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# Merry Christmas!



## Westminster Historical Society digital clothing project

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – With the pandemic restrictions, the Westminster Historical Society has had to shut down access to their historical exhibits. Their space at Town Hall and the historic Bradley Law Office have been closed to the public since last spring. But the volunteers who staff the society have been busy on their computers and devices bringing historic clothing patterns to accessibility in a modern way.

Former Westminster resident Sonia Scott, an historic reenactor who, like many reenactors, makes her own authentic costumes, elected to do an internship with the society based on early 1800s clothing found in a trunk in the Bradley Law Office when the building was transferred to the society from the state of Vermont in 2014.

William Czar Bradley was a



A gown of early 1800s origin found in the trunk in the Bradley Law Office.

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lawyer, teacher, and politician who is believed to have practiced law in the office from the time it was built around 1810 until he retired in 1857. It then stood virtually untouched until it was given to the state of Vermont from the estate of William Bradley Willard in 1998. The trunk full of clothing and everything else in the building had apparently remained unopened and untouched until society members be-

gan exploring the building in 2014. Despite some mouse and other minor damage, they were excited to find what they describe as “a snapshot of life in the early 1800s.”

Alice Caggaino, a member and volunteer with the society, says, “Sonia’s work is taking us into the 21st century with a new kind of offering.”

Scott’s internship was in a program in pursuit of a certificate in Digital Curation from the Johns Hopkins University Advanced Academic Program in Baltimore, Md. She took pieces of the original clothing that had been found and created digital patterns that reenactors and historians can use to make authentic reproductions. She says she had the idea of making patterns when she first started reenacting in 2012, but she didn’t have the opportunity to do it until last year.

She says she found similar projects using various software programs, some of them

3D, “But no one had used the drafting software I did to create sewing patterns for surviving historical garments.” She worked primarily from May through August. She then worked with Dan Axtel of the society to upload images of her work on the society’s website.

Caggaino says, “The society is delighted with the results of Sonia’s work. Since we have never engaged an intern before, this internship was a new experience for us... We all enjoyed ourselves.”

Scott is pleased as well. She says, “My hope is that collecting and documenting surviving everyday clothing we can expand the breadth of representation and quality of historical interpretation. Most of the patterns available today are limited to simple garments, extravagant clothing belong-

ing to higher classes, or special garments that were worn on special occasions... However, in smaller institutions like Westminster Historical Society more everyday or lower class garments were preserved accidentally like in the Bradley Law Office. Digitizing them with my process opens up a lot of possibilities, as the only cost is labor. All the software is free and open source and the only other things needed are decent math skills and a good tape measure.”

Sonia’s work can be viewed on the Westminster Historical Society’s website, [www.westminstervthistory.org](http://www.westminstervthistory.org), or her resulting academic paper, “Fashioning Bygone Fashions: Creating Digital Sewing Patterns from Historic Garments,” through Johns Hopkins University.

## The Voices of Resilience

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another – physically, emotionally, socially, and financially. It is therapeutic for community members to reflect, process, and share with others, the impact of this global health crisis and its effects, and one of the most effective ways this can be accomplished is through the love, creativity, and communication of art. Enter the “Voices of Resilience” project.

With this in mind, the ACEs in Action, a group of community members and community service providers from northern Windham and southern Windsor counties have been meeting each month for a few years

to promote education around adverse childhood experiences and building resilience.

“When the pandemic hit, we struggled about what we could do. There were so many other organizations sharing information, providing activity bags, and distributing food, and we didn’t want to duplicate those efforts,” Ellen Taetzsch said. Taetzsch works for an organization called Building Bright Futures and also contributes to ACEs in Action.

“We know the healing power of telling your story and also hearing other stories, so we thought that through a project we could provide a little relief to the community and a time capsule for future generations. We also wanted to make sure that people could express themselves in all sorts of ways such

as drawing, video, poem, interview, and more.”

Building Bright Futures looks at how the system supports children and their families, and Taetzsch assists ACEs in Action as the point person for information and creating a subcommittee to work on the Voices of Resilience project. It is a collaborative effort between many organizations such as the Springfield Restorative Justice Program, Vermont’s Economic Services Division/Research UP, the Springfield School District, the Mount Ascutney Prevention Partnership, and more.

“This project brings together many partners to ensure that the community knows they are not alone and that together we can all make it through. I simply help to facilitate meetings and make sure that the information

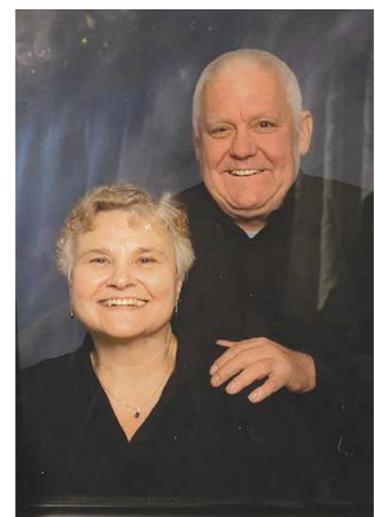
gets out to the people who are interested.”

Voices of Resilience is an ongoing project and recently received a \$3,000 grant to help support the work. Submissions are still being accepted with a likely deadline scheduled for the spring. “Currently, we are only accepting submissions online due to Covid-19,” Taetzsch added.

“We will display all that we receive on our website as long as the material is original work and appropriate for all ages. Eventually, if Covid and funding is in our favor, we would love to display the artworks in towns and create a book of works to share as well.”

To learn more about the Voices of Resilience project and to submit your works, visit [www.vtvoicesofresilience.org](http://www.vtvoicesofresilience.org).

## 50-year anniversary



Nicole Robarge, and eight grandchildren David, Branden, Levi, Eden, Logan, Elizabeth, Bryce, and Addisyn. Happy Anniversary!

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SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – David and Maureen Waryas Robarge of Saxtons River, Vt. will be celebrating 50 years of marriage. They were married at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls Dec. 31, 1970. They were the third generation to wed on this date. They have four children Becky and David Bryant, Joel and Shana Robarge, Melissa and Adam Benson, and Joshua and

# Rockingham Selectboard discuss library budget proposal

**BY BETSY THURSTON**  
*The Shopper*

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the Rockingham Free Public Library budget and future maintenance for the Town Hall.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup explained that three flat sections of the Town Hall roof needed new membranes costing \$120,000 and other repairs included brick pointing for \$16,000, and the clock area for \$10,000.

Chair Gaetano Putignano said

that brick pointing was in the budget.

Library director Celina Houline presented the fiscal year 2022 library budget proposal of \$428,286 level-funded with tax appropriation of \$379,250 with a total budget decrease of \$13,425.

She explained that last year fiscal 2020 ended up under budget, but she projected that the current budget of fiscal 2021 would be over by \$8,600 due to the unplanned cut to tax appropriation. She said the library would continue fundraising with the annual appeal and

book sale.

Peter Golec appreciated that salaries were consistent, but was “confused that with Covid [the budget was] still at 25% of salary and benefits.”

Putignano wondered if there were any custodial, heating, and cooling savings and asked, “Wouldn’t it be under budget?” since with the library was closed.

Houline explained that although the library was closed to the public through July, they offered curbside service in April, which was “labor intensive,” and library staff worked in the building every day, Monday through

Friday. She felt the budget was responsible and explained they were very busy offering online services.

Houline said, “We did cut materials, but we didn’t want to be too drastic,” and said about next year, “I hate to cut any further than this when the demand is going to be even greater.”

Putignano said, “I’m personally not prepared to accept this budget.” He explained that many of the town’s departments were “providing 100% service...at a significantly reduced budget.”

He continued, “Through hard work...we’ve reduced spending.

I don’t see that here in this budget.”

Susan Hammond clarified, “Library staff were very busy working on reaching out to community members, accessing Covid-19 relief programs,” during the beginning of the pandemic.

Putignano said the majority of spending on fiscal 2021 was on the facility and staff.

Houline explained they provided information for Rockingham Help and Helpers. “We answered a lot of reference calls to support local community groups and our residents...We

need the staff to provide all of these services.”

Ben Masure said, “I agree the budget seems high for what’s going on right now. I personally think the library budget has been way too high for years.”

Peter Golec suggested instead of going line by line, the board give reductions to each department. Pickup agreed they could work on that but explained that further reductions might eliminate programs.

The Selectboard’s next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 5. The Joint Board meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m.

## Birgess Schemm is BFUHS Student of the Month

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – It is a pleasure to announce that Birgess Schemm has been named the November Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Birgess, a senior, is the daughter of Oliver Schemm of Grafton.

An extremely talented student who dedicates herself to any task that is asked of her, Birgess’s greatest strengths include academics and a strong work ethic. She is thoughtful, attentive to detail, and is never afraid to ask questions or lead class discussions. Always willing to put in the time to improve, Birgess actively seeks feedback and produces quality work that exceeds expectations.

One of Birgess’s greatest attributes is her sense of humil-

ity, and she is a pleasure to have in class. She is never one to boast about her accomplishments, and she accepts praise graciously with a polite smile. She is, in the true sense of the phrase, a well-rounded young woman. Birgess has such a positive attitude, and she lifts people up. It is amazing to witness a young woman of her age who transcends life challenges in the way that she does. Instead of judging, she understands. She comes to school every day, ready to learn as an active participant in class, and she is well respected by the BFUHS community.

As a true leader, Birgess is a positive role model to all. She is a valued member of the school’s Student Council. She brings



**Birgess Schemm.**  
PHOTO PROVIDED

creativity to the group, a plethora of unique ideas, and the willingness to participate in all fundraisers and community-based activities. Birgess is also a four-year varsity player for our school’s soccer team, and in addition to this, she also joined the cross-country team this fall. Always interested in improving BFUHS and the general community, Birgess consistently participates in community service and community outreach activities.

Clearly deserving of this award, BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Birgess represent us this month.

## American Legion Auxiliary kicks off BFUHS senior project

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Pierce-Lawton Unit 37 American Legion Auxiliary is supporting local student Emma Graham of Bellows Falls Union High School in her campaign to fundraise for Stop Soldier Suicide.

Auxiliary Present Marcy Smith will mentor Graham, and Unit 37 will be assisting Emma with her project. Recently, they kicked off her fundraising campaign, and they challenge local businesses to participate.

In her own words, Graham writes, “My name is Emma Graham, and I am a senior at Bellows Falls Union High School. Here at BFUHS, we must complete a senior project in order to graduate. There aren’t many restrictions on what you may choose to do for a senior project, but it should be something that interests you and you enjoy doing.



**Emma Graham.**  
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“For my senior project, I have decided to bike to raise money for veteran suicide prevention. This is a meaningful cause to me and I am hoping to raise awareness on the importance of addressing the mental wellness of our veterans and making sure they have the resources they need to live a quality life. Veterans have a 50% higher suicide

rate than the national average, and the least we can do is show them our support and help reduce this number. No one who has served our country should ever feel alone.

“I am looking for donations from local businesses to help make this project a success. My goal is to bike 500 miles, and a small donation can be made for every mile I bike. Due to the weather, I will be biking on my stationary bike and tracking the miles on my phone. I am hoping to raise \$1,000, and I plan on donating the money to Stop Soldier Suicide, a veteran founded organization that is leading the fight against soldier suicide by providing the mental health support and personalized care our veterans need.

“Please contact me if you would like to contribute to my cause. My phone number is 802-289-9447 and my email is emma.graham@wnesu.com. Thank you for your consideration.”

## WRVT Sticker Shock campaign

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – During the first weeks of December, West River Valley Thrives staff and members of Leland and Gray’s Above the

Influence youth group donned masks and loaded up with hand sanitizer to do a modified version of its Bi-Annual Sticker Shock campaign.

ATI youth work to inspire people to make healthy choices through fun, engaging, and educational activities, with an emphasis on substance use prevention. Twice a year these students organize a Sticker Shock campaign. This activity is designed to deter adults from purchasing alcohol for minors. We partner with local businesses to have ATI students go into their stores and place stickers that contain information about the penalties and negative effects associated with distributing alcohol to minors. It also serves as a reminder that providing for minors is illegal and could result in up to \$2,000 in fines and a two-year prison sentence.

This winter’s sticker shock looked like none before. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, what is normally a large social activity became a small personal one. A team of one adult and one student met at the retailer closest to that student’s home, in an effort to reduce transportation barriers. While Covid-19 restrictions limited turnout, participating youth commented on how nice it was to “have something to do.”

During the event, students shared some compelling data from the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey on underage drinking with store management, including the fact that 70% of Windham County high-schoolers believe that it would be easy for them to get alcohol. This ease of access likely contributes to Windham County’s higher rates of youth alcohol use and binge drinking compared to the Vermont state average.

Thrives staff and Leland & Gray ATI youth would like to thank our partners River Bend Farm Market (Townshend), Harmonyville Store, Newfane Market, and D&K’s Jamaica Grocery for recognizing the need to remind adults about the ramifications of distributing alcohol to minors and for their continued support of our Sticker Shock campaign. As we head into the holiday season, this reminder is especially important to help keep our communities’ youth and young adults safe and healthy.



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## Springfield resident named to Dean’s List

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Ashley Quelch, a Springfield High School graduate and a current sophomore at Franklin Pierce University, has been named to the Dean’s List for the 2020 fall semester. Ashley is a psychology major and finished with a 3.82 GPA for the semester. Ashley is the daughter of Shawn and Ania Quelch of North Springfield.

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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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## Perils of the plowman

Well, we finally had a good storm. How did you handle it? Below is how friends and I dealt with it.

**My place**  
Route 11, where I live, was snow covered with very few venturing out. Mainly all I saw were plow trucks out earning a living. It was after dark when I looked out in my driveway.

Reggie Munson, my plowman, was stuck in the mouth of my driveway. I hurriedly went out to see if I could help. I threw on my coat and Sorels. I didn't bother trying them. I waded through the waist deep snow towards Reggie. Reggie said, "It's ok, Ronnie, I called a friend to pull me out."

I continued forward but somehow managed to fall over backwards. Here I floundered. Reggie said, "Ronnie, do you need help?" "No, I'll make it," I replied. As I thrashed around in the snow, I dug in deeper. I laid in the snow attempting to do sit-ups so I could get up to no avail.

Finally, I rolled over and put my bare hands down to push myself up on my hands and knees. Henry says I picked a hell of a time to make snow angels. I had a shovelful of snow down my butt and a shovelful down the back of my neck. I was soaked when I came in. I got 38 inches at my place.

**Popple Dungeon bus**  
I got to recalling storms from decades ago. In grade school, school was seldom canceled by a storm. Then I remembered the Popple Dungeon school bus.

I called my classmate Nancy Watkins Lockerby for her memories. Nancy grew up in the Dungeon. Harold Rowe drove the Dungeon bus. Everyone knew Harold as Rapid Rowe.

Rapid was no speed demon. I remember the Dungeon bus was often the last bus to arrive at school during a storm.

There were times when Rapid had to put tire chains on the bus to get through. Try to imagine lying on your back in the snow putting tire chains on.

Nancy named all the



Ron Patch had some digging to do. How much snow did you get?

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mornings for a couple hours doing whatever Kim needs. She comes back at 5 p.m. to fix Kim's supper. She brings in his wood, does dishes, laundry, or whatever is needed. Teresa is a Vermont girl.

**Danny Clemens**

I called Danny during the storm to see how he was making out. Danny lives at Riverside Apartments in Bellows Falls. Danny always goes out in the parking lot to clear snow off his car. While there, he cleans off a couple other cars

of older residents.

Danny went out to clear off his car Thursday. The plow truck had made an earlier pass creating a mess around the parked cars. Danny started to clear off his car when he broke the handle on his snowbrush. He went back inside and removed the handle from his mop and duct taped it to the snowbrush. As Danny said, "Now I could reach further."

Danny told me there was a tent set up near the hotel in the square. When Danny drove by, it had collapsed under the weight of the snow. What a surprise. Later the tent was resurrected.

Recently I've had numerous requests for my "Volume 1 Local History" book. I've been sold out for some time so I had them reprinted. They are available at Stone House Antiques Center and Blair Books & More.

*This week's old saying: "Snow is the poor man's fertilizer."*

kids that rode the bus. The town didn't plow the road to her house in those days. Kids walked quite a distance to the bus stop.

Nancy told me in mud season Rapid would park the bus and walk the kids home. Rapid lived just south of the post office and was janitor at the high school.

**Kim Kendall**

I called Kim Thursday at the height of the storm. Kim has a lady, Teresa, who does chores for him. Teresa was there when I called. Kim told me he hadn't been plowed out when he saw Teresa coming down 103 with her blinker on. She drives a larger four-wheel-drive pickup. "No, Teresa, don't try it," Kim said to himself. She busted through the snowbank from the state plow and made it into the driveway, where she got stuck. Teresa waded in the waist deep snow to Kim's. She got a shovel and began shoveling Kim's ramp so he could get out if need be.

When she came in, she was soaked. She works week day

# Gov. Scott creating 250th Anniversary Commission

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott has signed an executive order creating the 250th Anniversary Commission to plan, coordinate, and promote observances and activities that commemorate the historic events associated with the American Revolution in Vermont.

The year 2026 will mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America. Vermonters played a significant role in the colonists' assertion for independence from Great Britain, from the Green Mountain Boys successful assault at Fort Ticonderoga to the Battle of Hubbardton, and to the Battle of Bennington where Vermont troops helped defeat a British force to set up the victories that turned the war in favor of the new Americans.

To observe these events, Vermont will be joining other states and the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to encourage remembrance of our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a promising future.

"I want to thank Gov. Scott for his continued commitment to the 250th anniversary celebration. Creating the Commis-

sion through an executive order will allow us to begin planning for events and celebrations," said Vermont State Senator Dick Sears.

"Bennington will play an important part in Vermont's 250th anniversary celebration because of our incredible history, notably highlighted by the activities related to the Battle of Bennington. As we continue to deal with Covid-19 and its challenges, the planning for this statewide celebration shall be a positive focus for Vermonters," said Bennington State Representative Mary Morrissey.

The Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission will engage residents, visitors, educators and students, cultural institutions, historical societies, the business community, and our state and local governments to

participate in the recognition of the importance of our nation's fight for freedom and how it still resonates in society today.

The Commission will be comprised of the commissioner of the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, the state historic preservation officer, the state librarian, representatives of the Vermont Historical Society, the University of Vermont, as well as appointed representatives of geographic and racial diversity. This membership will include a Revolutionary War historian, member of a Revolutionary War reenactment group, representative of a Vermont History Museum, and members of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs. Planning shall begin in 2021 to launch our celebrations for 2025-2027.

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# opinion

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

One aspect of Vermont news is complaints that thousands in Vermont will lose out if the federal government does not enact a new stimulus that provides further unemployment benefits.

Yes, that is a real possibility. Of course, Vermont's Democrat Senators Leahy and Sanders and Representative Welch bear responsibility for that outcome, since they hang tough with the Democrat leadership in refusing to agree to a compromise on a new stimulus. So any Vermonters adversely affected should contact their senators and representative with demands to pass the new

stimulus that the – gasp! – Republicans are in favor of.

But Vermont has it within its power to correct the problem. The new General Assembly, as usual overwhelmingly Democrat, could simply provide for payments to those unemployed in place of what the Unemployment Insurance system would otherwise grant. No, this doesn't have to be through the UI system, but could be a simple Covid-based relief measure. Even if the governor doesn't agree, the Legislature seems to have its usual Democrat margin to override a veto.

This would be Vermont's

opportunity to be really, really, a national leader in being independent of the Feds, not with some picayune anti-global warming thing, but with real hands on for real people. It'd be the sort of thing for which Vermonters used to be proud, not with a continual hand out to Washington and whining that the potatoes on the Potomac aren't handing out the largesse fast enough.

Let's hear it for Vermonters helping Vermonters.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Graham  
Chester, Vt.

## Crown Point Board of Realtors honors two members and gives back

**REGION** – The Crown Point Board of Realtors has had a busy year. While we have not had the opportunity to meet in person at our monthly meetings, 2020 has been a busy one. Realtors have stayed busy with homes selling and have rallied to give back to the community. The Crown Point Board serves Chester, Ludlow, Cavendish, Springfield, Mount Holly, Rockingham, and Andover.

In two major fundraisers realtors have currently raised nearly \$10,000 for many local services including over \$2,000 to local schools and have an ongoing drive totaling nearly \$2,000 for local food shelves. Other money raised also supports our Sammy Pierce Scholarship fund and Community Fund.

Each year, the Crown Point Board gives two \$1,000 scholarships in honor of Sammy Pierce, a former member of the board. Sammy Pierce believed community service was important. The



Lisa Kelley was named 2020 Realtor of the Year.

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recipients of the scholarships are high school students who are chosen based on their commitment to the community.

The CPBR also honored two of their own this year: longtime member Phil Atwood of Barrett and Valley retired. A card shower and bird feeder was given to Phil in recognition of his longtime service. Phil has been an active member of the board and his presence will be missed at meetings where he has played "auctioneer" for our Sammy Pierce Scholarship monthly auction.

The board also honored in-

coming President Lisa Kelley of Cummings and Co as their 2020 Realtor of the Year. This award is given to one recipient who exemplifies commitment to real estate, service to the board and community. Lisa has been a realtor for over 15 years and has been very active in the board and in service to the community.

As we look forward to 2021, we don't know what the real estate market will look like. We hope though that all those in our community will enjoy a safe, healthy, and happy new year.

## Tesha Buss publishes book on Good Commons

**PLYMOUTH, Vt.** – During a recent interview on Spotlight, a local TV program carried by Okemo Valley TV, Tesha Buss described her new book, "Uncommonly Good," about the creation of Good Commons in Plymouth along with a large number of recipes originated at Good Commons.

Along with her co-author Matthew Wexler, the book covers much of the history of the creation and development of Good Commons along with a number of personal notes by both Tesha and Matthew. Interspersed with these colorful notes are recipes developed at Good Commons.

Of particular interest was how the book ties Tesha's life on an Illinois farm to her ideas of what made good

food. In particular, her description of preparing meatloaf on the farm was an indicator of her future interest in food. "My mom was an excellent cook... Together, we indulged in raw meatloaf on a saltine cracker before it went into the loaf pan to cook. I guess this was the genesis of my love affair with steak tartare."

Tesha also described how the tropical storm Irene impacted the Good Commons and how she was able to recover from the damage to the building.

She outlined how she came to purchase a bus on eBay to transport guests from New York City to Good Commons. She noted that she would not recommend buying a bus from eBay due to the mechanical problems it had.

Some of the recipes in the book include Magic Hat Meatballs, pork stuffed pork, spiced

popcorn, unstoppable onion rings, and baked egg casserole. All of the recipes are preceded by notes Tesha or Matthew on how or why this recipe came into being.

Spotlight host Ralph Pace noted, "This is the most fascinating cookbook I've ever read. Rather than simply list ingredients and cooking directions, it relates each recipe to the personal motivation for creating the recipe." He also praised the authors for using ingredients that were, for the most part, easily obtained. "As much as I admire Julia Child's recipes, I found these recipes using ingredients like catsup and canned tomatoes that made the preparation process so much easier without compromising the quality of dish."

Tesha had previously been a guest of the Ludlow Rotary Club at its Zoom meeting.

## South Central Vermont Board of Realtors donates to local food shelves

**REGION** – The South Central Vermont Board of Realtors announced that they have donated a total of \$18,475 to seven area food pantries to help communities impacted by Covid-19. As a result of the pandemic, food insecurity rates and reliance on food shelves are skyrocketing.

Typically, on any other given year, the South Central Vermont Board of Realtors collects donations at each of their meetings; however, this year the board was not able to meet in person so they decided to form a fundrais-



South Central Vermont Board of Realtors donates to local food shelves.

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ing committee and that committee far surpassed their goal of \$10,000!

Diane Allen of the Jamaica/Wardsboro Food Pantry stated that for the holidays they are handing out hams but, with the money raised from SCVBR, they will be able to now also offer side dishes and fruit.

Scott Winslow of the Greater Bennington Interfaith Community Services says, "Every year, GBICS kitchen cupboard serves almost 1,000 families struggling with food security. Serving an average of about 100

shoppers per week, our greatest need is sustainable funding for buying food, most of which we get wholesale from the Vermont Food Bank. We also have a great partner in mighty food farm in Shaftsbury, who keep us stocked with fresh, local produce during the growing season. Of course the greatest risk to the program right now is Covid, but continuing community support helps keep us running."

2020 has been a difficult year for so many. If you are able to, please help others in need.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Doctrine
- 4 Commotions
- 8 Mid-May honorees
- 12 Cattle call
- 13 "Arrivederci"
- 14 "So be it"
- 15 Wordplay specialists
- 17 Hindu royal
- 18 Locate
- 19 Piece of cheesecake?
- 20 Subsequently
- 22 Reedy
- 24 Concoct
- 25 Good news for bargain hunters
- 29 Bard's "always"
- 30 Unrefined
- 31 Id counterpart
- 32 Ruins
- 34 Touch
- 35 Cincinnati team
- 36 Gets up
- 37 – Valley (California ski resort)
- 40 Family member
- 41 Cather's "One of –"
- 42 Expensive seafood
- 46 Platter

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- 1 Mischievous tyke
- 2 Old French coin
- 3 2001 movie, "–, Inc."
- 4 Thespian
- 5 Regiment
- 6 Skull tool
- 7 "Mayday!"
- 8 Leatherneck
- 9 Mideast nation
- 10 Options list
- 11 Use scissors
- 16 Gush forth
- 19 Snapshots
- 20 Sleeping, perhaps
- 21 Release
- 22 Cafeteria stack
- 23 Greet the villain
- 25 Motivate
- 26 "– Dictionary"
- 27 Chills and fever
- 28 Deteriorates
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- 33 In poor taste
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- 36 Strategic tricks
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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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## REGION

### ECCO collaborative Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., members of United Church of Ludlow, the First Congregational Church UCC of Springfield, the United Church of Bellows Falls UCC, the Grafton Community Church, and the Acworth Congregational Church will each contribute a scripture reading and Christmas music in a virtual service. The service will be broadcasted on Fact TV, Okemo Valley TV, and SAPA TV as well as the churches' websites.

## ASCUTNEY

### Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, there will be a Christmas Eve service outside the Brownsville Community Church at 7 p.m. The service will include special music from guest Ben Fuller and more. The service will also be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch](http://www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch).

## BELLOWS FALLS

### Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Join us for Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. via Zoom. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated so you're encouraged to join us by bringing "Communion to your table." Bring a piece of bread, roll, or a donut, and a small portion of wine or grape juice and participate in the Great Thanksgiving. Email [immanuelepiscopal@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelepiscopal@gmail.com) to be invited into the service.

## LONDONDERRY

### First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.

The Christmas Eve service will be live-streamed at 6 p.m. at [www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html](http://www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html). For more information, visit [www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org](http://www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org) or call 802-856-7266.

### Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

A Christmas Eve service will be prerecorded and available to view Dec. 24 after 5:30 p.m. Go to [www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org](http://www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org) for the video.

## LUDLOW

### Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

There will be socially distanced Christmas Eve services at 5 and 7 p.m. Masses will also be broadcast live to the Parish Hall via a closed-circuit television. For more information, go to [www.okemovaleycatholicparishes.com](http://www.okemovaleycatholicparishes.com) or call 802-228-3451.

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

We will host a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. on the green. Please wear a mask. For more information, go to [www.LudlowBaptist.org](http://www.LudlowBaptist.org).

## SPRINGFIELD

### Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, we will host a series of family friendly outdoor Christmas Eve services at 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. These outdoor services will allow for social distancing. Please wear a mask. At each service there will be a live nativity scene, the singing of hymns, and a service of lighting candles. Join us as we celebrate the light and love of Jesus.

### Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

On Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m., join us for "Stories and Carols" Christmas Eve Service with Rev. Mellen Kennedy, Rev. Will Hunter, Julane Deener, and the virtual choir. Come ready to sing all your favorite carols. Please bring a candle for a candle lighting ceremony. Stay for a virtual social hour. We're delighted that members of the Weathersfield Center Congregation will be joining us. Please join us via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853>.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

### St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

The Christmas Eve service will be 7 p.m. via Zoom. For more information, go to [www.stjohnswalpole.org](http://www.stjohnswalpole.org).

### First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

The Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. via Zoom. For links and more information, go to [www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH](http://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH).

### Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

We invite you to "In the Christmas Spirit" Christmas Eve service beginning at 5 p.m. via Zoom. We encourage participants to have a candle to light during the singing of "Silent Night." For links and updates, go to [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org).

**CHURCH SERVICES:** We are currently running Social Distancing Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com).

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## Ronald L. Jackson, 1966-2020

**CHESTER, Vt.** – On Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, Ronald Lee Jackson, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 54. Ron was born April 12, 1966, in Waterville, Maine to Bruce and Aloma (Stimpson) Jackson.

Ron studied math and computer science at Colby College, graduating in 1988. He has worked at ARIS Solutions for nine years in the IT department, eventually becoming the IT manager. He married Laurie Balch June 20, 1998, in Chester, Vt. They made a life in Top-

sham, Maine until 2007 when they moved back to Vermont to help run the family farm.

Ron is survived by his father Bruce, mother Aloma, siblings Mark and Karen, devoted wife Laurie, and two daughters Rose and Pearl.

There will be a private family service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, P.O. Box 92, Chester, VT 05143. Their website is [www.sovera.org](http://www.sovera.org).

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

## Bonnie Mae Kunesch, 1960-2020

**ATHENS, Vt.** – Bonnie Mae Kunesch died peacefully Dec. 11, 2020 at her home. She was born June 5, 1960, in North Hampton, Mass., the daughter of Donald C. Bergquist and Helen Mae. She attended Bellows Falls High School and became a certified nurse's assistant working at the Nichols Shelter in Edgewood, Md. and the Springfield Health and Rehab in Springfield, Vt.

Bonnie is survived by her

husband Donald; four stepsons Daniel, Donald Jr., Gregory Kunesch, and Kyle Towle; two daughters Chrystal Amidon and Melissa Hare; one brother Ron Vorce; three sisters Barbara Smith, Diane Swan, Donna Fernet, and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt., will be assisting with the arrangements.

## Gene H. Williams, 1932-2020

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Gene H. Williams, 88, formerly of Springfield passed away peacefully Monday evening, Dec. 14, 2020 at his home in Saxtons River, Vt., surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 6, 1932 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Wendell and Alberta (Adams) Williams. He attended Springfield Schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1950, and attended the University of Vermont. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956.

On June 16, 1956, he married Ann E. Dixon. She predeceased him Feb. 20, 2007. On June 12, 2010, he married Mary (Jordon) Kinney. Gene was employed as a design engineer in fluid power at Bryant Grinder Company in Springfield, Vt., retiring in 1995.

Gene loved his family and enjoyed seeing them succeed in life. He enjoyed tinkering, gardening, yard work, and being outdoors. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time at Lake Sunapee. He was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan.

He is survived by his wife Mary; son Howard Williams of Springfield; two daughters Karen Hammer of Lompoc, Calif. and Dianne Kashiwabara of Bedford, N.H.; three stepchildren Gary Kinney, Peter Kinney, and Diane Comstock; two brothers Glenn Williams



Gene H. Williams, 1932-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

of Springfield and Galen Williams of North Springfield; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Dec. 19, 2020 at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Susie Webster-Toleno officiated. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date in 2021.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131; to the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168; or to Bayada Hospice, 1222 Putney Rd., Suite 107, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

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## Henry D. Clark, 1939-2020

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Henry David Clark, 81, of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away surrounded by his family Monday, Dec. 14, 2020. Henry was born March 7, 1939, in Westminster West, Vt., to Clarence Edward Clark and Olive Agnes Kinney.

He was well respected throughout the community of Bellows Falls and was an active member of the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge No. 527. He was awarded "Moose of the Year" for 2012-2013. Henry also served in the National Guard. He loved to fish, watch his Westerns, and he enjoyed sitting with his friends at the American Legion Auxiliary and the Polish Club. He was a supporter of many charities including Alzheimer's Association and Make-A-Wish, playing in their golf tournaments every year. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to all who knew him.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Clark (Davis), whom he married June 16, 1962; his parents; brothers Francis Mounsey, Raymond Mounsey, Stanley Clark, Burton Clark Sr., Joseph Clark; and sister Martha Simonds.



Henry D. Clark, 1939-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

Henry and Carol have four surviving children Tammie Clark of Alstead, N.H., David Clark of Rockingham, Vt., Tim Clark and wife Kim of Springfield, Vt., and Michael Clark and husband Sam of Brattleboro, Vt.; his sisters Isabell Croteau of Westminster West, Vt., and Jean Olive Clark of Westminster, Vt.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services to be determined in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont, 431 Pine St., Burlington, VT 05401.

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## Okemo Valley Lights contest and tour map

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## Christmas Eve story with Fletcher Community Library

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** – Put on your jammies and join Kata Welch, Ted, Bella and all the gang for a Christmas Eve story time Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. on Facebook Live. Welch will read “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” and some other holiday favorites. This event is free and open to the public. For those who don't want to stay up that late, story time can be found at noon Monday through Friday on the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library's Facebook page.



Join a Christmas Eve story via Facebook Live.

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## Painting the winter landscape in watercolor

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Gallery at the VAULT is happy to offer “Painting the Winter Landscape in Watercolor” with Robert O'Brien in person at the Springfield Unitarian Meeting House, 21 Fairground Rd., in Springfield Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed. The building is handicap accessible.



Watercolor by Robert O'Brien.  
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Explore painting the beautiful snowy New England winter landscape in this one-day workshop. Glazing techniques and layering of the subtle tints of snow will be introduced. Value, composition, and painting light and shadow will be emphasized.

Students will work from photo reference and learn to create a finished painting from a favorite winter subject. Rob

will demonstrate his approach and will provide hands-on guidance to each student. A critique will be held at the end of the session.

The workshop is open to all abilities. Please sign up by Saturday, Jan. 2 as we need to make arrangements with the Meeting House. A materials list will be provided at registration.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email [gallervault@vermontel.net](mailto:gallervault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.gallervault.org](http://www.gallervault.org).

## SAPA TV fourth annual Public Domain Christmas

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – SAPA TV, Springfield's public access TV station, will run 24 hours of Christmas movies and short subjects from 8 p.m.

Christmas Eve to 8 p.m. Christmas Day. Viewers in the Springfield area are welcomed to spend the day with 1964's “Santa Claus Conquers the Martians,” the 1959 Mexican production “Santa Claus,” and a host of classic cartoons, all of which have entered the public domain.

The marathon will run on SAPA's Public Channel (Comcast 1077, VTel 160), while local Christmas programming will air at the same time on SAPA's Government/Educational Channel (Comcast 1087, VTel 161).

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**Application #: 5.2/59/20/11/13 request for a variance of Town setback requirements to construct a garage**  
Applicant: Carole & Jean-Claude Sureau, of 1206 North Hill Rd, Andover, VT

Zoom info: <https://Zoom.us> Meeting ID: 869 021 5007  
Password: 146374 or call: +1 929 436 2866 US

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 15 day of December, 2020  
Jeanette Haight, Andover Town Clerk

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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

The Town of Chester is seeking proposals for Construction Inspection Services for the Popple Dungeon Road culvert replacement located in Chester, Vermont. The Municipality is seeking a Consultant with expertise in engineering and permitting

The Town of Chester is the recipient of the Transportation Alternatives Grant funded through the Vermont Agency of Transportation and will be using these funds to pay for this project. Therefore, the project will be developed according to the guidelines established by the VTTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau and will be required to be in compliance with the Federal and State standards and policies.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal please contact Julie Hance at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT, 05143, (802) 875-2173, or [julie.hance@chestervt.gov](mailto:julie.hance@chestervt.gov). Office hours are by appointment Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All proposals should be submitted as an electronic submission via e-mail with the technical and cost proposals submitted as two separate files, clearly marked as such, including the project name. Please inform the Contact Person prior to submission to avoid proposal being relegated to their spam or junk email files.

All proposals are due on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2020.

## INVITATION TO BID Chester TAP TA17(9)

Sealed bids from pre-qualified contractors shall be accepted until 11:00 AM, prevailing time on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Chester Town Office (556 Elm Street, Chester, VT, 05143) for construction of the project hereinafter described. Bid opening will occur immediately after the bid submittal deadline. The time of receiving and opening bids may be postponed due to emergencies or unforeseen conditions.

Sealed BIDS shall be marked in the lower left-hand corner: Bid Documents: Chester TAP TA17(9)

Each BID must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the Town of Chester for five percent (5%) of the total amount of the BID. A BID bond may be used in lieu of a certified check.

**PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS:** All bidders on this project shall be on the Agency of Transportation's prequalified list under the category listed below or shall have submitted a complete prequalification application to the Agency of Transportation, Contract Administration, a minimum of 10 working days prior to the bid opening. For information contact Jon Winter at (802) 622-1267.

All bidders shall be on the current VTRANS Contract Administration pre-qualified list "Contractors List of Bridge Construction Category".

Bids submitted by bidders that exceed their Maximum Dollar Capacity Rating (MDCR) as determined by the Vermont Agency of Transportation on an annual basis will be considered non-responsive.

**LOCATION:** Beginning at a point on Popple Dungeon Road (TH-10) in Chester, approximately 3.2 miles west of the intersection of Popple Dungeon Road and Grafton Street (State Route 35) in the town of Chester.

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Work to be performed under this project includes: the removal and replacement of the existing culvert with a bridge on the existing alignment, with associated roadway and channel work.

**CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE:** The Contract shall be completed on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**OBTAINING PLANS:** An electronic copy of the plans and bid documents may be obtained from VHB at no cost by contacting Jason Keener through email at [jkeener@vhb.com](mailto:jkeener@vhb.com) or by phone at 802-497-6120.

**PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF:**  
Town of Chester, 556 Elm Street, Town of Chester, VT 05143.

**STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS:** This contract is governed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation ("VTrans") 2018 Standard Specifications for Construction.



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**Sarah Vail Attorney**

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# REAL ESTATE/LEGAL NOTICES

## HCRS' Annual Meeting Zooms into the future

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services held its annual meeting Nov. 12 for

the first time via Zoom. Attended by 175 board members, staff, clients, and community members, the event celebrated the agency's accomplishments and impact on clients during its last fiscal year.

Moving to this digi-

tal platform pushed the meeting into new creative directions. One of the highlights of the meeting was a Covid-19 time capsule video. HCRS has had many challenges since Covid-19 hit in the spring, but the pandemic also brought about opportunities for changes, many of which have been beneficial. The time capsule video showed brief clips of staff sharing their stories and showing how staying

positive during this stressful time can bring about some special moments.

Attendees were also treated to very special and poignant stories of four guest speakers, all of whom have received services through HCRS. These pre-recorded presentations spoke of these clients' and family members' challenges with mental illness or disabilities and how HCRS has supported them for a better

life.

Every year at its annual meeting, HCRS gives out dozens of awards and this year was no different. The agency's James Bartley Community Partnership Award was presented to Groundworks Collaborative in Brattleboro for the profound difference they have made in so many lives in partnership with HCRS.

George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, stated,

"Groundworks has supported the people we mutually serve with compassion and spirit; we have witnessed their determination to serve the most vulnerable in our community."

Encore awards were presented to five staff members as part of HCRS' employee recognition program. These staff members were selected by a group of peers as having gone above and beyond in demonstrating the agency's core values. Recipients of the Encore Awards include Adam Altshuler, Ben Brewer, Laura Bryant-Williams, Charlene Hjermsstad, and Deborah McNeil.

Anne Bilodeau, Chief Human Resources Officer, gave recognition to 49 staff members for years of service, totaling 465 years, as follows: Margaret Merrill, 35-year service award; Ralph Jacobs, 25-year service award; Jan Bellville, Kevin Houston, and Betty Wall, 20 years; Alice J. Bradeen, Laura Bryant-Williams, Lance Cutler, Paul Deegan, Deborah McNeil, Teresa Morrison, Ronald Recchi, Zachary Teller, and Timothy Wood, 15 years; Nicole Godin, Winonah M. Levine, Sarah Pettegill, Estelle Reynolds, Annette Vagt, Paula Whitney, and Ashley Wohlford, 10 years; Roy A. Anderson, Melisa Beaulieu, David Blaine, Clara Bridges, Jennifer Carrington, Emily M. Chamberlin, Andrew M. Connolly, Laurel P. Denny, Patricia A. Eslin, Christine R. Fields, Anne-Sophie Geha, Catherine Haley, Jillian Hill, Whitney Hussong, Tracy L. Jackson, Brooke Kearney, Elisabeth Keith, Mary Lorah, Heather Marquez, Jeffrey A. Mobus, Barbara Parizo, Briana Plante, Christa Porter, Erica Salamy, Miriam A. Schuldenfrei, Deborah Shaw, Danielle Southwell, and Robert Withrow, 5 years.

"Our annual meeting is an opportunity to recognize many board members, staff, and partners," states Karabakakis. "This year's event was even more special as we celebrated these recognitions from what has been an exceptionally challenging year."

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION  
Windsor Unit Docket No.: 20-PR-01641

In re ESTATE of: KATRINA CENTARICZKI

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: KATRINA CENTARICZKI  
Decedent  
late of PROCTORSVILLE, VERMONT  
Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 12/07/2020 Signature of Fiduciary: Peter Centariczki  
Peter Centariczki, Administrator

Name/Address		Mailing Address	
Peter Centariczki, Administrator		c/o Parker & Ankuda, P.C., P.O. Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-2582		Springfield VT 05156	

Name of Publication: The Shopper

Publication Date: December 23, 2020

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit Probate Division

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green  
Woodstock VT 05091

**WARNING**

The legal voters of the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Heald Auditorium, 37 Depot Street, in Ludlow, Vermont on **Tuesday, January 12, 2021** between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

**ARTICLE I**

Shall general obligation bonds of the Village of Ludlow in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$990,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of public water system improvements, namely new transmission and distribution components on High Street, at an estimated cost of Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$990,000)?

The legal voters of the Village of Ludlow are further notified that voter qualifications, registration and absentee voting relative to said Special Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, and Section 1303 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated. You must be registered to vote in the Village of Ludlow in order to vote in this Village's Special Meeting.

Legal voters are encouraged to request an Early/Absentee Ballot from the Village Clerk's Office by calling (802) 228-3232 or email to [treasure@ludlow.vt.us](mailto:treasure@ludlow.vt.us).

The legal voters of the Village of Ludlow are further notified that an informational meeting will be held electronically via ZOOM on **Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed Water System Improvements and the financing thereof.

**ZOOM Information Meeting Link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88624335163?pwd=OWh4enI4KzdrU2l5NGhYmFRdnBPUT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88624335163>  
Meeting ID: 886 2433 5163  
Passcode: 444478 (That's HIGH-ST on a phone keypad)

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ludlow duly called, noticed and held on November 24, 2020.

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Earl Washburn  
Robert Brandt  
Ulla P. Cook, Village Clerk

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This unique and beautiful property is ready to become your new home or perhaps a new business location. Located on the Main Street of picturesque Chester village the former Rectory has beautiful woodwork throughout as well as lovely french doors, fireplace and numerous built-ins. This home features two living rooms, the dining room with built-ins, an eat-in kitchen with a butler's pantry, three bedrooms as well as a den or office. The bonus room, formerly the Chapel, is open to numerous possibilities. A full basement and attic space and sitting on a newly sub-divided lot of .53 acre the property includes a detached garage and lovely wrap around porch. REDUCED AGAIN TO \$249,000

Long range valley views. This 1994 home offers great quality throughout in addition to a beautiful setting. First floor includes spacious kitchen with cherry cabinets and breakfast room, expansive living room with field stone fireplace and lots of windows, den/office, formal dining room, mudroom, full bath with laundry. Second floor with oversized master bedroom with walk-in closet and full bathroom, two additional bedrooms and full bath (one being family room sized with private staircase for potential in-law space). Two car attached garage with potting benches, expansive basement with workshop area and potential living space. Situated on 104+/- acres of pasture and woods (enrolled in Current Use), 36X46 horse barn with rubber mat flooring, multiple stalls, hot/cold water, tack room and storage room for approx. 600 bales of hay. JUST REDUCED AGAIN TO \$424,900

This two story home offers country living without the land to upkeep. Comfortable in design and offering lots of possibilities, this three bedroom cape has a first floor kitchen, living, dining, bath, enclosed front porch. Open daylight basement offers added room for shop space/storage. \$115,900

A perfect retreat. This 70+/- acre property has much to offer with a mix of open and wooded land, pond, local hillside views and privacy. Backed up to Hawks Mountain for hiking. The home offers open concept living space with vaulted ceilings and lots of woodwork, two bedrooms (each with doors to the back deck, a beautiful bright/sunny bath, three bays of parking under for storage with laundry room and mudroom/entry. JUST REDUCED TO \$329,900

## William Raveis hosts Coat Drive

LUDLOW, Vt. – William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties in Ludlow hosted their annual 2020 Coat Drive this year in effort to keep our communities warm. The month-long coat drive has been an ongoing event for the team at Vermont Properties, and they were excited to bring a bit of cheer to the end of 2020. The team of realtors collected a great deal of outerwear donations, ranging from coats to snow pants, and happily provided the donations to Black River Good Neighbors Services and local schools like Mount Holly Elementary. Vermont Properties looks forward to next year's event and hopes to keep the community warm for years to come.