

Save money and eat well with Earned Income Tax Credit and 3SquaresVT

REGION – This year, the Earned Income Tax Credit can help working families in Vermont make ends meet with a credit up to \$6,557. In addition, any family with dependent children who receives the Vermont EITC is automatically income-eligible for food benefits through 3SquaresVT – meaning their income and resources don't count. Jan. 31 is EITC

Awareness Day, a time to spread the word to the estimated one in five Vermonters who miss out on thousands of dollars in savings and added benefits because they are unaware of EITC or its link to 3SquaresVT. "Many Vermonters will receive the EITC this year but they may not know it, and they may not know how the EITC can connect them to other programs

that can help them save money," says Anore Horton, executive director at Hunger Free Vermont. "Receiving EITC makes it possible for many families to access 3SquaresVT who wouldn't have otherwise been eligible. This helps families save money and put more healthy food on the table."

The average monthly 3SquaresVT benefit is over \$300 for a working family with children. Additionally, children who receive a 3SquaresVT benefit amount also qualify for


free school meals, which allows families more flexibility in their food budgets and helps strengthen school meal programs. Vermonters making under \$55,952 should see if they qualify.

EITC is designed to encourage and reward work while reducing poverty, providing financial security for working families while also providing economic stimulus for the state. In 2019, 39,000 Vermonters received EITC, bringing over \$77 million federal dollars into the state at

an average credit of \$1,979 per household. Nationally, EITC and 3SquaresVT lift millions of people out of poverty. Research indicates that children in EITC and 3SquaresVT households have better health and education outcomes as well.

"Call the IRS to see if you qualify for the EITC, even if you don't usually file taxes," Horton emphasizes. "And apply for 3SquaresVT. If you receive the EITC, you have also earned the additional benefits that come along with it."

To find out if you qualify for the EITC, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or visit the online tool www.irs.gov/Credits-&-Deductions/Individuals/Earned-Income-Tax-Credit/Use-the-EITC-Assistant. For help preparing your taxes for free, dial 2-1-1 to make an appointment in your community with a certified volunteer. For information about 3SquaresVT and school meals and to find out how much you could get, visit www.vermontfoodhelp.com or dial 2-1-1.



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Springfield Dems host Dr. Marvin Malek on healthcare in Vermont

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health care and prescription drugs are expensive. So what is Vermont doing about that? Come find out what is happening and how we can help. The Springfield Town Democrats are proud to present Dr. Marvin Malek as their guest speaker at their Monday, Feb. 3 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room in HCRS, 390 River St. The meeting is open to the public.

Malek will discuss Vermont's state-based reform, the Green Mountain Care reform of 2011 that was signed into law but never implemented, as well as Universal Primary Care, the current focus of activist activity, with a bill before the Legislature.

Marvin Malek received his medical training at SUNY Upstate in Syracuse, N.Y., residency training at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and later earned a master's degree in health policy at Harvard

University's School of Public Health.

Malek has spent most of his career in community medicine, served as founding medical director of primary care facilities in South Troy, N.Y., as well as a large community health center in Albany, N.Y. He moved to Vermont in 2001, where he served as founding medical director of the internal medicine practice in Barre, Vt. He has also spent many years practicing inpatient medicine. In 2016, he joined the internal medicine staff at Springfield Hospital, and currently practices primary care medicine at the Ludlow Health Center, part of Springfield Hospital's primary care network.

Malek's lifelong interest in



Dr. Marvin Malek. PHOTO PROVIDED

public health has led him to host and produce a radio show for several years, and for the last six years, serve as the leader of Vermont Physicians for a

National Health Program. He served on the Green Mountain Care Board's Advisory Committee for its first five years and has frequently testified before the Vermont Legislature and given talks around the state advocating for single payer reform in order to create a more accessible and affordable health care system. For the last five years, he has served as the primary preceptor for a summer health policy internship program open to medical students and other health profession trainees.

Light refreshments will be served. Contact Char Osterlund at charmf@vermontel.net for more information or, in the case of inclement weather, for cancellation information.

BF Women's Club February meeting

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Bellows Falls Women's Club will gather Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the United Church on School Street beginning at 1:30 p.m. Shaun McGinnis, chief of Bellows Falls Fire Department, will speak to the club.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, Marty Gallagher, administrator of Greater Rockingham Area Services, presented a program on the agency located at the Bel-

lows Falls Health Center. GRAS has several partners dedicated to fulfilling its mission of making health care and well-being accessible to the area's citizens. She spoke of her vision for the organization.

Members are reminded to bring non-perishable food and personal care items to be donated to Our Place Drop-in Center to the February meeting. It is suggested that members wear red in honor of

American Heart month. The local club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which supports volunteerism throughout the country and world. The GFWC-VT will hold its winter meeting Feb. 1 in Ludlow. Members of the Bellows Falls club will attend. For information on the local club, please contact Wendy O'Dette at jodette1@comcast.net.

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Former Bellows Falls resident graduates law school



BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, LCDR Richard T. Weltz, USN retired, of Clearwater, Fla., graduated from Western Michigan University Thomas M. Coolley Law School, in Riverview, Fla., with a Juris Doctor Degree, as well as a Leadership Achievement Award. Richard is the son of Phyllis A. Weltz and the late Hans R. Weltz of Bellows Falls, Vt. Those attending the graduation were his wife Lori of Clearwater; daughters Ashley Weltz of Burlington, Vt., and Kristen Weltz and friend Ross McLeod of Clearwater; his mom Phyllis; brother Rob of Raleigh, N.C.; and his mother-in-law Peg Grentzer of Clearwater.

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Diaper bank fourth drive

BELLOWS FALLS/SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Greater Falls Diaper Bank is the first of its kind in the state of Vermont. This collaborative partnership started in 2016 and includes the following organizations: Building Bright Futures, Parks Place Community Resource Center, Springfield Area Parent Child Center, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, and Youth Services of Windham County.

The Greater Falls Diaper Bank gave out over 8,500 diapers last year to any family requesting them at one of our pick-up locations: Parks Place in Bellows Falls or Springfield Area Parent Child Center in North Springfield. Other than collecting a name and town of residence, this is a “no questions asked” program that would not be possible without diaper donations from countless supportive community members and organizations.

If not for access to this program, many families would

be forced to choose between buying food or purchasing diapers – a choice no parent should ever have to make. So, the Greater Falls Diaper Bank is preparing to host the fourth annual Diaper Dump Thursday, April 30, 2020, to help continue meeting this important need.

The Diaper Dump will be held at Dari Joy in Bellows Falls and the Springfield Area Parent Child Center in North Springfield, between noon and 6 p.m. Those who donate will receive a coupon for one complimentary Dari Joy ice cream cone. Community members are encouraged to donate diapers in all sizes, but there is a higher need for larger sized diapers and pull ups, and wipes are always appreciated, as well.

Join the Facebook event for updates on drop-off locations that will be available throughout the entire month of April. For more information, or to become a drop-off site, please contact Megan Applegate at 802-463-9927.

Annual Governor’s Luncheon, a local tradition

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott will visit Springfield Monday, Feb. 3 to speak and enjoy lunch in our community. Brought to you by the Springfield Rotary Club in collaboration with the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, the annual Governor’s Luncheon is a longstanding local tradition providing area business professionals with an opportunity to raise questions and hear the latest news coming out of Montpelier.

This year’s event will be held at Crown Point Country Club. Registered guests should arrive by 11:30 a.m. to visit the lunch buffet and be seated on time. The luncheon is open to Rotarians, Chamber Members, and their employees. Individuals from the general public are welcome but must RSVP as

a guest. Deadline to RSVP is Jan. 30. Limited space is available. Please contact the Chamber for registration information at caitlin@springfieldvt.com or 802-885-2779 to reserve your seat.

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Bellows Falls Senior Center updates

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – AARP free tax prep is available starting Monday, Feb. 3 for low- and moderate-income residents of Vermont and Walpole, N.H. at the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center. Tax-Aide counselors are volunteers who are trained each year on state and federal tax regulations and are certified by the IRS to provide free tax preparation services.

Volunteers will be available Mondays and Thursdays Feb. 3 through April 9 by appointment only.

Crop Your Heart Out event to finish scrapbooking projects will be Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the senior center. Bring a scrapbook, refill pages, pictures, adhesives, tools, other cropping materials such as paper, cardstock, crafting sup-

plies, and a bag lunch. There will be some special ways to win prizes though out the day. To stay up-to-date on all future events, please like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cmAdvisorTinaWhite.

The Valentine’s Day lunch will be held Friday, Feb. 11 at 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Feb. 4. The senior center will be closed Feb. 17 for President’s Day.

Winter is upon us. Please remember if the WNESU school district is closed due to bad weather, so are we. Call the senior center at 802-463-3907. The message will be updated by 8:30 a.m. if we are closed.

Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. in Bellows Falls and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Springfield resident named to Dean’s List

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jamie Mirra of Springfield, Vt., was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2019 semester at Centenary University in Hackettstown, N.J. To achieve this honor, full-time students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.8 or above, and complete a minimum of 12 semester credits.

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debate when he said the article asks for a full \$360,000 commitment this year and doesn’t include the cost of permitting, which could slow down the process because of drainage and stormwater issues. He said his initial understanding was that the money would be appropriated \$180,000 each year but he said the way it is worded the funds will be collected in one year, used over two years, and taxpayers will pay it all up front. McNaughton suggested adding language to include permitting and dollars to deal with permitting issues and engineering as well as take into consideration the chief’s recommendation. He said a year of planning here is necessary.

Vice Chair Walter Martone asked Strong if analysis was included in the paving quote and Strong answered no. Martone said it was not in the town’s best interest if the project has to be ripped up because of drainage issues. Chair Morris said with all of these considerations this is no longer a \$360,000 project. A motion was made and passed 4-1 to appropriate \$30,000 for engineering, planning, and permitting for the paving and drainage improvements of Riverside Middle School parking lot.

An article to appropriate \$3,200,000 was also dead on arrival and included the construction of the River Street Walk and related betterments and enhancements at \$1,752,000; the completion of Comtu Cascade Park between Main Street and the Black River at \$278,000; and the redesign and reconstruction for the Town Hall parking lot and grounds at \$270,000.

McNaughton said this special warrant article was very important to the strategic plan, and if it failed, it would throw the whole plan into a tailspin. He said there needs to be specifics about what will be done over the course of two years and although he said he was very much in favor of it, he didn’t think it could be done this year given other spending.

The board talked about whether to consider parts of

the appropriation and discussed whether the town could consider a general obligation bond for \$548,000 if they decided to just complete the Comtu Cascade Park and the Town Hall parking lot and grounds. Tom Yennerell said the original appropriation for \$3,200,000 would have been bonded for 30 years at \$110,000 per year. He was not sure if such a small amount, \$548,000, could be bonded. It was noted that the parking lot is not currently ADA compliant, has a cracked

wall, and is generally not user-friendly. Hammond recommended the board consider a five-year note instead of a bond.

After additional discussion, a new article was voted on and approved 4-1 to borrow an amount not to exceed \$278,000 for the purpose of making improvements and the completion of Comtu Cascade Park. The River Street Walk and Town Hall parking lot projects were removed from the article.

All total, the board approved

31 warrant articles and 15 special appropriation articles, signed Jan. 27, and then formally moved to the warrant. On Monday, March 2, all matters voted upon by acclamation and not by ballot will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield High School cafeteria. All appropriations by ballot, the election of town and School Board officers and all other business matters will be voted March 3 at the Riverside Elementary School Gymnasium, starting at 8 a.m.

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Dear Editor,

On Jan. 9, several Climate Crisis protesters disrupted the Governor's State of the State address for about 20 minutes. Colleagues, constituents, and media had several different reactions: outrage at the disruption, snide sarcasm about the protesters, outrage at the Climate Crisis, and outrage at government's failure to respond to the crisis proportionately. Personally, I had several simultaneous responses.

First, I respect the protesters' position on the crisis. Human-caused global warming was proven scientifically years ago. Politeness has moved serious people to avoid insulting science deniers, prolonging the "debate" long after it ceased to be a debate at all. Now we are in the future of which science has warned us for decades. "Someday" is here

in California, in Australia, in Europe, Africa, and the Arctic.

I also share the protesters' anger over government's inadequate responses. Few Vermont lawmakers indulge in the foil hat lunacy of outright science denial. But many express what might be called Denial Lite, admitting there's a problem but denying its full seriousness. Calls for "moderate, reasonable," presumably painless measures made sense 40 years ago when President Carter suggested them. But we've squandered that opportunity. We really are in an emergency.

Having urged a serious response to global warming for decades, I must admit I feel a little defensive when protesters condemn politicians as a uniform whole. On the other hand, I'm humiliated by my allies' and

my failures. We really don't have much to show for our efforts.

I do take exception to the protests for one thing. We have a republican – lowercase "r" – form of government in which we the people express our voice through the election of a deliberative legislature. The protesters are right about global warming. But they claim to speak for the people without having been elected by the people. The legislators and the governor were elected, and the protest interfered with our deliberations. Watch out! People who are wrong about the issue can, and do, declare themselves the voice of the people as easily as people who are right.

But, that said, respect for correct process presumes the process will yield results. With the Civil Rights and Labor movements, there came a time when respect for process became acceptance of the unacceptable. As a defender of the process, I recognize that global warming is indeed a crisis and a worthy response is non-negotiable.

Dear Editor,

I wanted to update you on the good news about our awareness and development work on the legal cannabis future marketplace in our community in Londonderry, Vt.

We followed the letter of the law about having a non-binding article "warned" for Town Meeting. It must pass before our Selectboard for acceptance to be added to Town Meeting in the Town Warning document. We submitted more than the minimum number of signatures needed from Londonderry residents to present it to the Selectboard. After a brief, but robust, discussion, a unanimous vote was reached for the inclusion of the cannabis article as written and petitioned for. Ultimately, the Selectboard

agreed that it is an important issue and that the subject should be known and given a platform in a place of constructive, public debate. The Londonderry Town Meeting agenda, or warning, now includes the non-binding Article 18 that will be printed in the warning that will be distributed to every household in Londonderry.

We understand that this is an action that is outside of regular town business and that it was the Selectboard's choice to list this article in the Londonderry Town Meeting March 3, 2020 to be discussed by the residents of Londonderry. We are very grateful for their service as town officers and their fostering democracy by allowing this political process to take its natural

course in our rural village.

With this, we now have a great platform to educate our community and answer questions about legal cannabis in Vermont and the further evolution of S.54 as it bounces around the Chambers of the House. Please share this information and documents in anyway appropriate. We encourage everyone to make steps in the right direction for a truly prohibition-free Vermont!

To see the warning, go to www.londonderryvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Warning-2020.pdf.

Sincerely,
Emmett Dunbar
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tee this year that worked very hard. The committee has gone through the budget. The committee spoke with each individual school to ensure we are putting forth the right budget. The Board and administrations has also spent much time reviewing and fine-tuning this budget. This budget will allow us to meet the needs of our students. It was carefully created to only ask more of our taxpayers if it was an absolute need. The biggest increase in this budget is health care costs. Our health care agreements are now negotiated statewide in Montpelier.

Most of Vermont's educational struggles are similar around the state. For Springfield, it is very important that we carefully reshape our district in a way that will reduce costs everywhere possible, but done in a way that does not take away from the quality education we are providing our students.

We have been working to redesign our district to both protect and improve our kids' education while also protecting our citizens from increased tax burden. We will continue to work

diligently to align things so we can make further improvements while also minimizing any additional burden on the taxpayer in the year(s) to come.

The big change in the year to come will hopefully be the expansion of our Pre-K programs. You will see a separate ballot article on your voting ballot asking you to approve moneys to expand our current Pre-K program. You can find much information about these changes in our meeting minutes, on SAPA TV, or by attending one of the informational meetings coming up.

The Pre-K expansion is key to getting a better control on our budget. One of our biggest costs as a district and a state are special education expenses. By putting more effort into our children at a younger age, we will be able to impact our kids' learning abilities sooner and more effectively. By giving all kids extra help in these Pre-K years, we can expect to see some kids never enter the special education programs. Additionally, many of those who do still enter the special education programs will need less help and will "grow" out of these programs sooner.

By getting ahead of these needs earlier and eliminating some of the future needs, we will both give our students a much stronger start on their education while at the same time save our taxpayers thousands. Some have estimated that for every \$1 we spend in Pre-K assistance, we could see \$10 savings in the years to follow. I like to call this working smarter, not harder.

I ask you to support our budget to ensure we can continue to be a strong district and give our kids the education they deserve.

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Springfield School Board Chair
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BY RON PATCH

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

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Irina Ohl —

For several years, I have been interviewed by Green Mountain High School seniors regarding John Butler. Most years I meet with two or three seniors.

Bob Ulbrich encouraged John to leave his money to Chester Academy Scholarship. This was a substantial amount of money. Every year, the John Butler Scholarship awards deserving Green Mountain seniors scholarships. Students need to write an essay about John. This is why they interview me. I knew John.

Last fall, I was contacted by Maddie Wilson, a senior at Green Mountain. We met at the town garage. I told Maddie what I knew about John. Last week, I got an email from Maddie. Maddie's mother Amber works at VTel in Springfield. In that email, Maddie included a photo of a watercolor painting by Irina Ohl. The painting had been exhibited in one of the offices at VTel.

Michel Guité of VTel asked Amber if the Chester Historical Society would like the Ohl painting. Yes was my reply. Last week, I met with Maddie and picked up the painting.

It's a wonderful watercolor of a barn up on Crow Hill. A sign over the barn door reads "Flamstead Farm." Irina lived in the old Hoar house just beyond where the road turns from blacktop to dirt.

At the Chester Historical Society, we have another Ohl watercolor that was donated a few years ago. Ohl lived in Chester part of the year and in France the rest of the year where she painted the French landscape. Along with the earlier donation were two books Ohl wrote about painting in France.

The painting donated by VTel has a paper dust cover on the reverse of the painting. On this dust backing is residue of glue where there once was a label. I can see where the glue was applied with a brush. So we have a painting missing its label. So what, you wonder?

At the historical society, we have an Ohl label. No painting, just the label. A similar amount of glue residue is present on this label. So it too had fallen off an Ohl painting. While this label never was affixed to the VTel painting, it should be. A perfect marriage will last forever.

A little information on her label: *"Born in New York City, Irina comes from a family of artists. She studied art at Skidmore College and at schools in Great Britain as well as with such well-known artists as Marshall Joyce, Irving Shapiro, Skip Lawrence and Robert Wade."*

"Irina's realistic watercolors depicting, florals, seascapes and landscapes have been in solo exhibitions in England, Germany, and the U.S. They hang in numerous corporate and private collections. She is presently affiliated with the Gallery at Jamaica (Jamaica, VT), at the Cortina Gallery (Killington VT), the Southern Vermont Art Center (Manchester, VT), and the Carol McLeary Gallery (Palm Beach, FLA)."

Irina has her studio and gallery on the 1820 family farm "Highland Ponds" on Flamstead Road, Chester, VT.

The Irina Ohl label from the Chester Historical Society.

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tips, ox knobs, or ox finials. I've heard them called all of these names. Men who drove oxen took great pride in their teams. I remember Elmer Jenne of Reading had a pair of oxen weighing over 7,000 pounds, combined weight.

These ox tips served two purposes. The first purpose is that these polished ox tips gussied up a team. Imagine these polished ox tips glistening in the sun. The other reason is these ox tips protected oxen from goring each other. Horns were encouraged to grow.

An ox, like a deer, will rub his horns on a post or tree to sharpen them. Imagine working between a pair of oxen, a fly lands on the ox's ear, the ox flips his head to the side to shake off the fly, and you got gored by the sharpened horn.

These ox tips prevented you being gored. It would still hurt, but the horn wouldn't impale you.

This week's old saying my mother used to describe the outcome of a dispute between two people. One person came out fine. The other fellow didn't make out so well. When the fellow who came out well said, "No harm done," she would say, "It all depends on whose ox is getting gored."

Whatzit
Last week's "Whatzit" were ox

General Federation of Women's Clubs scholarship for women

REGION – The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont announces the availability of scholarships for Vermont women, beyond the traditional college age, seeking to further their education or training or to upgrade their skills in preparation for advancing in the work place. Applicants must submit a specific plan for their education or training. Applications are due to Betty Haggerty, 16 Taylor St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101 by March 15.

The scholarship ranges from \$500 to \$1,500. GFWC-VT has been awarding this financial aid, which is funded through contributions from the state federated clubs and from individuals, for 26 years.

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

Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from Betty Haggerty, hubett@hotmail.com; Beverley Pallmerine, bpallmerine@myfairpoint.net; and Darlene Remy, remyslp@comcast.net. They are also available through federated women's clubs in several Vermont towns, and through Community College of Vermont sites around the state. The scholarships will be awarded at the state federation's annual meeting in early May.

Health Department offering free kits to test home for radon

REGION – Radon is colorless, odorless, and can invade your home. But you won't know if this naturally occurring, radioactive gas is present at unsafe levels in your home – unless you test for it.

That's why the Health Department is making it easy for Vermonters to find out if their homes have high levels of radon by offering free test kits.

Breathing air with radon can increase your risk of getting lung cancer. Radon decays into radioactive particles that damage lung tissue and can lead to lung cancer over the course of a person's lifetime. If you smoke and your home has high levels of radon, your risk of getting lung cancer is especially high.

"Testing is the only way to know whether your home has too much radon," said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. "More than 52,000 Vermonters have already tested their homes. Make 2020 the year you check whether yours is safe from this dangerous gas."

One in seven Vermont homes has high levels of radon. Radon gas enters homes from the surrounding soil and bedrock. It doesn't matter where or how old your home is – it can still have high levels of radon.

The Health Department's kits test the air in your home over time because radon levels can change daily, weekly, and seasonally. If you do get a high result, there are steps you can take to reduce the level of radon in your home.

Request your free kit today. Email your name, mailing address, physical address, and phone number to radon@vermont.gov or call 1-800-439-8550.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m., take part in a public participatory reading of Frederick Douglass's famous Fourth of July Address at the Rockingham Library's top floor meeting room. Volunteer readers are sought

to read short consecutive sections of Douglass's speech, which challenge the audience: "What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied

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obituaries

Wilhelmina H. Allen, 1924-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Wilhelmina H. Allen, 95, passed away Tuesday morning, Jan. 21, 2020 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. She was born Aug. 17, 1924 in Columbia, Conn., the daughter of Laurens and Dena (Frey) Holbrook. She received her education in Connecticut, graduating from Windham High School in Wilimantic, Conn. She later graduated from cosmetology and beauty school in Springfield, Mass.

On Oct. 19, 1946, she married Richard L. Allen in Springfield, Mass. He predeceased her June 14, 2014.

She was employed as a parts inspector with the Stanadyne Company in Windsor, Conn. for over 25 years. She lived in Willington, Conn. for many years, wintering in Florida for over 20 years, before moving to Chester, Vt. in 2004. The Allens were members of the Tri City Riders Motorcycle Club in Connecticut for 15 years; they were avid Airstream Campers for many years and she enjoyed crocheting, reading, and doing

puzzles.

She is survived by one son Richard H. Allen of New Bern, N.C.; one daughter Shirley A. Barrett of Chester, Vt.; six grandchildren Matthew Allen, Peter Allen, Kevin Frappiea, Suzanne Petronic, Louisa Young, and Margaret Wynne; and also by 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by 10 siblings.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street in Chester, Vt. Reverend Susan Moody will officiate. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. in the spring.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Activities Fund at the Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149 or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

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

James J. Galeota, 1940-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – James Joseph Galeota, 79, passed away Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, surrounded by his family at Cheshire Medical Center after a courageous battle with heart disease. Jim was born Feb. 17, 1940 in Boston, the son of Anthony L. and Julia M. (Scipione) Galeota. He graduated from Boston Latin High School. He attended the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. His served in the United States Air Force as a medic during the Berlin Airlift. He was recommended for an Air Force Commendation Medal in 1962.

After graduating in 1963, Jim became a registered pharmacist. He was the director of pharmacy at Glover Memorial Hospital in Needham, Mass. Jim later received his MBA from Marymount College and master's degree in public administration from American University.

Jim was married in 1965 to Elizabeth Bernsen of Westwood, Mass. and had two sons. In 1971, Jim and his family moved to Alexandria, Va., where he became director of pharmacy and then vice president at National Orthopedic Hospital in Arlington. He was president of the American Hospital Pharmacists Association, for which he received a special achievement award, and was appointed to the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

In 1979, Jim was named Hospital Pharmacist of the Year by the Washington, D.C. Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the Burroughs Welcome Co. Pharmacy Education Scholarship award in 1989. He later relocated

to Springfield, where he was director of pharmacy at Springfield Hospital.

In 1997, he married Susan Millay, and they moved to Rollinsford, N.H.; where Jim was the director of pharmacy at the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover until his retirement in 2013. Jim was a hospital volunteer after his retirement.

He is survived by his wife Susan L. (Millay) Galeota of Alstead, N.H.; two sons James Joseph Galeota Jr. and wife Kim of Metuchen, N.J. and David Galeota and wife Katie of Alexandria, Va.; two stepdaughters Sarah Yates and husband Bryan of Syracuse, Utah and Rebekah Bambauer and husband Andrew of Capay, Calif.; two stepsons Thomas Gay of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Robert Gay IV and wife Stacie of Drewsville, N.H.; two brothers Anthony Galeota and Ralph Galeota; a sister Mary Marsh; six grandchildren Jake, Leo, Abbey, Gabrielle, Benjamin, and Vinnie; and 10 step-grandchildren Malcolm, Ava, Tommy, Travis, Brooklyn, George, Emma, Amelia, Leah, and Lucas, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and their families.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 38 Church St., North Walpole, N.H. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Springfield in the spring. Donations may be made to the James J. Galeota Endowed Scholarship Fund at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services University, 179 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

John E. Lynch Jr., 1942-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – John E. Lynch Jr., 77, of Will Dean Road, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 at his home. Born March 27, 1942, he is predeceased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lynch Sr., longtime residents of Bellows Falls, Vt. He was a 1960 graduate of Bellows Falls High School and attended the University of Bridgeport, Conn. on a football scholarship. He worked for Holmes Transportation, Rousse Enterprises, DeCato Brothers Trucking, and drove bus for The Current after retiring from the trucking industry.

John was a member of the BPOE 1619 in Bellows Falls, was a communicant at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, and was an avid outdoorsman who especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also a passionate fan of the New England

Patriots, Boston Red Sox, Bruins, and Celtics.

John is survived by his sons John E. Lynch III and wife Kim of Rutland, Vt. and Travis Lynch of New York, N.Y.; his daughter Cathy Thorne and husband Rob of Milton, Vt.; his brother James Lynch of Walpole, N.H.; his sisters Karen Bicknell of Newport, N.H. and Brenda Lynch of Walpole, N.H.; his grandchildren Kirsten Pratt, Kyle Lynch, and KeLaura Lynch; and nieces and nephews Karrie Welborn, Kassie Hoadley, Kimberly Schoonmaker, Stephanie Gentilon, Vaughn Metcalf, Dr. Joshua P. Morrison, and Justin Lynch.

There will be a graveside service in the spring, date and time to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Mary Fraser, 1932-2019

CHESTER, Vt. – Mary Drew Fraser, 87, passed away Dec. 31, 2019 at Cheshire Medical Center after a brief illness. Born Sept. 26, 1932, the only child of Frank and Alice (Ingerson) Drew, Mary grew up in Wilton and Milford, N.H. After graduation from UNH in 1954, she married the love of her life, George Robert Fraser.

Mary was intelligent and spirited. She ran a kindergarten, was a social worker, was the first elected Library Trustee Chairperson in Springfield, Vt., and was an Unitarian Universalist Church member. She and Bob restored several historic houses, started an antiques business, and created and managed several successful antique shows. She wrote the VADA news for Maine Antiques Digest, a Taftsville, Vt. news column, and was an avid reader. Mary lived a long and happy life, loving her family, pets, and countless friends, and being much loved

in return.

Mary leaves behind children Lissa Fernandez (David), Stephen Fraser (Anita), Donna Fraser-Leary (Dean), Kate Fraser, and AFS daughter Sandra Fankhauser Azam and family in Switzerland; grandchildren Nathan Fraser (Angela), Alexander (Brittany), and Benjamin Fernandez (Stephanie), and Leon and Robyn Leary; great-grandchildren Kelsie, Kya, and Skye Fraser, and Penelope Fernandez. She was predeceased by her husband Bob and a grandson Jason Fraser.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. Burial will be private. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Community Cares Network of Chester-Andover, P.O. Box 64, Chester, VT 05143 or Whiting Library, 117 Main Street, Chester, VT 05143.

Lois D. Freihofer, 1933-2020

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Lois D. Freihofer, 87, of Back Westminster Road, passed away early Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020. Lois was born in Bellows Falls Jan. 6, 1933, the daughter of George and Mathilde (Barth) Freihofer. She was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School and worked as a stenographer for Robertson Paper Company and Lions Falls Paper. Lois was also the author of five published books. She loved animals, music, and playing the

piano. She volunteered at TARPs and the humane society in her spare time.

Lois is survived by her sister Ruth Morse and niece Diane O'Brien (Morse) and nephews Kenneth Morse and Michael Morse. She is predeceased by her parents.

There was a celebration of life Sunday, Jan. 26 in Westminster. There will be a private burial. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Dewanda Gokey, 1947-2020

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Dewanda Gokey, 72, of Morse Brook Road, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020. Dewanda was born in Monticello, Ariz. March 3, 1947, the daughter of Parker and Sarah (Griffin) Wade. She attended schools in Arkansas, Saxtons River, Westminster, and Bellows Falls High School. She worked as a truck driver at Wades Trucking, worked as an LNA, worked for Burlington Rug Mill, and also worked as a carhop at the A&W in Rockingham, Vt. She was a member of the Boyden Grange in Westminster, was a Cub Scout den mother, and enjoyed helping homeless people. She was a member of the Immanuel Episcopal Church and the United Church, both in Bel-

lows Falls, where she helped get the old-fashioned Christmas parties started.

Surviving are her daughters Frances Wheeler of Springfield, Vt. and Melissa Rabtoy of Westminster, Vt.; her son James Foster of Springfield, Vt.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her son Richard Lafayette.

There will be calling hours Saturday, Feb. 1, from 12-1 p.m., with funeral beginning at 1 p.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls. Burial will follow the service in the Westminster Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to a gathering at MacLaomainn's in Chester, Vt. following the burial.

Josephine M. Shepard, 1943-2020

LOUDLOW, Vt. – Josephine M. Shepard, 77, passed away Jan. 11, 2020 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. She was born Jan. 1, 1943 in Granville, N.Y., the daughter of Earl and Hazel (VanGuilder) Winchell. She received her education in Granville, N.Y.

Josephine was married to Douglas Hicks Sr. He predeceased her. She was later married to Arthur Shepard. He also predeceased her. She was a certified nursing assistant at Hanover Terrace in Hanover, N.H. She lived in White River Jct., Vt. and Hanover, N.H. for several years before moving to Ludlow, Vt.

Josephine was a very active

person, always on the go. She enjoyed gardening and doing yard work at her home. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Douglas Hicks Jr. (Jenette) of White River Jct., Vt., Daniel Buccellato of Windsor, Vt., Dennis Shepard of Lebanon, N.H., and Karen White of Whiter River Jct., Vt.; two sisters Charlotte Hanson and Eleanor Burke, both of Granville, N.Y.; and also by 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by seven siblings.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Zena Weldon, 1940-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Zena Weldon died Jan. 10, 2020. She was born April 9, 1940, in Bridgeport, Conn., to Elizabeth Chickvay and Daniel Edward Robinson. She lived near the shore until 1987 when she moved to Chester, Vt. and eventually settled in Springfield.

To explore her childhood pleasure and dreams, Zena began taking workshops in drawing and watercolor painting. She served on the board of the Saxtons River Art Guild in various offices and taught watercolor materials and techniques. In later years, she contributed to the guild as editor of its newsletter. Her paint-

ings appear in private collections in Vermont, New Hampshire, Florida, Oregon, Michigan, and Canada.

In lieu of flowers, Zena requests you remember her by extending to others in your community and the world all the acts of kindness, forgiveness, and love you gave to her. She believed that the words "thank you" are both blessing and prayer.

A Celebration of Her Life will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Fairground Road in Springfield. Zena had a large and creative circle of friends and she will be dearly missed.

Church Services are Online!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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- Item on stage
- Relaxation
- "Help!"
- Emanation
- Picture of health?
- Demonic tyke
- Dance lesson
- Green land
- Grazing area
- Loafer, e.g.
- Wrestling surface
- Small horse
- Tear
- Eggs
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- Plunder
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- Neptune or Poseidon
- Makes baby food, maybe
- Id counterpart
- Allow
- "Ironside" star
- Definite article
- "Phooey!"
- Past
- Desktop symbol
- Sheltered
- Under the weather
- Filly's brother
- Mountain goat
- Caustic

- chemical
- TV trophy
- "— and the Tramp"
- Storm center
- Missile shelter
- Portent
- Fix, in a sense
- Evidence of fraud
- Disguised, for short
- Cost
- "More," to Jose
- Work with
- Hot tub
- Word implied
- "been there, done that"
- Born

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- Just say no
- Naomi's daughter-in-law
- Sandwich treat
- Empty threat
- Free from a duty
- Met melody
- Tailor, humorously
- Golfer Ernie
- E-business
- More than enough
- Kind of bond
- Pre-swan
- Portrayal
- Ian or Celeste
- Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
- Prepared to drive
- Alluring
- Lemieux milieu

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arts & entertainment

Art glass to be raffled to support asylum seekers

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Three pieces of original art by glass artist Chris Sherwin are being raffled off to raise funds for the Community Asylum Seekers Project. Sherwin has donated a Chinese-style vase, a bird, and a paperweight with a four-leaf clover, all in brilliant deep blue and with combined value of about \$600, to benefit the organization that works to provide a safe haven for those seeking to escape violence and persecution in their home countries. Currently, there are eight adults and two children living in the area under CASP’s sponsorship.

Chances for the raffle can be purchased by sending a check to CASP, c/o John Bohannon, P.O. Box 268, Saxtons River, VT 05154. CASP supporters



Chris Sherwin has created three pieces of glass art to be raffled to benefit asylum seekers.

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and friends will also have tickets. Further information can be found on the CASP website at www.casptvt.org.

The drawing will be held at the CASP fundraising dinner and concert Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Saxtons River Inn, with the winner notified the following day.

Sherwin Art Glass is located at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, where Sherwin has worked to create “The Beauty of Nature in Glass” since 1993. Examples of his work can be seen at www.sherwinartglass.com.

CASP is a nonprofit organization founded in 2016 by a small band of Vermonters whose vision has helped 16 asylum seekers find housing, support, and work as they await their immigration hearings. Further information is available on the CASP website, www.casptvt.org.

Next Stage Arts Project chocolate and wine tasting

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project is very pleased to announce a special culinary event in collaboration with Tavernier Chocolate and The Putney Winery Monday, Feb. 10, from 7-9 p.m., at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill, Putney, Vt.

Part of the ongoing Next Stage Culinary programs highlighting local chefs and specialty food curators, this event brings together the exquisite, artisanal chocolate of Brattleboro’s Tavernier Chocolate with the locally produced boutique offerings from The Putney Winery.

Attendees will be guided through the subtle flavor complexities of these pairings while sampling a variety of artisanal chocolate charcuterie, bars, and bonbons with a selection of taste appropriate



Chocolate and wine tasting.

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Putney Mountain Winery beverages. Putney Mountain Winery crafts innovative recipes for their prize-winning wines and liqueurs and bubbly juices with ingredients including apples, ginger, rhubarb, and black currants to name a few.

“Things that grow together go together. This is true for love, friendship, and also the recipe for delicious food and drink,” said Dar Tavernier-Singer of Tavernier Chocolates. This will be a fun and casual guided tasting and pairing with drink recipes and dessert ideas that you can bring home and enjoy on Valentine’s Day and beyond. Boxed Valentine chocolates will be available at the tasting at a discounted price for participants.

Advance tickets are available online at www.nextstagearts.org. For more information, go to www.nextstagearts.org.

Comedy Night on Okemo with Kara with a “K”

LUDLOW, Vt. – Are you ready for the 18th annual Comedy Night on Okemo Mountain? This year’s fundraising event will feature Kara with a “K.” Kara has performed in comedy clubs throughout the Los Angeles, including the Staples Center

and the Hollywood Improv. She has been seen on NBC, TLC, WE, and “America’s Got Talent.” Howie Mandell describes her as a “buffet of comedy.”

Sponsored by William Raveis Vermont Properties, this show is a yearly sell-out event, so get your tickets early. Tickets are available at the Wine and Cheese Depot and the William Raveis Vermont Properties’ of-

fice. Based upon availability, you can also purchase them at the door.

Comedy Night is Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Okemo Base Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 7:45 p.m. Come early to grab a drink and pick great seats.

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“Our Land” with Abenaki storytellers and musicians —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Please join us Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. for an evening of storytelling and music by author Joseph Bruchac and educator Jesse Bruchac.

Joseph Bruchac is a writer and storyteller. For over 40 years, he has been creating literature and music that reflect his indigenous heritage and traditions. He is a proud Nulhegan Abenaki citizen and respected elder among his people. He is the author of more than 120 books for children and adults. His best-selling “Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children” series, with its remarkable integration of science and folklore, continues to receive critical acclaim and to be used in classrooms throughout the country.

He will be joined by his son



Abenaki storytelling and music with Joseph and Jesse Bruchac.

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Jesse Bruchac who is a traditional storyteller, musician, and Abenaki language instructor. He works as co-director of his family-run education center, Nda-kinna, where he teaches Native American life ways, martial arts, and the Abenaki language. He has produced several albums of Abenaki music. These include collections of traditional songs using drum and rattle, and Native American flute music. He

has opened for such notable acts as The Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan, and at Woodstock ’94.

This incredible opportunity is granted to the Springfield community by Gedakina, a Vermont-based group that offers activities with a focus on leadership development, early reader literacy, community health and wellness, traditional ecological knowledge, sustainability practices, traditional food systems, healthy relationships, and cultural revitalization.

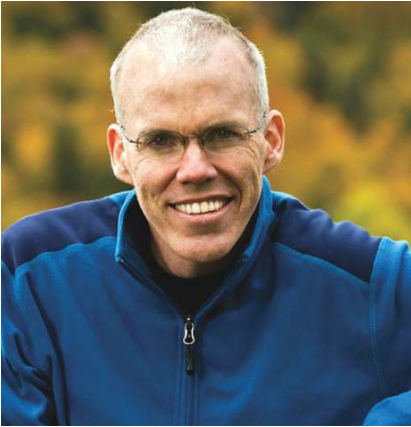
See you Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at Springfield Town Library. If you need more information, please call the library at 802-885-3108.

The Nature Museum welcomes author and climate change activist —

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum is thrilled to host author and climate change activist, Bill McKibben, for an evening of education and inspiration. This event has sliding scale tickets and will be held at the Grafton Community Church Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., with tickets available at the Nature Museum website or at the door.

A former staff writer for the New Yorker, McKibben writes frequently for a wide variety of publications around the world, including the New York Review of Books, National Geographic, and Rolling Stone. The Boston Globe said he was “probably America’s most important environmentalist” and his activism and leadership have remained both focused and influential for over 30 years. He is currently deeply engaged in the national conversation, publishing articles and leading acts of civil disobedience and mass actions, targeting financial institutions that invest in fossil fuels.

His 1989 book, “The End of Nature,” is regarded as the first book for a general audience about climate change and has appeared in 24 languages. Since publishing the now classic and widely credited with launching the movement against climate change, McKibben has been at



Bill McKibben.

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the forefront of nearly every fight on behalf of the environment. He is a founder of 350.org, the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement, which has organized 20,000 rallies around the world in every country, save North Korea, spearheaded the resistance to the Keystone Pipeline, and launched the fast-growing fossil fuel divestment movement. His efforts to increase awareness of the need to lower carbon emissions are recognized globally.

Vanessa Stern, the executive director of The Nature

Museum, was inspired to get in touch with Bill after reading his recent book. “I’m not sure if I would have reached out to Bill if I hadn’t read in his newest book, ‘Falter,’ that if he had given up all hope with regard to climate change, he wouldn’t have bothered to write this book. Given our own governor’s reluctance to embrace the proposed Global Warming Solutions Act, I think it’s imperative we get out to hear McKibben’s message and his call to action.”

In his newest book, “Falter,” he continues to address this urgent mission, coupling it with a warning about trends including AI and robotics. McKibben cites these trends, along with the ideologies that fuel them, as some that threaten to substantially alter the nature of human experience and possibly end civilization as we have known it.

Tickets are sliding scale and are available on the Nature Museum website, www.naturemuseum.org.

Chocolate tasting at Gallery at the VAULT —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You are invited to Gallery at the VAULT’s 10th annual Chocolate Tasting Feb. 8, from 12-4 p.m. Visitors will be able to sample from a large assortment of fine chocolates and chocolate confection. Enjoy the beautiful and unique creations of Vermont artists and find the perfect gift for your Valentine or yourself. The chocolate tasting is free and donations are greatly appreciated to benefit programs at our community arts center.

As you enjoy your chocolates, take in “The Joy of Being” pop portraits by Mindy Fisher



Chocolate tasting at the VAULT.

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and the annual Student Art Show. Find out about upcoming workshops and Open Wall exhibits. We invite you to join us by becoming a member. Take some chances in the “Art in Many Places” raffle.

VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, is located at 68 Main Street in downtown Springfield, next to The Copper Fox Restaurant. Regular hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111 or visit www.galleryvault.org.

Main Street Arts offers winter series of community classes —

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is offering a series of community classes to provide a place for the whole family to explore and discover creativity. The opportunity to design and make a decoupage art box to store treasures or give as a gift is the premise of Reform Arted Boxes that will meet Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., under the direction of MSA director and artist Heather Geoffrey. All that is needed for the class are favorite images cut from magazines, photos, or old calendars.

A Smash Books workshop Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with Gina Cote begins with a simple spiral notebook that participants will alter with collage, memorabilia, pictures, pen doodles, and more to create a way to display pictures,

poetry, artwork, life events, travel experiences, and more. The result will be a unique reflection of the creator. All ages and levels of experience are welcome at the workshops.

An ongoing part of the series is the Life Drawing class hosted by MSA artistic director David Stern that meets Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. through March 31. Scholarship assistance is available for these classes, which are meant

to involve the whole community.

“Whether you are interested in hands-on art-making, are an experienced artist committed to deepening your art practice, or are looking to feed your child’s creativity, this is the place to get started,” said Geoffrey.

Registration is available by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960 or www.mainstreetarts.org/classes.

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Church of Christ presents “Catching Faith” —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – This month’s movie, “Catching Faith,” will be featured Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at Church of Christ in Springfield, Vt. This heartwarming movie relates the story of two families unexpectedly brought together through separate events. At the time, the men are hardworking, believe in God, family, and helping others. After the events that change their lives forever, these two men go on different paths as they search for peace and understanding. One turns toward God and the other turns away. Both families’ lives quickly turn into a quest for peace and understanding. All are welcome. Church of Christ is located at 972 Chester Rd.



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outdoor news

Vermont’s ice fishing opportunities abound

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says anglers are finding good ice fishing on many lakes throughout the state.

Accompanied by the recent warm weather, ice fishing in Vermont has been slow to start. With more seasonal temperatures forecasted, ice conditions should be prime for folks to take advantage of the numerous ice fishing opportunities on ponds and lakes throughout the state.

“If you know a little about where to go and how to target some species, ice fishing can be a lot of fun and a great way to spend time with friends and family,” said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter.

Vermont’s premier fishing destination is 120-mile long Lake Champlain where ice anglers can find quality fishing for

a variety of species, including landlocked salmon, lake trout, northern pike, yellow perch, white perch, walleye, and crappie.

Northern pike are popular with ice anglers and are regularly caught in places like Missisquoi Bay, Dillenbeck Bay, Carry Bay, and Keeler Bay on Lake Champlain in addition to Lake Hortonia, Lake Bomoseen, Glen Lake, Marshfield Reservoir, Woodward Reservoir, and the South Bay of Lake Memphremagog. Northern pike are often caught using live bait on tip-ups and are usually found in shallow, weedy waters.

Yellow perch are widely distributed throughout the state and provide a white, flakey, and delicious meat for anglers who plan to harvest their catch. Like other panfish such as bluegill, pumpkinseed, and crappie, perch are most successfully targeted by jigging small lures tipped with a piece of worm or grubs.

Vermont’s ice fishing season for trout, salmon, and bass started Jan. 18 and continues through March 15 on 41 other large Vermont lakes. For a list of those lakes, go to page 33 of the “2020 Vermont Fishing Guide and Regulations” available where licenses are sold and digitally on Fish & Wildlife’s website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Always remember to check ice conditions before venturing out on the ice. At least six inches of ice is recommended for safe ice fishing. To learn more about ice fishing opportunities in Vermont, check out this section of the same website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish/fishing-opportunities/vermonts-ice-fishing-opportunities.

Fish & Wildlife also provides these important safety tips: www.takemefishing.org/ice-fishing/ice-fishing-basics/ice-fishing-safety.

No Boundaries free ski day at Magic Mountain

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – To kick off a season of après ski fun, ‘Gansett is teaming up with No Boundaries to host free day Monday, Feb. 3 – a completely free day of skiing and riding at Vermont’s Magic Mountain!

No Boundaries is an organization that works to make skiing and riding affordable to communities across New

England through special ticket discounts and events. With the philosophy that everyone should have access to affordable riding and skiing, No Boundaries and ‘Gansett are stoked to invite people to the mountain for good fun, good music, and good beer.

No Boundaries Free Day is hosted by Narragansett Beer and Parlor Skis. Visitors can

enjoy free lift tickets and head to the lodge to enjoy live music by Julie Rhodes from the Narragansett stage, fun giveaways, and sampling of the latest and greatest brews from Narragansett Beer.

Magic Mountain is located at 495 Magic Mountain Acc. in Londonderry, Vt. For more information, go to www.skinoboundaries.com/free-day.

CCCD accepting orders for 2020 conservation plant sale

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District is currently accepting orders for its annual Conservation Plant Sale. This year, the district continues their partnership with Fedco of Maine to bring a wide range of top-quality plants. Order deadline is Feb. 28, 2020.



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Many of the species offered are native, attractive to pollinators, and drought resistant. For this reason, they are healthy, hardy plants adapted to our local growing conditions and beneficial to both the grower and wildlife. Once established, they require less watering, fertilizers, and pesticides, saving you time and money.

To view the Fedco catalog and print order forms, visit the CCCD website at www.cheshireconservation.org/

plant-and-seed-sales.

The Conservation District must receive all orders and payments no later than Feb. 28, 2020. Checks should be made out to “CCCD” and mailed to 11 Industrial Park Dr., Walpole, NH 03608. Hard copy catalogs available upon request. Customers should plan to pick up their orders at the Plant Sale Pick-Up Day, scheduled for April 25, 2020, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alyson’s Orchard in Walpole.

All proceeds of the plant sale help to cover operating costs of the CCCD and will benefit conservation efforts in Cheshire County. Thus, in addition to improving your landscape, you are helping fund conservation projects in your local community. For more information and to receive order forms or hard copy catalogs, contact the Conservation District office at 603-756-2988 ext.3011 or send an email to lola@cheshireconservation.org.

A nature-based program for preschoolers continues in Grafton

GRAFTON, Vt. – Join a local community of parents and budding scientists with the Nature Museum’s Mighty Acorns Club. The Mighty Acorns Club provides creative, exploratory preschool programs, which celebrate curiosity and encourage a love and respect for the natural world.

We offer a series of monthly, interactive, nature-based expe-

riences for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Experienced and energetic environmental educators lead regular Mighty Acorns Club programs and the themes are always closely tied to the seasonal rhythms of the natural world.

The schedule for the winter and spring includes “Winter Wonderland: Winter Science and Play” Friday, Feb. 7; “A Treat from the Trees: Maple Syrup” Friday, March 6; “Spring Changes: Amphibians and Birds on the Move” Friday, April 3; and “Nature Creations: Art and Fairy House Building” Friday, May 1. The series meets on the first Friday morning of the month.

Come learn about why winter is a special time for the many plants, animals, and humans who call Vermont home, and be ready to take an adventure into the winter forest where we’ll explore and discover with new eyes. We will spend most of our time outdoors regardless of the weather, so come prepared with cozy boots, jackets, and hats so we can really experience the elements.

Drops-ins are welcome. Pre-registration is encouraged but is not required.

These programs are geared towards children ages 3 to 5, but older children are welcome to attend if interested. Caregivers and babes-in-arms are always welcome to attend for free. To learn more about upcoming programs and to register, visit www.nature-museum.org.

The Nature Museum provides natural history and science exhibits, creates experiences that engage and enlighten audiences of all ages, and inspires stewardship of our natural world through programming for adults and children, including the annual Fairy House Festival each September.



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The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT, for Public Hearings on the following Applications:

Application 2020-03 by Christopher Ponessi, PE of Mance Engineering, for Hunter Kaltsas, Owner, for Subdivision of Parcel 110002.000 located on Derry Woods Road and VT Route 11 within the Service Commercial District and Flood Hazard Overlay area.

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

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:30 pm on Monday, February 24th and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday February 24, 2020 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use application (#546)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Edward and Jill Marcus
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Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board
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pet of the week



My name is Mirbai, and I am 6-year-old female short hair. I have been vet checked, spayed, and am up-to-date on all of my shots. My family passed away, and that is why I am at the shelter. I am not so sure about being around other animals as I was with another cat only for the first year of my life. I want to find my forever home and my new family. My friends at River Valley Animal Protection League would love to have you come and see me. Also, save the date March 21, 2020 at VFW on Lovers Lane in Charlestown, N.H. River Valley Animal Protection League will be having a potluck dinner to help support the shelter. More details to follow.

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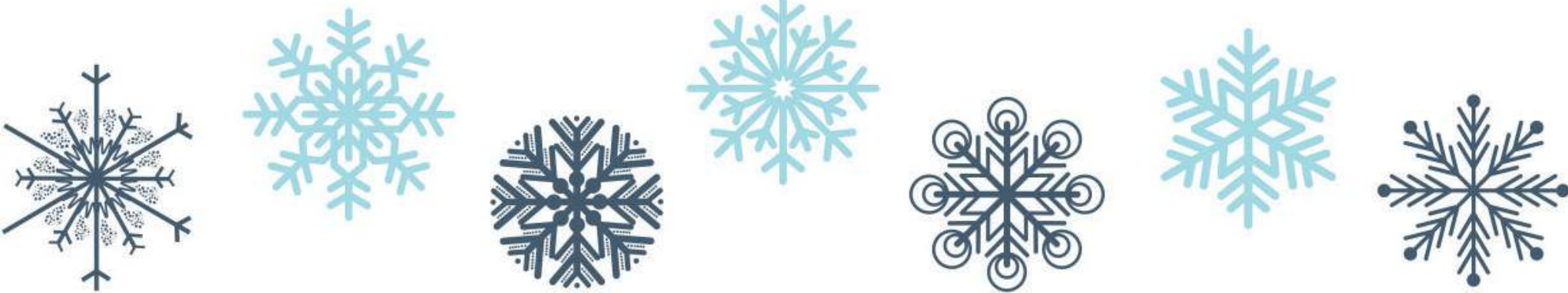
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CLUBS

FEB 1 –
MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join
the Green Mountain
Club for a snowshoe
in Merck Forest to the
Thoreau Cabin and back
Saturday, Feb. 1. Meet
at the Manchester Shaw's
at the south end of the
parking lot at 9 a.m. or
at Merck Forest at the
welcome center at 9:30
a.m. Snowshoe out to
Thoreau Cabin and back.
Trip is about 4 miles total
with several hundred feet
of up and down. This is a
moderate trip. Bring extra
layers, wool or fleece hat,

snacks, lunch, fluids. RSVP
required to Keld Alstrup
at 802-362-1422 or
alstrupkeld@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY MEALS

FEB. 7 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –
First Friday Supper at the
Bellows Falls Friday, Feb.
7, from 5-7 p.m. Menu
includes baked chicken,
potatoes, green bean
casserole, garden salad,
dessert, and beverage.
Gluten free and vegan
available. Suggested

donation to benefit Puerto
Rico earthquake relief.

EVENTS

JAN. 31 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –
Village Square Booksellers
welcomes local illustrator
Alex Cormack Friday, Jan.
31 at 7 p.m. to discuss
his newest book, "Road of
Bones." Alex Cormack is
an illustrator and animator
whose works include the
critically acclaimed "Sink,
Red Dog," the official
prequel to the motion
picture "Hardcore Henry,
Hardcore Akan." Call
802-463-9404 for book
and event reservations.

first Saturday of every
month from 7-10 p.m.
Door donation per person.

FEB. 6 –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next
Stage Arts Project
announces an open house
reception to welcome
the organization's new
executive director, Keith
Marks Thursday, Feb. 6,
from 5-7 p.m., at Next
Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in
Putney. The event is free
and open to the public.
Refreshments will be
served.

FEB. 7 & 8 –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage
Arts Project "Framed"
series presents a pop-up,
weekend festival featuring
films from the Middlebury
New Filmmakers Festival
Vermont Tour Friday and
Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8
at 7 p.m. at Next Stage
in Putney. Friday features
"The Return of Richard
III on the 9:24 Train."
Saturday features "Ernie
and Joe - Crisis Cops"
with director Jenifer
McShane Q&A to follow.
For details, visit www.
nextstagearts.org

FEB. 8 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join
us at the Springfield UU
Meetinghouse for a fun
evening of games and
crafting Saturday, Feb. 8,
from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring
a craft, knitting, mending
project, or Valentine's
cards. Bring your own
game or play one of ours.
All welcome!

KIDS' CORNER

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.

TUESDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Crafty
Tuesdays in February
for grades K and Up at
Fletcher Memorial Library
from 3-4 p.m. Except on
Feb. 18 – from 1-2 p.m.
Call for details 802-228-
3517.

MUSIC & THEATER

FEB. 7 –
WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. –
Northern Stage's Youth
Ensemble Studio presents
"Metamorphoses" at The
Barrette Center for the
Arts running from Feb. 7
thru Feb. 16. Nominated
for three Tony Awards,
including "Best Play,"
Metamorphoses weaves
together unforgettable
tales to reveal the beauty
and urgency of myth-
making in a rapidly
changing world. For show
times and tickets, visit
www.northernstage.org.

SATURDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The
Second-Saturday Synthfest
Series at Stage 33 Live
celebrates synthesizer
performance, circuit-
bending, and sound
manipulation. Remaining
series dates are Feb. 8,
March 14, and April 11
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Weathersfield treasure located just off Skyline Drive. This 3-4 bedroom home offers great detail throughout including an open/bright kitchen with abundant corian countertops, viking range, canadian pantry. Formal dining area with windows taking in bright light and views of the back yard. Living room with cathedral ceilings and stone fireplace. Den/Bedroom with catwalk storage on first floor, 2nd bedroom and 3/4 bath with fossil stone tile. 2nd floor balcony currently hosts a baby grand piano to the Master Bedroom with 3/4 tiled bath. Walk-out daylight basement includes family room, laundry room, half bath, office and bedroom. Attached 2 car garage, multi-tiered deck, gazebo. Detached barn with garage bay, workshop space, carport and over-head 23X16 seasonal living space. Kennel, shed and a heated green house. Situated on 5.3+/- landscaped acres with gardens and pond. Just beautiful! **JUST REDUCED TO \$399,000**

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