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## Selectboard holds last workshop for fiscal year 2021 town budget —

BY JO ROBBINS

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Springfield Selectboard held its third and final budget workshop during its Jan. 13 regular meeting and worked long into the night to arrive at a 2020-21 budget of approximately \$12,611,931, which represents a 3.49% increase from last year. The Selectboard then presented its budget, along with three warrant articles, at a public hearing Monday, Jan. 20.

The meeting Jan. 13 lasted more than four hours while the Budget Advisory Committee presented its recommendations for budget increases and decreases. The Selectboard members and the committee discussed the reasons for some recommendations while individual department heads defended their departments' needs.

The first action by the board was to make a motion, which passed unanimously, to accept 21 of the committee's budget recommendations for decreases that were discussed and worked out in advance of the meeting between the committee and the departments who approved the numbers. Total reductions to these line items was \$32,944, a number that reduced the overall budget increase this year to \$305,312. Some of these recommend-

ed decreases included: Debt Interest from \$55,000 to \$46,381; Debt Principal from \$115,000 to \$110,000; Catch Basin Cleaning from \$5,000 to \$3,000; Cemetery Equipment Fund from \$7,000 to \$6,000; Safety Material and Equipment from \$8,000 to \$6,000; and Parks and Recreation Building Repair from \$14,000 to \$10,000.

Next, the board went line by line considering the committee's remaining recommendations, some of which were decreases contested by departments.

The committee recommended a decrease in the line item for the Police Department's Equipment and Building Fund from \$29,000 to \$6,667, or a total reduction of \$22,333. This line item concerns the portable radios, computers, the WatchGuard in-car system, and the Guardian tracking software the department needs. After discussion, the board unanimously voted to approve a decrease of \$5,586 instead of the recommended \$22,333, and the department agreed to put the radios on a four-year track instead of three years.

A reduction of \$6,500 from \$58,500 to \$52,000 was recommended by the committee for the Police Department's Vehicle Fund budget and was based upon the proposal to change the department's fleet

purchases from one and a half vehicles per year to one and a third vehicles per year. The Chief argued that the front-line vehicles get 24/7 wear and tear. He said a new vehicle was ordered eight and a half months ago and he is still waiting for it. He added that within the past month, one vehicle blew a transmission and another officer's car was rear-ended, causing both to be out of service. The Chief said front-line vehicles have an average life of two to three years. If one is taken out of service, a back-line vehicle gets moved to the front.

Chair Kristi Morris said it is a slippery slope if back-line vehicles have to replace front-line vehicles. Ultimately, the Selectboard took no action on this line item so the one and a half vehicles per year remains in place.

The board took no action on the committee's recommendation to reduce the Public Works' Department Equipment Fund Contribution line item by \$185,000 from \$350,000 to \$165,000. Director Jeff Strong was opposed the cut and said his trucks were running in very heavy-duty conditions.

The committee recommended a net increase of \$48,000 to the Transportation Path Maintenance budget. This amount does not include the previ-

ously requested \$10,000 for repair to the Toonerville Trail. Various motions and amendments to those motions were made by the board to change the increase in this budget. Ultimately, the board approved a motion for a \$20,000 increase instead of \$48,000.

The committee recommended an increase to the Interfund Transfer line item of \$30,000 from \$420,000 to \$450,000. This is a bond issue and Public Works Director Jeff Strong said he needs \$30,000 to offset sewer rates. Strong said water and sewer rates are high because of the state mandate to separate storm water drain off from sewer lines. Strong said it has taken 20 years working toward becoming a non-CSO, Combined Sewer Overflows, community and now there are no overflows into the river from here to Long Island Sound. Since the last rate increase, Strong said, three or four projects were done, requiring a repayment of principal and interest at \$590,000 per year, which is phased over 20 years.

"We did an awful lot of work with bond money," Strong said. He said if the board doesn't recommend approval, it would come out of the sewer budget. After discussion, the board motioned to approve a \$15,000 increase instead of \$30,000, and that motion passed unani-



Springfield discusses town budget for 2021 fiscal year.

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mously.

The committee recommended a decrease of \$44,243 in Non-emergency Transport from \$394,243 to \$350,000, which Town Manager Tom Yennerell said is projecting ahead of last year. A motion to keep the Non-Emergency Transport budget at \$394,243 was made and passed by a 4-1 majority.

The committee recommended a \$5,000 increase to the retaining wall budget line item from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Board member Peter MacGillivray said the cost to repair 20 retaining walls is astronomical and the town should be looking for grants. Jeff Strong said the \$10,000 would cover a look at all of the projects and pay for some engineering. The board voted unanimously to approve the increase.

Board member Walter Martone said, "The town runs on a

shoestring, and this year we are presenting a budget increase of about 3.5%." He said last year a much smaller increase was approved by a small margin. Martone said the Advisory Committee did a thorough job looking under every stone to prevent the tax rate from getting higher and added that last year there was a budget freeze part way through the year.

The Public Hearing was held Monday, Jan. 20 when the board presented its final budget along with three warrant articles, which are: paving article of \$700,000; Riverside Parking Lot paving article of \$355,901; and Riverwalk Bond Vote \$116,363. The Selectboard will have crafted the language for the budget and articles in preparation for the public hearing, and, once approved, that language will be moved to the warrant and signed Jan. 27.

## Social Media Policy motion fails in Bellows Falls Trustees meeting

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — The Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the budget and a Social Media Policy for a municipality Facebook page Tuesday, Jan. 14 in their meeting at the Bellows Falls Opera House.

James McAuliffe asked about the 40 hours of overtime received by one person in the wastewater department, and Finance Director Shannon Burbela explained it was over a four-week period while the supervisor was on vacation.

McAuliffe suggested the hours should be distributed, and Burbela said, "It's a very small department," and the hours were over the holidays and weekend duty. McAuliffe's concern was using comp time and expressed the need for a Negotiating Committee meeting to discuss further.

Village President Deborah Wright inquired why the village was offering full-time employees overtime to shovel snow and said, "I'm not comfortable with that. Normally, we would hire day laborers."

Burbela explained ads were posted and part-time staff was hired, but the problem was not having enough employees when they were needed. When

Wright asked about using the penitentiary system, Burbela said they are contractual and can only work between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On the Police Department overtime, Fire Chief and acting Police Chief Shaun McGinnis said much of the overtime was officer training required by law. McGinnis suggested the training be spread out through the year and not all done in the month of December to eliminate overtime.

Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison introduced the Social Media Policy based on the recommendations and guidelines of the Vermont League of Towns and Cities that would apply to all Rockingham and Bellows Falls municipal employees, elected officials, volunteers, and other users for a Rockingham and Bellows Falls Facebook page.

The policy includes guidelines against anonymous or fake accounts, disclosing confidential information, and posting as a municipal official with name and title readily



Bellows Falls discuss Social Media Policy.

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available; a moderator position to ensure social media content complies to the policy; and other verbiage about account management.

The Rockingham Selectboard had reviewed and approved the Social Media Policy in December. The Trustees, however, had a different opinion of the policy.

Deborah Wright said, "Our website stinks," and thought the time should be put into repairing it and not wasted on monitoring posts on Facebook. Wright also mentioned that the website "navigation is difficult and links are broken."

McAuliffe said, "I don't want people to expect dialogue with employees" and did not favor "our people spending time" on maintenance.

Selectboard member Gaetano Putignano, who was in the audience for the meeting, spoke in favor of the policy, explaining that Facebook was an "immediate information" source. He said, "When there was an active shooter in the village, I learned about it on Facebook."

He also suggested that employment ads could be filled quicker using this platform and that no one reads them on the website.

Resident Colin James spoke that he had mixed feelings about the Facebook page and his "ultimate concern was the information was accurate."

Jonathan Wright moved to adopt the policy. There was no second, and the motion failed. The Trustees agreed to review it at the upcoming Tuesday, Jan. 28 Joint Board meeting.

The next Village Trustees meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

## Ron Lake retires as Chief of Police



Police Chief Ron Lake retires.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Ron Lake is retiring from the Bellows Falls Police Department after 13 years with the department, 12 of them as chief. Lake's retirement will begin March 1, 2020. He is currently on leave and will remain on leave until his retirement, although he will be helping with the transition. Chief Lake said, "It has truly been a privilege and an honor to serve as the Bellows Falls Police Chief these past

12 years. I'll miss the day-to-day challenges and, most of all, the people."

Lake became the Village's Chief of Police Jan. 14, 2008, began as officer in June of 2007. He was hired as a police officer for the village after serving as a deputy for the Windham County Sheriff. Town Manager Wendy Harrison said, "During my 18 months working with Ron, I have appreciated his enthusiasm and dedication to the residents of the village."

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# New HCRS staff hired COSU project director announced

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's community mental-health agency, has hired Rosie Nevins-Alderfer as the new project director for the Windham Consortium on Substance Use. Nevins-Alderfer previously held the position of director of restorative justice programs at Youth Services, where she worked from 2015 to 2018. Moving forward, she will provide direction, coordination, and facilitation for COSU's efforts.



Rosie Nevins-Alderfer is the new project director for the Windham Consortium on Substance Use.

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"What excites me most about the work of COSU is the opportunity to elevate the voices of individuals in our community most impacted by opiate overdoses and deaths, and to combine the collective expertise of individuals with lived experience, with providers, data, and evidence-based practices," Nevins-Alderfer stated. "I am inspired by the work of the COSU, and my hope for the next three years is a fundamental change in the way our community responds to the opiate

epidemic: a transformation to curiosity from fear, to compassion from judgment, to connection from detachment, to value from shame, and ultimately to life from death."

Nevins-Alderfer has an extensive background working at the intersection of social work, social justice, and the legal sys-

tem. She graduated from Earlham College with a bachelor's degree in human development and social relations and earned her J.D. from Northeastern University Law School with a focus in legal services, public policy, restorative justice, and nonprofit leadership. She has worked for the Boston Juvenile Court, Greater Boston Legal Services, and the AIDS Action Committee in Massachusetts as a clerk.

Additionally, she has experience working for the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health and for the Deval Patrick Administration, where she was awarded the Rappaport Fellowship in Law and Public Policy in 2014. She is a licensed attorney in the state of Massachusetts and a small-business owner in Brattleboro.

COSU is a countywide col-

laboration of local organizations that work across the continuum of substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery to address the impacts of opiate and other substance use. HCRS is the fiscal agent for this program. Membership currently includes Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center, Windham County Prevention Partnership, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, Habit OPCO, Youth Services, Grace Cottage Hospital, AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, Brattleboro Retreat, Turning Point of Windham County, Vermont Department of Health, and Vermont State Police.

The COSU is in the process of enacting a diverse and more equitable membership structure that will include a majority membership of individuals most impacted by the opiate epidemic.



## First Baptist Church donates to Unit 37 veteran efforts

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Laurie Noyes of the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls presented Pierce Lawton Unit 37 American Legion Auxiliary President Marcy Smith and Unit 37's Veterans Rehab chairwoman Nancy Wright with a check for \$300 to be used towards a veteran project that Unit 37 participates in throughout the year, like Tree of Warmth. The money was raised by the First Baptist Church members during one of their Friday night dinners for the local community. Thank you to all who continue to recognize our work that we do for the veterans.

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## WWAC to present talk on "Degrowth" as sequel to McKibben talk

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – On Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m., at Centre Congregational Church, Windham World Affairs Council has scheduled a program that will offer a fitting sequel to Bill McKibben's Jan. 15 talk. McKibben spoke to an overflowing crowd about his efforts

surrounding the current state of climate change and received a standing ovation and overwhelming support from the Brattleboro area community. His talk included many suggestions of actions to be taken to confront the climate crisis including divestment and "following the money."

The WWAC speaker, Dr. Julie Snorek, a research associate in the Environmental Studies Department of Dartmouth College, will present another option for dealing with our cli-

mate crisis. She will describe a new kind of economics for this age of climate change in a talk entitled "Degrowth: How our blessings have become a curse."

Julie will explain the economics of degrowth while examining the flawed logic of continuous, constant growth as a solution to the problems of our era,



Dr. Julie Snorek will give a talk about Degrowth.

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which has become known as the Anthropocene. She will talk about new patterns of development, a future of regeneration, sustainability, justice, and degrowth, and give us examples from other countries where people are taking actions to degrow and build a new ecology of care.

Dr. Julie Snorek has spent over 15 years studying climate change, environmentally induced migration, and patterns of development, working mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa. As a social ecologist, she has been developing an intricate understanding of social, ecological, and political transitions in the Sahel and Sahara where she has lived and worked with rural, nomadic, and semi-nomadic societies.

Julie received her Ph.D. from the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 2016 and her Master of Science from SIT Graduate Institute in 2010. The talk will take place in the Centre Congregational Church Parlor at 193 Main Street in Brattleboro. It will be free and open to the public. There will be coffee, tea, and conversation starting at 7 p.m., and the talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information about this and other WWAC events, please visit www.windhamworldaffairsCouncil.org.

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## Unit 37 presents school supplies to Grafton Elementary

GRAFTON, Vt. – American Legion Auxiliary Pierce Lawton Unit 37 President Marcy Smith and Unit member Helen Gideos pictured with the fifth and sixth grade students and teacher Ms. Kat StGeorge at the Grafton Elementary School, where they were presented with school supplies as part of Unit 37's Give 10 to Education program, a brief flag etiquette presentation, and an opportunity to participate in the Americanism Essay contest.

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## Easter Fest 2020 planning is underway

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Easter Fest 2020 planning has begun. The theme for this year will be “Joy to the World” with a direct tie in from the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas to the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Leaders of the event will be Rev. George Keeler as chair, Warren Cross organizing set-up and take-down, and Rev. Malcolm Fowler coordinating the information tables and games. Judy Stern and Crystal Pudvah will be canvassing local businesses for raffle prizes and financial support.

This will be the third Easter Fest celebration at the Riverside Park in Springfield, Vt., and, as usual, all food and activities are free. In addition to

the Easter egg hunts for all ages, there will also be games for children and free food for everyone. All ages are welcome. Food and games will start at 11 a.m. and the Easter egg hunts will begin at noon. Raffle tickets will be given out as people arrive and can be used to try to win any of the various prizes. Winners will be drawn during the Easter egg hunts, and they must be present to claim their prizes between 1-2 p.m.

The first year attendance was about 1,000 people with 600 adults and 400 children. Attendance last year was much lower due to the heavy downpour with only about 600 people in attendance. This year, we hope to exceed the first year attendance.

This event is sponsored by the Association of Springfield

Area Churches and in the past we have had nine churches involved in the planning and hosting of this event: North Springfield Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Precision Valley Baptist Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church UCC, the Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Financial contributions can be made to the Association of Springfield Area Churches with a note specifying the Easter Fest. The next planning meeting will be Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the North Springfield Baptist Church.

Note that the Easter Fest 2020 will be held Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Community campaign “Love Brattleboro VT” leads with town’s many strengths

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Brattleboro Alliance announced the launch of their new six-month Love Brattleboro VT marketing campaign to bring more visitors to this designated historic town with its eclectic shops and stunning location on the Connecticut River.

In a love letter to the region, Love Brattleboro VT kicks off Feb. 6, welcoming visitors with open arms. Focusing on events during the 10 days around Valentine's Day, Brattleboro plays Cupid with curated and “not the usual” experiences. Love Brattleboro-style is a moonlight snowshoe trip with fondue by the campfire, a three-course aphrodisiac dinner, and a couple's workshop at a world-renowned circus school, to name a few. Naturally, many of the events come with special offers found on the campaign website, [www.lovebrattleborovt.com](http://www.lovebrattleborovt.com).

Designed to reinforce fundamental values of diversity, inclusion, and Brattleboro's quirky, artsy, welcoming spirit, Love Brattleboro VT is a charge, a challenge, a statement, and a command. It's a love letter from the town of Brattleboro itself to visitors, inviting them to fall in love again and again.

“We host more than 1,000 arts and cultural events in Brattleboro each year, and there is something for every visitor. Whether it's the Harris Hill Ski Jump, Strolling of the Heifers, Retreat Farm Food Truck Round-Up, monthly Gallery Walks, or one of the many art, film, music, and dance events, the town is always humming with energy,” says Stephanie Bonin, executive director of the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance.

Tourism is one of the largest industries in Vermont, as the state welcomes nearly 13 million visitors each year. These visitors account for close to \$2.8 billion in annual spending on lodging, food, drink, goods, and services.

Last March, Brattleboro's Representative Town Meeting backed the marketing effort when it voted to fund the project using a portion of the revenue the town collected from the 1% Rooms & Meals Local Options Tax.

“It's time that Brattleboro captures some of those dollars. Brattleboro is uniquely positioned as a recognized top destination with arts and entertainment that rivals any big city,” says Kate O'Connor, executive director of Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce.

According to Bonin, the campaign will focus on entertainment, the arts, food and beverage destinations, the great outdoors, shops owned by local

families, and eclectic venues.

“We'll highlight our many locally produced foods, including award-winning cheeses, spirits, and maple syrup, local chocolate purveyors, brewers, and other makers. We have the culture, the farm to table restaurants, farmers' market, museum, farms in town, an internationally acclaimed circus school, and tons of atmosphere and history. The campaign will invite folks to ‘live like a local’ for a day, a weekend or more – and love it,” she explains.

Love Brattleboro VT will naturally draw from Brattleboro's strengths and its reputation as a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive community. To that end, the

Love Brattleboro VT campaign will target a wide market, as well as a more specific LGBTQIA+ audience.

LGBTQIA+ tourism is a fast-growing market especially in Vermont. LGBTQIA+ communities have a special affinity for Vermont as the first state in the United States to adopt a same-sex civil union law. In fact, July 1, 2000, Brattleboro was the site of the first civil union joining a same-sex couple.

“Visitors seeking a progressive rural community that always has its heart and arms open will feel right at home here,” says Bonin.

Penniless Projects, based in South Newfane, developed and

will implement the Love Brattleboro VT campaign, reporting to a steering committee.

O'Connor said three members of the community marketing initiative project team will join her and Bonin on the steering

committee: Curtiss Reed Jr., executive director of the Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity; Lindsay Fahey, chief operating officer at Retreat Farm; and Zon Eastes, founder and director of Juno Orchestra.

## Nathan Marshall Fitness is open

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Nathan Marshall Fitness is open. This is a personal fitness facility, formerly known as Fitness Solutions, now owned and operated by Nathan Marshall. It is located at 19 Front St. in Springfield,

Vt., which is right near the Hartness House.

Nathan is an ACE-certified personal trainer and has previously trained clients at SNAP Fitness in Springfield. Nathan's goal is to help people reach their potential, best health, and an improved lifestyle. He

believes that anyone can reach these goals if they want to. For more information, call 802-591-2957.

There will be an open house for the public Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at 2 p.m. Come see what Nathan Marshall Fitness is all about.

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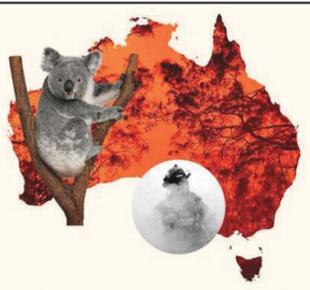
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# Dinner to benefit Australian relief efforts

CAVENDISH, Vt. – To help raise money to aid those most affected by the Australian bush fires, Cavendish Town Elementary School students, as part of the Carmine Guica Young Historians' Preserve & Serve program, are partnering with the Ludlow Rotary and Murdock's Restaurant.



CTES students to help in Australian fire relief efforts. PHOTO PROVIDED

On Feb. 6, from 4-9 p.m., Murdock's Restaurant on the Proctorsville Green will donate a percentage of the night's profits to assist the Ludlow Rotary's Australian Fire Disaster Relief. Funds will support both the people and wildlife devastated by the fires. You can call ahead for reservations at 802-554-0126.

In addition, throughout the area, you will find Rotary donation boxes, some of which offer bracelets made by the students. Please consider supporting this effort. All donations are tax-deductible. One hundred percent of the funds go to Australia. Checks should be written to Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Foundation.

# Vermont Academy announces Vermont Scholars Program

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Vermont Academy's Head of School, Dr. Jennifer Zaccara, is announcing the creation of a new merit scholarship program for students who live in Vermont. The Vermont Scholars Program's goal is to increase the number of Vermont students who attend the elite private school located in Saxtons River.



Vermont Academy students playing tug-of-war at a Winter Carnival. PHOTO PROVIDED

As Dr. Zaccara explains, "Every day when I walk through the doorway to my residence, I see a treatise written by Dorothy Hall Leavitt. She was the wife of one of our most important heads of school. She wrote that Vermont Academy is a place 'where Vermont boys and girls can go further than the little red schoolhouse.' While we enroll students from across the country and around the world, the number of students coming from Vermont has declined. We want to reverse that trend. We want Vermont scholars to come here."

The program features a significant merit scholarship and an expedited application process. The merit scholarship will be awarded for up to four years. The amount will be pegged to the average announced tuition of union 7-12th grade school students published by the state of Vermont. "We're going to give students the state's average funding and in return they'll have the chance to receive a superior education," explains Zaccara.

Families living in sending towns can further reduce the tuition by the amount of their town's contribution, which could cover most if not all of the remaining day-student tuition and a large portion of the remaining boarding tuition. Need-based financial aid is also available.

The expedited, four-step application process is comprised of a written application, a financial aid application, teacher recommendations, and a

school transcript. The priority application deadline is Feb. 15, 2020. Priority applications benefit from a waived application fee.

The program is supported by the Vermont Academy Board of Trustees and will provide funding for up to 14 Vermont scholars. Dr. Zaccara explains, "We're so fortunate to have a board who understands how important it is to have local students here, and to help us come up with a program to bring many more in-state students to our small and beautiful campus. Students come from around the world to be challenges academically and to foster a love of learning. We are the only private school in the state with 'Vermont' in its name, and we're excited to have more Vermonters come here and thrive."

Vermont Academy is planning several dates for Vermont students to visit campus and learn more about the school. Visit [www.vermontacademy.org/vtscholars](http://www.vermontacademy.org/vtscholars) for more information.

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# Public hearings on governor's state budget

REGION – The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public input on the Governor's Recommended FY 2021 State Budget and will hold community-based public hearings Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, from 6-7 p.m., at the following locations:

- Downstreet Housing and Community Development, 22 Keith Ave, Suite 100, Barre

- People's Academy High School, top of Copley Avenue, Morrisville
  - Rutland Public Schools, Longfellow School Building
  - St. Johnsbury House, 1207 Main St.
  - St. Albans City School, Library, 29 Bellows St.
  - Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, 10 East Allen St., Winooski
  - Springfield Town Hall, 96 Main St., Third floor Conference Room, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- The committees will take testimony on the governor's

recommended state budget. Anyone interested in testifying should come to one of the hearings. Time limits on testimony may apply depending on volume of participants. If you have a story you would like to share privately with the committee members, please contact Theresa to schedule this at the end of one of the hearings.

To view the proposed budget, go to the Department of Finance and Management's website, [www.finance.vermont.gov/budget/budget-recommendations/operating-budget/fy2021](http://www.finance.vermont.gov/budget/budget-recommendations/operating-budget/fy2021).

For more information about the format of these events, contact Theresa Utton-Jerman or Rebecca Buck at [tutton@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:tutton@leg.state.vt.us) or [rbuck@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:rbuck@leg.state.vt.us), or call 802-828-5767 or toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-322-5616. Written testimony can be submitted electronically to Theresa or Rebecca through email or mailed to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, 115 State St., Montpelier, VT, 05633. Requests for interpreters should be made by Monday, Jan. 27, 2020.

# Secretary of State announces official start of primary election early voting

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced that the early voting period for the 2020 Presidential Primary Elections began official Friday, Jan. 17.

Vermont voters may request their ballot to vote early any day leading up to the March 3 Presidential Primary Election day. Ballot requests can be made with local town and city clerks by phone, email, walk-in, or online at [www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us).

"Voting early is a great way to participate in our democratic process, and to ensure that you have cast your ballot before Primary Day," said Secretary of State Jim Condos.

Voters who have requested a ballot may return their ballot in-

person, or by mail, to their town or city clerk. For their ballot to be counted, it must be received on or before Primary Election Day, which is Tuesday, March 3 for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. To ensure a ballot is received in time, the Secretary of State's Elections Division suggests placing it in the mail no less than one week prior to Election Day, and recommends that requests are submitted as early as possible to ensure time to receive, vote, and return your ballot.

Vermont law allows for no-excuse early voting for all eligible Vermont voters. Additionally, 17-year-olds are eligible to register and vote in primary elections, including the Presidential Primaries, if they will turn 18 on or before the Nov. 3 General Election.

For the Presidential Primary

only, state law requires voters to request either the Democratic or Republican Party Ballot. The request forms will have a place for you to indicate your choice.

The Tuesday, March 3 Presidential Primary elections are held on the same day as Town Meeting Day.

Vermont voters can check their registration status, update their voter information, register to vote, request an early ballot, and track the status of their ballot request on their My Voter Page at [www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us). Eligible voters may also register to vote directly with their town or city clerk in person.

Secretary Condos would like to take this opportunity to remind every eligible voter to register, and to exercise their right to vote, saying, "Remember, your vote is your voice!"

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

## Yosemite history

Among the many donations, Ted Spaulding has made to the Chester Historical Society are many photos, documents, and records regarding Yosemite Firehouse.

Ted's father Ed was a fireman at Yosemite. I found this entry in the Yosemite ledger the historical society has in its collection: "Aug 26, 1915 Edward Spaulding presented for membership and voted in."

This ledger is chockablock full of Yosemite history. All of the firemen are listed - many names I recognize - fires they fought, meetings, parades and more. Over the years, there were several recording clerks. Ed Bates couldn't spell worth a hill of beans, but his entries are fun to read. He spelled parade as "praid." Roll called is "roale caled. Practice is "practis."

Ed Spaulding kept three notebooks in the 1930s, which Ted has given us. The rest of this article is taken from those notebooks.

In the 1930s, Ed lived in the house across from Lisai's Market. It was the Depression and money was tight. As I have written before, Ed took most any work to get by. Below are some of his duties at Yosemite.

In the winter, the fires at Yosemite had to be kept burning 24 hours a day. It appears Yosemite firemen totaled some 25-plus men. Many would have lived a mile or more away. They needed someone who lived close by to tend fires, shovel snow, and to do janitor work.

Ed was that fireman. The fires had to be kept burning so the wet, canvas hoses could dry once hung. Otherwise, they would freeze, rendering them useless if needed.

Many nights, Ed would have gotten out of bed at least once and walked down to Yosemite to stoke the fires. On colder nights, Ed probably fed the fires at 9 p.m., midnight, and three in the morning. These estimated times are based on my own experiences burning



1904 photo of W.R. Spaulding sitting on the hand-pumper at Yosemite with his team of white horses.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING

wood. Imagine getting out of a warm bed at 20 below zero and walking down to stoke the fires and at 25 cents per hour.

Ed records his janitor work and other duties and how much he was paid. One entry: "Paid January 8, 1934 for fighting fires 1933 \$18."

He also records several fires he fought. "Jan 26, 1934 Fire at Sherwin Market. Two hours on hose."

Sherwin's Market was located where Southern Pie Company is today.

Other entries: "3 hrs putting hose on truck." He records hanging hoses and rolling them when dry.

"2 hrs on truck," "2 hrs on tub putting it in form."

This entry records something previously unknown to me. From Ed's notebook: "Mar 10, 1934 Dance 3 hrs." There are several entries for dances held upstairs of Yosemite. I did not know they held dances there.

I can picture the 25 or so firemen with their wives going to a dance at Yosemite. It was probably a fiddle band playing lively music accompanied with guitar and banjo. Some lived close enough to walk to the dance. Most would have driven a car. I bet they were fun dances.

### The door

The photo with this article was taken in 1904. You'll notice the door is not as wide as it is today. In this photo, you can clearly see the right side of the door ends before the upper window. Today the door is much wider and extended to be under the upper window. When was the

door widened?

In Ed's notebook, I found this entry: "Nov 7-8, 1934. Putting up tracks for door 3 hrs." Ed told Ted the door was of the rolling style.

Ted told me the track hung from the ceiling. This door would have had individual panels maybe 18 inches wide. At the top of each door panel were the rollers that rode on the track.

The door, when opened, would make the curve on the end near the street. The track was just inside the door opening along the inside of the wall parallel to the street. As you opened the door, the panels would follow the track inside the station.

The photo with this article shows Ted's grandfather, W.R. Spaulding, sitting on our 1849 hand-pumper with his matched pair of white horses. It is one of the many photos in "Pictorial History of Chester, Andover, Weston, & Londonderry."

They are available at Lisai's Markets in Bellows Falls and Chester, Erskine's Feed Store, Stonehouse Antiques Center, Blair Books & More, Chester Hardware, The Framery of Vermont, Mike and Tammie's in Londonderry, and Weston Marketplace.

*This week's old saying I found in a 1925 schoolgirl's autograph book:*  
 "Ashes to ashes  
 Dust to dust  
 There isn't a man  
 A woman can trust"

## Whatzit?

Do you know what these are for? Email Ron your guess at knotz69@gmail.com. Note, the dime pictured for size reference.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH



## Don't play politics with your portfolio

**REGION** - You're probably aware this is an election year. During the next several months, the candidates will discuss issues that should greatly interest you as a citizen. But as an investor, how concerned should you be with the results of the presidential and congressional elections?

Maybe not as much as you might think. At different times, the financial markets have performed well and poorly under different administrations and when different parties have controlled Congress. And after all the votes are counted, outcomes in the investment markets can be unpredictable. Consequently, you'll be helping yourself greatly by not making big moves in your portfolio in anticipation of new legislation or political moves down the line.

Of course, that's not to say that nothing emerging from Washington could ever have an impact on your investment decisions. For example, if a future president and Congress decide to change the capital gains tax rate, it could affect some of your choices, such as which stocks and stock-based mutual funds you should buy, and how long you should hold them.

Overall, though, your investment results will ultimately depend on actions you can take, including these:

### Making changes for the right reasons

While the results of an election may not be a good reason to make changes in your investment portfolio, other factors can certainly lead you to take steps in this direction. For one thing, as you get closer to retirement, you may want to shift some - though certainly not all - of your investment dollars



Don't play politics with your financial portfolio.

STOCK PHOTO

from more growth-oriented vehicles to more conservative ones. Conversely, if you decide, well in advance, that you might want to retire earlier than you originally thought, you may need to invest more aggressively, being aware of the increased risk involved.

### Following a long-term strategy

In pretty much all walks of life, there are no shortcuts to success - and the same is true with investing. You need to follow a long-term strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon, and you need the patience and perseverance to keep investing in all markets - up, down, and sideways.

### Avoiding mistakes

Many people think of an investment mistake as failing to "get in on the ground floor" of some company that ultimately

grew to huge proportions. But it's pretty hard to become an early investor in companies like these, many of which start out as privately held businesses without any stockholders. Furthermore, companies with shorter track records can be much more unpredictable investments.

However, you do want to avoid some real mistakes, such as chasing "hot" stocks.

By the time you hear about them, they may already be cooling off, and they might not even be appropriate for your needs.

Another mistake: failing to diversify your portfolio. If you only own one type of asset, such as growth stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. Spreading your dollars over a wide range of investments can help lower your risk exposure. However, diversification by itself can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.

After Election Day, regardless of the outcome, you can help keep your portfolio on track by not playing politics with it.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

## AARP Tax Assistance Program

**REGION** - The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program will be offering free tax assistance for both federal and state income tax processes. This program is for the low- to moderate-income individuals who would like assistance completing this process. Please contact the following locations starting mid-January to make your ap-

pointment.

- Martin Memorial Hall, 5259 Route 5, Ascutney. Call 802-885-3933 and specify Ascutney. Available Tuesdays.
- Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, 18 Tuttle St. Call 802-463-3907. Available Mondays and Thursdays.
- Chester American Legion Post 67, 637 Route 103. Call

802-824-3016. Please do not call the Legion. Available Mondays.

- Neighborhood Connections, 5700 Route 100, Londonderry. Call 802-824-4343. Available Tuesdays.
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## TAKE A BREAK

Dear Editor,

Where does one start when wanting to thank so many people who contribute to our Ludlow way of life – so many to thank and not miss someone.

Thanks to our Ludlow Legion and coordinator Mr. Gary Macintyre for a great Memorial Day service, Dr. Bill Vannerman for his great Memorial Day speech – the flyover brought tears to my eyes. Thanks.

Dear Editor,

An unsuccessful stuntwoman – yes, unfortunately that's me. But fortunately, Springfield has a great emergency room and staff.

I was carrying all my groceries up the stairs to my apartment in one trip. Both of my arms were loaded with heavy grocery bags. As I entered the porch to my apartment, one of the bags got caught on the porch door handle.

This is where the "stuntwoman" part comes in. I turned and faced the door and pulled. Of course, the stuck bag came loose very quickly and easily. And with all the heavy groceries

Dear Editor,

We at Black River Good Neighbor Services offer our sincere thanks to all who made this season's annual holiday food and gift distribution possible. Each year, individuals at BRGNS collect food and toys during December and distribute them to deserving families throughout the area. This distribution dates back to well before the creation of BRGNS, but our staff and volunteers are proud to have continued the tradition for over 30 years and to serve our clients in this manner. While this project is a centerpiece of the Black River Good Neighbor Services' program and has grown substantially over the years, we all wish that it wasn't needed.

Our staff and volunteers packed and then distributed dinners and toys to many community residents who would otherwise have a bleak holiday. On Dec. 19, some 30 volunteers packed boxes and then, Dec. 21, 25 teams of volunteers gathered at Fletcher Farm and fanned out across the area, carrying boxes and bags to almost 90 households with over 200 individuals

Veterans Day, so many to thank for such a great program respecting our veterans. Thanks to Mr. Ned Bowen and again Ludlow American Legion Post 36 for all the years coordinating our Veterans Day programs. Thanks to our school, teachers, students, and school administration and staff for showing and teaching respect to our veterans. Special thanks to Mrs. Andrea

still on my arms, I was propelled back and down like a slingshot.

I hit my head and back so hard that I decided I needed to get checked out. I went to nearby Urgent Care first, and they sent me straight to the Springfield E.R.

Bradley Darin, PAC, and staff took great care of me. I was there for an extended period of time because I needed two cat scans about six hours apart. Bradley could tell that I was nervous and went out of his way to keep me informed. So thank you, Bradley, for that!

In conclusion, there are two

including more than 40 children.

Thanks go first to Krey Kellington and Jane Pixley for coordinating overall distribution and volunteers. In all we delivered nearly \$7,000 worth of food and toys to people in Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Plymouth, Mount Holly, and Belmont.

The process begins early in the year but gears up in earnest with the annual Stuff-a-Bus in Ludlow. Thanks go to all who worked at the Stuff-a-Bus, including Chris Barlow and the town of Ludlow, the folks at Mountainside House and the House at Twenty Mile Stream, the volunteers who handed out food lists, and importantly to all of those who donated food or money at the event.

Collection of toys this year was coordinated by Kay O'Hare, Fern Melvin, and Arlette Marshall, whom deserve special thanks. Toys and additional food were donated by Ludlow Rotary, Heritage Family Credit Union, United Church of Ludlow, Annunciation Church, Ludlow Garden Club, Friends of the Library, St. James Method-

Sanford for all the years of her efforts and time to coordinate the Veterans Day programs, a tireless project of many hours. Many thanks, Andrea.

Thanks to Gov. Scott for his well-received speech and his attendance.

Sincerely,  
Herb and Sandy Van Guilder  
Ludlow, Vt.

morals to this story. We must do all we can to keep all local hospitals, like Springfield's, going. I live alone and could not have driven all the way to Dartmouth.

And, do not try to be a "stuntwoman or man." I did not need to take all the groceries up at one time. I am retired so I could have brought up one item at a time and gotten some extra needed exercise.

Sincerely,  
Linda Brown  
Springfield, Vt.

ist Church of Proctorsville, Ludlow Women's Club, Ludlow Town Employees, Berkshire Bank, Cavendish Baptist Church, People's Bank, La-Valley's, Ludlow Elementary School, Cota and Cota, and Tyson Ladies Aid, all of whom deserve deepest thanks.

Thanks go to Okemo for donating turkeys, to those neighbors who spent their evening packing food boxes, to the many delivery drivers, and to numerous individuals who gave cash, which was used to buy perishable and non-perishable food items.

Lastly, the Fletcher Farm School gets special thanks for donating space for all of this to happen. This is truly a community effort and the BRGNS' officers, staff, and clients deeply thank all of the many individual volunteers and donors who make this program possible each year. We sincerely hope that we haven't missed thanking anyone who participated.

Sincerely,  
Lou Krefski, board president  
Audrey Bridge, executive director  
Black River Good Neighbor Services  
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The 2020 Lt. Governor's race is not about the left versus the right. It is about the past versus the future. This week's VT-Digger article, where I learned about Sen. Ashe's decision, illustrates the deep divide between the prison guards of the past and our forward-looking, Small Towns\*Big Hearts campaign. I entered this race expecting to take on an entrenched incumbent, not to capitalize on political abuse in Vermont women's prisons, the billion dollar scam that is OneCare Vermont, and our deliberately opaque education spending are just three examples of the horrifying accountability crisis in government that we, the people of Vermont, are expected to quietly accept.

Our campaign presents Vermonters with a vision for the future that makes a clean break from the same old, same old status quo. Vermonters are being crippled by punishing tax bur-

Dear Editor,

On Monday, Jan. 13, I presented the following resolution to the Cavendish Selectboard. I requested that this resolution be placed as an article on the condition that we discuss and vote on it at the annual Town Meeting in early March. The Selectboard approved my request with the clear understanding that they are not endorsing the resolution.

The resolution reads as follows:  
**"A Resolution for the Defense of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms"**

The township of Cavendish hereby declares itself to be a Second Amendment and Article 16, Constitutional Gun Owner township, as defined herein – The town hereby recognizes the inalienable rights of all persons within its boundaries to keep and bear arms as described by both Article 16 of the Vermont Constitution and the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, including but not limited to: the lawful use of firearms in defense of life, liberty and property and in defense of the State, from all enemies, foreign and domestic; the safe and responsible use of firearms for hunting and utilitarian purposes; and the safe and responsible use of firearms for sporting purposes including Olympic sports. Furthermore, per Marbury v. Madison, 5 U.S. 137 (1803), the township hereby declares all federal and state laws and regulations attempting to restrict these rights to be infringements, hence null and void under this resolution."

I have been asked the following questions since making this request of the Selectboard.

Is this resolution legally bind-

ing in the town? No, it is not. Vermont is known as a "Dillon Rule" state. This means that state law preempts town government ordinance. Specifically 24 V.S.A. § 2295 states: "Except as otherwise provided by law, no town, city or incorporated village, by ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, shall directly regulate hunting, fishing and trapping or the possession, ownership, transportation, transfer, sale, purchase, carrying, licensing, or registration of traps, firearms, ammunition, or components of firearms and ammunition."

This resolution is a symbolic but emphatic restatement and affirmation of both the Vermont Constitution and the U.S. Constitution, which constitute the supreme law of our state and federal republic respectively. It serves as a reminder to our elected representatives in Montpelier and Washington, D.C. that they take an oath to uphold not only the Article 16 and the Second Amendment, but also every word of both documents. It also reminds us that we are independent citizens and not subjects, serfs, or slaves.

Is this resolution appropriate for Town Meeting? Yes, absolutely. I was born and raised in Vermont, and I actively engage in the public sphere. As a result, in my lifetime I have witnessed many resolutions debated on the Town Meeting floor. For example, according to Seven Days, "In March of 2009, 36 Vermont towns voted to ask the Legislature to not renew the license of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant." Last March, VT Digger reported that 24 towns "voted on

in our government and a fundamental shift toward servant leadership. I stand for empowering the working and middle classes with the freedom to choose in health care, education, and work; for fostering a diverse pro-business climate that creates prosperity for all, and for a transparent government that fulfills its debt obligations and honestly answers to the public.

Learn more about my story and our campaign at [www.hansenforvermont.com](http://www.hansenforvermont.com). Connect with me on Facebook [www.facebook.com/HansenForVermont](http://www.facebook.com/HansenForVermont) or email [info@hansenforvermont.com](mailto:info@hansenforvermont.com).

Sincerely,  
Meg Hansen  
Manchester, Vt.

climate change resolutions asking the Legislature to commit to 100% renewable energy by 2030."

While I may not agree with these and other resolutions, I defend the proponents' right to make their arguments and to be heard. This is our fundamental First Amendment right.

The tradition of town meetings can be traced back to 504 B.C. in ancient Athens, the birthplace of direct democracy. History tells us that the citizens of this city-state debated all manner of concerns, both trivial and weighty. While the Athenians did not embrace individual liberties as we do in the United States, they had a robust tradition of holding their leaders accountable for bad decisions that damaged the body politic.

We exercise the same tradition at our town meetings across Vermont. We come together to discuss the smallest details of how our tax dollars are being spent, as well as to debate the larger issues of the day over which we may exercise but little control. I have seen more wisdom spoken on the Town Meeting floor than I have ever heard come out of the halls of power in Montpelier and Washington, D.C. If the topics of climate change and anti-nuclear activism are appropriate for Town Meeting Day, then so is the desire to affirm our constitutional rights as enshrined by Article 16 and the Second Amendment.

I hope to see all of you on Town Meeting Day. It is a proud Vermont tradition that we must celebrate.

Your Friend in Liberty,  
Stu Lindberg  
Cavendish, Vt.

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by Linda Thistle

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

### Christ's Church, 24 Main St., Saxtons River

First Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. Service is followed by a potluck luncheon. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

## CHESTER, VT.

### St. Joseph's Church, 96 S. Main St.

Mass at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Confession from 3 – 3:30 p.m.

### Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main St., Rt. 11 West

Sunday Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-875-3382 or go to [www.chestercongregational.org](http://www.chestercongregational.org).

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

### First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.

Worship services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more information, visit [www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org](http://www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org) or call 802-856-7266.

## LUDLOW, VT.

### Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Mass on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 802-228-3451.

### Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Music Ministry, coffee,

## Laura K. Dudek, 1947-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Laura Kate Dudek, 72, passed away from cancer Friday evening, Jan. 10, 2020, at her home in Chester, Vt., surrounded by her family. She was born Oct. 26, 1947, in Bronx, N.Y., the daughter of Louis and Connie (Ferro) Siracusano.

She graduated from State University of New York at New Paltz, where she was a member of the Theta Phi Gamma sorority. Laura enjoyed cooking, gardening, and traveling. On July 10, 2006, she married Thomas A. Dudek in Camden, Maine.

Laura was a kindergarten teacher for three decades at Chester-Andover Elementary School in Chester. She taught grades three and four at Grafton Elementary School from 2000 to 2008. She retired in 2010 after serving two years as the librarian at the Grafton Public Library.

Laura is survived by her husband Tom; her sister Louise King; stepchildren Beth (Jeff



Laura K. Dudek, 1947-2020.  
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Musacchio and Jason Dudek; two step-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Celebrations of Life will be held in Chester and Camden, dates to be announced, in the spring. Donations in Laura's memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Dennis W. Johnson, 1972-2020

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Dennis William Johnson, 47, passed away Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at the Rutland Regional Medical Center in Rutland, Vt., after a long illness. He was born Dec. 10, 1972 in Hudson, N.Y., the son of Kenneth G. Trombley and Marie Myrtle Miner. He attended elementary school in Cavendish, Vt. and attended Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, working on cars, trading and swapping cars, antiques, and other items. He loved animals, especially his two dogs, Duchess and Muppet. Although he struggled with his health for many years, he loved to joke around. He had a quick wit and enjoyed teasing his family with funny nicknames.

He is survived by his mother Marie Johnson; one brother William Johnson; six sisters Rosemarie Evans, A.J. Keogh, Anne Collins, June Mylott, Kendra



Dennis W. Johnson, 1972-2020.  
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Johnson, and Denise Bates; and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rutland Humane Society, 765 Stevens Rd., Pittsford, VT 05763. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Dawn G. Wright, 1957-2020

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Dawn G. Wright, 62, passed away Jan. 3, 2020 in North Carolina. Dawn was born in Springfield, Vt., April 28, 1957, the daughter of Robert and Barbara (Sawtelle) Gammon. She was a 1975 graduate of Green Mountain High School and worked at Brooks Pharmacy and Rite Aid for 25 years. Dawn was a member of the First Congregational Church of Westminster where she also served as a trustee and treasurer. After moving to North Carolina, she joined the First United Methodist Church in Dallas, N.C., where she and Ed became Stephen ministers. Dawn always liked helping other people.

In 1982, in Proctorsville, Vt.,

she married Edward Wright who survives. Also surviving are her sister Beth Gammon of Springfield, Vt., and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is predeceased by her parents, her brother Robert Gammon, and her sister Amy Horton.

There will be a memorial service Saturday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at the Congregational Church in Westminster with burial to follow in the Westminster Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dawn's name may be made to the Vermont Cancer Society or the First Congregational Church of Westminster.

and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with nursery care provided. Evening Praise service at 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to [www.LudlowBaptist.org](http://www.LudlowBaptist.org) or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann at 802-228-7600.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to [www.htcovt.org](http://www.htcovt.org).

### First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

Worship for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. with young people leaving for church school after the children's sermon. All are welcome. Call 802-885-5728, email [fccucc@vermontel.net](mailto:fccucc@vermontel.net), or go to [www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org) for more information.

### North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.

Sunday service at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us in worship. Bus transportation is available if needed by calling the church office at 802-886-8107. Email [office@nsbcvt.org](mailto:office@nsbcvt.org) or go to [www.nsbct.org](http://www.nsbct.org) for additional information.

## Gary D. Chase, 1953-2020

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Gary D. Chase, 66, passed away Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at his home, following an illness. He was born Jan. 23, 1953 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Hodgdon) Chase, and was a graduate of Springfield High School with the Class of 1971. On July 5, 1975, he married Denise Douglas at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt.

Gary was a cabinetmaker and worked for Vermont Custom Cabinetry in Westminster, Vt. for 40 years prior to retirement. He loved working with wood, especially creating unique cutting boards and building. He enjoyed cutting his own firewood and considered it therapeutic. He also enjoyed reading and especially loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Denise (Douglas) Chase, three daughters Shannon Chase of Washington, Vt., Ashlynn Chase of Chester, Vt., and BrieAnn Chase and her fiancé Nick Wardwell of Rockingham; a sister Sandi Crilly of Barre, Vt.; three brothers Greg Chase and his wife Kathy of Rockingham, Vt., Charles Chase Jr. and his wife Addie of Athens, Vt., and



Gary D. Chase, 1953-2020.  
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Dana Chase and his wife Nola of Springfield; his stepmother Janice Chase of Springfield, Vt.; two grandchildren Odyn Farley and Kendall Wardwell; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Crown Point Country Club in Springfield Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, from 3-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Melanoma Research Fund, C/O Megan Daniels, MGH Development Office, 125 Nashua St. Boston, MA 02114. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Frederick C. Ramen Jr., 1933-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Frederick C. Ramen Jr., 86, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H., surrounded by his family. He was born Aug. 30, 1933 in Queens, N.Y., the son of Frederick Sr. and Catherine (Beckert) Ramen. Fred held master's degrees from New York University and Long Island University.

On Nov. 21, 1970, he married Irene Elizabeth Smith in Flushing, N.Y. Fred worked for 22 years at Citibank and retired as a vice president and was an associate professor of sociology and business at Suffolk Community College on Long Island and the Community College of Vermont in Springfield.

He enjoyed gardening, playing piano, building, and frequently performed in various character roles with the Springfield Community Players, the Chester Players, and the Cape Coral Players in Florida. He was a member of Rotary International and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was a volunteer

at the Springfield Hospital and Cape Coral Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Irene, one son Jeffrey Paul Ramen, one daughter Catherine Marie Ramen, one granddaughter Emma Mary Ramen, one brother Reverend Paul Ramen, and two sisters Ann Trapani and Joan Currey.

A memorial mass will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Chester, Vt. Reverend Paul Ramen will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156, or to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care Gift Fund at D-H/Geisel Office of Development, Attn: Gift Recording, One Medical Center Drive, HB 7070 Lebanon, NH 03756-0001, or at [www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/donate](http://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/donate). Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

## Cheryl J. Wilder, 1949-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Cheryl Jean Wilder, 70, passed away Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Dec. 28, 1949 in Levittown, N.Y., the daughter of Charles and Maria O'Brien. She attended and graduated schools in New York and later completed her associate's degree with Community College of Vermont.

She worked as a counselor with the Division for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Cheryl was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Robert L. Johnson VFW Post 771 in Spring-

field.

She is survived by her son Eric Boystak of Springfield, Vt., his wife Katherine of Savannah, Ga., one granddaughter McKenzie Boystak also of Savannah, Ga., one sister Priscilla Stokes of Port Jefferson, N.Y., and two nieces Joanne Stokes and Karen Gifford of Brentwood, N.Y.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

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## Theron W. Corliss, 1921-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Theron W. Corliss, 98, passed away Monday, Jan. 13, 2020 at Langdon Place in Keene, N.H., surrounded by his family. He was born Oct. 25, 1921 in Springfield, Vt., the son of William and Maude (White) Corliss. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School Class of 1940. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

On April 8, 1944, he married Shirley Lucius in Springfield, Vt. She predeceased him Sept. 5, 2001. Theron was employed with the Jones and Lamson Machine Tool Company in Springfield, Vt., working as a machinist, welder, and in engineering. He retired from Jones and Lamson as a sales representative after 45 year of service.

He was a life member of the Loyal Order of Moose 679 in Springfield. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, camping, golfing, and horseback riding. He was a member of the First Congregational Church.

He is survived by one son Rudy Corliss and his wife Linda of Brattleboro, Vt.; and four grandchildren Christopher Corliss (Heidi Lord) of Keene, N.H. and Tamara Fountain (Mark) of Springfield, Vt.; and four great-grandchildren Ashley Fountain, Lauren Fountain, Logan Corliss, and Trevor Corliss. He was a truly amazing great-grandfather.

A graveside service will be held at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt., in the spring. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Patricia J. Eagan, 1936-2020

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Patricia J. Eagan, 83, passed away Jan. 2, 2020 at the Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. She was born Feb. 16, 1936 in Marlboro, Mass., the daughter of Leon and Elga (Forstrom) Judd. She graduated schools in Troy and Keene, N.H. She later graduated from Keene State College. On May 20, 1967, she married Edward A. Eagan Jr. in Keene, N.H. He predeceased her in 2009.

Patricia worked as a teacher in Connecticut and Florida, retiring from teaching in Florida after many years. After retirement, Patricia and Edward moved to Vermont where she

taught part-time at the Springfield High School for several years.

She was an artist and enjoyed painting and making quilts. She was a member of the Springfield Garden Club and enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by one son Aaron Eagan and his wife Christina of Gainesville, Fla. and one granddaughter Kyra Eagan. She was predeceased by one brother Bob Judd, and five sisters Elsie, Nancy, Carrie, Mary, and Barbara.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## James R. Sears Jr., 1936-2020

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – James R. Sears Jr., 83, of Back Westminster Road, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020. James was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., June 11, 1936, the son of James Ross Sears and Dorothy (Anderson) Sears. He attended high school in Bergenfield, N.J. and served in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C., during the Korean War. James was a truck driver for Bazin Brothers, Allen Brothers, and Hancor Trucking for many years.

More recently, he drove a school bus for the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union. He was a member and trustee of the Community Christian Church in Athens, Vt. A great passion for Jim was his love of gospel music. He enjoyed producing and recording Christian music, proclaiming his love for Jesus, and creating videos for his own YouTube channel. He also loved to create his own original style of folk art, painting rustic scenes. Jim loved having family gatherings by the pool every summer. He also enjoyed watching Patriots football games with his wife Alice.

James is survived by the love of his life and soul mate, his wife of 54 years, Alice (Kelly) Sears; his three sons James Sears III and wife Michele of Au Gres, Mich., Richard Sears and wife Christine of Stoddard, N.H., Jeff Sears and wife Teeka



James R. Sears Jr., 1936-2020.  
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of Georgia, Vt.; his two daughters Michelle St. Pierre and husband Gilles of Rockingham, Vt., and Kristina Allen and partner Mark of Claremont, N.H.; his three sisters Dorothy May and Evelyn Collins, both of New York, and Martha Feder of North Carolina; several nieces and nephews; his grandchildren Amy, Ashley, Leah, Ryan, Merissa, Jean, Trevor, Natasha, and Vera; and his great-grandchildren Payton, Zylah, Ethan, Kylie, and Mila. He is predeceased by his parents.

There will be a memorial service Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Community Christian Church in Athens, Vt. Burial will take place at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

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# sports

## Springfield wrestling season underway

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The junior high and high school wrestling season is well underway, and the Springfield team is hitting the mats hard. Participants include seniors Brandon Bennett and Skylar Wallace; juniors Dominic Bates and Donavin Sprano, who started off strong but had a knee injury end his season; sophomores Bryan Stafford, Logan Webster, and Tim Amsden; and freshmen Cole Wright, Trenton Rumrill, and David Rigney. Junior high participants are Hunter Ferland, Armando Stettner, Marshall Simpson, Noah Markwell, Dillan Lacasse, and John Jasinski.



From left to right, front row: David Rigney, Trenton Rumrill, Donavin Sprano, Cole Wright, Dominic Bates. Back row: Tim Amsden, Brandon Bennett, Coach Dave Wright, Coach Don Beebe, Skylar Wallace, and Bryan Stafford.

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Wrestlers have already competed around the state, most recently at Otter Valley High School in Brandon. Skylar Wallace, competing at 285 pounds, battled to third place, and both

Brandon Bennett, 195 pounds, and Bryan Stafford, 220 pounds, each secured a second place spot

on the podium. Several Springfield wrestlers had their arms raised in victory at Otter Valley.



From left to right, assistant coach Bradley Bennett, senior Brandon Bennett, assistant coach David Wright.

PHOTO BY CATHY BENNETT

The green grapplers continued to impress Jan. 11 at the Mount Abraham tournament. The junior high team made a strong showing, battling several

large New York teams as well as Vermont teams. Dillan Lacasse, John Jasinski, and Hunter Ferland each pulled out strong second place spots on the podi-

um, and Noah Markwell nailed a third place medal. For the junior varsity team, freshman Trenton Rumrill placing third and first-year wrestler Logan Webster secured fourth place in his bracket. Both wrestlers put out super efforts and “left it all on the mat,” says team manager Angela Ferland.

The varsity team brought their A-game to Mount Anthony in Bennington. Bryan Stafford, Cole Wright, and Tim Amsden showed great improvement, impressing head coach Don Beebe with their progress. Skylar Wallace and David Rigney each battled their way to fourth place, and senior Brandon Bennett led the day with a hard-won first-place medal.

To learn more about the team, contact SpringfieldVTWrestling@gmail.com.

## Leland & Gray boys, Bellows Falls girls win at home

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Monday, Jan. 13, Leland & Gray boys’ varsity basketball beat Long Trail 53-44 at home. Junior Liam Towle had 21 points and 15 rebounds, and sophomore Jeremy Graves had 8 points and 9 rebounds.



Making home-game wins.

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Their next game is Thursday, Jan. 23 on the road at Rivendell Academy in Orford, N.H. at 7 p.m.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the Bellows Falls girls were also at home where they defeated Hartford 47-42, bringing their record to 3-4 in a three-game winning streak.

According to Coach Todd Wells, “Hartford got into a little foul trouble in the second, and we were able to capitalize on it going up 26-17 at the half. Hartford outscored us in the second half, 25-21. We could have easily held our heads down and let this one get away from us, but we kept our heads up, showed some resilience to come away with our third win in a row. Hopefully, we can keep the mo-

mentum going when we travel to Mill River on Friday.”

Taylor Goodell had her first double-double of the season: 14 points and 13 rebounds. Halle Dickerson scored 13 points.

Kennedy Mullen from Hartford scored 17 points.

On Friday, Jan. 17, the Terriers celebrated their fourth straight win in the game at Mill River, 58-29.

Wells said, “Mill River came out hot to start the game with a 9-0 run. We went on a run

of our own at the end of the first quarter to go up 13-12 and never surrendered the lead the rest of the way.”

Maya Waryas led the team with 14 points and 5 steals. Dickerson and Goodell had another great game as both had 12 points. Emily Bazin dominated the boards at both ends with 10 rebounds.

Coach Wells hopes to see his team keep the momentum going as they took on Mount Saint Joseph Monday.

## Vermont High School Bowling standings as of Jan. 11, 2020

REGION – As of Jan. 11, 2020, the following are the standings for Vermont high school bowling:

- 1st, Windsor, 36
- 2nd, South Burlington, 33
- 3rd, Randolph, 32
- 4th, Fair Haven, 30
- 5th, Essex, 28
- 6th, Brattleboro, 23
- 7th, White River, 20
- 8th, Burlington, 19
- 9th, Enosburg, 15
- 10th, Hartford, 14
- 11th, Springfield, 11



Local bowling league standings and upcoming games.

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**The top 10 individual averages:**

- Howard Stockwell, Randolph, 216.5
- Cean Lieberman, Hartford, 211.5
- Joseph Warner, Randolph, 204.5
- Rayce Gilbert, Windham, 196.8
- Grayson Frazer, Windham, 191.9
- Matt Campbell, South Burlington, 182.7
- Aaron Murakami, South Burlington, 180.0
- Jacob Pickielnok, Fair

Haven, 172.4

- Daniel Raboin, South Burlington, 171.4
- Julius Dodson, Burlington, 170.9

**Meet schedule:**

- **Saturday, Jan. 25**
- Burlington, Enosburg, and Springfield at Spacetime 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.

**Saturday, Feb. 1**

- Enosburg, Essex, South Burlington, and Burlington at Dairy Center in Enosburg Center, Vt. 9 a.m.
- Brattleboro, Windsor, Fair Haven, and Hartford at Brattleboro Bowl in Brattleboro, Vt., 10 a.m.
- White River Valley, Randolph, and Springfield at Valley Bowl in Randolph, Vt., 1 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

LUDLOW, Vt. – All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition, sponsored by Council 7324 in Ludlow will be held Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. at the Ludlow Community Center. Certificates will

be awarded to all participants.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish

proof of age and written parental consent.

For entry forms or additional information, contact Paul Faenza at 802-353-8347 or Terry Thayne at 802-228-7206.

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Participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship competition.

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## Winter sports schedule, Jan. 23-31

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. 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.  
Twin Valley at Springfield, 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.

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

### MONDAY, JAN. 27 –

**Girls basketball**  
Poultney at Black River, 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 28 –

**Boys basketball**  
Black River at Blue Mountain, 7 p.m.  
Green Mountain at White River Valley, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.  
Rivendell at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Brattleboro, 7 p.m.  
Twin Valley at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Fall Mountain at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Mount Anthony, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29 –

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

### THURSDAY, JAN. 30 –

**Boys basketball**  
Bellows Falls at Twin Valley, 7 p.m.  
Leland & Gray at Long Trail, 6 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.  
Mill River at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.  
Windsor at Springfield, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 31 –

**Boys basketball**  
Green Mountain at Rivendell, 7 p.m.  
Leland & Gray at White River Valley, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Mill River, 7 p.m.  
West Rutland at Black River, 6:30 p.m.



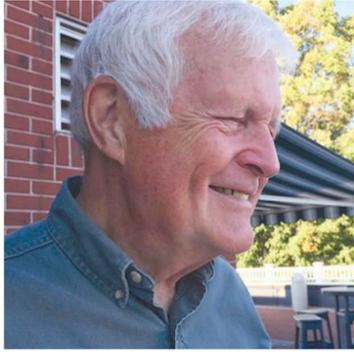
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# arts & entertainment

## OLLI: “The Future of the Family Farm”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Steve Taylor will begin the winter/spring 2020 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute series Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. with an outlook on the “Future of the Family Farm in the Connecticut Valley.” He will pose the question of whether to expect more decline or will there be a turning point? The program will be presented at the Nolin Murray Center, next to St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.



Steve Taylor.

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Family farms in the Connecticut Valley have been under extreme stress for generations, and he’ll discuss the array of challenges today leading many observers to hold little hope for their future. But others see signs of reversal of fortunes and cite forces that can lead to a brighter prospect for family farmers. He’ll assess the negative and the positive of the current situation.

Taylor is a farmer, a writer, and a “Scholar of All Things Rural.” He comes from a varied background of experiences. He was the commissioner of New Hampshire Agriculture Department for 25 years, a local town public official, and a reporter and editor for the Valley News. He continues with his family farm business, especially

maple sugaring in Meriden, N.H. He was the founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. He is well-known throughout the area as an engaging and informative speaker, having been a favorite previous presenter to the OLLI group on several rural topics.

OLLI, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning “just for the fun of it!” People of all ages who are interested in this type of program are welcome to attend.

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied

themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, travel, and current events. Membership for the semester includes nine programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later, Feb. 11, and will be “Everything You Need to Know About the Birds and the Bees: Good Plants to Support Them” with garden writer Henry Homeyer. This program is co-sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club. Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli).

For weather-related changes to the schedule you may check the above mentioned website or SAPA TV, 802-885-6248, or call 802-885-3094.

## Walpole Players’ mystery dinner to benefit church

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Players will present an original mystery dinner, “Murder on the Vine,” in the newly renovated hall of St. John’s Episcopal Church across from the Town Hall in Walpole Feb. 7 and 8 with Feb. 21 and 22 as inclement weather dates. Doors open at 6 p.m. with appetizers starting at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the church’s fundraising campaign for roof repairs. The audience is encouraged to come in ‘50s costumes.



Members of the cast of Walpole Players mystery dinner “Murder on the Vine” set in an Italian winery in the ‘50s.

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An entertaining cast of over a dozen actors will present a mystery set in an Italian winery over the course of an Italian-themed dinner that includes appetizers, salad, entrée, and dessert. There will be a vegetarian option. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, and

guests are invited to bring their own wine. Guests will be invited to help in solving the mystery. The production has been written by Jeanie Levesque, who will direct, with help from members of the Walpole Players and the cast themselves.

The audience will be asked to help solve the mystery, and prizes will be awarded for the

most creative, the most correct, and the most original answer as well as a prize for the best ‘50s costume.

Tickets for the dinner and entertainment are available through the church. Seating is limited. For reservations and further information, please call 603-756-2535 or use Walpole-Players@gmail.com.

## Celebrate the 2020 Chinese New Year with dinner

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join your friends and neighbors for a delicious homemade meal Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5-7 p.m., at the United Church of Ludlow, located at 46 Park St., in Ludlow.

The Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China. In 2020, Chinese New Year begins Jan. 25 and marks the beginning of the Year of the Rat. Tied to the Chinese lunar calendar, the



Happy Chinese New Year! STOCK PHOTO

holiday was traditionally a time to gather as a family and honor deities as well as ancestors.

A delicious variety of freshly made specialties will be served including: sweet and sour pork, chicken with broccoli, stir-fried vegetables, chicken wings in soy sauce, fortune cookies, tea, and oranges – a symbol of good luck!

Everyone is welcome to join in this fun community celebration. See what your fortune is for 2020!

## “The Joy of Being” at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to present “The Joy of Being,” a show of pop portraits by Mindy Fisher, from now until Feb. 26. The paintings are colorful, enchanting, and fun.

Mindy will be presenting a selection of pet portraits, landscapes, and a few other surprises in her Gallery at the VAULT show. Each piece was created in her cartoony pop art style with an eye-catching palette. A few scenes ranging from local Vermont and Greece, an obligatory cow, spunky Maine coon, and some other unexpected creatures will be in the mix.

Most of these paintings are available for purchase and serve as examples for her upcoming Pet Portrait class that will be held at the VAULT Saturday, Feb. 1, from 1-4 p.m. Students will be painting their favorite

furry, feathered, or scaled friends. You will paint with acrylic-gouache on an 8-by-8-inch ready to hang panel. Mindy will give guidance but is also hands-off so you have the opportunity to develop your own style and color palette. She will provide the panels and 100-plus colors. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged.

Mindy has studied art from a young age including at the River Gallery Art School in Brattleboro, learned set design at Columbia College in Chicago, and has taught herself anima-



Example of Mindy Fisher pet portraits.

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tion. She has taught cartooning at Right Brained Studio in Illinois and now has her studio in Bellows Falls, Vt. Her works are in collections around the world.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, is open Monday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email [galleryvault@vermontel.net](mailto:galleryvault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org).

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# arts & entertainment

## The Speckers to perform traditional American music —

ANDOVER, Vt. — Vermont's fiddle trio, The Speckers, will present an afternoon concert of traditional American fiddle and banjo music at the Andover Town Hall Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2-3:30 p.m. There is no cover charge, and all are welcome, including children of all ages.

Lila and Ida Mae Specker

will accompany their dad John, Okemo Valley TV's 2017 Producer of the Year, on fiddle and vocals. John Specker, "Father of the Ithaca Sound," is a fiddle virtuoso who helped to create a new regional style in upstate New York in the 1970s before he moved to Vermont later in that decade.

The resonance between father and daughters, old wood-instrument and venerable town hall timbers, add extra dimension to this hometown musical afternoon.

For more information, please visit [www.johnspecker.com](http://www.johnspecker.com) or [www.idamaespecker.com](http://www.idamaespecker.com).

## Dr. Sandra Young discusses "Fledgling" by Octavia Butler —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Pick up a copy of "Fledgling" by Octavia E. Butler at the Rockingham Library's front desk today and then join the book discussion led by Dr. Sandra Young Monday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.

"Fledgling" is the story of an apparently young, amnesiac girl whose alarmingly inhuman needs and abilities lead her to a startling conclusion — she is in fact a genetically modified, 53-year-old vampire. Forced to discover what she can about her stolen former life, she must at the same time learn who wanted — and still wants — to destroy her and those she cares

for and how she can save herself. "Fledgling" is a captivating novel that tests the limits of "otherness" and questions what it means to be truly human. Light refreshments will be served.

The author, who passed away in 2006, was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship and two each of the coveted Nebula and Hugo awards — science fiction's equivalent of the National Book Award. She became one of science fiction's best-known female writers, along with Ursula LeGuinn and Madeleine L'Engle, and she is the most prominent black writer in this

genre. Her novel "Kindred" was rereleased in 2017 in a graphic novel format.

The discussion leader for "Fledgling" is Dr. Sandra Young, former associate director of Boston College's African & African Diaspora Studies Program and adjunct professor at Boston College.

The Rockingham Library is located at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt., and is accessible. For more information, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library.

## Munemo discusses "The Book Keeper" —

MANCHESTER, Vt. — Join author Julia Munemo at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester Friday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. to discuss "The Book Keeper: A Memoir of Race, Love, and Legacy."

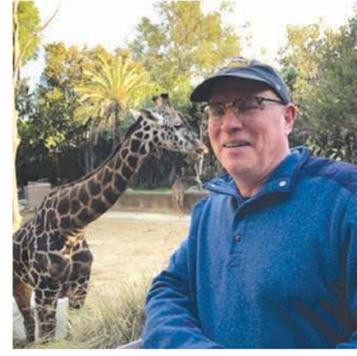
When a stack of interracial romance novels written by her long-dead father landed on Munemo's kitchen table, she had been in an interracial marriage for six years, and their first son was a toddler. Out of shame about her father's secret career as a writer of "slavery porn," she

hid the books from herself, and from her growing mixed-race family, for more than a decade. But then, with police shootings of African American men more and more in the public eye, she realized that understanding her own legacy was the only way to begin to understand her country. "The Book Keeper" is equal parts love story, family interrogation, and racial reckoning as Munemo comes to terms with her whiteness, and with her history.

## Magic with Bob at Springfield Town Library —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Being a funny magician is serious business! Come to Springfield Town Library Saturday, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. to experience magic right in front of your eyes. Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day at the library with Magic with Bob.

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



Don't miss Magic with Bob.

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Bob has performed from Halifax, Canada to San Diego, USA

and many, many places in between.

Most of Bob's time is centered around performing, digging, and traveling. When not involved in these activities, he is trying to stay warm in chilly Vermont!

"Abracadabra and Alla Peanut Butter Sandwiches! Science in our skills and magic in our hands" Feb. 1 at Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-885-3108 or go to [www.springfieldtownlibrary.org](http://www.springfieldtownlibrary.org).

## Green living for your own health and the environment —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Why is green living better for you? It is healthier for everyone, and there is no time like now to start being good to yourself, your family, your pets, and your environment. Is it expensive? In the long run, it could be cost-effective. Find out how. Is it a sacrifice? Join us Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library and let Cheryl Joy Lipton

show you a different way of living.

Come to the forum to share what you do to live sustainably and learn what steps to take next or what to do to get started.

Lipton has a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from SUNY, CESF and a Master of Science in ecology from Penn State. She is a specialist in native plants and invasive non-natives and serves on the Ches-

ter Planning Commission. She is a founding member of the Mountain Valley Climate Action Group and has been living green most of her life.

This event, hosted by the Springfield Town Library, is free, accessible, and open to the public. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street in Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact 802-885-3108 or [stlas@vermontel.net](mailto:stlas@vermontel.net).



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# outdoor news

## Biologists to lead wildlife walk at Victory Basin

VICTORY, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will host a wildlife viewing tour at Victory Basin Wildlife Management Area Saturday, Jan. 25.

Doug Morin and Paul Hamelin, wildlife biologists with the department, will lead this wildlife-based exploration of a truly unique part of Vermont. Morin is a wildlife biologist and an alumnus of the University of Vermont's Field Naturalist graduate program who manages Victory Basin WMA. Hamelin is a veteran wildlife biologist who has managed wildlife habitat on WMAs throughout the state.

"We'll keep an eye out for tracks, trees, birds, and any other curiosities we find along the way," said Morin. "Victory Basin is a vast lowland boreal forest that is common in northern Canada but rare here in Vermont, allowing visitors to feel like they've stepped into another world. We have a chance of spotting boreal wildlife such



Winter is a great time to be out on the landscape looking for wildlife or signs of wildlife. PHOTO PROVIDED

as snowshoe hare, gray jays, and possibly even the tracks of an American marten."

Two walks will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring snowshoes and to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for being outdoors in winter, including extra layers, food, and water, as well as binoculars if they have them. They should also be able to walk one to two miles at a relaxed pace over a relatively flat trail while wearing

snowshoes.

People can register for the event at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Admission is free and is limited to the first 12 people who sign up for each walk. A reminder to please leave dogs at home. The backup date in case of inclement weather is Saturday, Feb. 15, and participants will be notified via email.

Victory Basin is one of 99 wildlife management areas owned and managed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department for wildlife-based recreation such as hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching. These lands are purchased and managed in part using funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife Restoration Program using excise taxes on hunting and shooting equipment, as well as through hunting and trapping licenses and donations to the Vermont Habitat Stamp program.

## Landscape and planting design simplified

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Have you ever struggled with finding the right spot for adding new plants to your garden? How can you complement your other plantings but also be sure that the new additions will thrive and succeed?

Green Mountain Gardeners invites you to join your neighbors and local gardeners for "Landscape and Planting Design Simplified" with Betsy Gritman, owner of Natural Landscape Designs, Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at 11 a.m. The presentation is open to the public and will take place at Neighborhood Connections, 5700 Route 100, in Londonderry.

Betsy will offer some simple rules of design that have been most successful in meeting the challenges of Vermont landscapes and gardens. You will learn about varieties of shrubs, trees, and perennials that make a lovely garden throughout the whole season. Betsy will share her approach of focusing on good foliage, interest-



Betsy Gritman will teach a gardening workshop. PHOTO PROVIDED

ing seedheads, and long flowering times, as well as easy care.

For over 25 years, Betsy's design approach and deep knowledge of plants have been key to integrating landscape designs without interrupting the natural continuity of the land. A graduate of the Garden Design School, she has studied with renowned English designers Robin Templar Williams and Moira Farnham.

In addition to light refreshments, there will be ample time

for your questions and discussions with Betsy. What a terrific opportunity to begin planning your spring and summer gardening projects!

The GMG is pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to everyone in our community. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Jan. 30 to Gay Church at [ski123now@gmail.com](mailto:ski123now@gmail.com).

For more information about Green Mountain Gardeners, go to [www.greenmountaingardeners.net](http://www.greenmountaingardeners.net).

## Grady wins lifetime hunting, fishing license

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Elizabeth Grady, 42, of Underhill, Vt., is the lucky winner of the 2019 Vermont Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License Lottery. Grady will be entitled to hunt and fish for free for the rest of her life. She was drawn as the winner from among 13,053 lot-

tery tickets purchased in 2019. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department holds the drawing annually.

"The Lifetime License Lottery gives anyone, resident or non-resident, an opportunity to win a Vermont hunting and fishing license that is valid for the re-

mainder of their lifetime," said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "Even if you don't win the license, by applying you know you have contributed to fish and wildlife conservation in Vermont."

This year's sales of the tickets brought \$26,106 to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. These state dollars can be leveraged with federal funds to produce more than \$104,000 to support the department's mission to conserve fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats.

"These funds help us to manage the state's sportfish and game animals, protect threatened and

endangered species, and conserve important habitat for wildlife," said Porter.

A person can enter Vermont's License of a Lifetime Lottery by adding the entry fee when they buy their license on the Fish and Wildlife Department website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). They can also enter by applying at locations statewide wherever Vermont hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses are sold, or with a printable application available on the department website. There is no limit on the number of times a person may enter during the year.

## Sugarbush joins Alterra Mountain Company

WARREN, Vt. – On Jan. 14, 2020, Sugarbush officially became a member of the Alterra Mountain Company.

In his letter to the Sugarbush community, Win Smith wrote: "My family and I have thoroughly enjoyed our 18 years of ownership, and we are grateful for your support and loyalty and all that you have done to make us successful. I am also very thankful for the support we have received from Adam Greshin and the other investors in Summit Ventures. And I remain grateful to Bob Ackland and Tom McHugh, who were responsible for bringing the Sugarbush opportunity to Joe Riemer and me, which led to our purchase of the resort from American Skiing Company in 2001, and who were an important part of our management in the early years."

"For the past 60 years, each owner has made Sugarbush better. The Gadd and Murphy families, along with a handful

of investors, opened Sugarbush on Christmas Day in 1958, creating what would become known as Mascara Mountain. The culture that they began is one we have tried to build upon. The Elliott family opened nearby Glen Ellen five years later, brought a third ski mountain to the valley, and created a fun spirit of camaraderie. Roy Cohen followed the Gadds as owner of Sugarbush and brought the two mountains together.

"I am certain that under our ownership, my family and I have also made Sugarbush better each year, with three new lodges at Lincoln Peak, improved snowmaking, and seven new lifts along with a number of other improvements at both mountains. I am proud to have partnered with the likes of GMVS, VASS, the Kelly Brush Foundation, High Fives, Protect Our Winters, and other philanthropic organizations and to have been a responsible member of this great Mad River Valley community. And now I am confident that Sugarbush's new steward, Alterra Mountain Company, will do the same and continue to make Sugarbush better each and every year.

"While the past owners have made significant contributions to Sugarbush's uniqueness, so too has our valued team. Their passion and dedication to serving our guests is something that has differentiated us and will continue to do so in the years ahead. I can't think of a better team to be part of. They are rock stars!

"I will miss being an owner, but I am looking forward to Sugarbush's next chapter with Alterra Mountain Company. And I remain extremely optimistic about our future with new opportunities sprung from access to additional capital, talent, and the Ikon Pass community. As you know, I plan to continue as president and COO of Sugarbush for a while until the right successor is ready to take the reins. After that, our family will continue to be members of the Sugarbush community for decades to come, and I certainly plan to keep skiing at least 100 days a year for as long as I am able.

"This past weekend, we experienced our fifth weather roller coaster of the season, but we are recovering and getting the mountain back into good shape. Keep doing your snow dances. We still have a long season in front of us and are looking forward to skiing and riding into May again."

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<b>Killington Resort</b>	20 / 22	24"	0" (1/20)
<b>Magic Mountain</b>	5 / 6	20"	0" (1/20)
<b>Okemo Mountain Resort</b>	19 / 20	30"	0" (1/20)
<b>Stratton Mountain</b>	11 / 11	18"	0" (1/20)
<b>Sugarbush</b>	14 / 16	40"	0" (1/20)

# classifieds

## AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held Feb. 1, 2020 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Mike Luurtsema unit #13. (01/28)

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Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society  
4832 Route 44, West Windsor, Vt.  
802-484-5829 ~ www.lucymac.org  
Tuesday through Saturday, noon-4 p.m.

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### bakery

**CROWS BAKERY & OPERA HOUSE CAFE**  
Celebrating 20 years in business with yummy Pastries, Cakes, Pies, Breads, Cookies. Full Breakfast & Lunch. 73 Depot St. Proctorsville 802-226-7007. crowsbakeryandcafe.com. Like us on Facebook. (03/03/20 TFN-13)

### chiropractor

**FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC**  
Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-6PM (08/18/20 TFN-52)

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**PETER JORDAN CONSTRUCTION**  
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### home improvement

**ROSE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT**  
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**MOORE MASONRY**  
Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 mooremasonry802@gmail.com (09/08/20 TFN-52)

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### NOTICE

#### JOINT AGENCY & PUBLIC MEETING GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION CAVENDISH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC NO. 2489)

Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP) will host a Joint Agency & Public Meeting and site visit on **Thursday February 6, 2020**, to discuss the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of the Cavendish Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located on the Black River at river mile 20.8, in the Town of Cavendish, Windsor County, Vermont. The purpose of the meeting is to: 1) provide information about the Project and FERC licensing process; 2) solicit information regarding the existing environmental resources associated with the Project and data that may need to be obtained; and 3) obtain agency and stakeholder opinions regarding the Project and its potential effect on existing resources.

The meeting will be held at **10:00 am, at the GMP Springfield Service Center, 38 Precision Drive, North Springfield, Vermont 05150**. This meeting is open to the public but is primarily focused on issues and concerns of the state and federal resource agencies. For those who cannot attend in person, this meeting will also be available via conference line at the following number: (207) 248-8024; Conference ID: 438447882. GMP will provide a tour of the Project facilities following the meeting.

#### The proposed meeting agenda is:

- Introduction to Project Licensing Team Members
- Overview of FERC Licensing Process
- Project Description
- Pre-Application Document (PAD)
- Discussion of Identified Issues
- Comments and Questions
- Review of Next Steps

Please note that the PAD is available for public inspection and reproduction at GMP's Corporate Office at 2152 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701, by appointment, and will be available for review at the meeting. Public sections of this document are also accessible on the web via FERC's e-library at: <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=15394313>. Comments on the PAD are due within 60 days of the February 6, 2020 meeting, by April 6, 2020.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please RSVP with Katie Sellers at [katie.sellers@kleinschmidtgroup.com](mailto:katie.sellers@kleinschmidtgroup.com) by **Thursday January 30, 2020**. For additional information, questions regarding this meeting, or the Cavendish Hydroelectric Project license process, please contact:

Katie Sellers  
Regulatory Coordinator  
Kleinschmidt Associates  
207-416-1218  
[katie.sellers@kleinschmidtgroup.com](mailto:katie.sellers@kleinschmidtgroup.com)

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WINDHAM, Vt. – On Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., join Pauline O'Brien for Zumba Gold classes at Windham Elementary School. These classes are structured for the active 45-plus crowd. Zumba Gold recreates all the original zumba moves at a lower-intensity in an easy-to-follow format.

Come prepared to sweat, and leave feeling strong and empowered. For more information, email [paulineblakeob@outlook.com](mailto:paulineblakeob@outlook.com) or call 802-376-5397.

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

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV offers "Train the Trainers" workshops on fourth Thursdays at no cost, 6-7 p.m. at the Okemo Valley TV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the "ticks and tricks" of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at [pcody@pctv.org](mailto:pcody@pctv.org) or call 802-228-8808.

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

**FRIDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – International Folk Dancing Classes at the Chester Town Hall on Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. - noon, running through May 29. Beginner to intermediate level. No partner needed. For details, email [goodwood@vermontel.net](mailto:goodwood@vermontel.net).

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

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

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.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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

# LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

# calendar

strengthen muscles, and promote a sense of well-being.

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

**REGION – Bone Builders** to combat osteoporosis is free and open to seniors 55-plus. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist Church from 10-11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3-4 p.m.

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

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

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

## CLUBS

**JAN. 25 – MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Snowshoe to the southern Vermont Arts Center with Green Mountain Club Saturday, Jan. 25. Meet at the parking lot for the Equinox Hotel at the back end of the lot at 10 a.m. to join the Manchester Section of Green Mountain members for this hike. Carpool to the Red Gate parking - very limited parking there. Snowshoe over to Southern Vermont Arts Center, about 3.5 miles and about 350 foot elevate gain. At SVAC have lunch, visit the exhibits, then snowshoe back. Bring extra clothes, wool or fleece hat, snacks, lunch, fluids. Moderately easy. RSVP required to Marge Fish 802-384-3654 or marge.fish@gmail.com.

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

**THURSDAYS – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –** The Charlestown

Rotary Club meets at the Charlestown Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Summer Street. For more information, email rayandrosie@comcast.net.

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

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

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

## EVENTS

**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.

**JAN. 24 – PUTNEY, Vt. –** Next Stage Arts Project presents Jay Craven's 2016 seaside drama film "Peter and John" as part of its FRAMED hosted film series Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. The screening will include an introduction and Q & A with director Jay Craven. Admission is by donation. For information, visit www.nextstagearts.org or www.KingdomCounty.org.

**JAN. 25 – ANDOVER, Vt. –** The Nature Museum at Grafton presents "Wild Winter Eyes: A Guided Wildlife Tracking Exploration" Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. – noon. Join us and Chris Bernier, a Wildlife Biologist with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, for a unique outdoor exploration. This three-hour trek will lead us through the snowy landscape where we will discuss habitat types, animal tracking and camera trapping tips and tricks, forest management, and land conservation. Participants should expect an overall moderate hike with

some uphill sections that will be more strenuous. Snowshoes and winter gear are required. If you would like to borrow a pair of snowshoes, please indicate when registering. Pre-registration is required and the meeting spot, which is on private land in Andover, Vt., will be sent to all registrants. For ages 14 and up. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org.

**JAN. 26 – GRAFTON, Vt. –** On Jan. 26, 2020, starting at 9 a.m., join us for Snowshoe Vermont, a non-competitive snowshoe 3k or 5k walk at the Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center. Enjoy the crisp winter air while making an impact in the fight against breast cancer. Funds raised will support local organizations that are providing breast health services in Vermont and New Hampshire. Online registration is open now. For more information, visit www.komennewengland.org/snowshoe/vermont.

**JAN. 28 – CHESTER, Vt. –** The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is launching a new program called "Coffee Talk" with the first of the series Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. at Karass Inn, 228 Pleasant St. in Chester. OVRCC is going on the road around the region to meet with fellow members and local business owners to share concerns and have attendees learn more about how the chamber can help. Refreshments will be provided. No cost.

Registration is required.

**THURSDAYS – PUTNEY, Vt. –** Dinner and a movie on the last Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. At each event, the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. For pricing or reservations, call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available.

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

## KIDS' CORNER

**JAN. 28 – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Kids in kindergarten and older can join Crafty Tuesdays, from 3-4 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Jan. 28 is "Harry Potter Day!" Make an owl and a cool bookmark based on Hogwarts colors.

**JAN. 31 – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Tired of playing in the snow or just want something different to do? On Friday, Jan. 31, from 3-4 p.m., come to the Fletcher Memorial Library and join your friends in a lively ping-pong match. You can even challenge your friendly youth services librarian to a game or two! This event is for kids in kindergarten

and older.

**MONDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. –** Children of all ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs, and you supply the imagination. The program is Mondays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For further information, call 802-875-2277, visit www.whitinglibrary.org, or check our Facebook.

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

**TUESDAYS – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –**

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

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

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

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Springfield Town Library story time, 43 Main St.,

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

A meeting will be held on February 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., in the Howard Barton Jr. Conference Room, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 081-94-PRD; Amendment No. 13  
 APPLICANT: Winterplace COA  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 42 & 84 Harrison Lane  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 030215.017 & 030216.014

REASON FOR HEARING: Amendment to a PRD to convert attic space into a bonus room.

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

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A meeting will be held on February 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., in the Howard Barton Jr. Conference Room, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 480-20-FHR  
 APPLICANT: Rexbo Properties, Inc  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 224 Main Street  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 220425.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Flood Hazard Review to demolish existing office building, expand the convenience store parking & construct new dumpster pad and enclosure.

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 092-95-PUD; Amendment No. 2  
 APPLICANT: Okemo Mountain Resort  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: Okemo Ridge Road  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 030666.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Amendment to a PRD to upgrade the Quantum Four lift to a six-passenger lift and the Green Ridge Triple lift to a high-speed detachable four-passenger lift, construction of approximately 1,400 lineal feet of ski trail, renovation of the Administrative Building to a facility focused on a children's ski school, renovation of, and addition to existing Base Lodge Building and site improvements including heated walkways, improved parking area, removal of some parking spots adjacent to the existing Base Lodge, and improved stormwater system management and treatment.

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APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB20-007  
 APPLICANT: Martha Jane Donahue  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 11 Smokeshire Road & Sandra Drive  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 100261.400

REASON FOR HEARING: Subdividing an existing 11.1-acre lot into two (2) separate lots.

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 204-02-CU; Amendment 3  
 APPLICANT: Rexbo Properties, Inc  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 224 Main Street  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 220425.000  
 REASON FOR HEARING: Demolish existing office building, expand the convenience store parking & construct new dumpster pad and enclosure.

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 479-20-CU  
 APPLICANT: Okemo Mountain Resort  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: Okemo Ridge Road  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 030666.000

REASON FOR HEARING: A Conditional Use Permit to upgrade the Quantum Four lift to a six-passenger lift & the Green Ridge Triple lift to a high-speed detachable four-passenger lift, construction of approximately 1,400 lineal feet of ski trail, renovation of the Administrative Building to a facility focused on a children's ski school, renovation of, and addition to existing Base Lodge Building and site improvements including heated walkways, improved parking area, removal of some parking spots adjacent to the existing Base Lodge, and improved stormwater system management and treatment.

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 478-20-ACT250  
 APPLICANT: Okemo Mountain Resort  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: Okemo Ridge Road  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 030666.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Local Act 250 Review to upgrade the Quantum Four lift to a six-passenger lift and the Green Ridge Triple lift to a high-speed detachable four-passenger lift, construction of approximately 1,400 lineal feet of ski trail, renovation of the Administrative Building to a facility focused on a children's ski school, renovation of, and addition to existing Base Lodge Building and site improvements including heated walkways, improved parking area, removal of some parking spots adjacent to the existing Base Lodge, and improved stormwater system management and treatment.

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Preschool and toddler story time every Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. Each week features a theme, music, stories, and a craft. For more

information, go to [www.windsorlibrary.org](http://www.windsorlibrary.org) or call 802-674-2556.

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Play group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center, from 9:30-11

a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204.

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

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

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

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

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

**SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Edgar May Open Play Group is 10-11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum, 71 Main St. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years. Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or email [info@myreccenter.org](mailto:info@myreccenter.org).

these funky challenges and many others at this month's Teen Time, held at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow.

**FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

**SATURDAYS – ALSTEAD, N.H. –** Stop by the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library for cinnamon buns the last Saturday of each month and visit with friends or neighbors. The cinnamon buns are from McGuire's Bakery and are available for a small fee. All the proceeds go to benefit the library. The library is at 3 Main St., Alstead.

## MUSIC & THEATER

**JAN. 22 – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. –** Northern Stage presents "King Lear" at The Barrette Center for the Arts running from Jan. 22 thru Feb. 9. Considered by many to be the greatest of Shakespeare's tragedies, King Lear depicts two aging fathers – one a King, one his courtier – as they reject the children who truly love them. Their blindness unleashes a tornado of pitiless ambition and treachery, as family and state are plunged into a violent power struggle with bitter ends. For show times and tickets, visit [www.northernstage.org](http://www.northernstage.org).

**JAN. 25 – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Join Okemo Mountain School for their Snowflake Soiree featuring The Myra Flynn Band Saturday, Jan. 25, from 6-9 p.m., at 43 North Restaurant at Solitude at Okemo Mountain Resort. All proceeds will benefit the Okemo Mountain School Scholarship Fund. For tickets, visit [www.okemomountainsschool.org](http://www.okemomountainsschool.org).

**CLAREMONT, N.H. –** On Saturday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m., comedian Paul D'Angelo and Nashville recording artist Lexi James will be co-headlining a "Yee Haws and Ha Haws" event for a night of hilarious stand-up comedy and sensational country music. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.claremontoperhouse.org](http://www.claremontoperhouse.org), by phone at 603-542-4433, or in person at the Opera House box office in City Hall Complex, 58 Opera House Square.

**JAN. 26 – ANDOVER, Vt. –** Andover, Vermont's fiddle trio, The Speckers, will present an afternoon concert of traditional American fiddle and banjo music at the Andover Town Hall Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2-3:30 p.m. There is no cover charge and all are welcome, including children of all ages.

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**What a great opportunity to find yourself in the middle of the quintessential Chester village.** This home offers an accessible location near the green with fenced in back/court yard. Inviting front porch leads into the living room, dining area and kitchen. Upstairs includes two bedrooms, a second floor porch and a cupola. This property invites creativity and ideas. What a find and affordably priced, too. **\$65,000**

**This unique and beautiful property is ready to become your new home or perhaps a new business location.** Located on the Main Street of picturesque Chester village the former Rectory has beautiful woodwork throughout as well as lovely french doors, fireplace and numerous built-ins. This home features two living rooms, the dining room with built-ins, an eat-in kitchen with a butler's pantry, three bedrooms as well as a den or office. The bonus room, formerly the Chapel, is open to numerous possibilities. A full basement and attic space and sitting on a newly sub-divided lot of .53 acre the property includes a detached garage and lovely wrap around porch. **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$249,000**

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