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Mount Holly Beer Co. taps into Vermont terroir

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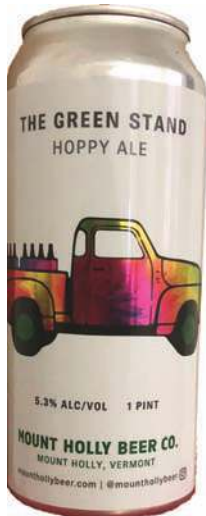
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MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Brewing partners Dan Tilly and David Mango are proudly joining the vibrant craft beer industry in Vermont with the launch of Mount Holly Beer Co. and the release of their first commercial brew, The Green Stand Hoppy Ale.

Born from successes and challenges learned from Dan's home brewing efforts that span over eight years in the Tilly family's winter haven in Mount Holly, the duo are ready to share their first light and hoppy IPA with the rest of Vermont and beyond.

The simple yet eye-catching can design features a tie-dyed antique truck on a white background and somewhat mirrors the beer itself – crisp and clean light IPA with playful citrus and hoppy notes. According to Tilly, the inspiration behind the light IPA was to have a great tasting option after an intense workout or an afternoon on the local ski mountain.

Tilly is working



The Green Stand hoppy ale.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

with Vermont hop growers to make sure their brews, which will tend toward IPAs and Pilsners, reflect the terroir of Vermont, capturing the flavors that come from the land, air, and water of the area. The second version of this batch will feature chinook and cascade hops from Champlain Valley Hops and, according to Tilly, is creating a passion-fruit nuance.

The team has partnered with Whetstone Craft Beers in

Brattleboro to brew and bottle their proprietary recipe until

they build a brewery of their own, something that for now is



David Mango and Dan Tilly from Mount Holly Beer Co.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

in the distant future. According to Mango, a taproom would be their logical first step so people can sit down and taste the beer and talk with the brewers.

In the meantime, the pair is organizing partnership events with different places like Hops on the Hill in Killington, Rustic Rooster in Shrewsbury, and Main and Mountain and Mr. Darcy's in Ludlow. They will continue to expand to other areas around the state including Stowe, the Vermont home base for Mango.

You can follow Mount Holly Brew Co. on Instagram @mounthollybeer or to see retailers and other news visit www.mounthollybeer.com.

Chester recaps budget, projects, and a timeline for ongoing issues

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

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CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard's last meeting for 2020 on Dec. 12 included a budget review through the first three quarters of the budgetary year, a decision to push policing policy discussion until after town meeting, a few town business decisions, and an overview of current projects.

The review of 2020 General Fund Budget through the first three quarters was a smooth process with no major issues seeming on the horizon. Final numbers on several categories were pending the end of the fiscal year. Budget discussions for the 2021 budget will commence next month.

The board decided against

approving a waiver requiring signatures when submitting paperwork to run for town offices. Citizens who want to run for town office will still need to gather 25 signatures from local voters before submitting their paperwork to appear on the ballot. The board felt that obtaining signatures could still be done while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

The board approved an increase to the town credit card limit from \$4,500 to \$10,500. That total card limit is shared between three entities: Town Manager Julie Hance, Chester Town Clerk Debbie Aldrich, and the Whiting Library. Hance explained that the increase was not an indication of any attempt to spend more money but simply needed to more eas-

ily conduct business. All balances would still be paid timely, and there are many checks and balances in place to oversee card usage.

The Selectboard agreed to revisit policing policies and procedures for Chester after budget discussions and town meeting are over. The decision to delay was in part to give Hance a chance to gather information from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, as well as additional information that would be gathered through town attorney Jim Carroll including fallout other towns have faced when becoming involved in policing policy oversight. That information would be made available to the public prior to the meeting.

Chester's current policing

policies are under review with VLCT's Trevor Whipple, a former police chief who works with the league. Whipple will provide preliminary comments and suggestions on Chester's current policies and procedures on as well provide a recommendation for holding cell procedures that will be needed once the Public Safety Building is completed.

Once on the agenda for discussion, the board may consider whether or not to form a civilian oversight committee, something that town resident Leslie Thorson has been focused on in recent weeks.

Board Chairman Arne Jonynas for now is looking to bring the issue to the public for

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Ludlow Garden Club decorates town tree

LUDLOW, Vt. – The ladies of the Ludlow Garden Club, with the help of town workers, placed a Christmas tree in the town park. The tree is lit every evening and is a hopeful beacon during this unusual holiday season.

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A snowy night from years ago.

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Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates under new ownership

LUDLOW, Vt. – Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates in Ludlow, recently announced new ownership for the company. This 63-year-old local realty firm is a longtime member of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and the new ownership plans to continue that investment and partnership. Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates was sold Real Estate Broker Suzanne Garvey, CFO Julie Abraham, and COO Stephen Messina. The previous owner Patricia Davis also announced her retirement. The incoming owners wanted to thank Tricia for her graciousness during their transition and for entrusting them to keep the company torch lit pledging to continue the Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates reputation for excellence.

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GMG nurturing our community

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Green Mountain Gardeners’ tradition of tabletop tree-making for the homebound was not deterred by Covid-19 restrictions. Rather than gathering together for a workday on this holiday tradition, GMG members individually created and decorated 30 tabletop trees, each with a distinct pizzazz. The homebound will receive these unique trees together with cookies and poinsettias

from Wantastiquet Rotary Club, Second Congregational Church, and Weston Women’s Club to brighten their holidays.

The GMG combined its annual holiday contributions to address the dramatic increase in hunger during the coronavirus pandemic. This year, a donation of \$450 was made to the Neighbors Pantry in Londonderry.

In addition, GMG donated

wreaths to brighten up town buildings for the holidays. Donated wreaths have been placed at the Farrar-Mansur House Museum and U.S. Post Office and Wilder Library in Weston; Londonderry Town Offices, Mountain Valley Medical Clinic, The Depot, and Custer Sharp House, and South Londonderry Library in Londonderry; the Landgrove Town Hall and Landgrove Meeting House; and the Peru Town Hall and Peru Church.

For more information on Green Mountain Gardeners and the opportunity to make a difference in our community, please visit our website, www.greenmountaingardeners.net.

Ludlow Rotary helps area towns with dog waste stations

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Rotary Club is continuing efforts to help area towns with dog waste stations in Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Cavendish. Recently, LRC members helped Ludlow install three waste stations in Ludlow and a waste station at Star Lake in Mount Holly. Plans also included such assistance in Cavendish.

The LRC has supported many community improvements to Star Lake over the past five years. It is the hope of the Ludlow Rotary Club that the new dog waste station will be another well-used addition. Visitors to Star Lake are required to clean up after their pets. The free dog waste bags will help with compliance for those who mean well but came unprepared for dog emergencies. The goal is to enhance

the experience of all visitors to the lake and protect the surrounding environment. The bags are supplied as a courtesy to Star Lake visitors whose dogs must be on a leash at the lake.

Rotary is also supplying several boxes of replacement bags for the station and will supply several more boxes of replacement bags in the Ludlow and Cavendish sites.

In Ludlow, the LRC has contributed to the West Hill Dog Park’s development in addition to the waste station located there.

There have been numerous investments at Star Lake over the past five years with Ludlow Rotary Club support. The dam was rebuilt in 2015. In 2016 three new picnic tables were purchased for the recreation area and beach. Volunteers rebuilt a permanent bench and

canoe and boat racks. Rotarians and Mount Holly Community Association volunteers built and planted a beautiful new perennial garden, which local volunteers now maintain. A new swim raft was purchased in 2019 with help from Rotary. The Star Lake recreation area is popular for fishing, swimming, picnics, community events, and viewing wildlife and fall colors.

The LRC, in spite of the limitations and restrictions imposed by Covid-19, will continue to help area towns in developing similar programs for the public good and recreation. The LRC is continuing to hold its weekly meetings Tuesdays at noon using Zoom. People interested in learning more about Rotary are invited to contact Kevin Barnes, LRC President, at 802-228-8877 to receive an invitation to a Tuesday meeting.



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discussion, not committing to a specific outcome. “If you don’t have a problem, what are you trying to solve?” he asked.

Approval of additional design costs for town garage has been put on hold. They may revisit the possibility of adding to the town garage in the far future.

Hance assured the board that the Public Safety Build-

ing is moving along and is “approximately” on time despite social media comments that are saying otherwise. Framing and siding of the building will take place in about three weeks. That structure needs to be in place before floors can be put in.

Yosemite Firehouse work stabilization is complete for this year. Replacing the header on the sliding door and stabilizing the building has been finished.

The Jeffrey Barn may need to be torn down, which the board will need to discuss next year. According to Hance, the insurance company has indicated that there are concerns over the condition of the barn, and they are no longer willing to insure it. Signs have been put up indicating no entrance and no trespass. The board will need to address what to do with the structure next year.

One of 2021 goals for Hance will be to outline the long-term future use of the Historical Society Building particularly following the roof and ceiling repair slated next year. The board will revisit the issue after town meeting. Discussions last year revolved around access to the building’s bathroom as part of the welcome center.

Hance announced that the town of Chester was featured on Redfin as one of the “Top 10 Hottest Neighborhoods.” Chester was number two behind Lake Tahoe on the list.

The next Chester Select-board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office or via Zoom.



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BY RON PATCH

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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 tying 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 Clemmons

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



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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

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 potentates on the Potomac aren't handing out the largess 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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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.

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 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.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit 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 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.okemovalleycatholicparishes.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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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 Hamner 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.
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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.
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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

REGION – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce invited their 12-town region to make an extra effort to decorate this year to help celebrate the holiday season with the Okemo Valley Lights promotion. Businesses, municipalities, neighborhoods, and residents were all included. Find more information on the OVRCC website, www.YourPlaceInVermont.com.



Weston Playhouse lights.

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Ludlow Main Street lights.

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New participants are still welcome to join in by sharing photos of their decorations with the chamber's social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Please include the hashtags **#OkemoValleyLights**, **#OkemoValleyHolidayLights**, and **#VTLightstheWay**.

Imerys of Ludlow is sponsoring the contest for the best lights display. Winners will be selected in various categories: business, town, and resident/neighborhood. A total value of \$500 in prizes will be awarded to all the winners!

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.

STOCK PHOTO

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.

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.



Watercolor by Robert O'Brien.

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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, or visit 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 en-

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A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:

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

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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 VTrans 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. 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 15th, 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 15th, 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 or by phone at 802-497-6120.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF:

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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 Hjerms-tad, 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. Bra-deen, Laura Bryant-Wil-liams, Lance Cutler, Paul Deegan, Deborah McNeil, Teresa Morrison, Ronald Recchi, Zachary Teller, and Timothy Wood, 15 years; Nicole Godin, Winonah M. Levine, Sarah Petten-gill, Estelle Reynolds, An-nette Vagt, Paula Whitney, and Ashley Wohlford, 10 years; Roy A. Anderson, Melisa Beaulieu, David Blaine, Clara Bridges, Jen-nifer 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. Mo-bus, Barbara Parizo, Bri-ana Plante, Christa Porter, Erica Salamy, Miriam A. Schuldenfrei, Deborah Shaw, Danielle Southwell, and Robert Withrow, 5 years.

“Our annual meeting is an opportunity to recog-nize many board mem-bers, staff, and partners,” states Karabakakis. “This year’s event was even more special as we celebrated these recognitions from what has been an excep-tionally challenging year.”

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of:

KATRINA CENTARICZKI

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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 / 01 / 2020

Signature of Fiduciary

Peter Centariczki

Peter Centariczki, Administrator

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Peter Centariczki, Administrator		c/o Parker & Ankuda, P.C., P.O. Box 519	
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802-885-2582		Springfield VT 05156	

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December 23, 2020

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Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit Probate Division

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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.

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:
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kpxoAZ1xl>
Meeting ID: 886 2433 5163
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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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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.