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# Lack of volunteers threatens CTES snow sports program

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
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CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Town Elementary School snow sports program, which is again being organized by snow sports program volunteer Jarrod Harper for the ninth year in a row, is in urgent need of on-snow volunteers in order to make the program viable.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent Lauren Fierman has decided not to organize the ski program through Green Mountain Unified School District schools this year, due to ongoing Covid-19 issues. TRSU will allow volunteer groups to take over the program at the individual schools.

CTES is actually in the best position to launch their snow sports program since they’ve run it through a volunteer group for years. However, with the lack of on-snow volunteers so far, Harper is worried that keeping his 3 to 1 student-instructor safety ratio may force him to make tough choices including limiting the program to certain grades or canceling the program all together.

Part of the problem is that there was no program last year due to Covid lockdown, so the year-to-year volunteers need to be “corralled back in.” So far Harper’s numbers stand at five volunteers, a far cry from the 30 that cycled in and out during the ski season two years ago. Typically, Harper has

approximately 65 students that participate in the program.

The feedback Harper has received is that “everybody is always positive about the program,” but he’ll need more than shout-outs to make it work. Worst case, Harper hopes to at least be able to provide the program for grades 3 to 6 but ideally wants everyone to participate. He is not willing, however, to reduce the 3 to 1 ratio, which is “too important for safety.”

Signups for the program for students and volunteers will be Friday, Dec. 3, from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Interested volunteers can also contact Harper directly at 802-770-2892 or message him directly on Facebook. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated, pass a background check, and be fingerprinted.

Already some changes have already been made to streamline the program, including shortening the program from eight weeks down to six on Tuesdays, from 12-3:30 p.m., spanning from Jan. 11 to Feb.



Volunteers needed to help with the snow sports program. STOCK PHOTO

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Transportation has also been an early challenge in the planning, especially since the school is not technically running the program. Harper has gotten approval from the CTES Principal Katherine Fogg and Fierman to allow a local bus driver to drive CTES students on the bus to the mountain on Tuesdays from the school. This year, however, parents will be responsible for their child’s pickup at the mountain.

The program fee remains the same as two years ago, but due to fundraising efforts in the past, Harper can help defray some of that cost for students in need. However, Harper has no control over the mountain rental prices. This year, helmets are no longer included in the rental package, which will require parents to purchase helmets on their own. Harper said he might be able to help out a little bit with helmet costs.

CAES is looking to follow CTES’s example with parents working on forming a snow sports committee, according to Fogg.

Green Mountain Principal Keith Hill said he hasn’t heard of anything happening to organize a volunteer snow sports committee at this point at the middle and high school. However, as they get closer to when the program would launch, that may change.

# One Londonderry ice skating rink project

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Aug. 18, the Londonderry Development Review Board has approved plans for a 120-by-60-foot skating rink at the Mountain Marketplace plaza. This is a project of the recreation group of One Londonderry.

Hunter Excavating has agreed to provide for free the labor and equipment for site preparation work and level the area behind Jake’s Restaurant. The gravel fill would have to be paid for at a cost of \$1,500 and the rink structure will be purchased from a Vermont rink kit company. Rink resurfacing will be accomplished by a walk-behind piece of equipment called a Bambini. The total rink project

cost is expected to be about \$5,000. About \$6,500 will be funded in part with a Go Fund Me campaign. A matching challenge grant of \$1,500 has been received as part of the fundraising effort.

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# Shiffrin wins Killington World Cup

First place Mikaela Shiffrin, USA, center; second place Petra Vlhova of Slovakia, left; and third place Wendy Holdener of Switzerland, right. Congratulations to all!

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# GMUSD approved budget for CTES sole principal, library contribution

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
*The Vermont Journal*

CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Unified School District board got a first look at the proposed \$14.7 million budget from Two Rivers Supervisory Union administrators and approved several of the TRSU recommendations, including a sole principal position for Cavendish Town Elementary School and the proposed \$40,000 Fletcher Library contribution. They then made a few recommendations of their own.

TRSU Superintendent Lauren Fierman walked the board through this first look at their budget recommendation for GMUSD, which includes Green Mountain Union Middle High School, Chester-Andover Elementary School, and CTES, during their Nov. 23 Finance Committee meeting with the caveat that they were still gathering information so numbers will likely change.

The fiscal year 2023 proposed budget of \$14,707,839 amounts to a 3.28% increase over the current year. The primary drivers include \$108,185 increase in the assessment from TRSU, driven largely from special education costs; \$100,481 increase in cost of benefits; and \$200,715 increase in cost of salaries. Of the total GMUSD budget, 63.23% is for salaries and benefits.

CTES in particular saw the biggest school increase recommendation from nearly \$1.6 million to over \$1.8 million, up 15.36% from last year. One key factor in the increase was the recommendation to return to a sole principal for Cavendish rather than the shared administrative model used since the resignation of former CTES principal Deb Beaupre at the end of 2020. Katherine Fogg

has been serving as principal for both CTES and CAES, splitting her time between the schools.

According to Fierman, the change likely wouldn’t be recommended if not for Covid-19 becoming “way more disruptive this year.”

With Covid infections becoming a weekly occurrence and the recently implemented Test to Stay program, there is a need to have an administrator present full-time to “handle the ongoing stress level.” Part of Fierman’s recommendation would be to have the newly appointed CTES principal also take on some additional instructional duties in the SU, yet to be determined. CAES will continue with Fogg as their principal along with the current vice principal, Nicole Luz.

The board approved the recommendation, which will equate to an increase of approximately \$44,000 to the Cavendish budget, but almost \$92,000 to the overall GMUSD budget, by a vote of 6 to 3.

Board member Lois Perlah asked if the expense might be covered with Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funds since Covid drove the need. Fierman said it was an interesting idea.

The board also unanimously approved the requested \$40,000 in support of Fletcher Community Library staff and programming, which serves CTES students two days a week. Board member Dennis Reilly outlined the total budget expenses for the library at \$120,000 and breaking it down that the library serves CTES a third of the time. “[It] seems to be a pretty good investment,” he concluded.

Fierman gave the breakdown of what other school libraries in the district cost, which reflected that CTES expenses were in line: Ludlow Elementary School with 80 students and two days per week cost \$36,642; Mount Holly Elementary for three days per week cost \$56,000; CAES with

over 200 students and five days a week costs \$103,000.

Fierman’s recommendation that the guidance counselor position at CTES be raised from a 0.8 position to a 0.9 position was upped further by board member Abe Gross who suggested the position become full-time. He explained that the students’ emotional needs warranted the increase, which would add approximately \$5,000 to the budget. That motion was passed by a vote of 5 to 4. Other recommended and approved CTES costs included 3.75 new paraprofessional positions and increased benefit costs.

Later in the meeting, in discussing district-level costs, Gross also suggested increasing the CTES nurse to a full-time position, resulting in a full-time nurse in each of the schools, which would result in an approximately \$23,000 increase.

Although Fierman admitted that it would be better to have a full-time nurse at CTES, it was not her recommendation. The CTES nurse would serve 80-plus students versus the 210 that the CAES nurse serves and the 360 students served by the GMUHS nurse.

Fogg, however, said that it “would be very helpful with all the things that are happening.”

Board member Julia Gignoux said she had witnessed a medical situation first-hand at CTES without a nurse on duty when the administrative assistant needed to make a judgement call, which was an “uncomfortable and scary situation for me to witness.”

She also said the liability aspect of that situation was untenable and it didn’t speak to the highest safety of the students.

The board approved increasing the nursing positions to have one in each school by a vote of 7 to 2.

The other schools’ budgets were approved much faster with

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# “Chester Andover 100%” campaign food, fuel security

CHESTER, Vt. – Two local organizations, Senior Solutions and the Chester-Andover Family Center, have come together to launch a campaign to ensure that 100% of the residents of those towns are both food and fuel secure as we enter the winter months. This is to be accomplished through an intense, community-based, collaborative effort designed to reach each household in the two towns with clear, concise information through trusted communication channels as to the availability of resources, and to assist them in participating, applying for and obtaining these benefits.

The partnership has developed a logo to create local awareness for all activities in the campaign. During early December, every

household will receive a letter briefly describing ongoing programs providing help with food and fuel resources available in the towns. Included in the letter will be a card listing the contact information of the organizations and services provided by each. This information will also be made available at town institutions, churches, and the Whiting Library.

Thom Simmons, outreach specialist for Senior Solutions, noted, “More than 60% of our local seniors who are eligible for food and fuel benefits do not participate in these programs. The Fuel Assistance program alone can provide up to \$3,000 annually to help people with their fuel bills, and that’s a lot of money to be ‘leaving on the table’

during a Vermont winter. We want people to understand that participation in these programs helps strengthen local communities and their economies. More than \$9 million is added to the Vermont economy each month through the 3SquaresVT program alone, and that doesn’t even include the multiplying effect of those dollars throughout the community.”

Thom will be holding open hours to answer any questions residents may have related to the 3SquaresVT food benefits and Fuel Assistance programs at the following locations:

- Friday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Chester-Andover Family Center
- Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 4-6 p.m., at the Whiting Library in Chester
- Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Whiting Library in Chester
- Friday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Chester-Andover Family Center

The timing of the campaign coincides with the change in hours at the CAFCC, which offers nutritious food, affordable clothing and household goods, and provides financial assistance. Beginning in December, the Food Shelf will be open Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., and Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with fresh produce every Friday. The Thrift Shop will expand their hours to three days each week, opening Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The agencies can be contacted directly as follows: Chester-Andover Family Center at 802-875-3236 or email [cafc302@gmail.com](mailto:cafc302@gmail.com); or Senior Solutions Help Line at 802-885-2669.

## Aaron Merrill named to Spring 2021 Dean’s List

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aaron Merrill of Ludlow, Vt., a member of the Class of 2023, has been named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List at Stonehill College. Stonehill is a Catholic college in Easton, Mass.

# Vermont Arts Council awards grant to Susan Haefner

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Expeditionary School at Black River’s interdisciplinary learning environment leads to creativity for the instructors and a more relevant education for students. With this in mind, the Expeditionary School was awarded the Artists in Schools Grant, made possible by the Vermont Arts Council. Susan Haefner, a Broadway actress and resident of Andover, Vt., will collaborate with Kendra Rickerby, the teaching Head of School.

The “We Are Nature” proposal integrates the performing arts with literacy and environmental science lessons. The fusion of these academic standards is a key feature to how the Expeditionary School’s students are expected to develop informed and integrative thinking skills.

Susan’s expertise will allow students to be involved in all aspects of play production – from developing the script to designing the set, performing, and advertising the production. The live performance will be a culmination of the science content learned during the “Seeds and Trees” lessons as well as the “Birch Bark Ornament” workshop with Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts.

During the research phase of this project, students will identify which aspects of the globe’s changing weather patterns concern them most. For instance, if the student is worried about the impact intensifying wildfires are having on breathable air, they will be guided toward literature that underscores their concern. Readings will consist of children’s fables, nonfiction, and fiction. The life lessons

students take away from these readings will then drive a collaborative development process that becomes the theatrical presentation, “We Are Nature.” A live performance will occur Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Heald Auditorium in the Ludlow Town Hall.

The Expeditionary School is equally as grateful to the town of Ludlow for making that real-world theater space available to our students. From its inception, one of the goals of the Expeditionary School’s strategic plan is to strengthen the community. Thanks to the generosity of the Vermont Arts Council, we are one step closer to this vision becoming a reality. Tickets for the live performance can be purchased at the door.

For more information, contact Kendra Rickerby at [krickerby@esblackriver.org](mailto:krickerby@esblackriver.org).

# Okemo Valley Women’s Club

LUDLOW, Vt. – The GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club met for their November meeting Monday, Nov. 8. The speaker for the meeting was Vermont State Senator Alice Nitka.

Alice discussed in detail how over the years of her tenure in Vermont politics, both the House and Senate, have become much more diverse in their representation.

The concerns throughout Vermont, which are brought forth in sessions, are very diverse as well, depending on locale, tourism, opinions, etc.

Alice serves on the Appropriation Committee, Judiciary Committee, and the Judicial Retention Committee and sees approximately 300 bills come before the Senate in a two-year period.

This year’s tree lighting was held Nov. 26 at Veterans Memorial Park in Ludlow. The Tree of Remembrance is a fundraising project for the club, which entirely benefits their scholarship program. The club welcomes donations from the community to honor or remember family or friends. Donations may be sent to Fran Derlinga, P.O. Box 229, Plymouth VT 05056. Checks

should be written out to GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club.

At the state meeting, one speaker discussed domestic violence in the Rutland area, the second speaker was one of three recipients of the Vermont GFWC Barbara Jean Barker Scholarship for displaced women returning to the work force.

The next meeting of the GFWC Women’s Club will be Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 at the Black River Valley Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending may contact Penny Trick at 802-975-0313 or Roxie Davis at 802-226-7417.

## GMUSD

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CAES showing an increase of just 6.04%, accounted for because of the revised principal structure and increased salary and benefits. GMUHS showed a decrease of 1.15% due to decrease in salaries as newer staff

replaced higher step educators and with tuition students from Baltimore aging out of school.

Not reflected in the budget is the anticipated \$2.9 million in round three of federal ES-SER funding, which will be spent specifically on helping student reengage in the school setting following a year of Covid-driven

disruption. Categories for funding use include programs and services for student engagement with the school system, academics, and mental health.

TRSU Finance Director Cheryl Hammond wrapped up the meeting saying that main things were still unresolved including revenue numbers, equalized pupil costs, and tuition rates for preschool and the tech school. She also mentioned the \$1.1 million surplus in last year’s budget, which she recommended putting half into the budget next year for tax reduction.

The next meeting will include a fresh look at the budget with the approved changes, including up-to-date financial information, as well as discussion about the upcoming facility improvements that will likely require a bond vote. The board will also discuss their recommendations for the other half of the \$1.1 million surplus.

The budget information is available on the TRSU website. The next GMUSD Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16, from 5-6 p.m., just prior to the regular GMUSD meeting from 6-8 p.m. at the GMUHS library and via Zoom.

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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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## Calendar correction

The 2022 Chester Historical Society calendars are now available. They are for sale at Erskine's, Salon 2000, Stone House Antiques Center, Chester Hardware, Smitty's, Blair Books & More, and The Framery of Vermont.

No one likes to admit a mistake, but I made one that needs to be addressed. The photo I used for December 2022 has an error in the caption. It's the photo with this article.

I described the location as south of the Depot crossing and the tall building in the background as being E.J. Davis coal elevator. This is an error on my part. Ted Spaulding pointed out to me that it was the Vermont Mineral Products building that burned in 1955. Vermont Mineral was located just north of the First Avenue crossing on the left.

I do make mistakes now and then. There's a difference between constructive criticism as Ted offered, and a gleeful "You got that wrong."

In the antiques business, I have heard many times that antiques dealers never lose money. Well, if an antiques dealer doesn't lose money now and then, he's not buying very much. I make these mistakes too.

I was just shy of 4-years-old when this place burned so I have no memory. Because I don't remember this building, I mistook the December photo as E.J. Davis coal elevator.

**From the Nov. 9, 1955 Springfield Reporter:**  
"Vt. Mineral Products, Inc. Destroyed by Fire Saturday

"The talc mill owned by the Vermont Mineral Products, Inc. in Chester Depot in Chester Vermont was completely destroyed Saturday night in a spectacular fire which broke out about 8:15 p. m. Flames shooting high into the air from the wooden structure attracted hundreds to the scene.

"Damages estimated to be over \$50,000. It is believed the fire started in the elevator shaft of the building but the cause is undetermined.

"The alarm was sounded by Mrs. William Basso who saw the flames at about the same time a passing motorist noticed them. Fire Chief Albert Damore and about 20 men from Chester Fire Department Aid No.1 and a number of men from Fire District No.2 of Chester Depot, responded to the alarm. Chief Miland H. Jordon and about 10 men from Springfield Fire Department came to the aid



The 405 with Vermont Minerals in the background that burned in 1955.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

of the Chester men. Firemen laid 6,000 feet of hose to pump water from the nearby river to save the plant. No one was injured.

"Despite the efforts of the firemen the fire burned all night and it wasn't until after daylight they were able to extinguish the stubborn blaze. The main tower collapsed to the ground with a terrific crash and sparks flew to nearby sheds and buildings. The firemen quickly doused the sparks and were able to confine the damage to the main buildings of the talc mill. The main tower, the stone shed, and machines were completely lost.

"Stanley Dorand, President of the Vermont Mineral Products Inc., announced they were not definite for the future of the Company. The fire put 15 men out of work including those working the mine in Felchville.

"Two Rutland Railroad cars loaded with talc on the companies siding were not damaged. The south bound freight was detained by two hours because of the heat.

"A new truck for the Chester Fire Department had been shipped from Elmira, N.Y., on Wednesday of last week and was due to arrive in Chester on Saturday. Had it had arrived in time it would have helped con-

siderable in an attempt to save these buildings."

A couple months ago, I wrote an article for The Vermont Journal & The Shopper I titled, "The country auction." It was an article about country auctions here in Vermont in the early 1970s. I described the old Vermonters, their farms, and their way of life. Because I lived it, no research was needed.

I was recently contacted by the editor of Journal of Antiques and Collectibles. This is a glossy antiques magazine with a national audience. For their upcoming March issue they are running a special feature about "Barns." The publisher and editor searching online found my article, "The country auction." Both loved it.

The editor contacted me to see if I would expand that article for their Barn feature this March. After some thought, I agreed. They want 1,500 words and any photos I might have. I have many photos to select from. It'll be fun.

*This week's old saying my mother used to say: "Good things always come in threes."*

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## Split the Ticket Fund delivers this holiday season —

**REGION** – Many Vermonters in need will receive a surprise gift of warmth this winter thanks to the Split the Ticket Fund. While thousands of Vermont families receive fuel assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, there are many Vermonters that don't qualify but still need help. These families can receive donations of heating oil, propane, and kerosene from the Split the Ticket Fund, a Vermont-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

This innovative program matches cash donations with

donations of heating oil, kerosene, and propane from Vermont's fuel providers. The delivery ticket is split in half: every \$1 donated buys \$2 worth of fuel.

Vermont's heating fuel and service providers are mostly small, family-owned businesses. They are often the first to hear about and respond to a heating emergency. This program gives them, as well as local businesses, organizations, and individuals, the opportunity to provide a gift of warmth to someone in their community. Since it was cre-

ated in 2007, the fund has delivered more than 100,000 gallons of free heating fuel to our neighbors in need.

Those receiving a gift of warmth are nominated by someone in the community. If there is someone you think is deserving this winter, please email [split@vermontfuel.com](mailto:split@vermontfuel.com) to let us know.

Thanks to everyone for the little acts of kindness that can make a big difference this holiday season. Go to [www.vermontfuel.com/split](http://www.vermontfuel.com/split) for more information about the Split the Ticket Fund.

## Chester Rotary welcomes Bob Sartini as a new member

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Chester Rotary happily welcomed Bob Sartini to its ranks this past Thursday morning, Nov. 18, 2021 at a breakfast ceremony that honored him and Rotary's mission of "Service above Self"

Bob and his wife, Judy Yogan, moved to Chester in 2020 after living in Boston and Rockingham for many years. In Boston, Bob had a long career as a manager at Boston University Medical Center. In retirement "Bamboo Bob" took up backpacking and thru-hiked many national scenic trails including the Appalachian Trail and our own Long Trail, some trails multiple times, for an excess of 13,000 miles. He looks forward to Rotary's continued involvement in the community and has interest in the Chester Historical Society and the Chester Conservation Committee as well. We look forward to Bob's involvement with Rotary.

Chester Rotary meets every Thursday at the Fullerton Inn at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary, please join us as a guest at one of our meetings or call Alan Farrar, 802-875-2696, or Ian Montgomery, 802-875-5446, for more information.



From left to right: Bob Sartini, Alan Farrar, president, and Ian Montgomery, past president.

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Dear Editor,

The Warm Hands Warm Hearts planning committee wish to thank the Chester and Andover communities for the wonderful support for Warm Hands Warm Hearts 2021.

Many generous donations of coats, blankets, boots, and other warm items were all given free to all shoppers. Donations of cash were used to purchase healthy snacks for each shopper.

Many volunteers helped by monitoring donation boxes, setting up and taking down the displays, moved and stored the display racks and storage bins, put together the snack bags, and were present during the shopping.

Special thanks to the Chester Baptist Church for hosting the event, Newsbank for printing the posters and rack cards, cash donations from Chester Baptist Church, Chester Rotary, and Andover Community Church.

Drop boxes for donations were sponsored by Whiting Library, Chester-Andover Elementary School, the GMUHS Honor Society, Smitty's Market, Chester-Andover Family Center, Andover Town Office, Chester Town Office, American Legion Post 67, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 67, Andover Community Church, Chester Baptist Church, and Chester-Andover Family Center.

Paper bags for the snacks were donated by Chester Hardware, Chester Sunoco, and Erskine's Grain and Garden. Snacks were donated by Black River Produce and several anonymous donors. Thank you to the "Snack Bag Crew" who filled 200 snack bags to distribute.

All the items left at the end of the event were donated to the Church of Christ Clothing Closet and the Boy Scouts for further distribution.

There were many volunteers who helped with tasks big and small. We feel gratitude for each of you.

Planning has begun for Warm Hands Warm Hearts 2022. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Carla Rumrill at fae12rae@gmail.com.

Sincerely,  
Carla Rumrill  
Edie Brown  
Beth Brothers  
Savannah Gramling  
Elaine Wrubel  
Harriet Dean  
Chester, Vt.

Editorial: Press issues have affected our delivery times

Dear readers,

It has been a busy couple of weeks with the Thanksgiving holiday, early deadlines, and a few papers not getting to you on time – as you expect them to each and every week. I'd like to extend my deepest apologies and thank you for your patience as we worked through press staff shortages and equipment breakdowns.

When the press notified us last week that their printing was behind schedule, we made a quick decision to insert the Nov. 17 edition into the Nov. 24 paper to ensure you got both editions.

Please understand this delay was not due to any lack of dedication that we have to our community or our newspaper. My staff and I are working diligently to make sure all of our deadlines are met. We work persistently each week so that our news, advertisements, obituaries, and crossword puzzles are carefully edited, designed, and arranged into every paper.

Once the layout of our paper is completed and pages are sent to the press, the printing process is out of our control. Furthermore, the timeline of printing also affects the distribution and delivery via the U.S. Postal Service and our store delivery drivers.

Although our news is well read on our website and our Facebook page, our print paper is still our priority for our readers and advertisers, including the towns we serve as paper of record. In addition, not every person has reliable access to the internet, and many rely on us for their news. Obituary services, advertisers' promotions, and local events are often time sensitive, and we value getting that information to our readers in a timely manner.

Our paper should be reaching you on time this week, and we are working to make sure this issue does not continue. So thank you again for continuing to support our community newspaper, and for being patient during a difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Shawntae Webb, Publisher  
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

carriers wait for those bundled newspapers to arrive in their respective markets. Then, they are transferred, divvied up, and those drivers, all independent contractors, take to the roads to deliver that day's edition.

Last month, after a series of late deliveries and printing issues with Upper Valley Press, our printer in North Haverhill, New Hampshire, we were informed by the printer that the labor shortage is making it impossible for them to keep up with their workload. UVP not only prints The Times Argus and Rutland Herald, as well as the Claremont Eagle Times and The Vermont Journal and The Shopper (all publications owned by Sample News Group), it prints other weeklies from around the region, as well as many of those direct marketing inserts you get in the mail.

But like us, if UVP falls behind on its print jobs, something gets pushed. Lately, because we are at the end of the line, it has been us. That has meant our newspapers have not been getting into the hands of our motor route carriers on time, and it has meant we have had to find alternate locations to print some of our products. It has also meant certain inserts have not been in the papers, or delayed beyond their usefulness, which is unacceptable to us.

This will probably not come as a surprise: There are not a lot of print facilities in Vermont willing or able to work all night.


In fact, very few Vermont newspapers (weekly or daily) own and maintain their own presses. It has been more cost-effective to use larger commercial press facilities that have state-of-the-art equipment and the staff to operate and maintain them – until there aren't enough people to operate and maintain them.

As a result, we have been in ongoing talks with printers all around New England and upstate New York. It has been an epic effort to quilt together a schedule that allows for adequate print windows, hired transportation, and meeting deadlines that do not compromise our quality reporting.

So, we thank you for your patience. And know that these little papers are doing amazing work despite a pandemic and the challenges it places on our families, as well. In fact, we are producing more products than ever, with both our loyal and new advertisers. We are seeing more people reading us in print and online. We are confident that we have weathered the storm that has taken so many community newspapers. But we do face a formidable challenge in finding a new printer.

Be assured that if your newspaper is late, you're probably not alone. We are taking all of the steps necessary to ensure we are — like a good friend — here to greet you every day that we publish.

Thank you for reading us, and standing by us, today and always.




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Reginald Cyr, 1941-2021

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Reginald Cyr, 80, of Londonderry, Vt., passed away early Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 25, 2021, following a brief battle with cancer. He passed peacefully at home, surrounded by all his family and endless love.

Reginald was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother, friend, and so much more. He worked through hardship, overcoming all obstacles life threw in front of him and using them as leverage to better himself.

He was born at his family home on a farm in New Brunswick, Canada, March 1, 1941. He was number 13 out of 27 children. His life was full of adventure. He grew up surrounded by family, which made him the best family man. He was loving, kind, generous, humble, trustworthy, and an all around incredible man.

He was predeceased by his mother Marie Chamberland Cyr, father Heliodore Cyr, along with many brothers and sisters. He is survived by Jeanine, the mother of his children, and his children Rick (Nancy) Theriault, Tina (Bill)



Reginald Cyr, 1941-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Byrd, Debora (Ryan) Willette, Reggie (Katie) Cyr; grandchildren Christopher (Fern) Cyr, Kaya (Loren) Diego, Chamberland Willette, Hannah Cyr, Hilary Cyr, Charlie Cyr, Aubrey Willette; great-grandchildren Penelope Cyr, Lyla Cyr, Maverick Diego, Bellamy Diego; and many siblings.

There will be a celebration of life in spring of 2022 with the exact date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to his favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.**

Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Facebook page and YouTube. Services can also be found at [www.sapatv.org](http://www.sapatv.org) and [www.fact8tv.com](http://www.fact8tv.com).

CAVENDISH, VT.

**Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.**

Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. If you attend in-person, please wear a mask and practice physical distancing. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to [www.facebook.com/CavendishBaptistChurch-258814894244302](http://www.facebook.com/CavendishBaptistChurch-258814894244302). More at [www.CavendishBaptist.com](http://www.CavendishBaptist.com) or call 802-226-7131.

CHESTER, VT.

**Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.**

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to [www.chesterbaptist.org](http://www.chesterbaptist.org).

LUDLOW, VT.

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

Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to [www.LudlowBaptist.org](http://www.LudlowBaptist.org).

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.**

Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Please wear a mask, socially distance, and stay home if you're unwell. Services are still streamed at [www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt](http://www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt). For more information, go to [www.calvarylovespringfield.com](http://www.calvarylovespringfield.com).

**United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.**

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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**Submit your Christmas Church Services**

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper will run our annual Christmas Eve church services in the Dec. 22, 2021 edition. If you would like to include your church's special Christmas services in our paper, please email them to [editor@vermont-journal.com](mailto:editor@vermont-journal.com) no later than Friday, Dec. 17, 2021.

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Phillip L. Davis, 1937-2021

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – On Nov. 23, 2021, Phillip Leon Davis passed away peacefully in his home in Ascutney, Vt., at the age of 84, with his wife Dortia Brown Davis by his side.

Phillip Davis was born Nov. 1, 1937, in Springfield, Vt., to Herbert and Gladys Davis. He grew up alongside his brother Ronald Davis in Perkinsville, Vt. Phillip graduated from Springfield High School, served in the Vermont National Guard, was a member of the Free Masons of Vermont, and worked at Fellows Gear Shaper. Phillip later started his own business: Davis Furniture Refinishing.

His greatest accomplishment, however, was his family. Phillip married the love of his life Dortia Davis, June 11, 1960. Together they raised two daughters, Marsha Narwid and Marie Davis, and played an integral role in the upbringing of their granddaughter, Brittani Mulholland.

Throughout the years, you could find Phillip puttering in his workshop, riding the snowmobile trails, fishing at the family lake house, or going to car shows. In his later years, he would be "winning" card games with friends, singing karaoke, and carving birds and wildlife. He was fortunate to call Vermont and Florida home for many years, with a surplus of friends and family in both



Phillip L. Davis, 1937-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

states. Phillip was someone you could always depend on for advice or to lend a helping hand, and his knowledge and wit will be deeply missed.

Phillip is predeceased by his parents, Herbert and Gladys, and his brother Ronald. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dortia; his daughter Marsha and her husband David Narwid; his daughter Marie; his granddaughter Brittani; and many other family members and friends.

A celebration of life was held Nov. 29, 2021 at the Perkinsville Community Church. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the helpful men and women at the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

James H. Twitchell, 2021-1940

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – James H. Twitchell, 81, beloved lifelong resident of South Londonderry, Vt., passed away peacefully at his family home after a brief illness, Nov. 16, 2021. Jim was born Sept. 25, 1940, in Brattleboro, Vt., the son of Arthur K. and Helen (Tams) Twitchell.

He was raised on the family homestead where he discovered his love for farming. He had dedicated his life to the preservation of the land and lived his life raising cattle and other livestock. Jim had a love of the outdoors and spent many of his days hunting and fishing and sharing these passions with his boys.

Jim started his schooling in Londonderry, then graduated from Leland & Gray Seminary in 1958 and onto Vermont Technical College graduating in 1960 with a degree in agriculture.

He loved the spring season so he could start sugaring, which he did since a very small child. His passion to make maple syrup was shared with all who came to the sugarhouse. He was a member of the Vermont Sugar Makers Association. He won an award in April of 2011 at the Maple Festival for first place in the Fancy Syrup division. His syrup earned them the best Fancy Syrup in the State of Vermont.

Jim worked on Sen. Edward Janeway's Farm from 1957 to

1965 when he was elected to the position of town clerk and treasurer of Londonderry, a position he held for 47 years, along with his then wife Shirley E. Twitchell.

Jim spent most of his life serving the community. Jim was a 54-year member of Champion Fire Co. 5, serving 26 years as its president. He also served 25 years as the town's Forest Fire Warden. He was the master of the Londonderry Grange, treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 410, officer of the Londonderry Credit Union, Trustee of the First Baptist Church, and numerous other community organizations. He also took care of his friends and neighbors of Winhall Hollow.

James leaves behind his brother A. Robert Twitchell of South Londonderry, his three sons Stephen L. and his wife Roxana, Melvin and his partner Susan, both of South Londonderry, and Timothy W. and wife Amelia Dawn of Houston, Texas. He also leaves a grandson Nickolas R. Burbank of South Londonderry and his former wife Shirley E. Twitchell.


Funeral services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Champion Fire Co. 5, P.O. Box 5, South Londonderry, VT 05155. To send the family personal condolences, please visit [www.sheafuneralhomes.com](http://www.sheafuneralhomes.com).

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James A. Critchfield, 1957-2021

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – James A. Critchfield, 64, of Saxtons River Road, died Nov. 27, 2021. He passed comfortably surrounded by his friends and family at the Grace Cottage Hospital. He was born Dec. 15, 1957, in Allensville, Pa., the son of Charles and Marion (Swain) Critchfield. He attended schools in Fall Mountain and was a graduate of Fall Mountain High School.

After high school, Jim entered and served our country in the Air Force. Jim worked at the VA Hospital in White River Junction, Hubbard Farms Walpole, N.H., and for the town of

Grafton, Vt. He was a member of the Post 37 Bellows Falls American Legion.

On Feb. 26, 2000, in Saxtons River, Vt., Jim married Lisa Marie Brough who survives. He is also survived by his son Joseph and wife Victoria Critchfield; five granddaughters and one grandson; one sister Linda; and brothers David and Scott. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Walter.

There will be calling hours from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, at the Fenton & Hennessy Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Robert W. Heidtmann, 2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert William Heidtmann died unexpectedly in his home, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021.

Bob was born to William and Erma (Genovesio) Heidtmann. After graduating from Chester High School, he moved to southern California where he worked on the oil platforms off the coast of Santa Barbara. Eventually Bob settled back into Vermont life where he worked as a master mechanic and then as a school bus driver in more recent years.

He was a treasured husband, father, and son. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor and so much more.

He is survived by his parents, his wife Tama Heidtmann, son Dillin Karl Heidtmann, daughters Kierra Martens, Savanna Baldwin, and his sisters Gail Marine, Patty Johansen, and



Robert W. Heidtmann, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Tammy Slade.

A celebration of life will be held Dec. 2 at the Elks Lodge in Springfield, Vt., from 4-8 p.m. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Kent E. Moore, 1955-2021

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Kent Edward Moore, 66, of Sarasota, Fla., passed away Nov. 16, 2021.

Kent was born March 5, 1955, the son of Ralph and Beverly (June) Moore. Growing up in Alstead, he enjoyed building and racing soapbox derby cars, horseback riding, and spending time at Vilas Pool. Kent had a love for nature from a very young age. He enjoyed camping, spending time in the woods, and exploring the great outdoors.

After vacationing in Sarasota, where his parents wintered, he moved there to enjoy the warm and sunny climate. Florida allowed him to experience the beauty of nature year-round. Kent spent a few years as a deep sea fisherman, as he felt at peace on the water. He spent a lot of time boating, sailing, and fishing in the beautiful, blue Florida waters. Kent returned to his lifelong trade as a machinist until his retirement in 2017. Kent enjoyed his city and loved to go out and spend time with other locals. He will be missed dearly by many people.

Kent was predeceased by his father Ralph Moore. He is survived by his mother Beverly (June), his daughter Kelly and



Kent E. Moore, 1955-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

her husband Robert, his grandchildren Cedar and Salcha Showalter of Fairbanks, Ark., his sister Gloria and husband Lary, his sister Darlene and husband Patrick, his nieces Heidi, Karen, Sarah, Jessica, and Danielle, as well as several cousins, and great nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Pine Grove Cemetery in Alstead, N.H., Dec. 4, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. He will be laid to rest in a family lot. The celebration of life will follow at the Third Congregational Church. We invite all that knew and loved Kent to join us in remembering his life.

Richard J. Terricciano, 2021

MONKTON, Vt. – Richard "Dick" John Terricciano, 84, passed away peacefully Oct. 26, 2021 at his home in Monkton, Vt., as a result of an ongoing illness. For full obituary, go to [www.gregorycremation.com/blog](http://www.gregorycremation.com/blog).

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**DEC. 3 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Garden Club is holding a Garden Club Christmas Shop at 39 Main Street in Springfield, Vt., Friday, Dec. 3, from 12-6 p.m. Fresh green plain or trimmed wreaths, several sizes of boxwood trees, fresh centerpieces, and more while supplies last. The Christmas Shop will stay open until 6 p.m. for the Springfield on the Move holiday children’s program. Raffle tickets for the Money Tree will be available at the shop and

drawn that day.

**DEC. 4 –**  
BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – The Brownsville Christmas Bazaar will be held at the West Windsor Town Hall, Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The United Methodist Women’s Group pulled together a gathering of artisans and crafters for the event. In the morning, enjoy coffee and donuts or recharge with a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch includes homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, and baked desserts.

CHESTER, Vt. – Visit St. Luke’s Christmas Market in Willard Hall at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 313 Main Street in Chester, Vt., Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is open to the public and will feature a special pickup time of 9:30-10 a.m. for those who order items in advance. Masks are required. For a list of offerings, please visit [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org). To order items in advance, please contact Lillian Willis at [lbwillisct@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillisct@comcast.net) or 802-875-1340.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Christmas tree sale of fresh-cut Vermont trees, Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Grafton Firehouse, 711 Route 121, east of Grafton Village. Proceeds to benefit the Fire and Rescue Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

LEMPSTER, N.H. – On Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., join the Christmas Treats & Trimmings Sale to be held at History Hall, corner of Route 10 and 2nd NH Turnpike in Lempster, N.H. The sale features

homemade cookies, hot cocoa to sip while shopping, and gently used decorations to love again. The event benefits the Friends of the Miner Memorial Library. For more information, call 603-863-5023.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Annual Christmas Bazaar at Second Congregational Church will once again be held Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Church Friendship Room. There will be handmade wreaths, a delicious lunch served, lots of yummy baked goods, gift items, and Christmas decorations galore. A special highlight is the chance to fill various sized tins with homemade Christmas cookies. Come join us for a wonderful day to get into the Christmas spirit. Wreaths will be available for sale during the week prior to the bazaar. For more information, please call the church office at 802-824-6453.

**DEC. 6-18 –**  
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**DEC. 18 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Farmers’ Market will have an indoor farmers market, Saturday, Dec. 18, from 12-4 p.m., at 92 Route 11 in Chester. This will be a great opportunity to stock up on some items and check out some new vendors who will have local foods and goods for your holiday needs.

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PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – St. James Methodist Church, 570 Main St., Proctorsville, invites you to attend a Christmas concert featuring The Perennials, Saturday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. The Perennials are a jazz quartet with featured vocals and dancing. Admission is free. Donations are welcomed.

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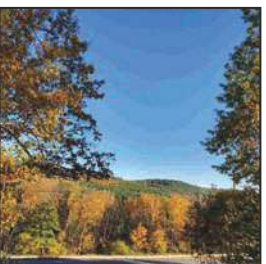
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# sports & outdoor

## Notebook: Rivalry motivates Shiffrin

KILLINGTON, Vt. – Magic Johnson had Larry Bird. Arnold Palmer had Jack Nicklaus. Mikaela Shiffrin has Petra Vlhova.

When an athlete has a peer it can battle and compare itself to, it brings out the best in both. That is exactly what the American Shiffrin and the Slovakian Vlhova do for each other in women's Alpine skiing.

They are the top of their sport and in a tier that others struggle to touch. Their excellence was on full display on Sunday's FIS World Cup slalom race in the fifth annual HomeLight Killington Cup at Killington Mountain.

The pair filled the top two spots on the podium as they have done many times before. It was Shiffrin who came out with her fifth straight slalom win at Killington with a combined time of 1:38.33 and Vlhova finishing second 0.75 seconds behind Shiffrin.

The two embraced after they had finished their second runs. Emotions were certainly different for both. Shiffrin had just put down a second run good enough to win and Vlhova had just made one mistake on her run that cost her the victory.

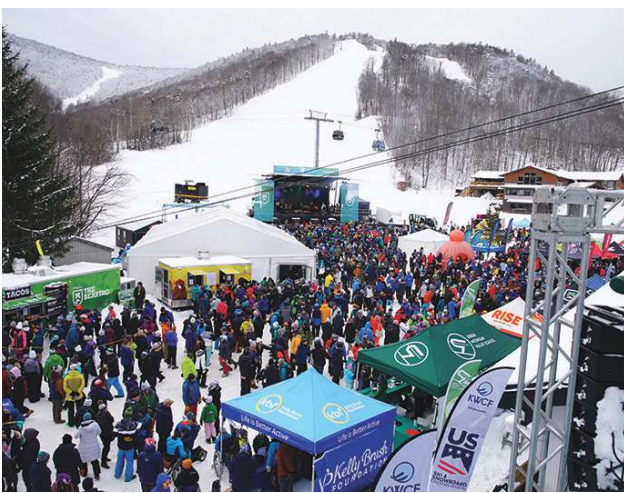
Results aside, the two have respect for their fellow elite skier.

"We've just been pushing each other for so long. I've al-



Mikaela Shiffrin.

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A very knowledgeable and energized crowd on a flurry filled Sunday.

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United States' Mikaela Shiffrin, center, stands atop the podium along side second-place finisher Petra Vlhova of Slovakia, left, and third-place finisher Wendy Holdener of Switzerland, right, after Sunday's Killington Cup women's Alpine skiing slalom race at Killington Mountain.

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ways said it that it doesn't make it easy. It's definitely a fight every race," said Shiffrin of the challenge of going up against her rival.

"You have this feeling where your heart is beating out of your chest because you don't know what is going to happen. For everyone on the mountain, we want to win so much. You don't know if it's going to happen with competitor like Petra, who rarely makes mistakes."

There isn't much that separates Shiffrin and Vlhova on the slopes. Last weekend in Levi, Finland, it was Vlhova pulling out two slalom wins with Shiffrin second in both. This week, it flipped. Such has been their rivalry, a give and take for winning results.

"It's challenging, but it's also really satisfying when you have a race like today," Shiffrin said. "She felt it in Levi (Fin-

land) and I felt it today. The other athletes aren't far behind either."

Sunday's 46th slalom win was historic for Shiffrin as the two-time Olympic champion tied a 32-year-old World Cup record for most World Cup wins in a single discipline set by Swedish skier Ingemar Stenmark in giant slalom.

Shiffrin will have plenty of chances to grab sole possession of that World Cup record and also add on to her Olympic legacy in the coming months.

### Home sweet home

They say absence makes the heart grow fonder and the seven U.S. Alpine skiers that competed in Sunday's race know that to be true.

The Killington Cup had been a great success in its first four years, but last year's event was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year's event was scaled back in attendance due to Covid protocols, but both days were sellouts of 10,000 people packing around the Superstar Trail.

"This is a really special race for a lot of reasons," Shiffrin

said. "Because of the atmosphere and because so much of family can be here. I've spent so much time on the East Coast and it feels like home. Last year we didn't get to come here. We missed it. We missed it a lot."

Shiffrin is a Burke Mountain Academy product as are two of her teammates in Sunday's race, Nina O'Brien and Zoe Zimmerman.

There's a special feeling when they get to compete on the snow in Vermont.

"I love Killington. It's where I started my first World Cup and got my first World Cup points," O'Brien said. "It's definitely special to me. I spent four years in Vermont, so I feel comfortable here."

O'Brien remembers her first time skiing Killington being a Vermont states race as an under-18 skier.

Paula Moltzan was a National Champion while skiing for the University of Vermont. She finished seventh in Sunday's race.

Moltzan cherishes any chance she gets to compete in the Green Mountain State.

"I love coming back to Killington every year," Moltzan

said. "The crowd is awesome and I feel like I have a slight hometown advantage."

"The whole morning we see everyone cheering for us and feel a lot of support. We want to put on a good show for (the fans)," O'Brien said.

Given the amount of Vermont connections on the team, this race always has the Americans abuzz.

"We take pride in relating to New England. We were talking about on the trails this morning," Moltzan said. "Even though for some it might not be their home home, it feels like home."

Moltzan jumped the railing to give some special supporters a hug after Sunday's race. She was home.

### The next generation

Shiffrin and Vlhova may be at the top of the podium more often than not, but there are plenty of skiers on the rise looking to make their mark.

Sweden's Hanna Aronsson Elfman, an 18-year-old, was the lone skier born in the 2000s to make the 30-skier final run. For a portion of the second run, Aronsson Elfman was the

woman to beat holding the top spot.

She ended up finishing 15th when it was all set and done, but she made a statement that she's on the rise.

Sunday's race wasn't what O'Brien was looking for, as she didn't qualify for the finals, but the 23-year-old is one to watch in the coming years.

"There are a lot of good girls and we have a good team, so hopefully we'll have a few good stars," O'Brien said.

There were young skiers out in droves for Sunday's event and certainly many want to be at the top of the Superstar Trail competing one day.

O'Brien once was one of those girls with a dream while at Burke.

"You never know how close you can be to the World Cup," O'Brien said. "I certainly didn't think that I would be there when I was their age. I would tell (young skiers) to keep going and have fun with it because they can definitely make it here."

Written by Adam Aucoin, Rutland Herald.



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## Scats and Tracks, a virtual offering for elementary school students

REGION – The Covid-19 pandemic has had many teachers on the lookout for new and exciting ways to teach outside. Vermont Fish & Wildlife is offering a virtual program for elementary school classes grades 1-6 designed to get kids outside

with their teacher, while also learning about Vermont's local wildlife.

Scats and Tracks is a four-week program that gives educators plans and support to lead nature hikes on school or nearby grounds. Each week's hike teaches students identify scat and tracks for a different

native species, and it is supported with access to a virtual class visit on nature facts from Fish & Wildlife Department experts. This year's species are gray fox, beaver, gray squirrel, and eastern wild turkey.

There are two ways for classes to participate, designed to meet the needs of different

schedules and student groups: pre-recorded lessons or live virtual presentations with a department staff member once a week.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife understands that many educators have questions about leading a nature hike of their own. Staff are available to answer any questions about that portion in advance and to provide tips.

The live virtual sessions will take place weekly during January 2022. Educators that choose the pre-recorded option will receive the video links and additional information in late 2021.

To register for the program, educators should contact Education Specialist Corey Hart by emailing him at [corey.hart@vermont.gov](mailto:corey.hart@vermont.gov) or calling him at 802-505-5562. Please indicate which option you prefer, school, grade level, and how many students will be participating. The homeschool community is also encouraged to reach out.

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# arts & entertainment

## Upcoming programming at Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. – It is a busy time of year at Whiting Library with many upcoming and on-going programs for all community members to enjoy. Here is what's going on at your library.

In the Youth Services department, Carrie King hosts a weekly storytime for preschool-aged children every Friday at 11 a.m. Children who are delighted by picture books, sing-alongs, and craft creations will greatly enjoy this regular gathering.

The new Teen Writers Workshop is a monthly meetup group held each first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. for teenagers. A mix of free writing and sharing, the workshop develops writing skills and practices in a supportive and welcoming environment and is led by local writer and library trustee, Rosamund Conroy.

Starting back up in January is the Book Club for Kids who are ages 9 years and up, held the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. The first meeting of the Book Club for Kids

will be Jan. 12, 2022.

The monthly Whiting Library Book Club for Adults welcomes new readers at any time. The book club reads a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction titles and meets for a discussion in a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting each third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. Email [whitinglibrary1@gmail.com](mailto:whitinglibrary1@gmail.com) if you would like to receive the book club emails.

The library will be hosting two informational sessions for the Chester-Andover 100% Campaign for food and fuel security, put on by Senior Solutions and the Chester-Andover Family Center. Thom Simmons will be at the library Dec. 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and again Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., answering any and all questions about food and fuel assistance available to local residents. If you need more information about what benefits you are eligible for and how to fill out the right forms, come to the library for all the resources

you need.

Whiting Library has a new art exhibit by celebrated local artist Jeanne Carbonetti. Jeanne's paintings are known for their luminous, vivid colors, strong composition and fluidity, appearing almost as if the paint is still wet and moving on the paper. These paintings will brighten up your day!

All paintings are for sale and half of the proceeds from artwork purchased from the library will go towards the library. Thank you, Jeanne, for this beautiful exhibit and for your generous collaboration with the library to support future programs and events for the community.

You can find more information about all Whiting Library programs on our website, [www.whitinglibrary.org](http://www.whitinglibrary.org), or by calling 802-875-2277. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to receive programming and event information direct to your inbox.

## FOLA releases schedule for coming 2022 season

LUDLOW, Vt. – At its recent meeting, FOLA approved an event schedule for the coming 2022 season, which will consist of 14 movies, two public forums, and a Metropolitan Opera.

Among the movies scheduled for 2022 are a documentary on the Apollo 11 flight to the moon, a three-film series of comedian and actor Robin Williams' great films, a silent movie of director Alfred Hitchcock's "The Lodger" featuring Jeff Rapsis' musical background, and a Harry Potter film for the Christmas season.

Since 2022 is an election year, FOLA will sponsor two public forums dealing with the primary election, which should be interesting given the open U.S. Senate and House seats, plus a general election candidate forum.



A scene from the Metropolitan Opera's presentation of the comic opera, "The Merry Widow," which will be a first-time feature in FOLA's 2022 season.

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As a first for FOLA and the Ludlow area, plans have been made to show a comic opera, "The Merry Widow," featuring the great soprano, Renee Fleming. As FOLA Chairperson Ralph Pace noted, "This is an opera you'll leave whistling for all others when attending events in the Heald Auditorium of Ludlow Town Hall.

According to Program Director Scott Stearns, other events may be added during the season.

All of these events will continue to be free and open to everyone. FOLA will continue to observe the Ludlow town policies concerning Covid-19. Currently, that policy calls for masks required for unvaccinated persons and recommended for all others when attending events in the Heald Auditorium of Ludlow Town Hall.

For more information, call 802-228-7239 or go to [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).

## Submit short story, essay, or poem for Vermont Writers' Prize

COLCHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain Power and Vermont Magazine are urging writers to get their entries ready for one of the state's premiere literary contests, the Vermont Writer's Prize. The prize is awarded in two categories – prose and poetry. Each winner receives \$1,250 and their works will be published in Vermont Magazine's Summer 2022 issue.

Submissions can be essays, short stories, or poems that focus on "Vermont – Its People, Its Places, Its History or Its Values." The prize was launched in 1989 to celebrate writing about Vermont and Vermonters, while honoring the literary legacy of the late Ralph Nading Hill Jr., a Vermont historian and writer and longtime member of GMP's board of directors.

"Vermont is full of wonderful perspectives, and what Vermont means to us is different for everyone. Each year we receive heartfelt reflections on the Vermont experience, and I'm looking forward to reading the latest entries to see how our amazing state inspires another group of talented Vermonters," said Steve Costello, writers' prize judge and vice president at GMP.

Entries are being accepted now, and the deadline is Jan. 1, 2022. They must be unpublished, works of prose fewer than 1,500 words, and poems fewer than 40 lines. Individuals may submit only one work. Entrants may be amateur or professional writers. Employees of Vermont Magazine or Green Mountain Power and previous winners are ineligible.

You can submit your entry to [www.vermontwritersprize.submittable.com/submit/86155/vermont-writers-prize](http://www.vermontwritersprize.submittable.com/).

## SBW Douglas Cuddle Toys Good Friends Campaign

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole and the Monadnock Broadcasting Group/KNE-FM are once again teaming up with Douglas Cuddle Toys to raise money to benefit a local nonprofit. This year's nonprofit is Monadnock Understands Childhood Hunger. The campaign kicked off Friday, Nov. 12.

Throughout the holiday season, SBW branches will serve as point-of-sale locations, selling stuffed animals generously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys. MUCH receives 100% of the sale proceeds and uses the funds to help the community and those in need. This year's warm and fuzzy fundraising ambassadors include Valeria Princess Unicorn, Polar Bear Softie, Paya Panda, and Bolt Australian Cattle Dog.

"The Good Friends campaign is an annual event that all of us at SBW look forward

to each year, especially this year when some traditional events still aren't happening. It's a way for us to showcase our community's local spirit and commitment to help others," says Mark Bodin, president for Savings Bank of Walpole.

"Raising money for a local nonprofit like MUCH is important because the proceeds enable them to provide food and a number of related resources that help children and families

in our community. Of course, the campaign wouldn't be possible without the generous donation of stuffed animals and all the effort of everyone at Douglas Cuddle Toys, as well as the participation of KNE-FM and the Monadnock Broadcasting Group."


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# holiday happenings

## Chester Christmas Market at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church –

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Gingerbread house kits at St. Luke’s Christmas Market.

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olates in designer tins. Christmas-oriented decorations – including live evergreen wreaths and sprays – and decorated candles, and other artistic or handmade creations, plus a variety of nutritious treats for pets, will provide appealing gifts. Special new items this year are homemade gingerbread-house kits, authentic English chunky orange marmalade and real English mincemeat for pies or tarts, Cyrena’s potholders in two sizes, and handmade soaps with no artificial or harsh ingredients.

For more information, please visit [www.stluke-sepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stluke-sepiscopalvt.org) for a partial listing of available frozen soups, meals, cakes, and specialty items. To ensure a gingerbread-house kit, with the cake and candy trimmings, please order in advance.

To order the kits, other food, and craft items in advance, please contact Lillian Willis at [lbwillisct@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillisct@comcast.net) or 802-875-1340.

## Make your own winter holiday crafts, decorations, and gifts —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT invites you to join Christine Mix via Zoom, Saturday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to make your own winter holiday crafts, decorations, and gifts.

Discover new and old ideas to make your own winter holiday cards, decorations, and crafts, such as ornaments, small swags, paper lanterns, little boxes, etc. while using natural materials found in nature and around the home. These can include pinecones, balsam, birch bark, along with ribbons, craft paper, watercolor paper, and wooden ornaments or crafts that can be colored or painted using colored



Make your own holiday crafts with Christine Mix via Zoom.

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pencils, markers, watercolor, or acrylic paint – whatever you have in your art kit at home! Enjoy the comraderie of working with others without having to travel somewhere. You will share fun ideas and activities, which you can work on

during and after class. Chris’ workshops are always fun. She is great to work with. Register by Wednesday, Dec. 8 with your email address so Chris can send you the link. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email [gallervault@vermontel.net](mailto:gallervault@vermontel.net), or go to Facebook or [www.gallervault.org](http://www.gallervault.org). Handicap accessible.

### Christmas Concert at St. James Methodist Church

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – St. James Methodist Church, 570 Main Street in Proctorsville, invites you to attend a Christmas concert featuring The Perennials, Saturday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. The Perennials are a jazz quartet with featured vocals and dancing. The program will include popular Christmas and jazz numbers. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

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### Londonderry holiday tree lighting

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Holiday Tree Lighting has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Bring the kids to see Santa, sing carols along with the community, and marvel at the lighted tree recently installed in the plaza. Afterwards, all are invited to have cookies and hot drinks at Neighborhood Connections. Neighborhood Connections is located in the Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

## Black River Academy Players present “It’s a Wonderful Life”

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Players are in rehearsal for a presentation of the inspiring Christmas tale,

“It’s A Wonderful Life.” Under the direction of Stephanie Rowe, the beloved tale will be brought to life on the Hearld Auditorium stage at Ludlow Town Hall as a 1940s-style radio on stage production. Dressed in formal attire of the period, actors, behind microphones, will perform by reading from authentically formatted radio scripts to bring back the golden age of live radio shows. Live sound effects of door knocks, bells ringing, and fights will add to the fun while the themes in Frank Capra’s original

production will remain intact. Eight local actors are participating in the show. Tuckerman Wunderle of Chester takes on the role of George Bailey, the man who learns after despair that he really has had a wonderful life. Actors Tom Field, Don Gray, and Irene Ramen of Springfield take on multiple roles, as do Maia Gilmore of Ludlow, April Lawrence of Charlestown, and Paul and Mary Faenza of Mount Holly. Set aside the evenings of Dec. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. to see this marvelous story brought to life.



## ELVES ON MAIN STREET CHALLENGE

Enter to win a gift!

1. Capture a photo of all twelve elves
2. Share it on Facebook or Instagram with **#elvesonmainstreet**

3. One entry per elf. Find all twelve and receive twelve entries!

Deadline: Dec. 20

View a list of participating Ludlow businesses at [www.okemo.evrealstate.com/blog](http://www.okemo.evrealstate.com/blog)





# holiday happenings

## The Dance Factory presents “The Nutcracker” 30th anniversary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Clara on her magical journey to the Kingdom of the Sweets in the Dance Factory’s production of “The Nutcracker.” This year marks the 30th anniversary of the family-friendly holiday tradition, which annually delights upwards of 800 attendees. The full-length, professionally costumed spectacle will be staged at Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt., Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

“It’s been wonderful to have been a part of ‘The Nutcracker’ since its start,” says Dance Factory owner Kate DeRosia, who has seen the show grow in scope and complexity. The production now has so many costumes that a climate-controlled room was built in the studio’s basement to house them all. The numerous custom set pieces include a growing Christmas tree, a life-sized sleigh, and an ornate bespoke throne, and require a dedicated set crew – including DeRosia and husband Mark.

When asked about her backstage duties, DeRosia laughs and says, “We do anything and everything that needs to be done!” She adds, “Seeing the joy on the dancers’ faces, their parents, friends, and extended family, makes every difficulty worthwhile.”

“The Nutcracker” has given hundreds of local dancers an invaluable pre-professional performance experience, including the opportunity to dance soloist roles which many dance schools outsource to professionals. This year Madailein Wolf, 16, of

Springfield, and Ayla Price, 16, of Plymouth will alternate the roles of Snow Queen and Sugar Plum Fairy, while Millie Allen, 13, of Springfield will be featured as Clara. Ben Haseltine, a Chester native currently attending the University of Hartford, returns to perform as the Nutcracker Prince. The principals anchor a cast of youth and adult dancers from southern Vermont and New Hampshire. The show is directed by Ashley Hensel-Browning, with choreography by Hensel-Browning and Dance Factory founder, Susan Hagan.

While “The Nutcracker” functions in part as a showcase for Dance Factory students, it was designed as a way to bring accessible arts to the community, a tradition that owner DeRosia enthusiastically continues. To lower the financial burden of attendance, ticket prices are kept low. For those who cannot attend in person, performances are recorded and broadcast by SAPA TV. Through its history, in excess of \$20,000 in proceeds have been donated to local arts initiatives, including the Springfield High School Drama Club.

Advance tickets are strongly encouraged this year and can be purchased at Tina’s Hallmark and Woodbury Florist in Springfield, and in Chester at Sage Jewelry and Gifts, and Blair Books. Online tickets are available through Eventbrite: [www.tinyurl.com/d6nx5xyd](http://www.tinyurl.com/d6nx5xyd).

Limited tickets will be available at the door. Please note that masks will be required of all audience members as per



The Nutcracker performances are Dec. 11 and 12 at GMUHS. PHOTO BY DENISE E. PHOTOGRAPHY

district Covid regulations. Support for “The Nutcracker” has been generously provided by the following local sponsors: Bean Group, Bibens Ace Hardware, Denise E. Photography, Edgar May Health & Recreation Center, Edward Jones, Gurney Brothers Construction, Halladay’s Flowers and Gifts, HB Energy Solutions, Heritage Deli and Bakery, Inn at Weathersfield, National Field Representatives, Six Loose Ladies, Smokeshire Design, Springfield Co-op, Style House Salon, Tina’s Hallmark, and Willow Farms. The Dance Factory was founded in 1984 and offers quality instruction in ballet, pointe, acro, modern, hip hop, jazz, tap, yoga, and preschool dance. Located on Main Street in Springfield, the remodeled space boasts two studios with high ceilings and professional dance floors. Winter session

began Nov. 29, and all enrolled students are eligible to dance in the spring recital. Late registration is being accepted for some classes. For more information, please visit [www.DanceFactoryVT.com](http://www.DanceFactoryVT.com).

Springfield Lions Club

Christmas Tree Sale

Springfield Plaza

Friday, Dec. 3, from 4-8:30 pm

Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 5, from 9-11 am

\$35

Cash or Check. Local Delivery Available.

## Customer Appreciation Weekend

CHESTER, Vt. – Coinciding with the Overture to Christmas in downtown Chester, area businesses are participating in a Customer Appreciation Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5. Visit these businesses during open hours for sales, specials, giveaways, and hot chocolate, cookies, candy, and more. Participating businesses include The Little Art Supply Store, Chester Candy Company, Hugging Bear 4Ever, Sharon’s on the Common, Sage Jewelry and Gifts, Down to the Roots, Fischer Arts, Six Loose Ladies, The Vermont Tea House, Country Treasures, The Fullerton Inn, and Southern Pie Café. Shop locally and enjoy Chester’s green lit up for the holiday season. Santa Claus



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 -3:30 Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Starting from The Vermont Country Store

3:00 Christmas Carols Led by the BBA Carolers on the Village Green

4:00 Santa Arrives at the Town Green

4:15 Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Light Display

4:30 Fireworks Display

7:00 Weston Playhouse Theatre Company

Holiday Revue at Walker Farm



# Call for volunteer home visitors, respite volunteers, and referrals

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions is seeking volunteers for its Home Visitor programs. This area agency on aging, which supports adults to age in place with dignity and independence, serves southeastern Vermont and has a number of opportunities for volunteers to provide support and companionship to their older neighbors.

Friendly Visitors is a free pro-

gram that connects volunteers of any age with those who may benefit from companionship. Visitors may also provide assistance with shopping, errands, and transportation to community events and activities.

Senior Companions engage in many of the same activities as Friendly Visitors. In addition, they receive an hourly stipend and must meet age and income requirements.

Vet-to-Vet Vermont builds relationships between veterans that keep them connected to their military community while providing companionship with a veteran buddy.

Respite Volunteers provide a block of time to sit with an individual who needs companionship and supervision. These volunteers are trained to provide practical care and allow caregivers to have some time for themselves.

Volunteers in all of the programs receive mileage reimbursement.

Senior Solutions is also looking for referrals of people who would benefit from such services. To volunteer for any of the programs, or to refer someone who could benefit from them, please call the Senior Solutions Help Line at 802-885-2669 or toll free at 866-673-8376.

You can find out more about Senior Solutions by going to its website at [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org).

# Governor Phil Scott relaunches Vermont Lights the Way

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott is again encouraging Vermonters to help show Vermont Lights the Way, an effort to literally brighten communities and neighborhoods around the state by decorating homes, businesses, buildings, or other creative ideas to help celebrate the holidays during the pandemic.

“When we started this initiative last year, it was one of the only ways for us to connect with our neighbors and communities during the holidays. I’m very grateful that we have come so far this year thanks to vaccines, and we can continue this tradition with hope and optimism before us,” said Gov.

Scott. “Time and time again, Vermonters show why we’re known for strong, close-knit communities and a willingness to step up to help one another. Vermont truly does light the way and there is no better time of year to brighten up our state for all to enjoy.”

In addition to decorating, Vermonters should share pictures of their displays – or favorites from around the community – on social media using the hashtag **#VTLightsTheWay**. This will allow those who are unable to tour the lights to take part in the celebration, and photos will be shared through the governor’s channels and at his weekly press conferences.

The governor is also asking Vermonters to help him

recognize people for their acts of kindness and service by nominating them for a Rays of Kindness recognition. Rays of Kindness recognizes Vermonters for small acts of service and goodwill. Nominations can be submitted at [www.governor.vermont.gov/rays-of-kindness](http://www.governor.vermont.gov/rays-of-kindness). Nominees will receive a recognition certificate, and some will be featured at the governor’s weekly press conferences or on his social media channels.

“Seeing all the lights around the state last year had such a positive impact, lifting the spirits of many. As we look toward an even brighter future, this continues to be a great way to spread holiday cheer, goodwill, and community spirit,” said Gov. Scott.

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“It’s the perfect gift for a friend or family member who hunts or fishes,” said Cheri Waters, Fish & Wildlife’s licensing coordinator. “You can go to our website, fill out the gift certificate, and pay for it online, and then you can print the certificate to present to your recipient.”

The gift certificate has a link in the license section of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). The person who receives the certificate must go to the website to redeem their certificate and purchase their licenses.

“If you have a friend or relative who hunts or fishes, this is an easy gift-giving solution,” said Waters. “The gift certificate will cover licenses for 2022 or for licenses in future years.”

A photograph of an older man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a blue and red plaid shirt and grey pants, sitting on a large log in a forest. He is looking down at a black dog sitting next to him. The forest is lush with green trees and foliage, and the scene is peaceful.

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