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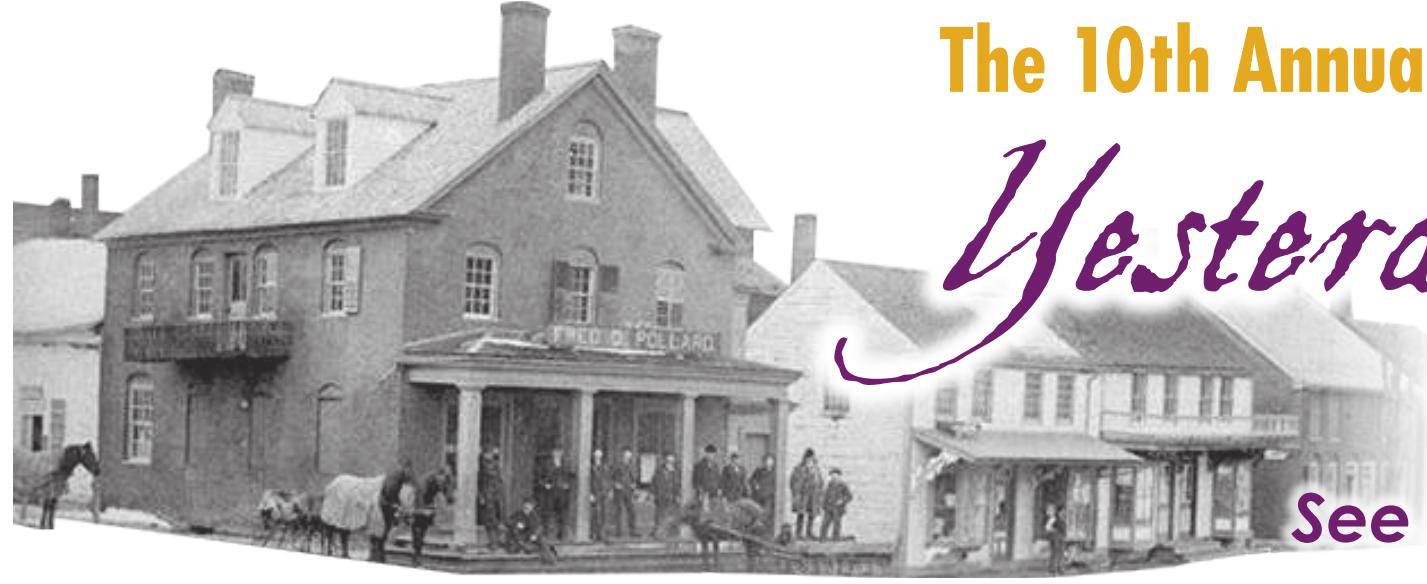
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BRHS retires jersey number to honor Jonathan Mason Peters —

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. — Black River High School, coaches, and athletes as well as community members gathered at Saturday's high school basketball senior game to honor 18-year-old Jonathan Mason Peters, a 2019 BRHS graduate who died tragically Thursday, Feb. 20 in a car accident in Pittsburgh, N.Y.

The gym was packed with standing room only as the Peters family gathered center court during half-time surrounded by former and current BRHS basketball players, as Jonathan's jersey #5 was unveiled on the gym wall in honor of the teen. Coaches presented the family

with other #5 jerseys as well as a basketball. His number will now be permanently retired.

Athletic Director Joe Gurdak spoke of the school and community's "profound loss" as he shared memories of Jonathan including his skill with all sports but especially his love of basketball, his skill with a 3-point shot, and his "spirit and heart" on and off the court. Jonathan was "a great person unfortunately taken way too young in life," he said.

Nick Sheehan, a close family friend also spoke, praising the community for pulling together in less than 24 hours to raise over \$9,000 to help the family with funeral expenses. "That proved what Jonathan meant to us all and the strength of our commu-



Jonathan Mason Peters' family gathered mid court along with BRHS team during the dedication.

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nity as a whole," he said.

Sheehan also spoke of Jona-

than's positive influence and zest for life off the court. "May your



Jonathan Mason Peters' jersey number was retired at a dedication to the teen at the BRHS senior game on Saturday.

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hearts be filled with wonderful memories and joy of times together as you celebrate a life short but well-lived," he said.

GMUSD Board frustrated with TRSU over audit

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. — Tensions between the Green Mountain Union School District Board

and the Two Rivers Supervisory Union were apparent at the Feb. 20 meeting over the subject of the recently completed TRSU audit.

The GMUSD board had put

together an audit committee, led by board member Doug McBride, with the intention of participating in the audit process. However, the audit was completed and presented to the board without any input from the committee, an oversight that frustrated McBride. "When an audit committee is in place, and they are not able to participate in it, I think very problematic and I'll use the word disturbing," he said. He also pointed out that the committee is listed on the back of every agenda and is something the TRSU is aware of.

McBride harkened back to the board retreat earlier in the year, saying that the TRSU performs an administrative function on behalf of the board but that the board own the financials and the audit. He said that if the board isn't going to own their own financials, then they should disband the committee and stop wasting the committee's time.

Board member Marilyn Mahusky said she didn't understand what the role of the audit committee was, but board member Michael Studin asked why there was no coordination from the supervisory union during the audit.

Cheryl Hammond, finance

director for TRSU, attempted to defend her position saying there no definition of what TRSU's responsibility was in getting back to the committee. She said that the TRSU has the responsibility to make sure everything is in place before it is reviewed by other people and is reflection of their work.

McBride countered that the audit committee had put in writing what they wanted to do, which included just a few simple steps: a chance to meet with auditor before the audit is final, a chance to ask questions, and a chance to review the draft audit. "If you choose to ignore it, it [the document outlining steps] should have been sent back to us," he said.

Board chair Joe Fromberger intervened when McBride challenged Hammond, directly asking her, "Why didn't you involve the audit committee?"

Fromberger reminded the board to address all questions to the committee chairman. He then defused the situation, saying the board would table the discussion until they could put it on the agenda at a future meeting.

Later in the meeting, McBride asked several pointed questions concerning the audit and other

finances and which included questions about what the minimal dollar amount the auditors looked at, as well as who draws money from the line of credit, and timing of withdrawals and repayments.

When interrupted by Mahusky, who asked if he could meet with Hammond to discuss, Studin said that this questioning could have been done within the Audit Committee. In lieu of that, McBride was asking these questions now.

In other business, the Superintendent Search Committee is nearly complete with the GMUSD board electing Kate Lamphere and Michael Studin as their representatives. TRSU determined the makeup of the committee in their last meeting, which will include a total of 12 participants — two from each district board, one principal from each district, two central staffers, one teacher from each district, and one student from each district.

In addition to Lamphere and Studin, the two board members from Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District are Kelly Tarbell and Dan Buckley; the two principals are CTES Principal Deb Beaupre and Mount Holly Elementary School Principal Craig Hutt

Vater; central office staffers are Cheryl Hammond and Michael Eppolito; the teachers and student representatives are still to be named.

The GMUSD board will reach out to the town of Chester concerning information on the gravel pit that abuts Green Mountain Union High School. They will ask Town Manager David Pisha and Assistant Town Manager Julie Hance to present to the board at the March meeting.

GMUHS Principal Lauren Fierman received a notice from the town to discuss the project, but the district owns the school building and all information needs to be presented to them. There was also discussion to make sure that the deeds for the school were properly updated to reflect being owned by the district and not the individual school.

GMUSD board agreed to a cap of 15 students coming in and going out as part of the High School Statutory Choice Program. In this program, students with school choice can attend schools but their tuition dollars do not follow them. This does not include students

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For an informative and colorful order form that gives details about the plants, their prices, and where to send the check and order, please visit www.ourchester.org or www.chestertvt.gov/chester-townscape.html to download the form.



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Rotary First Thursday will feature Chester Townscape

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Thursday, March 5, 2020, Chester Townscape will be featured at First Thursday Rotary.

Chester Townscape, a member committee of Chester Community Alliance Inc., has, through its far-sited planning and the industriousness of its many volunteers, been responsible for the preservation of the Hearse House and the beauty of flowers planted throughout the town, in flower barrels,

flower boxes on the highway bridges, and numerous plantings and landscaping at the gazebo on the green, the Information Booth, and the daffodils along the town cemetery stone walls.

In anticipation of the arrival of spring in Chester, Lynn Russell, co-president, will talk about Chester Townscape, including new community flower gardening activities and future landscaping and beautification plans for Chester.

All are welcome to attend Chester Rotary First Thursday, which is held at the Fullerton Inn on the first Thursday of each month, generally, starting at 5:15 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar is available.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to chestervtrotary@gmail.com. For further information, contact Bill Dakin at 802-875-4000.

Mitchell's Tire & Service is now open



CHESTER, Vt. – Mitchell's Tire & Service is now open in Chester. Owner Josh Mitchell pictured on the left with service manager Matt Slade on the right. Stop by Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., or Saturday, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

PHOTO BY BOB MILLER

Kindergarten registration at Flood Brook School

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Attention residents of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, and K-8 choice towns, parents of children who will be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2020 should register their child for kindergarten March 9-13.

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2020 and live in the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, or a tuitioning town, please plan on visiting Flood Brook School at 91 Route 11 in Londonderry between March 9 and 13, 2020 to register them for the kindergarten class of 2020-21. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, most recent physical exam, and proof of residency – lease or

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coming in from Black River High School in Ludlow, whose tuition dollars will follow those students.

After emerging from an executive session, a motion was made by the board, offering all three GMUSD principals – GMUHS principal Lauren Fierman, CTES principal Deb Beaupre, and CAES principal Katharine Fogg – a two-year contract with compensation to be determined later. This was based on a recommendation from the Superintendent Meg Powden.

McBride said that he was concerned that they were being asked to vote on a recommendation just "10 minutes ago" and said that he preferred to take more time to due "sound and due diligence" in the matter, although he thought they all did a fine job. He specifically mentioned the backlash the board received for approving a requested sabbatical earlier this year, a decision made quickly without further looking at budget impacts and other factors.

Mahusky and Fromberger suggested that having the principals in place was important to the stability of the district as they were looking to hire a new superintendent. The principals' contracts were approved although McBride and Wayne Wheelock both voted against.

The GMUSD Public Information Meeting for the budget is Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in GMUHS library. The next regular GMUSD board meeting is Thursday, March 19, from 5-7 p.m., at Cavendish Town Elementary School.

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A new premium coffee bar opens in downtown Ludlow

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. — A new coffee bar is opening on Main Street in Ludlow, 207 Main Street to be exact, next to Brewfest and part of the new TPW Management Real Estate office.

TPW Coffee Bar is the brain-child of Paul Carroccio and his wife who loved premium coffee and have long lamented the lack of a true premium coffee shop in Ludlow. Paul, the CEO of TPW, says that he also has about a thousand customers — second homeowners — whose property they manage and who will appreciate a place they can find high-end coffee as well.

The concept of adding a coffee bar element to another busi-



TPW Coffee Bar barista Thomas Jones and owner Paul Carroccio.
PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

ness is a trend many companies are embracing, including Capita-

tal One and Ralph Lauren. Because the coffee is busi-

ness is new to him, Carroccio reached out to Mocha Joe's, his favorite high-end coffee brand from Brattleboro, becoming their first controlled brand exclusive supplier in this market.

Mocha Joe's brought in their equipment, signage, branded cups, and coffee and trained the TPW team on how to use them. They offer the full-range of premium coffee specialties including espresso, cappuccino, latte, Americano, and caramel macchiato. Senior barista Thomas Jones will exclusively be working the coffee bar with other members of the TPW team helping out as needed.

The beautiful, tasteful space offers limited seating with a few tables and a window bar overlooking Main Street. They

have a full commercial kitchen but for now will offer a limited supply of fresh baked goods, available while supplies last. The spot is intentionally sparse, encouraging a "come and go" vibe.

According to Carroccio, the hope is that folks will come in and look around at listed properties on screen and posted on the wall while sipping their coffee, keeping TPW top of mind for real estate and maintenance.

This week, TPW agents will be moving in, and Cappuccio

expects that back area to be hopping by Friday with agents, property management customer service manager, maintenance manager, and other staffers. Once up and running, he will be launching a customer loyalty card for about 1,800 customers and begin other promotions for the office and coffee bar.

TPW Coffee Bar hours are Sunday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Local student named to President's List at Northern Vermont University

CHESTER, Vt. — Samantha Pike of Chester, a student at Northern Vermont University in Vermont, was named to the President's List for the fall 2019 semester. Students who achieve a 4.0 semester average are placed on the President's List. Learn more at www.NorthernVermont.edu.

Town Manager reviews budget on Spotlight

LUDLOW, Vt. — Ludlow Town Manager Scott Murphy appeared on the local TV program, Spotlight, to discuss the major items in the forthcoming Ludlow budget and the annual Town Meeting scheduled for March 2-3.

Murphy noted that the proposed budget would mark the end of the Ludlow Municipal Bus system, with the budget being decreased 100%. The \$95,879 from the bus fund

would be used to reduce the tax rate. This was due to the impact of the closing of Black River High School in June and the approved purchase of the building from the Ludlow-Mount Holly school district.

He indicated that the Selectboard had no tenants for the building although BRIS and other organizations had shown interest in using the building. The town has budgeted \$65,950 for custodial and utility costs

to maintain the unoccupied building.

The ambulance service will see an increase of \$27,500 in salaries plus \$66,000 to support its operations. This was due in large measure to the decline of volunteers to support the service.

One of the major articles at the Monday, March 2 Town Meeting will address how all public questions are voted on in the future. The article, submit-

ted by citizen petition, would require that all such matters be voted on via Australian ballot. Currently, all voting in Ludlow should be done at a Town Meeting, based on the action last taken on this question.

The program may be seen on cable TV channels 8 and 20 broadcast by Okemo Valley TV. It is also viewable from its website, www.okemovalleytv.com.

Weekly Game Day at Black River Senior Center

LUDLOW, Vt. — Are you tired of sitting in the house all day this winter? Why don't you get out and play your favorite game with your friends? The Black River Valley Senior Center will be starting a Game Day in March, on the second, third, and fourth Wednesday of each month.

The second Wednesday of each month will continue to be Bingo, right after our home-cooked meal. The third and fourth Wednesdays will be Game Day from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., followed by a meal prepared in-house. Come and play your favorite game, cards, put together a puzzle, or just visit with friends. The senior center has lots of games and puzzles, or you can bring your own.

March events:

- March 11: Community lunch of corned beef and cabbage, fol-

lowed by Bingo

- March 18: Game Day followed by community lunch of hot turkey sandwiches
- March 25: Game Day followed by community lunch of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches

Community lunches are homemade by volunteers and the Board of Directors. Black River Valley Senior Center is located at 10 High St. in Ludlow. Call 802-228-7421 to make a reservation. Transportation can be provided.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

Springfield Medical Care Systems and Springfield Hospital have an excellent working relationship that has served our communities well in the past; and the collaboration is expected to continue well into the future.

The SMCS health center network is an anchor in our local communities, as a valued healthcare provider as well as an economic cornerstone. Current Chapter 11 Reorganization plans anticipate doing everything we can to strengthen the health system network and to ensure ongoing access to care within our region. All plans maintain a primary focus in terms of patient care and the delivery of healthcare service.

Reorganization may, and likely will, involve a somewhat different corporate structure.

Springfield Medical Care Systems Inc. and Springfield Hospital filed Chapter 11 Reorganization with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in June of 2019. This action was taken to provide both organizations time to de-

velop reorganization plans for a sustainable healthcare system. Throughout the process, management and the Boards of Directors for both organizations have carefully reviewed financial and organizational strategies to determine the best approach to efficiently and effectively maintain local access to healthcare services.

We anticipate filing exit plans with the bankruptcy court this spring. Our goal is to ensure a strong primary care system that continues to operate health centers in the same towns where they are currently located. Also, that Springfield Hospital maintains operations. Specific services offered may change – as with any business – depending on community demand and reimbursement for services. It is premature at this time to share further details, other than to say exit plans will soon be filed and need to be approved by the bankruptcy court.

The message we want to be sure is clear throughout our

communities is:

- We plan to file exit plans soon;
- Reorganization envisions continuing collaboration between Springfield Hospital and the SMCS health center network;
- Services will be designed to respond and meet the needs of the region; and,
- The organizations' projections demonstrate they are sustainable into the future.

The future of healthcare in our region remains strong. Much work remains to be done; but Board members and staff are up to the challenge, and we look forward to meeting the healthcare needs of our communities for years to come.

Sincerely,
Joshua R. Dufresne, MBA,
Acting Chief Executive Officer,
SMCS

Michael J. Halstead, MBA,
Interim Chief Executive Officer,
Springfield Hospital

Dear Editor,

I would like to share my opinion on the support of local scouting in our area. I am a Life Rank Boy Scout from Troop 252, located in Springfield, Vt., as well as an eighth grader at Bellows Falls Middle School. I am hoping by writing this letter I can help make my community more aware of the importance of scouting and gain support for new scouts.

I have been in Scouts since first grade when I joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger. Today, kids can join as early as kindergarten if they wanted to as Lions; but they can also join at any time of the year, especially at the Boy Scout level. When I was in first grade, there was a Cub Scouts Pack and a Boy Scouts Troop in Bellows Falls. But because of the small number of kids participating, both the Troop and Pack discontinued, and my friends and I joined up with the Springfield Pack 258 and Troop 252.

Since I have been in Scouts, I have seen the amount of kids in my community decrease. Some kids join up and then leave because they have other things to do or because they have decided it was not

for them. Right now, there are only three Scouts, two boys and one Cub in my entire middle school.

I know there have been a lot of negative things in the national news about scouting, but I really don't think people understand how much scouting really does in our local area. I think that if folks understood what we as Scouts do for our community locally there would be a better respect. Maybe parents would look at trying to get their kids into scouting or at least support those who do. It is not only what the Scouts give but what they get in return – a big lesson on what it means to be a better person and how to do for others, not just for ourselves.

One of the most important things that I feel I have done since being a Scout is community service. This past summer I was able to give my local rec area about 30 hours of community service, helping them out on the grounds. I have also helped out my hockey program with their Learn to Skate events and gave them time to help referee games for the younger kids.

I have also had a chance to help out my friends with their Eagle Scout projects. Eagle Scout projects are a proj-

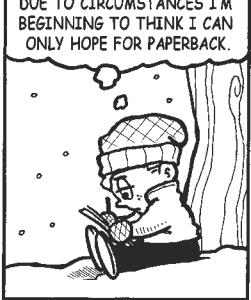
ect that a Scout, once they have made Life Rank, can complete to assist their community with a need. Many Scouts and other friends, family, and community members help to complete. Now that I am Life Rank, I am starting to plan my project, too.

Not only do we get to give back to our community, but we get to do some pretty awesome other things that gives us chances that we may not otherwise get. In our Troop, we go on a major trip every other summer. In the summer of 2019, we went to California as a Troop and did hikes and cool stuff at Yosemite National Park, Sequoia National Park, and in San Francisco. In San Francisco, we visited Alcatraz and rode bikes across the Golden Gate Bridge.

In the summer of 2021, we are planning on going to Iceland with our Troop. I hope that by writing this letter I have been able to help people better understand that scouting is more than just camping and stuff, it is about giving back and letting kids have a chance to do some amazing things.

Thank you,
Trenton Fletcher
Life Scout, Troop 252
Bellows Falls, Vt.

by Dave T. Phipps



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Dear Editor,

"Half-baked idea" usually refers, insultingly, to an idea that hasn't been thought through. But I offer an idea that I admit is half-baked. Because no one in Vermont is talking about it, because the idea contradicts the largely unchallenged assumption that folks, regardless of ideology, party, or cultural background, consider self-evident. I'm not ready to advocate for this idea, but I'd like to have a conversation.

I'm not convinced of the

conventional wisdom that we need more people in Vermont. Population shrinkage creates problems. An aging population creates problems. Worker shortage, reduced tax revenues, fewer consumer dollars in circulation. There's no denying these problems, but I doubt the conventional wisdom that these problems can be addressed only by reversing population shrinkage.

Have we fully explored the possibility of addressing these

problems directly? For example, how does Japan handle an aging population? If a shrinking population reduces tax revenues, does it not also reduce the demand for government services? Conversely, does increased population not increase the demand for government services? Can increased government revenues and services ever keep up with population increases? Is it not possible to adjust to changes in scale? Are there benefits to shrinkage? Is there a downside to growth?

Vermont's loss of population isn't unique or even unusual. Rural areas throughout the country are losing population. And such loss creates for them the problems with which Vermont is now dealing. But some communities seem to negotiate those problems better than others. Researchers at Iowa State University are investigating whether "communities can still thrive as they lose population?" The answer seems to be yes. Sometimes. The sociology of shrinkage indicates that people thrive amidst shrinking population if they have strong citizen involvement in healthy community institutions.

I'll continue baking this idea and report further in future legislative reports. I must admit that for me the wish is father to the thought here. I rather like, indeed I love, Vermont as the thinly populated place it is. Connecticut is a very nice place, but it's no Vermont.

Sincerely,
Sen. Dick McCormack
Windsor County

Amber Waves



Dear Editor,

Did you know that patients fighting cancer need more blood than patients fighting any other disease? Cancer patients use nearly one-quarter of the nation's blood supply.

In fact, five units of blood are needed every minute to help someone going through cancer treatment. Yet, only 3% of people in the U.S. give blood.

To help ensure patients have the strength and support to fight cancer, the American Red Cross and American Cancer Society are teaming up this February to encourage people

to "Give Blood to Give Time." Individuals are invited to honor their loved ones by making a blood donation appointment or financial contribution at www.GiveBloodToGiveTime.org.

According to the American Cancer Society, 1 in 3 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. A loved one's cancer diagnosis may leave families and friends feeling helpless.

But when someone donates blood or platelets or makes a financial gift, they are helping to give patients and their families time, resources, and the hope they

need to fight back.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients, and more people are needed to donate blood regularly to help meet the need. On behalf of the Red Cross and American Cancer Society, I encourage you to Give Blood to Give Time in support of cancer patients and their families.

With warm regards,
Maria Devlin, CEO
American Red Cross
New Hampshire and Vermont
region

Although we don't personally know Mary Powell, we have been impressed by her concerns and talents. Good luck to Mary on her new ventures. Thank you for all your accomplishments.

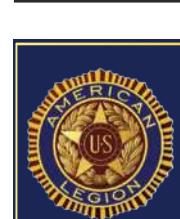
Sincerely,
Herbert B. Van Guilder
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to this winter season's road care and conditions. I am a legal resident and taxpayer in the town of Ludlow, Vt. I have resided off of Andover Road for over 30 years and feel that this winter season has been the worst for plowing, sand-

ing, and salting. We have not yet had a major storm like years past, and we still can't keep the roads clean.

Scraping road down when warm out will take care of lots of it; but if not, some salt will go long ways. As for sand, I do think they could stand to put more



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Snow fleas

When I was young, in the 1950s and early 1960s, our winters were much more severe than those we have today. Bitter cold could last a week or more. This could be 30 below or colder. Many days the high temperature stayed below zero. I saw 42 below in Lyndonville in 1958. You could spit and before the spit hit the ground you could hear it crackle as it froze.

We probably had three times as much snow in those days as we have today. A snowstorm with two feet or more snow wasn't uncommon. March could be a killer. School was seldom cancelled.

In those days, Vermont was far less wooded than today. This resulted in huge snowdrifts. Without trees to break the blowing snow, the wind blew the snow long distances, often piling up in the road.

The stretch of Route 103 north of Healdville was one of these locations. This is the long flat before the blinking light and the turn to Belmont. My earliest memories here were snow fences that were parallel to 103. These snow fences were a couple hundred feet off 103.

Snow fences acted as a barrier for drifting snow. While they helped, the snow would eventually drift over the top of the fences into the road. Today, there is a double row of tall evergreens along this section of 103 that prevents the snow from drifting into the road. I remember when those trees were planted in the early 1960s.

As snowflakes drift and tumble, they break apart. These snowdrifts were not light and fluffy snow. Instead, it was very dense. If a front wheel of your car caught in a drift, it could suck you in. In those days, very few had four-wheel drive.

By the beginning of February, we were tired of winter and looking forward to spring. Instead of looking to distant mid-April for relief, we developed ways of breaking up the remaining winter with signs of spring.

The first sap buckets to show up in February were a welcome sight. It was always great to see these buckets. Word would spread fast. "I see Mr. Crocker set his buckets



Sap buckets at Ashton Spaulding sugar lot in Weathersfield.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING

out." In those days, it was sap buckets, either metal or wood.

These sugarers climbed over huge snowbanks five feet high. In the woods, snowshoes were needed to get around. It was hard work.

It was usually in April when someone saw the first robin. This news spread rapidly amongst townspeople. Gordon Gates had an old saying: "I'd rather see the Devil than a March robin." Today, we do see the March robin, sometimes February.

Snow fleas

Those men working in the woods sugaring, logging, or rabbit hunting were the first to see "snow fleas." What I give below is not a scientific study but my own observations acquired over 60 years.

Today and went outside and ground the pepper, the pepper flakes on the snow would look like snow fleas. This gives you an idea how small they are.

Again, my observations only: It's when these poxets around the tree trunks begin to show up, that I see snow fleas. Snow fleas live in the decaying leaves under the snow. When the snow melts, exposing the decaying leaves, the snow fleas come to the surface. This is another sign that winter is beginning to break. Don't eat that snow.

From Wikipedia: "*Hypogastrura nivicola* is a species of dark blue Springtail. Its (US) English name is snow flea, but there are also insects called by that name. They are often seen jumping about on the surface of snow on a warm winter day in North America."

Ice-out

Ice-out on the Connecticut River was another welcome sign of spring. There was always someone who reported, "The ice is out." This meant we would be wetting a line soon.

Baseball

Spring training baseball was another great sign of spring.

This week's old saying: "If you bet on the world ending, what do you win?"

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Walpole Historical Society presents the grand resort hotels of the White Mountains

WALPOLE, N.H. — On Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Walpole Town Hall, architectural historian Bryant Tolles will share the history and architecture of the grand resorts of the White Mountains from the pre-Civil War era to the present.

The richly illustrated presentation, sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities and the Walpole Historical Society, will focus on the surviving grand resort hotels: The Mount Washington Resort, the Mountain View Grand, the Balsams, the Eagle Mountain House, and Wentworth Hall and Cottages. Extensive illustrations will document these buildings and oth-



The Mount Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods.

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ers no longer in existence.

With degrees from Yale and Boston University, Dr. Tolles has been on the faculty of the University of Delaware, Tufts, and Harvard, teaching courses

on the history of tourism in America and the history of New England.

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

Gerda Lenselink joins Twin State Psychological Services

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Twin State Psychological Services is pleased to announce that Gerda Lenselink, M.A., is now affiliated with our group.

Lenselink received her degree in clinical psychology at the University of Leiden, the Netherlands. She moved to the USA in 1994 and is licensed to practice psychology in Vermont as a licensed psychologist-masters. She was privileged to have worked at Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services as area manager of the children's division and clinical supervisor in Springfield for many years be-



Gerda Lenselink.

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fore joining Twin State Psychological Services.

Lenselink has extensive experience in providing assessment, psychotherapeutic, and consultation services in schools and multiple healthcare settings. Lenselink is experienced in EMDR treatment as well as sensorimotor psychotherapy. She provides psychotherapeutic and assessment services for children, adolescents, and adults.

Twin State Psychological Services, 29 Ridgewood Rd., in Springfield, Vt., is scheduling appointments for Lenselink. Please call 802-885-5719.

What women should know about abnormal bleeding

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Abnormal uterine bleeding can occur at any age and, while not exclusively, it is a symptom seen quite often in women of childbearing age. Some of the causes of abnormal bleeding may include pregnancy, structural abnormalities in the uterus that may include fibroids or polyps, uterine cancer, cervical cancer, blood thinners, or hormonal changes.

Women who are entering or who are in menopause may have hormonal changes that can cause the lining of the uterus, endometrium, to thicken. This can cause bleeding or abnormal menstruation.

Some of the signs of abnor-

mal uterine bleeding may include heavy menstrual bleeding; bleeding at unusual times between periods, after sex, during menopause, etc.; unusually long periods of seven days or longer; or inconsistent menstrual cycles.

Testing may include a physical exam, blood tests, pelvic ultrasound, and further testing for pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, or cancer may be needed based on your personal situation.

Your OB/GYN or other healthcare professional should be consulted immediately if you are experiencing any of the above symptoms. If you have questions, please call Spring-



Kara A. Pitt, M.D., FACOG.

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field Gynecology at 802-885-7561.

Article written by Kara A. Pitt, M.D., FACOG at Springfield Gynecology.

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Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, 2 Legion Rd., Hartland, Vt.

Every Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Hartland Legion Post behind Mike's Mobil Station. Potluck lunch after service. For information, contact Barbara Welch at 802-356-9624.

Francis Anderson, 1966-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Francis "Frank" Anderson, 53, of Alstead Center Road, passed away on Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, but he will be in the hearts of his family and friends forever. Francis was born in New Haven, Conn., Dec. 10, 1966, the son of Robert and Mary (Whalen) Anderson. He attended schools in Connecticut and worked as a waiter in area restaurants. He loved mu-

sic and had a fantastic sense of humor.

Francis is survived by his parents Robert and Mary Anderson of Alstead; his sister Elizabeth Ridel and husband William of Barkhamstead, Conn.; and nephews Nicholas and Jason.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Norma P. Hudson, 1931-2020

WESTMORELAND, N.H. – Norma P. Hudson, 89, of Westmoreland, passed away Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at Cheshire Medical Center. Norma was born in Westmoreland Feb. 3, 1931, the daughter of Ernest D. and Ethel Perham, and was a graduate of Keene High School. She worked for Bailey Ford in Keene, area banks, and Bomar in Charlestown. She was a member of the Emblem Club in Bellows Falls, Ladies Aid of Westmoreland, and the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation.

On Oct. 13, 1950, she married Norbert Hudson in Keene, who predeceased her. Surviving is her son Gary Hudson and

wife Kerry of Westmoreland; daughters Gail Ainsworth and husband Tom of Westmoreland, and Jean Hudson of Canaan, N.H.; and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Besides her husband, Norma is predeceased by her parents and two sisters Marcia Starkey Shelley of Westmoreland and Marilyn Arnold of Morgantown, Pa.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Union Church Renovation Fund, 998 Route 12, Westmoreland, NH 03467.

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CHESTER, VT.

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

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rt. 103, 211 North St.

Sunday service at 10 a.m. between September and June, followed by light refreshments and conversation. Free childcare available for children under 5. The building is handicap accessible with an elevator. More at www.chestervuu.org or 802-875-3257.

LUDLOW, VT.

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

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

Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Music Ministry, coffee, and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with nursery care provided. Evening Praise service at 6:30 p.m.

Wesley J. Davey, 1932-2020

WALPOLE, N.H. – Wesley Joseph Davey died peacefully Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at Maplewood Nursing Home, Westmoreland, N.H.

Wes was born in Boston Sept. 10, 1932 to the late Wesley and Helen (Shanahan) Davey. He spent his childhood in Dorchester and often told stories of his close friends and growing up on Adams Street. Upon graduation, he joined the Navy and served on a flight deck during the Korean War. Something he was very proud of – changing his birth date to enlist early.

Wes was a well-known musician and entertainer in the area, playing at the Valley Green in Keene, N.H. and many other places as well as private occasions. He continued to entertain when he moved to Sun City, Ariz., after retiring and playing at many of the retirement communities with the Spur of the Moment Band as well as solo. One of his favorite opportunities was to play at a birthday party for Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

In 1954, he married Beatrice Larocque with whom he had six children that survive him – Teresa Holmes (Roger), Kevin, Wesley III, John (Deb), Anne Sykie, and Denise Smith. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great- and great-great-grandchildren.

He later married Pauline (Beauregard) Kerylow who predeceased him in 2006. They



Wesley J. Davey, 1932-2020.

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had many good years together, building their own log home in Stoddard and then retiring to Sun City, Ariz.

Wes was predeceased by his sisters Helen Frisco and Pauline Perrault and brothers Francis and William. He is survived by his brother John and his very special sister-in-law Eileen Davey, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Maplewood Nursing Home Activities Dept., 201 River Rd., Westmoreland, NH 03467. They took great care of him the last few years as he failed with dementia. We are forever grateful to each and every one of them for making him comfortable and taking such good care of him.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Prayer and Bible study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann at 802-228-7600.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sunday service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study for all ages at 6 p.m. Call anytime during the week to schedule a pick up for children for Sunday school. For more information, call 802-885-4261.

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Sunday song service begins at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship lunch on first Sunday of each month. Non-denominational. Visit www.christianfamilycirclechurch.com and like us on Facebook.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5

Regular Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. All are welcome! The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access and a handicapped bathroom. For more information, call 802-772-4148, or find us on Facebook.

WINDSOR, VT.

Old South Church, UCC, 146 Main St.

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-674-5087 or email oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com.

All services listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Robert C. Vann, 1938-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert C. Vann, 81, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 after a period of failing health. Bob, as he was known by friends and family, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 27, 1938 to parents Joseph Osceola Vann, 1899-1984, and Alice Juanita Boyd Vann, 1907-1940.

Bob married Karen Durham, March 18, 1957-Dec. 12, 2014, on July 6, 1989. Together, they raised three girls Kelly Durham, Janice Vann and her husband Mike Bamforth, and Karen Vann Abare and her husband Jason, all of Springfield, Vt. He was a wonderful, loving, and supportive father until the very end. He also leaves behind his brother Dave and half-sister Mary Lou, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by siblings Midge, Delores, Gladys, Russell, Cathy, and Chuck.

Bob was a member of the United Methodist Church in Springfield. He was active with St. John's Masonic Lodge 41 since Feb. 19, 1994 and Cairo Temple Shriners International for many years. He retired from Bryant Grinder after 23 years.

Bob traveled all over the country in his youth, fueling him with many stories he shared often with friends and family. He was an avid joker, and he loved the Phillies and the Eagles.



Robert C. Vann, 1938-2020.

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music, and singing. He was a believer in AA and helping anyone who needed it. He had a full and love-filled life with many friends who will mourn him.

The family would like to thank the many people who touched Bob's life, who loved and supported him when he needed it.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, from 10-11 a.m. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the chapel with Reverend Gerry Piper officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to The United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St., Springfield, VT 05156.

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

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Black River High School Senior Night



Black River team.



Black River seniors, from left to right: Josh Lambert, Bowen Stark, Robert Hamel, Ben Stanchfield, Calvin Kelley.



Black River lost to Websterville Baptist Christian at home 39-49.

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Local ski racer competes in Vermont Alpine State Championships

CHESTER, Vt. — Ava Anderson, 12, of Chester, is an avid ski racer at Stratton Mountain Resort. She is a U14 on the Stratton Winter Sports Club team in VARA's Southern Vermont Council. Ava has competed in seven SVC races this season, finishing in the top five of five of them.

In her last race at Magic Mountain Monday, Feb. 17, she took home her first U14 Gold medal, winning with over four seconds ahead of her competition. These results have put Ava in third overall out of the 74 women who compete in the Southern Vermont Council. Ava is headed to U14 State Championships March 5-8 at Okemo Mountain, where she will compete against the top U14 women from all of Vermont.

Ava has been skiing since age 2 at Stratton Mountain, where her dad, Michael, is the as-



Ava and her coaches. PHOTO BY CHRISTINE ANDERSON

stant ski patrol director. She made the decision to race at age 8 and has been achieving her goals since she started. The

from the Main Base Area. From there, it is a short hike to the bottom of Upper Chief and Wardance for the races.

If anyone would like to support Ava at Okemo, she will compete in the Super-G Thursday, March 5 at 12 p.m., the Giant Slalom Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m., and Slalom Sunday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. Okemo is offering a one-way lift ticket for non-skiers to ride the quad

Fall Mountain unified basketball champs go 12-3

LANGDON, N.H. — "What a tremendous year we just finished up! Our team played their hearts out, and I couldn't be any prouder than I am," Coach Amanda Chamberlain exclaimed after their win over Newport to finish the season.

The game was held at the Fall Mountain Den Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 in front of a 500-plus crowd. Scoring went back and forth throughout the match-up and it could have been anyone's win. Zach Call and Adele Towne had 2 points each. Russell Putnam had a long 3-pointer; 4 points went Owen Elliot, Zach Nutting with 6, and high scorer with another 16 was Nick Norton who had a averaged 15 points per game.

The Fall Mountain Wildcats finished the year off with a 12-3 record. Coach Smokey Aumand added, "To top this off,



Coach Amanda Chamberlain, seniors Olivia Dunnigan, Jacob Forbes, Morgan Snelling, Adele Towne, Coach Smokey Aumand, Tasha Skovfoe, and Zachary Nutting. PHOTO BY MARK WOJCHICK

we are losing nine seniors that have contributed greatly these past three years. And, we have a very strong group of 11 underclassmen that had a lot of play-

ing time who will be ready to fill in the gaps."

Article written by Smokey Aumand.

Bromley's "Mom's Day Off" cancer fundraiser re-do

BENNINGTON, Vt. — On Friday, March 6, Bromley Mountain ski resort will hold their 18th annual "Mom's Day Off" fundraiser. The previous date was cancelled due to weather conditions. Moms ski or ride for a discount when they show the ticket seller a snapshot of their kid or kids.

Once again, this year's event will benefit women's breast cancer care at the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center in Bennington, part of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. The Cancer Center will receive the entire lift ticket cost as a do-



"Mom's Day Off" event. PHOTO PROVIDED

cer Center, whether on the slopes or in the lodge. The event will feature giveaways and après-ski activities. The Wild Boar will feature live music and a burger and brew special.

With the purchase of each lift ticket, skiers will be eligible to win one of five sets of two-day passes to Bromley. Non-skiers can enter the raffle in exchange for a donation.

Bromley Mountain is located at 3984 Route 11, Peru, Vt., six miles east of Manchester. For more information about Bromley, visit www.bromley.com.

nation.

During the day, participants will be able to meet some of the physicians and staff of the Can-

Three snowboarders to represent southern Vermont in Burton U.S. Open Junior Jam —



Connor Cavanagh. PHOTO BY CHARLIE CAVANAGH



Tommy Okesson. PHOTO PROVIDED



Sumner Orr. PHOTO PROVIDED

ing with the Okemo Mountain Snowboard team at the age of 8 in the Southern Vermont Series, one of 31 regions in the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association. At the 2019 U.S. nationals, he earned a silver medal in Boarder cross, Bronze in Slalom, and fifth place in Slope Style, earning him fourth overall. He is currently ranked #1 in the country in Snowboard Breaker Boys, ages 12-13. Sumner loves to compete in half-pipe and is sponsored by Donek Snowboards and Demon United.

Tommy Okesson, from Southbury, Conn., is a 12-year-old seventh grader at Rochambeau Middle School. He has been riding since the age of 2 and competing since the age of 6 in the SVS of USASA. Connor competed in the Burton Junior Jam at the age of 6, when it was an open event. Connor is currently ranked #1 in the country in Snowboard Youth Boys, ages 14-15. He also is ranked #1 in the country in half-pipe for his age group.

Connor Cavanagh, from Winhall, Vt., is a 14-year-old freshman at Stratton Mountain School. He has been riding since the age of 2 and competing since the age of 6 in the SVS of USASA. Connor competed in the Burton Junior Jam at the age of 6, when it was an open event. Connor is currently ranked #1 in the country in Snowboard Youth Boys, ages 14-15. He also is ranked #1 in the country in half-pipe for his age group. Connor is sponsored by Rome Snowboards, Smith, D.C., and Blackstrap.

All three of the boys are friends and each has an extreme passion and love for snowboarding.

They truly embody the spirit of the sport through their camaraderie and support of their team-mates. They are all truly grateful to be extended an invitation to the Burton Junior Jam.

Vermont High School Individual Championships final four

RUTLAND, Vt. — On Saturday, Feb. 22, the top 32 individual bowlers traveled to Rutland Bowlerama for the Individual Championships.

The Final Four are:

- First, Patrick Kelley, Windsor
- Second, Jacob Pickielnik, Fair Haven
- Third, Howard Stockwell, Randolph
- Fourth, Julius Dodson, Burlington

Team standings as of Feb. 15, 2020:

1. Windsor, 90
2. Randolph, 85
3. Fair Haven, 85
4. S. Burlington, 82
5. Essex, 72
6. Brattleboro, 54
7. Burlington, 54



The final four. PHOTO PROVIDED

8. Springfield, 49
9. White River Valley, 43
10. Enosburg, 43
11. Hartford, 38

The Team Championships will take place Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Twin City Lanes in Barre, Vt.

Skating for prevention

LUDLOW, Vt. — The Black River Area Community Coalition would like to invite the community to enjoy two hours of skating at the Okemo Mountain Ice House Sunday, March 1, from 1:30 p.m. Admission is free thanks to Okemo Mountain Resort. Free hot chocolate and treats will be provided.

The mission of BRACC is to take a proactive approach to preventing youth substance

use and violence by promoting a healthy, involved community supporting all youth in safe environments. For more information, please call the coalition office at 802-228-7878.

arts & entertainment

FOLA presents Oscar-winning “Parasite”

LUDLOW, Vt. – As a bonus in the month of March, FOLA will screen the Academy Award Best Picture winner “Parasite” in the Heald Auditorium Saturday, March 7 at 7 p.m. “Parasite” won this year’s Academy Award for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, and Best International Feature Film.

“Parasite” is 2019 South Korean film directed by Bong Joon-ho. The film premiered at the 2019 Cannes Film Festival May 21, 2019, where it became the first South Korean film to win the Palme d’Or.

“Parasite” is an upstairs and downstairs movie that uses

the relationship of two families, the Kim family and the Park family, to critique modern capitalism. The Park family represents a family of wealth. The Kim family represents a poor family trying to make ends meet with their street smarts. The Kims work their way into the Park household by posing as tutors and art therapists and by blackmailing the chauffeur to get his job. A symbiotic relationship forms between the two families. The Kims provide luxury services and the Parks



Watch “Parasite” with FOLA.

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provide the bankroll. And then through a series of events, something upsets the symbiotic relationship and things take a turn for the worse.

“Parasite” is rated R and runs one hour and 32 minutes. Subtitles will be shown in English.

As with all FOLA movies, everyone is welcome and admission is free; donations to cover the cost of the film are appreciated.

Popcorn will be supplied by Berkshire Bank and water provided by United Church of Ludlow. Call 802-228-3238 for information.

Calling all local artists for Open Wall Show

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – All local artists are invited to show their work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display work in a non-juried show. There is no fee.

The theme for our next show is “Nostalgia.” This is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time as well as the seasoned artists.

Please bring work that is framed and wired for hanging and acceptable for viewing by all ages. Artists may submit two works if they

are 18-by-20 inches or smaller or one if it is larger. Paintings, photography, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, and fiber art are all welcome. The time to bring them in is Thursday, March 5, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 6 and Saturday March 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will run from March 11 to May 6.

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

DNA testing and genealogy sharing session at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogists Wayne Blanchard and Jerry Carbone are teaming up to host a DNA-Genealogy discussion session to share and learn from one another Thursday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at Rockingham Library.

DNA testing doesn’t replace traditional genealogy, but it is another tool to be used with other sources. For those who have taken a DNA test for genealogy, the results can be confusing and it is not always obvious how to use this information. Wayne and Jerry will go beyond the ethnicity estimate and discuss how to search for best relative matches in your family tree. For those willing to share discoveries with the group, be sure to bring your username and password to log into your testing company’s website.

Because millions of people

have taken DNA tests, there are many more opportunities to locate genetic cousins. This information in turn can assist in expanding family trees. Information on how to contact DNA matches will be reviewed. Resource lists and tip sheets will also be provided to encourage further research. For planning purposes, please contact the library at 802-463-4270 or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org to register for this event.

This program is free and open to the public. The Rockingham Library is located at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls and is accessible. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library. The snow date is March 12.

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Compass School Mexican Fiesta fundraiser for juniors—

WESTMINSTER, Vt. — On Saturday, Feb. 29, Compass School will host a Mexican inspired dinner and a musical performance by Eugene and Julian's Latin Party Band, featuring renowned musicians Eugene Uman and Julian Gerstin. All proceeds of the evening benefit the Compass junior class Global Connections trip to Mexico, ensuring every 11th grader can have this experience regardless of family economic circumstance.

Events begin at 6 p.m. with a fabulous, multi-course dinner, along with a silent auction including gift certificates to area businesses, fine arts, furniture, clothing, and much more. The music features Eugene Uman, a

pianist and composer who has performed with greats Sheila Jordan, Jay Clayton, George Mraz, Jimmy Heath, Donald Byrd, and many others. Eugene and Julian will bring their six-piece Latin jazz party band to the fiesta where they will surely be rippling it up!

The Global Connections program focuses on cultural immersion, social justice, and international understanding. It is an integral part of the junior class curriculum, inspiring students to broaden their horizons as global citizens. The Global Connections program began in 2003 and since then Compass has had over 150 students travel to locations including Cuba, Nicaragua, Mexico, India, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Peru, and Spain.

This fundraising dinner and concert is key to making this travel program affordable to all 11th graders regardless of family income. Come hear some great music, enjoy a gala meal, and support this unique opportunity. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased ahead of time from Compass School at 802-463-2525 or can be reserved by emailing deb.hamel@compass-school.org. Compass School is located at 7892 U.S. Route 5, Westminister, Vt. — just south of Bellows Falls village on Route 5. For more information, go to www.compass-school.org.

World Under Wonder presents “The Vagina Monologues”

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. — World Under Wonder will be presenting a staged reading of Eve Ensler's master work of empowerment, “The Vagina Monologues,” as a V-Day benefit event Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. at the World Under Wonder Playhouse in the old Weathersfield Grange Hall, located at 5755 Route 5 in Ascutney. Proceeds from this production will benefit the local women's resource group Upper Valley WISE and

Planned Parenthood.

For over 20 years, “The Vagina Monologues” has given voice to a deeper consciousness in the conversation around ending violence against women. Based on V-Day founder and playwright Eve Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women, this play and the liberation of this one word, “vagina,” countless women throughout the world have taken control of their bodies and their lives.

This performance will be directed by Sam Maskell, who

previously directed last performance of the monologues, and a performance of the play at the Bellows Falls Opera House in 2006. This year's production features a very large and diverse cast of women from the community.

Those seeking tickets and further information can contact World Under Wonder at 603-381-3344, email artdirector@wordlunderwonder.org, or find them online at www.worldunderwonder.org.

HCRS to host art show at River Garden in March

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Health Care and Rehabilitation Services will be hosting a multidisciplinary art show at the River Garden in Brattleboro, Vt., during the month of March. The artwork that will be displayed comes from a vast array of talented artists, both classically trained and outsiders alike, who are part of the HCRS community. The show is expected to represent more than 50 artists who are employed or served by the nonprofit agency.

An opening reception will be held Friday, March 6, during Brattleboro's First Friday Gallery Walk. The reception,

which takes place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., will feature live music performed by Linda and Pete Simoneaux of Bayou X, DJ DIGIO, and Gary Graff with Jedediah Popp, Jack Heddon, and Ethan Watkins-Hazzard. Light refreshments will be served.

HCRS welcomes the community to join them at the opening reception to celebrate creative expression through

the arts. The community is also welcome to view the artwork anytime throughout the month of March, during regular open hours at the River Garden.

HCRS' CEO, George Karabakakis, Ph.D., states, “We're excited to be hosting our third annual art show this year. HCRS staff Jonathan Mattoon and Tristan Bridges — whose passion for the arts led them to organize this month-long art

Springfield High School Theater presents “Clue: On Stage”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield High School Theater Department presents “Clue: On Stage High School Edition,” adapted by David Abbinanti and Jonathan Lynn, based on the Paramount Pictures motion picture, which is based on the Hasbro board game “Clue.” Performances will be at the Springfield High School auditorium Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 7 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. Admission is by donation. Any questions, please call 802-885-7954 or email Rebecca Skrypeck at rskrypeck@ssdvt.org. Check out our Facebook: SHS Theater Dept.

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well...dead. So who-dunit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, “Clue” is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

Riverside Restaurant will



See “Clue: On Stage” at Springfield High School.

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be cooking up a killer buffet on Friday and Saturday night. Dinners will start at 5 p.m. and run till 6:15 p.m. and will take place in the RVTC Cafe — just up the stairs, down the hall, and around the corner from the SHS Auditorium. The menu includes grilled chicken, caesar salad, rolls, mac and cheese, veggie

platter and dips, and beverage table. A dessert and coffee cart will be available on both evenings and during intermission.

If you would like to RSVP for dinner, please email Rebecca Skrypeck at rskrypeck@ssdvt.org or call 802-885-7954 after 3 p.m. Please leave name and number of guests.



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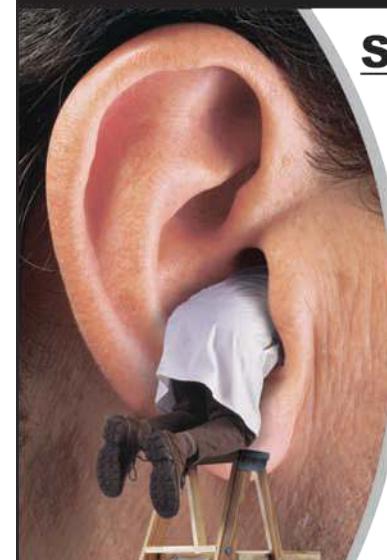


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outdoor news

Area 4-H'ers compete in virtual hippology contest –

REGION – Even a rag-ing snowstorm couldn't keep Windham and Windsor counties 4-H'ers from participating in the annual Southeast 4-H Horse Hippology Contest.

Although originally scheduled for Feb. 8 at Springfield High School, University of Vermont Extension 4-H educator Lisa Muzzey turned the event into a virtual contest, allowing the 4-H'ers to complete the two phases of the competition at their next club meeting or from home. Scores from the written exam and identification stations were tallied to determine placements by age group.

Test questions covered a range of topics including horse breeds and colors, anatomy, health and nutrition, and dressage. The 4-H'ers worked from sheets with photos and pictures to identify the parts of a horse, breeds, and tack and equipment for the identification stations.

4-H horse members from River Riders II, Brookline; Solids, Stripes and Spots 4-H Club, Vernon; Windham Independents, Wilmington; and Windsor Independents, Bethel; took part in the competition. The virtual format allowed clubs and their leaders to discuss and review the answers at the conclusion of the contest, which will help prepare the 4-H'ers for the State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest May 3.

Results were as follows:

Senior, ages 14-18: Lilia Kocsis, first; Whitney Dunklee, second, and Garrette Shanks, third, all from Vernon; Tanya Wheeler, Wilmington, fourth; Jenna Dolloph, Grafton, fifth; Rylie Zager, Gill, Mass., sixth; Makayla LaFlam, Wilmington, seventh; and Britney Zager, Gill, Mass., eighth.

Junior, ages 11-13: Megan Carson, Windham, first; Elizabeth Brown, second, and Viola

Brown, third, both from Vernon; Emily Oliver, Bethel, fourth; and Natalie Noyes, Cambridgeport, fifth.

Rookie, first-time participants, ages 11-18: Emma Strong, Vernon, first.

Beginner, ages 8-10: James Carson, first, and Anna Carson, second, both from Windham; Elyse Thurber, and Westminster, third.

Adult leaders and volunteers who assisted with this event were Cheryl Brown and Kelli Dunklee, both from Vernon; Amy Carson, Windham; Michelle Dolloph, Grafton; Tina Wyman, Cambridgeport; Kelli Mastine and Amanda Oliver, both from Bethel; and Paul Wheeler, Wilmington.

For more information about the 4-H horse program in southeastern Vermont, contact Lisa Muzzey at lisa.muzzey@uvm.edu.

Mammal tracking workshop with

Lynn Levine —

WALPOLE, N.H. – Join forester, naturalist, tracker, and author Lynn Levine for a mammal tracking workshop Sunday, March 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole, N.H. Participants will learn to think like the animals they are tracking and connect with the forested landscape. As we search the landscape for animal

tracks, Lynn will stop at times to give tips on how to identify some of our native trees in winter. There will be a short indoor presen-



Lynn takes groups out tracking. PHOTO PROVIDED

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tation to start the workshop with a chance to examine Levine's collection of scat and fur.

Participants should dress for standing in the cold, and bring snowshoes and ice cleats if you have them. Trail conditions can be unpredictable.

Registration cost includes a copy of Lynn's book, "Mammal Tracks and Scat: Life-size Pocket Guide." Space is limited to 18, and registration is required on EventBrite at www.tinyurl.com/u4s2zxz or call Michael at 603-756-4179.



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<u>Magic Mountain</u>	5 / 6	22"	0" (2/23)
<u>Okemo Mountain Resort</u>	10 / 20	38"	0" (2/24)
<u>Stratton Mountain</u>	9 / 11	21"	0" (2/24)
<u>Sugarbush</u>	14 / 16	61"	0" (2/24)

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Moose hunt proposed to improve moose health —

MONTPELIER, Vt. – A hunt limited to taking about 33 moose in Vermont's Wildlife Management Unit E in the northeastern corner of the state is proposed in order to reduce the impact of winter ticks on the moose population.

The proposal was presented by the Fish and Wildlife Department to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board at its Feb. 19 meeting in Montpelier.

"Moose density in WMU-E is more than one moose per square mile, significantly higher than any other part of the state," said Nick Fortin, Vermont Fish and Wildlife's biologist in charge of the moose project.

"Moose densities greater than one per square mile support high numbers of winter ticks, which negatively impact moose health and survival."

The Fish and Wildlife Department partnered with University of Vermont researchers to conduct a study of moose health and survival in WMU-E. The results of this study, in which 126 moose – 36 cows and 90 calves – were fitted with GPS tracking collars, clearly showed that chronic high winter tick loads have caused the health of moose in that part of the state to be very poor.

Survival of adult moose remained relatively good, but birth rates were very low and less than half of the calves survived their first winter.

The goal of the Fish and Wildlife Department's 2020 moose season recommendation, which was accepted by the Fish and Wildlife Board at their Feb. 19 meeting, is to improve the health of moose in WMU-E by reducing the impact of winter ticks.

The department would issue 55 either-sex moose hunt-

ing permits in WMU-E for the moose seasons this October, which would result in an estimated harvest of 21 bulls, 10 cows, and two calves.

"This permit recommendation is a conservative first step to addressing winter tick impacts on moose in WMU-E," added Fortin. "Given the poor health of the moose population in that area and a clearly identified cause, we need to take action to address this issue. Without intervention to reduce the moose population, high tick loads will continue to impact the health of moose in that region for many years."

The 2020 Moose Season recommendation and information about the moose study are available on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Comments may be sent to ANR.FWPUBLICCOMM@vermont.gov.

Snow goose hunting opportunity —

REGION – Vermont's spring snow goose hunt will be held from March 11 through April 24. Since 2009, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has annually issued a "Conservation Order" to allow the reduction of the population of migrating greater and lesser snow geese as well as Ross' geese. The numbers of these geese have grown so high that they are destroying habitat for themselves and other species.

Eight states in the Atlantic Flyway – Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Vermont – will hold a similar spring Snow Goose Conservation Order in 2020.

The Vermont 2020 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order will occur statewide. The daily bag limit is 15 snow geese, and there is no posse-

tion limit. Waterfowl hunting regulations in effect last fall will apply during the 2020 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order with the exception that un-plugged shotguns and electronic calls may be used and shooting hours will be extended until one half hour after sunset.

A 2020 Spring Snow Goose Harvest Permit is required and is available at no charge on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt. Hunters may also call the Essex Junction Office at 802-878-1564 to request a permit.

Hunters will need a 2020 Vermont hunting license, a 2020 Harvest Information Program number, a 2019 federal migratory hunting stamp, and a 2020 Vermont migratory waterfowl stamp. Hunters can register with the Harvest Information Program by going to Vermont Fish

and Wildlife's website or by calling toll free 1-877-306-7091.

Hunters who obtain a permit will be required to complete an online survey after April 10 and prior to May 23, 2020, whether they hunted or not. Hunters without access to the internet may obtain a copy of the survey by calling 802-878-1564.

"The breeding population of greater snow geese has grown from approximately 50,000 birds in the mid-1960s to 714,000 birds today," said David Sausville, Vermont's waterfowl project biologist. "This increase has resulted in damage to agricultural crops and marsh vegetation in staging and wintering areas from Quebec to North Carolina. The Atlantic Flyway has established a goal of 500,000 greater snow geese to bring populations in balance with their habitat and reduce crop depredation."

Vermont Adaptive files Act 250 permit for adaptive sports facility at Sugarbush —

KILLINGTON, Vt. – Last week, officials from Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports filed an Act 250 permit application with the state of Vermont to build a new \$2 million adaptive sports facility at Sugarbush Resort's Mt. Ellen. The application states that Vermont Adaptive is the applicant and Sugarbush Resort is the landowner. If approved, Vermont Adaptive's Executive Director Erin Fernandez said the organization will break ground on the new facility in the spring.

"We're in the final stages of our fundraising and are grateful for the continued support from Win Smith, Sugarbush, and its new owner, Alterra, to allow us to build our second adaptive sports facility in the state right here at our home at Mt. Ellen,"

said Fernandez. "Friends and participants of Vermont Adaptive's programs at Sugarbush have pledged a generous challenge to match every dollar up to \$1 million for this Sugarbush facility. Sugarbush officials have granted a long-term lease of the land necessary to build upon. We saw huge growth in our programs and the number of people who can participate in year-round sports when we built our first adaptive sports facility at Pico Mountain in 2013."

Architectural plans, renderings, and permitting began in spring 2018 for the new 4,000-square-foot adaptive sports facility. Plans for the Sugarbush facility were designed by Jeff Dunham Architecture. Fernandez said that in addition to donations from individuals, the organization is seeking in-kind support in the form of building materials and more.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Vermont Adaptive in their efforts to build a new adaptive sports facility here at Mt. Ellen," said Win Smith, president of Sugarbush Resort.

Vermont Adaptive, nationally recognized for its year-round daily adaptive sports programs for people with any disability, has a total goal of \$4 million to build, open, and sustain this facility at Sugarbush, as well as to build a new permanent home on the Burlington Waterfront and Bike Path, and to create a sustainability fund to support these programs and facilities into the future.

To donate or inquire about naming opportunities, contact Fernandez at 802-353-8129 or director@vermontadaptive.org. For more information about the new adaptive sports facility at Sugarbush, visit www.vermontadaptive.org/permanent-homes.



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pets of the week



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cleanouts

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home improvement

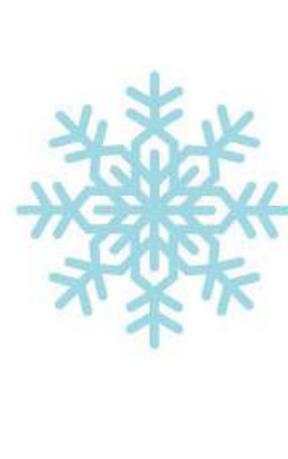
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masonry

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calendar

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

FEB. 28 -

CHESTER, Vt. – Make Stretchy Mala Bracelets at Community Art Garden in Chester Friday, Feb. 28, from 6-7 p.m. Create two friendship mala bracelets with Shannon Parker of Wisdom River Designs. Choose from a variety of precious and semi-precious mala beads and learn how to finish off the bracelet with a crimp cover. Beads and stringing material is provided, but feel free to bring any beads that you would like to use in your design.

FEB. 29 -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Animal Reiki I Workshop

held Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at Studio Time and Space and the Springfield Humane Society. Enjoy learning the guidelines for sharing Reiki with small animals, receive the Animal Reiki I attunement, and practice using the guidelines in the afternoon with the Springfield Humane Society animals. For pricing, details, and to register, please visit www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com/current-classes or email Lauren at laurenpottervt@gmail.com.

MARCH 5 -

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Kitchen Cupboard Medicine Series, Class #2, Thursday, March 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join Helena Wu (Mama

Wu) at Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry to learn how herbs and spices can be used to treat tummy troubles. Contact Helena for questions or to register at 802-824-9950 or email mamawusgoodmedicine.com.

THURSDAYS -

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

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 p.m., 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 Gosselin, \$250.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

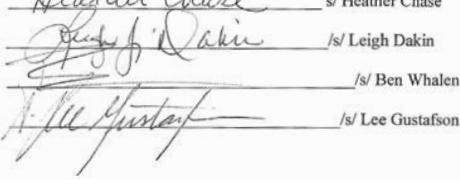
ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691. (This article is by petition)

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

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

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

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


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

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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.

CLUBS

FEB. 29 -

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Snowshoe in the trail-less Aiken Wilderness with Green Mountain Club Manchester Saturday, Feb. 29. Meet at 8 a.m. at the south side of the Shaw's parking lot in Manchester Center to carpool to the parking at the meeting place at the Aiken Wilderness. Alternative meeting place is on Route 9 - contact the hike leader for directions. Hike distance will depend on snow conditions.

This will be a map and compass hike, so the group will be staying together at all times. Bring extra layers, wool or fleece hat, extra mittens, hand warmers, snacks, lunch, fluids, and headlamps. Poles are advisable. RSVP mandatory to Dave Ratti at 802-366-0698 or dbrspruce@gmail.com.

TUESDAYS -

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main Street, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite

Cavendish Fire District 2

The Cavendish Volunteer Fire Department has identified the need for a first responder service to operate for the town of Cavendish District 2 and is applying for licensure by Vermont Department of Health. The service proposes to begin operation by July 1st with the geographic boundaries of Cavendish district 2. In accordance with 24V.S.A. Emergency Medical Services Statute, public comments are invited to be received by March 17, 2020.

Address comments to:
 Vermont Department of Health
 Emergency Medical Services Office
 PO Box 70
 Burlington Vt 05402-0070



INVITATION TO BID

Early Education Services, a division of Windham Southeast School District is seeking bids for the purchase and installation of a specific Mitsubishi Heat Pump System for our 54 Buck Drive site located in Westminster, VT. Work must be conducted and completed during the last two weeks of August 2020.

Equipment:

- (1) Mitsubishi MXZ-8C48NAHZ-U1 Outdoor
- (2) MSZ-GL15NA-U1 Wall Mount Unit 15,000 BTU
- (2) MSZ-GL09NA-U1 Wall Mount Unit 9,000 BTU
- (1) PAC-MKA51BC Refrigeration Branch Box

Labor should include: Installation of: Equipment, insulated refrigeration copper line sets, drain work with condensation pumps as needed, cover guard pipe cover for any exposed refrigeration pipes or wire, electrical materials (disconnect switches, conduit, MC cable, breakers and wire)

Walk throughs will be available upon request. Contact Mike Courtemanche, Operations Manager via email mcourtemanche@wsesdvt.org or (802) 254-3742 x104.

Sealed bids must be received by March 30, 2020 at 5 pm mailed to:

Early Education Services
 Attn: Mike Courtemanche
 130 Birge Street
 Brattleboro, VT 05301

Public Bid Opening: March 31, 2020 at 9:00 am - EES small conference room, 130 Birge Street

bank drive-through.

Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President Mark Huntley at ludlowrotary@gmail.com.

THURSDAYS -

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

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.

Band. All proceeds of the evening benefit the Compass junior class Global Connections trip to Mexico. For details, visit www.compass-school.org.

MARCH 1 -

LUDLOW, Vt. – Free Skating for Prevention event hosted by the Black River Area Community Coalition.

Enjoy two hours of skating at the Okemo Mountain Ice House Sunday, March 1, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free. There is a cost for rentals. Free hot chocolate and treats provided. The mission of BRACC is to take a proactive approach to preventing youth substance use and violence by promoting a healthy, involved community supporting all youth in safe environments. For more information, please call the coalition office at 802-228-7878.

MARCH 6 -

GRAFTON, Vt. – Moonlight Snowshoe Hike organized by The Nature Museum is scheduled Friday, March 6, from 7 – 9 p.m. Join us at the home of Will and Laurie Danforth as we hike under the light of an (almost) full moon.

We'll head inside for a mug of cocoa, or a glass of wine, in front of the glowing fire. Snow conditions will dictate whether this is a snowshoe or a micro-spikes hike. Bring both if you have them. Participation is limited and registration is required. Visit nature-museum.org to register and for details.

MONDAYS -

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Rod & Gun Club will host

TOWN OF CHESTER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Chester would like to extend an invitation to get involved in your community. There are volunteer positions that are open for reappointment. These are great opportunities to serve your community and get involved.

Planning Commission Member – 3 year term
 Development Review Board Member – 3 year term

All interested parties should send their *letter of interest no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 12, 2020* to the Town Manager's Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

Selectboard Administrative Assistant (SBAAs) Town of Weston

General duties

Working with the Selectboard, duties include preparing agendas for and taking minutes of Selectboard meetings (usually 2 hours starting at 7:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month); posting minutes and other notices; responding to phone calls and emails; meeting and assisting members of the community; researching issues; typing and mailing correspondence; keeping files; assisting the Road Foreman with clerical duties. Flexible hours with a minimum of two per day, Monday through Friday, mornings preferred. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and email required.

Optional additional duty: Grant Writing

Every year the Town of Weston applies for several grants for assistance with road and bridge maintenance, watershed management, and flood control. This function can be included in the SBAAs responsibilities. If Grant Writing is included additional hours will be required.

Compensation will depend on experience and duties undertaken.

Please send resume and references to Town of Weston Selectboard, PO Box 98, Weston, VT 05161 or email to selectboard@westonvt.org. Interviews will be scheduled starting February 25, 2020.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

Monday Night Bingo, starting at 7 p.m., at their location Route 100 North, one mile north of the town center. For more information, call 802-824-6577.

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

PUTNEY, Vt. – Wound care for feet will be available at Putney Community Cares on the first Tuesday of every month, from 12-3 p.m., with Margaret Heale, R.N. of Heale Wound Care. Call 802-376-8249 or email mheale@healewoundcare.com for scheduling.

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

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.

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassett's Grange holds Bingo every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Route 103 in Chester. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call 802-591-4290 for details.

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

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Round and Square Dance at the Gassett's Grange on the first Saturday of every month from 7-10 p.m. Door donation per person.

KIDS' CORNER

FEB. 27 -
LUDLOW, Vt. – Read with Sailor the Reading Dog Thursday, Feb. 27, from 3-4 p.m., at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Sailor and his friend Arlene visit once a month and are always excited to meet new friends. Sailor especially

enjoys being read to. Reading to a dog is known to strengthen readers' confidence while providing an opportunity to practice literacy skills.

FEB. 29 -
GRAFTON, Vt. – Science Saturday "Long Winter's Nap" for school aged children Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10 – 11:30 a.m., at the Nature Museum in Grafton. Come learn about true, and not so true, hibernators and make your own hibernation hide-out in the woods. Tickets in advance and at the door.

MARCH 7 -
GRAFTON, Vt. – Science Saturday for school aged children from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Nature Museum in Grafton. Saturday, March 7 program is "Who Can See Me?" Play some camouflage games, then see if you can be spotted in the woods. Tickets in

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Town Offices 3rd floor Conference Room to review a minor subdivision application. The proposed 2-lot minor subdivision is located at 25-37 Oak Meadow Way, the Applicants are Jim Mullen and Virginia Voronin.



TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

Town Right-of-Way Surveying RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for Town Right-of-Way Surveying. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "TOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY SURVEYING RFP", no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Contact Everett Hammond, Public Works Director, Town of Rockingham for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1116 or it can be obtained online at rockbf.org under the "Bids/Request for Proposals" tab.



Imerys Talc, the leader in the talc mining and processing, has openings for an Electrician, Mine Manager, and an Operator C in Ludlow, Vermont. The ideal candidate(s) for these roles will support the locations health, safety, environmental and quality programs (HSEQ).

Electrician - The Electrician performs layouts, installation, repair, programming, maintenance and replacement of electrical, PLC components. Runs wire, cable, and conduit. Position pays at \$27.19.

Operator C - This position operates packaging equipment, including hauling product away from the packaging station. Performs other duties related to loading and shipping to accomplish a safe and efficient operation. (2nd and 3rd Shifts available). Position starts at \$19.20 per hour, after successfully completing probationary period wage increases to \$21.33.

Operator B - This position operates plant/packaging equipment and forklift, loader, and manlift. Insures bulk trucks and bulk railcars are loaded properly. Position starts at \$20.14 per hour, after successfully completing probationary period wage increases to \$22.38.

Mine Manager - The Mine Manager leads and manages all activities at the Argonaut Mine for safe, clean, efficient Operations. Responsible for supervision of the mine contractors such that mining activities are accomplished safely and in accordance with Imerys health, safety, environmental and quality procedures and consistent with the desired culture of the Vermont Operations.

For more complete information and to apply go to www.indeed.com and search under Imerys - Ludlow, Vermont.

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advance and at the door.

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

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

TUESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Community Art Garden is having Family Art Class for babies, toddlers, and

siblings every Monday from Feb. 24 through March 30, from 10-11 a.m. This is a class for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Older siblings welcome as well. This is a time to bond with your young children in a safe, fun environment with other families. Sensory art stations, messy art play, child-led process art, take home projects.

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

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –
Tinkers at Community Art Garden Tuesdays from Feb. 25 through March 31, from 3-4:30 p.m. Loose parts art exploration geared towards artists who like to tinker and construct. First project will be to build a robot that really moves. Each participant will purchase a tinker kit, which includes a

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE POLICE OFFICER

The Town of Ludlow invites applications for the position of Police Officer. The successful candidate must be 18 years of age or older, be certified or certifiable as a Police Officer by the VT Criminal Justice Council (VCJTC), possess a valid VT driver's license and be able to perform all essential functions of the job. This is a full-time, year-round union position. Competitive wage with municipal benefit package. Send resume in confidence with references to Jeffrey Billings, Chief of Police by email to jeffrey.billings@vermont.gov or to Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Truck Driver/Laborer. This is an entry level full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow from roads and sidewalks, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Must possess a valid Vermont Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, dump body and sander, loader, backhoe, mower, trimmer. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, equipment operation and mechanics is a plus. Municipal Benefit Package supplied. Send resume by email to ludlowhighway@tds.net or visit the Municipal Office for an application: Ludlow Municipal Office, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Select Board of the Town of Ludlow, Vermont invites applications for the following positions for FY 2021:

All terms are one year except where noted.

Black River Senior Center Representative

Emergency Management Director

Emergency Management Assistant

Fence Viewers (3 positions)

Planning Commission: One, 4-year term

Pound Keeper

Recreation Committee: One, 3-year term

Recreation Committee: Three, 1-year terms

Senior Solutions – Council on Aging

Representative: 3-year term

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission Representative

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission Alternate

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All interested parties should submit a letter of interest no later than March 23, 2020 to Scott Murphy, Municipal Manager, email village@tds.net or call the Municipal Office at 228-2841. Appointments will be made at the Ludlow Select Board's regular meeting in April. The Town of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

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CHARLESTOWN,

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

takes place 9:30-11 a.m. Come on over for crafts, activities, and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Town Library

story time, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Free and open to the public with stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. For more information, call the

library at 802-885-3108.

WEDNESDAYS –

WINDSOR, Vt. – Preschool and toddler

story time every Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. Each week features a theme, music, stories, and a craft. For more information, go to www.windsorpubliclibrary.org.



TRSU SUMMER CAMP IS LOOKING FOR COUNSELORS AND JUNIOR COUNSELORS FOR THIS SUMMER

Two (2) COUNSELORS - College students studying or majoring in the field of Education or a related field and/or someone who has a minimum of 5 years success working with school age children. Responsible for planning and executing the educational program in accordance with the mission and goals of the TRSU After School Programs. Responsible for the general supervision and daily operations of all children attending Camp Go WILD.

Three (3) JUNIOR COUNSELORS - High school students, at least 16 years old, with a desire to work with children and have experience successfully working with school age children.

All counselors must be sensitive, mature individuals who relate well to children and adults. Must be responsible individuals. Must be able to resolve any conflicts in a professional and courteous manner.

Individuals must present with high energy and an enthusiasm for learning with children. Should be curious about the world, and interested in engaging students to learn about the world around them through hands on learning activities. Individuals must be passionate about the work they are doing and the potential impact they have on camper's experience.

Go WILD is an outdoor summer camp. All staff should be prepared to be outside rain or shine for approximately 8 hours per day. This is a physically demanding position, and requires energetic individuals who enjoy being outdoors.

Please send a Letter of Interest and a Resume, include 3 references to:

Venissa White
TRSU After School Program Director
609 VT Route 103
Ludlow, VT 05149

EOE

INVITATION to BID TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION for LUDLOW MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Purchase of School Bus

The Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District is entertaining bids for the purchase a 48 passenger school bus.

Bid Specifications:

Bid Specifications can be picked up at Two Rivers Supervisory Union office between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Bid Specifications may also be requested by emailing cheryl.hammond@trsuv.org.

The bus would need to be available to put in service on July 1, 2020.

Bid Due Date:

All bid submissions must be delivered no later than 3 PM on March 5, 2020. All bids are to be submitted to the following address in a sealed envelope marked "LMHUUSD Bus Bid." Bids will be opened at 3PM on March 5th at Two Rivers Supervisory Union.

Send Bids to:

Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager
Two Rivers Supervisory Union
609 VT Route 103 S
Ludlow, VT 05149
(802) 875-6433

Terms:

1. Each bidder shall clearly specify payment terms for their proposal.
2. All bids will be considered. Make clear any options or variances.
3. Bids should be valid for a minimum of 60 days.

CONTRACT AWARD:

The Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids which may be submitted. It also reserves the right to award a contract to the bidder who, in the opinion of the School Board, will best meet the needs of the school regardless of price.

calendar

windsorlibrary.org or call 802-674-2556.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Play group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center, from 9:30-11 a.m. Come join the fun!



Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204.

THURSDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Open Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., at Studio Momentum, 71 Main Street. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years. Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or info@myrecenter.org.

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

Center at 802-674-6783.

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

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

SATURDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar

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LIBRARIES

MARCH 5 –
BELLows FALLS, Vt. – Genealogists Wayne Blanchard and Jerry Carbone are teaming up to host a DNA-genealogy discussion session to share and learn from one another Thursday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Rockingham Library.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Please

join us to welcome author Rebecca Rule back to Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Thursday, March 5, from 6-7 p.m., to discuss her book "Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire." Drawing on research from her book, Rebecca regales audiences with stories of the rituals, traditions, and history of town meeting. This event is free to the public, and made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

THURSDAYS –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Join the Westminster West Public Library for Community Board Game Night on the first Thursday of the month through May 7. Teens and adults are invited to

join their fellow board gamers for a fun night of strategy and community! Bring your own favorite game or play one of ours. Multiple game tables will be available.

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

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

MUSIC & THEATER

FEB. 26 – MARCH 15 – WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. – Northern Stage Presents "Citrus" from Feb. 26 – March 15 at the Barrette Center for the Arts in White River Jct. A riveting choreopoem, "Citrus" chronicles the struggle and resilience of black women in America from 1840 through the present day with music, dance, and spoken word. For show times and tickets, visit www.northernstage.org.

FEB. 29 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – "Sound of Gratitude" benefit concert Saturday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. at Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd. in Charlestown. This classical music concert will be put on by three up-and-coming female musicians from Charlestown, N.H. and Raymond, Maine. Featuring soprano, piano, and flute, net proceeds will go towards David's House, in Lebanon, N.H. Admission by donation.

MARCH 7 – WESTON, Vt. – "Half the Sky," winner of Weston Playhouse's New Musical Award, will be performing two free shows at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm Saturday, March 7 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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 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.

WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main Street, in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.braccvt.org.



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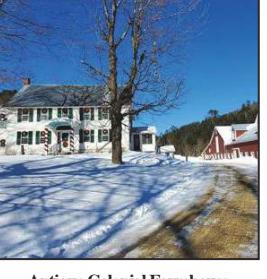
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Restored 1800's home offers lots of interior room with office, eat in Kitchen with pantry, formal dining room with built ins. Spacious living room with access to the porch, oversized bath with claw foot tub, curved hall leading to a grand staircase, upstairs with 4-5 bedrooms. Level lawn and two bay barn. A nice find in today's market. \$149,900

1.2+/- acre parcel located on a corner with access to town water/sewer. There are bonus features, including a hydrant at the corner, sloping topography that gets you above the rest with valley view potential and the possibility of subdivision. \$29,900

On the Quiet Side Of Town. This 34.4+/- acre parcel offers a great opportunity to own a large parcel of land at a very affordable price. Sloping topography offers seasonal views of the Connecticut River and the hillsides of New Hampshire. Mostly wooded for selective clearing. Power at the road. \$59,900

Don't miss out on this beautiful home. This three bedroom cape style home is situated on a lovely one acre lot with plenty of space for gardens and flowers. This home is located just a short walk away

to the North Springfield Recreation Area, where the family can enjoy walks, birdwatching, snowshoeing and more. Step into the large living room for family time or into the oversized family kitchen/dining room with a beautiful stone floor. A master bedroom is conveniently located on the first floor and two additional bedrooms with storage on the second floor. A breezeway to the 2-car garage keeps you dry on those snowy/rainy days. The garden shed provides space for all your gardening tools and the deck offers a relaxing place to enjoy the sunsets. \$169,500



A good start. This classic cape style farmhouse offers a back porch, 2-3 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, living room and a 3/4 bath. Located on a State Road the property has easy access. A bright and sunny location with barn and 4+/- acres offering a great opportunity for extensive gardens, lawn or pasture. JUST REDUCED TO \$129,900

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS – BELLows FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous Meeting, from 7-8 p.m., 44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507.

TUESDAYS – WINDSOR, Vt. – Cedar Hill Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand when things are difficult or isolating. First Tuesday of every month, from 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Dr. off Route 5.

WEDNESDAYS – 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 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – TOPS at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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 Claire Bemis. Free. Call 802-365-3763.