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Chester's Covid protocol statement is finalized

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – During their December 29 meeting, after weeks of discussing and ultimately rejecting a formal mask mandate for the Town of Chester, the selectboard approved a statement encouraging residents to help control the spread of Covid-19. The statement included a list of mitigation strategies such as vaccination, hand-washing, social distancing, testing, avoiding crowds, and wearing masks in an indoor setting.

The statement left local businesses free to decide their own policies stating, “The Town of Chester encourages all businesses who serve the public indoors to formulate a disease mitigation strategy and/or mask wearing policy suitable for

their business.”

A list of protocols used by the town offices was also made available on the town’s website and posted in the Town Hall for reference. The entire statement can be viewed at www.chestervt.gov.

Board member Heather Chase recommended that the board place a date on the document since the statement should be considered a “living document,” that would change and be updated often. Chase also suggested that the Covid protocols become an item under old business so that they can update the town on changes at the town, state, and federal level.

Covid-19 rapid testing is now available for all municipal employees and their households, including board members, and will

be performed by Ambulance Chief Amanda Silva at the public safety building location.

Later in the meeting, budget talks resumed as the board reviewed town facilities including the public safety building, recreation department, Whiting Public Library, and the town hall.

Chester Town Manager Julie Hance said that the largest request was for the public safety building: \$17,000 in new fencing between the new building and adjacent apartments, necessary due to some threats of vandalism from residents. The town has also installed security cameras all around the building to prevent the vandalism.

Board Chair Arne Jonyas questioned whether the \$17,000 would be better spent on a natural buffer,

such as updating the landscaping. “I just think there’s better ways of dealing with neighbors than throwing up a big fence,” he said.

Hance said she could go back to the public safety department heads and that, if they agreed, return with costs from the landscaper on possible solutions for a natural barrier.

One addition to the facilities budget is a new position for a facilities director, which is, according to Hance, “A position that is long overdue.” The director, having a wide range of skills much like a contractor, would put all the town facilities on a maintenance schedule and perform much of that maintenance themselves. The \$66,000 expense added for salary and benefits would largely be offset by responsibilities the director would

then undertake, such as oil changes, tire rotations, and other routine vehicle maintenance. They would also fill in as needed to help with short-term departmental projects.

The Town of Chester increased their contribution to the Whiting Library by \$12,000, largely to supplement health care costs for employees this year. Hance also alerted the board that beginning in early 2022, she would start working through logistics with Library Trustee Ed Grossman regarding modifying the town’s relationship with the library, specifically concerning employee pay and benefits, an issue on which Hance has received legal guidance from the town’s attorney.

Adding three employees under the town would increase the employee costs

by approximately \$25,000 in the following year. Chase expressed concern about the hiring and supervising of library employees by the trustees, stating that the library should remain an independent entity. She added that she would need more details to support the proposal, but agreed that the library staff needed to be supported and that they were a great resource to the town.

Overall the budget deficit is approximately \$33,000, a small amount for a town of Chester’s size according to state consultants Hance has been working with. She will provide options for offsetting the deficit during the next meeting.

The next Chester Select Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 at 6 p.m. at Chester Town Hall.

GMUSD trims facilities renovations, pushes voter approval

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – During their Dec. 21 special meeting, the Green Mountain Unified School District board pared approximately \$5 million worth of projects from Energy Efficient Investments’ proposed \$21 million budget for their district school renovation proposal and agreed to postpone bringing the final project, which will likely require financing through a bond, to voters until the summer, rather than during the town meeting in March.

Michael Davey from EEI presented the detailed budget, which included about 18 pages of detailed information, and over 50 architectural drawings to accompany EEI’s facility upgrades and renovation proposal being considered for the three schools in the district: Green Mountain Union Middle High School, Chester Andover Elementary School, and Cavendish Town Elementary School.

Initially, during the Oct. 25 meeting, EEI had presented four options A, B, C, and D for the board to choose from as a starting point, with option A repre-

senting an all-encompassing version. At the conclusion of that October meeting, the board agreed to have EEI move forward with the fully comprehensive Option A for GMUHS minus the solar project on the roof; Option D for CAES with the addition of converting the oil tanks to propane, and adding pavement and bus drop off area modifications; and Option D for CTES with the addition of adding “ERV’s perimeter heat.” The total cost for all three schools totals \$19,666,000 based on the estimates to date at that time.

After Davey finished his presentation during the Dec. 21 meeting, it became apparent that the board was confused about what direction EEI had been given during the Oct. 25 meeting. Board Chair Joe Fromberger said that some items in Option A, that were in this newest proposal, did not need to be included, such as an additional storage building, locker room renovation for Nurse and Guidance offices, an onsite softball field, and paving of the high school driveways and parking area.

Board member Abe Gross questioned a key compo-

nent of the project, asking why they were replacing the unit ventilators with a new system rather than replacing with updated versions of the original equipment like CTES had done, and asked what those costs would be. Davey replied that he did not have those costs since that was not the direction he was given, with Gross replying that that was not his understanding of what had been decided at the Oct. 25 meeting.

Gross also asked that EEI provide a detailed breakdown of one line item which grouped together “ceiling, painting, asbestos removal, and flooring,” wanting to know how much of that \$2,100,000 line item was for each category. The ceilings accounted for about \$800,000 of that cost and Davey confirmed that they could avoid a lot of the ceiling cost and have exposed ductwork below the ceilings, which is an aesthetic that some people like.

Board member Rick Alexander asked for a breakdown of all materials versus labor costs for all proposed items and asked that an ROI, or return on investment, also be provided on large items such as a boiler,

which would have a 20-year payback according to Davey, so taxpayers would have the information they need when asked to vote on such a large project.

Board member Mike Studin questioned whether they had a consensus to move forward with this project at all given that costs have been impacted due to Covid supply issues and that there was no urgency for the project. “To do [this project] when prices are maybe at their highest doesn’t make much financial sense,” he said.

Board member Dennis Reilly expressed his concern that prices will continue to go up and the school is “kind of crumbling from the inside.” Board member Deb Brown agreed, saying that certain things, like the boilers, needed to be done.

The board agreed to move forward by going through all the items and agreeing on which line items to proceed with and those they would either reject or request for additional information. It was here that Fromberger admitted that the process was going to take longer than originally planned and they would need to postpone going in front of voters

until the summer.

Board member Lois Perlah suggested that spending money on the high school could be seen as a good investment since that could attract tuition students to the school.

The board agreed to move forward with approximately \$10 to \$12 million of the proposed \$17 million in the GMUHS budget, including the softball field, but agreed to eliminate or reduce the following:

- All new windows throughout the school for a savings of approximately \$2.3 million;
- Kitchen renovation for a savings of approximately \$540,000, although they agreed to consider replacing certain equipment, once a breakdown and overview of what was essential was presented;
- Sprinkler system for a savings of \$700,000, although they would consider more targeted sprinkler solutions for theater space, kitchen, labs, and boiler rooms;
- “Ceiling, painting, asbestos, and floor” line item, saving approximately \$2 million, until those items were broken out;
- Storage addition, saving approximately \$180,000;

and

- Locker room renovation for nurse and guidance, saving nearly \$400,000.

The board agreed to approve all proposed CAES proposed renovations with the exception of the pavement modifications suggested to help with the congestion of parent and bus pick up and drop off. The board’s objection was not based on the need for the project; rather, several board members did not believe that their proposed solution would address the problem. The CAES budget is priced at approximately \$1.9 million without a solution for the drop off area. The board agreed to reach out to the town of Chester to see if they could somehow help solve the issue.

All proposed renovation items for CTES, totaling approximately \$762,000, were all approved.

EEI will return to the board with revised breakdowns and other pricing when completed. The board will then decide which additional items, if any, to add back in to the budget.

The GMUSD next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m., at the GMUHS library.

2021 End of the Year Review continued

JULY 13 – Divided Sky Foundation gets DRB approval for addiction rehab facility

LUDLOW, Vt. – Divided Sky Foundation’s proposed 40-bed substance use treatment facility, at the former Green Mountain at Fox Run location, has been granted approval by Ludlow’s Development Review Board. Phish frontman Trey Anastasio, founder of

Divided Sky Foundation, had selected the Ludlow location saying that Windsor leads the area in overdose deaths, and that Vermont is 11th in the nation in overdose rates.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

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. 11 – American Legion Post 67 observes 20th anniversary of 9/11

CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 11, Chester American Legion Post 67 held a memorial service

in observation of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Fire Departments from Chester, Ludlow, Springfield, and Weston, as well as Chester Police and Ambulance were in attendance. The Chester Boy Scouts were also present.

By Amanda Wedegis, The Vermont Journal

SEPT. 11 – Ludlow, surrounding towns commemorate 20-year anniversary of 9/11

LUDLOW, Vt. – Under bright bluebird skies Saturday morning, reminiscent of that morning 20 years before on Sept. 11 in 2001 in New York City, the Ludlow American Legion, along with Police, Ambulance,

and Fire Departments from several surrounding towns, gathered before local residents to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost on what we simply refer to now as 9/11.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SEPT. 14 – Ludlow Rotary memorialized Bob Kirkbride

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club recently unveiled a beautiful 15-foot street clock at the corner of Main and Elm streets in memory of longtime Ludlow resident and Rotarian of 60-plus years Bob Kirkbride who died in March 2020 at age 93. The street clock, made by Electric

Time Company Inc. of Medfield, Mass., was designed by the club and was placed on town of Ludlow property with the blessing of the Ludlow Village Trustees.

SEPT. 18 – Chester Festival on the Green welcomes the beginning of autumn

CHESTER, Vt. – A number of vendors, exhibitors, and performers enjoyed a large crowd of all ages and two beautiful early fall days, Sept. 18 and 19, for the return of the Chester Festival on the Green.

By Bill Lockwood, The Vermont Journal

SEPT. 26 – Chester’s

CORRECTION

In the Ludlow Selectboard article in the Dec. 15 edition of The Vermont Journal, the Ludlow town office manager Pam Cruickshank has left to pursue other options. Ulla Cook still maintains her position as town clerk.

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Londonderry’s North Main Street Master Plan recommendations

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Town of Londonderry Planning Commission invites you to view and discuss the consolidated Main Street Master Plan recommendations developed by Stevens & Associates for North Main Street. The recommendations will be presented Thursday, Jan. 6, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

The consolidated plan

and recommendations are the result of the six-month study, combined with community input and feedback. S&A has incorporated community comments from prior presentations and online submissions. Highlights of the recommendations include improvements to intersection of Routes 100 and 11, raising streets and buildings above base-flood elevation in core village area,

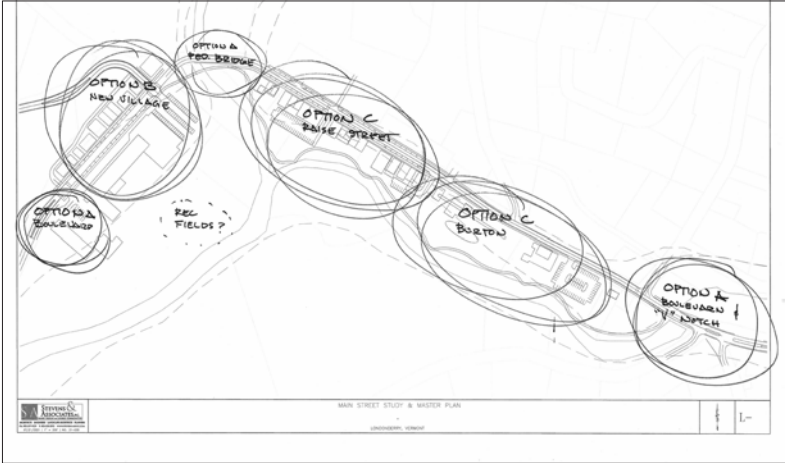
creation of a waterfront trail, and reduced flooding through improved upstream storage.

The Main Street Master Plan project has been funded through a municipal planning grant from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Based on criteria in the town’s Request for Proposals, S&A has developed

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developed to reflect and retain the existing features and character of the North Village.

Additional information and access to the Zoom meeting can be found at www.londonderryvt.org.



Londonderry’s Master Plan preferred general areas.

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Ludlow Rotary inducts new member

LUDLOW, Vt. – The recent luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club featured the induction of new member Thomas Ray into the club. Tom joins the Board of Directors as well. Tom is a CPA who had been coming to Ludlow with family to enjoy Vermont’s beautiful environment for almost 20 years. During the pandemic, Tom decided to make Ludlow his full-time home. After a career as an auditor, regulator, and educator, Tom now works as an independent consultant.

This is not Tom’s first exposure to Rotary, as he was a Rotary Exchange

student to Australia during his senior year of high school. “I want to be an active part of this great community, and Rotary seemed like the perfect opportunity to get to know the friendly, down to earth people who live here and to make a positive contribution. In many ways, Ludlow reminds me of the small towns in Wisconsin in which I grew up.”

In addition to skiing and other outdoor activities, Tom enjoys playing his guitars, reading, and collecting old vinyl records.

Also at its Dec. 14 meeting at Sam’s Steakhouse, the club heard from a Retirement and Tax Panel about latest trends, laws and rules

governing these issues. Panel members included Ludlow Rotarians Mark Huntley, Kevin Theissen, Tom Harris, and former Ludlow Rotarian Jeff Graham, a CPA who is now a member of the Lakes Region Rotary Club of New Hampshire. The group discussed recent market performance, investment options and risks, the tax implications of various strategies, and fielded questions from the members.

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.

YEAR

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public safety building hosts an official open house

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester’s Fire, Ambulance, and Police departments hosted an open house at their new public safety building on Sunday, welcoming approximately 150 Chester residents to tour the new facility, meet and mingle with Chester’s first responders, and enjoy free barbecue.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

OCT. 12 – Large number of tasters drawn to Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-Off

LUDLOW, Vt. – An exceptionally large number of the area residents and visitors made their way through the 25-plus chili offerings of the Ludlow Rotary Club’s 30th Annual Chili Cook-Off.

OCT. 21 – GMUSD board eliminates mascot logo, keeps name

CHESTER, Vt. – During their Oct. 21 meeting, the Green Mountain Unified School District board voted 7 to 2 to eliminate the Green Mountain Union High School mascot, specifically the Indian head iconography, but still retain the name “Chieftains” for their sports teams. The two no votes were both Cavendish representatives.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

low sales of cannabis. At the polls on Tuesday, the vote on whether to allow retail cannabis in Ludlow was defeated by a margin of 17 votes.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

DEC. 7 – Ludlow Selectboard approves town-wide mask mandate

LUDLOW, Vt. – During their Monday, Dec. 7 meeting, the Ludlow Selectboard approved a town-wide mask mandate, termed a “rule,” effective immediately, requiring all individuals to wear face coverings while indoors at locations that are open to the public in the town and village.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

DEC. 13 – Cavendish approved mask mandate, “rule” for indoor public locations

CAVENDISH, Vt. – At their Dec. 13 meeting, the Cavendish Selectboard adopted a townwide mask mandate, termed a “rule,” requiring that all individuals within Cavendish and Proctorsville wear face coverings indoors while in locations that are open to the public.

By Sharon Huntley, The Vermont Journal

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.

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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 kulch. 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 Mountain, 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.

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 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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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 Dill, 1934–2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

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

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 Skitchewaug 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.

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.

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/UMCofNorthCharlestown 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.

LONDONDERY, 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.

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.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 961(a), the Select-board of the Town of Plymouth hereby gives notice of a vacancy created in the office of a Lister.

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.

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.

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 to register. Perfect for non-singers, beginners, or anyone who wants to discover or rediscover their inner singer and the joy of singing.

SUNDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

MONDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the old St. Charles Catholic School building, 25 Cherry Street in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston

Village. All are welcome.

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.

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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 recently 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 recommend 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 preregistered, 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 Vermonsters – Indigenous People, Abenaki Culture, and History with Bobby Farlice-Rubio, educator. Learn how the Abenaki people have


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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.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tracey at the library at 802-885-3108.