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Chester Winter Carnival

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Winter storm does not cripple Winter Carnival

BY JO ROBBINS
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The winter storm might have rendered the skating pond unusable and delayed the bonfire scheduled for Friday night because of high winds, but it also provided the snow pack necessary for the historical sledding events at the sixth annual Winter Carnival held at the Crown Point Country Club Feb. 7 and 8 where all activities and events were free both days. The weather took a toll on the massive pines and hemlocks that surround this property but also shrouded it with picturesque ice crystals that covered all of the trees and sparkled in the sunlight.

It was 22 degrees on Saturday, but the wind chill was 16. The sun came out for moments but most of the day the sky was blustery, and the wind was fierce. Make no mistake about this kind of cold, to stay outside for more than 10 minutes was brutal – tingling in fingers and faces happened fast. Although the weather caused some hiccups, it did not stop the hearty who have planned for this carnival all year.

On Saturday morning when The Shopper asked event director Andy Bladyka if weather would have an impact on scheduled races, he said, "Winter Carnival, winter weather." Bladyka said Friday night was quieter than usual because of the strong winds and spotty power outages, but the John Sullivan Band played for an intimate setting of those guests that braved the outdoors to sit inside, stay warm, and enjoy the food and music.

Bladyka said he expected a good turnout that afternoon for the legendary snow events and said the cold was not a bad thing because people would go outside to watch the races and come inside often to get warm. For some people, like Cristine Campbell, the power was still out at home, but she said the weather and the snow was good for these events.

On Saturday, live radio was broadcast courtesy of WCFR, Springfield's Rewind 106.5 FM. Troy Wunderle's Big Top Adventures provided all kinds of inside entertainment and fun for the children, like Diabolo – a huge yoyo on a string with two sticks – hula-hoops, dish spinning, and giant floor checkers. There was face painting and even a table for teens.

Cardboard sledders line up for race.

PHOTO BY JO ROBBINS

Bladyka officiated the innovative and colorful cardboard sled and downhill kayak races and for each event he stood at the top of the hill and explained the rules of the road. He said typically the awards were given outside immediately after the races, but this day, the cold drove the ceremony inside. Hands and faces were covered to protect against the wind, but everybody was excited and ready to see whose sled creation would win the Bling, Spirit, and Speed awards.

This year, there were 11 entries and although five trophies were given in the main categories, everybody got a medal. Two entrants won for Bling and two for Spirit, but only one took the Speed award. This year that trophy went to "The Lamborghini" driven by Lucas LaCross. Lily Justice secured a Bling award for her "The Rainbow Dash" along with Ayden Stevens for his "Titanic," which his parents said has been ready since Halloween when Ayden wore his sled as his costume. Spirit awards went to Elizabeth Warren for her "DeLorean" and to Haleigh Goodrich for "Team Goodrich." Bentley Parker, Tristen Stagner, Julian Roberson, Jameson Clapperton who built his sled with Austin Tewksbury, Autymn Epler, and Ryan Gould all received medals for their entries. The Shopper asked some of the parents if the sleds were tested before the main event and one said, "We don't test them. We just put them together and let 'em go!"

Bladyka announced the downhill kayak runoffs between two men he referred to as "downhill kayak legends." North Springfield's Russ Martin defended his champ status from last year and faced off against Tim Gould of Springfield. In the first race, Martin grabbed a time of 9.78 seconds to Tim Gould's 10.04, but after a final round between the two men, Martin lost his first-place status to Gould.

A banner was strung across the front porch of the club that thanked Winter Carnival supporters: ARC Mechanical, Vermont Packinghouse, The Kurt Dechen Fund, third grader Charlie Keefe, Red House Press, Rewind 106.5, Members Advantage Community Credit Union, The Edgar May Health & Recreation Center, Springfield Cinema 3, SunCommon, Davidson Hill Builders, Kevin Heiden, Denise E. Photography, and Crown Point Excavation.

Fireworks sponsored by Kelley's Sales and Service were held Saturday night while many people huddled by the bonfire to watch the bright lights explode over a canopy of snow and Bladyka said, "If you have never seen fireworks in the winter, it is something to see."

The evening wrapped up with music by the Tricksters, and Bladyka said the band was phenomenal.

Shaun McGinnis steps down as acting police chief

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – In a special meeting Monday, Feb. 3, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discovered that Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis wanted to step down as acting police chief and that an investigation of the Bellows Falls Police Department had been ongoing by the Vermont State Police since August 2019.

Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison explained that coincidentally two separate occurrences happened that day; McGinnis expressed he was no longer interested in being acting police chief and Officer Paulette was on a non-disciplinary suspension.

Resident Paul Ries, who was concerned with the leave of Officer Josh Paulette, made public comment that Paulette was approachable and well-liked in the village. He said he would recommend him as police chief.

Two other residents in attendance voiced disappointment in the police department.

James VanEtten, a resident of North Walpole, was present at the meeting to represent a resident of Bellows Falls who he explained "fears for his life." VanEtten warned the board against promoting Mario Checchi to chief and explained that the person he represented went to the Vermont State Police because BFPD would not help and the VSP directed him back to Bellows Falls. VanEtten explained, "Checchi refused to help. He showed a dereliction of duty."

He said, "I would question the leadership of any officer who would not [do his duty] because he was intimidated."

Harrison said she had to appoint the next person for interim chief but that she would like McGinnis to continue. Stefan Golec asked McGinnis, "Would you consider sticking around?" until a police chief was hired. McGinnis replied, "Absolutely not."

Village President Deborah Wright asked if he would remain as fire chief and McGinnis replied that he would.

Harrison supported appointing Sargeant Bemis as acting police chief. "He is one of two supervisors with the most seniority."

Gary Lique asked if issues would be addressed and Bemis stated, "There are several issues we need to address, and we will address all of them."

Harrison explained that the challenges were not new, having "developed over years." She later shared, "I may have told you previously, but there is an active investigation by the Vermont State Police on the Bellows Falls Police Department."

James McAuliffe immediately said, "I was not aware of that," and Jonathan Wright agreed that "none of us were."

At the end of the meeting, the Village Trustees thanked McGinnis for his service and wished Bemis good luck.

On Monday, Feb. 10, the Attorney General's office concluded a review of the allegation against Bellows Falls Police Detective Mario Checchi. Attorney General T.J. Donovan announced that his office reviewed all the materials provided by the Vermont State Police and found no credible evidence to support the allegation of misconduct.

Springfield on the Move presents Wayfinding project

BY JO ROBBINS
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jessica Martin, executive director of Springfield on the Move, asked the Selectboard at its Jan. 27 meeting to turn excess funds left over from the tax sale purchase of the Oddfellows building on Main Street to study a town signage project.

The Wayfinding Project is a directional signage system, Town Manager Tom Yennerell told the board. It is a program to place gateway municipal signs where they would be most effective to help visitors locate parking, rivers, parks, schools, and municipal offices – key public locations. Yennerell said Springfield on the Move is working with the Main Street Committee and together they have discussed and researched the system over the past year and came to the conclusion that they would need to hire a consultant in order to keep the project moving forward. The balance of the Oddfellows' purchase would help to pay for the study.

Martin said the Selectboard loaned $25,000 to SOM through the revolving loan fund to bid on the Oddfellows building and an additional $2,500 to have an engineering structural analysis done. After the bid was accepted, expenses were covered, and the purchase was made, there was a balance of approximately $17,000. Martin asked the board to convert that money into a grant to hire Landworks LLC – a Vermont-based firm out of Middlebury whose expertise is planning, landscape architecture, and graphic design – to help with the design and study of the project that must follow federal, state, and local ordinances. She told the

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Rockingham Selectboard approves new Town Hall storefront proposal

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the town of Rockingham Selectboard proceeded with the Depot Street Bridge agreement, a new tenant lease for the store front of the Town Hall, and the regional broadband initiative.

Public Works Director Everett Hammond explained the agreement for the Depot Street Bridge needed to be notarized and that the design process had started. Chairman Peter Golec reviewed the bridge agreement and noted that the town would pay to relocate utilities. He said, "I thought sewer and water was supposed to be included in the contract."

Both Golec and Susan Hammond understood this to be included with the bridge in place, and if the town had chosen the off-alignment bridge, those expenses would have been added. Hammond said he would check on it, but that it might cost the village to move the utilities and they would be given notice well in advanced.

Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison mentioned that the town will pay a 5% contribution versus the standard 10% because the town will be providing the detour over Bridge Street.

Susan Hammond made a motion to approve the agreement and the motion passed unanimously.

Developent Director Gary Fox introduced a proposal to lease the storefront of Town Hall. Yobhel Brosseau of Basin Farm requested to lease the storefront temporarily used by Main Street Arts for their upcoming "Cabaret" in March. Brosseau explained Basin Farm's interest in opening a store featuring their local products Common Sense and Green Mountain soap and natural body products. Brosseau

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Fall Mountain Student of the Month for January

LANGDON, N.H. – Senior Brendan Reagan was selected as the Fall Mountain Regional High School Student of the Month for January. Brendan is the son of Dan Reagan and Carolyn Vose Reagan of Walpole, N.H.

Brendan was nominated by the fine arts department. Words to describe him were "Good leadership skills, positive role model, very creative, caring and thoughtful, friendly, involved in the FMRHS community, activities, and sports."

Brendan Reagan.
PHOTO PROVIDED

Brendan has been a high honor roll student his entire time at Fall Mountain. He received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute medal his junior year along with the Scholar Athlete award his senior year. Brendan is on Student Congress, a class officer, and the treasurer of the National Honor Society. He is a member of the Jazz Band, Quiz Bowl team, and Interact. He is a three-sport athlete, playing soccer where he was the captain, cross-country skiing, and spring track.

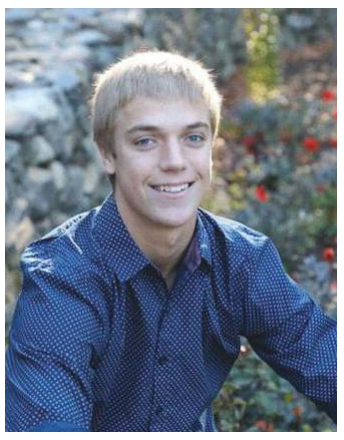
Outside of school, Brendan has participated in 4-H, drama performances, and volunteered as a coach for young soccer players. In the summer, he works at Camp Takodah, where he will take on a leadership role this upcoming summer.

Brendan plans to attend college after graduation but is undecided as to which college. Congratulations, Brendan!

Bellows Falls Student of the Month for January

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Griffin Waryas has been named the January Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Griffin, a senior, is the son of Fred and Heather Waryas of Bellows Falls.

A dedicated student who works hard, Griffin sets high expectations for himself and puts the time and effort in to succeed. He is thoughtful, a willing participant in class activities, and a pleasure to have in the classroom and to work with in general. Griffin is always positive and ready to say hello with a smile. When he is faced with challenges, he tackles them head on and finds a solution or way to conquer them. As school is important to Griffin, he comes to school every day prepared to learn. When he is absent, he is proactive in getting the assignments he missed and completing them in a timely manner.



Griffin Waryas.
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Griffin is a positive role model in school and community activities. A leader by example, he encourages his classmates and teammates to make good choices and to be involved. He has been involved in various sports at BFUHS, as well as Class of 2020 activities, and he participates willingly, enthusiastically, and responsibly. Griffin is someone that people can count on to serve various roles as he works hard to make BFUHS and its community better.

Griffin volunteers his time with the youth in the community through different venues, especially through community youth sporting events. He is helpful, supportive, and enjoys helping young people develop their skills.

Congratulations, Griffin. BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have you represent us this month with this award.

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Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center welcomes new medical director

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center, a Genesis HealthCare skilled nursing facility, is proud to welcome Dr. Marvin Malek as their new medical director. With patients, residents, and their families foremost in his planning, Malek will utilize his extensive experience to ensure that Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center patients receive personalized service, compassion, and care.

Dr. Malek is board-certified in internal medicine and is currently working out of the Ludlow Health Center, a Springfield Medical Care Systems office. Dr. Malek received his doctorate in medicine from SUNY Upstate Medical School. He later received his Master of Public Health with a concentration in health policy and management from Harvard School of Public Health.

"I am very pleased to have Dr. Malek leading our medical team. Our goal is to provide the highest level of quality care to our residents and patients, and working with Dr. Malek will help us continue to meet this goal," said Heather Presch, center executive director at Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Dr. Marvin Malek.
PHOTO PROVIDED

As medical director, Dr. Malek will be responsible for administering, directing, and coordinating all aspects of patient care to assure that the highest degree of quality care is consistently provided to Genesis customers. "My goal," Malek explains, "is to continue to provide high-quality, compassionate care and to maintain high patient, resident, and family satisfaction with the services we offer."

Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center provides short stay rehabilitation and long-term care services and accepts admissions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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board she did not yet know how much the signs would cost and said it depends on how many are needed. Montpelier did a similar project at a cost of $450,000.

Martin said, "We can dream big and then pare it down."

Yennerell said Springfield presently has a very outdated and antiquated sign system pointing to its key areas and told the board this is a good economic development project. Board Members Walter Martone and Michael Martin echoed Yennerell's sentiment and were supportive.

Martone added, "We have been talking about this for years. The grant money is out there, but you have to have the plan ready when you find it." He added that the presentation by Landworks was very impressive and showed how to walk through getting the funding. Yennerell said he thought the price quote of $400,000 was a little steep and said the project might be done for about $100,000.

Board Member George McNaughton was concerned about turning $17,000 into a planning grant if the project could cost anywhere from $100,000 to $400,000 to complete. He said he thought the money could be used elsewhere on another building that needs repair or go into the community center instead of spent on a study.

Although Chair Kristi Morris shared McNaughton's concerns, he said he supported the project and asked Jessica Martin if the firm would draft a proposal for the cost of the signs. Martin responded that Landworks would draft the proposal, help to find the funding, and follow up for the long-term in the event signs get outdated.

The Selectboard asked if the two groups had enumerated landmarks and Martin said the thought was to stay away from private businesses and place signs for the schools, Town Hall, public parking, and trailheads. She said the police and fire departments were already well identified so they would not be included. Only two signs in town identify parking and Martin said one fell down. She said people do not realize that the parking lot at People's Bank is a public lot.

The board unanimously passed a motion to authorize the balance of the revolving loan fund in the amount of approximately $17,000 to be used for the design and study of the Wayfinding Project and to contract with Landworks LLC as consultants.

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Rockingham Community Action Plan to be developed –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Vermont Council on Rural Development will hold its last community meeting in the Let's Take Action Rockingham Community process Feb. 13, from 6:30-9 p.m., at the Bellows Falls Middle School. All residents of the town are welcome to help line up action plans to move priority projects forward.

On Jan. 8, about 150 Rockingham community members came together to set core priorities for future action in town. They reviewed 24 ideas that were gathered from focus forums in December, an online survey, and a youth forum. They then chose three priorities designed to boost the community and advance the town's economy into the future. At the end of the session, participants signed up as volunteers to advance these new initiatives. Task forces are forming to build a youth center; advance community energy, efficiency, and resiliency; and redevelop Bellows Falls buildings.

On Feb. 13, these new task forces will meet in the Bellows Falls Middle School at 15 School St. in Bellows Falls to frame out action plans and work with a resource team of federal, state, business, and nonprofit leaders to identify next steps and resources that can help them succeed.

Members of the Resource Team will include Ben Doyle and Jon Muise, USDA Rural Development; Gary Holloway, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development; Chelsea Lewis, Vermont Community Foundation; Brad Long, Efficiency Vermont; Chris Campany, Windham Regional Commission; Bob Stevens, Stevens and Associates; Sarah Lang, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation; Liz Gamache, Preservation Trust of Vermont; and other key leaders that can provide technical and financial assistance and connections for the task forces.

VCRD's community and policy manager Jenna Koloski said, "VCRD looks forward to working with these new task forces to narrow in on the group's focus, identify critical first steps towards action, and connect to the resources they need to succeed. This is an important point in the process where we go from ideas to action and we hope that community members will join us to move these ideas forward!"

All members of the Rockingham community are invited to participate in this third phase of the Let's Take Action Process facilitated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. The meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 13, from 6:30-9 p.m., at the Bellows Falls Middle School at 15 School St. in Bellows Falls.

The Vermont Council on Rural Development is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advancing rural Vermont communities. For more information, contact Jenna at 802-225-6091, jenna@vtrural.org, or go to www.vtrural.org/programs/Community-Visits.

Springfield Warming Shelter half way through seventh season

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Warming Shelter is currently in our seventh season of operation. The warming shelter collaborates with local churches and agencies including SEVCA, HCRS, Springfield Medical Care Systems Community Health Team, Springfield Supported Housing, Springfield Family Center, Springfield Police Department, Vermont Agency for Human Services, and Vermont Department of Economic Services. All guests staying at the shelter were given the opportunity to work with any of these organizations that might be able to help them improve their health and well-being.

As of Dec. 31, 2019, 92% of the households that exited the warming shelter have obtained permanent or transitional housing.

Warming shelter quick facts for this season as of Jan. 31, 2020:

- The eight-bed shelter is open every night from Nov. 15 through April 15 on a first come, first served basis.
- Meals are provided by several members of our local churches and from other citizens.
- All guests are offered access to the Springfield Family Center during the day.
- All guests are offered support from various local social service organizations.
- We currently have 63 volunteers from the community who help staff the shelter by donating 1,872 hours between Nov. 15, 2019 and Jan. 31, 2020. That is an average of 29.7 hours per volunteer.

Volunteer hours are where our warming shelter continues to need additional community support. The Springfield Warming Shelter fills needs not only in Springfield but in the surrounding communities. The shelter is staffed with two volunteers from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 6:30 a.m. every day during the season. This equates to 120 shifts per month. If we had 120 volunteers, everyone would only need to cover a shift once a month. However, we don't have that many volunteers and so some of our volunteers sign up for shifts on a recurring weekly, every other week, or monthly basis. Other volunteers fill in as a need exists. However, without volunteers, the shelter is not able to continue to meet these important needs within our communities.

Volunteers receive an orientation and orientation sessions will be available throughout the season. If you want additional information or would like to help for at least six hours a month, please call the shelter at 888-264-3001, by email at svtwsc@gmail.com, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/springfieldwarmingshelter.

VAULT's 10th annual Chocolate Tasting

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT hosted their annual chocolate tasting fundraiser and raffle Saturday, Feb. 8, featuring delectable treats from area businesses as well chocolate specialties from their own talented staffers.

Approximately 100 visitors worked their way around the festive chocolate laden tables, sampling the bounty while enjoying student artwork on display on the surrounding walls and then meandered amidst the artwork in the larger gallery.

Local restaurants and shops like the Inn at Weathersfield, Heritage Bakery, Champlain Chocolates, Aroma Catering, Vermont Country Store, and Springfield Food Co-op all donated some of their specialties while staffers impressed the crowds with such yummies as whoopie pies filled with vibrant pink crème, dark chocolate dipped dried fruit, and fudge drizzled macaroons.

This is the 10th year for this unique fundraiser and traditionally falls right before Valentine's Day; a great time of year to sample chocolate creations according to Gallery at the VAULT board president Diane Kemble. "Chocolate has proven a wonderful incentive to entice folks in come check out the gallery at the same time," she said.

The event also includes a raffle where you could purchase tickets to win theater tickets to Northern Stage and Weston Playhouse, Wood's Maple Syrup, Lindt Chocolate, Tea for Two gift basket assortment, art supplies, and other local gift certificates. The proceeds will be used to support their many art programs and classes throughout the year.

Delectable chocolate goodies at the 10th annual Chocolate Tasting at the VAULT.
PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Gallery at the VAULT, which stands for "Visual Art Using Local Talent," itself has been around for 18 years and is a nonprofit organization as well as a Vermont State Craft Center. Inside their unique space, which houses an authentic bank vault right in the center of the gallery, is artwork from local artists and craftspeople that span everything from traditional paintings to pottery, jewelry, and crafts made from stone, metal, fabric, and glass. The work is for sale by commission and gives working artists a place they can display and sell their work.

It's very much a community art center according to Kemble, offering classes, workshops, and special exhibits throughout the year and encouraging art from all ages and abilities through its programs.

The gallery is part of a downtown Springfield that is redefining itself these days, with lots of building renovation, new businesses, and an upcoming park soon to be developed along the riverfront. Kemble is excited to see the changes that are revitalizing the downtown and making the gallery even more of a destination. Even without all the chocolate, this is a sweet place to visit.

The Gallery at the VAULT is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For details, visit www.galleryvault.org.

Michele Ohayon

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I believe in fostering, embracing Inclusiveness and Diversity and Preserving history, but I need your help to welcome and agree to transitional changes which would help move forward our Community into a new trajectory for all of us. I would like to bring in new efforts by joining the Select Board so I'm asking YOU to come out and VOTE!

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also mentioned displays and woodworks built by their business Commonwealth Construction and Milling of North Walpole that would add to the fixtures.

Currently, these products are only available online, but the farm desires a presence downtown. Brosseau hopes to also feature seasonal produce and other locally made items, "things that would go along with our store."

The lease proposal was good for one year, but Gaetano Putignano recommended a longer lease agreement of three years. The applicant said they would consider a three-year agreement. Putignano made a motion to approve the lease with Basin Farm for a two-year term with the option to renew. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Windham Regional Planning Commission received a grant for a regional broadband initiative and the state has provided a legal structure for community involvement.

Harrison told the Selectboard, "People are making decisions on where to buy property based on the broadband capacity."

Stefan Golec mentioned a discussion he had heard on Vermont Public Radio about the expense of broadband and Putignano said, "They are making it much more efficient."

The Selectboard recommended Bonnie North to represent the town of Rockingham in the Windham Regional broadband project.

Putignano mentioned he had received comments about the lack of space in the upstairs meeting room and that viewers can't see everyone from the camera angle. He explained, "At the last Joint Board meeting, there were not enough seats for everyone." He wondered about the status of the elevator and said, "We need to fix it."

Peter Golec wondered if they should look at a new elevator and mentioned they received a grant last time. Harrison agreed to investigate other elevator service contractors. The next Selectboard meeting is Feb. 18.

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Green Mountain RSVP valentines for veterans

REGION – Karen Campbell, voluntary service chief at the Veterans Hospital in White River, received valentines for veterans from Green Mountain RSVP coordinator for Windsor County, Corey Mitchell. "Valentines received from the community are placed on the meal trays of inpatient veterans in the days prior to Valentine's Day," Campbell explained.

"Valentine's for Veterans" is an annual effort by GMRSVP in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. RSVP volunteers, community partners, and friends prepared 200 valentines. Community partners participating in 2020 are Volunteers in Action from Windsor, the Ukulaliens from Springfield, Black River Valley Senior Center in Ludlow, Springfield Meals on Wheels, Pullinen Family of Springfield, Morlock Family of Quechee, and the 11 RSVP Bone Builder classes in Windsor County.

Karen Campbell and Corey Mitchell. PHOTO PROVIDED

Green Mountain RSVP is a program of Senior Corp. proudly sponsored by Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. Please visit www.rsvpvt.org for more information and volunteer opportunities.

Edward Jones open house

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bill Stevens, a local financial advisor for the financial services firm Edward Jones, invites the public to attend an open house Feb. 14, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at our office at 16 The Square in Bellows Falls.

"We are happy to be part of the Greater Falls community and would like to express our appreciation for the confidence and support we receive year-round," Stevens said.

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2020 Sammy Pierce Memorial community service scholarship

REGION – The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students in recognition of volunteered time and talent. These scholarships are open to students in communities served by the Crown Point Board of Realtors: Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Clarendon, Grafton, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Wallingford, Weathersfield, Weston, and West Windsor.

The Crown Point Board of Realtors awards $1,000 to two deserving students. The students may be 2020 high school graduates, homeschoolers, returning college students, previous recipients returning to upper classes, or adult students continuing their education in a two- or four-year college program. While the course of study is not restricted in any way, applicants must have a strong history of volunteer community service.

Applications and information for the Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are available at your local high school or by contacting Helen Wachtel at 802-275-3902. The deadline to submit applications for these scholarships is Monday, May 4, 2020. Selections will be announced in June.

The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are given in honor of Sammy Pierce, who is remembered as one of the most generous, thoughtful realtors in Windsor County. His generous character and the impact he made on his community are honored by this annual scholarship.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund are encouraged. Donations may be sent to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund, Crown Point Board of Realtors, c/o Lisa Kelley, Treasurer, 2-C Lamere Square, Ludlow, VT 05149.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

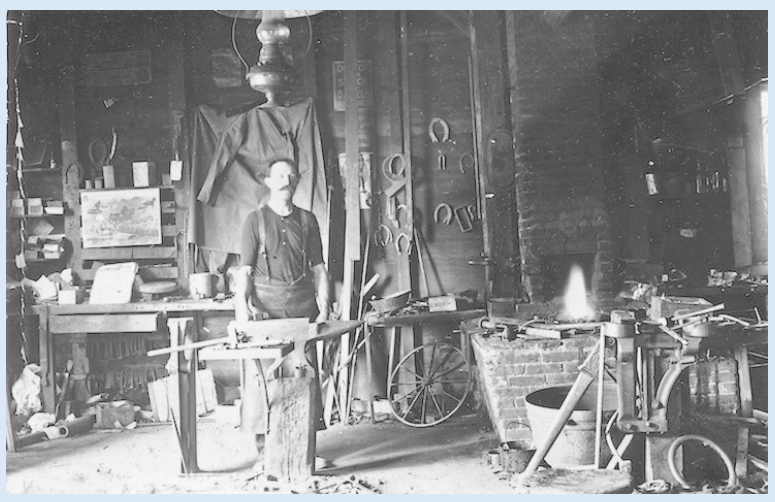
Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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

The blacksmith

The blacksmith was an important tradesman in the old days. There were blacksmiths who were farriers. Others made iron strap hinges, rims for wagon wheels, or tools. All could make or repair most anything.

The iron they used in those days was not as pure as the iron we have today. Blacksmiths saved any scrap iron they found. An old broken plow was used to forge new iron implements.



Frank Jarvis in his blacksmith shop.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the 1883 Child's Windsor County Gazetteer, I found 13 blacksmiths working in Chester. Two blacksmiths were on Main Street. Three are listed in Chester Depot with two in North Chester. Others were scattered around town.

Springfield, three times the population of Chester, had 10 blacksmiths in 1883. Ludlow had five blacksmiths. Why did Chester have more blacksmiths than these towns?

Chester had the railroad where many products were shipped. Soapstone and talc from Windham, Chester, and Grafton, logs from area forests, and farmers shipping their goods all added up to a very busy and prosperous Chester. All of these products were delivered to the Depot with team and wagon.

From Louis Marshall's May 1913 ledger are a couple relevant entries. "We went to Chester after building. It rained, had good luck." The next day: "Loading building to start home broke wheel at Bunting hill on forward axle. I drove the 4 horses got another wheel." I use this entry to illustrate how hard these horse-drawn wagons were used.

Two days later: "Father got his horses shod and a load of grain at Chester." Again, a blacksmith was needed to shoe the horses.

Blacksmiths of the day kept these teamsters in business. Breakdowns were costly to the teamster. A while back I wrote about W.R. Spaulding "Ironing the hearse." You may recall ironing a wagon was beefing up the iron on a wagon. If you made your living with a team, a blacksmith was your best friend.

The photo with this article is Frank Jarvis in his blacksmith shop. His shop was next to his house where today the Green Mountain Turnpike meets Route 103 near the old gristmill.

It's an interesting photo to study. Frank stands at his anvil with an oil lamp overhead. Underneath, a workbench on the left can be seen many horseshoes. Behind Frank, you'll notice a coat covering a window. The photographer covered the window for better light to photograph. To the left of Frank is a poster advertising farm machinery.

To the right, you can see the brick forge. Air from the bellows fed the coals. You can see fire rising from the forge. The shop is cluttered with tools and other implements.

Frank's daughter, Mrs. Cassidy, was my fourth grade teacher at Chester Elementary School. I remember one day we were coloring in class. I was a little hyper when I was young. I was trying to color, but I was one of those kids who rapidly colored in long zigzag strokes. I couldn't stay in the lines. Mrs. Cassidy was walking up and down the rows of desks looking at our coloring. When she got to me she said, "A two-year-old could color better than you."

Whatzit

Last week's Whatzit was a snowball hammer, sometimes called a snowballer. Men working in the woods with a team needed this specialized hammer. Driving on a snow-covered road spared horses from chunks of ice and snow collecting on their hooves.

But in the woods, a team might walk through a swampy area or cross a brook. When the horses' feet got wet, the snow would stick to their hooves. Imagine a horse with iron shoes trying to ascend or descend a steep grade.

The ice and snow covered the cleats of the horseshoes, making it impossible for horses to gain traction. If a horse slipped, he might break a leg. The answer was the snowball hammer.

Often blacksmith made, these snowball hammers were uniquely designed by the blacksmith. There is a snap on the handle end so the snowballer could be fastened to a leather harness.

The teamster used the hammer end to strike the iron shoes to dislodge frozen ice. The curved end has a pointed tip to chip ice around the shoe. This snowballer shows many strikes from the blacksmith peening the hot iron.

The Frank Jarvis photo with this article is one of 18 photos in the 2020 Chester Historical Society calendar. They are available at Lisai's Market, Erskine's Feed Store, Salon 2000, The Framery of Vermont, Stonehouse Antiques Center, Blair Books & More, and Chester Hardware.

Blacksmith made ox shoes.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

This week's old saying comes from a blacksmith. "Strike while the iron's hot."

SAPA TV to change Comcast channels

REGION – There are changes coming to SAPA TV, the public access station serving Springfield, Weathersfield, and Chester. Beginning Feb. 18, Comcast is relocating the channel lineup of public access stations throughout Vermont. The SAPA public channel located on Comcast channel 8 will move to channel 1077, and the SAPA government and education channel located on Comcast channel 10 will move to channel 1087.

The SAPA TV signals will be available on all four channels for 60 days after implementation. After the 60-day window, the signals will only be available on Comcast channels 1077 and 1087. VTel subscribers will not be affected by this change. SAPA TV programming will remain on VTel channels 160 and 161. Those without cable subscriptions can view SAPA programming through streaming and video on demand at www.sapatv.org.

The channel change will not affect the SAPA service area, channel content, or the services the station provides. SAPA will continue to provide video production education and training, access to state-of-the-art facilities and video equipment, and coverage of local meetings and events. If you have questions or concerns about the channel changes, you can contact SAPA TV by phone at 802-885-6248 or email at info@sapatv.org.

Along the River: Tales from Cheshire County's Connecticut River Towns

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alan Rumrill, director of the Cheshire County Historical Society, will talk about three centuries of life along Connecticut River Friday, Feb. 21 in the Walpole Town Hall at 7 p.m.

The Connecticut comprises the entire western border of Cheshire County and has played a major role in the history of the region. Rumrill will share tales about the four towns located on the river: Hinsdale, Chesterfield, Westmoreland, and Walpole.

He will tell about the uses of the river, bridges, ferries, disasters, crimes, businesses, famous folks, and everyday life along the river for the past 300 years, much of which he has documented in his popular column in the Keene Sentinel. An author of several books and a native of Cheshire County, Rumrill has been executive director of the Cheshire County Historical Society for 36 years.

The event is free of charge and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

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TAKE A BREAK

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the Springfield School District budget of $33.6 million that we will be voting for March 3, 2020. The administration did a good job of keeping the budget reasonable and at same time meeting all federal and state of Vermont educational requirements.

What really sold me on the budget this year was the Student Exhibition Night at Springfield High School. The students I met that night were very knowledgeable and proud of their projects. They were able to answer the questions that I posed to them quickly and professionally. I walked out of there having learned something new. I hope that you will join me in voting "yes" to the Springfield School District budget.

Sincerely,
Ed Caron
SSD Budget Advisory Committee
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

All-4-One is preparing for some exciting changes. In case you're wondering, All-4-One is an out-of-school-time program within the Springfield School District, which is part of an inclusionary program that offers support to students and families. The program is funded privately through fees for services, grants, state subsidies, donations, and in-kind services. No money comes from the school district budget; however their close partnership creates the cohesive relationship to keep the program housed at the school for consistency in staffing, structure, and principles. It is through this incredible relationship that we are able to continue to grow and evolve to better serve the ever-changing needs of our community and children.

All-4-One has grown over the course of the 22 years it has been at the Springfield School District. Currently, there are several programs and opportunities for students to be engaged in and active before school for K-5 and after school enrichment programs for K-12 students. Most recently, The SPACE was opened as our new teen and youth center located in downtown Springfield, open to students ages 13-18.

Next year, it is planned that all breakfasts, snacks, and suppers served at All-4-One will be provided as part of the district's food services program. This will be an exciting change for not only our program, but also to the students enrolled with us.

In addition, with the proposed pre-K program at Elm Hill and resulting student shifts to Union Street and Riverside Middle schools, our program will have access to some of the bigger spaces. This means the ability to enroll more children in All-4-One programs! Currently, we have a waiting list, and this new shift will allow us to increase our capacity and serve more families. We will be able to provide gross and fine motor activities in the mornings, ensuring our children have more physical activity. These activities will take place in the gymnasium as well as the team room. Plans are already underway to ensure that each child's personality and temperament are served, as not every child will want to or be able to be highly active each day. We will continue to recognize children's differences and ensure quiet play options are also available.

All-4-One's Kids Club program for K-5 is a unique program in the state of Vermont. It is a licensed child care program and one of only a handful that has dedicated space inside a school setting. Most other before and after school programs are "cart" programs. In other words, staff come into the school and set up a space for programming in a gym, cafeteria, or other area that is designated for after school programs. All materials and supplies are then "carted" in and "carted" out for programming times. As these changes happen, we will continue to have some dedicated space specifically for our youngest students, kindergarten through first grades. The remaining space will be reconfigured to account for classroom tables and desks, and storage will be more "cart" in and "cart" out for before and after school. The space will remain "ours" after school where we will continue to run programs and activities the same as always. The only thing that will change is where "stuff" is being housed, stored, or held.

We have to remember why we are here – for the students and families that we serve, that need this service so they can work, go to school, support family, or have their children engaged socially and emotionally to enrich their lives. Do we need our own space to do this? No. Do we need a staff that is accommodating, an administration that is understanding, and children to smile and be happy they can play and laugh before and after school? Yes! I believe this can be done. It is done at other before and after school programs.

Please feel free to stop by anytime at any of the after school programs at any of the school buildings. Check out our Facebook page "All-4-One," or give us a call at 802-885-2531 for more information.

Sincerely,
All-4-One
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Jeff Chase, and I am running for one of three Selectboard positions in the town of Mount Holly, Vt. March 3, 2020.

I have been a resident of Mount Holly for over a decade. We have two children, ages 5 and 7, who attend the Mount Holly School, where Beth works a special educator. My job is a senior engineer and project manager for Casella Construction in Mendon, Vt. In my free time, I enjoy working on my personal construction projects, camping with my family, fishing with my kids, and maple sugaring our property with the enthusiastic help of both children.

I strongly believe that Mount Holly is not just a town, it is a community; a community full of people who share many common values. We respect each other, we help each other, we enjoy the forest and open lands around us, and we like to come together and celebrate events and long-standing traditions. I want to preserve this community and its values. Furthermore, I want to make it sustainable for all of us who live here. I am running for the open Selectboard position because I want to help this community to thrive and live on for generations to come.

For this reason, I strive to keep myself involved in the Mount Holly community; from helping to coach my kids' sports teams, to volunteering to rehabilitate and run the 100-year-old cider press on Cider Days; to donating materials and helping to build the new dugout at Mount Holly School, as well as coordinating the spread of new clay on the field. It is important to me that my children see me giving back to the community in a positive way and understand that they can make a difference in the community in which they live.

I would be honored to serve on the Mount Holly Selectboard and believe I have many assets that would help our town. My extensive experience in construction management will be useful in managing the town's budget and infrastructure. My background in engineering provides creative problem-solving skills that will help me to think outside of the box in matters concerning the town. My tireless work ethic motivates me to keep going and finish all that I start. If elected, I would make it my priority to fully understand regulations, provide a transparent government, open communication to resolve issues, and keep our town affordable for all who live here.

I will also seek to ensure the changes that happen in Mount Holly are beneficial for the residents who live here. I love our town, and I want to protect its small-town character and natural beauty. I support well-planned and thoughtful development of our town's economy in ways that enhance the tax base. I want to make our town an even better place to live, work, and raise families.

To learn more about me and my deep roots in the Mount Holly community, please visit my webpage at www.jeffchase.org, email jeff@jeffchase.org, or call 802-259-2633.

Sincerely,
Jeff Chase
Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to you to ask you to vote for me Tuesday, March 3 for the post as library trustee.

Please let me tell you a few things about myself. I'm a homeowner who has lived in Springfield for four years, and I've lived in Vermont for 30 years. I was a former carpenter, newspaper reporter, and public affairs writer and editor, and for the past 25 years I've taught in the English department at Castleton University. I'm a published writer of many essays and news articles, and I've also written a novel.

As a teacher and the parent of two sons, I'd like to think I know a little about the way books and media create the fine culture, knowledge, and advancements of our town. I believe that these experiences will help me do a good job as a Springfield Library trustee.

During the past 10 years, I've had the opportunity to visit some developing nations in Asia. Many towns there don't have a town library, and it has made me realize what an important role the library plays in Springfield.

Sometimes, as we get older, it may seem important to us to serve our community in some way. That's the way I feel now. If you think I might be of decent service to Springfield as a library trustee, please vote for me. I would appreciate it.

Best regards,
Greg Supernovich
Springfield, Vt.

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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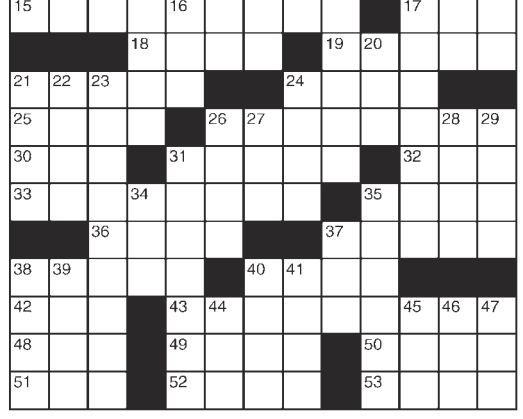

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CHURCH SERVICES

ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.
Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com or 603-835-6358.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Rt. 5
Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. Prayer on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call 802-546-4902 or www.bowbaptist.com.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Afternoon service at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call Pastor Daniel Anderson at 802-230-5307 or at the church 802-674-2266. Visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 802-463-3100.

Faith Christian Church, 582 Rockingham Rd.
Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to Sunday worship and praise at 10 a.m., the Message at 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (3-7 years) at 10:30 a.m., and Holy Spirit service on the first and third Sundays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Church Home in the same parking lot. For more information, call 802-591-1350.

CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sundays at 10 a.m. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, Main St.
Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Call 802-228-3451.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, Rt. 12A River Rd.
Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. Church is handicap accessible. Contact 603-826-0381.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
Sunday service is at 8 a.m. Service with music, Sunday School, and nursery care available at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning prayer at 9:40 a.m. Visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org or call 802-875-6000.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.
Sunday school at 9 a.m. for children and adults. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for toddlers through preschool. Youth group Thursdays at 6 p.m. and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Park on the street or behind the building. Wheelchair accessible. Call 802-875-2638, email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org, or visit www.chesterbaptist.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.
Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and childcare available. For more information, call the church at 802-824-6453 or go to www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.
Sunday service at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and coffee hour. Call 802-228-4211 or email unitedchurch@tds.net. Visit us online at www.unitedchurch.us.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.
Service is at 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 802-522-8249 or email cindysummer55@gmail.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

The Village Church, 35 Church St., Belmont, Vt.
The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. Contact 802-259-2440 or visit www.vbch.weebly.com.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
Sunday service is 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Advent Christian Church, 11 Church St., N. Springfield
Worship is Sunday at 10 a.m. We are a small, friendly, Evangelical church. For more information, call Pastor David Young at 802-376-2136 or go to www.acchurch.net.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school starts at 11 a.m. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship, and our events during the week. For more information, call us at 802-885-2349 or go to www.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.
Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Devotional is at 6:30 p.m. Enter through the back downstairs door. Check out the Facebook page: Springfield Church of Christ.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106
Adult Bible Study on Sundays from 9 -9:45 a.m. Services start at 10 a.m. Located right next to Cota & Cota.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.
Holy Eucharist, Rite I traditional Liturgy is the first and third Sundays of the month. Rite II, contemporary Liturgy, is the second and fourth Sunday. Both are at 8:30 a.m. The rare fifth Sunday of the month will be Congregation's choice. Holy Days as announced. For more information, call 802-885-2723.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd
Sunday services at 10 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org. All are welcome.

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.
Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. by Rev. Gerry Piper. Praise God through music, scripture, and prayer. Christian education and childcare available during worship hour. Communion available. Fellowship and refreshments after service. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

WALPOLE, N.H.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.
Sunday service is at 10 a.m. Sunday school at 10 a.m. with coffee hour at 11 a.m. Wheelchair accessible with ramps and elevator. Call 603-756-4075 or email walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.
Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Minister is Rev. Elaine Bomford who will be present twice a month. Family First Sunday is the first Sunday every month with breakfast and spiritual activities for the whole family. Check www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WESTON, VT.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

obituaries

Craig M. Stone, 1960-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Craig Merton Stone, 59, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 29 at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born May 27, 1960 in Townshend, Vt., the son of Chester Merton Stone and Roberta Irene (Putnam) Stone. He attended Springfield High School, graduating with the Class of 1978. Then, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving a four-year term.

Craig M. Stone, 1960-2020.
PHOTO PROVIDED

By trade he was a finish carpenter. He worked for various places over the years: Daniels Construction, American Construction, Ingram Construction, and his favorite and most memorable R.J.Phillips. Then he began his own venture with C.M. Stone Quality Carpentry.

He enjoyed classic cars, car shows, oldies, putzing on various projects, and building and rebuilding things. His last project was working on a 2004 Jeep and an old Sears and Roebuck Sno Cruiser Kutter Sleigh. He cherished fond family memories from long ago with his aunts, uncles, and cousins where he'd enjoy jeeping, camping, boating, fishing, and other fun activities. He loved family, friends, and both of his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife Lucy (Tardiff) Stone and two children Tara Lee Stone and Ashley Marie Stone. In 2014, we adopted the apple of his eye Hailie Rose Stone. He loved all of his girls very much. His sister Catherine Ruh and husband Scott, Nick and Elaine Ruh and Maddox; his brother Bernie Stone and wife Amy Jo and paw kids; Aunt Marcia and Uncle Buster Dewitt and cousins Gail Ann, "Chicky" Margot, Carla, and John and all of their children; Aunt Barb Covey and cousins Bobby and Cindy and children; Aunt Tiny and Uncle Zip (predeceased) and cousins Tammy; and Vicki, "Dougie," and Stephen Jacobs and their families.

Per his request, there will be no services. Donations may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156; Lincoln Street Inc., 374 River St., Springfield, VT 05156; or Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, 139 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Lois A. Golden, 1941-2020

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Lois A. Golden, 78, passed away Sunday evening, Feb. 2, 2020 at Mount Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vt. She was born Feb. 25, 1941, the daughter of Russell and Lillian Baldwin. She attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School Class of 1959.

On Aug. 26, 1960, she married Wayne E. Golden in Springfield, Vt. He predeceased her July 29, 2013. Lois worked as a secretary with Central Vermont Public Service for several years and later worked as a clerk at the North Springfield Post Office in North Springfield, Vt. for many years.

She loved her family and loved spending time with her daughters and her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She loved animals, especially her cat Cali. She enjoyed monthly lunches with her classmates and coffee with the coffee crew every morning. She also enjoyed shopping trips to Burlington with her family. Lois was an avid Red Sox fan and was a member of the Women of the Moose Chapter 1085.

She is survived by her daughters Lori Johnson and her husband Tracy, and Teri Sharpe and her husband David; six grandchildren Matthew (Jackie), Tyler (Amy), and Morgan Johnson, Crystal, Cam (Olivia), and Nick Sharpe; five great-grandchildren Oscar, Calvin, Teddy, Mason, and Jase. She was predeceased by her parents and by two brothers Bruce Baldwin and Russell "Tiny" Baldwin.

Lois A. Golden, 1941-2020.
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A memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 7 at the Davis Memorial Chapel. Reverend Malcolm Fowler of Calvary Baptist Church officiated. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt. at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Ascutney Hospital Hospice Unit, 289 County Rd., Windsor, VT 05089.

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In order to have room for each obituary we receive each week, we ask that submissions are limited to 350 words. We reserve the right to shorten any obituary.

Church Services are subject to space with priority given to obituaries. Each service is published on a rotation every two to four weeks. All Church Services are listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at Editor@VermontJournal.com.

Cassandra Blodgett, 1956-2020

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Cassandra Blodgett, 63, born Dec. 5, 1956, the daughter of Everett and Mary Phillips, passed away Sunday, Feb. 9 after battling a prolonged illness.

Cassie graduated Fall Mountain Regional High School in 1974 and graduated from Keene State Collage with her bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. Soon after she made her home in Charlestown for 41 years, where she and her husband Edward Blodgett raised their three daughters. Cassie worked as a teacher's aide at Bellows Falls Middle School for over a decade.

Later on, Cassie went back to school to become a lab technician. She graduated from River Valley Community College in Claremont in 2007. Cassie also worked as an emergency dispatcher in Charlestown, N.H. Later, she worked as a lab technician at Grace Cottage in Townshend, Vt. and at Dartmouth Hitchcock in Keene, N.H. where she stayed employed until her illness. Cassie was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor. She brought warmth and caring to all around her and always saw the good in everyone.

Cassandra Blodgett, 1956-2020.
PHOTO PROVIDED

Cassie was survived by her husband Edward Blodgett; her daughter Darcie Blodgett and husband Matthew Durnford and their daughter Charlotte; her daughter Kristin Ioannou and husband Fokion Ioannou; her daughter Courtney Axenroth and husband Joseph Axenroth; her brother Mark Phillips; her brother David Phillips and wife Atasua Phillips; her sister Shawna Mays and husband Michael Mays; as well as much loved extended family including her in-laws Betty Blodgett, Bill Blodgett and his wife Norma Blodgett, Barbara Bryant and her husband Gerald Bryant, Fred Blodgett and his wife Victoria Blodgett, Patricia Grant and her husband Tom Grant, and Lynn Blodgett. She also had 19 nieces and nephews and 23 great-nieces and great-nephews. Cassie was preceded by her parents Everett and Mary Phillips, her father and mother in-law Fred and Rita Blodgett, and her sister in-law Teresita Martinez Phillips.

A celebration of life to be held in the summer. Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad St., Claremont, N.H. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

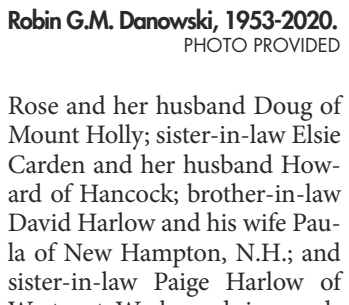
Robin G.M. Danowski, 1953-2020

BELMONT, Vt. – Robin Gail Mary Danowski, 66, of Belmont, died Thursday evening, Jan. 30, 2020 at her residence. She was born Aug. 20, 1953 in Passaic, N.J., the daughter of Edward and Katherine (Tomkovich) Danowski.

Robin grew up in Wallington, N.J. where she graduated from high school. She then graduated from the Rutgers University in Newark, N.J. with a degree in accounting. She was employed by several large firms in New Jersey and Manhattan. She met her husband Bret in Wallington, N.J., and in 1997 they relocated to Vermont. She was a member of the United Church of Ludlow.

Robin enjoyed and exceled at cooking; and visiting with her grandchildren brought her the most delight. For several years, she was the manager and had a strong passion for a nonprofit that helped the less fortunate in the Ludlow area.

Survivors include her husband Bret Harlow of Belmont, son Jared Danowski-Harlow of Belmont; two stepsons Bret Harlow and his wife Jill of Binghamton, N.Y. and Wesley Harlow and his fiancée Rebecca Rashford of New Windsor, N.Y.; stepdaughter Courtney Sheafe and her husband James of Walden, N.Y.; her mother-in-law Marjorie Harlow of Mount Holly; sister-in-law Ann Rose and her husband Doug of Mount Holly; sister-in-law Elsie Carden and her husband Howard of Hancock; brother-in-law David Harlow and his wife Paula of New Hampton, N.H.; and sister-in-law Paige Harlow of Westport, Wash.; and six grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Robin was predeceased by her parents and sister Betty Pokrywa.



Robin G.M. Danowski, 1953-2020.
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Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at the United Church of Ludlow. Burial will be at a later date in the Mechanicsville Cemetery in Belmont. Arrangements are by the Aldous Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Black River Good Neighbor Services, 37 Main Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.

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Doug MacPhee selected for VPA Hall of Fame

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Vermont Principals' Association recently announced their 2020 Hall of Fame Class. The inductee class consists of five all-star student-athletes, five outstanding coaches, one excellent official, and one exceptional contributor. Doug MacPhee of Bellows Falls has been selected as the inductee as a contributor.

"I am grateful to join my fellow honorees in the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame Class of 2020," MacPhee said. "To join this distinguished Hall of Fame is extremely gratifying. I want to thank the Hall of Fame Committee. I am looking forward to the induction ceremony on May 1, 2020."

MacPhee was the voice of the Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers for over three decades. He has helped to make athletics a positive experience for student-athletes, coaches, fans, and families in many ways. MacPhee has supported the community with his photography, sports writing, as the longtime public address announcer, and with his statistical know-how. He is a fixture at sporting events at Bellows Falls but also is a familiar face across the state – no matter the sport. The community, in 2005, christened the "Doug MacPhee Press Box" at Hadley Field.

The other inductees this year include student-athletes Jenny Everett, Maria Gleason, Buddy Lamothe, Jim McCaffrey, and Matt St. Amour; coaches Jose Batista, Tom Blackbird, David Gale, Paul Remick, and Richard Seubert; and official Alan Libardoni.

This group will be formally inducted Friday, May 1 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Montpelier. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., a buffet dinner at 6 p.m., and the induction ceremony at 6:45 p.m. For more information regarding the VPA Hall of Fame, the qualifications for inductees, and how to nominate candidates for future consideration, visit www.vpaonline.org/athletics/vpa-hall-of-fame.

Terrier boys and girls defeat White River Valley

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Bellows Falls boys defeated White River Valley at home, 46-36. Ryan Kelley contributed 16 points, Jon Terry had 11, and Dylan Clark had 8. The Terriers move to 9-5.

Coach John Hollar commented, "We defended well in the fourth period and looked up the floor. We were also far more consistent with our closeouts during this game as opposed to our first game with them earlier this season. The eight three-point shots they hit up there in the second half taught us an important lesson, and we hedged very well on the screen and roll. Coach James has done a superb job improving our zone offense."

Coach Hollar also noted that the Bellows Falls JV team moved to 10-3 with a 65-48 win over White River Valley. Sophomore Owen Laross, who stands tall at 6 feet 5 inches, led the way with 14 points on the night.

Due to a wintery mix over the next several days, the Terriers' game at Fall Mountain, originally scheduled for Feb. 6, had been rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 12. Likewise, their Friday, Feb. 7 home game against Green Mountain was postponed.

On Monday, Feb. 10, the Lady Terriers took their turn to host White River Valley and won 65-39, bringing their overall record to 10-5.

Coach Todd Well said, "We had a great bounce back game from losing on Saturday to a good West Rutland team. Emily Bazin led the team with eight boards. It is her fourth game in a row with 8-plus boards. Emily continues to work very hard in practice and it is great to see it starting to pay off."

Bazin contributed 11 points on the night. Her teammates also added big numbers, including Taylor Goodell 24, Maya Waryas 12, and Molly Potter 10.

Hannah White led White River Valley with 18 points.

The Bellows Falls girls travel to Green Mountain Thursday, Feb. 13.

Vermont High School Bowling standings as of Feb. 1, 2020

REGION – As of Feb. 1, 2020, the following is the standings for Vermont high school bowling:

- 1st, South Burlington, 67
- 2nd, Windsor, 66
- 3rd, Fair Haven, 64
- 4th, Randolph, 64
- 5th, Essex, 53
- 6th, Burlington, 41
- 7th, Brattleboro, 39
- 8th, Enosburg, 36
- 9th, White River, 35
- 10th, Springfield, 31
- 11th, Hartford, 26

Brattleboro Bowling Team.

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The top 10 individual averages:

- Howard Stockwell, Randolph, 216.6
- Cean Lieberman, Hartford, 201.9
- Rayce Gilbert, Windsor, 196.3
- Jacob Pickielnok, Fair Haven, 193.5
- Joseph Warner, Randolph, 192.1
- Julius Dodson, Burlington, 191.1
- Grayson Frazer, Windsor, 187.8
- Matt Campbell, South Burlington, 185.5
- Nick Snide, Fair Haven, 182.5
- Courtney LaFleche, South Burlington, 180.5

Hartford Bowling Team.

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Meet schedule:

Saturday, Feb. 15

- South Burlington, Windsor, Hartford, and Burlington at Sparetime in Colchester, Vt., 8:30 a.m.
- Enosburg, Essex, and Springfield at Sparetime in Colchester, Vt., 9 a.m.
- Fair Haven, Randolph, Brattleboro, and White River Valley at Rutland Bowlerama in Rutland, Vt., 4:30 p.m.

The top 32 bowlers advance to Individual Championship to be held Feb. 22, 2020 at Rutland Bowlerama at 10 a.m. Top 32 bowlers will be determined after the Feb. 15 meets.

Springfield Wrestling at Mount Mansfield -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Despite several weeks of battling illnesses, the Springfield junior high and high school wrestling teams trekked to Mount Mansfield High School Saturday, Feb. 1 for a full day of wrestling. The group earned plenty of wins and several awards.

Senior Brandon Bennett chalked up another first-place standing after many nail-biting moments; senior Skylar Wallace secured a solid fourth place win, and excellent effort was put forth by Tim Amsden, Cole Wright, David Rigney, Logan Webster, and Bryan Stafford. Junior high wrestlers competing were Hunter Ferland, third place; Dillan Lacasse, third place; Marshall Simpson, third place; Armando Stettner, second place; and Noah Markwell, second place.

The team wishes to thank the all-volunteer coaching and management crew for covering 13 wrestlers spread out over three competition areas in different parts of the school. Their diligence, persistence, and commitment made the day possible.

Brandon Bennett nails a pin for first place.

PHOTO BY CATHY BENNETT

Noah Markwell reaches for the leg.

PHOTO BY CATHY BENNETT

Tim Amsden is announced the winner!

PHOTO BY CRYSTAL SHAW

Slaters roll a win over Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Hartford and Springfield rolled off for the right to go against Fair Haven on Saturday at Plaza Bowl. Springfield got by the first step, but the Cosmos were outdone by Fair Haven as the Slaters took two straight, 158-148 and 190-121.

Fair Haven's top bowler was Jacob Pickielnok.

Saturday, Feb. 15 Pickielnok and Coby Wade will be honored on Fair Haven's Senior Night at the Rutland Bowlerama.

The Rutland house will be the center of another important high school bowling event on Feb. 22 with the state's top 32 individual bowlers vying for the crown. This will be the first time that event has been held in Rutland.

Windsor is the top ranked team in the state but Fair Haven is tied for the third spot.

"The top four are bunched very closely," said Fair Haven coach Vern Seaver.

Boys basketball

Mount Saint Joseph 68, Leland & Gray 45

The Mount St. Joseph boys basketball team had four guys score in double figures in a 68-45 win against Leland and Gray at Martin McDonough Gymnasium on Saturday.

The game remained close in the first quarter, but the Mounties started to pull away as the game progressed.

"We played great defense as the game went on and got out in transition," said MSJ coach Chris Charbonneau.

Keegan Chadburn led the way with 16 points for the Mounties. Dave Mercure and Cole Blanchard both had 15 points, while Andre Prunty added 12.

Liam Towle had a game-high 19 points for Leland and Gray.

MSJ moves to 9-8 and hosts Mill River on Tuesday.

Girls basketball

Rivendell 42, Green Mountain 23

The Green Mountain girls basketball team kept it close with Rivendell, but faltered down the stretch in a 42-23 loss Saturday afternoon.

The Chieftains kept the deficit to around 10 points for most of the game, but they had turnover issues late, which the Raptors capitalized on in transition.

Even in the losing effort, Green Mountain coach Jeff Buffum was happy with the effort and the progress his team is showing.

"We did many things very well," Buffum said. "Our defense was strong and we talked a lot on that end."

Kim Cummings and Grace Tyrell both had seven points for the Chieftains.

Green Mountain falls to 2-12.

Track & field

Roy takes second in weight throw

Fair Haven's Furi Roy was second in the Division II weight throw state championship meet Saturday afternoon.

Roy's toss of 12.57 meters, trailed only Hartford's Ryan Reed who blew away the competition with a 15.15-meter throw.

Roy's teammate Nathan Stone was third with a throw of 11.99 meters.

Tony Lipka finished fifth, while Graham Stewart and John Stewart were sixth and eighth respectively.

On the girls side, Springfield's Skyler Congden was sixth with a throw of 7.73 meters. Teammate Isabella Belisle was ninth.

Article courtesy of Rutland Herald, Feb. 8, 2020.

Winter sports schedule, Feb. 13-22

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, FEB. 13 –

Girls basketball

Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

Rivendell at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14 –

Boys basketball

Bellows Falls at Rivendell, 7 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Twin Valley, 7 p.m.

Raymond at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

Sharon at Black River, 6:30 p.m.

Springfield at Hartford, 7 p.m.

White River Valley at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Springfield at Burr and Burton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15 –

Boys basketball

Blue Mountain at Black River, 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 17 –

Girls basketball

Leland & Gray at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

Mill River at Springfield, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 18 –

Boys basketball

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

Poultney at Black River, 6:30 p.m.

Rivendell at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

Twin Valley at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

White River Valley at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

Windsor at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Conant at Fall Mountain, 6:30

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19 –

Girls basketball

Black River at Twin Valley, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20 –

Boys basketball

Green Mountain at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Black River at Poultney, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21 –

Boys basketball

Black River at West Rutland, 7 p.m.

Newport at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 7 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Newport, 7 p.m.

Green Mountain at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Fair Haven, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22 –

Boys basketball

Springfield at Otter Valley, 1 p.m.

arts & entertainment

Create snowscapes in pastel at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Experience the fun and beauty of creating a winter landscape in pastel with exceptional artist and teacher Robert Carsten Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Gallery at the VAULT.

Robert will begin with a demonstration. You will explore composition, color, application techniques, and more as you work from your photos or those supplied. Robert will be there for you along the way. He is a wonderful teacher. A critique will be held at the end of the session.

Registration and payment are required one week prior to the workshop. A materials list will be provided at registration. All levels welcome.

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

Sinatra Songbook Valentine matinee at COH

CLAREMONT, N.H. – On Feb. 16 at 2 p.m., enjoy a Sunday afternoon listening to the Sinatra Songbook with the Lenny Zarcone Trio. Lenny, with trio members Bill Shontz and Zack Danziger, will play piano, flute, saxophone, clarinet, guitar, and bass to accompany traditional Sinatra favorites as well as other 20th century standards.

There will be a cash bar with beer and wine and a Valentine Mimosa of champagne and orange juice provided by Sweet Fire BBQ. Special sweet treats will also be available for sale.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.claremontoperhouse.org, by phone at 603-542-4433, or in person at the Opera House Box Office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square. Tickets are also available night of show.

This Sinatra matinee is a pop-up event funded through the 2020 Membership Program. Pop-up shows are smaller with the audience on stage with the performers; if attendance is higher, the audience will expand to the front of the theatre. To learn more about this new membership program, go to the Membership tab on the COH website.

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Vermont and Beyond Art exhibit in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – The annual Vermont and Beyond Art show will be held again at the Weston Playhouse on Presidents' Day Weekend, Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's show will feature the artwork of Doris Ingram, Robert O'Brien, Lynn Pratt, Lynn VanNatta, and Marijke Westberg. Watercolor and oil paintings of Vermont, France, and other locales will be exhibited and for sale along with prints, matted pieces, and other art related items.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served on both days.

"Rose of Sharon" by Robert O'Brien.
PHOTO PROVIDED

The show is now entering its 20th year and it has become a local and regional annual tradition for folks to get out and view great local art. This year promises to be better than ever. For more information, call 802-263-9394.

Create a gemstone tree

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Artist Lyn Parker Haas is offering a sure to be enjoyed workshop creating gemstone trees Saturday, Feb. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Gallery at the VAULT.

Using wire and real gemstones, you will create gorgeous tiny trees. Each will sit on a sturdy base you choose in class. Lyn will have interesting stones, unusual pieces of wood, and slices of agate on hand. You can also bring your own special piece you would like to create around. Plan on completing two trees during the class. The class is suitable for all levels.

Lyn Parker Haas workshop on making gemstone trees.
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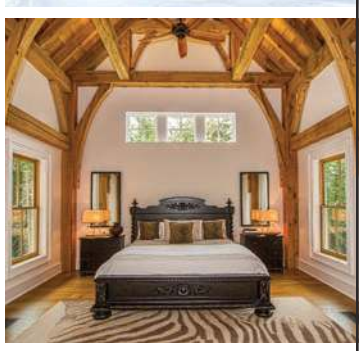
Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.



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arts & entertainment

Weston Playhouse Theatre announces 84th season

WESTON, Vt. – Susanna Gellert, executive artistic director of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, announces her second season at the helm of Vermont's award-winning professional theatre.

Gellert says, "Weston is a special place where we share the exciting and inspiring experience of great theatre. This season our two stages will bring us stories full of heart, joy, and generosity – from a Tony-award-winning musical about the most unlikely of friendships, to a new play about forging connections in the digital age, to a raucous and witty comedy about women who stick together through the best and the worst of times. We're presenting work by some of America's most beloved artists, including Dr. Seuss, Johnny Cash, and Cyndi Lauper, not to mention five divas whose voices are etched in time. It's a vibrant and varied lineup that celebrates the classics and nurtures new stories. We cannot wait to share these productions with our audience."

Kicking off the season at the playhouse is "Ring of Fire," created by Richard Maltby Jr., conceived by William Meade, and featuring the music of Johnny Cash. "Ring of Fire" brings the music of Johnny Cash to life with an exhilarating story of struggle and success, recklessness and redemption, love, and family. A multi-talented cast of actor-musicians creates a unique portrait about an American legend. Performances run June 25 through July 11 at the Weston Playhouse.

Next on the playhouse stage is a musical inspired by true events featuring a book by Broadway legend and four-time Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein and music by pop icon Cyndi Lauper. "Kinky Boots" celebrates friendship, loving oneself, and the importance of taking chances. As Charlie Price struggles to save his family's century-old shoe factory, in steps Lola, a drag queen with an eye for style. Performances run July 23 through Aug. 15 at the Weston Playhouse.

The final playhouse show of the season is Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias," the funniest play that will ever make you cry. Set in Chinquapin, La., six friends gather for hairdos, manicures, juicy gossip, and witty banter in Truvy's salon. Anybody who's anybody is a regular, and through thick and thin, these six women form friendships as strong as steel – friendships they are forced to lean on when tragedy strikes. Performances run Aug. 20 through Sept. 6 at the Weston Playhouse.

At Weston's Walker Farm theatre, the summer begins with Weston Playhouse Theatre's Young Company production of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens's "Seussical." Follow Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and more of your favorite characters into the colorful, zany world of Dr. Seuss, presented by an all-star group of actors, singers, and dancers from undergraduate training programs across the country. Performances run June 18 through July 3 at Walker Farm.

Next, Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm presents "Tiny Beautiful Things," based on the book by Cheryl Strayed and adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos. For two years, Cheryl Strayed answered letters as the anonymous advice columnist, "Dear Sugar." Strayed discovered love for people she knew only through her computer screen and the courage to share her personal experiences with them. Performances run July 9-25 at Walker Farm.

Be among the first in the U.S. to see Joanna Murray-Smith's stunning new musical, "Songs for Nobodies." This one-woman tour-de-force shines a light on five ordinary women whose lives were forever changed by their unexpected encounters with legendary divas Judy Garland, Patsy Cline, Billie Holiday, Edith Piaf, and Maria Callas. Performances run Aug. 6-29 at Walker Farm.

Closing out the season is Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare's "An Iliad," a gripping adaptation of Homer's classic. The eternal, enchanting power of storytelling comes to life through a solitary bard on a bare stage who throws us right into the midst of conflict. The Trojan War and the present day are set side by side as the excitement of an ancient tale is catapulted into an intimate, urgent, and spellbinding story for today. Performances run Sept. 24 through Oct. 18 at Walker Farm.

Audiences are encouraged to enjoy pre-show dinner at the theatre's popular restaurant on the lower level of the Playhouse, MKT: Weston. Subscriptions go on sale in February, and single ticket sales will be available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288 beginning April 1. Gift certificates for the Weston 2020 season can be purchased online at www.westonplayhouse.org.

Get ready for the 2020 LEGO Contest

CHESTER, Vt. – The 2020 LEGO Contest is taking place Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the NewsBank Conference Center, 352 Main Street, Chester, Vt. Early registration by March 6 qualifies for a discounted entry. The event is open to LEGOmaniacs Pre-K through grade eight and their families.

Participants should construct their original creations – no kits allowed – with a maximum size of 24 inches by 36 inches, and bring them March 14 between 9-10 a.m. to the Conference Center, generously donated by NewsBank for the event. Entries will be judged in different grade categories from 10 a.m. to noon for their originality, imagination, and presentation. If a structure is a team entry, the age of the oldest member will determine the grade category. There is also a separate family team class for collaborating children and parents.

At 12:30 p.m., LEGO prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up in the different classes, with special awards for the judges' choice for "Best in Show" and "Most Vermont" creations. The Creators' Choice Award will be given to the entry that the contestants themselves vote as the most outstanding creation.

Refreshments will be on sale, as well as time to share ideas and techniques during the judging. Again this year, young people may create an additional construction at a special LEGO station. They will not be able to remove their creations from the special area and won't be able to enter them in the contest.

The registration form may be downloaded from special events at www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org and www.ourchester.org. Printed forms are available at the Whiting Library on Main Street in Chester, at Chester-Andover Elementary School, and at Grafton Elementary School.

A check for the registration fee should be made out to "St. Luke's Church" and mailed, along with the registration form, to the registrar Lillian Willis, P.O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143. Early registration is requested.

Sponsored for the ninth year by St. Luke's, the event will benefit both the church and the children's section of Chester's Whiting Library. For additional information, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

"A Changing Form" ceramics show

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents "A Changing Form" fine art ceramics group show from Feb. 12 through April 4 at the gallery in Bellows Falls with artists David Ernster, Kathie Gatto-Gurney, Deborah Goodwin, Caren Helm, Irene Lederer LaCroix, Carla Liguori, Naomi Lindenfeld, Amanda Ann Palmer, and Alan Steinberg. An opening reception and meet and greet with the artists will be Feb. 21, from 5-8 p.m., at the gallery.

The latest fine art show features ceramic artists from across Vermont and New Hampshire, including members of the Vermont Crafts Council, the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, and the Brattleboro Clayworks.

Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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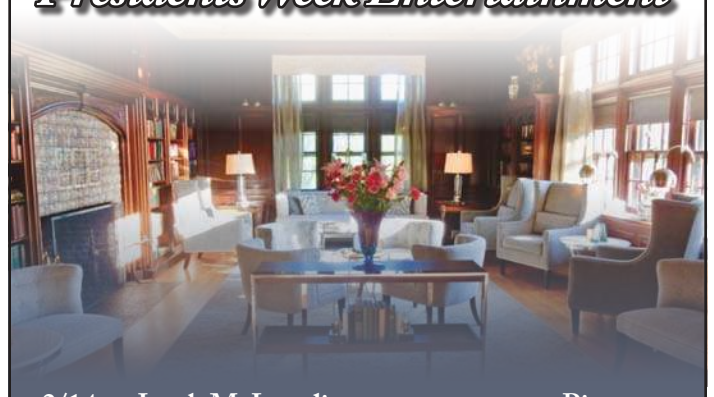

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Fish & Wildlife reminds Vermonters of Nongame Wildlife tax check-off

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermonters interested in conserving wildlife should donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on their state income tax form this year, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. The fund helps protect some of Vermont's most threatened wildlife such as bald eagles, lake sturgeon, spruce grouse, and Indiana bats.

Donations are leveraged by matching federal grants, meaning that a $25 donation can help us secure up to another $75 in federal funds for wildlife conservation in Vermont. "The Nongame Check-off donations, along with hunting, fishing, and trapping license revenue, have helped recovery efforts for Vermont's peregrine falcons, loons, ospreys, bald eagles, American martens, Indiana and northern long-eared bats, spiny softshell turtles, and other species," said Director of Wildlife Mark Scott.

Steve Parren and other fish and wildlife biologists manage nongame wildlife projects for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Their work is diverse and includes mammals, birds, turtles, fish, frogs, bees, freshwater mussels, and plants, as well as the habitats and natural communities they need.

"The Nongame Wildlife Fund has helped some of our great wildlife success stories in Vermont," said Parren. "Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of Vermonters, we are restoring many of the iconic species of our Green Mountain State."

Vermont Fish & Wildlife offers ice safety tips after snow events –

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department urges people venturing out on the ice of Vermont's lakes and ponds to always put safety first and monitor ice conditions, especially after significant snow fall.

"The recent arrival of new snow can hide areas of thin ice and prevent further freezing," said Colonel Jason Batchelder, the department's chief game warden. "Ice thickness can vary considerably on different parts of a lake due to moving water from currents, rivers, and springs."

• Leave your car or truck on shore. Every year, several motor vehicles go through the ice on Vermont lakes, and some people have drowned as a result.

• Leave information about your plans with someone – where you intend to fish and when you expect to return.

• Wear a personal flotation device and don't fish alone.

• Carry a set of handspikes to help you work your way out onto the surface of the ice if you go through. Holding one in each hand, you can alternately punch them into the ice and pull yourself up and out. You can make these at home, using large nails, or you can purchase them at stores that sell fishing supplies.

• Fish with a friend. Ice fishing is a great sport to share with family members and friends, and having a partner with you increases both the fun and the safety.

• Ice varies in thickness and condition. Always carry an ice spud or chisel to check ice as you proceed, and be sure to check the ice in several places.

• Be extremely cautious crossing ice near river mouths, points of land, bridges, islands, and over reefs and springs. Currents almost always causes ice to be thinner over these areas.

• Avoid going onto the ice if it has melted away from the shore. This indicates melting is underway, and ice can shift position as wind direction changes.

• Waves from open water can quickly break up large areas of ice. If you can see open water in the lake and the wind picks up, get off!

• Bring your fully charged cell phone with you.

• Carry a safety line that can be thrown to someone who has gone through the ice.

• Heated fishing shanties must have good ventilation to prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Open a window or the door part way to allow in fresh air.

Bears are more active than normal this winter

REGION – Many Vermont bears are not getting much rest this winter, according to Vermont Fish and Wildlife's bear biologist Forrest Hammond, so he is urging people to avoid disturbing them or providing any kind of food for them.

Most bears seek their winter dens when it becomes difficult for them to find food and not due to winter cold. During years of natural food shortage, some bears give up trying to find food and enter their winter dens as early as October. This enables them to conserve the energy and fat reserves they have, rather than staying out and expending more energy looking for food that is not there.

"But in years like 2019 when late autumn foods such as acorns, beech nuts, apples, mountain ash berries, and winter berries are plentiful, many bears will remain active as long as they can find food," said Hammond. "This was why so many bears and bear signs are still being observed even now. If they are still able to access some kind of food, many of them will remain active, rather than stay in their dens."

"We have a lot less snow this winter, and temperatures have been higher than normal, making it even more tempting for bears to wake up and seek a snack," said Hammond. "Acorns and beechnuts are still abundant this winter, and there isn't enough snow in much of the state to make finding them difficult, so many bears are still active."

"You can help by removing any potential source of food outside that will attract bears," he adds. "Bears can smell a food source from long distances. And, if a bear starts to show up in your neighborhood, please bring in your bird feeders."

"In winters like this one where there is not much of an insulating snow cover, bears feel less secure and spend less time actually sleeping while in their dens. So, people who go hiking with their dogs need to realize that with little snow this winter, bears are more vulnerable to being disturbed by free-roaming dogs. Either leave your dog at home or keep it under control while you are out there. If you accidentally disturb a bear from its den, it is important that you not return to the site as a bear will often come back once, but usually will leave for good after being scared off a second time. And, newborn cubs are dependent on their mothers for warmth so they don't survive long if their mother abandons them."

Hammond suggests learning more about bears on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website at this link www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/living-with-wildlife/living-with-black-bears. People who have bear incidents at home are urged to report them on the same website.

The Nature Museum launches three new programs

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum in Grafton, Vt. is excited to announce the launch of three new programs in February. These three programs join an already full calendar, including snowshoe hikes, winter stargazing, the preschool explorers club, winter vacation camps, readings by local author Erin Rounds, and more. We are also expanding our hours and will be open Saturdays beginning Feb. 15, the start of school vacation.

Our new nature-based playgroup designed for children ages 0-3 is scheduled to begin Friday, Feb. 14. Wee Explorers allows small children – older siblings are welcome – to spend time outdoors, whether it is walking on the trails through the woods, playing in the snow, or exploring the beautiful museum gardens. While indoors, children will enjoy exploring nature materials and playing together, while their caregivers enjoy adult company. Admission is free, and no registration is needed for this new playgroup.

We are thrilled to introduce Science Saturdays, a series of four related nature experiences designed around the four seasons. Starting Feb. 15 with "HOO's Been Eating What?" we will explore the behaviors of animals during the winter season by dissecting owl pellets. The following three Saturday sessions will explore which animals are trekking through the woods, who is hibernating, and how animals adapt to survive becoming food for another animal. Science Saturdays are open to families with children of all ages. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Tickets for caregivers are free.

Finally, our new Nature-Based Book Discussion Series also begins this month. Starting Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 6-7:30 p.m., and co-sponsored by the Grafton Public Library, this series was envisioned by Nature Museum director Vanessa Stern and librarian Michelle Dufort. Their combined love of reading and nature inspired them to begin the Nature-Based Book Discussion Series.

The first book in the series will be "The Overstory" by Richard Powers, a 2019 Pulitzer Prize winner. The novel weaves together the stories of nine Americans whose experiences with trees impact their lives and decisions in complex and fascinating ways. The Grafton Public Library owns several copies of the book, which will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Discussion questions and a book guide are also available by visiting the Nature Museum's Facebook page, through the email newsletter, or by request at the Grafton Public Library. The next session in March will discuss "The Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohllenben.

These three exciting new programs join the full calendar of activities offered at the Nature Museum this month. To learn more about these events and programs and to register, visit www.nature-musuem.org.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
3643 Vt Route 103 N, LLC
Parcel #060110

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2019 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to 3643 Vt Route 103 N, LLC by Warranty Deed of Gregg P. Adamovich dated March 2, 2018 and Recorded in Book 182, Page 228 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Delinquent Tax Collector

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

FEB. 17 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Line dancing lessons at Bellows Falls Moose Lodge starting Feb. 17, from 6 – 8 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

WINDHAM, Vt. – On Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., join Pauline O'Brien for Zumba Gold classes at Windham Elementary School. These classes are structured for the active 45-plus crowd. Zumba Gold recreates all the original zumba moves at a lower-intensity in an easy-to-follow format. Come prepared to sweat, and leave feeling strong and empowered. For more information, email paulineblakeob@outlook.com or call 802-376-5397.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAYS –
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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free family fun art and music nights run second Fridays, starting at 6 p.m., open to people of all ages. We encourage families and

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Charles E. Dean
Parcel # 130139

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2018 and 2019 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Charles E. Dean and Beverly M. Dean (now deceased) by Warranty Deed of Harry F. Olney and Erla H. Olney dated June 20, 1969 and Recorded in Book 44, Page 12 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
James Jahrsdoerfer and Ginamarie L. Disney
Parcel # 362046

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2019 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to James Jahrsdoerfer and Ginamarie L. Disney by Warranty Deed of Thomas Torello and Elinor S. Torello dated July 15, 2005 and Recorded in Book 93, Page 518 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January, 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Gary E. Johnson
Parcel # 232037

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Gary E. Johnson by Warranty Deed of Ernest H. Johnson and Jean A. Johnson dated December 28, 1973 and Recorded in Book 50, Page 42 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Peter Walter Fredyma, II, Peter W. Holl and Maia C. Holl
Parcel # 222021.100

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2018 and 2019 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Peter Walter Fredyma, II, Peter W. Holl and Maia C. Holl by Warranty Deed of Peter Walter Fredyma, II dated August 24, 2012 and Recorded in Book 138, Page 239 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Richard Gilardi (deceased) and Maureen E. Gilardi (deceased)
Parcel # 090123

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2018 and 2019 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Richard Gilardi (now deceased) and Maureen E. Gilardi (now deceased) by Quit Claim Deed of Richard Gilardi dated December 18, 1978 and Recorded in Book 56, Page 485 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Amy Elinor Pratt, Jonathon Pratt and Jon K. Spaulding
Parcel # 232017.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jon K. Spaulding, Amy Elinor Pratt and Jonathon R. Pratt by Warranty Deed of Arthur F. Fournier, Trustee of the Restatement of Trust for the Arthur F. Fournier, Sr. Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 10, 2011 dated July 19, 2013 and Recorded in Book 147, Page 118 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

LEGAL NOTICES

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friends to build community and come "exercise your creativity." Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Springfield Art Gym on 62 Clinton St., Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym.

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

SATURDAYS –

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

WEEKLY –

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

REGION – Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis is free and open to seniors 55-plus. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in 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

FEB. 15 –

DORSET, Vt. – Snowshoe to Dorset Peak with the Green Mountain Club Saturday, Feb. 15. Meet at 9 a.m. at the very end of Tower Road in Dorset. A 6.5-mile out and back hike to the top of Dorset Mountain. There is now a view at the top looking north towards Danby and beyond. The trail is difficult, with an elevation gain of 2,400 feet, some of which is fairly steep. Bring extra layers, a wool or fleece hat, snacks, lunch, fluids. Poles would be helpful. RSVP required to Greg Hopper at 917-287-0246 or gbhopp85@gmail.com.

FEB. 17 –

CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting Monday, Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Chester Ambulance Service Coordinator Dan Cook and members of his crew will provide information on what to do if there is a medical emergency. Please bring your place setting and a food item to share, if you can. If not, come anyway! Hope you can join us. If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242.

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.

COMMUNITY MEALS

FEB. 15 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Ham Supper at the North Springfield Baptist Church Saturday, Feb. 15, from 4 - 6:30 p.m. Menu includes ham, raisin sauce,

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STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Linda C. Towers
Parcel # 392029.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Linda C. Towers by Warranty Deed of Horst Schwarzer dated December 8, 2005 and Recorded in Book 94, Page 438 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Eric Schubert
Parcel # 362051

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2019 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Eric Schubert by Quit Claim Deed of Richard Connelly dated July 30, 2010 and Recorded in Book 100, Page 271 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
McCarty Realty, Inc.
Parcel #262036

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2019 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to McCarty Realty, Inc. by Warranty Deed of Robert N. Waite dated June 22, 1973 and Recorded in Book 49, Page 170 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January 2020.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

ACT 250 NOTICE
APPLICATION AND HEARING
#2S0214-9
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6093

On January 23, 2020, Town of Chester, PO Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 filed application #2S0214-9 for a project described as a gravel pit with crushing and screening operations. The project is located at Vermont Route 103 in Chester, Vermont. The District 2 Environmental Commission will hold a site visit on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 9:30am and public hearing on the application to immediately follow the site visit. The public hearing will be held at the Chester Town Office.

The application may be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (http://nrb.vermont.gov) by clicking "Act 250 Database" and entering the project number "2S0214-9." If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process (including participating in a public hearing, if one is held), please notify us as soon as possible, in order to allow us as much time as possible to accommodate your needs. For more information, contact Stephanie Gile, District 2 Coordinator before the hearing date at the address or telephone number below.

Dated at Springfield, Vermont this 31st day of January, 2020.

By: Stephanie Gile
Stephanie Gile, District Coordinator
100 Mineral Street, Suite 305
Springfield, VT 05156-3168
802-289-0597 / stephanie.gile@vermont.gov

TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 and 2 will be by Australian ballot on March 3, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. (Australian Ballot).

ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($157,500), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, as well as any trade in value, be issued for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe for the Highway Department? Said backhoe to be financed for a term of 10 years. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Robert and Carol Ploof, $250.00; Linda Morton, $250.00; George and Elizabeth Hazen, $250.00; Ronald P. and Adrianne M. Farrar, $250.00; Robert Gosselin, $250.00.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise $3,351,306.26 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 15, 2020, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, $452,074.84 to be allocated as follows: $35,000 to be used for the purchase of air paks ($22,500) and turnout gear ($12,500) for the Fire Department; $5,000 to be used to purchase signage for the town; $60,000 to be used as grant matching funds for repairs to Route 35; $15,650 as payment on the Backhoe loan (see article 2); $32,375 as payment on the Loader loan for the Highway Department (loan previously approved); $96,000 for repairs to Palmer Bridge to be financed over a period of 4 years with each payment being $25,795; and $278,254.84 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department in an amount not to exceed $140,000, less any trade in. Said dump truck to be financed for a term of 5 years beginning in 2021, as illustrated in the Capital Plan.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve the purchase of a police cruiser for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed $52,000, less any trade in. Said cruiser to be financed for a term of 4 years beginning in 2021, as illustrated in the Capital Plan.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve the borrowing of $100,000 for the purpose of paving Sylvan Road, Peck Road and Elm Street. Said paving to be financed for a term of 4 years beginning in 2021, as illustrated in the Capital Plan.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of $4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizen of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Independence Day, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS ($13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS ($3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS ($3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of $2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of $800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of $400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS ($1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($1,500) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. (This article is by petition)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.

ARTICLE 23: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2019.

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 17th day of January, 2020.

/s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman
s/ Heather Chase
/s/ Leigh Dakin
/s/ Ben Whalen
/s/ Lee Gustafson

calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

mashed potato, carrots, coleslaw, breads and rolls, dessert, and beverage. Children 5 and under are free. Take-out available. Call ahead at 802-886-8107 and we'll do our best to have them ready for you.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Free Chili Supper and night of karaoke at the Townshend Town Hall Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5-8 p.m. Dinner served at 5 p.m., karaoke will happen from 6-8 p.m. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This event is substance-free and is open to people of all ages, from all towns. Please contact Community Hope & Action at 802-365-4700 if you'd like to bring a crock of chili or cornbread.

FEB. 19 –

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Winter Soup Social at Neighborhood Connections Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 12 p.m. at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. Meals are free; donations are welcomed. Residents of all ages are welcome. Any questions, including transportation needs, please call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Community Lunch Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street in Springfield. Menu includes chili with rice, salad, rolls, fruit, and cookies.

TUESDAYS –

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Monthly potluck, third Tuesdays at noon at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry, located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert, and have a nice visit. For more information, contact Lorraine Zigman at 802-263-5245 or email lzigman@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAYS –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free community lunch at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, 77 Main St., on the third Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

FRIDAYS –

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Meatless, Lenten meals, fully cooked, to go only on Fridays during Lent. Beginning Friday, Feb. 28 through Friday, April 10 at the Charlestown Congregational Church in Charlestown. All meals include a side dish and dessert. Pick up times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4-6p.m. For cost and menu details and to reserve meals, contact Jo Bacon at 603-826-3969.

WEEKDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to area seniors. The senior meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking.

EVENTS

FEB. 14 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Valentine's Dinner and Dance at Bellows Falls Moose Lodge Friday, Feb. 14, from 6:30-11 p.m. Valentine's dinner, with an Italian buffet. Dance to Rust and Ruin begins at 8 p.m.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center will host a Valentine Dance Friday, Feb. 14, from 1- 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Located at 223 Old Springfield Rd.

FEB. 19 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Elks Club, 49 Park St.

MONDAYS –

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Rod & Gun Club will host Monday Night Bingo, starting at 7 p.m., at their location Route 100 North, one mile north of the town center. For more information, call 802-824-6577.

TUESDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St., in Bellows Falls every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and first game starts at 6 p.m. Food is available. Call 802-463-4054 for details.

WEDNESDAYS –

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Weekly bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, 365 Lovers Lane Rd. Early birds at 5 p.m. Regular games at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Trivia with Rick Davis every Thursday, at KJ's Place in N. Springfield from 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster St., Saturdays, from 7 to 11 p.m.

KIDS' CORNER

FEB. 15 –

GRAFTON, Vt. – Science Saturday for school-aged children Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 – 11:30 a.m., at the Nature Museum in Grafton. Program is "Hoo's Eating What?" Dissect an owl pellet to find out what its been eating and identify its prey. Tickets in advance and at the door.

FEB. 17 –

GRAFTON, Vt. – Vermont children's author Erin Rounds reads her book "Charlotte's Bones" Monday, Feb. 17, from 3 – 4 p.m., at the Nature Museum at Grafton. This will be followed by a presentation of Dartmouth paleontologist Jeremy DeSilva about his work with ancient bones and fossils. Tickets in advance and at the door. Free for Wild Walkers Campers and caregivers.

FEB. 17 & 18 –

GRAFTON, Vt. – Brave Bears Winter Camp for kids ages 6-9 at the Nature Museum in Grafton Feb. 17 and 18, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Snowshoeing, animal tracking, campfire safety, snow-play, and museum exploration. Discounted fee for both days. If you have any questions, please contact us directly at 802-843-2111 or email jay@nature-museum.org. Scholarships available upon request.

FEB. 19 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – LEGO Disaster Island Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 1-2 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library for ages 7 and up. During this interactive program, participants will have a chance to build their own LEGO Island. After each island is built, builders will choose challenge cards, which will instruct them as to what to do next.

FEB. 20 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Drop in Game Day at Fletcher Memorial Library Thursday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop in any time during the day with your friends or family and play one of our collection of games.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Wild Walkers Winter Camp at The Nature Museum in Grafton for ages 10–14 years Thursday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers will spend the day exploring the outdoors with snowshoeing, trailblazing, fire-making, animal tracking, and more. We'll head out on snowshoes to search for wildlife and learn tree ID in the Grafton Town Forest. Tickets in advance and at the door. For details, visit www.nature-museum.org. From 3 – 4:30 p.m., listen to author Erin Rounds read "Where's Winter."

FEB. 21 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – School Vacation Movie Matinee Friday, Feb. 21, from 1-3 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library showing "The Angry Birds Movie 2."

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT — Civil Division
Windsor Unit — Docket No. 300-7-17 Wrcv

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
BARTON MCGRATH AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF IAN MCGRATH
ELLEN MCGRATH
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY
CREDIGY ASSIGNEE OF FIRST SELECT
GREENTREE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
OCCUPANT residing at 1187 Potash Brook Road
Chester, VT 05143
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

According to the terms and conditions of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale (the "Order") in the matter of Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. v. Barton McGrath as Executor of the Estate of Ian McGrath, et al., Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Civil Division, 300-7-17 Wrcv, foreclosing one mortgage given by Ian McGrath and Ellen McGrath, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lender, dated July 11, 2006 and recorded in Book 100, Page 280 of the Town of Chester Land Records, presently held by the Plaintiff, Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, via Assignment of Mortgage Agreement dated December 9, 2009 respectively, the real estate with an address of 1187 Potash Brook Road, Chester, VT 05143 will be sold at public auction at 11:00 am on February 26, 2020 at the location of the Property.

Property Description. The Property to be sold is all and the same land and premises described in the Mortgage, and further described as follows:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings thereon situation in Chester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, bounded and described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by deed of Robert W. Ulbrich, Trustee to Ian B. McGrath dated April 21, 1997, recorded in Book 80, Page 443 of the Chester Land Records. The premises may be described as follows:

Being all the same lands and premises conveyed by deed of Ian B. McGrath to Robert W. Ulbrich, Trustee, said deed of even date herewith and to be recorded simultaneously herewith in the Chester Land Records. The premises may be described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of the Potash Road, Town Road #38, said point marked by an 18" maple tree, said point being the northeast corner of the within conveyed parcel; thence running southerly along the westerly side of the Potash Road a distance of 400 feet, more or less, to a point; thence continuing southerly along the westerly side of the Potash Road a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to the bridge over the Potash Brook, said point being the southeast corner of the within described premises; thence running westerly along the northerly boundary of lands now or formerly of Herbert and Geri Willis, a distance of 235 feet, more or less, and thence continuing northerly and generally westerly along the lands of Willis to a point marked by a corner in stone walls, marking the northeast corner of lands of Bruce Mallen, said point being the southwest corner of lands previously owned by John and Carol Snow; thence running north 84° 08' 11" west, along the stone wall marking the lands of Mallen a distance of 268.06 feet to a point marked by a 30" maple tree, being the southwest corner of the premises herein described and the southwest corner of the Alan Willard parcel; thence running north 07° 49' 22" east, a distance of 98.78 feet, more or less, to a 24" maple tree; thence running north 04° 09' 13" west, a distance of 363.91 feet, more or less, to an intersection of two stone walls, being the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described and the former Alan Willard parcel; thence running north 74° 07' 57" east, a distance of 167.90 feet along a stone wall on the southerly boundary of lands of Siliski; thence running north 73° 56' 46" east, along the southerly boundary of Siliski a distance of 267.86 feet, to a point at a corner of stone walls; thence running north 77° 18' 01" east along a stone wall marking the boundary of lands now or formerly of Deloch a distance of 85.48 feet, more or less to a point, said point being a northerly corner of the premises herein described; thence running south 22° 33' 08" east a distance of 390.93 feet, more or less, to a point being the easterly boundary of said Allan Willard parcel; thence running a northeasterly along the northwesterly boundary of the former Snow parcel a distance of 130 feet, more or less, to the westerly side of the Potash Road, being the point and place of beginning. Said parcel estimated to contain 11.44 acres more or less.

Reference is hereby made to a deed to Ian McGrath from John and Carol Snow, dated 4/15/94, recorded in Book 76, Page 325 of the Chester Land Records, and a current deed from Alan R. Willard to Ian B. McGrath, dated April 14, 1997, and to be recorded simultaneously herewith in the Chester Land Records.

The parcel conveyed from Alan R. Willard is subject to the terms and conditions of Town of Chester Subdivision Permit No. 269 and State of Vermont Deferral Permit #DE-2-3520. Pursuant to said State permit this parcel is subject to a Waiver of Developmental Rights as set forth in the deed from Willard to McGrath.

Terms of Sale. The Property shall be sold "AS IS WHERE IS", to the highest bidder for cash or wire funds only. The sale of the Property is subject to confirmation by the Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, Chittenden Unit. The Property is sold subject to unpaid taxes, municipal assessments, and superior liens, if any.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale.

Mortgage Property Deposit. $10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of auction, with the balance due at closing. The balance of the purchase price for the Property shall be due and payable within the latter of 10 days from the date of confirmation of said sale by the Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, Chittenden Unit, or 45 days from the date of public auction. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid within the period set forth herein, the deposit shall be forfeited and shall be retained by the Plaintiff herein as agreed liquidation damages and the Property may be offered to the next highest bidder still interested in the Property.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the Property at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzel, LLP at 518-786-9069.

Dated: January 22, 2020.
Daniel N. Young, Esq.
Attorney for the Plaintiff

Grafton VT, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Grafton Development Review Board (DRB)

The Grafton, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday February 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at 220 Bell Road, Town Highway Garage, Grafton, Vermont, to receive public input and take testimony on the following:

A request by Danny and Toni Young for classification as a minor subdivision and subdivision approval to subdivide the 11.4+ acres in Parcel No. 009047.3 into 2 parcels: Lot 1 consisting of 8.14+ acres, and Lot 2 consisting of 3.0+ acres located adjacent to 2270 Route 121 East.

Copies of the application can be obtained from the Selectboard's Office in the Grafton Town Hall or the website "Grafton DRB" page. Interested parties (Defined 24 VSA 4465) must participate in the Hearing orally or in writing to maintain rights of appeal.

Christopher R. Wallace, Chairman

TOWN OF LUDLOW
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

The Ludlow Select Board at their regular meeting on February 3, 2020 amended and re-adopted the following Town Ordinance:

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

This Ordinance shall become effective on April 3, 2020, sixty (60) days after the date of its adoption by the Select Board, unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk by March 19, 2020, forty-four (44) days after the date of its adoption. The petition should be addressed to the Select Board, should be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of this municipality, and should ask for a special meeting to be called on the question of disapproving the ordinance.

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

Full Time/Temporary Custodian needed at Ludlow Schools

Ludlow Schools are looking for a reliable, team player to perform custodial tasks as assigned by Principal and Maintenance Services Supervisor. Some of these tasks may be outdoors in extreme weather.

This position will start immediately and may continue through the summer, (until the Black River High School building closes).

Hours will start out at 2:00 PM to 10 PM, then move to the day shift once school ends for the summer.

Successful candidate should have basic mechanical and grounds-keeping abilities; be self-motivated and able to work independently. Must be able to abide by safety regulations and medical precautions. Must be able to go up and down stairs and able to lift at least 50 lbs. High School Diploma or Equivalent.

There are no benefits for this temporary position.

Background Check Required.

Send a resume with cover letter and references to:
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GRAFTON, Vt. – Science Saturday "Animal Tracking Detective" program for school-aged children Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 – 11:30 a.m., at the Nature Museum in Grafton. Make your own tracking ID book and take it with you into the woods to see who's been wandering there. Leave with the three-dimensional animal print you make before venturing out into the woods. Tickets in advance and at the door.

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

LIBRARIES

FEB 18 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Town Library offers Facebook classes Tuesday, Feb. 18 at either 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. Learn how to protect your privacy, create private groups, and much more. Sign up for this class by calling the library at 802-885-3108. Each class is limited to four people. Contact springfieldlibrary@hotmail.com for more information.

MUSIC & THEATER

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

FEB. 15 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jay Doucette will perform at the UU Coffee House Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., rescheduled from January. No admission fee. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. You'll be able to purchase delicious snacks and beverages. Held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield. All welcome!

FEB. 16 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Vermont folk singer and songwriter Dave Richardson will be at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls Sunday, Feb.16 at 7 p.m. along with Tom Pirozzoli. All proceeds of the suggested donation at the door to support the musicians. Seating is limited.

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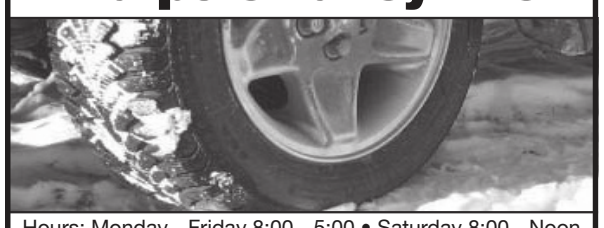
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CHURCH HILL APTS.	DURHAM, NH	ELDERLY
COLONIAL COURT I & II	LITTLETON, NH	ELDERLY
CONWAY PINES	CONWAY, NH	FAMILY
CRANBERRY HILL APTS.	TROY, NH	FAMILY
GILFORD VILLAGE KNOLLS I & II	GILFORD, NH	ELDERLY
HIGHLAND APARTMENTS	ASHLAND, NH	ELDERLY
JAFFREY MILL APTS.	JAFFREY, NH	FAMILY
MOUNTAIN VILLAGE	GROVETON, NH	ELDERLY
ORCHARD CIRCLE	FARMINGTON, NH	ELDERLY
PAPER MILL VILLAGE	ALSTEAD, NH	ELDERLY
PEQUAWKET VILLAGE	FRYEBURG, ME	ELDERLY
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Lori Muse, Broker/Owner

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This 68.2+/- acre parcel covers it all. Located in Weathersfield on a town maintained paved road with additional access off a town maintained gravel road (approximately 4,000 feet of road frontage for easy access). This land offers a mix of open/maintained pasture and wooded land of sloping topography to offer views to the east (including a view of the country club). Well worth a look... imagine the possibilities! **JUST REDUCED PRICE TO $189,000**

Four lots combined as one. This Skyline Drive property offers long road frontage (on two roads) with a clearing offering views to the East, woods and lots of options. A must see. **$299,900**

Welcome to your own special place on earth! This outstanding 31 acre property, meticulously cared by the long time owners, has all the delightful features to call home, from fruit trees, garden space, walking trails as well as a beautiful in-ground pool, with a lovely pool house and patio for those sunny, sultry summer days. The house has even more to delight your senses, bright and open it features a lovely living room with adjoining seating area, dining room and large open kitchen and large master bedroom on the first level. With an oversized bedroom and cozy den/family room on the lower level there's plenty of room. Then add a screened in porch and separate deck to overlook the nicely landscaped property and you'll never want to leave! An oversized 2 car garage, sheds and storage buildings are waiting to be filled. **$299,900**

A rare opportunity. This 2 acre level lot is located in an established industrial park with road frontage on two sides. Includes easy access to local airport and state roads. A must see. **$137,500**

Well maintained, tri-level home located in an established cul-de-sac. This 3 bedroom home offers a kitchen with lots of cabinet/storage space, formaldining room area with large picture window, spacious living room with access to the deck, long range and back yard views. Upstairs includes three bedrooms and a bath,downstairs includes a laundry/bath, spare/guest room and family room with fireplace and access to the attached two car garage with workshop. Outside offers a patio forsummer evening enjoyment, multiple terraced gardens and beautiful stone scape, lily pad pond, perennials and shade trees. **$179,900**

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CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Winter Carnival is back with all the favorite snow day activities the weekend of Feb. 15-16.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Chester Snowmobile Club will host their demo rides on 120 snowmobiles for children 11 and under. The demos will take place at the American Legion field off of Route 103. At Chester-Andover Elementary School, kids can get warm and enjoy Troy Wundernacle with coffee, hot chocolate, and pieces of pie for sale. Then, the bonfire and ice skating party le's Big Top Adventure Workshop from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. At noon, there will be sledding and sleigh rides with Smokeshire Farm until 3 p.m. at the Pinnacle on Lovers Lane in Chester.

From 12-4 p.m., Southern Pie Cafe will host a pie tasting at 287 Main Street with proceeds donated to the Chester Recreation Dept. There will also be free face painting.

From 5-8 p.m., Southern Pie Cafe will head down to the Pinwith music will take place from 6-8 p.m.

Come back to the Pinnacle Sunday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. for broom hockey. Teams can sign up by emailing Matt McCarthy, director of Chester Recreation, at Recreationinchester@yahoo.com.

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