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## Ludlow Rotary raising funds for Australian fire victims

LUDLOW, Vt. – Given the enormity of the fires now threatening all of Australia, the Ludlow Rotary Club has initiated efforts to raise funds to help the Australian people and the millions of injured and dislocated animals in that country.

According to Mark Huntley, LRC president, “We will be joining Rotary International in raising funds to help the beleaguered Australian people and animals begin to recover from the devastating fires currently

engulfing that nation.” He noted that the LRC’s fundraising effort would be in concert with Rotary International’s program to provide assistance, Rotary International Brush Fires Appeal.

The local club will donate \$2,000 to this fund, split equally between humanity and wildlife rescue. All funds collected will be divided the same way.

The LRC Rotarians plan to distribute “drop-boxes” to many area stores and businesses so that additional funds will

be secured for this effort.

Huntley indicated, “We suspect that everyone has been concerned about loss of life and property resulting from these fires in Australia and wants to find some way to help that nation recover and rebuild from this tremendous calamity.” He noted that he, like many others, was particularly overcome by the plight of the animals like the koalas and kangaroos that we have become attached to.

In addition to the LRC do-

nation and the drop-box collections, interested people may also send checks to the Ludlow Rotary Club’s tax-exempt organization. The mailing address for such contributions is Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund Inc. (LARCF), P.O. Box 216, Ludlow VT 05149. This is a 501(c)(3) organization so all contributions are tax-deductible.

For more information on this effort, call 802-779-7194 or email LRC at kimberlylambert@bensonschevy.com.



Ludlow Rotary is joining Rotary International to fundraise for humans and animals, like this rescued koala, affected by the Australian fires.

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## Chester budget finalized, Selectboard looks at Academy Building lease

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard finalized their budget at the Jan. 15 meeting to \$3,351,125, which is up by \$263,538, impacting the tax rate with a 6.5 cent increase over last year. This number reflects an approximately \$30,000 increase from the last budget meeting, a result of additional expenses added in due to previous errors, omissions, and overall budget cleanup, according to Town Manager David Pisha.

Though most categories in the budget are slightly under versus last year, Public Works has had the biggest impact, accounting for about 80% of that shortfall, largely due to weather patterns last year, which resulted in needing much more salt and sand and overtime than expected.

Board member Lee Gustafson said that the biggest expense as a town is to the roads. Although the Selectboard had a discussion with highway foreman Kirby Putnam concerning amounts and timing of sanding and salting the roads, the consensus was that town safety is the first priority.

Board member Lee Gustafson suggested that when discussion on the budget increases comes up, he wants to make sure the rationale for increasing sand and salt use for road safety is getting out to the public. Board Member Leah Dakin agreed and praised the roads during the winter, saying they are best in small towns of this area. Board member Ben Whalen added that there was no need to micromanage the highway department’s decisions. “Keep doing what you’re doing,” he said.

Board member Heather Chase questioned why the ambulance salary was finalized in the budget once a year. The

departments have chosen to be paid their stipends yearly, according to Pisha. Chase said that her concern was not that they should be paid differently, but that for budgeting purposes, those expenses should be recorded quarterly, whether they were paid out then or not. Pisha said he would be able to do that in future.

Chase also asked where the additional funds for beautification, specifically helping the Chester Townscape organization with watering, were within the budget. Pisha pointed to additional funds in Revitalization fund. The board discussed the need to seek out other help including having Pisha possibly sharing some expense with the other department heads. The board also discussed finding other ways to be creative, including having local businesses sponsor a flower box.

The board turned their attention to the Academy Building lease, which is up for renewal March 1 between the Chester Historical Society and the town.

Jonynas began by confirming that the town wants the historical society to continue using the building and values them as a tenant, but that the town wants a little more control of the grounds. Specifically the board talked about securing use of their right-of-way and use of the parking lot and having access to the bathrooms for the town information booth.

There has been criticism in the past, specifically from organizers of the Chester Fall Festival, that they were not able to use the Academy Building parking lot for their event, despite the fact that it is a town building.

The last lease was for a period of 15 years, a length of time that the board is not willing to consider repeating. A lease for five years was discussed but was not

finalized.

Chase expressed her concern with the stewardship of this building, saying that the condition has deteriorated significantly. She also suggested that they look to invite other businesses to sublet rooms in the building.

Gustafson said that the board needs devise a plan and vision is for the piece of property and to work out a way to make it work for everybody. He admitted that there are “no teeth” in the current contract if certain conditions are not met.

Jonynas admitted that the inside of the building is in rough shape, but the town has kept up with many structural and external repairs. He also said that the big tickets items for maintaining the building belong to the town and not the historical society. The shape of the building is “not because historical society has neglected them...its because it’s been neglected by the town.”

Pisha suggested that some of the materials of the historical society might be better organized and displayed, but Whalen said that was not their place to tell the historical society how to operate.

Jonynas said that it was important to work with the historical society, and the Selectboard agreed to put the subject on the Feb. 5 agenda so they could involve the historical society, and the discussions could go from there. In other town news, Julie Hance has been appointed as assistant town manager and the Selectboard approved Amanda Silva as the health officer.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chester Town Office.

## Budgets for school districts and TRSU will need explanation

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

REGION – The school budgets for Green Mountain Unified School District, Ludlow-Mount Holly Union Unified School District, and Two Rivers Supervisory Union have all been approved with increases that will necessitate detailed explanation for voters, according to GMUSD board members.

The largest increase is found in the GMUSD budget, which was approved Thursday, Jan. 16 with a total budget of \$14,108,968, an increase of 9.06%. The increase is \$1,171,000, but the board wants taxpayers to know that \$573,000 of that increase is for expenses that are mandated, either because of insurance increases or special educational expenses that are non-negotiable.

In prior meetings, the board had considered further cuts but fought to keep student opportunities including STEAM and social studies positions in the budget.

This revised number is slightly down from the last round, impacted by the removal of the world language position and by reducing the anticipated tuition students by eight. The total number of anticipated tuition students reflected in the budget currently stands at 59, but there is an expectation that there may be a change once the fate of the Black River Independent School is known.

Despite a plea from Board Member Doug McBride, the world language position was not added back into the GMUSD budget.

In a meeting just prior, the TRSU met and approved their budget for \$6,789,888, a 7.58% increase over last

year. This budget was slightly up from the prior TRSU budget meeting with the addition of LMUUSD transportation, which involved paying a driver and leasing a bus from town of Ludlow; an increase in the expected new superintendent position for \$140,000; a full-time administrative assistant and 0.8 technology director position.

A few days prior, Jan. 15, LMUUSD approved their budget for 7,288,496. Their overall budget is down approximately 1.20%, a small savings despite the closure of Black River Middle School High School.

McBride noted that the LMUUSD budget was just 28 cents away from the penalty threshold and felt that the only way for that district to avoid penalties next year would be to reduce their budget.

According to Superintendent Meg Powden, the LMUUSD board asked the administration to cut \$468,000, and they will have to continue to address that going forward.

Board Member Kate Lamphere expressed her concern that GMUSD was spending to improve student opportunities, but the LMUUSD board doesn’t have that option, which may cause issues with educational equality.

tional equality.

With the increased budget numbers in, the GMUSD board asked for, and TRSU administrators agreed to provide, a bulleted list of reasons for the increases to the budget, including increased expenses such as soaring insurance costs and mandated special education spending. It will also outline increased student opportunities like STEAM and others, which is of particular importance in order to attract nearby tuition students. This will give board members and administrators talking points when discussing the budget increases with voters.

Powden also said that Patrick Cody of Okemo Valley TV would record dialogue about the budgets to air on that channel.

Board Chairman Joe Fromberger said that presenting a united message was important and that the board should go out and say, “This is the right thing to do for the future of our district...and helps us attract tuition students that are out there and very close by.”

The informational meeting on GMUSD budget is Thursday, Feb. 27 at GMUHS auditorium.



TRSU and school districts finalize budgets.

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# Viking Nordic Center hosts Chamber mixer

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The next Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours Mixer is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, 2020, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Viking Nordic Center in Londonderry. Located in southern Vermont just south of Weston, Viking Nordic Center will be hosting this first chamber event of the New Year, co-sponsored by the Londonderry Village Market. This is a chamber “member-only” event.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to ski or snowshoe under the lights and experience the magic of a favorite section trail lit only by lanterns, affectionately called “The Tunnel of Love.” Equipment is available and chamber members are encouraged to bring along their families. Refreshments will be provided, and attendees will also have a chance to win a fabulous raffle prize.

Viking Nordic Center pro-

vides a fun, relaxed atmosphere embracing all types and ages of skiers, from those going out for an easy tour to those training for a race. It is an especially great place to learn all about cross-country skiing.

Chamber Mixer events are an opportunity for current members to showcase to fellow members all their business offerings. It is also an opportunity for the business community to meet in person, network, and enjoy camaraderie with fellow members. Chamber members are asked to RSVP via their direct email invitation, on the OVRCC website event page, or via the OVRCC Facebook page. This event is also open to potential chamber members – as a guest of a current chamber member – interested in learning more about the Viking Nordic Center, the chamber, and supporting the Okemo Valley business community.

The OVRCC is a nonprofit, member-driven association and the voice of the business communities in south central Vermont. OVRCC includes the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Weathersfield, and Weston. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region as well as the four-season economy.

For more information, go to [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com).



## 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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### Jordan Stewart named to UVM Dean’s List

CHESTER, Vt. – Jordan Stewart, Class of 2020, has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2019 semester at the University of Vermont. Stewart, from Chester, is a mechanical engineering major in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences. To be named to the Dean’s List, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20% of their class in their respective college or school.

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## Public meetings to discuss water and wastewater

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The town of Londonderry is holding the first of three public meetings to discuss concerns regarding water supply and wastewater disposal within the north and south villages.

The town has received funding from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct

an analysis of existing water and wastewater conditions and to develop workable solutions to address community needs that may arise from the study. Our engineering consultant, Dufresne Group, will present information on the importance of water and wastewater services, describe the scope of the study, and address project-related questions from community members.

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and get answers to your questions. This meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office-Twitchell Building, located at 100 Old School St. in South Londonderry. Additional information about the meeting is available at [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org).

## Black River Senior Center hosts pizza party

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center will host a pizza party Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 12 p.m.

We will be serving pizza, tossed salad, and dessert. The “Ukulealiens,” a ukulele group from the Springfield area, will provide

entertainment. Register to attend by calling 802-228-7421 or stopping by the senior center at 10 High St. in Ludlow.

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## Help keep our roads clear of snow

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The town of Londonderry is reminding homeowners and businesses to please not place snow in town roadways or plow snow over our roads. This practice creates difficulties for the Town Road Crew to effectively plow your roads and can cause serious road drainage problems that can damage roads, driveways, and nearby streams.

Furthermore, doing so is a violation of Vermont law, which states: “No person, other than an employee in the performance of his or her official duties or other person authorized by the... Selectboard... shall plow or otherwise deposit snow onto the traveled way, shoulder, or sidewalk of a... class 1, 2, or 3 town highway.”

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# South Central Vermont Board of Realtors participate in food drives

**REGION** – The South Central Vermont Board of Realtors participated in several holiday food drives to serve local communities. In Bennington, realtors delivered a grocery cart full of food to HIS Pantry at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church. Flood Brook School received 12 baskets from realtors, along with \$120 in monetary donations used to purchase turkeys. Manchester, Dorset, and Pawlet realtors collected 14 baskets for Community Sharing at the Dorset Church. This location served over 170 families. There were also monetary donations made for turkeys and other items they provide for families like boots and toys. Realtors also distributed six



From left to right: Jenifer Hoffman, Brenda Jones, Max Squiers, Brandy Lesser, Vicki Wilson, and Brie Burdge at HIS Pantry in Bennington.

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food baskets and six turkeys to families in Winhall, Stratton, and Jamaica. Seven local food pantries also received cash contributions totaling \$1,606. The pantries included were Neighbors Pantry in Londonderry, Winhall-Stratton Pantry, Jamaica/Wardsboro Community Pantry, Manchester Community Food Cupboard, Pawlet Community Church, GBICS in Bennington, as well as the Arlington Food Shelf.

# AARP free Tax-Aide at Neighborhood Connections

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 4 and continuing each Tuesday through April 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the AARP Foundation is providing free individualized assistance and preparation for all low- to moderate-income taxpayers – especially those 50 and older – at Neighborhood Connections. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service. Since its inception, the program has served more than 50 million taxpayers.

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year to ensure they know about and understand the latest changes to the U.S. Tax Code. Call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343 to sched-

ule an appointment. When calling for an appointment, a volunteer will work with you and provide guidance on what materials to bring with you. They will also do their best to determine if your tax return is within the scope of the AARP Foundation's Tax Aide programs. Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

# Open Census Day at Neighborhood Connections

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The 2020 Census is now upon us. Support your community and be a Census taker. Beginning in 1790, and every 10 years since, we the people have participated in a process called the Decennial Census. We do this to know who we are and what we need for good roads, schools, hospitals, and so much more. Find out more by coming to Census Day at Neighborhood Connections Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Windham County

# Ambassadors of Mentoring Awards nominees

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – MENTOR Vermont, in partnership with Comcast, is excited to announce the mentor and youth mentee honorees of the 2020 Vermont Ambassadors of Mentoring Awards. Each of this year's 10 ambassador mentor matches were honored together at MENTOR Vermont's annual Youth Mentoring Celebration at the Vermont Statehouse Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020. Members of the public can read the full nominations for each of the 10 mentor and mentee matches who were chosen as ambassadors this year and enter a free raffle for prizes at the end of January by visiting [www.mentorvt.org/Ambassadors-Of-Mentoring](http://www.mentorvt.org/Ambassadors-Of-Mentoring). "Comcast is committed to supporting youth development programs and organizations, like MENTOR Vermont, who are improving the lives of our future leaders," said Dennis Mathew, senior vice president of Comcast's Western New England Region, which includes Vermont. "What MENTOR Vermont does to match kids



Dylan and Evan are nominees from the Collaborative in Londonderry.

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with positive role models is commendable and can be life-changing for all involved. We're extremely proud to join them in recognizing these incredible mentor and mentee teams from across the Green Mountain State." One of this year's ambassador matches comes from The Collaborative in Londonderry: mentor Evan Leontis and Dylan, a 12-year-old student at the Flood Brook School. "Evan is consistent, kind, and compassionate," said Devon

Collins, AmeriCorps member at The Collaborative, who nominated the mentor match as ambassadors. "She truly listens to Dylan. He really enjoys his meetings with Evan since it gives him a chance to be expressive and interact in ways that others may not appreciate." The Ambassadors of Mentoring Awards are designed to recognize volunteer mentors and their youth mentees, both for the power of their personal mentoring stories, as well as for other additional contributions they've made to support their local mentoring program. These awards are replacing the previous Vermont Mentor of the Year Award, with the goal of highlighting a wider range of mentoring stories with the public and celebrating youth mentees for the leadership role they play in expanding the reach of mentoring programs in Vermont. All of this year's ambassador candidates were nominated by a program coordinator or director of their local mentoring program.

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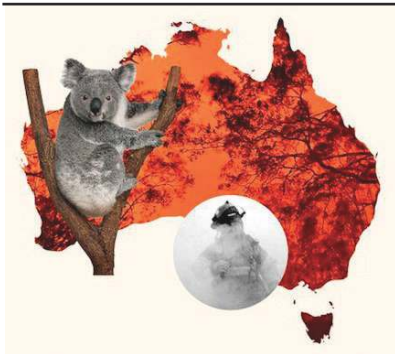


# Dinner to benefit Australian relief efforts

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.

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



CTES students to help in Australian fire relief efforts.

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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.

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# 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.

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.”



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

PHOTO PROVIDED

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 Vermonsters 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.

# 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 officially 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

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## 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

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.

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## 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 appointment.

- 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.
- Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. Call 802-885-3933 and specify the Senior Center. Available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

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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.

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**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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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.

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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.nsbcv.org](http://www.nsbcv.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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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.

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**All Church Services are listed online at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com).**

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 years 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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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.

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



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.

PHOTO BY DENISE HUNTER

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.

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



Making home-game wins.

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**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 Sparetime in Colchester, Vt., 8:30 a.m.
- Fair Haven, Windsor, Essex, White River Valley at Twin City in Barre, Vt., 9 a.m.
- Hartford, South Burlington, Randolph, and Brattleboro at

Maple Lanes in Claremont, N.H., 9 a.m.

**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.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal organization with nearly 1.7 million members in over 12,500 local councils.



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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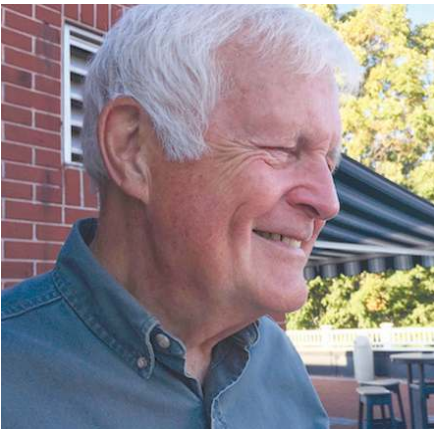
# arts & entertainment

## 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.

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



Steve Taylor.

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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.

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



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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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

LUDLLOW, 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!

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## “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 acrylica-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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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 [gallerylvault@vermontel.net](mailto:gallerylvault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.gallerylvault.org](http://www.gallerylvault.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 wooden instruments 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—

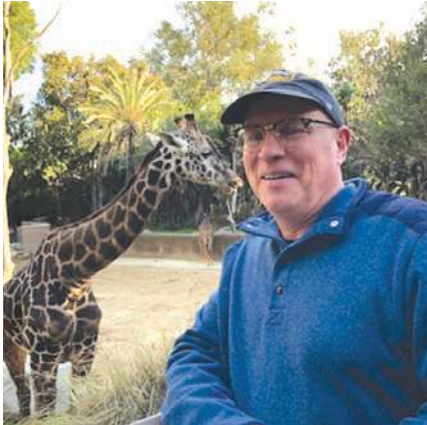
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Being a funny magician is serious business! Come to Springfield Town Library Saturday, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. to experience magic right in front of your eyes. Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day at the library with Magic with Bob.

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.

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).



Don’t miss Magic with Bob. PHOTO PROVIDED

## 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 Chester 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-

ipient's 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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	Lifts	Snow Depth	Snowfall
Killington Resort	20 / 22	24"	0" (1/20)
Magic Mountain	5 / 6	20"	0" (1/20)
Okemo Mountain Resort	19 / 20	30"	0" (1/20)
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NOTICE  
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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 Hydro-electric 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:

- a) Introduction to Project Licensing Team Members
- b) Overview of FERC Licensing Process
- c) Project Description
- d) Pre-Application Document (PAD)
- e) Discussion of Identified Issues
- f) Comments and Questions
- g) 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:

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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 Viniyoga tradition with Crystal Mansfield. Participants build strength, balance, and endurance as they move through basic postures in fluid motion with coordinated breath work. Students of all ability levels are welcome. Mats and blocks provided. Classes are held at Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to [www.gracecottage.org](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.

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CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn on the Chester Green. For more information, visit [www.buddhafulyoga.com](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 Knite Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. at the Six Loose Ladies shop in Chester. This is not only for knitting but also to crochet, spin, or work on any other portable fiber project. We also serve sweets in the evenings – many ladies like to bake. Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet, or consult with a more experienced knitter, this is a great time to join us. For more information, visit [www.sixlooseladies.com](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@lpctv.org](mailto:pcody@lpctv.org) or call 802-228-8808.

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**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 Ascutney 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.myreccenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568.

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

CLUBS

**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

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: 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.

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

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: 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.

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

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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: 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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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: 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: 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.

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

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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: 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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# calendar

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

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
WINDSOR, Vt. –

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

information, go to [www.windsorlibrary.org](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.

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

May Open Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., at Studio Momentum, 71 Main Street. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years. Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or [info@myreccenter.org](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.okemomountainschool.org](http://www.okemomountainschool.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 Has" event for a night of hilarious stand-up comedy and sensational country music. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.claremontperhouse.org](http://www.claremontperhouse.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**



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





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