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Chester tables cannabis from town meeting vote

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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 subject 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 be-

gan, 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.

Initially described as an attractive fence, the board asked that Hance get some information on a landscaping solution. In her discussions, the landscaper recommended adding shrubbery to add an attractive fencing. It came to light that for the proposed \$17,000 budget, Chester Police Chief Rick Cloud had gotten costs for a black, chain-link, 6-foot fence that was priced out for that dollar amount, something that seemed to surprise everyone, including Hance.

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, neces-

sary 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.

Jonynas and board members Heather Chase and Leigh Dakin were largely against a fence as a solution, expressing concern that putting up a fence did not send a good message to the neighbors or the town. Chase also expressed concern that this was the first time she was hearing about the proposed helipad-landing site.

Gustafson suggested that \$17,000 was a small price to pay for an insurance policy against safety issues. Board member Jeff Holden also agreed there was a need for a fence to make it a safer situation for training and members coming in responding to a call.

In the end, 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 decide next steps.

Hance gave the board the

latest update on the budget. The deficit from this year stands at approximately \$181,000 with cost overages on the public safety building accounting for approximately \$140,000 of that number. Hance proposed taking that money from Chester's flush fund balance, which has over \$585,000 in it, and will leave a healthy \$400,000 plus for future needs.

The budget this year is proposing a \$61,461 increase over last year, which will result in about .015% impact on taxes. The final budget numbers will be approved on Jan. 19.

The board reviewed Andover's contract for Ambulance and Fire services. They made minor adjustments and will review the updated version at their next meeting before sending it to Andover for their approval. There is an agreed upon coverage for services to Andover from Chester since Jan. 1 as the contract is going through final changes.

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

Ludlow agrees to West Hill pond dredging, still to determine town meeting date

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LUDLOW, Vt. – During two meetings on Jan. 3 and Jan. 10, the Ludlow Selectboard worked on finalizing their budget, considered and largely rejected an extensive proposal from a Ludlow recreation committee, and has not yet determined the final date and format for their town meeting.

With a budget increase of 3.6% over last year in the general fund, the Ludlow Selectboard has been work-

ing on finetuning several options, including whether to reduce their list of appropriations to local nonprofits by 10%, an option they ultimately rejected.

The budget increase has largely been driven by a 5% wage adjustment for town staff, implemented in an effort to make Ludlow more competitive with other towns, and an unforeseen \$39,000 expense for the town's portion of the upcoming repair project for Vail Bridge. The savings for reducing appropriation by 10% would have added

\$18,500 in savings but the board instead decided to eliminate a \$41,000 purchase of a stretcher that does not need to be bought this year, adding back \$18,500 for the appropriations and putting \$20,000 in for the dredging and adding of beach sand to West Hill pond.

This West Hill pond project was the only project approved by the board out of the \$450,000 plan proposed by the recreation committee on Jan. 3, a plan that would allocate for \$150,000 a year over three years.

Recreation committee chair Marissa Selleck presented a plan to the board that targeted improvements in three areas in town: the land behind the elementary school, known as the back 40, with mountain biking trails and rope course; Dorsey Park improvements to tennis courts, skate park, and playground; West Hill area for pond dredging and beach sand, two new basketball courts, a new pickleball court, and repaving.

Board Chair Bruce Schmidt expressed frustration during that initial Jan.

3 meeting that the proposal, which neared half a million dollars, included some items that they had not heard of before, items such as the pond dredging and the pickleball court at West Hill. He also questioned the need to rush ahead on the project, suggesting instead that they take a broader view on the project's development. For example, questioning whether Ludlow needs to have four playground areas.

Board member Justin Hyjek spoke in support of developing West Hill but

that other things should be shelved until the board had a better understanding overall.

The board asked the recreation committee to return on Jan. 10 with something tighter that focused only on West Hill. The committee's proposal during the Jan. 10 meeting recommended a three-step plan for West Hill over the course of four years. Step one included just the pond dredging and beach sand for \$25,000, including \$5,000 for a

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Winners of the Ludlow Festival of Lights announced

LUDLOW, Vt. – The results from the first annual Ludlow Festival of Lights, a Vermont tradition in the making, are in! Businesses and residents used their creative talents to provide a festive holiday atmosphere for Ludlow residents and

visitors.

The winners are:

Best Commercial Entry: The Ludlow Community Center.

Best Residential Entry: Ryan, Courtney, and Julia McGuire.

The Festival of Lights certainly had a noticeable impact on our

community with many making obvious extra efforts in their holiday light decorations and creating a warm and inviting spirit to our community. Thanks to everyone who participated.

We look forward to seeing the Ludlow Festival of Lights grow in the future.



The Ludlow Community Center. PHOTO PROVIDED



Home of Ryan, Courtney, and Julia McGuire. PHOTO PROVIDED

Londonderry opens new ice skating rink

LONDONDERY, Vt. – The One Londonderry Recreation Group hosted the grand opening of the Derry Rink at the Mountain Marketplace behind Jake's Restaurant on Sunday, Jan. 9.

Construction began on the 120-foot by 50-foot skating rink area on Dec. 23, which needed an additional three truckloads of sand. 4-inch diameter plastic tubing forms the sides, which were installed on Dec. 28 along with a liner. Later that afternoon the rink was filled with water. Now it's Mother Nature's turn to ready the rink for skating.

One Londonderry is extremely grateful for the many businesses and community supporters who are making the Derry Rink a reality. Moun-

tain Marketplace and Jake's Restaurant provided the ideal, highly visible location. Chaves Excavation delivered the sand and Hunter Excavating prepared the rink's foundation, both at no cost. The Phoenix Fire Department filled the rink with water. Typestries Signage is donating lawn signs and creating designs. Jamaica Cottage Shop generously donated five benches, where skaters can comfortably put on their skates. Through a generous donation from West River Builders, the purchase of a mini-Zamboni, called a Bambini, was also possible, which will resurface the ice when needed. Wantastiquet Rotary provided volunteers to set up the rink. 73 people donated nearly \$12,000 through a GoFundMe campaign.

Moving forward, we

hope to add a storage shed and lighting. Volunteers will be needed to help maintain the rink. If you would like to be part of this community project, go to www.onelondonderry.org to make a contribution or volunteer.

One Londonderry relies on community donations, grants, and fundraising events to undertake projects and activities that foster sustainable and measurable impacts on our residents, our lands, and our structures. Your donation helps us create and sustain a thriving, healthy, and vibrant community for our residents, neighbors, and visitors.

Contact Bruce Frauman, P.O. Box 908, South Londonderry, VT 05155 for details. Bruce can also be reached at 802-379-6121 or bfrauman@gmail.com.

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Ludlow Rotary hears plans for Divided Sky

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 alcoholism 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 prevalent 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, 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.

Whiting Library goes fine free for 2022

CHESTER, Vt. – The Whiting Library has been awarded a grant facilitated by the Association of Small and Rural Libraries to participate in a one-year fine free trial. There will be no fines for overdue library materials and we are wiping all patron accounts clean of all outstanding past fines.

This fine free trial is part of a national movement endorsed by the American Library Association to promote social equity in libraries and increase use of collections. Library items will still have due dates. Most ma-

terials can be checked out for two weeks and renewals can be requested if no one is waiting for the item. If an item is returned beyond the due date, no overdue fines will be charged.

Whiting Library will still be charging for lost and damaged items, so please bring those community resources back to share with everyone. Items that are 90 days overdue will be charged to your library account and your borrowing privileges will be restricted. There is also still a 10 item check out limit for your account and we will still send overdue email notices.

Previously, fines covered approximately one percent of the overall library budget. If you'd like to thank the library for forgiving your fines, please consider donating to the library or purchasing from our basement book sale. It is our hope that increased donations will be able to continue to cover fines in the future so we will never have to charge fines again.

Now is a great time to return all Whiting Library items you have around the house. No questions asked and no fees incurred. The Whiting Library can be reached at 802-875-2277.

Weston Library gets support to expand

WESTON, Vt. – Weston's Wilder Memorial Library has moved a step closer to its goal of expanding its 200-year-old building. The Town of Weston and the local nonprofit Friends of the Weston Community, Inc., have combined to purchase the so-called Riverside house on the half-acre next to the library from John and Christina Coughlin, who offered the property to the library at a price below the town's assessed value.

Jessica Clapp, the library director, said the library recently completed a survey asking Weston residents what a future library should include to better serve the community. The overwhelming response was that the library needs a bathroom,

community space, parking, and ADA access between the floors of its historic building.

"To enable a modest expansion of the library, some parking, and a bathroom, we will need a water and septic system and a few parking spaces. We can't get this done in our current building, which is on a postage stamp lot without room to expand," Clapp said.

The Friends organization will hold the property and undertake the demolition of the house, installing water and septic and creating a few off-street parking spaces. Once that is done, the property will be turned over to the Town of Weston for the library's use.

"We are grateful to the Coughlins for offering their property to us. Acquiring the Coughlin property will make the library expansion possible," Clapp said.

"Expanding the library will take several years, but now we are on the way."

Founded in 1909, Wilder Memorial Library's mission is "to provide the greater Weston Community with access to the educational, cultural, recreational, and research benefits of a free public library." Currently, the library offers a variety of services, including downloadable books and audio books; streaming movies, music, books, and TV shows; an e-newsletter with updates on programs, community news, new books, and more. Public wireless internet service is available in front of the building 24/7. Wilder Memorial Library is located at 24 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, Vt. For more information, please visit www.wildermemorial-library.org.

Tree of Remembrance

LUDLOW, Vt. – Let us all remember our loved ones by making a contribution to the Okemo Valley Women's Club Tree of Remembrance fundraiser. Your donation will contribute to a scholarship given to a deserving senior from Ludlow, Mount Holly, Cavendish, or Proctorville.

If you care to make a donation, make checks out to GFWC Okemo Valley Woman's Club and mail to Fran Derlinga, P.O. Box 229,

Plymouth, VT 05056.

In remembrance: Mary and Ed Augustaskis, Helen Ballaid, Beth Bartlett, Oscar and Nell Beckman, Earl Bonneau, Harold and Mary Bragg, Harley and Ida Bragg, Margarite and Oscar Bryant, Roy and Marie Bryant, Kim Bryant, Stanley and Francis Bryant, Evelyn Bryant, Peter Connor, Lane Danyou, Roy and Leta Davis, Ellsworth and Dorothy Davis, Joy Davis, George and Evelyn De-

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buffer in case of equipment issues. Steps two and three included paving a back court area for \$25,000 and resurfacing two basketball courts for \$27,000, which the committee hoped to address with several grant opportunities.

Again, Schmidt expressed frustration that the board had not been given this revised proposal in advance of the meeting, and instead were handed the proposal that night.

After further discussion, the board decided to include \$20,000 for the dredging project in the budget itself.

According to Ludlow Municipal Manager Scott Murphy, the final changes result in an increase of 3.6% in the general fund and an overall increase of 3.3% in the amount to be raised after including the proposed Articles and voted exemptions.

In discussing the format for the upcoming town meeting, board members were given the option of moving to a hybrid meeting, with all articles being voted on by Australian ballot – an authority that the Vermont state legislators approved last week due to concerns over Covid-19 health risks. After discussion, the board agreed they would prefer to have the meeting in person and were weighing whether they should delay the town meeting until April or May, when Covid numbers may lessen. They did not come to an agreement and will make their final decision when they meet during a special meeting on Friday, Jan. 14 at 8 a.m.

The next regular Ludlow Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in Heald Auditorium at the Ludlow Town Office.

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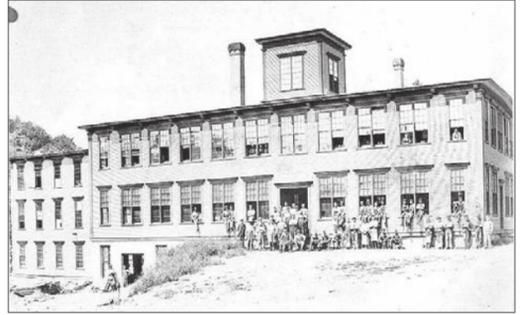


Springfield honors torn down J&L building

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 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.

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

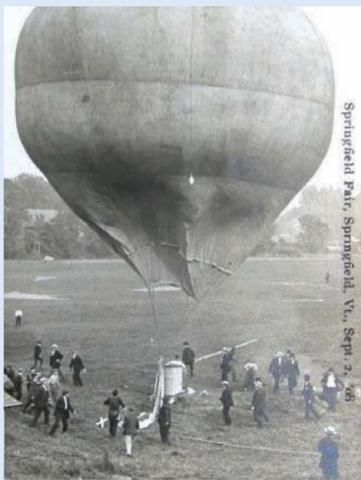
first meeting of the St. Johnsbury Gentlemen's Driving Club held at the fairgrounds in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in October of 1893. (The club was for those who liked to race horses.)

“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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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.

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.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY VT FISH & WILDLIFE

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 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 or contact CRJC staff, Olivia Uyizeye.

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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

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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.

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. For more information, visit 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 or call 802-228-3451.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. in person. Masks optional. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org.

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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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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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

FRIDAYS –
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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.

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.



Custodial Positions

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

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

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Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
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Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
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Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal

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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 home-steaders 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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