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## Springfield Winter Carnival

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### Springfield Fire Department assists with moose rescue

BY JO ROBBINS  
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CAVENDISH, Vt. – You might say Jim Esden was in the right place at the right time Jan. 22 when he overheard his wildlife co-workers mobilizing to remove a 700-pound male moose stuck on the railroad tracks at the intersection of Routes 103 and 131 between Cavendish and Ludlow.

Esden, a full-time protection forester with the Forest, Parks and Recreation Department for the state of Vermont, is also an on-call firefighter for the town of Springfield, trained as an EMT and structural firefighter. He has been with the town of Springfield for more than two years in that capacity. This day, however, and fortunately for the moose, Esden was sitting at the desk of his day job when he overheard colleagues getting ready to respond to the crisis.



A moose was rescued off the railroad tracks in Cavendish. PHOTO PROVIDED BY VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE FACEBOOK PAGE

Although Esden did not personally attend the scene, he knew his fire department had a bariatric mat designed to evacuate immobile patients from tight spaces and hazardous areas in the event of an emergency. The mat has handles and is rated to lift up to 1,500 pounds so he knew the mat would hold

the weight of the moose, and he proceeded to make the call to have it available at the railroad bridge for the wildlife responders. Esden's colleagues utilized a

handles of the mat, and hooked the straps onto the grapple loader. Once the straps were secure, they were able to lift the moose, swing him around into position, and place him on the back of the truck. Reports from the scene indicated the moose was very tired from struggling while dangling over the bridge. Once the tranquilizer was administered, the wildlife responders treated abrasions on his hind legs, gave him an antibiotic, and then drove the truck to Proctor Piper State Forest where they planned to release the moose back into the wild. There, responders injected an antidote that reversed the effects of the tranquilizer. Esden said it took about seven or eight minutes, but the moose came around, stood up, and walked into the woods. The Vermont Journal asked

Esden if the mat had ever been used in this capacity before, to lift an animal out of a tricky situation, and he said not that he was aware. But he said thanks to the training he received with the Springfield Fire Department, he was able to discern right away that this piece of equipment would be just what was needed for this particular emergency and resulted in a success story. The overall moose population in the Northeast has declined over the years, largely due to the parasite winter tick and to brain worm, a disease that affects deer but is fatal to moose. According to the Agency of Natural Resources website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is currently studying the state's moose population, which is estimated to be about 2,200.

### Expanded Ludlow Ambulance Service is saving lives, needs support –

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – Stephanie Grover, deputy chief for Ludlow Ambulance, has a lot to be proud of since ambulance service made the switch over to full-time paid staffing in October 2019, providing around the clock emergency medical service and cutting response times in half.



Deputy Chief Stephanie Grover of the Ludlow Ambulance. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

According to Grover, just in the last three weeks, they have responded to at least five emergency calls where "time was of the essence," including two stroke victims. Doctors have reported back to her that because of their quick response, the patients' recovery was greatly improved. Ludlow Ambulance Service responded to 916 calls last year, covering Ludlow, Cavendish, and Plymouth.

The staff now includes three full-time people with everyone else being part-time. Staffers are a combination of paramedics and EMTs. Everyone is paid hourly, and there are no more volunteers. Although technically Grover is being overseen by Police Chief Jeff Billings, he sees his

position as just a mentor at this point with Grover expected to assume the reins officially in about six months. "She does it all," Billings said. The service's long-term planning is continuing to evolve, working toward having paramedic coverage 24/7. They have a new person who is about to start paramedic training, with two more just finishing up paramedic school. Another person is attending EMT classes. Grover admits that all these changes

### Cavendish Fire District 2 gets approval to hire EMTs

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Cavendish Fire District 2 proposed a complete shift in the direction of their service at their annual meeting Monday, Feb. 3 by proposing the hiring of a full-time or two part-time EMTs, raising their budget over 32% to \$108,698. The Cavendish Fire Department is currently manned only by volunteers.

The Cavendish Town Office was standing room only, well-attended by Cavendish residents with supporters and detractors of the proposal split evenly in the audience. Acting Cavendish Fire Chief Abe Gross said that the volunteer system is in collapse. "There's too much to do and not enough people stepping up," he said. They need more people so they either need to hire them or recruit 8-10 more volunteers. After approval of the 2019 minutes and electing officers to the Prudential Committee, the governing board of the Cavendish Fire Department, a motion was made to approve the entire amount. Before that motion proceeded to a vote, resident Peter LaBelle made a motion to approve a lesser amount of \$65,210 –

the amount after the two EMT salaries and their benefits were removed from the budget. Jason Nareau, a volunteer with Cavendish Fire Department, said that volunteer service fire departments are crashing across the country and this is a position they need to fill if they want the town protected. He said that more and more small departments are a combination of paid and volunteer staff. Cavendish resident and town bookkeeper Jen Leak made the point that a 40-hour per week position would not equate to 24/7 coverage and didn't see how that would help Cavendish residents. Diane McNamara confirmed that this proposal and the added EMT positions would not replace the town's agreement with Ludlow Ambulance, which costs the town about \$45,000 per year. Ludlow Ambulance recently upgraded to 24/7 coverage and has made improvements to both service coverage and response times since that began in October of 2019. Gross said that this service would be supplemental to Ludlow and that they were needed for patient transport but that the Cavendish EMTs would be responding to all types of calls, fire or medical. Gross also spoke about several incidents where he was the only volunteer who

responded and, without two people, was unable to respond to a call. This would help to fill the gap by providing additional coverage, particularly during the day according to Gross. Once the lesser amount of \$65,210 went for a vote on the floor, the "yeas" and "nays" seemed even and the vote proceeded to a paper ballot. Once counted, the vote was a tie, which, according to the meeting moderator, constitutes a no vote. A motion to approve the full amount was made and the vote was passed. Funds that were in a truck fund account, totaling approximately \$22,000, were then approved to be applied to the budget, reducing the amount needed to be raised by taxes. The amount needed to be raised was finalized at \$86,504. Before the meeting closed, Town Manager Brendan McNamara brought residents up to speed on the latest from a mediator who has been hired by the town to move forward to possibly merge the two fire departments in town. According to McNamara, the mediator had responded, saying he was looking at possible date this week to meet with both Prudential Committees members. McNamara said he would serve as point person to coordinate the effort.

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# Green Mountain and Ludlow-Mount Holly district discussed on Okemo Valley TV

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – As local school districts finalize their budgets for the coming fiscal year, in preparation of voting on Town Meeting Day in early March, now is the time to get informed. To help inform voters about the budgets in its two local school districts, the Two Rivers Supervisory Union is asking community members for their input and questions.

Those will then be addressed in a recording to take place Feb. 11 at Okemo Valley TV. The program will be shared immediately after on the station's Education & Government channel, its website [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv), YouTube channel, and social media outlets.

The program will feature Superintendent Meg Powden and business manager Cheryl

Hammond, who will begin by presenting a summary of the budgets for the two districts in the Two Rivers Supervisory Union: Green Mountain Unified School District and the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District. They will then take the time to answer the questions and address the comments that have been submitted.

Anyone with comments or questions pertaining to either of those budgets is invited to submit them to Okemo Valley TV by Monday, Feb. 7, preferably by emailing Executive Director Patrick Cody at [pcody@okemovalley.tv](mailto:pcody@okemovalley.tv).

Alternatively, community members may call the station at 802-228-8808. All comments and questions must be received

by Friday, Feb. 7. "This is one of the ways we can be used to connect the community with one another and for sharing important information," says Cody.

Okemo Valley TV is a non-profit community access television station and media center serving the Black River Valley and Okemo region. It operates two channels on local cable:

Comcast channels 8 and 10 in Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish; Comcast channels 20 and 21 in Mount Holly; and on VTel system-wide on channels 166 and 167. Its website offers video on demand for viewing local programming. In addition, the station offers equipment, training, and facilities to local residents for the purposes of creating programming.

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mational session Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Neighborhood Connections. In this session, they will talk about a Lifestyle Medicine Education Program that you can join for free that integrates optimal nutrition, exercise, and behavioral psychology principles and tools.

Please call to register at 802-824-4343. This program is offered at no charge at Neighborhood Connections, located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

## GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club meeting

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club held their December meeting and annual holiday party Dec. 9, 2019 to close the year with food, comradeship, and fun. The meeting and party were held in Ludlow at the Black River Valley Senior Center where the club members enjoyed a festive potluck dinner and business meeting. Every year at the holiday season, the ladies contribute to the local community and again brought food donations for Black River Good Neighbor's holiday food campaign and stocking stuffers along with supplies for both Mountain-side House and Twenty Mile Stream House. More than a dozen grocery bags of food items and supplies were donated. Gifts were exchanged among the club members as well in a fun gift swap before the meeting was adjourned to conclude the club events for the 2019 calendar year. On Jan. 13, 2020, the club

ushered in 2020 with their first monthly meeting of the new decade at the senior center. The speaker was Lori Wright, a local yoga instructor who led the club members in a relaxing routine of stretching, yoga poses, and breathing. Lori's yoga was very pleasant, calming, and greatly enjoyed by all. Lori teaches locally, including at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville.

Following the presentation, refreshments were provided, and the ladies enjoyed good food while basking in the glow from the relaxation of the yoga presentation. There followed a business meeting where community projects from 2019 and planned projects for 2020 were discussed in addition to GFWC meetings scheduled for this year.

The Okemo Valley Women's club hosted the Vermont Winter meeting in February 2020 and will also host the Vermont Installation of Officers in April 2020 so there was discussion and plans made for both. Additionally, the business meeting

included plans for fundraising activities including the current Tree of Remembrance fundraising project, the statewide Barbara Jean Barker scholarship for women re-entering the work force, our local college scholarship program, the annual President's Week bake sale, and ongoing volunteer efforts in our local communities.

The GFWC Vermont Winter meeting was held Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 and was hosted by the Okemo Valley Women's Club. The Vermont state officers and GFWC Women's Clubs from around the state attended to review past, present, and future local, state, and national volunteer efforts and projects.

As hosts, the OVWC served breakfast and lunch for the business meeting. Following lunch, Paul Faenza of Big Eyes Bakery in Ludlow presented a slideshow and talked about 9/11. At the time that 9/11 occurred, Paul was a NYPD Sergeant and was present on that day when the lives of hundreds, if not an entire nation, changed

forever. Paul shared memories of that fateful day and the weeks, months, and years that followed with humility and emotion. It was thought-provoking and somber, yet an inspirational revisiting of those events. Paul and his wife Brigid, a member of OVWC, are now both retired from the NYPD and baking for us all here in Ludlow.

The next meeting of the GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club will be held Monday, Feb. 10 at the Black River Senior Center in Ludlow. Anyone interested in joining or wishing more information about GFWC or the Okemo Valley Women's Club may contact President Darlene Remy at 802-228-1907, Membership chairwoman Roxie Davis at 802-226-7417, or any club member.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

### Chester resident named to Dean's List at Quinnipiac University

**HAMDEN, Conn.** – Reilly Merrill of Chester, Vt. was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Quinnipiac University. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

## BRISC welcomes newest board member

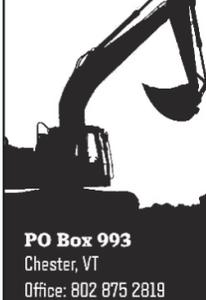
**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Black River Independent School Committee is proud to announce the addition of their newest member, Summers Eatmon Williams. She is an alumna of Black River High School, Class of 2002, and grew up in Mount Holly. Following her graduation from Castleton State College, she began working in public and private grades 7-12 educational institutions and for various outdoor education programs in California, Wyoming, and Alaska. She

currently serves as vice president for the NOLS Instructors Association Board of Directors, representing over 1,500 global faculty and staff. Summers and her husband returned to the Green Mountains in 2015 and reside in Andover, Vt. For most of the past year, Summers has been a valuable volunteer committee member. Her dedication to the cause is beyond compare and the committee is excited to welcome her as its newest board member. BRISC continues to seek input

from the community. Weekly meetings are held every Thursday, from 6-8 p.m., at the Black River High School library. Anyone with interest or expertise is encouraged to attend the meetings. The group's current focus is to generate fundraising dollars for start-up and reserve funds to establish Black River Independent School. BRISC is seeking not only monetary support but also volunteers.

If you would like more in-

formation or would like to get involved with the Black River Independent School, please contact Sean Williams at [sean@blackriveris.org](mailto:sean@blackriveris.org) or Pat Pullinen at [patrick@blackriveris.org](mailto:patrick@blackriveris.org). General inquiries can be made to [TheSchool@blackriveris.org](mailto:TheSchool@blackriveris.org). Please visit [www.blackriveris.org](http://www.blackriveris.org). Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

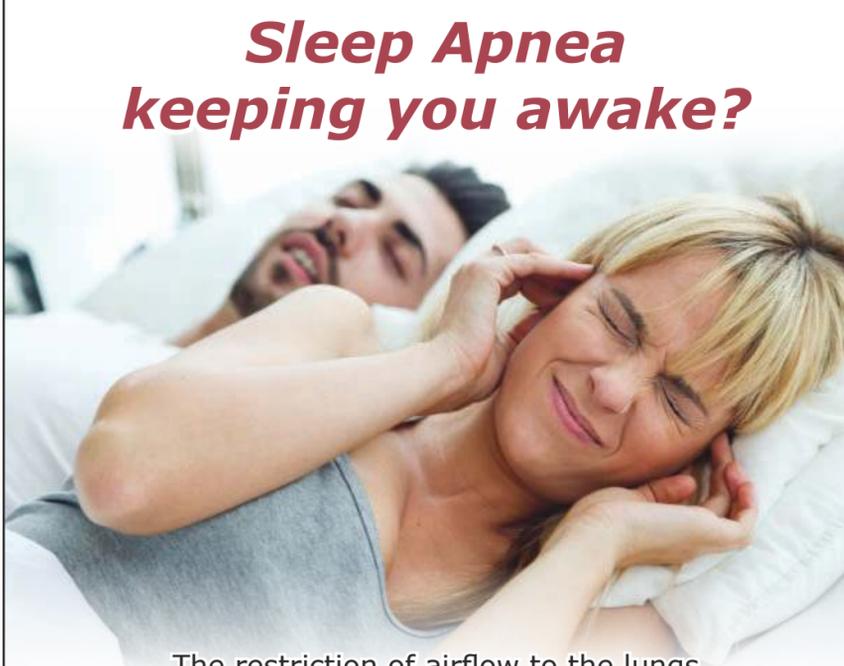


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## SUPPORT

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their fiscal issues, Ludlow Ambulance have made other changes as well, including outsourcing their billing to a service that has had success in billing efficiency and debt recovery. They have also increased their rates to bring them more in-line with the state average and increased their fees to their service towns by 10%.

The ambulance service also offers a subscription program coverage residents can participate in. The annual cost is \$60 per household if you have insurance, \$120 if you don't, and which covers the entire household. Currently 196 households are participating.

Ludlow Ambulance Service is covered through a proprietary fund with the proposed budget showing a \$73,000 deficit, something that Municipal Manager Scott Murphy thinks will turn around with the new revenue measures in place, hoping they will break even in the near future. Until then, the service is helped with a capital fund.

The town votes on the service as a separate article; although Murphy expects that in the near future it likely will be brought under the town budget. Murphy is hoping the increased service will garner public support, and they will appreciate the critical service that Ludlow Ambulance is providing. "Providing a higher level of service. I think that's what the voters really want," Murphy said.

Grover knows that there have been a lot of changes, but that they were definitely needed. "Even though changes are scary, it's been in such a positive direction," she said.

# Vermont Barns hosts Okemo Chamber Mixer

**UDLOW, Vt.** – The next Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours Mixer is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, 2020, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Vermont Barns at 198 Main Street in Ludlow. Refreshments will be provided and attendees can win a raffle prize. Please join us for their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new location and membership in the chamber.

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Chamber Mixer events are an opportunity for current members to showcase to fellow members all of their business offerings. It is also an oppor-

tunity for the business community to meet in person, network, and enjoy camaraderie with fellow members.

Chamber members are asked to RSVP via their direct email invitation, on the OVRCC website, or via the OVRCC Facebook page. This event is also open to potential chamber members and guests interested in learning more about Vermont Barns and supporting the Okemo Valley business community.

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

# Claremont Financial Services welcomes financial advisor Ashleigh McFarlin

**CLAREMONT, N.H.** – Ashleigh McFarlin has joined Claremont Financial Services, located in Claremont, N.H. "We are excited to welcome Ashleigh to our team," said Reggie Greene, president and CEO of Claremont Savings Bank. "Ashleigh's commitment to client service and objective, personalized financial advice aligns with our values. We look forward to her contributions, allowing us to expand the depth of services that we can provide to our clients."

As a Certified Financial Planner™, Ashleigh brings years of financial services experience to



**Ashleigh McFarlin.** PHOTO PROVIDED

Claremont Financial Services.

She strives to provide clients with the highest level of financial planning and investment management through all stages of their financial journey. Ashleigh holds herself to a fiduciary standard, making sure to put her clients' best interest before her own.

Ashleigh graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Science in human development and family studies. She moved to New Hampshire with her husband Tim and their two dogs in 2019.

# Grace Cottage Hospital Board

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Lucas Farrell of Townshend and Dr. Thomas Kalchthaler of Jamaica have joined the Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital Board of Trustees.

Farrell and his wife own and operate Big Picture Farm, a hillside goat dairy farm known for its award-winning farmstead caramels and cheeses, sold in stores across the country.

Farrell earned his bachelor's degree in environmental studies and English from Middlebury College and his Master of Fine Arts in poetry from the University of Montana. His poetry book, "The Many Woods of Grief," was awarded the Juniper Prize in Poetry and was published by the University of Massachusetts Press, and his writing has appeared in various national publications. Prior to moving to Townshend in 2010, he taught creative writing at Middlebury College.

Lately, Farrell and his wife Louisa have been enjoying doing their farm chores alongside their 3-year-old daughter.

Dr. Kalchthaler is a graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. After completing a residency in internal medicine at the Mount Sinai City Hospital Center at Elmhurst Queens, he became the second physician nationwide

to be trained in geriatric medicine. He was subsequently inducted as a fellow in the American College of Physicians.

A lifelong avid skier and cyclist, Dr. Kalchthaler spent many weekends and vacations at Stratton Mountain. After retiring from an active medical practice that involved teaching and patient care, Dr. Kalchthaler and his wife Mary Lynne purchased a home in Jamaica to better enjoy the seasons of Vermont with their children and

grandchildren.

"We are very happy to have Dr. Kalchthaler, a medical provider with such a wealth of experience, and Lucas Farrell, a highly successful local entrepreneur, on our board. We are grateful for their service," said Kevin Meyer, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital Board president and president of Mary Meyer Stuffed Toys.

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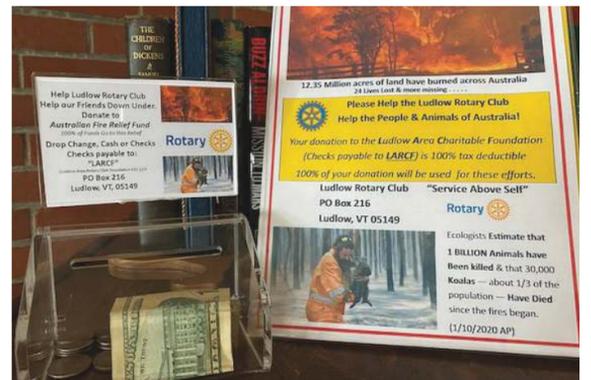
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# BRVSC Community lunch and bingo

**UDLOW, Vt.** – The Black River Valley Senior Center community lunch and free bingo is Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon. Lunch will feature macaroni and cheese, vegetables, and dessert, followed by free bingo. Registration is required. Please call the senior center at 802-228-7421 or stop in at 10 High St. in Ludlow to insure that you will have a seat. We fill up quickly for these home-cooked meals. Transportation can be arranged.

# Ludlow Rotary Club wildfire relief efforts

**UDLOW, Vt.** – The Ludlow Rotary Club has committed a donation of \$2,000 to donate directly to Australia Wildfire Relief. The funds will be split equally for humanitarian and wildlife efforts. Rotary has placed cash drop boxes in the following area businesses: Boot Pro, Benson's Chevrolet, Sweet Surrender Bakery, Brewfest, People's United Bank, Heritage Family Credit Union, Ludlow Insurance, Fletcher Memorial Library, Cota & Cota, Singleton's, Outer Limits Brewery, and Crow's Bakery.



**Ludlow Rotary donation box at Fletcher Memorial Library.** PHOTO PROVIDED

It is our greatest hope that with community support we will substantially increase our donation. Many in our communities have family and friends living Down Under.

The Cavendish Town Elementary School is spearheading their own AU Relief initiatives with the selling of beaded bracelets. CTES, in partnership with Murdock's on the Green in Proctorsville, will be hosting a special night Thursday, Feb. 6, from 4-9 p.m. A percentage of the evening's restaurant income will be donated to CTES's fund. In turn, CTES will be adding their funds to those of Rotary.

The Ludlow Rotary Club will commit to all funds collected being awarded to the best possible charitable organization and that 100% of the monies will help each cause. This may be a wildlife foundation, a local county fund in the most severely hit area, or to a local AU Rotary Club with feet on the ground already with an effort in place.

Although the fire is not in

the news as often, please know Australia is now going into their dry season and it is predicted to be severe. There are many photos available online to see the country left barren and devastated, and of course the animals. The fires are not out and the threat is high. According to Reuters, "Firefighters will struggle to contain deadly fires as soaring temperature and strong winds stoke the threat of more blazes across Australia's east coast, authorities said on Friday [Jan. 31, 2020]."

Please consider dropping change, cash, or a check in a box. Think of the smiles on the faces of those whose lives we improve. Such is an act of kindness and it does, "take a village" – or a community or the world.

Checks may be mailed to Ludlow Rotary Club, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. Checks must be written to "LARCF" – Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund. All donations are tax-deductible; this is Ludlow Rotary's 501(c)(3) foundation.

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# Springfield Winter Carnival




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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Winter Carnival is here, Friday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Crown Point Country Club, 155 Golf Course Rd., in Springfield.

On Friday, from 5-9 p.m., there will be a community bonfire by the pond, ice skating and sledding under the lights, and free hot chocolate provided by SunCommon. At 6 p.m., the John Sullivan Band will be performing inside the pub. There is no cover charge and the music is family-friendly.

On Saturday, starting at 11 a.m., there will be skating and sledding all day and into the night. The Cardboard Sled contest begins at 1 p.m. Last year, there were 20 awesome entries. This year, there are even more prizes. Build your sleds with cardboard and duct tape and decorate for any theme you

like. Last year's sleds may not be re-entered.

At 2:30 p.m., the Downhill Kayak Races is open to kids and adults. Some kayaks will be available, but folks are encouraged to bring their own.

From 12-4 p.m., there will be fun activities inside the pub as well. Wunderle's Big Top Circus Adventures will provide entertainment, sponsored by Vermont Packinghouse and local third grader Charlie Keefe. Mona and Heidi will be face painting, and there will be corn hole and other activities.

There will be fireworks, sponsored by Atlas Fireworks and Kelley Sales and Service, starting at 6:30 p.m.

From 7-10 p.m., The Tricksters will rock out the clubhouse! Music is sponsored by Members Advantage Community Credit Union, ARC Me-

chanical, and The Kurt Dechen Fund. There is no cover charge.

Leading up to the Winter Carnival, build a snowman at your home or business and call 802-885-2727 or send a picture to [springfieldrec@hotmail.com](mailto:springfieldrec@hotmail.com) to enter the Snowman Building Competition. Prizes will be announced at the Winter Carnival on Saturday.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

## Working a team

In the old days, heavy work was done by horses or oxen. Oxen were slow but powerful animals. The Chester Historical Society has many photos of oxen at work. Some of these photos are drawing massive loads of talc or soapstone.

We have photos of oxen drawing loads of stone weighing over seven ton. Two oxen were a team driven by a teamster. Most teamsters walked alongside the team. The teamster never whipped or abused his team. Man and beast depended on each other.

As the teamster walked alongside his team, he carried a long slender pole. The teamster would just touch the ox with the tip of the pole along with a simple command. A good teamster always had control of his team.

Imagine, it's 1915 and you live on Main Street in Chester. There would be horses and buggies and wagons moving up and down the street all day. The stage from Londonderry, Grafton, or Weston would pass by. Passengers from the depot would hire a horse-drawn taxi. While there were automobiles and light trucks, heavy work was still done with horses or oxen.

I estimate there were six to eight teamsters in Chester at the time. John Marshall was a well-known teamster.

As you sat on your porch, you knew these teamsters well. You'd say as John Marshall drove his team by, "Mornin' John," to which John might reply, "Well hello, Mrs. Harris. How are the boys?"

Often today you'll see a pick-up truck or a dump truck with extra chrome, cab lights, and an elaborate paint job. This is done to promote the owner's business and to stand out amongst his competitors. This same practice was common for teamsters 100 years ago.

### Episcopal Church

In the 1870s, there was moved a house that sat where the Episcopal Church is today. This house was moved to Grafton Street by oxen. I have seen a handwritten, eyewitness account of this house being moved.

That account mentions that was house was moved with 60 oxen. That would be 30 teams. There wouldn't have been 60 oxen in Chester. Teamsters from surrounding towns



The largest ox in the world in Bellows Falls in 1908. PHOTO PROVIDED

would have brought their teams to help. We all knew each other and worked together.

I've always wondered why no photos of this house being moved have been found. We had photographers in Chester at the time. For a long time, I thought they had moved the house down Main Street to Grafton Street.

However, I have since been told they moved the house from the Episcopal Church location, down through Cobleigh Field, then across School Street to Grafton Street.

This route is certainly possible; however going down Main Street would be a smoother ride. But, turning a column of 30 teams from Main Street onto Grafton Street might have been impossible to navigate. Perhaps someday I'll find a photo to prove one way or another.

### Grafton soapstone

Many, many years ago, an old-timer told me about shipping soapstone from Grafton to Chester. From Grafton, it was a shorter route to Chester than Bellows Falls. The steep hill on Route 35 coming out of Grafton with a load of soapstone, maybe five or six ton, sure tested oxen, but they did it, day after day. I was told that some days the team made two trips to Chester. That's about 28 miles. I think the teamster's name was Dexter, but I wouldn't swear to it.

Not only was Chester closer than Bellows Falls, but Chester

had two soapstone mills buying soapstone. The American Soapstone Company was located about where Chester Town Garage is today. This was the largest soapstone operation in town.

The other mill was a wood-frame building located on Church Street right next to the railroad tracks. See "Pictorial History of Chester, Andover, Londonderry and Weston" for photos of both mills.

The photo with this article is in my collection. It is A.M. Richards Store in Bellows Falls with the largest ox in the world weighing 4,826 pounds. I have another photo of Richards Store with moose hanging in front of his store.

*This week's old saying is from an old school girl's autograph album that dates to 1908. Autograph albums were the school yearbooks of their day.*

*Inside the front cover: "A present from my teacher Nellie Kingsbury." It was kept by "Hattie M. Rounds Chester Vermont." She was probably 12 or 13 at the time and probably lived on the Chester/Grafton line.*

*At the bottom of the cover is: "Over the meadow & over the brook "I pity the one --- that steals this book."*

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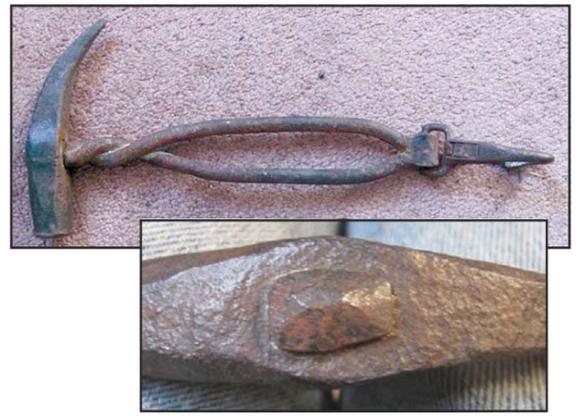
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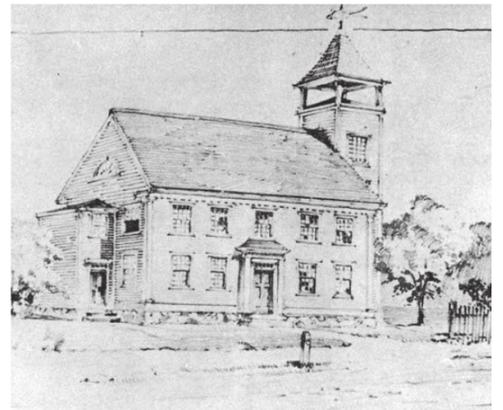


## "Meeting Houses of early Springfield"

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Walter Wallace will present "Meeting Houses of Early Springfield" Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Springfield Art and Historical facility at 65 Route 106 in North Springfield.

There is no more iconic statement in the New England landscape than the meetinghouse. From early in the European settlement, the meetinghouse provided community space for worship, civic affairs, and the granting of towns as they pursued their errand into the wilderness. The presentation will look at the architecture, ecclesiology, and social contexts of the early meetinghouses of Eureka, Parker Hill, North Springfield, and Springfield from the time of the American Revolution through the building of churches on Springfield's Main Street in 1832 and 1833.

This program is free and open to all. For more information, call 802-886-7935, email sahs@vermontel.net, or visit www.springfieldartandhistorical.org.



Springfield's first Meeting House, sketch by Russell Porter. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# opinion

## TAKE A BREAK

Dear Editor,

The FY21 Springfield School District budget has the potential to kick off a decade of positive educational growth for students. The district has proposed the addition of a pre-kindergarten program that will invest in the education of our students for years to come. It is necessary to capture students at a younger age so that we see less education and behavioral intervention. More importantly, there are children in this community that need this assistance now and are not able to access the resources they need from other area childcare centers.

In a quick internet search, you will find thousands of articles nationally from school districts seeking ways to address their special education costs. I believe that this district

has come up with a unique and valuable way to do so with this program. Furthermore, with the program being housed at Elm Hill School, Principal Dr. Christine Pereira will continue to lead a fantastic group of faculty and staff who will continue to foster an enriching academic environment for the district's youngest and most impressionable learners.

My hope is for voters is to both understand and support the budgetary needs for this program to be implemented during FY21. Elm Hill School is eligible to receive approximately a grant of \$200,000 each year over the next two years, which would partially be allocated to the pre-K program. The district will require an additional amount of approximately \$125,000 to implement

the program for FY21. This is a small price to pay for 30 students to attend such a robust therapeutic program. I highly encourage individuals that desire more information about the program to read the district's Pre-K FAQ on their main website.

With private childcare facilities dwindling in Vermont, and even New Hampshire, this region is becoming more desperate for childcare providers. This school-based pre-K program has the potential to be a model for the state. I encourage you to be part of positive change for this district and a leader of change in this region.

Sincerely,  
Katelyn Daly  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Many of you are first or half-generation Vermonters, our legislators, what was the attraction that brought you here? Did you come here to transform Vermont into the places you left? Did someone pay you \$10,000 to locate here? I'm not being snide; these are straightforward questions.

I feel Sen. McCormack's recent submission, "Something to write home about," leads us to a very important conversation: climate control and the political process. The protest in the capital during the governor's state address was disrespectful and inexcusable. Many there were school-aged kids. Was this not a school day? What do these kids know of real-world situations, only what is taught by

their peers and educators? Educators who excuse their school attendance for this disrespectful display. How is climate change protest productive when roads are blocked, causing people to "idle," preventing the passage of emergency vehicles and people going to work or appointments?

I see the end result, the "carbon tax," to burden the young families and struggling seniors.

Though the U.S. is one of the top polluters in the world, China is number 1, India, Russia, Japan, Germany, and Canada are all in the top 10. Vermont has 0.002% of the U.S. population, equal to Boston. We think we're going to save the world by further tax burden? A tax burden that will give a rebate to those wealthy enough to afford an electric car and solar panels?

For your electric cars, where is the lithium mined? How is it recycled? Why do we support wind power when it takes more energy to make a windmill than it will ever produce? Is it recyclable? Solar panels, 20-year life span, are they recyclable? Why are our state agencies so against hydro? Modern hydro is "green" and by the use of diversion dams, non-obstructive to fish migration.

Do we want to make a change in global pollution? Almost everything is made of plastic, not just grocery bags and straws. Stop the burning of the rainforests, our natural air filter. Plant a tree.

No tax will cleanse the earth.

Sincerely,  
Randy Gray  
N. Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I'd like to ask that you take a minute to read about the upcoming vote for the pre-K program in Springfield, Vt. My goal is to answer some important questions that people in the community may have. The March vote is for the benefit of our children's futures in Springfield.

For almost two years, a team of very dedicated and knowledgeable individuals have been working tirelessly to establish a beneficial pre-K program for our town. The purpose of the program is to help 3- and 4-year-olds get a jumpstart on their education and social interaction skills. It is also a great way to determine any IEP needs, as early as possible, and start children on a plan for future success. If the pre-K program is approved, and becomes a part of the Elm Hill family, it will result in second grade mov-

ing to Union Street Elementary School and fifth grade moving to Riverside Middle School.

This would provide a lot of opportunities and exciting changes for these two grades! While some may have concerns about Union Street, our current administration has been working hard to improve the school, change those perceptions, and make it a great transition. Elm Hill's already strong culture will carry into the Union Street Elementary School building with the children. Dr. Pereira and Mr. Cohn are both excellent principals and are working together to make the transition positive and successful for all children.

Likewise, the fifth grade moving to Riverside provides very exciting opportunities for them. Some of the benefits include additional resources for educational support and stron-

ger core curriculum studies, with reading, math, and sciences. Riverside also offers additional specials, such as technology education, family consumer science, and visual arts. Additionally, they will have access to sports not offered through Parks & Rec.

With the combination of dedicated and supportive staff and a three-year grant from the state, the pre-K program can be fully operational and incredibly successful, if given the chance. Please think of the future of our children with your vote, and vote to accept the pre-K program in Springfield, Vt. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Burlew  
School Board Budget Committee  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As a society, we have become accustomed to fast changes and rapid improvements. An example of this is this year's Super Bowl team, the San Francisco 49ers. Last year, the 49ers were 4-12, and this year they are in the championship game, an astonishing turnaround.

I wish that we could see the same immediate improvements in our schools, but it is a slow process. What tends to get lost in the notion of immediate improvement is improvement starts with a solid foundation. This foundation in football can be a strong defensive line, or in a school district it can be a strong kindergarten through second grade education. I have now been a member of the Springfield School Board for two years, and I can say for certain we are working on a strong elementary education.

We, as a district, are continuing to work on this foundation and are ready to start building upon it. In the district's new strategic plan, the foundation was identified as academic success, social-emotional success, positive culture, and community relationship. The upcoming school budget is focused upon this foundation.

Immediate improvements in a school district are difficult to track, and one metric is not adequate to measure improvements. The community often uses only standardized test scores to measure the success of our district. This is not the only metric that needs to be considered when evaluating our district. Student successes cannot be quantified on a mere test score and a student who is educated only around standardized tests will not be a well-rounded community member. Ideally, we want students who can excel on tests, public speaking, social environments, and the arts. These students will be able to contribute the most to our society as a whole.

Teachers, support staff, and administration are continually working to improve our schools. We are facing challenges from a changing

society and state regulations. Trauma-based learning is a phrase that was never regularly discussed when I was a student or even 10 years ago, but it is a phrase that I have become accustomed to hearing. Proficiency-based grading brings challenges to both the school district and to parents. There are many parents who are struggling to understand the correlation of proficiency grading to the numerical or letter grades we grew up with in our education. These are merely two of the challenges.

As a community, we should support the education of our youngest community members. Today's students will soon be in our workforce, volunteers, new homeowners, entrepreneurs, and our future leaders. Please join me by supporting Springfield's school budget. More details about the budget can be obtained by contacting the Springfield District Office at 802-885-5141. I welcome your comments and concerns at tpalmer@ssdvt.org.

Sincerely,  
Troy Palmer  
Springfield School Board Member  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I began coaching at the age of 19 and now, 25 years later, at the age of 44, I am still coaching. It's something that I have a great love for. I was fortunate enough to grow up here in Springfield and to have the great Bob Schweitzer as my coach. He was an inspiration to so many and to this day still inspires me to go out and give everything I've got.

Coaching isn't just about the sport - it's about teaching our kids to believe in themselves

and to believe in each other. It's about learning how to deal with adversity and disappointment as well as triumph. As I think back over the years, there have been so many incredible accomplishments by our team of wrestlers including winning tournaments, winning the Burlington Invitational, and being the Division II Tournament champions in 1994. More recently, we had New England qualifiers with Matt Lachapelle and Lucas Saunders who

dominated matches. We've taken trips to Ohio for Nationals, and in 2018 the seniors on our team won matches literally everywhere. They overcame many disadvantages and were tremendously successful. These experiences will be memories the athletes will remember forever.

As the community knows, the athletes' parents and I have spent many years raising funds to ensure that this sport will continue to be available. I've worked hard to keep pushing the athletes and myself to continually improve. This year, the

Springfield School District has added wrestling and indoor track into the budget.

Currently, we are not eligible to score team points at the state tournament. We struggle to fundraise all year long to run the team. We rely on parents to bring the kids to the tournaments. All of these issues will be resolved and would be such a relief if we were added to the school. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Don Beebe  
Springfield, Vt.

### Amber Waves



# TAKE A BREAK!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# obituaries

## Robert C. Becker, 1947-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert C. “Yogi” Becker, 72, passed away Jan. 27, 2020 at Hanover Terrace in Hanover, N.H., following an illness. He was born Nov. 19, 1947 in Ludlow, Mass., the son of Harold and Edith (Ericson) Becker. He attended Chicopee High School. He served in the United States Army from 1977 to 1981.

Robert was employed as a bus driver for the Current for more than 10 years. Previously, he drove truck for Webster Trucking in Brattleboro, Vt. An avid New England sports fan, he also enjoyed reading, NASCAR, and going to local race tracks. He played Santa Claus for Christmas Trees of Vermont for several years.

He is survived by his wife

of 17 years Je-Ann (Masters) Becker; a daughter Pamela Ambrose and her husband Steven of Springfield, Vt.; two sons Jason Gravel and his wife Susannah of Randolph, Vt. and Jeffrey Stoodley of Bellows Falls, Vt.; and seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Springfield Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 39 South St., Springfield, Vt. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Rd. S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or [www.lbda.org](http://www.lbda.org).

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

## John J. Powers Jr., 1982-2020

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – John Jay Powers Jr., 38, died Jan. 26, 2020. He was born in Macon, Ga. in 1982, son of John Jay Powers and Della Howell of Martinsville, N.Y. He is survived by four sisters; Gram Leona and Chip Woods in North Springfield, Vt.; Aunt Penny Schultz of Cleveland; Uncle Tim of Grand Blanc, Mich.; and numerous cousins and many friends in both Vermont and Syracuse, N.Y.

He graduated from the Teen Challenge program in Connecticut and worked for Vermont Railroad, The Subway in Springfield, and Jeld-Wen

in North Springfield. He was dedicated to the Lord as a child and received a water baptism in Nedrow, N.Y. Later, he played the piano several times at the Assembly of God Church in Springfield, Vt.

Johnny loved music. He played piano, guitar, drums, and also wrote the words to a beautiful song, “I Worship Thee, Lord.” He was a talented artist, creating paintings and sketches.

Donations may be sent to the Teen Challenge Program in Boston, Mass. in memory of Johnny Powers. We will miss that smile and little laugh and the personality as well.

## Frederick S. Way Jr., 1940-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Frederick S. Way Jr., 79, of Chester, passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 at Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. He was born Jan. 29, 1940 in New Haven, Conn., son of the late Frederick S. Sr. and Bernice (Kuropat) Way.

On Oct. 15, 1966, Fred married Lynn Hofer in Hamden, Conn. They lived in Cheshire, Conn., where he worked for Mite Corporation. They moved to Chester, Vt. in 1977 with their four daughters. Fred was employed by Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Company in Springfield, Vt. Later, he worked for Windham Foundation at the Old Tavern in Grafton, Vt. for 24 years.

Fred’s lifelong passion was model railroading. He owned a model railroad shop in Chester, collected and built HO scale models and scenery. He was interested in history, especially the Civil War, as well as family genealogy.

He also enjoyed bird watching at his bird feeders. In recent weeks, he was deeply moved by the plight of endangered animals in the Australian wildfires.

He loved his family, children, and grandchildren, and doted on his pet cats. Fred had a gift for storytelling, sharing amusing and sometimes fantastical stories with anyone who would listen. His dry sense of humor,

although living on in his teen-aged grandchildren, will be missed by all.

Fred is survived by his wife Lynn, by brother Richard Way and his wife Candace of Clinton, Conn., and by his four daughters Melissa Rodrigues and her husband John Rodrigues Jr. of Westport, Mass.; Lauren Way and her partner Robert Riddles of Holyoke, Mass.; Amanda Narconis and her husband Thomas Narconis III of Burkburnett, Texas; Christa Huchingson and her husband Brent Huchingson of Wichita, Kan. He also leaves six loving grandchildren: Theo Stegall Way; Anastasia and Isaac Narconis; and Megan, Madison, and Connor Huchingson.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Chester, Vt., at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please reach out to someone in your life who is ill or lonely or in need, giving your time and love in memory of Frederick. He was grateful for all the kind gestures of family and friends when he was ill. Donations can be made in his memory to First Universalist Parish of Chester, P.O. Box 90, Chester, VT 05143 or your choice of Australian wildfire animal relief fund.

## Christopher M. Work, 1973-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Christopher M. Work, 46, passed away at his home in Chester, Vt. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 after a brief illness. He was born March 5, 1973 in Stoughton, Mass., the son of Ronald B. Sr. and Lesley (Henkel) Work. He attended school in Chester, Vt. and graduated from Green Mountain Union High School.

Christopher worked for the town of Chester with the cemetery department for several summers. He later was employed with Churchill Coatings, Stocker Plumbing and Heating, and for the last nine years has worked in Source Development with NewsBank Inc. in Chester, Vt.

Christopher was born in Massachusetts in March of 1973 and moved to Vermont

with his family in July of 1973 and loved being a Vermonter. He enjoyed hunting, Xbox gaming, and was an avid New England Patriots fan and knew every statistic. He was always available to lend a hand to his mother.

He is survived by his mother Lesley Paquette, brother Ronald “Brad” Work Jr., aunt Melody Henkel, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his father Ronald B. Work Sr.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Masonic Temple in Chester, Vt., at a later date. Contributions may be made in his memory to the ASPCA at [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org).

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

## Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Vermont Women’s Teen Challenge Choir will perform Sunday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. The Teen Challenge is a Christian-based program that helps many get free from addiction. Please come hear a message of hope and testimonies of God’s incredible love and mercy. A meal will be provided after the service. For information, call 802-885-4261.

## Theodore F. Lindgren, 1923-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Theodore “Ted” Fritz Lindgren, 96, passed away Jan. 24, 2020 at Springfield Health and Rehab with his wife of 77 years, Florence, and other family members by his side. He was born Dec. 9, 1923 in New York City, son of Fritz and Alice (Sundgren) Lindgren.

He graduated from Springfield High School in 1942. He married Florence Morrison June 20, 1942. He enlisted in the United States Army and served during World War II. He was a member of the Robert L. Johnson Post 771 VFW and served as state and post commander. He was a former member of the Springfield Selectboard.

Ted owned a dairy farm and later was employed as a United States Postal Carrier. After retiring from the USPS, he served as a representative in the Vermont State Legislature for 12 years and was later appointed to the Vermont Department of Corrections Parole Board. He was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist.

His family was the center of his life. Florence and Ted hosted Thanksgiving for many years and would often have over 50 family members and friends celebrating with them.

He is survived by his loving, devoted wife Florence; seven children Jack Lindgren of Jupiter, Fla., Linda Fletcher of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Karin Greenawalt and husband Wayne of Aurora, Ill., Lance Lindgren and wife Betty of S. Newfane, Jeff Lindgren and wife Kathleen of Johnson, Ted Lindgren and wife Marge of Renfrew, Pa., and Jennifer Anderson and husband Kevin of Springfield; three sisters Roberta Griswold of Pennsylvania, Dorothy Grover of Sumter, S.C., and Donna White of Danvers, Mass.; and 16 grandchildren Gary, Todd, Shelley, Chrissy, Robbie, Tara, Melissa, Chad, Oscar, Brooke, Tara, Teddy, Jake, Jess, Annalisa, and Erika as well as 33 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff at Springfield Health and Rehab, Bayada Team, and Dr. Mark Hamilton for all their love and caring of Teddy.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt. Burial with military honors will follow in Oakland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the VFW Post 771 or Calvary Baptist Church.

## Shirley L. Swain, 1930-2020

WALPOLE, N.H. – Shirley L. Swain, 89, of Walpole, N.H., passed peacefully with her family by her side Monday, Jan. 27, 2020. She was born April 7, 1930 in Greenfield, Mass., the daughter of Ernest and Faith (Kemp) Ranta. She spent her early years in Greenfield before moving to Walpole where she attended school at the Walpole Academy. On Sept. 28, 1946, she married Clarence “Hector” Swain to whom she was married for 69 years until his passing in 2015.

Shirley worked for Hubbard Farms her entire career, starting in the hatchery and ending as an assistant in the laboratory many years later. She was also the bookkeeper for her sons’ business Swain’s Sunoco, located in Walpole.

Shirley was an active member of the American Legion Post 77 Women’s Auxiliary in Walpole, spearheading many fundraisers to benefit those less fortunate in town. She was seen every Memorial Day in front of the Post Office selling poppies. She also cooked and served food at the American Legion for Friday

night feeds and Sunday morning breakfast. She was a great cook and well-known for her pies. Her generosity knew no bounds.

Shirley’s greatest love was family. For many years, she hosted Sunday night dinners for her children, grandchildren, and later great-grandchildren. She loved playing cards and was known to her family as the “deuce queen.”

Shirley is predeceased by her parents, husband, and her siblings Gilbert Ranta, Virginia Blake, Evelyn Robbins, Joyce Young, Linda Sutherland, and Gary Ball.

She is survived by her children Steven Swain, Lawrence (Andy) Swain, Leslie (Ellen) Swain, Kenneth (Jan) Swain, Diane (Moe) Harty, and Patti (Jim) Neal, and her beloved dog Maggie. She has 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

A graveside service was held at the Walpole Cemetery Saturday, Feb. 1. Donations may be made to Walpole Ambulance, P.O. Box 162, Walpole, NH 03608.

## Paul P. White Jr., 1953-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Paul Peter White Jr., 66, passed away Jan. 16, 2020. He was born Jan. 17, 1953 to Paul and Shirley (Langton) White in Amsterdam, N.Y. Peter graduated from Springfield High School in 1971.

He worked as a machinist until he opened a carburetor rebuilding business. Peter was a wizard at his craft and received carburetors from all over the USA. Peter tired of the cold winters and moved to Huntsville, Ala. He later moved to Mobile, Ala. to be closer to his son.

Peter leaves his son Paul III (Amber) of Mobile, Ala. and daughter Nicole Boyce of N.

Springfield, Vt. Peter also leaves six grandchildren Paul IV, Austin, David, Kyndall, Holly, and Demir.

Peter’s remaining siblings are Paulette Shambo (Edward) of Springfield, Vt., Dora White of Bridgewater Corners, Vt., Jennie Kangas-Perkins (Clyde) of Warwick, Mass. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Peter was predeceased by his parents, sister Jo Bufford, and brother-in-law Jonathan “Buster” Kangas.

The family will gather in his memory; there will be no services.

## Jacquelin Larmay, 1948-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jacquelin Larmay, formerly of Springfield and St. Johnsbury, Vt., passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 at Hanover Terrace in Hanover, N.H. She was born April 20, 1948 in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the daughter of Morris and Pauline Davio. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and later received her nursing diploma.

She was a mother and homemaker, raising her five children. She owned and operated a childcare center for many years and later worked for the Vermont Court System.

Jacqueline enjoyed ceramics, crocheting, and cooking. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved summer vacations at the family camp on Shadow Lake and loved animals, especially her cats. She was a very caring person, al-

ways putting other first.

She is survived by three daughters Debra Kitridge of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Diana Decelle of Springfield, Vt., and Susan Austin of Barre, Vt.; one son Brian Austin of Newport, N.H.; six grandchildren DJ, Shelby, Cody, Brooke, Haley, and Echo; two great-grandchildren Payten, and Emma; five siblings Michael, Richard, Patti, Maryann, and Elaine; and also by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents and by one great-grandson Maddox Kitridge.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

## Edwin O. Pratt Sr., 1926-2020

LANGDON, N.H. – Staff Sergeant Edwin Oscar Pratt Sr., 93, of Mellish Road, passed away peacefully and went to be with our Lord Jan. 28, 2020. He was born to Oscar Fred Pratt of Alstead and Mary Agnes Porter of Charlestown July 2, 1926. He was predeceased by a son Mark, who was stillborn, and Edwin Pratt Jr. in 2005. He had an older sister Edith and sisters Ethel, Barbara, and Lillian, and a brother Robert, and half-brother Franklin Leonard.

He enlisted in the Army Infantry at the age of 16 and took his basic training in Fort Blanding, Fla. He fought in World War II in the European Theater and the Battle of the Bulge with 175 men in L Company. He was in the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles. He liberated women who were tortured in cages and shared his rations with starving children. He received a Purple Heart and an honorable discharge after serving detached service in a laundry and dry-cleaning

establishment in Fulder, Germany.

In the ‘60s, Edwin pastored the Deliverance Revival Tabernacle in Bellows Falls, Vt. He drove truck for C.J. LaFrank lumber in Alstead, N.H. and also worked for Woodell & Daughters in Alstead. He was married to Claire Hawksley of Alstead for 19 years.

Edwin is survived by his wife of 54 years Judith Balch of Chester, Vt.; daughter Donna Bascom of Bellows Falls, Vt.; stepdaughter Wendy Fitch of Milton, Fla.; sons David of Bellows Falls, Daniel of Fitzwilliam, N.H., Dale of Amherst, N.H., Robert of Springfield, Vt.; daughter Faith of Underhill, Vt.; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

There will be calling hours Saturday, Feb. 8, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., with service beginning at 12 p.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Alstead, N.H.

## Charles D. Whelan, 1951-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Charles D. Whelan “Chuck,” 68, of Chester died Jan. 19, 2020 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He was born in Newton, Mass., in 1951, son of Edward and Shirley (Crocker) Whelan.

Chuck graduated from Vermont Academy in 1969. He then attended Syracuse University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering in 1973. He spent his entire career of over 30 years working for DuPont as a power distribution specialist and was an active member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Chuck loved cars, boats, and tinkering with just about anything with a combustion engine. He enjoyed outdoor activities including hunting, camping, fishing, boating, and water and snow skiing. He was great at rallying family and friends for home improvement projects,

vacations, social gatherings, etc.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Shirley (Crocker) Whelan, his sister Carolyn Doran, and his son Charles “Chad” Whelan II.

He is survived by his daughter Shea (Whelan) Frankenberg and husband Kenneth; grandchildren Lee and Jacquelyn Frankenberg; his brother Edward Whelan Jr. and wife Carolyn; his brother-in-law William Doran; and his former wife Robin (Haskell) Whelan. He also leaves behind nine nieces and three nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Memorial donations may be made on behalf of Charles Whelan to the Chester Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit the online guestbook at [www.rickerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rickerfuneralhome.com).

## From the family of Vincent Wallen,

I would like to take this special time to share with all the people who celebrated my loss of my husband and best friend, Vincent Wallen. I know he is up in heaven, no more sickness, and others will welcome him.

I, of my own strength, could not figure it out. My pastor said God will get you through the dark clouds and He did. He is still getting me through each day. I have such a special love of my Lord, as did my husband. He touched everyone with His Holy Spirit of a quiet woven together made with love. Some days are hard. I just keep asking God to see me through and He does.

To everyone who helped me, I thank you. I know God was in charge. Hospice, families, and friends that helped to keep in prayer, near and far. I’m grateful for love. I will always love Vinny. He was always trusting God to get us over the bumps in the road. He would say just another bump in the road.

I would like to thank everyone for all their help – my pastor and the Assembly of God Church.

Thank you,  
Judy Wallen

## PLEASE NOTE

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](http://www.VermontJournal.com).

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at [Editor@VermontJournal.com](mailto:Editor@VermontJournal.com).

# RVTC Level I students earn American Welding Society certification

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Students in Mitch Sidd's Industrial Trades Level I class tested for their 1G D1.1 Structural Welding Certification from the

American Welding Society Friday, Jan. 17. Eleven of the 13 students who tested earned the certification.

"This is a difficult certification and usually stu-



From left to right: Mr. Mitch Sidd, program instructor; Dominic Kendall, BFUHS; Elisabeth Griswold, SHS; Skylar Sheldon, SHS; Sky Congdon, SHS; Cooper Buskey, SHS; Kaleb Tracey, BRHS; Colton Baldasaro, BFUHS; Jack Burke, BFUHS; Cole Du Pont, FMRHS; Dominic Handren, GMUHS; Mr. Derek Williams, assistant director; Mr. Scott Farr, director and superintendent. Not Pictured: Daevon Albanese, SHS.

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recognized credentials in all of their programs. The benefits of industry recognized credentials are many. High school and postsecondary career and tech ed programs that lead to associate degrees, certificates, and IRCs can help young people find skilled employment and give them the option of later returning to school for a higher

degree. Employers also benefit from a more highly skilled workforce with certifiable skills. To learn more about the River Valley Technical Center or Industrial Trades Program, please visit [www.rvtc.org](http://www.rvtc.org) or call us at 802-885-8300.

Students aren't ready to test for it until the second year of the program. All of the students who tested put in a lot of effort and deserve to be recognized," Sidd said.

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# One Credit Union donates \$18K to Make-A-Wish

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Jan. 25, One Credit Union presented Jamie Hathaway, CEO of Make-A-Wish Vermont, with a check for \$18,000 at the One CU annual team meeting. This money was raised as part of a yearlong effort in 2019 with the help of One Credit Union members and staff in our local communities.

"Wow!" exclaimed Jamie. "Thank you all so much for this incredible donation – this amount of money goes a long way in bringing hope and joy to the kids with critical illness in our communities."

Brian Leffler, board chair at Make-A-Wish Vermont, emphasized how important wishes are to the Wish kids. "On their wish day, our Wish Kid is in complete control for a change – not like when they are complying with treatment regimens. They

can be a regular kid again! It's a game changer."

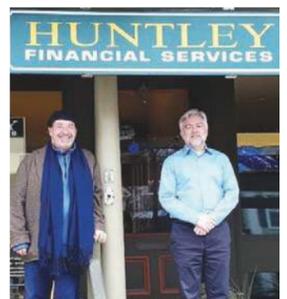
Throughout the year, One Credit Union worked to raise money at community events through bake sales and giveaways, and many One CU employees contributed by way of payroll deduction to Make-A-Wish as well. During the holiday season, the One CU team designed and created Make-A-Wish snowflakes to sell to members in local branches. To top it all off, One Credit Union matched every donation given, dollar for dollar, bringing the total to \$18,000. The Vermont chapter will receive \$16,000 and the New Hampshire chapter will receive \$2,000.

"When our members give, we give – proudly!" added Brett Smith, CEO of One Credit Union. "We could not be prouder of the generosity of our team and our members. Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are One!"

# Huntley Financial Services announces new partner

LUDLOW, Vt. – Huntley Financial Services is pleased to announce Derek Karner as a new full-time partner to our wealth management group.

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our clients over that time.

Derek's responsibilities include a variety of operational duties including account maintenance, fund transfers, new account opening, trade execution, and security analysis. Before joining Huntley Financial in 2017, Derek worked as production manager and craftsman at his family's business, Clear Lake Furniture, in Ludlow, Vt., where he has worked since its founding in 1994.

Derek earned his Bachelor of Science in finance with a concentration in economics from Bentley University in Waltham, Mass. in 1993. Derek lives in Belmont, Vt., with his wife Stephanie and their two cats. In his spare time, Derek enjoys outdoor activities including skiing, snowshoeing, golfing, fishing, and home improvement.

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# sports

## Kurn Hattin students in Knights of Columbus free throw championship

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – On Sunday, Jan. 26, 10 Kurn Hattin students competed in the regional Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship in Bellows Falls, Vt. This contest for children, ages 9 to 14, provides an athletic outlet and encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Competitors in different age groups attempt 15 basketball shots. Those who make the most consecutive successful shots win and move on to the state competition. Our very own fifth grader, Tegan, will be doing just that!

The basketball Free Throw Championship is just one of the many physical activities that the children participate in over the winter months. There are many ways for the children to stay active.

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Kurn Hattin student participants at Knights of Columbus Hoop Free Throw Championship in Bellows Falls, Vt.

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families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment. Its mission: Kurn Hattin transforms

the lives of children and their families forever. Follow their journey at [www.kurnhattin.org](http://www.kurnhattin.org).

## Girls on the Run Vermont spring program registration open

**REGION** – Girls on the Run Vermont's spring program registration is now open for our central region. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy, and confident. The volunteer-led program brings together groups of girls for 10-week program that encourages personal development, team building, and connection to the community.

Girls on the Run Vermont has inspired girls in Vermont for 20 years and has impacted the lives of 47,000 girls. This season, Girls on the Run will be offered at approximately 36 locations in central Vermont. Each team will meet twice a week for 90 minutes after school and participate in research-based lessons that use dynamic discussions and fun running games to teach life skills. The season will culminate in a 5k event, May 9 at



Girls on the Run Vermont.

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Castleton University, that brings together family, friends, and community members to celebrate the girls' growth throughout the season.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. More information about the program and registration can be found on the Girls on the Run Vermont's website: [www.gotrvt.org](http://www.gotrvt.org).

With trained coaches ready to empower these girls, Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole is currently set to take place at the following sites in our region:

Mount Holly School, Wallingford Elementary, Cavendish Town Elementary School, and Chester Andover Elementary School.

Girls on the Run Vermont still needs coaches. Coaches do not need to be runners but are required to be a minimum of 18 years old. All volunteer coaches must complete a background check and view online training modules. Please visit [www.gotrvt.org/coach](http://www.gotrvt.org/coach) for full details. Chester Andover Elementary still needs coaches.

## Westside cruises past Black River

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – When is the last time a West Rutland boys basketball team scored 57 points by halftime? That's one to send West Rutland hoop historian Frank Bioty scurrying to the record books.

The Golden Horde carved out a 57-22 halftime lead over Black River on Friday night and breezed from there to an 88-41 victory over the Presidents.

Eleven members of the Golden Horde scored led by Ryan Smith with 18 points, Tyler Serrani with 16, Tim Blanchard with 13, and Kyle Laughlin with 10.

The fourth quarter was about rewarding the Westside players who go to practice every day but rarely see any appreciable time on the floor on game day.

They made the most of their time. Noah Davis, for example, used his cameo appearance to connect on two 3-point field goals.

West Rutland senior forward Liam Beaulieu said he felt the Horde got something out of this game despite the lopsided score.

"We needed this to boost our confidence. We have tough games with Rivendell and Proctor next week and this was about getting our confidence back for those games," Beaulieu said. "That is really what this was about. We needed to know we can score."

Westside coach Jordan Tolar knows playing the likes of Rivendell and Proctor is a whole different world.

"We are enjoying the win but now we have to get back to work," Tolar said.

Tolar was happy he got to give his reserves nearly the whole fourth quarter to play.

"Their parents enjoy seeing them playing and scoring," he said.

The Presidents fall to 0-10. If they had hopes of breaking through for that elusive first win, they were quickly dashed. Serrani nailed a 3-pointer to jump the score to 5-0 and the Horde built a 24-9 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Horde offense was even more prolific in the second quarter enabling them to take that 57-22 lead to the locker room.

Despite being out of the

game, the Presidents kept banging away on the boards and playing with all the energy they could muster.

Calvin Kelley led the Presidents with 17 points and Josh Cohen followed with 15.

"They never gave up. I'm proud of them," Black River coach Donald Richard said.

The Prexies were also riddled by illness. But they scrapped as has been their trademark.

"We play hard every moment, every possession," Richard said.

Richard said morale has been high despite the fact Black River High School is closing its doors after this school year. "We embrace it. We look at this as a farewell tour," Richard said. "The other schools have been

really nice. They know what's going on.

"We're having fun."

The Presidents have had one close game – a one-point loss at Mid-Vermont Christian – and would love to have another competitive game where they could squeeze out a precious victory.

Black River does have a proud basketball history. There is a striking photo of the 1987 state championship team dressed to the nines that adorns a trophy case just off the door to Sue Pollender Court.

There is other hardware proclaiming state and league titles.

Sue Pollender herself is a history buff, a former Black River social studies teacher who gives

tours at the Calvin Coolidge historical site.

She well knows the history of Black River basketball and coached successful BR girls teams.

But this year, both Black River teams are winless and would love to replicate just a slice of the glory of yesteryear.

West Rutland takes a 6-8 record into its own challenging week with Rivendell and Proctor, teams among the elite in Division IV.

But following a victory and a lavish offensive display, the Golden Horde is feeling a whole lot better about themselves.

*Written by Tom Haley, Rutland Herald, Jan. 31, 2020.*

## Fall Mountain brings record to 10-1

**LANGDON, N.H.** – This past Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020 at the Wildcat Den, the unified basketball team defeated Stevens of Claremont 36-28, bringing this year's overall record to 10-1. In the past three years, Fall Mountain has managed to hold onto a 32-1 record. There are 4 or 5 more games left in the season with the next home game Monday, Feb. 10 against Hinsdale.

Coach Chamberlain is looking forward to the Feb. 14 rematch game versus Newport. This is the only team to outscore the Wildcats this season. "The game promises to be a hot shoot out."

Smokey Aumand men-

tioned, "We are fine-tuning our defensive man-to-man play and will definitely be going after more blocking and doing our rebounding drills."

In Thursday afternoon's game, Fall Mountain had seven scorers with two points each: Riley Floyd, Russell Putnam, Dominick H., and Jacob Forbes. Zac Nutting had 5, Owen Eliott contributed 6, and Nick Norton had 15. This is an exciting team to watch and to cheer on. Come on out to the next home game.

*Written by Smokey Aumand.*



Fall Mountain's Dominick is about to secure the loose ball with Nick Norton and Carlos in pursuit.

PHOTO BY DIANE BEERS

## Vermont High School Bowling standings as of Jan. 25

**REGION** – As of Jan. 25, 2020, the following is the standings for Vermont high school bowling:

- 1st, Windsor, 58
- 2nd, South Burlington, 55
- 3rd, Fair Haven, 52
- 4th, Randolph, 52
- 5th, Essex, 44
- 6th, Burlington, 35
- 7th, Enosburg, 33
- 8th, Brattleboro, 32
- 9th, White River, 29
- 10th, Hartford, 23
- 11th, Springfield, 22

*The top 10 individual aver-*

*ages:*

- Howard Stockwell, Randolph, 207.7
- Cean Lieberman, Hartford, 205.4
- Rayce Gilbert, Windsor, 200.8
- Joseph Warner, Randolph, 193.3
- Grayson Frazer, Windsor, 192.3
- Jacob Pickielnok, Fair Haven, 191.5
- Julius Dodson, Burlington, 187.6
- Matt Campbell, South Burlington, 183.6

- Courtney LaFleche, South Burlington, 180.5
- Nick Snide, Fair Haven, 179.3

The top 32 bowlers advance to Individual Championship to be held Feb. 22, 2020 at Rutland Bowlerama at 10 a.m.

**Meet schedule:**

- **Saturday, Feb. 8**
  - Essex, Enosburg, Windsor, White River Valley at Sparetime in Colchester, Vt., 8:30 a.m.
  - Randolph, South Burlington, Burlington, and Brattleboro at Valley Bowl in Randolph, Vt.,

- 1 p.m.
  - Springfield, Hartford, and Fair Haven at Springfield Bowl in Springfield, Vt., 1 p.m.

**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.

## Winter sports schedule, Feb. 6-15

**THURSDAY, FEB. 6 –**

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

**Girls basketball**  
Proctor at Black River, 6:30 p.m.  
Springfield at Hartford, 7 p.m.  
White River Valley at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 7 –**

**Boys basketball**  
Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.  
Rivendell at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.  
Woodstock at Springfield, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Fall Mountain at Gilford, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 8 –**

**Boys basketball**  
Leland & Gray at Mount Saint Joseph, 2:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Bellows Falls at West Rutland, 3:30 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Rivendell, 3 p.m.  
Springfield at Otter Valley, 3:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, FEB. 10 –**

**Boys basketball**  
Springfield at Windsor, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Black River at Mount Saint Joseph, 7 p.m.  
Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.  
White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.  
Woodstock at Springfield, 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 11 –**

**Boys basketball**  
Arlington at Black River, 6:30 p.m.  
Fall Mountain at Monadnock 6:30 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Twin Valley, 7 p.m.  
Hartford at Bellows Falls, 1:30 p.m.  
Proctor at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball**  
Arlington at Black River, 5:30 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Poultney, 6:30 p.m.  
Monadnock at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

**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.

# arts & entertainment

## “Easy Rider” independent road drama featured

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA will feature the film, “Easy Rider,” Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium of Ludlow Town Hall.

“Easy Rider” is a 1969 American independent road drama film written by Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, and Terry Southern, produced by Fonda, and directed by Hopper. Fonda and Hopper play two bikers who travel through the American southwest and south, carrying the proceeds from a cocaine deal. The success of “Easy Rider” helped spark the New Hollywood era of filmmaking during the early 1970s.

A landmark counterculture film, and a “touchstone for a generation” that “captured the national imagination,” “Easy Rider” explores the societal landscape, issues, and tensions in the United States during the 1960s, such as the rise of the hippie movement, drug use, and communal lifestyle. Real drugs were used in scenes showing the use of marijuana and other substances.

Fonda and Hopper complete a narcotics delivery that brings them the money they need to hit the road toward New Or-



“Easy Rider.”

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leans and Mardi Gras. Casting off their watches at the starting line, proceeding without deadlines or required routing, they encounter a variety of individuals who have, for one reason or another, chosen some alternative to a conventional and competitive mainstream existence. Each is “doing his own thing in his own time,” neither good nor bad, not hurting nor threatening anyone.

“Easy Rider” was released by Columbia Pictures July 14, 1969, grossing \$60 million worldwide from a filming budget of no more than \$400,000. Critics have

praised the performances, directing, writing, soundtrack, visuals, and atmosphere. The film was added to the Library of Congress National Film Registry in 1998. Roger Ebert added “Easy Rider” to his Great Movies list in 2004.

As with all FOLA movies, the event is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated to offset the cost of the movie. Popcorn is provided by Berkshire Bank with water supplied by the United Church of Ludlow. For more information, call 802-228-3238.

## Art of Melissa Rubin on display

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The artwork of Melissa Rubin is on display at Main Street Arts through March 20 in a show she has titled “Transience.” An artist reception will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Rubin is a New York City and Vermont-based artist who has exhibited her work in galleries in New York, California, and

Vermont. Her work has been featured in ARTnews Magazine, on CBS This Morning, and has been used in performances and movie sets. She is the recipient of Pollock-Krasner and New York Foundation for the Arts grants, as well as a Fulbright teacher fellowship to Japan. She was a 2017 participant at the Master Abstraction Residency at Mass-

MoCA, and was recently awarded the inaugural Binnie Bernstein grant to attend the International Encaustic Conference in Provincetown, Mass. Her work can be seen at [www.melissarubinart.com](http://www.melissarubinart.com).

In an artist statement, Rubin says, “Transience is the state in which I find myself on a regular basis; whether I’m confronting the ephemeral, fleeting nature of the emotions that fuel my art-making, or the physical and emotional quality of a life of transitions split between two geographical locations: New York City and Cambridgeport, Vt.”

Further information about the art show is available at [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org), on Facebook, or by calling 802-869-2960.

## Create adorable snow people at VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – What better way to spend a winter afternoon than creating soft felted snow people! Join popular needle felting instructor Sue Carey in this fun workshop Feb. 15, from 1-4 p.m., at Gallery at the VAULT. There’s lots of laughter and sharing in Sue’s workshops.

You will make your own snow people by needle felting locally grown white wool. You will also create a brimmed hat and other attire for your snowmen and women. These can be ornaments or can stand alone. This class is suitable for beginning and intermediate felters.

VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, is located at 68 Main Street in downtown Springfield, next to the Copper Fox Restaurant. Regular hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,



Create felt snow people with Sue Carey.

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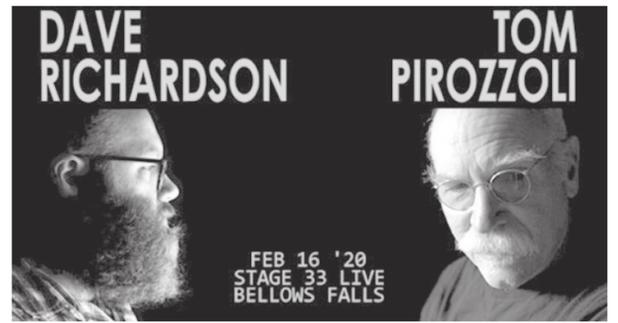
and Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111 or visit [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org).

## Dave Richardson and Tom Pirozzoli co-headline

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Dave Richardson and Tom Pirozzoli will co-headline a show at Stage 33 Live Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

Dave Richardson has been writing, recording, and performing as a solo artist for over 10 years, weaving threads of folk, country, and traditional music. He took third place in the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival songwriting contest; was awarded a featured showcase spot at the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance Conference; and was an invited performer at the New England Folk Festival.

Tom Pirozzoli is celebrating “Reckon by the Light,” the newest CD in his 40-years-and-counting career. He got his start busking on street corners and performing at anti-war rallies, eventually finding his way into the coffeehouse scene. His Fast Folk Mu-



Join Dave Richardson and Tom Pirozzoli at Stage 33 Live.

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sic recordings are now part of the Smithsonian’s collection. He was named a winner in MUSICIAN magazine’s Best Unsigned Band Contest in the early ’80s and has shared stages with artists like Greg Brown, Jesse Winchester, and Doc Watson.

There is a suggested donation at the door; all proceeds support the musicians. Seating is limited. The performances will be recorded and filmed.

Stage 33 Live is an intimate, industrial-rustic listening room in a former factory located at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, documenting live performances and presentations of original material on a simple stage. Coffee, soda, water, and snacks by donation. For more information and upcoming events, go to [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

## Weston Film Club reschedules “Secrets and Lies”

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Film Club rescheduled the showing of Mike Leigh’s “Secrets and Lies,” for Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Weston Playhouse on Walker Farm.

“Secrets and Lies” is the story of Hortense, a young optometrist whose adoptive parents have died. She sets out to find her birth mother and discovers she is alive as are her brother and sister. Roger Ebert wrote, “Moment by moment, scene after scene, ‘Secrets and Lies’ unfolds with the fascination of eavesdropping. We are waiting to see what these people will do next. Caught up in the fear and the hope they will bring the whole fragile network of their lives crashing down in ruin. When they prevail – when good common sense and good hearts win over secrets and lies – we feel almost as relieved as if it had happened to ourselves.”

Tickets for individual films can be paid at the door or in advance by emailing [westonvtfilm@gmail.com](mailto:westonvtfilm@gmail.com). The movie is free to all who braved the cold Friday, Jan. 17 only to be sent home.

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## OLLI presents garden tips from Henry Homeyer

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Henry Homeyer, the “Gardening Guy,” will present the next OLLI program, “Everything You Need to Know About the Birds and the Bees: Good Plants to Support Them,” Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street in Springfield.



Henry Homeyer. PHOTO PROVIDED

Join Henry Homeyer, author of “The Vermont Gardener’s Companion” and three other books, for a slideshow and talk about good plants for supporting birds and pollinators. He’ll give tips on how to successfully grow attractive flowers that please not only our wildlife but also look good in your garden.

Homeyer is a University of New Hampshire Extension master gardener and has taught organic and sustainable gardening at the collegiate level. A lifelong organic gardener, he has shared his knowledge through writing a gardening column for over 20 years for New England newspapers, including the Valley News. Besides authoring gardening books, he was a Vermont Public Radio commentator for 15 years. He lives and writes and consults on gardening topics from his Cornish Flat, N.H. home.

This program is co-spon-

sored by the Springfield Garden Club as part of their community educational outreach efforts.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning “just for the fun of it!” People of all ages are welcome to attend. The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester. Programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m.

Membership for the semes-

ter includes nine programs. Non-members are welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program Tuesday, Feb. 25 will be “Vermont’s Year With No Summer – 1816” with author and historian Howard Coffin. He will share his research of the year known as “1800 and froze to death” when much of the northern hemisphere struggled against the cold as a volcanic eruption in the Pacific darkened the world.

Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli). Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

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

## New nature and books discussion series

GRAFTON, Vt. – Start the new decade in community with others, focusing on nature and books. Mark your calendars for the first gathering of Nature & Books: A Monthly Discussion Series Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Grafton Public Library. Co-sponsored by The Nature Museum and the Grafton Public Library, this book discussion series will kick off with the 2019 Pulitzer Prize winner by Richard Powers, “The Overstory.”

Power’s novel weaves together the stories of nine Americans whose experiences with trees influence their lives and decisions in complex and fascinating ways. The library has multiple copies of the book available

to participants, first come, first served, while supplies last. Discussion questions and a book guide for “The Overstory” are available upon registration via The Nature Museum or at the library.

The idea for a nature-based book discussion series originated after a conversation between Nature Museum director Vanessa Stern and librarian Michelle Dufort about the book, “The Overstory,” and their mutual love of books and the natural world.

Librarian Michelle Dufort says, “‘The Overstory’ rocked my world. Not only can you learn the most amazing information about trees from the book, it makes you want to go

on learning about trees, as well as discuss the book with others.”

Please join us for this free program, in partnership with The Nature Museum, for what promises to be a fascinating first discussion. In March, we turn to the best-selling nonfiction title, “The Hidden Life of Trees” by Peter Wollenben, a perfect complement to “The Overstory.”

For more registration information, please contact The Nature Museum or the Grafton Public Library at [librarian@grafftonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:librarian@grafftonpubliclibrary.org), [www.grafftonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.grafftonpubliclibrary.org), or [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

## Night of Comedy at COH

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Three comedians fill the house Saturday, Feb. 29 at 8 p.m. with a Night of Comedy. Comedians scheduled to appear include Tom Hayes, Jody Sloane, and Rob Steen.

Tom Hayes fell into the Boston comedy scene in its heyday in the 1980s along with such names as Stephen Wright, Lenny Clarke, Bobcat Goldthwait, Denis Leary, etc. Later came such names as Dane Cook and Louis CK. Along the way, he rose to a Boston standard and headliner at prestigious Boston clubs and clubs throughout New England. He has opened for such national acts as Jeff Dunham, Phyllis Diller, The Smothers Brothers, The Four Tops, and The Four Seasons. His comedic style is a hilarious, self-deprecating style mixed with improvisational and interactive audience participation.

Jody Sloane is now a regular at esteemed comedy venues, including Headliners Comedy Clubs throughout New England, Gotham Comedy Club in New York City, Comix Comedy Club at Foxwoods, plus roadhouses, Elks Clubs, and dives from Portland to New York.

Rob Steen has been doing comedy for 25-plus years. He began as a street performer at the age of 12 in Boston. Using his juggling and improv skills, he decided to try stand up. Since then, he has kept a full calendar of over 350 shows per year. Rob has also been featured on sever-

al TV shows including The Late Show with Dave Letterman. The Boston Globe said, “Rob’s act is fresh and always different. He has a gift for working the crowd into his act and taking them on a ride into his off-beat world!”

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.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 the night of show. Comedians may be subject to change. Beer and wine sales are available before the show and during intermission from Sweet Fire BBQ.



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## Chocolate tasting, student art show, and raffle

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Feb. 8 marks the 10th annual Chocolate Tasting at Gallery at the VAULT. Stop in between 12-4 p.m. to sample creations by Heritage Bakery, Inn at Weathersfield, Aroma Catering, Springfield Food Co-op, and Lake Champlain Chocolates. In addition, our local cooks are making chocolate stout cake with Trout River Stout, truffles, chocolate-dipped pretzels, whoopee pies, and bittersweet dipped apricots and mango.

The chocolate tasting is free and donations are greatly appreciated to support programs at our community arts center. Proud to be a Vermont State Craft Center, VAULT receives no state funding.

As you enjoy your chocolate, take in the annual Student Art Show from Springfield kindergarten through high school students. Find out about upcoming workshops and open wall exhibits. Take some chances in the “Art in Many Places Raffle.” Prizes include ticket vouchers to Weston and Northern Stage productions, Lindt Chocolate, Wood’s Maple Syrup, plant starts from Melissa Post, a custom photograph from Red House Press, a Tea for Two gift assortment,



Student artwork is on display at Gallery at the VAULT.

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art supplies, and a gift certificate for a massage from Danielle Dumont.

Gallery at the VAULT is a nonprofit, community arts or-

ganization offering local and regional crafts and art as well as creative workshops for adults and children. You’ll find a wide assortment of unique gifts for your sweetheart including jewelry, heart-felt ornaments, blown glass, pins, scarves, pottery, clay tiles, woodenware, mobiles, stained glass, photography, fine art, and fine art prints.

VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in downtown Springfield, next to the Copper Fox Restaurant. Regular hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Monday, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111 and visit [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org).



Chocolate tasting, student art show, and raffles at the VAULT.

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# outdoor news

## Cross-country ski or snowshoe for a good cause

PERU, Vt. – Ski for Heat celebrates its 20th year of fundraising Sunday, Feb. 9 with a cross-country skiing and snowshoeing event at Wild Wings Ski Touring Center in Peru. Proceeds help local low-income households with heating and emergency fuel assistance.

Make or bring a donation to Ski for Heat and the trail fees at Wild Wings will be waived. “Chuck and Tracy Black, owners of Wild Wing, generously open their beautiful ski touring center to us, and Ian works grooming magic on the trails,”

said event founder Martha Robertson.

Ski for Heat is not a competition or timed event. Participants can come and go on that Sunday as their schedules allow. There are cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails for enthusiasts of all ages and abilities.

Earlier this month, Ski for Heat kicked off the winter with its fundraising Hot Blues for Cold Nights benefit concert and dance party sponsored by Tyler Electric & Security Inc. in Dorset. Local musician Bob Stan-

nard teamed up with Those Dangerous Bluesmen, a talented constellation of Vermont musicians, and packed the Manchester Eagles Club with enthusiastic supporters.

Mark your calendar now for what has long been a popular winter event. For more information, go to [www.SkiForHeat.org](http://www.SkiForHeat.org).

Ski for Heat is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Peru, Vt. Ski for Heat is run entirely on volunteered hours – no portion of funds raised goes toward payroll or compensation.

## Twilight Snowshoe party at Landgrove Inn

LANDGROVE, Vt. – Nordic Harmoni is hosting a Twilight Snowshoe Party Monday, Feb. 10, 2020 at the Landgrove Inn in Landgrove, Vt. Snowshoeing is available on land around the inn starting at 5 p.m. Headlamps are recommended. Free glögg for snowshoers will be available on the far end of the north lawn of the inn. Those who choose to stay indoors can enjoy the stimulating company and warmth of the cozy fireplace.

Appetizers will be served starting at 6 p.m. and soup at 7 p.m. Those with reservations



Nordic Harmoni Snowshoe Party.

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## Special Olympics Upper Valley Regional Games

LANGDON, N.H. – The Special Olympics Upper Valley Regional Games took place Jan. 25 at Dartmouth Skiway in Lyme, N.H. The Fall Mountain Special Olympics team brought four snowshoe racers, two alpine ski racers, and two snowboarders to the event. The FMSO team had a stellar day of competition!

For the snowshoe team, each athlete raced in three events and had a great showing. Sean Anderson placed second in the 100-meter and third in the 200-meter and 50-meter races. Jacob Barboza won first in the 100 and 200-meter races and fourth in the 50-meter. Dalton Hutchinson had a solid fourth place finish in the 50, 100, and 200-meter races. Olivia Rounds came home with first place in the 25-meter and third place in the 50 and 100 meters.



Olivia Rounds, Jacob Barboza, Sean Anderson, and Dalton Hutchinson.

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In snowboarding, Bonnie Pelton had a fabulous day with two first place finishes in her division. James Morse won second place in slalom and first place in giant slalom. This was the first time James has ever won a blue ribbon, and he was ecstatic with this victory. The Alpine team

also had great luck with Mariah Pratt securing two first place finishes and Patrick Cannon finishing third in both of his events.

The team now gears up for the Vermont State Games, which are held March 22-24 at Pico Mountain. Good luck to the whole team!

## Local river groups host Clean Water Cafés

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Connecticut River Conservancy and the Black River Action Team welcome your ideas, questions, comments, and stories. If you love our rivers, please join them and bring a friend.

Black River Action Team's Kelly Stettner says, “As an all-volunteer organization, the Black River Action Team works to connect people to the river in all sorts of ways, from citizen science to recreation and much more. It is my hope to learn more from people how you want to connect with the river through this café opportunity.”

CRC's river steward Kathy Urrfer states, “We welcome this opportunity to engage in con-

versation with our neighbors and build a deeper relationship with and understanding of the waterways in our region as we continue to work to protect some of our most important public assets – our rivers. We look forward to holding additional Clean Water Cafés in the Connecticut River Watershed over the coming months.”

Light snacks will be provided with an optional open bar. Trout River Brewing Company is located in the 100 River St. health center complex; it is most easily reached from Pearl Street, just off Park Street, in Springfield Vt.

Please register at [www.clean-water-cafe-vt.eventbrite.com](http://www.clean-water-cafe-vt.eventbrite.com).

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## Waterfowl blinds must be removed

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Waterfowl hunters who did not re-

move their hunting blinds from the waters of the state earlier

must do so before Feb. 15 on Lake Champlain or May 15 on inland waters according to a reminder from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

State law requires removal of the blinds before these deadlines in order to protect natural areas and to prevent boating accidents after the ice melts.

“Removal of the blinds and any posts that may be below the surface of the ice is important because of the danger they present when boaters are on the water in the spring,” said State Game Warden Colonel Jason Batchelder.

Batchelder says wardens annually record names and addresses of blind owners and will follow up with inspections.

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	Lifts	Snow Depth	Snowfall
<b>Killington Resort</b>	17 / 22	28"	0" (2/3)
<b>Magic Mountain</b>	2 / 6	22"	0" (2/3)
<b>Okemo Mountain Resort</b>	12 / 20	32"	0" (2/3)
<b>Stratton Mountain</b>	9 / 11	18"	0" (2/3)
<b>Sugarbush</b>	13 / 16	40"	0" (2/3)

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(02/18)

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Answer

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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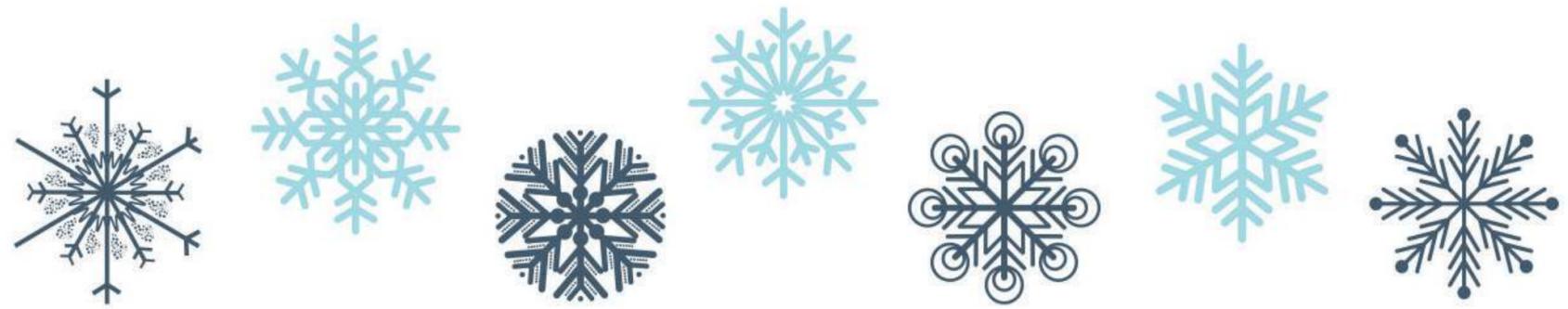
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# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF VERMONT  
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**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. 8 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Advance Care Planning Workshop Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10:30 a.m. – noon, at the Rockingham Library. At the close of this workshop, you will know what you need to complete an Advanced Care Directive. Please call to RSVP to Anne Dempsey at Rockingham Library 802-463-4270 or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org. This event is free and open to the public.

**FEB. 9 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** The Fear of Singing Breakthrough Workshop at Stone Church Art Center Sunday, Feb. 9, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Start learning to sing in a fun, supportive atmosphere. If you've wanted to sing in a chorus, wished you could sing along with friends, wanted to feel more comfortable singing the Happy Birthday song,

or even just get more out of singing by yourself, this full-day workshop is the perfect first step! For details, visit [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –** Diabetes Undone Workshop begins Sunday, Feb. 9, from 4-6 p.m., at St. Luke's Parish Hall, 188 Main Street, in Charlestown. Hosted by Lifestyle Matters of N.H. The eight-session workshop will help you reverse your diabetes or prevent you from getting it. This program is a widely proven method developed by Dr. Wes Youngberg. Call 978-496-5006 for pricing and to register.

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

**SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. –** The Odd Bobbins spinning group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at Six Loose

Ladies, 287 Main Street in Chester. The Odd Bobbins meet monthly to spin in company, exchange fiber, and learn from each other. Occasional guest instructors and fiber producers attend. For more details, visit [www.sixlooseladies.com](http://www.sixlooseladies.com).

**WEDNESDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Gentle Seva Yoga, every second Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd, in Springfield. For details, call 802-885-3327.

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

**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 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](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym).

### CLUBS

**FEB. 9 – LONDON DERRY, Vt. –** Snowshoe Lower Little Michigan with the Green Mountain Club Sunday, Feb. 9. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the east side of Londonderry Village Market. Carpool to the trailhead which has very limited parking. Snowshoe the Lower Little Michigan loop, about two miles with about 300 feet elevation change. This is an easy beginner snowshoe. Bring extra layers, warm hat, snacks, and fluids. RSVP required to Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or [marge.fish@gmail.com](mailto:marge.fish@gmail.com)

**PERU, Vt. –** Join the Green

Mountain Club for a Full Moon Backcountry Ski on Long Trail Sunday, Feb. 9. Meet at the Route 11/30 Long Trail parking lot at 6:30 p.m. for a skin up, ski down trip on the Long Trail to the summit of Bromley. Must bring an extra layer, warm hat, extra mittens or gloves, hand warmers, snacks, fluids, headlamp. Moderately difficult. RSVP required to Katie Brooks at 516-978-4016 or [kktadams@comcast.net](mailto:kktadams@comcast.net).

**FEB. 10 – MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Easy Full Moon Snowshoe with the Green Mountain Club at the Equinox Golf Course Monday, Feb. 10. Meet at 7 p.m. at the parking lot across from the Dormy Grill in Manchester Village. Snowshoe the front 9. Bring an extra layer, warm hat, extra mittens, and headlamp. This is an easy about two-mile snowshoe on rolling terrain. RSVP required to Keld Alstrup at 802-362-1422 or [alstrupkeld@gmail.com](mailto:alstrupkeld@gmail.com).

**FEB. 11 – CHESTER, Vt. –** The Southern Vermont Astronomy Group will host a talk by Lowell Putnam on the history of the Lowell Observatory and its current research Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall. Please note location change.

**THURSDAYS – 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. 7 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls Friday, Feb. 7, from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked chicken, potatoes, green bean casserole, garden salad, dessert, and beverage. Gluten-free and vegan available. Suggested donation to benefit Puerto Rico earthquake relief.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Free Community Dinner at the North Springfield Baptist Church Friday, Feb. 7, from 5-6:30 p.m. Dishes

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**Charles E. Dean**  
**Parcel # 130139**

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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**

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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

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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 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 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

# calendar

served are usually salads, casseroles, beans, soups, breads, desserts, and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 69 Main Street in North Springfield and is handicap assessable. For more information, call 802-886-8107.

**SATURDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange Community Breakfast is on the second Saturday of the month, from 8-9:30 a.m. Menu includes bacon, sausage, sausage gravy on biscuits, eggs, homefries, pancakes (blueberry and plain), toast, real Vermont syrup, orange juice and tomato juice, coffee, tea, or cocoa. Cost per person.

**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 menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. Wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking.

## EVENTS

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

**FEB. 7 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Documentary screening of "Harriet Tubman, They Called Her Moses," Friday, Feb. 7 at the Springfield UU Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; film begins at 7 p.m. Free admission and popcorn.

**FEB. 7 & 8 –**  
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project "Framed" series presents a pop-up weekend festival featuring films from the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival Vermont Tour Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. at Next Stage in Putney. Friday features

"The Return of Richard III on the 9:24 Train." Saturday features "Ernie and Joe - Crisis Cops" with director Jenifer McShane Q&A to follow. For details, visit [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

**FEB. 8 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers' Open Mic Poetry Saturday, Feb. 8, from 1-3 p.m., will feature Linda Lampert. Her current book is "Sisters of the Black Tortoise" and copies will be available for sale. After Linda's reading, we will continue with our Open Mic. Call 802-463-9404 for reservations.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Create Your Own Valentines Saturday, Feb. 8, from 1-3 p.m., at the North Springfield Baptist Church. A wide assortment of supplies including papers, paper punch designs, stickers, ribbons, lace, paper doilies, and much more are provided for free and all ages are invited to participate. Light refreshments will be available. For more information, call 802-886-8107.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Reiki Public Open House Saturday, Feb. 8, from 1-4 p.m., at Studio Time and Space in Springfield. No appointment necessary. Certified practitioners will be available to give you a session, completely clothed, lying on a comfortable, warm massage table, or seated in a chair. For information, visit [www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com](http://www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com).

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for Discoteca Latin dance party featuring DJ El Duque Saturday, Feb. 8 at Wunderbar at 22 Rockingham St. in the square in Bellows Falls. No cover. Nightclub dance party atmosphere in the beautiful spacious restaurant, bar, and biergarden Wunderbar.

**FEB. 10 –**  
LANDGROVE, Vt. – Nordic Harmoni is hosting a Twilight Snowshoe Party Monday, Feb. 10 at the Landgrove Inn. Snowshoeing is available on land around the inn starting at 5 p.m. Headlamps are recommended. Free glögg for snowshoers. Appetizers will be served starting at 6 p.m. and soup at 7 p.m. Those with reservations will be served first. For pricing and reservations, email [marijkewestberg@gmail.com](mailto:marijkewestberg@gmail.com) or call 802-824-6578.

**FEB. 11 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Church of Christ February Movie Presentation Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6

p.m., featuring "Catching Faith," at Church of Christ, Chester Road in Springfield. All are welcome.

**FEB. 14 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Valentine's Dinner and Dance at Bellows Falls Moose Friday, Feb. 14, from 6:30-11 p.m. Valentine's dinner, with

an Italian buffet. Dance to Rust and Ruin beginning at 8 p.m.

**SUNDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Country Jamboree at the Gassetts Grange on the second Sunday of every month from 1-4 p.m., featuring house band Green Mtn. Express! Door donation per person.

**NOTICE**  
**Black River High School Alumni**  
**1939-1999**

Student Records from 1939-1999 can be picked up at the Black River High School Middle School office by appointment only. Please contact Debby Neubert at 802-875-4721 to schedule an appointment. Student Records that have not been claimed by June 1st will be destroyed.

**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 Adrienne M. Farrar, \$250.00; Robert Gosselein, \$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.

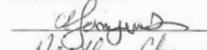
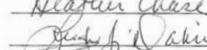
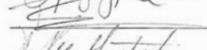
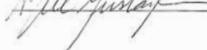
**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. (This article is by petition)

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**Andrew Kottke**  
**Parcel # 605008**

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 Andrew Kottke by Special/Limited Warranty Deed of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation dated February 22, 2018 and Recorded in Book 183, Page 54 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

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

# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –**  
 Christian based movies shown on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Church of Christ on Route 11, Chester Road, in Springfield. Continuing through March.

### KIDS' CORNER

**FEB. 10 –**  
**LUDLOW, Vt. –** Bad Art Night at Fletcher Memorial Library Monday, Feb. 10, from 5-6 p.m., for grades 6 and up. Do you like art, but think you are a lousy artist? Here is your night to shine! Have fun with your friends creating truly awful

pieces of art.

**TUESDAYS –**  
**LUDLOW, Vt. –** Crafty Tuesdays in February for grades kindergarten 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.

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
**LUDLOW, Vt. –** Story time

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

Douglass's famous Fourth of July Address at the Rockingham Library's Top Floor Meeting Room. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org).

Bring your own favorite game or play one of ours. Multiple game tables will be available.

### 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](http://www.northernstage.org).

**FEB. 9 –**  
**PUTNEY, Vt. –** Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present contemporary folk singer and songwriter John Gorka Sunday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney. "The leading singer-songwriter of the New Folk Movement," Rolling Stone. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. Advance tickets are available at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org). For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

**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.

**SATURDAYS –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** The Second-Saturday Synthfest Series at Stage 33 Live celebrates synthesizer performance, circuit-bending, and sound manipulation. Remaining series dates are Feb. 8, March 14, and April 11 at 7 p.m., 33 Bridge St., in Bellows Falls. Suggested donation at the door. Find more information about these and other events, visit [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**TUESDAYS –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Free. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email [cht@springfieldmed.org](mailto:cht@springfieldmed.org).

**TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** Mental Illness Family Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Facilitated by trained members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Free. Call 713-591-2857.

**WALPOLE, N.H. –** Hope and Help for Families is held every Tuesday night, from 6:45-8 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the common in Walpole, N.H. It is open to all family members and loved ones – over the age of 16 – of people who are suffering from addiction. It is free and confidential. For information, call Becky Pearson at 603-860-0221.

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
**TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital will host a Mental Illness Family Support Group on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Grace Cottage Wellness Center (133 Grafton Rd.) in Townshend. NAMI Family Support Group meetings are monthly 90-minute support groups of family and friends of individuals living with a mental illness where they can talk frankly about their challenges and help one another through their learned wisdom and coping strategies. For more information, call 713-591-2857. To find a complete list of all NAMI offerings, visit [www.namivt.org](http://www.namivt.org).

**LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

**THURSDAYS –**  
**TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month, from 11 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Led by Grace Cottage Community Health team member Claire Bemis. Free. Call 802-365-3763.

### STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit Civil Division 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 & Hertz-el, LLP at 518-786-9069.

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

### LIBRARIES

**FEB. 12 –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Community Read of Frederick Douglass's Famous Speech Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Take part in a public participatory reading of Frederick

**THURSDAYS –**  
**WESTMINSTER, Vt. –** Join the Westminster West Public Library for Community Board Game Night on the first Thursday of the month from Feb. 6 through May 7. Teens and adults are invited to join their fellow board gamers for a fun night of strategy and community!

### Town of Westminster P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158 Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816

#### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL – 2nd floor US Rt. 5, Westminster Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 2, 2020 to consider the following:

**Application #20-34 (Long View Forest)** – property located at 48 Picz Road. The Application is requesting the Construction of a Pole Barn for the use of storing trucks & small equipment. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review and Section 446 Residential District Zone of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

**Application #20-36 (Thomas W. Spencer)** – property located at 120 Cold Spring Hill Road. The Applicant is requesting a permit for a subdivision in the Town of Westminster. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone; and Article VIII Subdivision of Land of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

### Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby Warned to meet at the Plymouth Municipal Building at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 2, 2020, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law by ballot. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Plymouth Municipal Building from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted will include:

- Article 1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) by Australian Ballot: Town Moderator, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Selectman (2); Lister, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Trustee of Public Funds, Cemetery Commissioner, Grand Juror, Town Agent, First Constable, Second Constable, and one School District Director.
- Article 2. To see if the Town will vote \$12,055 for Human Services to be allocated as follows:
  - A. American Red Cross - \$250
  - B. Black River Area Community Coalition - \$500
  - C. Black River Good Neighbors - \$500
  - D. Black River Valley Senior Center - \$2,000
  - E. Fletcher Memorial Library - \$1,200
  - F. Green Mountain Eco. Dev. Corp. - \$302
  - G. Green-Up Vermont - \$50
  - H. HCRS – Mental Health Services - \$568
  - I. Okemo Valley TV (formerly LPCTV) - \$750
  - J. Plymouth Historical Society - \$400
  - K. Plymouth Memory Tree - \$250
  - L. Plymouth Press - \$50
  - M. Qttauquechee Health Foundation - \$600
  - N. Senior Solutions Council on Aging for SE Vermont - \$300
  - O. The Current Bus - \$125
  - P. Tyson Library - \$500
  - Q. Visiting Nurse and Hospice - \$2,150
  - R. VT Center for Independent Living - \$175
  - S. VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force - \$100
  - T. VT Trails and Greenways - \$85
  - U. Windsor County Mentors - \$500
  - V. Windsor County Youth Services - \$400
  - W. Women's Freedom Center - \$300
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,227,106 in taxes to pay estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,327,106.
- Article 4. To see if the legal voters of the Town vote to pay to the Treasurer, real property taxes in two installments with due dates of September 1, 2020, and February 1, 2021, with an interest charge of 1% for the first three months and 1.5% thereafter for each month if each installment is not paid by the due date; after February 1, 2021, any unpaid taxes would be charged an 8% collection fee plus the interest fees.
- Article 5. To see if the Town of Plymouth will rescind the Town penalty for the late filing of the Homestead Declaration Form by full-time residents on their VT State Income Tax form.
- Article 7. To transact any other necessary and legal business.

Dated at Plymouth, VT, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2020.

  
 Shawn Bemis, Chair

  
 Larry Lynds

  
 Rick Kaminski