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Bellows Falls Trustees discuss Train Station project

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Dec. 21, the Bellows Falls Trustees discussed the United States Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Grants with the Development Office.

Development Director Gary Fox said the purpose of a public meeting for the USDA grants was to offer citizens an opportunity to become better acquainted with the project identified by Rural Development.

The Village of Bellows Falls intends to apply for \$47,250 toward the \$63,000 cost of fire fighting communications equipment.

The Bellows Falls Fire Department is looking to pur-

chase stable, reliable two-way radios and a shared repeater to be installed on the Griswold Drive Tower to improve coverage for a longer range. Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis said that a Ham radio currently exists on Griswold. This grant would also pay for 10 portable radios for the Village and six for the Rockingham Fire Department.

When asked if Saxtons River was included, Fox explained that the USDA has an algorithm for eligibility with an allotted percentage to be shared between towns and villages. Saxtons River was not eligible and the share between Rockingham and Bellows Falls was 25/75.

McGinnis said they had applied for a radio grant

and that all three departments work together when the grant allows.

Wade Masure wondered about using the cell tower. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said the cell tower was being decommissioned.

Pickup then explained why the Bellows Falls Train Station project was on the Trustee agenda as it impacts the Village. He said, “it’s a gateway project” with the Depot Street bridge. Pickup mentioned this might impact the island and said, “there are exciting opportunities, working with all of the different agencies.”

Fox said the Town of Rockingham was pursuing \$50,000 in grant funding with a \$50,000 loan toward the purchase of the train station. He described the

project timeline with voters approving \$12,500 toward the feasibility study at the 2019 Town Meeting. That money had leveraged the 2020 USDA Rural Development grant for \$12,500 and a Windham Regional Commission Brownfields grant for Phase I study and a Hazardous Materials Assessment.

Fox said the completed studies were important before the purchase for the town to be protected from contamination liability and also eligible for federal infrastructure grants. He said WRC was working with the town and the Vermont Agency of Transportation on the state’s grant application for passenger station improvements on the Vermonter and Ethan Allen

Amtrak lines.

Fox explained the funding was specific to eligible and shovel-ready projects which meant if the station was owned by an entity eligible for federal transit grants, preferably the town, and the feasibility studies were completed, funding could be approved.

Fox said the town would not be borrowing funds, but a vote at Town Meeting would approve a general obligation bond securing collateral for the USDA loan.

Fox said, if approved, the purchase would be finalized in July. Vermont Rail System will sell the station and various historic artifacts to the Town of Rockingham for \$235,000.

James McAuliffe asked

about funding. Fox said an article will ask town voters to approve \$50,000-75,000 with a match from the general fund.

McAuliffe said, “this is the kind of project that makes a lot of sense, because of current use. I think it’s great for Bellows Falls [and] the Town of Rockingham.”

Fox said that Amtrak has approved funding for American Disabilities Act upgrades including a new platform, improved bathrooms, signage, and extra lighting. He said the five-year rail plan includes doubling service.

The Bellows Falls Trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

Elected positions open in Town of Rockingham

BY BETSY THURSTON

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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Each year there are election procedures to follow and deadlines to meet, which provide the biggest challenges for those responsible for running our elections. In the Town of Rockingham’s case, it is the Town Clerk and the Board of Civil Authority, which includes Justices of the Peace residing in Rockingham, who are responsible for those procedures.

This year, there are many open positions for the Town of Rockingham, and the deadline for petitions is Monday, Jan. 24. That will be the last day that a candidate seeking office can register to vote in order to have their name printed

on the ballot for the election Tuesday, March 1. All candidates should register before submitting their petition.

Covid-19 has altered rules from the past elections. For example, the requirement to collect signatures was waived last year. For Town Meeting 2022, if you are running for an elected position, you must acquire 30 signatures from registered voters by the deadline on January 24.

Interested candidates should visit the Town Clerk’s office for a petition for the following positions: Selectboard, one-year and three-year term; Lister, two-year and three-year term; Trustee of Public Library; Trustee of the Campbell Fund; Custodian of the Campbell Fund; Rock-

ingham School Director; Rockingham School Moderator; Town Treasurer/Tax Collector; and Town Clerk.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup is preparing the 2022 Annual Report. The deadline is January 20. All organizations who wish to be included in this year’s Annual Report, please contact Pickup at manager@rockbf.org

The Rockingham Town Clerk’s office is located on the second floor of the Town Hall above the Bellows Falls Opera House. The office is open Monday-Thursday, from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Town Clerk Kathleen Neathawk can be reached at clerk@rockbf.org or 802-463-4336.

The spirit of a neighborhood

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –

This year’s holiday season came to Springfield in a big way. Many homes and yards are sporting outstanding decorations, especially on Union, Park, and all the streets and smaller neighborhoods that connect to those streets.

The first In The Spirit! awards program encouraged residents in those neighborhoods to celebrate the season with their neighbors through outdoor decorations. These people must really know how to celebrate – their results are spectacular.

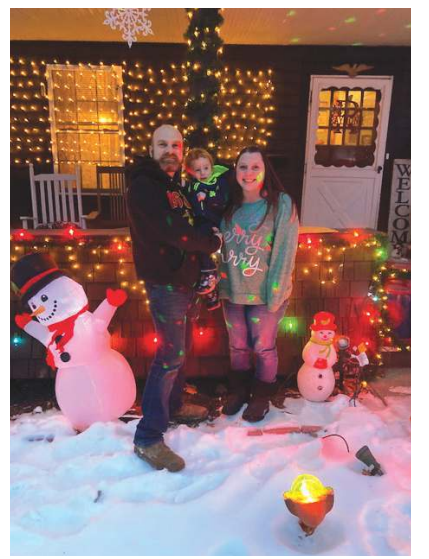
In The Spirit! judges Walter Martone, Diane Kemble, and Mona Frye selected three properties for special recognition.

The Clark Griswold Christmas Award was presented to the Raymond family on Park

Street. They went all out with spectacular lighting and charming vignettes that please the eye and make you smile.

The Traditional Display Award was given to the Kimball family on Herrick Street. Their home and yard have become a holiday fantasyland that casts its own beautiful spell over their street.

The Misfit Toy Display Award was given for the Lantz family’s Union Street property. Don’t be misled by the name of this award. The display engages anyone of any age who drives or walks by. The garden, directly across Union Street from the house, is particularly enchanting.



The Clark Griswold winners at 187 Park Street.

PHOTO PROVIDED

In The Spirit! awards are sponsored by Union and Park Neighborhood Association, a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to build a vibrant, safe, and cohesive neighborhood.

2021 End of the Year Review continued

JULY 7 – Rockingham Selectboard makes decision on Depot Street Bridge

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, July 7, the Rockingham Selectboard passed the motion 3-2 to choose the option for an off-alignment bridge with removal of existing concrete Depot Street Bridge and an added pedestrian bridge. Elijah Zimmer, Rick Cowan, and Bonnie North voted for it, with Chair Peter Golec and Susan Hammond against.

By Betsy Thurston, The Shopper

JULY 19 – Amtrak returns to Bellows Falls after pandemic suspension

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – After being suspended March 26, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic Amtrak’s Vermonter resumed its two daily stops, one southbound at 12:30 p.m. and one northbound at 5:26 p.m. in Bellows Falls Monday, July 19. The train connects Washington, D.C. with Essex Junction, Vt., and many stops in be-

tween. When asked about the train’s importance to the town and the region, Rockingham Development Director Gary Fox said, “It’s huge.”

By Bill Lockwood, The Shopper

JULY 27 – Dufresne named as CEO of Springfield Medical Care Systems

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Medical Care Systems Board of Directors has announced that Joshua Dufresne has been officially named as Chief Executive Officer. Dufresne has served as the acting CEO since 2019 and has been with SMCS since 2006.

AUG. 28 – Best of Vermont Festival enjoys a successful first year

LUDLOW, Vt. – Intermittent rain didn’t dampen the crowd attending the first year of the Best of Vermont Summer Festival, which drew over 5,000 visitors over the course of the festival’s two days. Organized by the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the event featured nearly 60

vendors, six bands providing live music throughout the festival, special performances and activities, and demonstrations by vendors.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

SEPT. 16 – State’s \$3.7 million award moves Jones & Lamson demolition forward

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott visited Springfield Thursday, Sept. 16 for a special announcement of \$25 million in state funding for the remediation and re-development of brownfield sites in the state. The press event took place in front of the boarded up entrance to the Jones & Lamson building, which is scheduled for demolition starting in early October.

By Amanda Wedegis, The Shopper

SEPT. 23 – “Call to Duty” Star Hotel fire documentary premieres at Opera House

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Sept. 23, FACT TV in Bellows Falls premiered its excellent new documentary film “Call to Duty” before

a large, enthusiastic, and receptive crowd at the Bellows Falls Opera House. The documentary is a remembrance of the tragic Star Hotel fire of Dec. 29, 1981.

By Bill Lockwood, The Shopper

SEPT. 29 – Joint Board discusses the demolition of 66 Atkinson Street building

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Wednesday, Sept. 29, the Bellows Falls Trustees and Rockingham Selectboard in a Joint Board meeting discussed demolition of 66 Atkinson St. Built in 1835 as the Methodist Church and locally known as the YMCA, the building was recently pursued by Northern Heritage Mills. At the end of September, Municipal Manager Scott Pickup was told they did not have the funds.

By Betsy Thurston, The Shopper

OCT. 16 – Southern Vermont Flannel Festival welcomes autumn to Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –

The Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce’s second Southern Vermont Flannel Festival was held last Saturday and Sunday at Rockingham Hill Farm on Meeting House Road in Rockingham. Intended to celebrate community and welcome autumn, as well as the beautiful Vermont fall foliage, it featured live music by a number of performers, a corn hole tournament and pie bake off, craft beer and other spirits, pumpkins, and food, crafts, and other vendors.

By Bill Lockwood, The Shopper

OCT. 19 – Brown Fuller Memorial Park dedicated to fallen firefighters

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Brown Fuller Memorial Park, a newly renovated park on the Square in Bellows Falls, was recently completed and dedicated to honor the lives of Terry Brown and Dana Fuller, who tragically lost their lives fighting a fire at the Star Hotel in December of 1981. A modest park had already existed at the site

of the hotel fire for many years, which included two memorial benches to honor the fallen heroes. However, the newly renovated and expanded park includes two impressive sculptures of firefighter gear and a fresh balsam fir tree, which will also be the village’s community Christmas tree moving forward.

By Joe Milliken, The Shopper

NOV. 8 – Springfield Selectboard will put retail cannabis option before voters

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – At their regular meeting Monday, Nov. 8, the Springfield Selectboard voted 3 to 2 to bring the question of retail cannabis in Springfield before the voters in March 2022 at the annual town meeting.

By Amanda Wedegis, The Shopper

NOV. 13 – Bellows Falls captures Division II crown

RUTLAND, Vt. – The top-seeded Bellows Falls football team challenged No. 2

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Bellows Falls Woman's Club updates

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – At the December 14 meeting, Alma Beals, local bird enthusiast, gave winter bird feeding tips, information on habitats, migration, and natural predators and pests at feeding stations. She offered two Audubon tote bags as give-away door prizes.

During the business meeting, co-chairman Judy Boynton highlighted excerpts from the many scrapbooks of club history that were the focus of the November meeting. There

was discussion of preserving the contents of the scrapbooks in digital format so that they are more accessible.

The Bellows Falls Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. Women interested in joining the club and helping with its many projects may contact Betty Haggerty at hubett@hotmail.com.

Bellows Falls Emblem Club



BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Emblem Club 153 held its December meeting and Christmas party at a members home on Atkinson St., Dec. 14, 2021. The meeting was very well attended including all club officers and several at-large members.

Following the meeting, a delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all, and then there was a fun game led by treasurer Ashley MaCants. To end the evening, there was a good old Yankee Swap causing lots of laughs.

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Ali Fox graduates magna cum laude



BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ali Fox of Bellows Falls, a 2017 graduate of the Bellows Falls Union High School, has graduated magna cum laude from Kenyon College with a Bachelor of Arts in biochemistry. She has accepted a co-op position at Adimab, a biotech company in Lebanon, N.H., and will set sail on an educational and research vessel next fall in the South Pacific.

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Juliette Carr joins Grace Cottage Family Health

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Family Nurse Practitioner Juliette Carr has joined the primary care staff at Grace Cottage Family Health in Townshend.

Carr holds a Master of Science-FNP from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-

Madison. She is board certified as an FNP and as a maternal and newborn R.N. In addition, she is a registered herbalist with the American Herbalists Guild and holds an LGBTQ+ SafeZone certification. She provides gender-affirming, holistic care to adults and children.

In addition to seeing pa-

tients for general primary care and family medicine, Carr also has a subspecialty in integrative medicine and is a nationally recognized speaker and writer on holistic medicine. She is co-chair of the American Nurses Association of Vermont's Legislative Advocacy Committee and is a member of

the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing. She is the recipient of both a Southern Vermont "Emerging Leader Award" and a "Rising Stars Award for Top 40 under 40" for community service in 2021.

Before joining the Grace

Cottage staff, Carr worked as an adjunct professor at University of Massachusetts-Amherst College of Nursing and as an R.N. at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

Carr says, "Working at Grace Cottage allows me to serve my neighbors as part of the best primary care

team in Windham County, which is a wonderful feeling."

She lives on a farm in Newfane with her family. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, gardening, and skiing.

Juliette Carr is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment with her, call 802-365-4331.

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Mount Anthony to stop the Terriers' run game in Saturday's Division II state championship game at Rutland's Alumni Field and the Patriots just couldn't do it. Bellows Falls rode its dominant rushing attack to a D-II state title, beating MAU 57-35 for the Terriers' first title in five years. Bellows Falls finished

the season with a spotless 11-0 record.

By Adam Aucoin, Eagle Times

DEC. 3 - Rockingham Window Dressers was big success

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Energy Committee's first Window Dressers community build for the greater Rockingham area was a huge success. Together over 50 community members finished 188 window inserts for 22 households. These interior storm windows are now saving energy, helping keep those homes warmer, and brought people together for a sense of community, collaboration, and achievement.

DEC. 12 - Cavendish

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Historical Society leads a Christmas Ghost Walk

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The Cavendish Historical Society's Margo Caulfield led about 20 brave and adventurous souls on a Christmas Ghost Walk during the evening of Sunday, Dec. 12. The walk started near the Proctorsville green and stopped at several noteworthy ghost-hosting homes along Route 131 and Depot Street, and ended with a bonfire on the grounds of the Golden Stage Inn – one of the most well-known and documented haunted inns in Vermont.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

DEC. 31 - It's New Year's Eve. Goodbye, 2021. Hello, 2022!

Health and Wellness? Don't Believe the Hype!



The Black River Area Community Coalition was established in 2003 with the purpose of preventing youth substance use and violence by promoting a healthy involved community. Over the past 18 years we have successfully worked with all our partners and communities to keep our youth safe whether through underage drinking strategies, prescription drug take-back boxes, wellness and after prom events, school educational programs, summer camp activities, youth groups, parent nights, and more.

In 2016 When drug paraphernalia and vaping stores started showing up in Ludlow, we collaborated with the Ludlow Police Department and the Town of Ludlow to pass an ordinance that prohibited such products from being marketed to our youth, and went further to keep marijuana/cannabis retail shops out of Ludlow. A quote from that ordinance stated: "It is the intent for the Ludlow Selectboard to promote a family friendly atmosphere within the Town. This objective applies to the residents of the Town and all our visitors."



After the passage of Act 86 in 2018, which legalized cannabis for those over the age of 21, we shifted our strategies to address the use of cannabis by our youth and young adults. According to the Vermont Department of Health, "Vermont rates of use in the past month among people aged 12+ were highest in the country - at almost twice the national rate. Adult marijuana use has steadily increased in Vermont since 2013 and use among high school students increased significantly from 2017 to 2019."

The National Institute on Drug Abuse conducted the first-ever study measuring the time between first use of an addictive drug and the onset of a substance use disorder among adolescents and young adults. In adolescents (ages 12-17) 10.7% developed a substance use disorder (SUD) within 12 months of starting to use cannabis. Among young adults (18-25), 6.4% have developed an SUD. (Published in the American Medical Association 03/31/2021).



The New England Poison Control Center reported a 160% increase in calls reporting the accidental ingestion of marijuana by children, especially with cannabis manufactured products, despite using child proof packaging and warning labels. (2019)



Think of your children, grandchildren, and our young adults. **Vote NO on January 11th.** Let's keep them safe and healthy through prevention not through retail cannabis dispensaries.





LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

The Superhighway

In the late 1950s we began hearing rumors about a Superhighway. I am, of course, referring to Interstate 91.

Prior to I-91, Vermont was isolated from the rest of New England. U.S. Route 5 followed the Connecticut River from the Massachusetts border to the Canadian border. I remember travelling Route 5 with my folks from Springfield, north to Lyndonville.

In 1958 my father was laid off at J&L in Springfield. He found a job in Lyndonville working for Vermont Tap and Die. Dad took a room in Lyndonville. Friday nights, he would drive Route 5 from Lyndonville south to Springfield, and then on into Chester. He would spend the weekend with us and make the return trip to Lyndonville on Sunday nights. Eventually he moved the family to Lyndonville.

Route 5 was a concrete highway. Do you remember those concrete roads? A monotonous ka-thump, ka-thump was heard as you drove over the seams of concrete. Route 5 passed through dozens of small towns. If I remember correctly, Chester to Lyndonville took nearly four hours.

Every few miles there was a roadside tourist trap. They sold maple syrup, Indian moccasins, gifts, and other knick. Some offered overnight cabins or a hot dog to travelers.

In 1959 or 1960, Dad was rehired at J&L so we moved back; first to Springfield, and then to our house on High Street. We had leased our home to John Butler. Until John's lease expired, we lived on Randall Hill in Springfield. I attended second grade in Lyndonville and third grade in Springfield. By fourth grade I was back in Chester.

The Interstate

It was under President Eisenhower that our interstate system was established. When General Eisenhower was in Germany at the end of WW2, he saw the autobahn. It made an impression on him.

The Germans had built the autobahn so as to rapidly move troops. Eisenhower recognized the importance of this highway system.

I seem to recall hearing that every six miles of interstate had to have one straight mile. This straight mile was created in the event that an airplane needed to make an emergency landing.

Rockingham

My older sister Norma lived in Belows Falls. Most every Sunday we drove to her place for dinner, first on the old Route 103 and later on the new



Route 5, Connecticut River and railroad tracks, Circa 1940s.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

103 we have today. At about ten years old, I witnessed the construction of 91 in Rockingham.

I had never seen such huge construction vehicles. The I-91 bridge over the Williams River was to be the longest bridge in Vermont. However, it was shortened by means of fill. The entire area in Rockingham where the Sunoco station is today was under construction on both sides of the 91 overpass. I remember this area well. You could see the bridge over the Williams River being built. North of the bridge, bulldozers laid out the roadbeds to Springfield.

I-91 was completed in stages. I remember 91 to Rockingham was completed in about 1960, 1961, or 1962. Sorry, my memory fades as to the exact year.

Florence Pierce ran a taxi in Chester. One day Florence drove into our yard to see my mother. "June, the superhighway just opened to Brattleboro. Do you want to go see it?" Florence, my mother, and I headed down to Rockingham. We drove onto the southbound ramp near the Sunoco station.

Florence had a 1960 Chevy. That car and new road made it seem like you were floating. There was very little traffic. It was the

first time I saw a four-lane highway. We drove down to Brattleboro and back.

I graduated Chester High School in 1969. That night, Dana Kendall, Billy Parker, and I left for the Averill Lakes in the Northeast Kingdom. We took our fish poles and very little money. Of course we got into trouble. I mention this because 91 was only completed to White River Jct. at that time. From here we travelled Route 5 all the way.

The photo

The photo with this article is the Connecticut River in North Thetford, Vt. When I saw this photo I almost fell over. It is so beautiful. And it's a very sharp and clear photo. Notice the curve of the river repeats in the railroad tracks and Route 5.

I can think of no better example to illustrate what Route 5 in Vermont looked like before I-91. For those not old enough to remember, or those who have come to Vermont since, this is what you missed. Beautiful, ain't it?

This week's old saying: "Not all art hangs on the wall."

Another look at the Rockingham Meeting House

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Back by popular demand, paint sleuth Susan Buck offers new clues about the early look of the Rockingham Meeting House, Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

At a 1798 town meeting, funds were raised to paint the new building, but no mention is made what color. But now we know. Think a deep red with cream trim.

In preparing a plan for conservation of the interior woodwork, the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission brought on board Dr. Susan Buck, a renowned art conservator who specializes in paint and finish analysis for art objects and architecture.

"Before deciding how to preserve the wood, we needed to know what substances were present," said commission coordinator Walter Wallace. "First thing we considered, do no harm by introducing elements that might degrade rather than conserve the wood."

Buck is self-employed with her own lab in Williamsburg, Va., and teaches part-time in the Winterthur University of Delaware Graduate Program Art Conservation. Buck is known internationally for her historic preservation detective work at landmarks such as Colonial

Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, and Monticello and has worked at UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as Beijing's Forbidden City. She applies the science of the art conservation to architectural restoration.

In early August, Dr. Buck spent several days on site collecting paint and wood samples from the interior and exterior of the meeting house, as well as from the 1816 hearse, funeral bier, and hearse barn that comprise this national historic landmark. Back at her Williamsburg laboratory, the samples were examined microscopically and with colorimetry to determine colors and chemical compositions of the various finishes used over the past 223 years.

Dr. Buck will present her findings at a public lecture, "The Old Town Barn, Another Look at the Rockingham Meeting House." To receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting, contact Anne Dempsey at programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or call the library at 802-463-4270.

For more information about Rockingham Meet-



Dr. Buck examining paint on the Rockingham Meeting House.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ing House conservation programs, email Walter Wallace at clg@rockbf.org.

Dr. Buck's draft report can be viewed on the Historic Preservation Commission web page at www.rockbf.org.

This free lecture is a collaboration between the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission and the Rockingham Free Public Library. The paint and finishes analysis project was made possible through funding from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

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THUR, JAN. 6 –

Girls basketball – Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.
Green Mountain at Proctor, 7 p.m.
Woodstock at Springfield, 7 p.m.

FRI, JAN. 7 –

Boys basketball – Arlington at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.
Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 7 p.m.
Mill River at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Woodstock, 7 p.m.
Winnisquam at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball – Fall Mountain at Winnisquam, 7 p.m.

SAT, JAN. 8 –

Girls basketball – Leland & Gray at White River Valley, 1 p.m.

MON, JAN. 10 –

Boys basketball – Fall Mountain at Monadnock, 6 p.m.
Leland & Gray at Poultney, 6 p.m.

Girls basketball – Mid-Vermont Christian at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.
Monadnock at Fall Moun-

tain, 6:30 p.m.

TUE, JAN. 11 –

Boys basketball – Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Long Trail at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball – Long Trail at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

WED, JAN. 12 –

Boys basketball – Rivendell Academy at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball – Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

THUR, JAN. 13 –

Girls basketball – Leland & Gray at Windsor, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Hartford, 7 p.m.

FRI, JAN. 14 –

Boys basketball – Green Mountain at White River Valley, 7 p.m.
Hopkinton at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.
Leland & Gray at Mill River, 7 p.m.

Twin Valley at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball – Fall Mountain at Hopkinton, 7 p.m.

SAT, JAN. 15 –

Girls basketball – Bellows Falls at Arlington, 2:30 p.m.
Long Trail at Springfield, 1:30 p.m.
Poultney at Green Mountain, 12:30 p.m.

Ice fishing clinics start Jan. 7

REGION – Learning how to participate in an outdoor activity can be challenging, and ice fishing is a good example. Knowing this, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has scheduled a series of free ice fishing clinics for anyone who would like to learn about the latest proven ice fishing techniques.

“Our ice fishing clinics will be held from January through March with the possibility that some dates may change according to ice and weather conditions,” said Fish & Wildlife education specialist Corey Hart. “Everyone is welcome no matter their experience level. We want this to be fun and helpful for all.”

Each clinic will last 2.5 to 3 hours, and exact location details will be given when people register for the event. Topics

to be covered include ice safety, hole drilling, equipment and techniques, regulations, and different techniques for different fish.

A variety of clinic topics are being offered to reach beginners and experienced anglers. “Introduction to Ice Fishing” clinics will cover all the basics while species-specific programs such as “Trout Fishing” are perfect for anglers with some ice fishing experience but who may be looking for more specific tips on targeting certain species.

All participants will have the opportunity to practice what they have learned near the end of each event. Everyone is urged to wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions.

Pre-registration is required and can be done on Fish & Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Corey Hart at Lets-GoFishing@vermont.gov or 802-505-5562 will be

available for questions.

In addition to the programs listed below, more programs will be added throughout the winter, so check the website frequently.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Ice Fishing Clinics for 2022:

- Friday, Jan. 7 at 4 p.m., “Introduction to Smelt Fishing” at Joes Pond Fishing Access, Danville.
- Saturday, Jan. 8 at 8:30 a.m., “Introduction to Ice Fishing” at Lake Paran Fishing Access, Bennington.
- Friday, Jan. 21 at 2:30 p.m., “Trout Clinic” at Lake St. Catherine State Park Boat Launch, Poultney.
- Saturday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m., “Introduction to Ice



Vermont Fish & Wildlife's ice fishing clinics offer a great opportunity to learn about the different kinds of ice fishing.

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Fishing” at Singing Cedars Fishing Access, Orwell.

- Saturday, Feb. 26 at 9 a.m., “Introduction to Ice Fishing” at Retreat Meadows Fishing Access, Brattleboro.

U.S. Forest Service encourages snowmobile travelers to be cautious

RUTLAND, Vt. – The U.S. Forest Service is looking forward to a successful snowmobile season and wants to encourage all riders to put safety first by practicing safe snowmobile practices and observing Covid-19 precautions.

Green Mountain National Forest officials are advising snowmobilers to exercise caution when operating on the National Forest, and all lands, in Vermont this winter. GMNF officials remind snowmobile enthusiasts to heed all gates and signs and to stay off roads and trails that are closed. Forest Service employees and several snowmobile clubs throughout Vermont

have been working to clear trees and other debris from trails. However, trail users should continue to use extra caution early in the season as some trees may be weak due to snow accumulation and downed tree hazards are likely. Snowmobilers are also asked to adhere to Covid-19 precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with local and state health and safety guidance.

Weather permitting, snowmobile use is allowed on designated trails within the GMNF for four months beginning Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, and ending Friday, April 15, 2022. “We are concerned about user safety. Patrols which are aimed at enforcing rules and

regulations, monitoring trail conditions, and providing visitor information will occur throughout the forest,” said John Sinclair, forest supervisor for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. The GMNF will continue to work closely with state and local law enforcement agencies, as well as the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers to make sure that users of the trail system are respectful, responsible, law abiding, and safe.

The GMNF and VAST cooperate to maintain more than 470 miles of National Forest System trails that are part of the larger statewide snowmobile network. VAST is one of several snowmobile associations in the United States that has a cooperative partnership agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. “All of these trails allow mixed uses, so people are snowshoeing, hiking, and cross-country skiing, as well as using snowmobiles. Snow-

mobilers should travel responsibly and yield to other users,” said Sinclair. The maximum speed is 35 miles per hour on state and federal land and Vermont has a tough Snowmobiling While Intoxicated Law that covers alcohol, as well as drugs.

The U.S. Forest Service is also warning the public of the dangers associated with riding, hiking, and skiing on frozen water bodies. Trail users are encouraged to be mindful of fallen trees and other hazards they may encounter. Operators must maintain control of their snowmobile while riding; keep to the right at all times, wear helmets, and stay on designated trails only. All snowmobiles must be legally registered, have liability insurance, and operators must purchase a VAST Trails Maintenance Assessment decal. Officials also encourage winter trail users to pack a flashlight, cell phone, food, and extra warm clothing in case of an emergency.

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obituaries

Helen Dill, 1934–2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – After a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer’s, Helen Dill passed away December 29, 2021 at Springfield Hospital with her loving husband Donald by her side.

Those who met Helen knew she was a force of nature, always for good. She is survived by her sisters Lorraine, Dorothy, and Irene, and brother John. She is also survived by her son Richard, his wife Lauren, and their children, Kayla and Eric.

Helen was born August 6, 1934, in Brooklyn, N.Y. She was working at the New York Telephone Company when she met Donald. They were married October 10, 1954. They moved to Wallingford, Conn. to raise their son Richard.

Helen was anything but a “stay at home mom;” she had several successful careers as a national advertising manager for an international corporation, to later running the uniform department at Okemo ski area for 25 years. She retired



Helen Dill, 1934–2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

in 2013. She and Donald had a unique lifestyle for over 40 years, spending the summers on their sailboat, sailing up and down the coast; she loved to sail. Around Thanksgiving they would move to Ludlow to spend the winter in their favorite place in the world.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. We would like to thank the Visiting Nurses Association and the staff at Springfield Hospital for their loving care of Helen.

Julie Lynn Jones, 1960–2021

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Julie Lynn Jones, 61, of North Springfield, Vt., passed away peacefully at her home after a short, fierce fight with cancer Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021.

She was born March 3, 1960, in Washington, Pa., to Bob and Carol Ann (Holmes) Jones.

Julie moved to Vermont in 2002 with her wife Judith, where she worked as a manager for Sun Reed Instruments and also as a wellness manager at the

Springfield Co-op.

She is survived by her wife Judith Riha; her mother Carol Fisher and her husband Kenneth; her brother Brad Jones and family; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorial donations may be made in Julie’s name to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

James M. McCaffrey, 1944–2021

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – James “Jim” McCaffrey, of Saxtons River, Vt., passed away December 21, 2021 at Springfield Rivers Nursing Home in Springfield, Vt. Jim was born November 27, 1944, in Bellows Falls, Vt. He was the oldest son of Martin McCaffrey and Lucille Laferriere McCaffrey of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Siblings include Joanne Savoie of Bowdoinham, Maine; Janet Forbush of Bellows Falls, Vt.; and John McCaffrey of Ferrisburg, Vt.

Jim is survived by his sons, Geoffrey and wife Kim of Charlestown, N.H. and Patrick of Athens, Vt., as well as three grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his long-time companion, Deena Ezequelle, of Walpole, N.H. His daughter, Karen, predeceased him in 1994.

Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, skiing, and kayaking, and especially enjoyed hiking and camping with his family. One of his fondest childhood memories was spending many hours at the Bellows Falls ski tow on the ski patrol. Jim also enjoyed music and played the drums. He was a member of the Bellows Falls Union High School Band and Orchestra, assisted in directing the Saint Charles Knights of Columbus Squires Drum and Bugle Corps, and participated in the Bellows Falls Post 37 Pierce Lawton Drum and Bugle Corps as their lead drummer for several years.

Jim was a graduate of St. Charles School in Bellows Falls and Bellows Falls Union High School. He earned the “Dramatics” award upon graduation for his participation in comedy plays. He went on to attend St. Francis College, now New England College, in Biddeford, Maine.

After attending college, Jim became an electronic technician and worked at Jones & Lamson Machine Co. in Springfield, Vt. for 18 years where he headed the first robotic machining project for the company. At the decline of the machine tool industry, his position on the board of directors of the company-sponsored credit union at Jones & Lamson inspired him to

expand the credit union to a community charter. The move transformed Vermont’s second oldest credit union, the J&L Employees’ Federal Credit Union, into the J&L Occupational Federal Credit Union.

Jim further expanded credit union services by starting the first student-operated credit union branch in Vermont at the Springfield High School and River Valley Technical Center. He further partnered with the Vermont Department of Employment and Training by teaching introductory finance courses. While involved with the credit union movement, he campaigned as chairman of the Vermont State Credit Union League Marketing committee and held a lead role in the merger of two credit unions to form the fifth largest credit union in the state – River Valley Credit Union.

Jim enjoyed community involvement, mentoring, and teaching. He was involved on many boards including president of the Springfield, Vt. Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Business Education Advisory Council at the Springfield River Valley Technical Center, Vermont Department of Employment and Training Advisory Council, local zoning boards and planning commissions, and a member of the Board of Directors for Falls Area Community Television.

After his credit union tenure, Jim started his own business as a property and home inspector, which he continued until his retirement. Jim was instrumental in the design and implementation of the Home Buyer Education Program for the Windham-Windsor Housing Trust, and conducted presentations on the home inspection portion of the program.

An avid antique car enthusiast, Jim was a member of the Yesteryears Motorcar Club and the Now-and-Then Car Club, for several years, and enjoyed tours and the camaraderie of his fellow club members.

A funeral service will be held at Saint Charles Church at a later date, to be announced.

Brenda J. Masure, 1949–2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Brenda J. Masure (O’dette), 72, of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away December 16, after a long struggle with breast cancer.

Brenda was born August 13, 1949, in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Daughter of Theda and Conover Masure, both deceased.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Lisa O’dette; two brothers, Wesley and Calvin Masure. She is survived by her son, Rodney O’dette of N. Hatfield, Mass.; Grandson, Zachary Vancor of Bellows Falls; two sisters, Patty Masure of Northampton, Mass., and Erica Steward of Robbinsville, N.C.

Brenda fought hard with



Brenda J. Masure, 1949–2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

humor, grace, and dignity in her last months.

A special thank you to the nurses at The Thompson House in Brattleboro,

Vt. for their care and compassion during her last weeks.

Edgar Charles Simpson, 2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Edgar Charles Simpson, 49, of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away unexpectedly December 24, 2021 at the Springfield Hospital. Edgar was the son of Steven and Georgina (Simpson) Thomas Sr. of Bellows Falls.

Edgar graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1991 and went on to pursue a career in trucking. He drove for Whitney Trucking, C&S, and Bazin Brothers. Edgar was a part of many organizations in Bellows Falls, including the elks, the moose, and the legion. He was known for being very social and always

became the life of the party.

Edgar is survived by three brothers, Chad Simpson of Springfield, Steven Thomas Jr. of Bellows Falls, and Todd Thomas of Bellows Falls. He is also survived by two sisters, Melissa Simpson of Unity and Tracy Smith of Belmont, N.H. He also has many nieces and nephews. Edgar is predeceased by his parents.

A service will be held Friday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, located at 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. A reception will follow at the moose next door.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Please join us Sundays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Go to Facebook @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch. For more information, go to www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Please wear a mask, observe social distancing, and keep your hands clean. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOofNorthCharlestown for more information.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North

Sunday Service, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m., with speaker Rev. Buffy Boke. Sermon “Give us a King,” in ancient Israel, the religion based on justice became a religion of oppression. We’ll look at how that happened and consider why it matters to us today. Join in person or on Zoom. Masks are required and available. Email chestervtuu@gmail.com for more information.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

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.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m., Wednesday evening vespers at 6 p.m., and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. The church is now at full capacity with state restrictions lifted. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

In-person Sunday services start at 10 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. Live streaming is also available. For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mellen Kennedy via Zoom. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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

Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

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JAN. 7 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Friday Night Supper at the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls on Friday, Jan. 7. Take out only 5-6:30 p.m. Menu includes spaghetti and meat or meatless sauce, green salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Vegan and gluten free available. There is a suggested donation per adult. Net proceeds to benefit Our Place.

JAN. 8 – GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts

Grange wants to invite you to our Second Saturday Breakfast, Saturday, Jan. 8. We will serve from 8-9:30 a.m. Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, plain and blueberry pancakes, home fries, toast, juices, coffee, and tea. Eat in or takeout. Hope to see you all there. For more information, call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

for beginning singers, Saturday, Jan. 22 through Saturday, Jan. 29, starting at 1:30 p.m. each day. Participate in the live group classes and private coaching sessions via Zoom. Visit www.fearofsinging.com/coachingweek2022 to register. Perfect for non-singers, beginners, or anyone who wants to discover or rediscover their inner singer and the joy of singing.

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TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS – REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. A 45-minute gentle flow class with meditation to strengthen, improve flexibility, bring balance, relieve stress, and improve the immune system. Calm the “monkey mind” and help bring peace to your life, whether it is on or off your yoga mat. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk,

coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women’s meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

FRIDAYS – WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Fridays from 7-8 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, Walpole.

SATURDAYS – GASSETTS, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange and Green Mountain Express are excited to be holding their Round and Square Dances the first Saturday of every month, from 7-10 p.m., at the Grange Hall. Donation per person. There are snacks and drinks on sale in the kitchen and a 50/50 raffle drawing. We do ask for donations to be paid at the door. For more information, please call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

DAILY – REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 1/19/2022 at the Londonderry Town Offices to hold a public hearing on an application from Don and Debbie Hazelton for a variance to subdivide a 2-acre lot on Roberts Rd in Londonderry.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

Application materials and information on how to attend remotely are available by emailing the town’s Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org or calling (802)824-3356 ex.102.

TOWN OF ANDOVER PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY LEGAL NOTICE

The Select Board of the Town of Andover, Vermont hereby provides notice to the community of its intent to sell those lands and premises conveyed to the Town of Andover by Warranty Deed of Raymond O. & Marianne H. Wilcox, dated January 4, 2017 and recorded on January 12, 2017 in Book 63 Pages 366-367 of the Andover Land acre parcel located on the westerly side of Lovejoy Brook Road.

This conveyance shall take place at least thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of this publication unless a petition signed by five percent (5%) of the legal voters of Andover objecting to the proposed conveyance is presented to the Town Clerk.

This notice is being published and posted within the municipality pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1061 (a)(1).

Dated this 28th day of December, 2021.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE

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The Selectboard is placing this advertisement requesting interested individuals to be interviewed to fill this vacancy. The person appointed will serve until a Town election is held for said position.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit your resume to the Town Clerk, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 05056 or by emailing same to clerk@plymouthvt.org at your earliest convenience. Applications are due by Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Additional information pertaining to this Notice and its contents may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk, 802-672-3655 during normal office hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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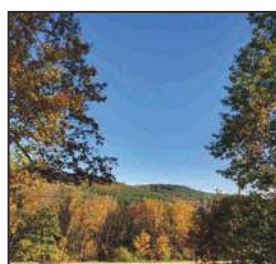
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Vermont adopts CDC guidance for isolation and quarantine

BURLINGTON, Vt. – The State of Vermont has adopted the new Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for Covid-19 isolation and quarantine, while adding an additional layer of protection.

In addition to the CDC guidance, the Department of Health guidelines allow Vermonters to end isolation on the fifth day if they have gone 24 hours without a fever and have two negative antigen tests performed at least 24 hours apart, beginning no sooner than day four of their isolation period. Continuing to wear a mask around others through day 10 of the isolation period is strongly recommended by both the CDC and the Health Department.

The CDC announced its new guidance earlier this week. Gov. Phil Scott and Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD said re-

cently that Vermont would be adopting the guidance but needed to review it and state data to ensure it met the needs of all Vermonters, including workers, employers, and other sectors. This guidance does not apply to healthcare workers, for whom the updated CDC guidance was published December 23.

You can leave home isolation on day five, if:

- You have two negative antigen tests performed at least 24 hours apart beginning no earlier than day four, and
- You never had symptoms, or your symptoms have improved and you feel better, and
- You have had no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers, and
- You wear a mask around others through day 10.

Dr. Levine said that, “While not requiring testing, we strongly recom-

mend Vermonters adopt this ‘testing out’ strategy to add an important additional layer of protection while exiting isolation, especially in light of the high levels of community transmission of omicron variant we are experiencing.”

Information about Covid-19, including actions to take if you test positive or are a close contact, where to get vaccination and booster shots, testing and protecting yourself and others, is available at www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19.

Related information for employers about this new guidance can be found at the Agency of Commerce and Community Development COVID-19 Recovery Resource Center at www.accd.vermont.gov/content/mitigating-and-responding-covid-19-workplace.

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Springfield OLLI announces spring programs

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is pleased to announce its spring '22 programs.

We enjoyed a safely run, successful in-person fall semester, and are pleased to offer another in-person semester with careful Covid-19 protocols in place. All attendees are required to wear a mask, whether vaccinated or not.

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and older who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome.

The programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2

p.m., and last about an hour and a half, at the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street, next to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield. OLLI online Distinguished Speakers Series are also available by Zoom.

There is a membership fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for an individual program fee. Preregistration is highly recommended and can be done online with a credit card at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

We can no longer take any payments at the door. If you do attend and have not pre-registered, we will welcome you and provide an easy form for you to take to send in payment or pay online after the program.

If you prefer to register by mail, send your contact information – name, address, phone number, and email address – indicating full series membership or which specific programs you wish to attend. Mail this information and your check, made out to University of Vermont-OLLI, to OLLI at UVM, 460 South Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401. If mailing in the registration, please allow 10-14 days from the date of mailing check to receipt and processing. For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817.

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

Thanks go out to our local benefactor, Barbara Sanderson.

Following is the listing of programs for the spring 2022 semester:

February 8 – Landscape Design for Pollinators with Jane Sorensen, landscape architect and UVM adjunct speaker, co-sponsored with the Springfield Garden Club. As we domesticate the landscape, it is up to us domesticators to create habitat for pollinators in our own landscapes. Learn about what makes a good pollinator habitat and the various forms they can take, from meadows to formal gardens. View an extensive

list of habitat plants and suggestions where you can find seeds, plants, and more information to empower you to enhance your pollinator landscape.

February 22 – Vermont Women in the Civil War with Howard Coffin, author and historian. Hear how Vermont women sustained the home front in the Green Mountain State as they managed the operations of the farms and worked in factories to manufacture much-needed supplies for soldiers while the state's able-bodied men were away on the battlefields during the Civil War years of 1861-1865. Learn how others joined the war effort by editing anti-slavery newspapers, speaking out against slavery, and teaching classes to newly-freed slaves in the South. Listen to Vermont women's own words, as Coffin relates his research from their letters and diaries to tell their stories – including that of one Vermont woman, who appears to have secretly enlisted and fought in a Vermont regiment.

March 8 – The Otter: Creature of Two Habitats with Kurt Valenta, naturalist and educator, co-sponsored with the Ascutney Moun-

tain Audubon Society. Sleek, playful with boundless energy, the otter is comfortable on land as well as in water, in summer as well as in the cold of a frozen winter. Examine what enables this fun-loving river dweller to be so versatile and enjoy, with great abandon, his surroundings.

March 22 – Gershwin, By George! with Robert Wyatt, concert pianist and music historian. Although Gershwin's career covered less than two decades, and ended with his tragic death in 1937, his music endures. Join pianist and Gershwin-authority, Robert Wyatt, co-editor of Oxford University Press' "The George Gershwin Reader," in this lively lecture exploring Gershwin's life and legacy. Learn about the chronology of the composer's meteoric life. Hear his 1924 recording of the "Rhapsody in Blue" and other samples of early and unpublished music. View footage from the Gershwin brothers' four Hollywood films.

April 5 – The First Vermonters – Indigenous People, Abenaki Culture, and History with Bobby Farlice-Rubio, educator. Learn how the Abenaki people have

lived in Vermont for thousands of years, and they are still here today. By focusing on the individual lives of seven famous Abenakis from different centuries, we will explore how their culture has survived the centuries and evolved to meet the challenges of a changing world. Discover how the Abenaki Nation has shaped the present and future of all of Vermont's people.

April 19 – North Chester: It's More Than Just the Stone Village with Hugh Henry, architectural historian. Discover North Chester, an exemplary stagecoach-era village with a split personality. Its early development with wood-framed buildings from the 1780s onward was eclipsed during the later 1830s-1840s by a partial renewal with the distinctive stone buildings that now define its public identity. Learn about the three Clark brothers who were the primary masons – and later the subject of mythical treatment in the popular literature. Despite its valley location, North Chester shared the fate of numerous hill villages in Vermont, and abruptly ceased to expand after being bypassed by the railroad in 1849.

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Yoga on the Mountain

LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes are back at the Spring House for the 2021-22 season. After a long year of social distancing and working out in the basement, yoga is back on the calendar.

Certified yoga instructors, and Lisa Roberge of Mount Holly and Kathy McMahon Ludlow, are teaching one-hour classes each weekend, from Christmas week until

the end of the ski season.

Yoga Stretch classes with Kathy are Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Slow Flow classes with Lisa are Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

The classes are open to the public and are accessible to all levels. There is a fee to participate per class. Private and small group classes are also available.

For more information, or

to reserve a spot, contact the Spring House at 802-228-1419.

“Lead Like A Pro” with Dr. Raidbard

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Dr. Matthew Raidbard, Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Springfield Town Library as he discusses his book “Lead Like A Pro.”

This talk is designed specifically for athletic coaches to provide them with foundational leadership knowledge and teach them techniques they can use to practice the best leadership style and behaviors that align with their personal values and beliefs. During this program, Matthew will give an introduction to leadership practice and discuss the importance of coaches viewing themselves as leaders and making intentional leadership choices.

After Matthew obtained his bachelor's degree from Indiana University, he decided to pursue his dream of being a college basketball coach. Matthew's first college basketball coaching job was at Western New Mexico University where he also completed his master's degree in educational leadership. After leaving Western New Mexico, Matthew served as a men's basketball coach at Dartmouth College, Florida Gulf Coast University, and Chicago State University. While working at Chicago State, Matthew completed his doctorate in educational leadership with his dissertation focusing on determining the best leadership style and behaviors for athletic coaches to practice.

From his dissertation research, Matthew realized that coaches of all levels of sports were being asked to take on increased leadership responsibilities for their athletes and team without sufficient opportunities to receive leadership training. These findings were the inspiration for his book, “Lead Like A Pro” where he provides coaches with the tools to be intentional and effective leaders.

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