunity. Walton led his team in scoring and took almost double the number of shots on goal as all his teammates combined this fall.

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four years at the school. He sounded extremely proud of this year's title team when he remarked, "Beating Vergennes allowed them to get past a hurdle our teams could never clear."

It was unfortunate that the former Chieftain star could not see any of the crowning moments of a sensational season for his beloved hometown team. The big victories over Winooski and Mill River were in uncharted waters for the school this century. During that time, Walton was busy taking care of his own business for the 2019 season.

The 5-foot-9 midfielder was leading his Clarkson team to their best record in eons at 11-5-4. He led them in scoring with four goals, three assists, and 11 points. The team advanced to the conference finals before bowing 2-1 to Hobart. Then the honors came in. Most importantly, they showed Walton was the player everyone knew he was, but the honors went beyond the field.

Walton was named an All-American National Scholar in the sport. He was also named to the Liberty League All-League team for the third year in a row, as well as being honored with Division III All-East honors. Walton was the go-to guy for his team as he was credited with 40 shots on goal, compared to the 22 the rest of his team combined for.

The biggest numbers again are about the success of the Clarkson program with the former Chieftain on board. Similar to the streak of Green Mountain not having won a playoff game in this century before Walton was part of the team, Clarkson had only one winning season and that was back at the start of the decade before Walton arrived. They were 8-8-2 his freshman year, upped the count to 10-6-1 his sophomore season, and then this fall made the aforementioned trip to the finals. That has been progress again, with him an important member once again of the cast.

"I chose to go there because I could see the coaches were changing the culture. Both the coaches, Chris Taylor, the head coach, and his assistant, Carter Lincoln, were on the same page. I watched them play and could see how they competed. I had other choices, but I knew this was the best place for me and I never have looked back," Walton told me.

Walton traveled a lot in high school, getting experience on teams and leagues throughout the east during summers of his school years. He recognizes he paid a price and that he grew because of it.

"It seemed crazy to me at times, but I always thought I could play in college. The support I got from people around me helped give me an opportunity, and I ran with it," he remarked.

## Fall Mountain unified basketball now 8-0

LANGDON, N.H. – Fall Mountain unified basketball team goes 8-0 this week, winning hard-fought games over Stevens in Claremont and a nail-bitter at Hinsdale 37-35. The good outside-shooting Hinsdale team jumped ahead right in the first quarter of the game and led by five points in the third quarter.

Coaches Amanda Chamberlain and Smokey Aumand had their hands full. Neither one had to face such a tight game as this. Team scoring by both schools went back and forth right to the very end. Tied up in the remaining three minutes of the fourth quarter, Fall Mountain exploded and went ahead by five. The score was now at 36-31 with a minute and a half to go. Then, out of nowhere,



Fall Mountain Unified Basketball Team.

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Hinsdale got a three-pointer to take the game to 36-34. Now, Fall Mountain took the ball down the court but missed their shot, which was rebounded by Hinsdale. A three-pointer was put up, hit the rim, went around and around, and finally

went off to the side, giving the Fall Mountain Wildcats the hard fought win.

The next game will be in Keene Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Written by Smokey Aumand.

## Vermont High School Bowling standings as of Jan. 4, 2020

REGION – As of Jan. 4, 2020, the following is the standings for Vermont high school bowling:

- 1st Windsor, 24 points
- 2nd Randolph, 22 points
- 3rd South Burlington, 21 points
- 4th Fair Haven, 19 points
- 5th Essex, 19 points
- 6th Brattleboro, 14 points
- 7th White River, 14 points
- 8th Burlington, 13 points
- 9th Hartford, 11 points
- 10th Enosburg, 9 points
- 11th Springfield, 8 points

### The top ten individual averages as of Jan. 4, 2020:

- Howard Stockwell, Randolph, 219.2
- Cean Lieberman, Hartford, 207.2

- Joseph Warner, Randolph, 194.3
- Matt Campbell, South Burlington, 193.8
- Gilbert Rayce, Windsor, 193.3
- Grayson Frazer, Windsor, 184.3
- Carrie Usher, Windsor, 179.5
- Aaron Murakami, South Burlington, 175.5
- Ben Diamondstone, Brattleboro, 174.0
- Julius Dodson, Burlington, 173.2

The top 32 bowlers advance to the Individual Championship to be held Feb. 22, 2020 at Rutland Bowlerama.

### Meet schedule:

Saturday, Jan. 18

- Enosburg, South Burlington,

and Randolph at Dairy Center in Enosburg Center, Vt., 9 a.m.

- Hartford, Essex, Fair Haven, and Brattleboro at Maple Lanes in Claremont, N.H., 12 p.m.

• White River Valley, Burlington, Springfield, and Windsor at Valley Bowl in Randolph, 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 25**  
• Burlington, Enosburg, and Springfield at Sparetime in Colchester, Vt., 8:30 a.m.

• Fair Haven, Windsor, Essex, White River Valley at Twin City in Barre, Vt., 9 a.m.

- Hartford, South Burlington, Randolph, and Brattleboro at Maple Lanes in Claremont, N.H., 9 a.m.

## Winter sports schedule, Jan. 16-25

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!

### THURSDAY, JAN. 16 –

**Boys basketball**  
Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 17 –

**Boys basketball**  
Fall Mountain at Campbell, 6 p.m.  
Mid-Vermont Christian at Black River, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Fair Haven, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Bellows Falls at Mill River, 7 p.m.  
Campbell at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.  
Proctor at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Woodstock, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 18 –

**Boys basketball**  
Bellows Falls at Hartford, 2:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, JAN. 20 –

**Boys basketball**  
Springfield at Mount Anthony, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Black River at Arlington, 7 p.m.  
Mount Saint Joseph at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.  
Twin Valley at Leland and Gray, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 21 –

**Boys basketball**  
Green Mountain at Woodstock, 7 p.m.  
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.  
Windsor at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Springfield at Otter Valley, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 –

**Boys basketball**  
Springfield at Otter Valley, 7 p.m.  
West Rutland at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Black River at Blue Mountain, 7 p.m.  
Newfound at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 23 –

**Boys basketball**  
Leland and Gray at Rivendell, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Fair Haven at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
Leland and Gray at Poultney, 7 p.m.  
West Rutland at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 24 –

**Boys basketball**  
Black River at Poultney, 7 p.m.  
Fall Mountain at Mascenic, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 25 –

**Boys basketball**  
Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 2:30 p.m.  
Black River at Websterville Baptist Christian, 6 p.m.  
Long Trail School at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.  
Twin Valley at Springfield, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

## Girls on the Run VT needs volunteers

REGION – Girls on the Run is an inclusive physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grades to be joyful, healthy, and confident. The 10-week program teaches critical life skills, encourages personal development, and fosters team building and community service. Volunteer coaches utilize a curriculum to engage teams of girls in fun,

interactive lessons.

Girls on the Run Vermont serves girls at 35 sites in Central Vermont and is in need of 100 more coaches to ensure that girls will have an opportunity to participate in this transformative program this season.

Volunteer coaches facilitate lessons to small teams of girls who typically meet after-school twice a week for 90 minutes. The program culminates with all teams participating in a celebratory 5K event. Indi-

viduals must be 18 years old to serve as an assistant coach or 21 years old to serve as a head coach. Junior coaches are also encouraged to apply. Volunteer coaches do not need to be runners but must complete a background check and participate in online and in-person training.

Girls on the Run Vermont's spring coach registration is now open. For more information or to sign up to coach, visit [www.gotrvt.org/coach](http://www.gotrvt.org/coach).

# arts & entertainment

## Memor Workshop with Pam Bernard sessions

WALPOLE, N.H. – Award-winning author Pam Bernard announces the continuation of her popular and ongoing eight-week sessions of writing and reading memoir workshops to begin mid to late January at her home in Walpole, N.H.

Rather than conceived chronologically, memoir is written as “mosaic,” a method that captures small moments of emotional clarity. William Zinsler says, “The past looms over us in a thousand fragments...don’t look over your shoulder to see what relatives are perched there. Say what you want to say, freely and honestly.”

Thus, the nature of a writing workshop is a perfect atmosphere for generating memoir, where many short narratives are generated over a period of time. At some point in the future, we can consider an overall shape but not until we have been free to probe disparate moments “freely and honestly.” Each moment or event brought to the page becomes material to better understand



From left to right: Candace Bergstrom, Stoddard; Prudence Baird, Brattleboro; Wylene Wood, Westminster, and Pam Bernard, Walpole. PHOTO PROVIDED

your past and make of it a story that conveys your deepest humanity.

If you are ready to consider your life worthy of exploration, by finding new meaning in the act of harnessing memory and imagination, this workshop will be invaluable.

Pam Bernard, author of four books, is a poet, painter, editor, and adjunct professor at the New Hampshire Institute of Art and Franklin Pierce University. She received her MFA in creative writing from Warren Wilson College and bachelor’s degree from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Please email pam@pam-bernard.com, visit www.pambernard.com, or call 603-756-4177 for more information including days and times.

## Acclaimed Music Together classes offered in Springfield –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Starting Jan. 23, 2020, Music Together with Miss Alex will open in Springfield with director Alexandra Nikolovski.

Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for children birth through grade two. The Music Together curriculum was coauthored in 1987 by Kenneth K. Guilmartin and Rowan University Professor Emeritus of Music Education Dr. Lili M. Levinowitz, and offers programs for families, schools, at-risk populations, and children with special needs in more than 3,000 communities in over 40 countries. The company is passionately committed

to bringing children and their caregivers closer through shared music-making and helping people discover the joy and educational value of early music experiences.

According to Alexandra Nikolovski, “I am so proud to now offer classes in the Springfield, Vt. area. Music Together’s success in our other locations has been phenomenal, and we wanted to expand to offer families our wonderful program in other communities.”

The next eight-week semester of classes start Jan. 23 at Dreamz in Motion at 363 River St. in Springfield. This is a new program serving Springfield, Weathersfield, Chester, Bellows Falls, Grafton in Vermont, and Charlestown and Claremont in

New Hampshire. To register for classes, please visit [www.music-togetherwithmissalex.com](http://www.music-togetherwithmissalex.com).

“All children can learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and participate with confidence in the music of our culture, provided that their early environment supports such learning. Music Together brings families together by providing a rich musical environment in the classroom and facilitating family participation in spontaneous musical activity at home within the context of daily life. Families get so much out of these classes,” Nikolovski explains.

For more information about Music Together with Miss Alex classes and to register, call 607-237-8380 or visit [www.music-togetherwithmissalex.com](http://www.music-togetherwithmissalex.com).

## Main Street Arts offers life drawing sessions

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is offering a 12-week life drawing studio session, which began Tuesday, Jan. 14 and runs through March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The studio session is for artists at all levels who want to practice their skills drawing from live models. There is no formal instruction, but sharing is encouraged and



Take the life drawing sessions. STOCK PHOTO

session leader David Stern is available for some instruction.

Different materials will be available different evenings for those wishing to experiment, including Conte crayons, paint sticks, pastels, brush and ink. Further information is available by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960, [info@mainstreetarts.org](mailto:info@mainstreetarts.org), or [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org).

## Northshire Bookstore hosts author Margaret Winslow

MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m., Margaret Winslow will be at Northshire Bookstore in

Manchester to discuss “Smart Ass: How a Donkey Challenged Me to Accept His True Nature and Rediscover My Own.”

Margaret Winslow, an overworked college professor in New York City, answered a for sale ad for a “large white saddle donkey.” Hilarity ensued, along with life-threatening injuries, spirit-enriching insight, humiliating races, and the discovery of Caleb the Donkey’s true gifts – a willingness to be true to himself

no matter the circumstances.

Winslow is a field geologist with more than 30 years’ experience in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. The author of two travel memoirs, she lives in Piermont, N.Y. Caleb boards nearby with 50 horses and ponies.

Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester, Vt. For more information, go to [www.northshire.com](http://www.northshire.com).

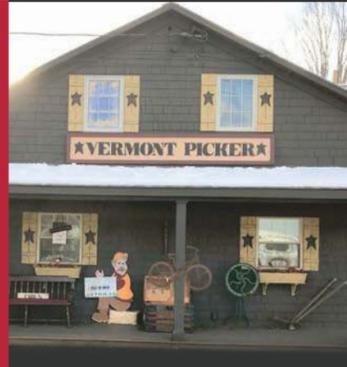
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## Weston Film Club 2020 international series

WESTON, Vt. – Film enthusiasts, the Weston Film Club returns for its tenth season, and we are grateful to the Weston Playhouse for providing access to Walker Farm another year. Our program this year includes films from Japan, Korea, France, and Britain. Tickets for individual films can be paid at the door or in advance for membership punch cards for all five films.

- Here are the films in the series:
- Jan. 17 – “Secrets and Lies” by Mike Leigh, English
  - Jan. 24 – “Shoplifters” by Hirokazu Kore-eda, Japanese
  - Feb. 14 – “Transit” by Chris-

tian Petzold, German

- March 20 – “Parasite or Poetry” by Bong Joon-Ho, Korean
- March 27 – “A Man Escaped” by Robert Bresson, French

We will kickoff the series with an “encore” showing of Mike Leigh’s “Secrets and Lies,” winner of the Golden Palm for Best Picture and Best Actress at Cannes, the Golden Globe for 1997, three BAFTA awards, and nominated for five Oscars. “Secrets and Lies” is the story of Hortense, a young optometrist whose adoptive parents have died. She sets out to find her birth mother and discovers she is alive as are her brother and sister. Roger Ebert wrote,

“Moment by moment, scene after scene, ‘Secrets and Lies’ unfolds with the fascination of eavesdropping. We are waiting to see what these people will do next. Caught up in the fear and the hope they will bring the whole fragile network of their lives crashing down in ruin. When they prevail – when good common sense and good hearts win over secrets and lies – we feel almost as relieved as if it had happened to ourselves.”

For more information or to reserve a seat or card, please email westonvtfilm@gmail.com.

## Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio at Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio show at Stage 33 Live in November got snowed out, but they’re coming back around Sunday, Jan. 19. Their three-part vocals and multi-instrumental chops keep landing them on the folk radio charts, and they’ll be at Stage 33 Live in a special 2 p.m. matinee.

They burst onto 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,” came out last month and was her 12th CD release.

The trio features original songs that span from the streets of New Orleans to the valleys of Appalachia; heart-felt music with stirring three-part vocals and earthy charm. They bring their “traveling music store” of instruments to Stage 33 Live. Local up-and-

comer Emily Lyons will open with Josh Maiocco.

Door opens at 1 p.m. One hundred percent of tickets 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.stage-33live.com](http://www.stage-33live.com). Tickets sold for the snowed-out November show will be honored.



Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio will perform at Stage 33 Live. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Pet Portraits at Community Art Garden

CHESTER, Vt. – Do you love color? Do you have a beloved pet or any animal in mind that you would love to paint? Local artist Mindy Fisher is bringing her brand of pop art back to Community Art Garden Saturday, Jan. 18, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., just in time to bring a burst of color to your mid-winter world.

Raised in New Hampshire, Mindy took as many art classes as she possibly could before heading to Chicago to study set design at Columbia College. She stayed in Chicago and focused on painting, cartooning, and self-taught animation. She also had the opportunity to teach youth cartooning and sewing at Right Brained Studio in Oak Park, Ill. Mindy has led four comic jams in Chester, and this will be her second pet portrait class.



Pet portrait pop art workshop at the Community Art Garden. PHOTO PROVIDED

hanging. Once the design is sketched, artists will be invited to begin adding layers of brightly colored gouache paint. Mindy offers gentle guidance to support everyone’s artistic process from beginners to seasoned painters. This class is best suited for ages 10-plus, but some younger artists may be able to participate as well.

To register for Pet Portraits with Mindy Fisher, visit [www.communityartgarden.com](http://www.communityartgarden.com). Registration is needed and class is limited.

For more information on Mindy or to see more of her work, visit [www.mindyfisher.com](http://www.mindyfisher.com).

Participants will have the chance to first sketch their portrait onto an 8-by-8 ready-to-paint panel, primed with acrylic gesso, with built-in keyhole on the back for easy

Community Art Garden is located at 287 Main Street, next to Six Loose Ladies. For more information, contact Emily at [emily@communityartgarden.com](mailto:emily@communityartgarden.com) or 802-289-3071.

## M.O.D. performs at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project continues its bimonthly Local Music & Food series in the Next Stage Cafe with Molly Steinmark’s trio M.O.D. and dinner from the Top of the Hill Grill Friday, Jan. 17.

M.O.D. plays a mix of funk, soul, jazz, hip hop, and R&B, and features Molly on drums and vocals plus a rotating cast of some of the area’s finest musicians. For this concert and dance party, Darby Wolf on keyboards and bass and Dan

Thomas on guitar round out the power trio that packs a danceable punch with a full band sound.

The cafe will offer pulled pork and coleslaw, Andouille and blue cheese, and portobello and mozzarella sliders

with pickles and chips and a cash bar, starting at 6 p.m. The music starts at 7 p.m.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. For more information, call 802-387-0102 or visit [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

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# outdoor news **AUTOMOTIVE/REAL ESTATE**

## Vermont deer hunters had another good year in 2019 —

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says preliminary numbers show 16,479 deer were taken during Vermont's 2019 deer hunting seasons, the fourth highest total since 2000. Reports from big game

check stations indicate hunters had successful deer seasons in 2019, taking 3,739 deer in archery season, 1,636 in youth sea-

son, 7,467 in rifle season, and 3,637 in muzzleloader season. The 16,479 deer brought home by hunters yielded nearly 3.3 million servings of local, nutritious venison.

"The legal buck harvest of 9,982 was similar to the previous three-year average of 9,833, and it was the third highest buck harvest since 2002," said Nick Fortin, the department's deer project leader.

The primary goal of Vermont's deer management strategy is to keep the deer

herd stable, healthy, and in balance with available habitat. "Maintaining an appropriate number of deer on the landscape ensures deer and the habitats that support them remain in good condition and productive," said Fortin. "A strong buck harvest following the relatively severe winter of 2019 clearly demonstrates the value of keeping the deer population in balance with its habitat."

Each year, the department operates biological

check stations during deer hunting seasons to gather information on the age, sex, field-dressed weight, antler characteristics, and overall health of Vermont's deer herd. In 2019, biological data was collected from more than 1,200 deer examined during the two-day youth season and the November rifle season. Hunters also submitted more than 2,600 teeth from bucks harvested during the rifle season,

which will provide additional important age information. Hunters who submitted a tooth will be able to see the age of their buck in May on Fish and Wildlife's website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

The 2019 White-tailed Deer Harvest Report with



Donald Morgan of Charlotte, Vt. with the 8-point, 192-pound buck he took during Vermont's 2019 November deer season in Addison County. PHOTO PROVIDED BY VERMONT BIG GAME TROPHY CLUB

final numbers will be on Fish and Wildlife's website. Beginning in late March, department biologists will be holding state-wide informational hearings to share biological information and to listen to any information people wish to share.

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<p>Mobile Home Tucked Away Has Updates &amp; New Drilled Well                  3 Bedroom, 1 Bath                  Springfield, \$52,000</p>	<p>Nice Level 3.79+/- Acre Lot Cleared For Views                  Great Privacy, Close To Downtown                  Brattleboro, \$110,000</p>	<p>Sited Nicely On RT 11 4+/- Acre Commercial or Building Lot                  Chester, \$59,900</p>

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 Carol Cole, REALTOR

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**Not your average ranch style home.** This Perkinsville home offers 2-3 bedrooms, open concept living space with large living room, kitchen and dining area. Includes laundry area on the first floor, two bedrooms, office, den, full bath and sliders to the back deck. Basement has a finished room for additional family room or bedroom. Lovely grounds with garden space, yard and shed. **JUST REDUCED AGAIN TO \$115,000**

**A good start.** This classic cape style farmhouse offers a back porch, 2-3 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, living room and a 3/4 bath. Located on a State Road the property has easy access. A bright and sunny location with barn and 4+/- acres offering a great opportunity for extensive gardens, lawn or pasture. **JUST REDUCED TO \$129,900**

**Commercial opportunity on Route 106** in North Springfield offers a highly visible/accessible location. Building offers close to 9000 square feet of office/storage space with ample parking on close to 1 acre of land. Currently used as a medical office with storage. **\$365,000**

**Clean lines, solid structure and spacious floor plan** make this home a best buy. Located in an established neighborhood on a half acre (+/-) lot, this home has many desirable features including 2400+/- square feet of living space with 6 bedrooms, 2 full baths, spacious living room, den, potential in-law suite, classic country kitchen(s) and covered porches. Lots of storage with a full/walk-out basement. Detached 2 car garage with overhead storage. **\$159,900**

ESSEX JUNCTION, Vt. — The annual Yankee Sportsman's Classic show will be held Jan. 17, 18, and 19 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction, and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is inviting you to visit their exhibits and attend their seminars at the show.

"We are looking forward to talking with as many people as possible at the show," said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "It's a great opportunity for us to share the latest information about fish and wildlife, and it gives people a chance to talk with us about fish and wildlife issues. Our wardens, biologists, and other staff will be at our exhibit."

The 2020 hunting, fishing, and trapping lawbooks will be available at Fish and Wildlife's exhibit booth. Hunters, anglers, and trappers will also be able to buy their 2020 licenses.

Fish and Wildlife staff will have presentations Saturday on game cooking at 10 a.m., crossbow hunting at 11 a.m., and the new deer regulation at 12 p.m. Show hours are 12 to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Learn more about the show at [www.yankeeclassic.net](http://www.yankeeclassic.net).



# LEGAL NOTICES

# classifieds

## CAR FOR SALE

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - 2000 VW Jetta, standard. Good for teenager first car. Asking best offer. 802-463-4130. (01/28)

## FIREWOOD FOR SALE

REGION - Mountain and Valley, cut split delivered green firewood. \$185 per cord. Seasoned firewood \$250 per cord. Within 20 miles of Perkinsville, Vt. 802-263-5939. (01/21)

## FOR RENT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Large 3 bedroom apartment with garage. Snow & rubbish removal included. Utilities paid by tenant. No pets. Park Street, Springfield. \$1050/month. 802-296-1307. (01/28)

LUDLOW, VT - 1 bedroom apartments at Gill Terrace Retirement Apts II for the elderly. Federally subsidized rent. Must meet income & eligibility requirements. Accepting applications for immediate occupancy & wait list. Call 1-800-496-9449. Equal Housing Opportunity. (02/18)

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Short term

rental from Feb. 1 to April 30. Nice in town home for mature adult or couple. Skiers welcome. \$1,000/mo all utilities and WiFi included. Reference and record check required. Call 802-376-6996 and leave contact info. (01/21)

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 2 and 3 br apt available. H/HW, rubbish removal incl. W/D hook ups. Rent is 30% of income. Application required. Contact Kathy at 802-463-9863. (01/28)

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - 3 br apartment available. H/HW, rubbish removal incl. W/D hook ups. Rent is 30% of income. Application required. Contact Kathy at

802-463-9863. (01/28)  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - 4 br apartment available. H/HW, rubbish removal incl. Onsite laundry. Rent is 30% of income. Application required. Contact Kathy at 802-463-9863. (01/28)

## FOR SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 16 volumes of Children's Hour hardcover books \$50 obo. Complete set of Vermont Life Magazine, 1946-2002, (224 issues) in hardcover binders \$50 obo.

Complete World Book Encyclopedias, including dictionaries and world atlas. \$50 obo. Call 802-885-3682. (01/28)

## HELP WANTED

LUDLOW, Vt. - Housekeeper Wanted: Timber Inn Motel seeks motivated self-starter. Weekends, holiday mornings, and more. Will train. \$13.50/hr to start. Call Glenn at 802-228-8666 or stop by. (01/21)

Mental Health Clinician and a

Psychometrician - Twin State Psychological Services is seeking a Mental Health Clinician and a Psychometrician to provide psychotherapeutic services and administer psychological and neuropsychological tests. Clinical supervision is available. Send Resume and References to: Twin State Psychological Services, PO Box 2003, Springfield, VT 05156, or email: docroot@vermontel.net. Providing Excellent Services with Compassion

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### 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 February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following application for subdivision:

**Application #:** #8.2/33/19/12/26  
**Applicant/Owner:** David Coleman on behalf of Pentti & Jay Tofferi  
**Location:** Middletown Rd  
**Application for:** A Minor Subdivision of an existing 57± acre parcel

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 13th day of January, 2020.

Jeanette Haight  
Andover Town Clerk

### Volunteer Opportunities in the Town of Rockingham, VT

The Town of Rockingham wants interested Rockingham residents to volunteer for the Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB is a municipal board with five members and up to two alternates. The DRB reviews and approves development within the Town of Rockingham. Anyone interested can contact [planning@rockbf.org](mailto:planning@rockbf.org) for more information. Appointments are made by the Rockingham Selectboard.

### ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

— Weekly SUDOKU —										— King Crossword —										
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## pets of the week



Looking for a cat that is as sweet as their name? We have three amazingly affectionate 9-month-old sisters looking for loving homes. Brownie is black and white, Cookie is calico, and Cinnamon is a tortie. All three are playful and really enjoy people. They do not have to be adopted together, but they could be. To learn more about these sweethearts and the many other kitties they live with, stop by Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4:30 p.m. or call 802-885-3997.

We are having another low-cost cat and rabbit spay or neuter clinic Feb. 11. For more information, check out our events on our Facebook page, Springfield Humane Society VT.

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## builders/contractors

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## chiropractor

### FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC

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## cleanouts

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## home improvement

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# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES

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#### VILLAGE OF LUDLOW VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

The Village Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on January 7, 2020 amended and re-adopted the following Village Ordinance:

##### Vacant & Dangerous Buildings Ordinance:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish the reasonably necessary measures to abate the public nuisances, blight, negative housing market impact, and other harmful effects connected with dangerous and vacant or abandoned buildings and structures, consistent with the authority vested in the Village of Ludlow to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public through the regulation of the construction, maintenance, repair, and alteration of buildings and other structures within the Village of Ludlow. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority of Title 24 V.S.A., Chapter 59, § 1971 et seq.

This Ordinance shall become effective on March 7, 2020, sixty (60) days after the date of its adoption by the Village Board Trustees, unless a petition is filed with the Village Clerk by February 20, 2020, forty-four (44) days after the date of its adoption. The petition should be addressed to the Village Trustees, should be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of this municipality, and should ask for a special meeting to be called on the question of disapproving the ordinance.

Full text of the Town of Ludlow's Vacant & Dangerous Buildings Ordinance is available for review at the Municipal Office or online at [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us), listed under Agendas/Warnings. Questions about the Ordinance may be directed to the Municipal Office by calling (802)228-2841.

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**JAN. 18 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Painting Pet Portraits with Mindy Fisher Saturday, Jan. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Community Art Garden in Chester. For ages 10 to adult. Materials included: Gouache paint ready-to-paint panel primed with acrylic gesso size 8-by-8-inch with built-in keyhole on the back for easy hanging. Artists are encouraged to bring a photo to work from.

**THURSDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies skill building workshop on the third Thursdays at 6 p.m., starting Jan. 16. Free, reservations required at 802-875-7373 or [6looseladies@gmail.com](mailto:6looseladies@gmail.com).

### CLUBS

**JAN. 19 –**  
DORSET, Vt. – Ski or snowshoe with the Green Mountain Club to Mt. Antoine at Merck Forest Sunday, Jan. 19. Meet at the Dorset Green at 9 a.m. or the Merck Forest Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. Group ski or snowshoe up to the viewpoint on Mt. Antoine, and lunch there. Then ski or snowshoe down. Bring extra layers, wool or fleece hat, snacks, lunch, fluids, and hand

warmers. RSVP required to Jim and Marilyn Hand for the skiing at 802-362-1673 or [jimehand@gmail.com](mailto:jimehand@gmail.com) and for the snowshoe to Greg Hopper at 917-287-0246 or [gbhopp85@gmail.com](mailto:gbhopp85@gmail.com).

**JAN. 20 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20 in the Fellowship Hall at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Bring your unwanted "treasures" around your home and help support the club's treasury. Please also bring your place setting and a food item to share, if you can. If not, come anyway! If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242.

### COMMUNITY MEALS

**JAN. 18 –**  
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North Springfield Baptist Church is hosting a Ham Supper Saturday, Jan. 18, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., at 69 Main Street in North Springfield. Menu includes ham, raisin sauce, mashed potato, carrots, coleslaw, breads and rolls, dessert, and a beverage. Children 5 and under are free. Take-out available - call ahead at 802-886-8107. Church is handicapped

accessible.

**LUDLOW, Vt. –** The Knights of Columbus, Council 7324 in Ludlow is having their first fundraising dinner of the winter season Saturday, Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. Church of the Annunciation Parish Center, 7 Depot St. in Ludlow. Menu includes roast pork, roasted vegetables, potato, and homemade desserts.

**TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** Community Hope & Action of Townshend will be hosting a free supper and night of Karaoke Saturday, Jan. 18, from 5-8 p.m., at the Townshend Town Hall. Chili Cook-off with dinner served from 5-6 p.m. Karaoke will happen from 6-8 p.m. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This event is substance-free and is open to people of all ages, from all towns. Please contact Community Hope & Action at 802-365-4700 if you'd like to bring a crock of chili or cornbread.

**JAN. 22 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Church of Christ will host a free community dinner Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 972 Chester Rd., in Springfield. Doors open at 5:50 p.m. Serving begins at 6 p.m. Menu includes pot roast,

carrots, potatoes, rolls, and cookies. Beverages include lemonade, milk, coffee, and tea. For details, contact Puggy Lamphere at 802-886-2670, Glenn Olney at 802-885-6683, Tom Snow at 802-885-1614, or Ed Wilkins at 802-886-3065. Springfield area communities are welcome.

### EVENTS

**JAN. 17 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Third Friday includes art, music, dining, literary events throughout Bellows Falls Friday, Jan. 17, from 5-8 p.m. For details, visit the BF3F Facebook page.

**JAN. 18 –**  
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art and Historical Society will present "2020 Calendar Pictures" Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at the SAHS facility at 65 Route 16 in North Springfield. Bunni Putnam will talk about the photographs in the SAHS 2020 Calendar. This program is free and open to all. For more information, call 802-886-7935 or email [sahs@vermontel.net](mailto:sahs@vermontel.net).

**JAN. 22 & 21 –**  
WINDSOR, Vt. – Miniatures and Models exhibit at American Precision Museum Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20

and 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. From steam engines to a logging mill to tiny bar stock and work benches, these tiny precision wonders are fascinating. John Aschauer's miniature machine shop, featuring over 40 machines and workbenches, is the centerpiece of the exhibit, and his steam plant is a masterpiece.

**JAN. 23 –**  
WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Nature Museum at Grafton presents "That the People May Live: The Life and Legacy of Nicholas Black Elk, Holy Man of the Lakota," presented by Damian Costello Thursday, Jan. 23, from 7-9 p.m., at Westminster West Congregational Church, 44 Church St. For more information, visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

### KIDS' CORNER

**JAN. 21 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Kids in kindergarten and older can join Crafty Tuesdays, from 3-4 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Jan. 21 is "Design a Maze." Using materials such as straws and paper plates, participants will create their own unique marble mazes.

### LIBRARIES

**JAN. 17 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – On Friday, Jan. 17, from 1-3 p.m., Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow will hold their Winter Movie Matinee. Come watch a 2019 film about a large white magical Yeti who yearns to be reunited with his family. Please contact the library for the full title of this PG-rated film. Snacks will be provided.

### MUSIC & THEATER

**JAN. 18 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jay Doucette will perform at the Springfield UU Coffee House Saturday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Please come and enjoy the music and the delightful refreshments. No admission fee. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. You'll be able to purchase delicious snacks and beverages. Held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield. All welcome!

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Wundergroove Dance party Saturday, Jan. 18 starting at 9:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. at Wunderbar, 22 Rockingham St. in Bellows Falls. No cover. DJ D.V.A. will be spinning a diverse mix of funky dance tunes through the ages. Nightclub dance party atmosphere, loud music, flashing lights, great bespoke cocktails and mocktails all made in-house, inclusive happy vibe. Come dance with us.

**JAN. 19 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio are back Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls after being snowed out in November. Their three-part vocals and multi-instrumental chops keep landing them on the folk radio charts. Emily Lyons opens with Josh Maiocco. For more information, visit [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

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

• 13 Tuckerville Parkway, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Mobile Home only, 1995 Fleetwood, Serial No. 22A0839006132763A located at Tuckerville Mobile Home Park situated on Lot 13 conveyed to Harold Aither.

• 0 Commonwealth Avenue, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Kathleen Wenger to Gregory B. Ameden and Kathleen Wenger by deed dated November 15, 2012 and recorded in Book 365 at Page 61 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 14 Tuckerville Parkway, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Mobile Home located at Tuckerville Parkway situated on Lot 14 and conveyed to Debra Bixby.

• 132 Ranta Road, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being a portion of the same lands and premises deeded by the Final Decree of Distribution in Re: The Estate of Gwendolyn J. Debish, Ronald J. Theissen, Administrator to John Debick by deed dated January 5, 2012 and recorded in Book 357 at Page 310 of the Ludlow Town Land Records, consisting of a building and 8.9 acres, more or less, of land located at 132 Ranta Road, Ludlow, Vermont.

• 105 Ranta Road, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises decreed to April Taylor Dunich and Wayne Taylor by Decree of Distribution in Re: Estate of Jeannette Taylor dated February 19, 2014 and recorded in Book 376 at Page 379 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 72 Main Street, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Leigh John Tofferi to William Armstrong Hunter, IV by deed dated April 19, 1989 and recorded in Book 122 at Page 301 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 0 Hemenway Road, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Helen Holden to Jamie Tyler Larson by deed dated October 8, 2013 and recorded in Book 373 at Page 573 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 49 Ford Farm Lane, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Donald R. Ellison to William Merritt by deed dated September 29, 1979 and recorded in Book 73 at Page 312 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 19 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Laura C. Lienhard f/k/a Laura C. Gillette to Jennifer L. Newsome by deed dated August 2, 2007 and recorded in Book 314 at Page 282 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 64 Pond Street, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Jennifer L. Newsome to Northeast Limited Properties, LLC by deed dated March 3, 2006 and recorded in Book 295 at Page 465 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 292 Okemo Trailside Iroquois Condominium, Unit 34-C, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by F.O.S. Associates to John L. Reng and Jeanne M. Reng by deed dated February 20, 1987 and recorded in Book 106 at Page 470 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 0 Evergreen Acres, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Paul Burns to Jerome Rodriguez, Paul Burns and Kevin Romano by deed dated December 4, 2002 and recorded in Book 228 at Page 590 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 61 Rimrock Road, Unit 11A, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Christine S. Shaw to Andrew R. Shaw by deed dated August 3, 2005 and recorded in Book 292 at Page 147 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

• 62 Andover Street, Ludlow, Vermont

For the years 2018-2019. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Joseph E. Sutowski by deed dated December 27, 1982 and recorded in Book 80 at Page 598 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. § 1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, P. O. Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2020.

/s/ Scott Murphy  
Scott Murphy, Collector of Town and Town School District  
Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes