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## Possibilities for Bellows Falls Train Station discussion —

## Rockingham holds informational forum on retail cannabis vote

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**ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –** On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, the Rockingham Select-board discussed a feasibility analysis for the Bellows Falls Train Station by Banwell Architects.

In 2020, Rockingham residents approved \$12,500 for an environmental feasibility study of the Train Station. The town's commitment leveraged matching funds from Windham Regional Commission.

Last year, during the public process for the Rockingham Area Wide Plan, many residents supported the addition of a brewpub on the island and acknowledged that the train station was one of the town's assets.

Architectural Designer Matt Giffin presented the preliminary floor plan design for the brewpub. Banwell Architects had designed Outer Limits Brewery in Proctorsville, a 7–10 barrel facility, and Giffin said that the Train Station could accommodate a 3–5 barrel brewery. The plan included renovation of the building, the addition of a kitchen, restaurant, and barrel room, and decreasing the size of the waiting room and bathrooms.

Rick Cowan said that historical memorabilia would be part of the purchase. Giffin said they had found many historic items,

including photos and travel logs.

Chair Peter Golec asked about the condition of the building. Giffin said the roof had been recently replaced and that it had “good bones,” but that repair was needed for masonry, exterior brickwork, and the basement. Giffin said the plan included replacing the windows, insulation, electrical, and plumbing, but that his goal was to maintain the historic character as much as possible.

Bonnie North asked if the brewpub was a locked-in project. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said it “was a viable option... [but] not the only option.” He explained that the goal was for it to be more than just a waiting room.

Giffin explained, “Whether or not it's a brewery... the idea is [that the building only needs to] function as a train station about 20%. The other 80% can be leased.”

Resident Ellen Howard asked about parking. Pickup said that through the Area Wide Plan they had identified additional parking expansion and were having ongoing conversations with Vermont Rail. He explained, “These are 3–5 year projects... we have the time to give you a more comprehensive plan on parking and impacted concerns.”

Charlie Hunter said, “It's important to real-

ize just how dynamic the future of passenger rail is in this region.” He acknowledged that the train station was a welcoming gateway to downtown. Hunter wondered about trying to predict a future tenant, but was glad to see the feasibility study. Hunter said, “Spending such a small amount of money, the \$75,000, opens up this pot of money and preserves an iconic building in town.”

Pickup said Banwell's charge was to provide an option for the Train Station as a contributing factor for the vitality of the Island District. North agreed this could draw people to town and wanted residents to know that this was an option and the kind of potential possible for the station.

Development Director Gary Fox will be available at the Town Information Meeting on Monday, Feb. 28 and at the polls at the Masonic Temple on March 1 with displays and information. Article 9 will be voted on by Australian Ballot: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate \$75,000 for the purchase of the Bellows Falls Train Station for the purposes of future preservation by utilizing existing grant funding opportunities.

me. Let's face it, it's awkward for both of us!”

On Feb. 16, Westa outlined the regulations of the bill, including restrictions to those 21 years or older, an outdoor consumption ban, and a 500-foot buffer zone between schools and retail establishments. She said that towns could choose to add a local option tax for 1%, but that the tax must be for all retail, not just on cannabis. Westa said last year Brattleboro, Jamaica, and Londonderry passed the bill, and that this March, Wilmington and Putney will join Rockingham's vote.

White said retail cannabis in Vermont will be taxed at 20%: a 6% sales tax and 14% to the state, 30% of which would be for education, prevention, and treatment. Her recommendation to the House was that 10% go to the state with 4% staying local and she encouraged constituents to contact local representatives. White said the goal was to emphasize Vermont based industry.

Fox said that cannabis retail would impact tourism and the economy. She said, VT420Tours, a historic walking tour of Bellows Falls with cannabis education, had brought \$1,200 into the Village on her first day. “Actually, in the four hours and twenty minutes” of her tour length, she added.

Fox said legal cannabis could generate 30–40 local jobs, including growers and budtenders that were “paid well, upwards of \$30

an hour.”

Tracy said that the direct correlation between substance disorders and mental health depended upon the level of exposure. Exposure factors included trauma, abuse, and level of support. She agreed that some of the rules would help reduce exposure, like not allowing for public consumption and the implementation of visual barriers.

Witkus advocated that the money stay in the community to support and engage at-risk youth with protection factors. She also said, we must think about “substance and not the substance,” suggesting parents communicate about their own use. “Lock it up... talk it up,” she said.

Schairbaum encouraged tighter restrictions on location, advertising, and therapeutic claims. She asked about a cap on the number of licenses, to which Westa replied that for now, there was no limit.

The three-member Cannabis Control Board, James Pepper, Kyle Harris, and Julie Hulburd, will serve as commissioners, and there is an option to form a local board, which many panel members were interested in forming.

There are a few bills currently in the legislature, Rockingham is voting on whether or not to allow retail cannabis. The Town Meeting will be Feb. 28, and elections will be on March 1, at the Masonic Temple, from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

## Adams Grist Mill Museum gets new roof —

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Work has started and is progressing. The Bellows Falls Historical Society is having Jancewicz Roofing construct a new roof to put on its museum, the historic Adam's Grist Mill. The building once sat on the Bellows Falls Canal that powered its turbines. It dates from before Horace Adams acquired it in 1871 and was run by his family until milling ceased in 1965. In 1927, canal water was diverted to power the current hydroelectric plant. The milling machinery was then electrified, and the original electrical machinery remains as a part of the current display. When the Mill closed, the all-volunteer Historical Society was formed. They took over the building and have run it as a museum for showcasing parts of their collection ever since. Cathy Bergmann, current President of the Society, said there has been a 40 or 50-year history of “piecemeal fixes” to the roof. She said, “The community has been hit with a lot of



Workers from Jancewicz Roofing put a new roof on the historic Adam's Grist Mill Museum of the Bellows Falls Historical Society.

PHOTOS BY BILL LOCKWOOD



next to the building now housing the Flat Iron Café. Bergmann says she wished the Mill were “more visible” to the community. “A lot of people don't even know it's there,” she says. Despite that, Hawkins says they have had a lot of visitors over the past year

historical buildings being demolished. [For us] it ran the gamut from anger to frustration, but now we are proud to bring to this community the restoration of the oldest building continuously run in Bellows Falls, if not also in Rockingham.” Frank Hawkins, current curator of the building and supervisor of the roof project, echoes Bergmann. He says he is, “Happy after all these years observing that building. I couldn't believe how it

was being ignored.”

After years of trying to raise the needed funds to save the building – including fundraisers such as the one held in the Bellows Falls Opera House a few years ago that featured underwater films of local diver Annette Spaulding's findings in the nearby Connecticut river, which included mill stones, now on display near the Mill, and two old safes that the Society connected through old newspaper ar-

ticles to thefts years ago, as well as a display at the Interstate 91 Welcome Center in Guilford – no efforts raised anywhere near what was needed for a new roof. Bergmann said, “We were fit to be tied.” Then the Society received funding for its restoration of the Mill from the Theresa Markowitz Schneider Foundation. Bergmann says the trust administrator was seeking projects he knew the founder would like to support, and this

turned out to be a fit.

Hawkins says there are other projects to be worked on, such as drainage and brick re-pointing, and Bergmann mentioned a hand-cap ramp that will open up additional funding opportunities. Hawkins, himself a sign painter, has painted them a new sign, and has worked to improve the display of their exhibits inside.

The Mill sits on Mill Street and enters the south end of the Bellows Falls Square

or so and he sees a bright future for the building in its role of preserving the history of the community. The Mill will re-open for its season after Memorial Day. It is generally open on weekends, and tours can be booked by appointment. As always, docents are sought and welcome to be trained. Information is available through the society's Facebook page, or on [www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org).

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# The acquisition of Historic Train Station

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The vote on Article 9 towards the acquisition of the Historic Union Train Station will appear on this year's Bellows Falls ballot. Built in 1921, the Bellows Falls Train Station has seen local youth, drafted for World War II, board the train bound for Boston, has seen the Bellows Falls Cooperative Creamery and Boston and Maine R.R. providing the primary milk supply from Vt. to First National Grocery Stores from 1922–1966, and the startup of Green Mountain R.R. providing Scenic Excur-

sions for tens of thousands of residents and visitors until 2009. With the Vermont Rail Plan goal of improving passenger stations on the Amtrak service lines, combined with the passage of the federal infrastructure bill at the end of fall 2021, we have a rare opportunity to rehabilitate this historic contributing structure to the National Register for the Island District of Bellows Falls. The requested \$75,000 will leverage a total of \$350,000 for acquisition, restoration of damaged foundation, and repair and

replace some of the damaged bricks. The Development Office will be in attendance with information and visual displays and to answer any questions on Monday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. for the Informational Town Meeting in the Lower Theatre of the Bellows Falls Opera House, and outside the Masonic Temple on voting day, Tuesday, March 1, from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information contact [development@rockbf.org](mailto:development@rockbf.org) or 802-376-5425.

# Eureka Organic Farm takes part in CSA week

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Eureka Organic Farm is excited to join other CSA farmers across the country to celebrate CSA Week, a national event taking place from Feb. 20 through Feb. 26 to promote CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). CSA is a farm membership system that allows consumers to sign up to receive a season's worth of a farm's products (veggies, eggs, meat, etc.) every week. Along with getting to enjoy fresh, delicious, and local food, being a CSA member is an excellent way to support and get to know your local farmers. Join us in promoting CSA Week, the most popular time of the year to sign-up

for CSA! This year, our farm is offering a free monthly flower bouquet to customers who sign up for a farm share during CSA Week. When you sign up to become a CSA member, your financial support helps us prepare for the growing season. You'll enjoy high-quality fresh fruits and veggies while taking comfort in knowing where and how your food was grown. Don't wait to sign up, as we have limited spots available! There has never been a better time to connect with fresh local food while helping to make our local food systems and communities more resilient. If you would like to celebrate CSA Week and sup-

port Eureka Organic Farm, sign up to become a CSA member and use the hashtag #CSAWeek to join the online conversation. "Signing up is easy," said Terramane, "It's a two-step process. First, sign up on our website [www.eurekaorganicfarm.com](http://www.eurekaorganicfarm.com) for a large or small share, and then pay by credit card or send in a check. We send out newsletters when it's time to pick up vegetables, and starting in June people can come and choose what they want to take home. We're also available to answer questions at [seth@eurekaorganicfarm.com](mailto:seth@eurekaorganicfarm.com)."

# Rockingham Library presents "Hidden Women," a talk by Elayne Clift

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – In recognition of Women's History Month, Elayne Clift presents her talk on, "Hidden Women: Contributions to Healthcare, War and Resistance, Literature and Leadership" on Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. over Rockingham Library Zoom. History is rife with "hidden women" whose contributions deserve attention. From mythic times to the present, women around the world have been overlooked, silenced, and forgotten as historic figures,

despite their acts of courage, creativity, and intellectual and artistic achievements. It's time to recognize, honor, and applaud them. This presentation gives some of them their due and helps raise awareness about other women like them. It showcases women who represent contributions to four important sectors of society and culture, including medical pioneers and indigenous healers, fighters and activists during war, writers who dared to tell the truth of women's lives, and overlooked women with

proven leadership skills. Elayne Clift has written widely about women, health, and social justice through the lens of gender. She has taught Women's and Gender Studies in the U.S. and abroad. She is the author of several works of fiction and nonfiction that focus on the reality of women's lives. To receive an invitation to join the live Zoom presentation, contact [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org) or call 802-463-4270.

# Stingrays Swim Team are strong competitors

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Edgar May Health and Recreation Center's Stingray youth swim team has had a busy January, with many swimmers placing in swim meets, achieving their personal bests, and qualifying for the New England Regional Championship meet. On Sunday, Jan. 16, the Stingrays traveled to Norwich University for the Pentathlon hosted by the Central Valley Swim Club. In the 15-18 women's age group, Berkley Hutchins, 16, took first place; Ari Cioffi, 17, followed in second; and Janie Thompson, 17, took sixth place. In the 15-18 men's age group, Miles Garvin, 17, took first place. The swimmers were scored on their times in five events: 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard breaststroke, and 200-yard individual medley. Remini Bammarrito finished third in the 11-12 women's age group with her combined times for the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard butterfly, and 50-yard breaststroke, and 100-yard IM. On Sunday, Jan. 23, the Stingrays traveled to the Connecticut Valley Invitational at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction. Many of the swimmers qualified for further swim meets and achieved new personal bests. In the 7-8 age group, Everett Whipple, 7, a first-time competitor, placed fourth in the 25-yard backstroke and qualified for the New England Regional Championship. In the 9-10 age group, Theresa Marquise, 10, and Oliver Cherubini, 10, qualified for the New England Regional



Senior team at 2022 Connecticut River Valley Invitational.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Championship Meet. Dean Long, 9, and Carl Johnson, 11, both swam their personal bests in the 50-yard backstroke. Noah Waterman, 11, swam his personal best in the 100-yard freestyle, and Janey Whipple, 9, was a first-time competitor. In the 11-12 age group, Remini Bammarrito qualified for the New England Regional Championship in the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard backstroke, and 100-yard freestyle. Naomi Harnish, 11, swam her personal best in the 50-yard freestyle and the 50-yard and 100-yard backstroke. In the 13-14 age group, Rowan Caulkins, 14, qualified for the New England Regional Championship Meet in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, and 100-yard fly. In the 15-18 women's age group, Berkley Hutchinson qualified for the New England Regional Championship meet in the 100-free style and the prestigious New England Age Group Championship Meet in March at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In the 100-yard breaststroke, she finished with a time of

1:10.90 and placed first overall in the meet. Ari Cioffi qualified for the New England Silver's Championship Meet in the 50-yard freestyle as well as the New England Regional Championship Meet in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard freestyle. Janie Thompson qualified for the New England Championship Meet in the 100-yard breaststroke, 50-yard freestyle, and 100-yard freestyle. Haley Racicot, 17, qualified for the New England Regional Championship Meet in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle. In the 15-18 men's age group, Miles Garvin qualified for the New England Silver's Championship Meet in the 100-yard breaststroke, and for the New England Regional Championship Meet in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle. Abe Burek, 15, qualified for the New England Regional Championship Meet in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle, the 100-yard backstroke, and the 100-yard butterfly. Coaches Ann Thompson and Rick Matthews are extremely proud of their team's efforts. Stamina, intensity, and technique training targeting specific goals have been paying off at weekly practices and competitions. The next meet for the Stingrays is at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., hosted by Green Mountain Aquatics. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email [info@edgarmay.org](mailto:info@edgarmay.org), or visit [www.edgarmay.org](http://www.edgarmay.org).

# Lambert seeks Re-election

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – Priscilla Lambert is running for re-election as School Board Director for Rockingham Schools and Bellows Falls Union High School. She grew

up in the area and attended Rockingham Schools before graduating from BFHS and UVM. She taught first grade at Central Elementary School and special education at Grafton Elementary and BFUHS. She remains dedicated to our schools and our community. Lambert's School Board experience includes Chairwoman and Clerk of the Rockingham School Board, Vice Chair and Clerk of the Bellows Falls Union High School Board, and Clerk of the Supervisory Union School Board. Committee work includes Chair of the Supervisory Union Policy Committee and of the SU Budget Committee, and member of the BFUHS and Rockingham Budget Committees, the Recovery Team and ESSER Fund Committee, and member of the Negotiation Team.




Priscilla Lambert. PHOTO PROVIDED

Priscilla Lambert's goal on the board is to provide transparency, discuss and address community and staff concerns, produce fiscally responsible conservative budgets, provide excellent education, and plan for the future. She wants to ensure wrongs are righted in the Business Office and all funds are used appropriately. Lambert is running for school board to continue working to improve education in our schools and see that we remain responsible in financial decisions. She can be reached at [priscilla.lambert@wnesu.com](mailto:priscilla.lambert@wnesu.com) or 802-463-2271.



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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# Cabin Fever

I thought I would write an article about, “The Weathervane,” for this week. About 1984, I bought the antique horse weathervane on the barn at Stone Hearth Inn. I took a photo of that vane but can’t find it, so that story waits.

Another very large rooster vane I knew on North Street was stolen off the cupola by helicopter. I’ve owned a couple other local vanes that I will include in that future article.

Weathervane history is a subject I know well. I have probably owned 50 vanes in my day.

### Barn cat

I’ve had a stray cat hanging around for several months now. I’ve been putting food scraps out for him on the coldest nights. I even bought a couple cans of cheap cat food. He’s not fussy.

I thought he should get out of the weather, so I created an entry for this wayward feline into my barn. I’ve seen his tracks in the snow where he enters the barn. Now he has food and lodging. Life is good.

Maybe he can catch mice in the barn. Those pesky little devils have built nests in clock cases or chewed on contents of boxes.

Kim Kendall had a barn cat for seven years. It didn’t belong to anyone, just lived in the barn.

### CHS credit

A couple years ago, I was contacted by Jane C. Nylander. Jane was writing a book on New England Parades titled, “The Best Ever! Parades in New England, 1788-1940” She asked if Chester Historical Society had any photos or histories to share.

I sent her two photos;



Ethan Allen model weathervane. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

one was the School Street firemen in a parade on Main Street circa 1907. It’s a full-page photo that includes history I supplied.

The second photo is the dedication of our Civil War monument in 1885. This photo shows a group of Civil War veterans, in their GAR uniforms, standing around the monument. I included about a page of monument history. It is good to see Chester mentioned in such a publication. This can’t hurt the town.

I just received a copy of Jane’s book. It’s a comprehensive book of 384 pages with many sepia tone and color plates.

### My article

You may recall me mentioning a while back that I was asked to write an article for the Journal of Antiques and Collectibles, a national antiques magazine. I submitted an article about country auctions.

I am just old enough to have witnessed the end of old Vermont. If I was much younger I would have missed it. I did my best to accurately depict these Vermonsters and their way of life. I think I was successful.

If you’ve ever wondered what life was like in the old days, this article might shed some light. These Vermonsters were a very friendly and honest people. It was my pleasure to have known them.

You can read my article at: [www.journalofantiques.com](http://www.journalofantiques.com).

When you arrive at the

site, you’ll notice on the left, “Read the January issue.” This will soon change to “Read the February issue.” Wait a minute and March will appear, click March and that issue will appear. My article is pages 21 through 23.

### The pellet stove

I bought an inexpensive pellet stove several years ago.

It died in January. I am pretty good at repairing mechanical things but suck at anything electrical.

I had Lee Decatur take a look. Lee is pretty good on electrical gadgetry. We couldn’t find the trouble. Last week I removed the auger and motor assembly. I found a broken cotter key. At Chester Hardware I bought another key for 38 cents.

I came home and installed the new key and put the auger assembly back in the stove. Henry was convinced, “This is it!”

He was a little premature as the stove showed no improvement. I couldn’t figure it out.

Off and on for a couple weeks, I watched “How to” videos online. There’s a vacuum switch that often causes problems. The way to test the vacuum switch is to unplug the two wires to the switch. Using a paper clip, insert the clip ends to each wire connector, still nothing.

In moving the stove out from the wall to work on it, the paper clip fell off. When it wouldn’t start with the new cotter key, I looked everything over closely and noticed the paper clip missing. So I plugged the two wires back to the vacuum switch. It lives!

*This week’s old saying is from Henry: “Get a bigger hammer.”*

# Vermont to end mask recommendation for highly vaccinated schools

MONTPELIER, Vt. – At Gov. Phil Scott’s weekly press conference, state officials announced that the universal mask recommendation for Vermont schools will not be extended past Feb. 28, 2022. The state-level recommendation to public and independent schools was issued in August 2021 through a joint memo from the Department of Health and Agency of Education.

The announcement, which officials called a first step towards eventually fully removing school mask recommendations, means that after Feb. 28, 2022, school districts and independent schools may consider lifting mask requirements for schools where the student vaccination rate is over 80%.

The initial memo originally set implementation for September 2021, but the implementation date had been extended several times due to challenges posed by the Delta and Omicron variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

“Our schools have had an incredibly difficult year, and this is an important step to getting them back to normal,” said Secretary of Education Dan French. “We need our schools to be able

to focus all of their energies on their customary work of meeting the educational needs of our students rather spending the better part of the school day attending to the implementation of public health measures,” Sec. French said. “The work of our schools has never been more critical. No longer recommending masks in highly vaccinated schools is an important step towards shifting our focus on the needed recovery work in education.”

State health officials noted that based on widespread access to vaccines for students, the low risk Covid poses to school-aged children, improving hospitalization data and current modeling projections, lifting the masking recommendation for schools, starting with those that meet the 80% threshold, is an appropriate step at this stage.

“Over the past two years, parents, students, and school staff have stepped up, integrating these requirements for protecting their kids and school staff health deep into their daily practices. That hard work has been an important part of our ability to move forward,” said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD. “We know that vaccination is the most powerful and effective tool we have, and most of our school staff and students have heeded the call and are either up to date on their vaccines or are closing in. Because the Omicron variant leads to less severe outcomes, we can safely lift the masking recommendations in these highly vaccinated settings,” said Dr. Levine.

The state’s current recommendations for masking in schools are advisory. Individual schools or supervisory unions have been responsible for deciding whether to adopt the guidance. To date, only one school district has not adopted the state’s recommendation.

School district or independent school administrations will inform their learning communities about any change in their schools’ mask requirements.

For Covid school recommendations and considerations, visit the AOE website.

Covid information and guidance is available at [www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19](http://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19).

# Collegiate Honors

REGION – The following is a summary of those students who’s GPA qualified them for making the President’s List, Dean’s List, or Honors at their various institutions for the Fall 2021 semester:

**Roger Williams University**  
Allison Kenney of Chester  
Kaelie Peoples of Springfield

**Castleton University**  
Dean’s List:

Emery Benoit of Cavendish  
Ashley Chamberlin of N. Springfield  
Jasmine Eastman of Perkinsville  
Alyssa Ferris of Springfield  
Alexandra Hutchins of Springfield  
Abigail Joslyn of Bellows Falls  
Nina Neptune of Springfield

Ashlynn Rumrill of Mount Holly  
Jairen Sanderson of W. Townshend  
Jenna Veysey of Springfield  
Madison Wilson of Chester  
Makenna Milbauer of Grafton  
Deacon Watson of Springfield  
President’s List:

Noah Distefano of W. Townshend  
Samantha Laplante of Springfield  
Sarah McHugh of Mount Holly  
Reilly Tennis of Springfield  
Graduated:

Caleb Lisai of Bellows Falls  
**Emerson College**  
Sarah Devereux of Cavendish

**Springfield College**  
Samantha Mirra from Springfield  
Dean College  
Gwendylan Kekic of Chester

**Clarkson University**  
Aidan Michael Cahill of Brownsville  
**Curry College**  
Haley Covillion of Bellows Falls  
**UNE**  
Morgan Brown of Ludlow  
**St. Lawrence University**  
Dean’s List:

Sam Cowles of South Londonderry  
Hana Kusumi of South Londonderry

**Hamilton College**  
Dean’s List:

Addison Kujovsky of S. Londonderry

**Quinnipiac University**  
Dean’s List:  
Reilly Merrill of Chester  
**Hofstra University**  
Dean’s List:

Spencer Fowler of S. Londonderry  
**University of Rhode Island**  
Dean’s List:  
Gillian Guy of Springfield  
Griff Waryas of Bellows Falls

**Vermont Tech**  
President’s List:  
Ryan Cooney of Springfield  
Keegan Ewald of Cavendish

Dean’s List:  
Anna Guild of Chester  
Hyim Savel of Westminster  
Daniel Graves of Springfield  
Emily Mleccko of Putney  
Jeffrey Bounds of Ludlow  
**Coastal Carolina University**  
President’s List:

Aislynn Kelley of Belmont  
**CCV**  
Dean’s List:  
Isabel Cobb of Springfield  
Deacon Watson of Springfield  
President’s List:

Nicolette Beach of Chester  
Dominique Pacheco of Ludlow  
Autumn Morse of Springfield  
Honors List:

Annalise Watkins of Cavendish  
Sarah Rushford of Chester  
Hannah Farrow of Ludlow  
Austin Broome of Springfield  
Jessica Call of Springfield  
Sarah Davidson of Springfield

Ashley Jewell of Springfield  
Tori Lovell of Springfield  
Payden Vongphouthone of Springfield  
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Dean’s List:  
Colin Costa-Walsh of Putney  
Avery White of Townshend  
**UNH**  
Dean’s List:  
Sierra Kehoe of Chester

**Paul Smith’s College**  
Dean’s List:

Jarrett Lapinski of Chester  
Brenna LaDuc of Bellows Falls

Owen Edwards of Bellows Falls  
Kendra Atkin of Bellows Falls  
Kevin Dernier of Weston

**Champlain College**  
President’s List:

Nathan Luman of Chester  
Dean’s List:  
Ashley Bolton of S. Londonderry  
Jacob Lazarek of Westminster

**Husson University**  
President’s List:  
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Dean’s List:  
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Dean’s List:  
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**University of Hartford**  
Honors List and Dean’s List:  
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Benjamin Haseltine of Chester  
Owen Rounds of Westminster  
Dean’s List:

William Frank of S. Londonderry  
Kayden Wolf of Springfield  
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Dean’s List:

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Abby Donaghue of Andover

**University of Saint Joseph**  
Dean’s List:  
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# Edward Jones celebrates Centennial Anniversary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Financial services firm Edward Jones announces the celebration of its Centennial, marking a century of transformative growth and the positive impact it has made for its clients, colleagues, communities and society. This year and beyond, Edward Jones’ more than 50,000 colleagues will join in activities that celebrate this monumental milestone and set the stage for the continued growth of the firm’s impact in the next 100 years.

Throughout 2022, Edward Jones will celebrate its Centennial across the communities it serves throughout North America, with virtual and in-person events, connections to philanthropic and community efforts, and much more.

“Since Edward D. Jones Sr. opened the doors of our firm 100 years ago, our focus has been helping people connect to their own purpose and achieve things in their lives they might not have known were possible,” said Edward Jones Managing Partner Penny Pennington, the sixth leader in the firm’s history. “We are committed to providing guidance and tools to millions of families in North America, that raise their confidence in achieving greater possibility

in their lives. We are looking forward to the impact we can make on society - one person, one colleague, one community at a time - as we partner together and begin our next 100 years.”

Having achieved tremendous growth and impact over the past century, including increasing its branch office footprint by 1,400% since 1986, Edward Jones remains dedicated to continuing its extraordinary level of serving individual investors and business owners in a human-centered and complete way – helping clients put their purpose into action and achieve financially what is most important to them and their families.

During the Centennial celebration, the firm will initiate volunteer activities to achieve impact in the areas of partnering for lasting financial strength, promoting healthier futures, and advancing inclusive growth. It will also expand on its efforts to foster economic inclusion in the communities it serves, actively collaborating with organizations to make meaningful progress that enables every community to thrive.

On Jan. 27, the firm kicked off its Centennial with a virtual event for all associates and retirees across North America. Penning-

ton served as keynote for the event and was joined by several colleagues throughout the firm for remarks.

Just in time to commemorate this milestone, Edward Jones’ storied history of building deep personal relationships with clients to make a difference in their lives is told in a new book, “The Business of America Is Business,” by authors Robert L. Shook and Carrie Coolidge.

This book spans more than 500 years of American history and the role the business world has played in our nation’s development. Edward Jones is one of a small handful of iconic U.S. companies the authors selected for such an extensive profile.

To learn more, visit [www.centennial.EdwardJones.com](http://www.centennial.EdwardJones.com).

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# opinion

Dear Editor,

I am running for re-election to one of the two one-year seats on the Chester Selectboard.

Thanks to the hard work and continuing efforts of our residents who are active in their support of the municipal and school functions that often we take for granted, Chester is an attractive and good place to live. Our school system, including Green Mountain Union High School and Chester-Andover Elementary School, continues to meet the challenges of educating our students in the face of our Covid pandemic as it supports education for all and academic opportunities.

Our town government works hard to provide those services not often found in a rural Vermont town with a population of a bit more than 3,000 permanent resi-

dents. We have a municipal water and sewer system serving our residents and business owners in the Village area. Our town recreation department oversees many sporting and outdoor activities for our residents, young and old, with sports leagues for the kids, a town swimming pool, skateboard park, and a skating rink at the Pinnacle. Our new Town Emergency Services Building not only reflects our commitments to support improved safety, rescue, and fire services to our town and extended community, but also and importantly, provides our police officers and emergency responders with an up to date and efficient station to house their equipment and provide meeting space for on-going training requirements.

I am proud to serve as a

member of the Selectboard of this rural town of Chester, whose government continues to provide services and opportunities for its residents and community that often exceed the expectations of most small rural towns. During my previous 11 years on the Selectboard and my three terms in the Vermont legislature, I have worked hard and thoughtfully to make Chester a good place to live, to raise a family and to own a small business.

Please vote for me on Town Meeting voting day on March 1, 2022

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,  
Leigh Dakin  
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Proud Past, Bright Future.

Rockingham friends and neighbors, I am excited to announce I am running for a second one-year term on the Rockingham Selectboard. It has been an enlightening and rewarding experience to serve the community as a Selectboard member over the past year. Meeting and building relationships with so many Rockingham folks has been fun while helping me understand how we can best move forward together towards a bright future. I believe the past year has seen a strength-

Dear Editor,

I support Springfield's proposed school budget and ask that you vote "yes" on March 1. A wide group of community members, including myself, worked for several weeks crafting our school budget. We asked tough questions ensuring that our tax dollars are being allocated wisely.

Springfield local taxes pay about 23% of the overall proposed \$33 million budget. That is roughly \$7.8 million in local taxes, of which, \$3.5 million is from residential homeowners. Qualifying Springfield homeowners will receive \$1.4 million back

Dear Editor,

Please cast your vote March 1, 2022 for Diana Garrow for Selectboard.

She was born and raised here and knows many resi-

ening of collaboration and dialog between our community organizations, town employees, elected officials, and residents. This has been a top priority for me, and I believe we are making tremendous progress in building community and working together toward common goals. I envision a vibrant community where people of diverse ages and income levels can create a brighter future building on our proud past.

Some of my goals and priorities include economic development and the local creative economy, environmental stewardship,

historic preservation, and infrastructure. In addition to town Selectboard, I currently serve on the boards of Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, Downtown Design Committee, Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission, Bellows Falls Historical Society, Greater Falls Chamber of Commerce, Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation, as well as collaborating with other local and regional initiatives.

Sincerely,  
Elijah Zimmer  
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This letter is to support Diana Garrow for our Selectboard.

Diana has served the town in many capacities over the years, which has given her the insight on how the Town runs best.

Having grown up here, she was raised with certain values and has learned the methods in the past that has made the town a good place to live.

She worked for her family's successful business for years. During this time, she learned the importance of

maintaining a budget and working towards limiting unnecessary expenses. During this work environment, she also knew the importance of good customer service and the need to treat people with respect. In the town, this means respect for fellow co-workers, Town Employees, and the taxpayers.

Her experience working as substitute Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer gives her an understanding of how these positions run smoothly. She has the

knowledge and experience working with the other offices in the Town and will continue to work with Town officials in the role of a Selectboard member.

It can be seen that Diana has worked for the town's benefit for many years and would continue to work for the Town of Mount Holly as a Selectboard member.

Sincerely,  
Christine Pratt  
Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

For curious and responsible Vermont citizens, the Vermont Education Dashboard is a website tool for finding out how Vermont kids are doing in our government schools. It is not the easiest to use, and for individual schools does not show test data past 2019. The site does show aggregate data for all Vermont schools in 2021. ([www.education.vermont.gov/.../vermont.../assessment](http://www.education.vermont.gov/.../vermont.../assessment))

My local government run high school is Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt. This is what I learned in the Dashboard about student performance at GMUHS.

In 2019, 54% of 11th grade students at GMUHS were below proficient in Science.

64% of 8th grade students were below proficient in Math. 23% of 9th graders were below proficient in Language Arts. Language Arts is at least one bright spot.

Statewide in 2021, 58% of 11th grade students in Vermont were below proficient in Math. 70% of students in the 9th grade were below proficient in Science. 45% of 9th graders were below proficient in Language Arts.

The poor results of these tests have real world implications for all of us, but especially the children we are supposed to be educating. It is easy to point blame individually or collectively at teachers, administrators, politicians, school board members, and parents, but ultimately the blame falls on every citizen who chooses to stay uninformed and apathetic.

As a former parent and a former school board member at both CTES and GMUHS, I attempted to raise concerns with many of the shareholders in our schools about these and a number of other issues. It was a clumsy effort on my part. I was outnumbered, but I could and should have done better.

One thing I learned was that if throwing more money

at education was a solution, every student would be capable, successful, and happy. Every year, the school budgets increase with little improvement in the ability of the students to function in the world.

The board members and leadership at the TRSU and GMUHS are looking to spend an incredible amount of your tax dollars on renovations and upgrades in our school system. This spending, while overdue and necessary if these buildings are to stay functioning, needs to be weighed against what is happening or not happening with the students that occupy them.

As with most citizen concerns these days, I expect my own to fall on deaf ears and blind eyes. The last resort in getting the people in charge to listen and to see is to shut off the money supply. I will be voting 'NO' on my school budgets. It is past time to pause, reflect, and change course away from what is going wrong at Vermont's government run schools.

Sincerely,  
Stu Lindberg  
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I enthusiastically endorse Mary Krueger for a seat on the Springfield School Board. In the nine years I've known Mary, I've always found her to be thoughtful, considerate of the views of others, and genuinely concerned for and involved in her community.

As a parent myself who has had children in the Springfield School District for 17 years (and still does), I appreciate the diplomacy,

dents by their first name. She will do all she can for what is right and in the best interest of the voters.

I know, trust, and respect

her and you can too.

Sincerely,  
Zena and Robert Gates  
Mount Holly, Vt.

and working to make our schools the best they can be. Our community needs and deserves someone like Mary.

Please vote for Mary Krueger. For more information you can contact Mary at [marykru@gmail.com](mailto:marykru@gmail.com) or on Facebook @mary4schoolvt.

Sincerely,  
Kerstin Burlingame  
N. Springfield, Vt.

## Fraud Watch Network: Tax Scams

**REGION** – Tax season is underway and here is a scene that plays out all too commonly: you complete the forms and shortly after filing, you receive a notice from the Internal Revenue Service that your request for a refund was denied stating that you were already given a refund based on your 2021 tax return. A criminal accessed your personal data, including your social security number, filed an electronic return, and was issued a tax refund based on your information.

Finding out if you are the

victim of a tax scam can be difficult. Be proactive. Check with your state tax department or the IRS to see if there are issues involving your records. Contact information: IRS – [www.sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof/lang/en/irfofgetstatus.jsp](http://www.sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof/lang/en/irfofgetstatus.jsp) or 800-829-1040; Vermont – [www.myvtax.vermont.gov/\\_/](http://www.myvtax.vermont.gov/_/) or 800-828-2865.

File a police report with local law enforcement, report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov), and if the crime involves state taxes, contact your state tax department. You can also pre-empt fraud. Start by registering for online access to your tax records at the state and federal tax departments. That can freeze out criminals from creating a tax account in your name. File taxes electronically to expedite the process. Check your tax accounts regularly to see if there is unusual, unexpected, or unexplained activity.

Have you have noticed a flurry of advertisements for online investing and online

financial record keeping? Some offers are made with the label "FREE." If a service or product is offered free, you are not the consumer; you are the product.

As we have seen, criminals are adept at applying the latest technology to steal from victims. Most recently, scam calls are being placed with AI; calls able to understand some verbal responses. The scam begins with a "friendly" voice asking a question like, "Are you interested in lower insurance rates?" The computer waits for an appropriate answer and then directs your call to a call center.

The best action to take is not to answer calls from numbers you do not recognize. If you answer one – there is often a noticeable click – hang up and report the call to your telephone service provider.

**Questions or comments?**  
Email [egreenblott@aarp.org](mailto:egreenblott@aarp.org). Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Atlas page
- 4 Ivy League University
- 9 Science room
- 12 GPS suggestion
- 13 Haunting
- 14 Docs' org.
- 15 1989 Al Pacino film
- 17 Decks in the ring
- 18 Small battery
- 19 Yard tools
- 21 "Understanding"
- 24 Membership
- 25 Tolkien beast
- 26 Civil War soldier
- 28 Pulitzer category
- 31 Abound
- 33 Narc's org.
- 35 Dr. McGraw
- 36 Anticipate
- 38 Chips go-with
- 40 Sugar suffix
- 41 Mark Harmon TV series
- 43 School break
- 45 Shun
- 47 Owned
- 48 Sashimi fish
- 49 New York City's — Park
- 54 Decay
- 55 Ryan or Tatum

### DOWN

- 1 " — Miniver"
- 2 Packed away
- 3 Shell-game item
- 4 "No cheating!"
- 5 Akin
- 6 Acapulco gold
- 7 "The First — Club"
- 8 Gaiety
- 9 Sauce source
- 10 Actions
- 11 Turf
- 12 Required
- 13 Sierra Nevada resort
- 14 Cupid's specialty
- 15 Low range
- 16 Granola grain
- 17 John Irving hero
- 18 Teeny bit
- 19 Got bigger
- 20 Maryland beach town
- 21 Nap site
- 22 Avoid
- 23 Pub orders
- 24 Lansing's st.
- 25 Dunce
- 26 Steering system part
- 27 Gems from oysters
- 28 Pigs
- 29 LPs' successors
- 30 Jug handles
- 31 "Scram!"
- 32 Churchill gesture
- 33 Conditions
- 34 Pair
- 35 Conclusion

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SERVICES

obituaries

Richard N. Baker, 1939-2022

**HILL, N.H.** – Richard N. Baker of Hill, N.H., and formerly of the Andover, Vt. and Townshend, Vt. areas passed away on Feb. 12, 2022, after a short non-Covid related illness. He was born on Nov. 26, 1939, in West Glover, Vt., to David and Alene (Stevens) Baker. At an early age, Richard and his family moved to Hill Top Farm in Andover, Vt., where he was raised along with his older sister, Jean (Day).

Once out of high school, then known as Chester Seminary, Richard joined the U.S. Marine Corp. After serving for four years, he came home and began working at the Chester Esso Station. It was at that time that he met and married the love of his life, Alice Melendy. They were married on Oct. 7, 1962, and celebrated 58 years together.

During their first years of marriage, Richard and Alice saw many new “homesteads” as they moved around with Richard’s employment, working on the construction of the Eisenhower Interstate Highway System. Within ten years, their family would grow to include five children. They settled the young family in Andover, where Richard would own the R.N. Baker Garage for many years. Later, they moved to Townshend where Richard continued his life-long career working as an auto-mechanic. Eventually, Rich-



Richard N. Baker, 1939-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

ard and Alice retired and moved to Hill, N.H., where they were surrounded by many of their extended family, which included children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, his beloved Alice in 2020, his daughter Heather Colleen Fagan in 2002, son-in-law Timothy Fagan in 2011, and grandson Zachary Fagan in 2014. He is survived by his sister; his children Richard David (Laura), December-Lynn (Vincent) Fortin, Rusty Gordon (Elizabeth), and Nicholas Alexander (Stefanie); 17 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be announced and held at a later date at the family’s convenience. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Richard’s name to Grace Cottage Hospital, 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT 05353.

Eric Hill, 1985-2022

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Eric Hill of Walpole, N.H., born Dec. 10, 1985, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022.

Eric was a loving father to his four children and a devoted partner to his fiancé, Maria Foster. Eric’s children were his love, light, and greatest joy. Eric loved the ocean and recently acquired a great passion for hunting.

Eric is survived by his mother, Diane Bartlett and her husband, Donald; the love of his life, his fiancé, Maria Foster; his children, Reed, Lorelei, Asher Hill, and Lacey Parrot; his brother, Christopher Wilder, (Melissa Wilson) of Grafton Vt., and his nephew, Aiden; his biological father, Martin E. Hill; two other siblings, Taylor and Trenton Hill of N. Walpole, N.H.; his paternal grandparents, Morris and Faye Butterfield of Charlestown, N.H.; his aunt, Theresa Hill, her husband, Michael Cascone of Charlemont, Mass., as well as many cousins, friends, and his beloved dogs, Loki and Lila. Eric was predeceased by his maternal grandmother,



Eric Hill, 1985-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

er, Rita Belisle and her husband, Henry; grandfather, Richard E. Rayner, Sr.; and his paternal grandfather, Larry Hill.

Visiting hours were on Saturday, Feb. 19, with a service that followed immediately after at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. There was a celebration of Eric following services at The American Legion Hall in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Donations may be made to the Go Fund Me page on Facebook or to the bank account set up at The Walpole Savings Bank to help with expenses and to support his children.

Leon W. Kenyon, 1932-2022

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** – Leon W. Kenyon, 89, of Saxtons River passed away in his home surrounded by family on Feb. 17, 2022. Leon (Skeek) was born Nov. 27, 1932 in Grafton, Vt. in the house where he was raised. The oldest of five children to Walter and Annis (Fisher) Kenyon, he was the eighth generation Fisher to live on Fisher Hill in Grafton.

He attended Leland and Gray High School and graduated class of 1950 in North Bend, Ore.

He married Patricia Saunders on Dec. 2, 1978.

Skeek worked many various jobs throughout his life including farming, working in a sawmill, truck driver, underwater welder, and logger, and was proud of the fact that he never filled out an employment application. He enjoyed fishing, boating, bird watching, and spending time with friends and family. Skeek had a special way with animals and raised and trained several teams of oxen. He loved to see what was over the next hill and always seemed to find the road less traveled, which usually involved a dirt road. He was known for his quick wit and ability to tell a great story.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, and children, Leon (Michelle) Kenyon of Cape Coral, Fla., Beverly (Normand) Gagnon of Milford, N.H., Raymond Kenyon of Wabasha, Minn., Sharon (Gary) Schmalzriedt of Wabasha, Minn., Kimberly (Edmund) Mack of Graf-



Leon Kenyon, 1932-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

ton, Vt., Stephen Saunders of Athens, Vt., and Janie (Warren) Hisler of Waldoboro, Maine; twenty-four grandchildren, forty-seven great grandchildren, two sisters – Alice Culver of Newfane, Vt., and Christine DeCamp of Bellows Falls, Vt. as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Willard Kenyon and Carleton (Pug) Kenyon; two children – Michael Saunders and Amy Saunders; a grandson Steven Schmalzriedt; and a great-granddaughter Alys-sa Schmalzriedt.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests sending a donation to Vermont Food Bank, 33 Parker Road, Wilson Industrial Park, Barre, VT 05641, website: www.vtfoodbank.org, or a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Grafton Chapel, 4 Main St. We encourage anyone with stories about Skeek to share them at that time. He loved a great story!

ASCUTNEY, VT.

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

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

CAVENDISH, VT.

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

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

CHESTER, VT.

**St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.**

Join us for our Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Masks and social distancing required. Join us in person or on Zoom. For more information, visit [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org).

LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

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

LUDLOW, VT.

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

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

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](mailto:fccucc@vermontel.net), or go to [www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org).

**Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.**

Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. All services and in-church activities have resumed. Masks are available and social distancing is encouraged. The sanctuary seating is arranged to promote distancing. Go to [www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910](http://www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910) for links and more information.

**St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I traditional Liturgy is the first and third Sundays of the month. Rite II, contemporary Liturgy, is the second and fourth Sunday. Both are at 8:30 a.m. The rare fifth Sunday of the month will be Congregation’s choice. Holy Days as announced. For more information, call 802-885-2723.

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Seymour Leven, 2022

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** – Seymour Leven of Cavendish, Vt. passed on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at age 99. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He always said that the war years were the best of his life. He served with the 881st Bomb Squadron, 500th Bomb Group as a member of a replacement crew. As a tail-gunner on the Boozie Hound [Z Square 6], he participated in the first low-level incendiary raid over Tokyo and in many earlier and later combat missions.

After the war he graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School.

Commissioned as a medical officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1950, he was on active duty during the early months of the Korean conflict.

He, along with wife Glo-

ria, spent next 30 years living and working in New York State.

Before retiring from full time medical practice in 1978, he was a medical director of the Nassau County, N.Y. mental health department.

After relocating full time to Vermont in 1988, he continued his medical practice as a “locus tenens,” traveling around the country to various medical facilities and filling in for doctors there. He did so till he fully retired at age 86.

His later years were spent enjoying life in Vermont with Gloria eating out, playing golf, and mowing his lawn on his trusty tractor. He treasured his time with his granddaughter and great-grandson.

He is survived by Gloria and his two sons.

Joan H. Slaght, 1950-2022

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – Joan H. Slaght, 71, of Putney, Vt. passed away at home on Jan. 25, 2022. She was born Sept. 11, 1950, the daughter of Leon and Estelle (Parrott) Lynch.

For many years, Joan worked for Holmes and Allen Brothers in Westminster, Vt. and became very well known for her daycare. She had a love for crafting, visiting the senior center, and the library enjoying everyone’s company.

Joan was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Theodore Slaght, Sr., and her parents and her brother Dan Lynch. She is survived by son Theodore Slaght, Jr., daughter Lauri Foster,



Joan H. Slaght, 1950-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

and four sisters – Barbara, Sharon, Colleen, and Carrie. Joan also leaves behind two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being made at Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, VT.

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LEGALS

# Terriers take down Yellow Jackets, 70-31

WINDSOR, Vt. – Evan Chadwick has his dogs riding high and looking towards the playoffs after hitting Windsor hard on Thursday, Feb. 17, 70-31.

From the outset, the Terriers were on a mission, having won 6 in a row and 13 of their last 14 games.

“I’m a perfectionist,” Chadwick said. “It doesn’t matter which one of the 12 players are on the court, I expect them to perform.”

Bellows Falls had a height advantage all over the court especially in the paint, as Owen LaRoss and his 6’7” frame was unstoppable tonight. With Windsor’s Austin Gauld and Roger Petermann taking turns at trying to get LaRoss out of the paint, the Terriers big man simply outreached everyone even with bodies on him.

“I’m used to being double-teamed as the season has gone along I’m learning and with our depth and attitude,”

said LaRoss after the game on his 18th birthday. “We’re getting better each time we play.”

With Jon Terry, Jackson Goodell, and Patrick Barbour pounding the glass and limiting Windsor to one shot on most trips up the court, Windsor found themselves firing away from outside. The cold shooting Yellow Jackets seemed stuck in mud as the visitors ran wild and built a 37-9 halftime lead.

“This was the best half of basketball we’ve played all year,” Chadwick said.

Like any Harry Ladue team, the Jacks came out of the locker room ready for battle and put a mini 6-2 run together but Bellows Falls had all the answers on the night as six different Terriers would drop in hoops as the lead just kept growing.

A scary moment occurred in the third quarter as Jamison Nystrom went high for a steal and ended up flat on the floor with a thud as

the gym went silent. Eventually he got up and told me after the game, that he was fine but a little sore.

Lots of different players saw plenty of action in the final quarter as a fast paced and a bit sloppy eight minutes ended the night as Bellows Falls headed home with a 70-31 win.

Bellows Falls would have 10 players grab points while LaRoss, Terry, and Goodell led the way with 14, 12, and 12 points each. Maison Fortin would scratch out nine points and Kaleb Swett would chip in with eight points for the Jacks.

“We’ll keep fighting,” said Ladue after the game. “This team isn’t going to lie down.”

Bellows Falls improves to 14-3 while Windsor slides to 7-9 with each team having three games remaining on their season schedule before playoffs.

Written by Christopher Shaban, Eagle Times staff.

# Local Roundup

## BF 66, Mill River 26

The Bellows Falls boys’ basketball team has been rolling as of late. Mill River wasn’t going to stop that roll, falling to the Terriers 66-26 on Monday, Feb. 14 at Dean Houghton Gymnasium.

“[Bellows Falls] is very physical,” said Mill River coach Ben Smith. “They are a big team.”

Patrick Barbour and Owen LaRoss had 15 points apiece for Bellows Falls. Connor Lopiccolo and Ryan Smith both had eight for the Minutemen.

## MSJ 79, Springfield 60

The Mount St. Joseph boys’ basketball team jumped up quickly on Springfield, grabbing a 79-60 win Monday night, Feb. 14, at McDonough Gymnasium.

Owen Traynor had a career night for the Mounties, scoring 40 points, including seven 3s. Jake Williams had 18 points and 15 rebounds.

MSJ led 20-5 after one quarter. Springfield had a spirited effort in the second half, but couldn’t overcome the early deficit.

“We have to be better

defensively and learn how to close out games,” said Mounties coach Chris Charbonneau.

Sam Presch had 25 points for Springfield, followed by 17 from Tanner Gintof, and 12 from Luke Stocker. Mount St. Joseph (13-2) is at rival Fair Haven on Thursday. Springfield (1-15) hosts Hartford on Thursday.

## FM JV drops a 60-51 game after quick start

The fourth game in four days, plus a no warm-up start, put the young Wildcats in a hole.

An arrival only five minutes before tip off with no warm up time had the Fall Mountain team trailing big at the half 42-21.

A second-half team all

season, Kraifg Harlow’s group turned things around with a 17-6 third quarter.

A 13-12 fourth quarter followed that up.

Unfortunately, the early lead was just too much, as time ticked away for only their fourth loss of the season 60-51.

Owen Riendeau led with 13 points, Ledger Willet had 10, and providing a spark off the bench, Jager Klema had eight.

With a 14-4 finish, Harlow turned around a 1-11 team from the prior season. The future looks bright for this Wildcat team as they move forward.

Written by the Eagle Times staff.

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person only (masks are required) at 96 Main Street, Town Hall, Springfield, Vermont to receive public input and take testimony on the following:

1. Application #202201 – Mastiff Property Holdings – Conditional Use and Site Plan Review to convert commercial space to two apartments. The property is located at 114 Park Street and is zoned Residential Commercial. Site Visit to be held at prior to meeting at 4:30 p.m.

2. Application #202204 : Town of Springfield - Site Plan Review to restore large gully located between Lincoln Street and Valley Street.

3. Devyn Nadeau – 745 Chester Road for six-month review of Permit 202148 to establish a motor vehicle repair home business

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD SELECTBOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Emergency 911 Highway Naming and Numbering Ordinance

Ordinance No.: 2022-01

MARCH 14, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

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The Town of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM, on Monday, March 14, 2022 via ZOOM Video Conferencing and in person at the Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street in Selectmen’s Hall for the purpose of providing a Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-01 and receiving public input concerning the Emergency 911 Highway Naming and Numbering Ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be picked up at the Town Clerk’s Counter or viewed on the Town of Springfield website: <https://springfieldvt.gov> . If you have questions, please contact the Town Manager’s Office at 885-2104.

Walter E. Martone, Chair  
Springfield Selectboard

THUR, FEB. 24 –

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Boys basketball –

Boys basketball –

Bellows Falls at Rivendell Academy, 7 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Mill River, 12 p.m.

Springfield at Otter Valley, 7 p.m.

Green Mountain at Mill River, 7 p.m.

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, VT is seeking bids for general contractor services for building repair work at the Londonderry Town Office. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org). The deadline to submit bids is 2:00 PM on March 15, 2021.

Shane O’Keefe, Town Administrator

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold two public hearings on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Guild Family has applied for a home addition at their 254 Atcherson Hollow Road single-family residence - nonconforming structure review is required. The Bellows Falls Firehouse LLC at 17 Rockingham Street has applied to replace several building windows – downtown design review is required. The meeting is located at the Rockingham Town Hall 3rd floor conference room and on Zoom using the meeting ID: 814 6075 8306 with the passcode ‘DRB’

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TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on March 14 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:  
Applicant: Winterplace COA  
Application No: 081-94-PRD AMD 16

Property Location: Winterplace Condominium  
28 Fowler Road Unit 305  
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel Number: 030218.017

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider an amendment to the Planned Residential Development permit to convert attic space into an additional bonus room. This project is located in the Mountain Recreation District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on Ludlow’s Web page, [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us) with the zoom ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings  
Board Clerk, DRB

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgages of property in the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for municipal property taxes for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 calendar years and for school district property taxes for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property located in Weston, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to James O.G. Drake, Trustee of the James O.G. Drake Trust dated February 13, 2003, by Warranty Deed of James O.G. Drake, dated February 24, 2003 and recorded on February 27, 2003 in Book 61 at Page 464 of the Weston Land Records. [unimproved land off Trout Club Road; Parcel #080055.00].

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5254, so much of said property will be sold at public auction at the Weston Town Office, a public place located at 12 Lawrence Hill Road in the Town of Weston, on the 22nd day of March, 2022, at 10:00 o’clock in the morning, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Weston, Vermont this 7th day of February, 2022

Sandra M. Goodwin, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TOWN OF ANDOVER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing at the Andover Town Hall on Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following applications for subdivision:

Application#: 8.1/42.2/22/01/24 Applicant/Owner: Eugene Pategas Location: 1341 Middletown Rd. Application for: A minor subdivision of one existing lot into two lots.

Application#: 11/50/22/01/26 Applicant/Owner: Gary Rapanotti for Little Pond Partners, LLC c/o of James Murphy Location: Little Pond Rd. Application for: A major subdivision of one existing lot into four lots

Application#: 11/50.3/22/01/26 Applicant/Owner: Gary Rapanotti for Little Pond Partners, LLC c/o of James Murphy Location: Marsh Hill Rd. Application for: A minor subdivision of one existing lot into two lots.

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# arts & entertainment

## Fletcher Farm School classes, quilt winner

**UDLOW, Vt.** – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is now offering their Winter/Spring classes:

March 5-6, Painting the Winter Landscape in Watercolor (Online) with Robert O'Brien. The registration deadline was Feb. 2.

March 19-20, Success in Watercolor II with Betsy Johnson. The registration deadline is March 9.

March 22-23, Liberated Quilting with Susan Damone Balch. The registration deadline is March 12.

March 26-27, Silver Fabrication with Harold Bosco. The registration deadline is March 16.

The raffle for the Baltimore Album Quilt culminated with a drawing for the winner on Feb. 14,

2022. The quilt's creator, Viola Greening, was unable to attend the drawing. The winning ticket sold to Mary Schacter from Greenwich, Conn. The Fletcher Farm School would like to congratulate Mary Schacter and all who bought tickets. The donations will go towards making sure local kids are able to attend art camps at the School this summer.

Along with the membership changes the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen have approved this year, the School has reduced their tuition for their Young Artist classes. Fees for the classes can be found on the Fletcher Farm School website at [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

The Fletcher Farm School's Membership Drive is still underway and they have added a Family membership category, which reduces the cost of each class registration for all members of the immediate family.

The School has also selected dates for their summer festivals, July 2 and August 13. Those participating in one or both festivals are asked to notify the School by calling or emailing [school-director@fletcherfarm.org](mailto:school-director@fletcherfarm.org) to be added to the list of potential vendors. For questions, visit the website at [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org) or call the office at 802-228-8770. The office is staffed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## The Milkhouse Heaters come to Bellows Falls

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Milkhouse Heaters will play the Stage 33 Live listening room in Bellows Falls on Sunday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

Jan and Mike are refugees of the Boston music scene, where they were nominated for a Boston Music Award. They moved to southern Vermont in 2003, rolled Americana into their punk roots, and became The Milkhouse Heaters. They are known not just for their strong writing and performing chops but their support of local live music and considered, considerate living.

This listening room show will take place at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls. The performance will be recorded. Seating is limited and based on donation only. All individuals are required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing from people not in their party.

## FOLA presents “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”

**UDLOW, Vt.** – Friends Of Ludlow Auditorium will present “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

The film is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Water is provided thanks to the folks at the United Church of Ludlow. Following town Covid policy, masks are required for all. For information call 802-228-7239 or visit the website at [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).

## Author presents memoir workshops to public

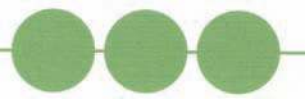
**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Award-winning author Pam Bernard announces the continuation of her popular memoir workshops, to begin the week of March 7, on Zoom. These will be eight-week sessions, three hours per class.

As well as a group critique, crucial issues of craft are explored in these workshops such as narrative stance and tone, while fresh work is generated each week from prompts. Participants from all over New England bring their experience to the page by harnessing memory and imagination, and learning to shape their writing into compelling narratives as a way to explore and ultimately honor their lives.

In a mediocre memoir, the writer cannibalizes experience with the intent to sensationalize, or settles for mere recollection of past events, or worse, aims to settle a score. A good memoir reveals a writer who risks self-examination, with an eye to shaping memory and experience. Rather than a running tally of what has happened to us, no matter how dramatic, it is the honest undertaking of this challenging task that will ultimately move our readers. It's not merely that we fail or misbehave or were the victim of abuse or neglect or made bad decisions, but how and why those events or moments made us who we are, who we were along the way to the adult narrator who has taken charge of the story. But given that memory is mutable, this is an inexact science. And it is precisely this inexactness that attracts our reader because it parallels real life.

Pam Bernard is author of four books, the most of recent a verse novel titled Esther. She is also a painter, editor, writing mentor, and adjunct professor at Keene State College. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Warren Wilson College and B.A. from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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## Sandglass Theater offers workshops on puppet building and training

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – The Sandglass Theater will be offering two workshops in the upcoming months, an “Online Puppet Building Workshop,” and a “Summer Intensive Puppetry Training Workshop,” based out of Putney.

**Online Puppet Building Workshop, March 21 – 26**

Join master builder and company co-founder, Ines Zeller Bass, for a puppet-building workshop held via a private Facebook group. Throughout the week, participants will build a rod puppet, particular to Sandglass’ style and teaching, with easy-to-follow demonstration videos and written explanations. Instructions will be posted daily and remain active for the duration of the course. Participants can work on their own time, and ask questions and connect with the cohort of puppet builders and the instructor through the comments section on the group page.

A full description, materials and tools list, and a registration link are available on the website. Registration opens March 1.

**Summer Intensive Puppetry Training, June 26 – July 9**

A two-week intensive workshop into the art and soul of puppet theater in beautiful Putney, Vt. This full immersion training is for anyone who wants to expand and deepen their skill and understanding of the puppet.

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## FOSTL present Abe Ovadia



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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Abe Ovadia will be performing at the annual Friends Of Springfield Town Library meeting on Friday, March 4 at 6 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Springfield.

Musicvox Guitars describes Abe Ovadia as a “jazz virtuoso, one of the most innovative guitarists of our time.”

This FOSTL event is free and open to the public. Contact the Library at 802-885-3108 with questions.