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## Rockingham Selectboard discusses allocation of ARPA funds

BY BETSY THURSTON  
*The Shopper*

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – On Wednesday, Jan. 5, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the American Rescue Plan Act funding process. Congress directed \$200 million directly to Vermont's towns, cities, and villages, giving selectboards discretion over allocation. Federal guidelines have suggested a framework of planning to maximize the impact and best use throughout municipalities. Recommendations include strategic planning, coordination with community collaboration, investing in urgent

needs, and prioritizing short-term investments with benefits that will last. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said that the federal guidance expected a robust process for each community before spending ARPA funds. Rockingham has hired Camoin Associates to identify local organizations and projects. Pickup said they hoped "to get as wide a net as possible...the goal is to work with the boards to [find] a host of items, proposals, and recommendations." He said this will meet the requirements for the ARPA process and engage the public on projects in the wider community. Pickup shared the time-

line of the public input process. He acknowledged that it was hard for families to attend weeknight meetings and accommodations were made to include food and childcare so more families might attend. The first public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 at 5 p.m. Camoin will present the public input at the joint board meeting March 29. The second public session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 at 5 p.m., with a final report presented to the joint board of Saxtons River and Bellows Falls Village Trustees and the Town of Rockingham Selectboard May 31. The following groups

will be invited to share their ideas: Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Take Action Rockingham task forces (Youth center, Redevelopment of Historic Buildings and Sustainable Rockingham), Rockingham Incremental Development Working Group, Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation, Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, Bellows Falls Rotary Club, Bellows Falls Historical Society, Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Falls Connections, Friends for Change, Sustainable Valley Group, Parks Place, and Our Place. Rick Cowan suggested

adding Main Street Arts to the list and asked how the public process would be marketed. Development Director Gary Fox explained this would be a joint process between Camoin and the town with local outreach through brochures, posters, FACT TV, the Rockingham Library, the town website, GFRCC, BFDDA, and the water bill. The public input process will be paid for through the general operating budget. Pickup said ARPA funds must be spent in 2024 and



Rockingham discusses allocation of ARPA funds. PHOTO PROVIDED

acknowledged that the federal guidelines would assist the end goal, which was to spend the funds in the most beneficial manner possible. The Rockingham Selectboard meets on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of each month in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m.

## Community Action Live collects food for MLK Day

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On Monday, Jan. 17, the Springfield Town Democratic Committee will hold its second annual Community Service Day in tribute to Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Committee members will be stationed at the Shaw's Market in The Plaza to collect food for the Family Center, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The STDC was awed last year by the generosity of our community. Because of the generosity of Springfield's community members, the committee was able to raise \$500 and 35 boxes of food. Everyone who volunteered remarked at how uplifting it was to see the community come together to support



Left to right, Steve Matush, Ruth Cody, Ted Cody at the food drive on Jan. 18, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

one another. Look for the table in front of the Shaw's in Springfield

to help honor the legacy of MLK by giving back to the community.

## Mary Krueger announces Springfield school board candidacy

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Mary Krueger filed her petition Jan. 5, 2022 to run for the Springfield school board. She is running as, "a parent who cares deeply about the future success of Springfield's schools and the community," states Krueger. "Our children deserve a well-rounded education that prepares them for a complex and changing world," says Krueger. "When we invest in our students, we invest in our community's future." Krueger believes that supporting a strong and vibrant school system is essential to the town's economic growth and

future. If elected, she will work to support the students, teachers and schools as we emerge from the global pandemic. Her work will include ensuring a smooth transition in leadership with a newly hired superintendent. She will work for a responsible budget that invests in high quality education and a positive learning environment for the students. "Our children need to graduate prepared for a fast paced and ever-changing economy. Critical thinking skills, creativity, and adaptability are necessary tools for future success."



Mary Krueger. PHOTO PROVIDED

Krueger adds. To learn more about Mary Krueger, find her on Facebook @mary4schoolvt or email her at marykru@gmail.com. Springfield voters go to the polls on Town Meeting Day Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

## Springfield Rotary Raffle to benefit scholarships

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – For seven decades the Springfield Rotary Club has helped Springfield High School students pursue higher education with their annual scholarship program in addition to other donations to organizations in the community. Throughout that time, the funds for these efforts were generated from the club's annual Penny Sale. However, the ongoing pandemic has forced the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Penny Sales. The rotary club has been unable to proceed with their scholarship offerings without a fundraiser, so the Springfield Rotary Club has announced the \$5,000 Scholarship Raffle to replicate the grand

prize drawing of the annual Penny Sale. Tickets for the Springfield Rotary Club \$5,000 Scholarship Raffle are available now from any Springfield Rotarian. Individual tickets are available as well as sponsorship levels such as platinum and gold. The drawing for the \$5,000 Grand Prize will be held Wednesday, Feb. 16 and will be streamed live through the rotary's Facebook page. You can purchase your Scholarship Raffle tickets from any member of the Springfield Rotary Club or send a check, payable to Springfield Rotary Club, to P.O. Box 808, Springfield, VT 05156.

## Medicare assistance at Senior Solutions

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Senior Solutions announces upcoming programs and events. **Upcoming Tai Chi classes** Celebrate the New Year by getting moving! Visit our website [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org) for a list of tai chi classes and call the helpline 802-855-2669 for instructor contact information. **Volunteer program recruitment** Looking to make new friends while serving your community? We would love to bring in a few more Senior Companions as well as Vet to Vet and Friendly Visitors. If you can spare a couple of hours a week and would like to do a good deed for a nearby aging Vermonter, please call our helpline, shown above. **The statewide vaccine**

**marketing campaign is in full swing** Check our website, shown above, to watch a video commercial featuring our own Southeastern Vermont Volunteer Visitors explaining why they got the Covid vaccine. The video is being shown around the state through a joint venture among all Vermont Area Agencies on Aging. Spread the word and help us protect the health of our vulnerable populations. **Senior Solutions talk radio** WOOL Radio, WOOL-FM 91.5, Bellows Falls, broadcasts from every Tuesday, from 5-6 p.m. The show has updates on programs and services of interest to those who are "60 and better." **Coming to a senior center near you in 2022** Senior Solutions has received a grant from the Na-

tional Council on Aging's Center for Benefits Access that provides funding for 20 months, October 2021 – September 2023, allowing Senior Solutions to partner with the six senior centers in Windsor and Windham Counties to find and enroll Medicare beneficiaries. Benefit Enrollment Centers find adults living with disabilities, as well as any adult aged 65 and older who have limited income and resources, who might be eligible for Medicare. BEC advisors would work with eligible adults to apply and gain access to multiple benefits including: Medicare, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. For more information, contact Wendi Germain at [wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org) or call 802-755-7295.

**A new addition to our volunteer services staff** We are pleased to announce that U.S. Air Force veteran Susan Triplett has joined Senior Solutions part-time to promote our Vet-to-Vet program throughout Windsor and Windham counties. She will also be working to continue the development of our Veteran Advisory Councils. Susan lives in Wilder, Vt., and has volunteered at the White River Junction VA Hospital, where she completed an internship at the Woman's Care Center. She also served as vice president of the nonprofit Women's Veterans of New England Organization and has a master's degree in Health Care administration. For those of you who would like to welcome Susan, you can contact her at [STriplett@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:STriplett@seniorsolutionsvt.org).

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# Chester tables cannabis sales from town meeting vote

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – During their Jan. 5 meeting, the Chester Selectboard reviewed the warning for their upcoming town meeting and decided that the issue of cannabis sales would not be included as an article, instead wanting more time to gather information and to involve the town on weighing in before moving forward. The board also debated the proposed fencing at the public safety building.

With the Vermont state legislation having recently approved to give towns the authority to restructure town meetings remotely due to Covid-19 concerns, Chester's town meeting will be formatted similarly

to last year with a hybrid online and in-person informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 28, and all articles voted by Australian ballot on March 1.

The board reviewed the 17 articles currently outlined in their town meeting warning, which include the town budget and a list of allocations for various nonprofit organizations, and discussed whether to add a town approval for cannabis sales in this year's list of articles. They decided that the information needed could not be gathered before the town meeting warning needed to be finalized.

Board Chairman Arne Jonynas acknowledged that the board had tabled the issue last year despite some interest on the sub-

ject throughout town, because the state had not yet worked out details on how the enterprise would run. Now that the state has answered many of those questions, he said it was appropriate to get the townspeople involved and let the town decide.

Board member Lee Gustafson, who opposed cannabis sales in Chester last year, said that the board needed to have an in-depth discussion and get feedback from the town before making a decision.

Although Jonynas agreed they had missed the window to include it in the town meeting, he did suggest that the board move quickly, because if someone wanted to move ahead with a business to sell cannabis products in

town, there would be a lot of legal work and other preparations that would need to take place. "I think it would only be fair that we provide them enough time to establish their business."

A member of the Zoom audience asked whether a resident could submit a petition to put an article to approve cannabis sales in Chester on the ballot for this year. Chester Town Manager Julie Hance confirmed that they could submit a petition that would require signatures of 5% of Chester voters. According to a Chester town administration official, that documentation is due on Thursday, Jan. 13 and would require approximately 130 signatures of registered Chester voters.

For the board, Hance will move forward by gathering information on financial benefits and required timing, and will reach out to Vermont League of Cities and Towns to see if they could have someone come and present information on the subject to the board at their next meeting.

As the budget review began, the issue of whether to spend \$17,000 on a fence along one side of the public safety building to separate the property from the neighbors and from an abutting apartment complex, again drew varied opinions from the board.

Chester Police Chief Rick Cloud outlined three reasons for needing the fence: security for parked vehicles at the building; dogs and other animals

from the neighboring complex coming over during training exercises happening in the back field; and safety for a dart helicopter landing zone that may be added, necessary for keeping animals and kids from coming to see the vehicle land. Cloud also said that there had been two incidents where people had to be removed from the property.

The board agreed to keep the \$17,000 in the budget but not necessarily use it for fencing. Rather, they requested that they look at the larger landscaping plan and then they would decide next steps.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Chester town office or via Zoom.

## Unitarian Universalist Church celebrates MLK —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield invites you to learn about Howard Thurman, a civil rights leader, in celebration of this upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The church will host a Zoom service on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. to discuss, "The Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and His 'Hidden Figures:' Dr. Howard Thurman and Other Influencers."

Rep. John Lewis described Thurman, a preach-

er and professor who taught at Boston University and Howard University, as, "a saint of the civil rights movement." Minister Usher Moses, of The Empowerment Center in Cheverly, Md. and Howard University, will lead the discussion on Thurman. Also assisting in the service will be Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Kristal Owens, and Robbin Ruffner, Religious Science Practitioner Emerita.

In this service, Moses plans to discuss the people who made an impact on

MLK's life, civil rights ministry, practices, and procedures. The series, titled, "Medicine for Our Times: Living the Legacy of Howard Thurman," is co-sponsored by the Empowerment Center and the Springfield Vermont Meetinghouse. It will feature music by The Virtual Choir and Julane Deener.

Also offered is a bi-monthly book club on Howard Thurman, which meets online every second Tuesday. The group will discuss "For the Inward Journey, The Writings of Howard Thurman," and will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy.

For links to the Zoom service or information on the bookclub, visit [www.uspringfieldvt.org/howard-thurman-medicine-for-these-times](http://www.uspringfieldvt.org/howard-thurman-medicine-for-these-times) or email Deb Diegoli at [uspringfieldvt@gmail.com](mailto:uspringfieldvt@gmail.com)

## Rotary hears plans for Divided Sky Foundation —

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Jan. 4, 2022 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club featured the program director for Divided Sky Foundation, Melanie Gulde, speaking to Rotarians and guests about plans for the future drug and alcohol recovery program on Fox Lane.

The Divided Sky Foundation, founded by Trey Anastasio, purchased what was once the old weight loss clinic facility in Ludlow. Anastasio of the band Phish, himself 15 years sober, launched the Divided Sky Foundation to deliver help to those affected by substance use. Vermont, his adopted home state, is a natural place to begin this chapter of giving back. Divided Sky is dedicated to delivering quality care and compassionate programming to those affected by alco-

holism and addiction.

Acquiring the facility site was the first step in a plan that includes building renovations and program development. The program is tentatively slated to open by the end of 2022. Objections from neighbors have delayed the facility's opening.

The purchase was made possible in part by funds raised in 2020 during Anastasio's "The Beacon Jams," an eight-week virtual residency presented live from New York City's historic Beacon Theatre. Donations were encouraged throughout the run, with fans ultimately contributing more than \$1.2 million.

"Alcohol is an addiction that seems to be overlooked at times. 95,000 people die annually from alcohol-related causes according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism," said Gulde. She emphasized that addiction to alcohol is the most prev-

alent addiction facing our society.

The program's goal is to be a local asset for giving back to the community. The nonprofit program plans to serve people from all income levels. Planned care services include maintaining recovery, with plans and programs tailored to individual guests' needs. In addition, the program plans to offer job training and workforce reintegration. Education opportunities will also be offered to prepare guests who need them with certification in skills and trades.

If you or someone you know needs help for a substance use disorder, contact [www.SAMHSA.gov](http://www.SAMHSA.gov), or call 800-662-4357 to find a treatment center near you.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman, at 802-228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

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## Lt. Governor Gray to relaunch "Lt. Governor for a Day"

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Lt. Governor Molly

Gray will relaunch, "Lt. Governor for a Day," a virtual program to engage Vermont students and classrooms in civics education and state government. Lt. Governor Gray launched the program at the start of her term in January 2021.

The biweekly program hosted every other Wednesday restarts Jan. 19, 2022 and will run from 12-1:15 p.m., allowing students to engage directly with the Lt. Governor and to observe senate proceedings.

Each "Lt. Governor for a Day" will begin with a Q&A with the Lt. Governor, followed by a behind-the-scenes look into the inner workings of the Office and Vermont State House. Students will also have an opportunity to observe virtual proceedings of the Vermont Senate over which the Lt. Governor presides.

The Lt. Governor will preside over virtual sessions of the Vermont Senate from the State House with senators participating remotely.

Of the program, Lt. Governor Gray said, "The January 6, 2021, insurrection made it clear to me that it is imperative that our next generation feels connected to and a sense of ownership of our democracy. Last year we welcomed hundreds of Vermont students into the State House virtually and hope to do so again."

The "Lt. Governor for a Day" program will be open to schools statewide and is intended for students in grades 7 through 12. School principals and teachers are encouraged to register. One classroom will be hosted per session.

Principals and teachers wishing to participate can learn more and register online at [www.lt.gov.vermont.gov/ltgovernorforaday](http://www.lt.gov.vermont.gov/ltgovernorforaday).

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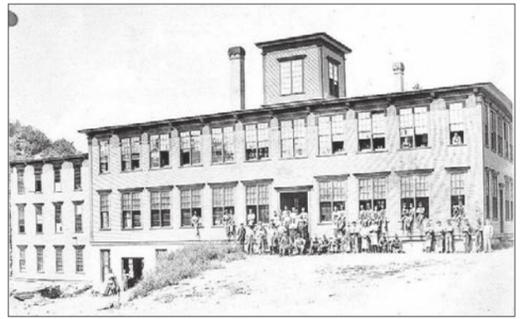


# Springfield honors torn down J&L building

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art and Historical Society will present “A Photographic Tribute to the J&L,” on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, Vt. This program is free and open to the public. Masks will be required.

This program is not a fact and figures history of J&L manufacturing but rather a tribute to how the company physically grew and to its 114-year-old building, now gone from the face of the earth. They have gathered up old and new photographs to illustrate how this business, which arrived via ox carts over dirt roads in 1888, turned a basic farm town without a railroad, into a world-renown machine tool producer.

To many, what was memorable about 1888 was the blizzard that dropped 3 feet of snow and whipped that snow up into 15-inch



The J&L upper shop Employees in the 1890s. PHOTO PROVIDED

drifts. But to the people of Springfield, Vermont, it was the arrival of the Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Company from Windsor Vermont. It took from April to October to complete the move down the 17 miles of dirt roads from Windsor to Springfield. Thanks to Adna Brown and company who made the deal to bring the business to town, and to James Hartness and his three offspring who guided

it, it became a world-renown machine tool business.

So what was this business that, at a special town meeting, the townspeople voted 500 to 1 to give a 10-year tax exemption? So many had a relative who worked there, be it a sibling, parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle. This program is for them. For more information, call 802-886-7935 or email sahs@vermontel.net.

# Vermont Everyone Eats extended through April 1

REGION – Vermont Everyone Eats, the innovative Covid-19 response program that provides meal assistance to Vermonters while supporting local restaurants, farmers, and food producers, has received an extension to continue through April 1, 2022. This additional extension, following three before it, is made possible thanks to the continued commitment from FEMA to cover 100% of the program's costs.

The program is currently operated by 11 community hubs throughout the state, including a statewide online digital app. Since July 2020, over 260 restaurants have prepared over 1.9 million meals for Vermonters impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. VEE is funded by a contract provided by the

Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, with Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) managing the program.

Everyone Eats was inspired by grassroots initiatives from communities across Vermont. Originally designed as a five-month program, VEE has been extended multiple times to mitigate high levels of food insecurity and economic instability exacerbated by the Covid-19 crisis. In July 2020, Vermont lawmakers allocated funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to launch the program, which was subsequently extended with FEMA funding.

SEVCA Executive Director Steve Geller noted that, “the program is expecting

to celebrate the incredible milestone of providing its 2 millionth meal early in the New Year, and we at SEVCA and everyone connected with it throughout the state are very proud of helping that to happen. We hope it can continue for as long as it's needed.”

For more information about Vermont Everyone Eats, visit [www.vteveryoneeats.org](http://www.vteveryoneeats.org) or explore community posts at #vteveryoneeats.

SEVCA's mission is to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty, to provide opportunities to thrive, and to eliminate root causes of poverty and to eliminate root causes of poverty. For more information, visit [www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org).



## LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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# Gone with the wind...

Here's an unusual, real photo postcard of a balloonist at the Sept. 2, 1908 Springfield Fair. The fair was held where Riverside Middle School is today, hence Fairgrounds Road.

I called Hugh Putnam, of the Springfield Art and Historical Society, to see what he knew. Hugh said that they have the same postcard and another that shows a parachutist descending to earth. Hugh wasn't sure whether the parachutist dropped from the balloon or an airplane.

I found a clue in the message written on the back of my postcard: “Here's the balloon at our Springfield Fair. The one marked with X is Prof. Bonette, who made the ascension. I don't like to see it. The second day he came down with his parachute not far from our house...”

### From an online source:

“Prof. Bonette began his aeronautical career in the 1890s by giving parachute/balloon exhibitions at fairs and expositions around New England. His performances involved going aloft in his hot air balloon and then dropping from a pre-determined altitude using a parachute. In later years he devised a spring-loaded ‘cannon’ which hung from beneath the balloon. When the balloon had risen to the proper altitude, Bonette would appear to be fired from the cannon before parachuting safely to the ground. The stunt was actually an illusion created by fireworks and confetti to make it appear that the cannon had fired, but in reality no gunpowder was used.

“According to an interview given by Bonette to Alton H. Blackington in 1943, the professor made his first parachute drop at a fair in Plymouth, N.H., in 1893, after the featured aerialist took sick minutes before the scheduled performance, and Bonette volunteered to act as a replacement.

“His second and third drops were made at the

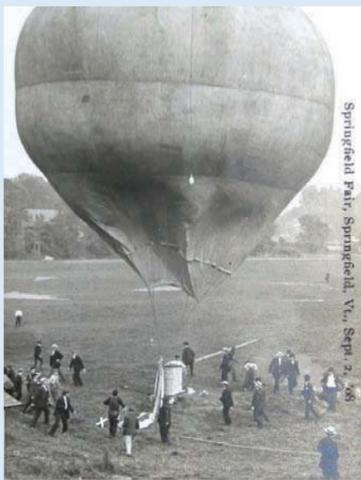
first meeting of the St. Johnsbury Gentlemen's Driving Club held at the fairgrounds in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in October of 1893. (The club was for those who liked to race horses.)

“Being an aeronaut was not without its hazards, and it would seem that Professor Bonette had more than his share of close calls. The following are a few examples:

“While performing at the South Ryegate (Vermont) Fair during the third week of September, 1895, Bonette experienced a problem with his parachute line becoming entangled with one holding a sand bag used for ballast while he floated high in the air. He decided to cut the parachute loose thinking it would pull the tangled line free, but it didn't.

“The Vermont Phoenix newspaper had this to say about the incident: ‘C. C. Bonette, the aeronaut, came very close near making his last ascension at St. Johnsbury recently, when, 5,000 feet in the air, he found that the balloon and parachute had by some means become connected by a string, but by great effort he succeeded in freeing himself just in time to save his life.’ Fortunately Bonette was not injured.

“Two months later, on Nov. 14, 1895, it was reported in the News And Citizen (a Morrisville, Vt. newspaper) that Professor Bonette had just completed a successful season as an aeronaut, having made 28 balloon ascensions since July 1, with only one accident. That accident occurred while he was performing in Pittsfield, Maine, when his balloon began to collapse while he was 300 feet in the air. Thinking quick, he dropped with his parachute, which opened in



Hot air balloon at Springfield Fair. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

the nick of time to save his life, although he still made a ‘hard landing’ and received injuries which took a week to recover from.

“In June of 1899, Bonette's balloon developed a leak while 200 feet in the air while he was performing at Ridgewood Park in Brooklyn, N.Y. Bonette dropped using a parachute which didn't sufficiently open in time. He crashed into the top of an apple tree and suffered severe bruising, but no broken bones.

“The following September, while performing at the Rochester Fair in Rochester, N.H., Bonette suffered another accident. While preparing to take off in a balloon from which he intended to make a parachute drop, he told his assistants, ‘Goodbye boys, I'll see you later, but how much later I don't know.’ When the balloon was released, it rose quickly, but suddenly developed a small tear which allowed the hot air to begin escaping. The professor cut loose with his parachute, but it didn't fully inflate until he was almost to the ground. He struck the earth hard...”

*This week's old saying is from Iggy: “If at first you don't succeed... so much for skydiving.” Iggy is one of Henry's friends.*

# Rapid Covid tests

MONTPELIER, Vt. – On Thursday, Jan. 6, Gov. Phil Scott announced that beginning the week of Jan. 9, the State of Vermont would use a program developed by the National Institutes of Health to deliver 500,000 recently acquired rapid Covid-19 tests to households across the state.

The program will surge rapid tests into communities and serve as a pilot to help state officials assess a broader delivery model where residents order tests online and have them delivered to their home.

“Rapid tests are an important tool, but Americans need to be able to get them easily, quickly, and far more affordably,” said Gov. Scott. “In the near future, we anticipate rapid tests will be readily available at every local pharmacy for lower prices. But we need to bridge the gap between where we are today and where things will be in the months ahead.”

Vermonters should keep in mind that, “this is a pilot program.” Gov. Scott said Vermonters should have clear expectations about the goals and capacity of this pilot project.

The Governor also said that this pilot project does not replace the Test to Stay programs in schools, pre-

schools, and childcare centers.

The Covid-19 tests are authorized for use by the FDA, provided free of charge, and the entire testing process can be managed privately at home.

Participating Vermonters will need to provide their name and address for test kit delivery, which will not be shared.

The state will announce additional details, and how to order, at a later date.

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# sports & outdoor

## Winter sports, Jan. 17-22

**REGION** – Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

Vermont Christian, 7 p.m.  
Leland & Gray at Rivedell Academy, 7 p.m.  
Mill River at Springfield, 6 p.m.

**THUR, JAN. 20 –**

**Girls basketball** – Bellows Falls at West Rutland, 7 p.m.

**FRI, JAN. 21 –**

**Boys basketball** – Fall Mountain at Kearsarge, 6 p.m.  
Leland & Gray at White River Valley, 7 p.m.  
Mill River at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Mount Anthony, 7 p.m.  
West Rutland at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball** – Kearsarge at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.

**SAT, JAN. 22 –**

**Girls basketball** – Bellows Falls at Long Trail, 3 p.m.  
Springfield at Fair Haven, 2:30 p.m.  
West Rutland at Green Mountain, 12:30 p.m.

**MON, JAN. 17 –**

**Boys basketball** – Bellows Falls at Poultney, 7 p.m.

**TUE, JAN. 18 –**

**Boys basketball** – Conant at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Arlington, 7 p.m.  
Proctor at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Long Trail, 6 p.m.

**Girls basketball** – Fall Mountain at Conant, 6:30 p.m.

**WED, JAN. 19 –**

**Girls basketball** – Green Mountain at Mid-

## VINS celebrates winter with Wildlife Festival

**QUECHEE, Vt.** – The Vermont Institute of Natural Science has announced their upcoming Winter Wildlife Festival, which will take place Saturday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the VINS Nature Center in Quechee.

The festival includes a

Fairy Court walk through the woods, a visit from the Braeburn Siberian sled dog team in the afternoon, a Raptors in Winter presentation, winter games, and guided Forest Canopy tours. There will also be a free, virtual event held Friday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. in conjunction with

the Wildlife Festival. For a detailed schedule, visit the VINS website.

This event is included with admission to the VINS Nature Center. Note that a limited number of tickets are available and advance purchase is encouraged. Snowshoes are provided for use on

nature trails at no additional charge.

The Nature Center is open daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and located at 149 Natures Way, Quechee, Vt. More information, including Covid protocols and safety guidelines, can be found at [www.vinsweb.org](http://www.vinsweb.org).

## Hunters took over 15,000 deer in 2021

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – The final number of deer taken in Vermont's 2021 hunting seasons will not be available for a few more weeks, but the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says the final tally will be around 15,600 deer. Those deer will provide approximately 3.1 million servings of local, nutritious venison.

The buck harvest will be close to 9,000, which will be down slightly from 2020 (9,255), but near the 10-year average of 8,938. The final antlerless deer harvest will be around 6,600, down considerably from 9,735 in 2020, but similar to antlerless harvests prior

to 2020.

Some of that decrease was due to the department issuing fewer muzzleloader antlerless permits this year. However, the archery season harvest, which accounts for much of the total antlerless deer harvest, will also be down substantially from 2020.

"Some decline in the harvest was expected this year, as we've been working to reduce deer numbers in some areas to keep them in balance with the available habitat," said Nick Fortin, the department's deer project leader. "Hunting conditions were also challeng-



**Daniel Gonzalez, 178-pound buck, Windsor county, 2021.**  
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ing again this year. Warm weather and abundant fall foods limited deer movement and made it difficult for hunters to locate them. Changes in hunting participation and effort related to

the pandemic likely affected this year's harvest as well."

The primary goal of Vermont's deer management strategy is to keep the deer herd stable, healthy, and in balance with available habitat. "Maintaining an appropriate number of deer on the landscape ensures deer and the habitats that support them remain in good condition and productive," said Fortin.

The 2021 White-tailed Deer Harvest Report with final numbers will be on Fish & Wildlife's website in early March. Beginning in late March, the department will be holding informational hearings to share biological information and to listen to any information people wish to share.

## Vermont high school students take on climate change with GIV

**REGION** – The Governor's Institutes of Vermont is thrilled to announce the debut of a new, virtual climate change Winter Weekend program!

On Feb. 4-6, all Vermont 9th – 12th grade students are invited to join GIV in asking and answering some of the hardest questions of our time. What will Vermont look like after 50 more years of climate change? How can young people lobby for action on a legislative level? How can art shift people's perspec-

tives on caring about the planet?

Students of GIV's "Climate Change Sprint" will find the answers to these questions and so much more. Through community-oriented group projects, interactive challenges, and intensive workshops, they will gain the connections, resources, and inspiration to take on climate change in Vermont and beyond – all in just three days.

"Now more than ever, we need to amplify youth voices speaking out against climate change," says GIV Program Coordinator Ross Cagenello. "Our young people are undoubtedly the most affected by the ongoing global climate crisis.

They care, and they want to make a difference. It's our job to give them the resources and connections they need to feel empowered to do just that.

"That's the point of this program – to bring Vermont high school students together, to give them access to climate change experts, to inspire them to learn the science and create change in their communities and the world at large," Ross continues. "We know

we can't save the world in a weekend. But we can certainly give our youth a running start towards making a difference!"

Applications for GIV's virtual Climate Change Sprint are currently open. In the interest of making this program accessible to all Vermont families, tuition is "pay what you can." Interested students can visit [www.GIV.org/winter](http://www.GIV.org/winter) for more information and to apply now.

## Connecticut River Joint Commissions receives grant

**LEBANON, N.H.** – The Connecticut River Joint Commissions is pleased to announce that it has received a \$30,733 grant through the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation. This one-year grant provides funding to implement CRJC's July 2021 to June 2022 work program. Additional funding is provided by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

These funds will allow the CRJC to continue its emphasis on the grassroots, locally focused work of its five local river subcommittees and the broader implementation of its river management plan. The CRJC focuses on the key issues facing the Connecticut River watershed of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Current focus areas for the CRJC include:

- Participating as a stakeholder in the federal relicensing of hydroelectric facilities at Wilder Dam, Bellows Falls Dam, and Vernon Dam in Vermont and New Hampshire.
- Providing a forum for open discussion and comment on a wide range of projects affecting the Connecticut River and its watershed.
- Leading watershed management efforts; in particular working to improve water quality monitoring along the mainstem of the Connecticut River as well as convening bi-state partners to address the issue of climate migration.

For more information, visit [www.uvlsrpc.org](http://www.uvlsrpc.org) or contact CRJC staff, Olivia Uiyizeye.

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# SERVICES

# obituaries

## Vito S. DeMarco, 2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Vito S. DeMarco, 81, of Springfield Vt., passed away at his home on Dec. 25, 2021. He was born in Derby, Conn., the son of William and Sue (Ausonio) DeMarco. He attended Fairfield Prep and Fairfield University in Connecticut, and graduated with a degree in political science.

Vito had a long and decorated career in both the United States Government and in the United States Navy. He was employed as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and achieved level grade 14. His career took him around the world over the years serving in many capacities, among which he served as a Sky Marshall in the 1970s, followed by working on special protection details with four former United States Presidents, presidential candidates, domestic and foreign dignitaries. His talent and ability as a leader and instructor led him to eventually serve in the Gulf War as one of three special assistants to General Norman Schwarzkopf. Upon returning home, he continued in the Navy Reserves until his retirement as Commander in 1997.

Vito met his soul mate Catherine Schoener in Korea. Together they were married in Korea on Aug. 29, 1994, and in 1995 moved to Vermont where they have shared their home since.

In Springfield, Vt. he joined and became a lifetime legacy member of the Robert L. Johnson VFW Post 771 serving many years as club manager until his passing. During his long tenure with the VFW, he held positions as Post Commander, State Commander for Vermont, and finally called on to represent the national level as Judge Advocate General. Alongside his VFW commitments he spent years as a ski instructor at Okemo Mountain where he was well liked by his peers and fellow skiers.

Among his many awards



Vito S. DeMarco, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

for service, he would proudly point out that he achieved Eagle Scout with Troop 3 in Derby, Conn. He was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt.

Vito will be lovingly remembered by his family, friends, and veterans as someone who lived life to such a high level of enthusiasm that he shared with those he met. He will be mostly remembered for his service and dedication to his country as well as the stories he loved to tell while sipping a glass of red wine or his favorite drink, a Manhattan.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine DeMarco, of Springfield, Vt.; his two sons, Darryl DeMarco and his wife Melinda of Port St. Lucie, Fl., William DeMarco and his wife Dawn of Milford, Conn.; his two grandchildren Samantha and Andrew; his sister Angela Bartolucci of Shelton, Conn.; and by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel, 99 Summer St. in Springfield, Vt. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, from 4 to 6 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 10 Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt. Father Peter Williams will officiate. Burial with military honors will be held at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. in the spring of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Robert L. Johnson, VFW Post 771, P.O. Box 568, Springfield, VT 05156.

## Geraldine M. Harty, 1918-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Geraldine Mary Harty, aged 103, of Green St., died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 at Sterling House in Bellows Falls. Gerry was born in Bellows Falls, Nov. 21, 1918, the daughter of Frederick and Lillian (Gillis) Lorange. She attended school in Bellows Falls and was a 1936 graduate of Bellows Falls High School. Gerry worked for the Phone Co. and later as an aide at the Bellows Falls High School.

On Aug. 16, 1943 at the St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, she married Norman C. Harty who predeceased her in 1997. She is survived by Dennis Harty and his wife Donna of Bellows Falls, daughter-in-law Vicki Harty of Randolph, Vt., daughter-in-law Wendy Harty of Bellows Falls, six grandchildren, and 10

great-grandchildren. Gerry was predeceased by her parents, husband, and her son Michael Harty.

There will be calling hours from 6 - 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. 05101. A memorial funeral mass will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m., at the St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, Vt., followed by a burial in the St. Charles Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gerry's memory maybe made to Parks Place Community Resource Center, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls, Vt.

The family of Mrs. Harty requests that all in attendance would please wear a mask to the services due to the ongoing pandemic. Thank you.

## Joseph Wing, 2021

WESTON, Vt. – Joseph Wing was 84-years-old when he passed at home on Nov. 26, 2021. He resided in Weston for 34 years.

His companion and wife of 45 years, Susan Wing, has her own journey to imagine.

His mother Fong Shee and father Lim Wing, born in China, immigrated to the U.S. He was a first generation U.S. citizen. Two siblings, Mary Tong of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and Robert Wing of Hartsdale, N.Y. survive him.

Joe grew up in Manhattan, on the lower east side. Being bright, he attended Brooklyn Tech, an engineering oriented prep school, and moved into mechanical drafting. He took refresher courses at community col-

leges, and professionally he worked for major companies developing production standards and facility design. He traveled to Japan, Mexico, and across the U.S. to maintain equipment for this process. He moved to Vermont to ski and enjoy nature. He is dearly loved by a very large family who found him to be a friend. A man who did what he wanted and enjoyed life.

No service is planned, but he found interest in the nonprofits Keeping People Warm, Londonderry Rescue Squad, and Mountain Valley Medical Clinic if a donation is desired in his memory.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## Carla J. Messer, 1936-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Carla J. Messer, age 85 of Panama City, Fla. passed away on Jan. 1, 2022. Formerly from Alstead, N.H. and Keene, N.H., Carla was born in Springfield, Vt. on July 6, 1936, daughter of the late Frank and Virginia Dyke Blake.

Carla married Frederick Blood, July 5, 1953, who preceded her in 1981. She married Donald Messer May 7, 1984, who preceded her in 1988.

While living in Alstead, N.H., she was active in all community activities. A 4-H leader for 15 years, Life member of the Alstead Historical Society, former and charter member of the Tri-Town Snowmobile Club, a member of the Third Congregational Church where she served as Treasurer and Flower committee and taught Sunday School, as well as serving on the Vilas Pool Committee. When living in Keene, N.H., Carla was a member of the United Church of Christ.

Carla joined the Rebekah's, a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in 1954 at the Oasis Lodge #80 in Alstead, N.H. When she moved to Keene, N.H., she was a member of the Harmony Lodge #16 serving as an officer of the lodge. In 1985-1986, she was the President of the Rebekah Assembly. She was a member of the Monadnock LEA #10 and Monadnock Encampment serving as Past Chief, as well as Deputy Grand Matriarch for the Grand Encampment of N.H. Serving as Grand Matriarch of Conn. in 1997-1998, Member of Auxiliary to Senter #12 Ladies, Auxiliary of Patriarch Militant of Concord and a Past President of the Auxiliary. She was the Grand Patriarch Grand Encampment in 2014-2015. She was also a member of the Beaver Brook Odd Fellow Lodge #36 of Keene (served as NG 2004-2006), a PDDGM, a member of the Mizpah-Euince Chapter Eastern Star of Langdon and former member of the White Shrine of Boswen.

A past President of the Northeast Odd Fellows Association, she also served as Camp Director of Camp NEOFA in Maine for 15 years. She was on the Board of Directors of the IOOF Home in Concord, N.H., serving on the executive committee as President, member, and Executive board member of the former Three Links Visual Recourse (eye program), Editor of the monthly IOOF newsletter, Camplea News

for 27 years, a member of the International Press Association and serving as president from 2000-2004. Carla was a former member of the International Toastmaster and achieved her ATM status, serving as the local President of Keene Toastmaster. She was a former volunteer for the Red Cross. She was a Hospice volunteer and was an active member of the Monadnock Samaritans program for 15 years while serving as the interim director, facilitator of Safe Place, and community awareness of suicide at civic presentations.

After retiring and moving to Panama City, Fla., she became an active member of the Callaway Methodist Church. She was a volunteer at the Family Services of Bay County, the Marines Corps League DET 065, and a trustee of the VFW Auxiliary Post 8205.

Carla loved her vegetable and flower gardens. She won many awards at the Cheshire Fair and was the Sweepstake winner for a number of years in the flower division. Her hobby at knitting was shared by all the activity organizations she belonged to through her donations of countless knitted items for their fundraising projects.

Carla is survived by her daughters Charmian Hadlock of Lompoc, Calif., Linda Hakala of Hancock, N.H., and son Scott Blood and his wife Lana of Panama City, Fla., six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, brothers Stephen Blake of Alstead, N.H. and Frank S. Blake of Brattleboro, Vt.

She was predeceased by her sons Brett Blood in 1981 and Keith Blood in 2002.

There will be a Celebration of Life Feb. 6, 2022 at 1 p.m. at VFW Post 8205 located in Parker, Fla., and a graveside service in Alstead, N.H. at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Camp NEOFA Maine campership fund at Camp NEOFA, P.O. Box 101, Liberty, ME 04949. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www.heritagefhllc.com.



Carla J. Messer, 1936-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Ruth Joanne Schamback, 1949-2021

WINDSOR, Vt. – Ruth (Ruthie) Schamback passed away Dec. 27, 2021. Cancer took her from us too early. Ruthie was born in Windsor, Vt., Dec. 5, 1949 the daughter of George Merton and Emma Robinson. She graduated from Windsor High School in 1967 and continued her education at Southern Connecticut State University, earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1971. After a brief career as a school teacher, one year in the school system she grew up in, she married her husband Douglas Schamback in 1972 and joined him, working together in the golf business at several golf clubs: Woodstock Country Club in Vermont, Mountain Lake in Lake Wales, Fla., and The Bedens Brook Club in Princeton, N.J. They retired to Vero Beach, Fla., in 2008 and became members of the Grand Harbor Club. Ruthie became an accomplished golfer winning multiple club championships at Grand Harbor and her summer club, Okemo Valley, in Vermont. She also was an avid Mahjong player, enjoyed reading, and volunteered at The Friends of The Library Book Depot in Vero Beach. She had a large network of friends. Her infectious smile, grace, and happy disposition touched



Ruth Schamback, 1949-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

everyone she met. She loved, believed, and had a never-ending faith in the goodness of people.

She is survived by her sisters Rita Boynton (David), Jean Robinson, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Leslie Robinson, David Joseph Scafani, and sister Elizabeth Marshall.

At Ruthie's request there will be no services in Florida. She asks that everyone recall a happy memory. There will be a graveside service at a later date in Brownsville, Vt.

Donations may be made to the Indian River VNA Hospice Foundation, 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Online condolences may be shared at www.coxgiftordseaweinds.com.

# SERVICES

## ASCUTNEY, VT.

**Brownville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownville-Hartland Rd.**

Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at [www.facebook.com/brownvillecommunitychurch](http://www.facebook.com/brownvillecommunitychurch) and [www.brownvilleumc-vt.org](http://www.brownvilleumc-vt.org).

## 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/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302](http://www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302). More at [www.CavendishBaptist.com](http://www.CavendishBaptist.com) or call 802-226-7131.

## CHESTER, VT.

**Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.**

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to [www.andovercommunitychurch.org](http://www.andovercommunitychurch.org).

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

**First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry**

Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Masks are suggested. Services will still be live streamed at [www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html](http://www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html). For more information, visit [www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org](http://www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org) or call 802-856-7266.

## LUDLOW, VT.

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

Mass services are Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. Masks are recommended, but not required, for those who are fully vaccinated. Social distancing in every other pew will continue. For more information, go to [www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com](http://www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com) or call 802-228-3451.

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**First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.**

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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.

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Town of Weston is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### Select Board Administrator Needed

Part time position assisting the Town of Mount Holly Select Board with day-to-day operations to include: reviewing and responding to mail, email, phone calls; reviewing and preparing invoices and staff time sheets for payment; preparing and posting meeting agendas and minutes; posting notices; researching issues and grant opportunities; grants administration; maintaining files and documents. Flexible weekdays and hours, 10-15 hours per week to start. Proficiency with computers and Microsoft Word, Excel, and email required. Compensation dependent upon experience. Additional information at: mounthollyvt.org/announcements-bulletin-board/appointments-openings/

Please send resume to Town of Mount Holly Select Board, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758 or email to mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com  
Resumes will be accepted until position is filled.  
The Town of Mount Holly is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD ANIMAL LICENSE NOTICE

Animal Licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. All dogs and wolf-hybrids six months or over must be licensed by April 1 each year and wear a collar and tag at all times. A dog or wolf-hybrid without a tag is presumed to be unlicensed and is not protected by law. A tag must not be used on any dog or wolf-hybrid other than the dog or wolf-hybrid in the license bearing the corresponding number. If you are unsure if your dog/wolf-hybrid needs a new rabies vaccination before being licensed, please contact this office. Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk CVC, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156 (802) 885-2104 x230) FAX (802) 885-1617 tosclerk@vermontel.net

### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD HELP WANTED Director of Parks and Recreation

The Town of Springfield, VT is looking for a Director of Parks & Recreation to start in March 2022. This is a full-time; exempt position with an excellent benefit and retirement package. Starting salary is negotiable within an established range, depending on qualifications and experience. Position requires a Bachelor's Degree, preferably Parks and Recreation Leadership and Administration; Sports Management; or Physical Education. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of three years of proven, successful, and progressive experience in recreation leadership. Candidates may substitute a combination of education, training, and experience, especially experience within a municipal setting. Application and additional information (detailed advertisement and benefits) may be picked up at the Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT or by calling Donna Hall, Human Resources Manager at 802-885-2104. Application may also be downloaded at <https://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/> E.O.E.

### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD HELP WANTED Human Resources Manager

The Town of Springfield, VT is looking for a Human Resources Manager to start in Late February 2022. This is a full-time; exempt position with an excellent benefit and retirement package. Starting salary is negotiable within an established range, depending on qualifications and experience. Position requires a Bachelor's Degree, in a related field. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of three years of proven, successful, and progressive experience in the Human Resources Management. Candidates may substitute a combination of education, training, and experience, especially experience within a municipal setting. Application and additional information (detailed advertisement and benefits) may be picked up at the Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT or by calling Brian Beniot, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager at 802-885-2104. Application may also be downloaded at <https://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/> E.O.E.

**JAN. 17 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – American Red Cross blood drive Monday, Jan. 17, from 12-5:30 p.m., at the Ludlow Community Center. No walk-ins at this time. Call 100-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

**JAN. 22 – JAN. 29 –**  
REGION – Join our free online coaching week 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](http://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.

**JAN. 27 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Fundraiser for Expeditionary School at Black River featuring comedian Rusty DeWees "The Logger" on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at Calcutta's Bar and Restaurant, located at Fox Run Golf Club. The event includes a light dinner and Calcutta's will provide a

cash bar. Proceeds go to Year 3 of the Expeditionary School at Black River for local education. Tickets can be purchased on the ESBR website at [www.esblackriver.org](http://www.esblackriver.org).

**SUNDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester American Legion Post 67 hosts Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12 p.m., and games start at 1 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

**MONDAYS –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email [sdoyle@springfieldmed.org](mailto:sdoyle@springfieldmed.org).

**TUESDAYS –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior

community lunch every Tuesday, 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.

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom and in person. For more information, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email [dan.freeman@brattleborohospice.org](mailto:dan.freeman@brattleborohospice.org).

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at [bwquilter1778@gmail.com](mailto:bwquilter1778@gmail.com).

CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

**THURSDAYS –**  
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at [www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden](http://www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden).

CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email [dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

**FRIDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Friday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at [bwquilter1778@gmail.com](mailto:bwquilter1778@gmail.com).

**SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com).

**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](http://www.aavt.org) or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.



### Custodial Positions

Chester-Andover Elementary School has two full year custodial positions open. The part time position is Monday-Friday from 6pm-10pm. The full time position is Monday-Friday 1pm-9pm. Duties include custodial tasks as assigned - cleaning and maintaining facilities. A background check is required. Two Rivers Supervisory Union is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply please send your resume to [keith.cry@trsu.org](mailto:keith.cry@trsu.org).

### School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing. EOE.

Job Type: Full-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at [michael.ripley@trsu.org](mailto:michael.ripley@trsu.org)

### TOWN OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A public hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Auditorium located at 68 Town Office Rd., Plymouth, Vermont to consider:

APPLICANT #1: Town of Plymouth  
APPLICANT #2: Mary Jane Crockett

TYPE OF APPLICATION: Conditional Use Application for floodplain / channel restoration project along Route 100A.

LOCATION: 706 Route 100A: Pinney Hollow Brook at confluence with Farm Brook.

APPLICATION #: 2021-53

Dated: January 5, 2022

Michael Coleman, Chair

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APPLICANT: Jason and Jennifer Flaster

TYPE OF APPLICATION: Conditional Use Application for floodplain / channel restoration project along Route 100A.

LOCATION: 201 Route 100A: Pinney Hollow Brook, 3000 ft. upstream of Bridgewater / Plymouth town line.

APPLICATION #: 2021-52

Dated: January 5, 2022

Michael Coleman, Chair

### STATE OF VERMONT

**SUPERIOR COURT** Windsor Unit **PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No.:

In re ESTATE of: DEBORAH E. KRAUSE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: DEBORAH E. KRAUSE Decedent  
late of SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 1/4/22 Signature of Fiduciary: MEG STERN, EXECUTOR

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

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal

Publication Date: Jan. 12, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court  
Address of Probate Court: Windsor Unit, Probate Division  
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WALPOLE, N.H. - Assistant Manager needed at Walpole Valley Tire, an owner managed store. Primary duties will be as a Tire Tech, supervising changing area and customer interaction (as needed); managerial duties upon owner's absence. Please email wvtjobs@hotmail.com for an application or stop by store at 532 Main Street, Walpole, NH (next to Tractor Supply).

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Janitorial Position Available, United States Post office. \$18.84 an hour, 1.5

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1/5 to 1/29 - **A Winter's Contemplation**, Show of Watercolor Paintings by Jeanne Carbonetti

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# arts & entertainment

## Painting the Winter Landscape in Watercolor

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is pleased to offer “Painting the Winter Landscape in Watercolor” with Robert O’Brien, a Zoom workshop, Jan. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Explore painting the beautiful snowy New England winter landscape in this one-day workshop. Glazing techniques and layering of the subtle tints of snow will be introduced. Value, composition, and painting light and shadow will be emphasized. Students will work from photo reference and learn to create a finished painting from a favorite winter subject.



Robert O’Brien watercolor. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

sion. The workshop is open to all abilities. Please sign up by Wednesday, Jan. 12 so Rob can get everything set up. He will send you the link. There is a registration fee. Material list provided at registration.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. We are open Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Contact 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

## “Swampalachian Trail” to open at Next Stage Arts

PUTNEY, Vt. – Walter Parks and Rob Curto present, “Swampalachian Trail” at Next Stage Arts Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

“A night with Walter Parks is a journey through the roots of American musical traditions,” says Keith Marks, Executive Director of Next Stage Arts. “He’s done scholarly research into swamp hollers, field songs, spirituals, and where

other roots of our modern American traditions came from. He’s a treasure that keeps giving.”

Walter Parks, longtime guitarist sideman to Woodstock legend Richie Havens joins accordionist Rob Curcio to present, “Swampalachian Trail.” The show is the soundtrack to the building of America encompassing historic songs of European and African origin.

With music and actual stories, The “Swampalachian Trail” is a tribute to the many unheralded folks who did the heavy lifting to create the infrastructure for our country as we know it today. In this non-religious, non-political, historical show, Parks presents slave spirituals, work songs, and the blues and jazz to which both gave birth, along side hymns and the Appalachian reels and hollers that poor European-American homesteaders contributed.

Proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 48 hours prior is required for entry. Masks are required while inside the venue. For more information and updates, please go to www.nextstagearts.org.

## DaVallia Gallery 2022 local artist collection

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia Gallery invites you to a new fine art exhibition, “Visceral Landscape,” a new collection of contemporary abstract paintings by local Vermont artist Julia Jensen. The collection will showcase Thursday, Jan. 6 to Sunday, Feb. 6. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

DaVallia Gallery is pleased to feature Julia Jensen, whose paintings portray an abstracted

perspective on our landscape with a softness and familiarity that welcomes the viewer and gives insight into her experiences of our world. When she paints, she makes a concerted effort to, “keep the subject out of it,” focusing on color and shape. Her paintings are not of places nearby, but from her memories. Jensen’s internal, emotional, and spiritual experiences are all eloquently captured in her brushstrokes.

Established in 2009, DaVallia Gallery has become a

five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village of Chester, their gallery and sculpture gardens provide an inspiring atmosphere to experience a diverse array of art. DaVallia welcomes you to enjoy the first show of the 2022 season. To preview the show, purchase works, or to learn more about their art collection, visit them online at www.ArtfulVT.com. To schedule an appointment for a private viewing, call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900.

## Bessie’s story, “Watching The Lights Go Out”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Thomas and Bessie at the Springfield Town Library for their presentation of Bessie’s story, “Watching the Lights Go Out,” Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. It is an inspiring story about a charming, brave, and unpretentious chocolate Lab who gradually loses her eyesight.

This is a first person, nonfiction account of several years in the lives of a man approaching retirement and his chocolate Lab as she gradually loses her sight. It painstakingly traces the subtle but inexorable changes in Bessie, an exuberant, passionate retriever and lover of humanity, as she struggles to make sense of a world of increasing darkness and learns

to compensate for her disability. As Bessie adapts, so does Tom. His behaviors alter in response to her behaviors. Tom becomes more watchful, mindful, compassionate, and also ingenious, as he dreams up ways to make life easier and better for Bessie.

Thomas W. Farman is the Headmaster Emeritus of Rumsey Hall School in Washington, Conn. Tom and his wife Ashley worked at the school in partnership for over four decades and now live in rural New Hampshire. The Farmens travel, pursue a variety of outdoor interests, are active volunteers, and have been dog owners for all of their forty-plus years of marriage. Ashley is a New Hampshire



Bessie. PHOTO PROVIDED

Granite State Ambassador. Tom serves on the board of several nonprofit organizations, including the Special Olympics of New Hampshire, and is an ambassador at Mount Sunapee ski area. The Farmens have two adult sons.

This event is free and open to the public. Contact Tracey at the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 with any questions.

## “A Winter’s Contemplation,” showcases at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT

will be showcasing a show of watercolor paintings by

Jeanne Carbonetti entitled “A Winter’s Contemplation” for the month of January.

Jeanne has been a professional artist for more than 30 years, and has exhibited in numerous one-woman and group shows. Specializing in developing the power of the creative process, she is the author of six books. She also runs Crow Hill Gallery of Fine Art in Chester, Vt. She has been featured in numerous magazines and is one of the women featured in Gail McMeekin’s book, “The Twelve Secrets of Highly Successful Women.” By invitation, she exhibited at the Fifth International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Florence, Italy. Her one-person show, “The Power of Beauty,” served as the grand opening for the Vermont Institute of Contemporary Art. Her paintings are in collections both private and corporate throughout the United States, Europe, and Australia.

“Even from my first paintings, I have been fascinated by the mysteries of thresholds –that special place where opposites meet and unite. It is that alchemical place where heaven meets earth, where male and female energies marry, where polarities dance in perfect rhythm. This is the magical place I always seek in my art.”

For more information, please contact Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. The gallery is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Fridays, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Contact 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org for more details.

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