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## Chester's Town Meeting dominated by cannabis retail vote

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
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CHESTER, Vt. – Chester's hybrid Town Meeting on Monday, Feb. 28 went smoothly with little commentary from in-person and online participants, that is, until discussion turned to whether the town should opt-in to allow for retail cannabis sales.

Chester town moderator Bill Dakin oversaw the proceedings within the first hour, walking through the 17 articles covered in Chester's town meeting warning which included the town budget, a paving bond, capital reserve fund purchases, and a string of appropriations for local nonprofits.

Town manager Julie Hance provided a comprehensive presentation that encapsulated town highlights from last year; detailed the reason for a general fund deficit of over \$147,000, which will be offset by Chester's healthy general fund, and outlined the upcoming budget of \$3,420,030.44, translating to an increase of \$77,000 or just 2%.

After approximately an hour, with just a few comments or requests for clarification along the way, the informational town meeting was adjourned, quickly followed by a separate in-

formational meeting on the retail cannabis article. For this separate article, Chester voters will decide whether to allow the retail sale of legal cannabis within their borders, an issue that's been hotly debated over the past month.

Selectboard Chairman Arne Jonynas provided a brief overview of how the retail cannabis article came to fruition, through a petition signed by 5% of Chester's voting citizens. Despite the board's initial refusal to put the question before voters prior to the petition, Jonynas seemed to credit the Selectboard with bringing the article to the town for Town Meeting saying, "Once the [petition by voters] happened, the responsibility to bring it forward to the voters fell on the Selectboard." He then said the board brought the issue up "a lot quicker than we could have...only to make sure that the vote itself would happen with the Town Meeting vote." That decision saved the town from the expense of a special election down the road. The board also discussed the issue during their last several meetings.

He reminded attendees that the issue at hand was strictly that of whether the town should opt-in to al-

low legal cannabis sales in town, with all other issues such as state oversight, growing, or legality, having been decided by state law.

When asked by a citizen how the police department felt and how they would monitor use and test for drivers under the influence of cannabis, Chester Police Chief Rick Cloud said that there wasn't a test specifically for cannabis and additional expense is involved in determining impairment for cannabis.

Jonynas reminded the audience that the same was true for other drugs in addition to cannabis. Board member Heather Chase added to that point, saying that whether cannabis is sold in Chester or not, that issue will still exist since cannabis will be sold legally throughout Vermont beginning in October.

Citizen comments were largely split with those opposed to opting in having a slight edge, with six citizens speaking against cannabis retail and five speaking in favor. A few residents also asked clarifying questions but didn't voice an opinion

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## Plymouth's informational meeting presented few questions

BY SHAWN TAE WEBB  
*The Vermont Journal*

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – At the informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 28, Town Moderator Thomas Harris discussed the articles up for vote by Australian ballot. Board chair Jay Kullman and selectmen Keith Cappellini and Rick Kaminski were in attendance to field questions from town voters during the brief meeting.

This was the first year that the town budget, set to raise \$1,250,233 in taxes to pay estimated town expenses, generated no questions or comments from town citizens.

Referring to Article 4, allowing the town to establish a general reserve fund, resident Jim requested some explanation of what it is for and where it is coming from. "This

is trying to get in compliance with our audit, and be legal about how we handle reserve funds," Kullman explained. "Last year we found ourselves, fortunately, in the position of having \$1.2 million," in what seemed to be a surplus from the town budget. "Not exactly legal, is my understanding, according to the auditors," Kullman said.

He proceeded to explain that last year, the town voted to allow the board to set those balances, and "to legally carry between 15-20% of the town's annual budget just to maintain cash flow." There is always a need for funds for town projects, so in creating this reserve fund, "we're going to set a threshold that can change over time, as it needs change. But that's our goal, is to do this legally and in compliance."

Another resident requested more information about the highway fund in Article

5, and asked if the budget was similar to the previous years. Kullman responded that the town's highway fund is currently generating about \$130,000 a year. After some capital planning, the town determined they don't necessarily need that much money in equipment reserve, "but the highway foremen and road commissioner advised us that there are some upcoming bridge projects," Kullman explained. "So rather than being surprised by those [expenses], or have taxes go up and down every year," the town would like to start capital planning in advance for those types of projects and repairs.

Resident Steve discussed Article 6, and the timing for when taxes were due, specifically, if a check is being mailed, to go by the post

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## Ludlow sees opening of new bar, "Eight Oh Brew"

BY KYLE LAURITA BONOMETTI  
*The Vermont Journal*

LUDLOW, Vt. – People don't frequent an establishment without cause. A person might try a bar for its ambience, its people, its drinks, food, or location – but it's a place's personality that makes a regular. While Eight Oh Brew boasts each one of these reasons and more to come visit, it's the bar's personality that's sure to keep people coming back again and again.

Tucked into the base of the Mill at 145 Main Street, Ludlow, Eight Oh Brew will sport an impressive 30 taps, many of which will be rotating, all of which will be pouring Vermont beers. "Vermont beer, all of it," said Jake Baraw, one of the owners of the bar. "Alchemist, Zero Gravity, Outer Limits, Switchback. Some of the smaller breweries too – Foley Brothers, Hermit Thrush." And to Jake Baraw and Alex Del Tufo, who, along with Lisa and Dave Del Tufo, own and operate Eight Oh Brew, the focus really does seem to be Vermont. Together, they've knocked out a wall to expose the original stonework of the building, hung a lift-chair from Stratton from the ceiling, and created a warm and inviting environment.

The owners are also aware that their bar will be located where Christopher's, once a local watering hole, used to reside. According to Baraw, Eight Oh Brew aims to



Left to right, Lisa and Alex Del Tufo, Jake Baraw, and Danny and Dave Del Tufo.

PHOTO BY KYLE LAURITA BONOMETTI

fill that niche for both locals and visitors. They will serve some food to compliment the beer, wine, and cocktails, but as Baraw says, it's a bar, not a restaurant, "a place to go and hang out, shoot some pool, that sort of thing."

The story behind Eight Oh Brew is just as compelling as its premises. Apparently, the pieces for its establishment have been ready to fall into place for years. Jake Baraw bought the name 'Eight Oh Brew' back in high school about ten years ago, and he and Alex Del Tufo have been carrying the vision of the company for years, ever since living in the Winooski region, when it was merely a reviewing account, and even before that, when they met in college.

"It's really cool to see this come full circle," said Alex Del Tufo. "Running 'Eight Oh Brew' originally, we would go on Fridays and test out all the different breweries. We would visit, post about them, and then hop on a bike and ride home."

Alex, Lisa, and Dave Del Tufo, while hailing from Westchester, N.Y., have had a house in Weston, Vt. for

years, and have since relocated to Ludlow. Baraw is from Stowe, and remembers when the mountain was purchased by Vail and how many local hubs became flooded with tourists. "It's important for us to keep the local crowd," Baraw said. And between the gleaming bartop, the wealth of beer options, and the cozy, but refined atmosphere, all patrons are sure to find a reason to stay. For the community's part, people seem eager for it to open. In fact, midway through the interview, someone came in asking if Eight Oh Brew was ready for business, to which the owners responded that they were opening late-February, early-March.

The owners of the bar plan on featuring local mountain conditions and sports schedules next to their draft list, and soon-to-come theme nights and live entertainment. Eight Oh Brew is sure to become a destination, not only for those visiting Okemo, but for any Vermonter who walks by, an irresistible draw due to its charm, vivacity, and personality.

## Flood Brook School 2022 Kindergarten registration

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Kindergarten registration for Flood Brook School is set for March 7-11, 2022. Parents residing in the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, or tuitioning towns are invited to contact the Flood Brook School office at alford@floodbrook.org or tgreene@floodbrook.org from March 7-11 to register their child or children who will be five years of age by

Sept. 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 Kindergarten class.

When you contact us, we will provide further information on the online registration process. The following documentation is also required for registration: birth certificate, current immunization record, current physical exam, proof of residency – lease or deed, plus one other form of ID with name and address.

The Flood Brook School is a K-8, 300-capacity school located in the heart of ski country in southwestern Vermont. The school is part of the Taconic and Green Regional School District and the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union. At Flood Brook School we challenge ourselves to be lifelong learners, to practice respect, and to value community.

## Farm & Wilderness receives \$50,000 grant

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources awarded Farm & Wilderness, a Plymouth-area summer camp and conservation nonprofit, a \$50,000 Clean Water Initiative Program grant for planning and permitting of the removal and site restoration of Rockefeller Dam in Plymouth, Vt.

The removal of the Rockefeller Dam and site restoration will improve water quality in Woodward Reservoir, through cooler water temperatures and sediment reduction, improving the ecological habitat.

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Clean Water Initiative Program funds projects that are designed to improve water quality by reducing nutrient and sediment pollution. The agency's Technical Project Manager, Todd Menees, will perform project compliance and oversight.

Farm & Wilderness specializes in operating summer camps, and in affiliation with the Ninevah Foundation, manages over 4,800 acres of land, most of which is located in Plymouth and Mount Holly. Farm & Wil-

derness and the Ninevah Foundation deliver ongoing conservation and preservation projects for area land and lakes throughout the year. The Farm & Wilderness team is excited to partner with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation on this project.

Questions about the project can be directed to Jay Kullman, Director of Sustainable Resources, jay@farmandwilderness.org or Kelly Beerman, Conservation Director, kelly@farmandwilderness.org.

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# Meals on Wheels celebrates 50 years

LUDLOW, Vt. – The staff and volunteers at the Black River Valley Senior Center are excitedly admiring a brand new commercial stove installed recently. A long wished-for addition, this is another step to help the center meet its upcoming congregate meal needs, and its growing Meals on Wheels clientele.

March 2022 marks 50 years since Meals on Wheels, the nation's premier nutrition program for seniors, was funded. For Vermont's aging population, it has become a lifeline for many – even more so during the Covid pandemic.

The team at the Black River Valley Senior Center delivers meals four days each week, every week, to more than 40 individuals who can not leave their homes or prepare their own meals. In 2021, that amounted to 10,000 meals delivered, by an all-volunteer staff, in Caven-dish, Ludlow, and Plymouth. Like all Meals on Wheels programs, the operation relies on volunteer drivers and public donations.

In February, the Crown Point Board of Realtors stepped up and donated \$500 to the program, and the Ludlow American Legion Ballard Hobart Post 36



Pictured left to right: Frank Provance, Paul Acorn, Jean Strong, Sandy Johnson, and Alma Goodman.

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donated \$400 worth of gas cards to the volunteer drivers.

Jean Strong, director of the center, expressed her gratefulness for both organizations. "March is the 50th Anniversary of the Meals on Wheels program, which provides an essential service to seniors, veterans, and other compromised citizens in this service area – a service that can not be done without the support of our community."

"The program is focused on nutritional needs, but there is also the social aspect of having a familiar, friendly face come to the door," says Wendi Germain, the nutrition and wellness director of Senior Solutions, which provides support to the program. "For many, these drivers may be the only face they

see all week. We so appreciate these volunteers. I cannot overemphasize how critical it is to have public support for these programs, through both volunteerism and donations." Wendi noted that Meals on Wheels operations across Vermont rely heavily on public donations to keep them running – with more than 50% of the funding coming from local donations.

Those wishing to volunteer to deliver, as well as other service opportunities, can contact Jean at 802-228-7421. Donations to help support the operation in its 50th Anniversary year can be made by a check to the Black River Valley Senior Center and mailed to them at 10 High Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.

# Join your neighbors for games and goodies

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Feeling cooped up and want

to get out for some fun and socialization? Join your neighbors on Monday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. for an hour of games and sweet treats at Neighborhood Connections.

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# Students deliver snowflakes to Gill Home

LUDLOW, Vt. – Some of the students at the Ludlow Elementary Preschool recently delivered festive, one-of-a-kind, handmade snowflakes to the residents at The Gill Odd Fellows Home.

The residents greeted the students with appreciative smiles and waves from inside their windows, and loved watching the children pose next to "Frosty," their resident snowman. The Gill Home residents got right to work and made a special "Thank You" snowflake as well as some beautiful flower



Students from Ludlow Elementary Preschool with snowflakes.

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shaped crayons to share with the preschoolers on Valentines Day. A won-

derful new friendship has blossomed and both groups look forward to more visits.

# CCG&G seeks board members

CHESTER, Vt. – Almost two years in existence, Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens is increasing the board of directors. CCG&G, a 501c3 non-profit organization, formed to create a greenhouse and community gardens that will address: local food production, food security, holistic health, climate change, sustainability, education, senior/disabilities access, environmentally compatible, economic development, and overall quality of life.

The 1936 Lord & Burnham greenhouse is now in storage, waiting for the perfect location

to be rebuilt, along with its sister outside gardens. The Chester Select Board has given CCG&G a letter of intent expressing their support in using town land for the greenhouse and gardens, acknowledging that community gardens with a stunning backdrop of the historic greenhouse will result in a beautiful space to learn, garden, and enjoy for locals and visitors alike.

CCG&G has local support of townspeople, educators, state legislators, and the gardening community at large, as well as greenhouse aficionados, including The Crockett Foundation, Vermont Community Garden Network, the Vermont Community Foundation,

the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce, Chester Townscape Volunteers, and the Chester-Andover Community Center.

We are currently looking for several members at large plus an experienced treasurer, and a grants director, increasing the size of the board to nine directors. Gardening or greenhouse experience is not necessary. If you would like to be part of this legacy project, and keep this beautiful, historic, glass greenhouse in our own fair town of Chester, please contact us at [chestergreenhouse@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenhouse@gmail.com). For more information about us, call, email, or visit our website at [www.chestergreenhouse.org](http://www.chestergreenhouse.org).

# Chester Alumni parade participants

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Green Mountain Alumni Association will host their annual parade Saturday, June 11 at 11 a.m. Participants will line up by the Chester Town Hall at 10 a.m. and continue to Cobleigh Field where awards and presentations will be

given. Since the parade was cancelled the past two years due to Covid, the classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 are encouraged to participate in this year's parade to celebrate their 50-year anniversary. If you would like to participate in the parade, contact parade chairman

Chris Walker at 802-289-4502 or John Clark at 802-353-6043.

There will also be a social gathering Friday, June 10 at the Chester American Legion. All Chester Green Mountain Alumni are encouraged to come by anytime Friday evening and visit with classmates.

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either way. Those opposed cited contributing to the delinquency of Vermont, concerns over jeopardizing Chester's quaint atmosphere, and several spoke in favor of waiting to see how cannabis sales impacted other towns first. Chester's State Representative Tom Bock said that he voted against the bill at the state level, questioned Cannabis impact on mental health for youth, and suggested that this was not a way to attract families to Chester.

Those who spoke in favor

of the opting-in for retail cannabis sales spoke about increased property values; the financial success of the industry as a whole in the country; the concern that investors will find other markets to invest in if Chester passes now; the benefits of a legal market on quality and purity of cannabis products versus black market options; support for local farmers; and a new business bringing more people into town.

Scott Blair, who has a shop that sells CBD products currently and was behind the petition and expressed interest in opening a retail cannabis dispensary in town,

said that he has had many people who have come to his store looking for legal cannabis. "I've seen people that need it and want [legal cannabis] and would rather not go somewhere else." He said that legal cannabis will bring medicinal products to those who need it versus using addictive opiates.

The issue was voted on Tuesday, March 1, during the Town Meeting election by Australian ballot. This article has been released before election results are tabulated. Check this article online at [www.Vermont-Journal.com](http://www.Vermont-Journal.com) for voting results on Wednesday morning.

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date on the envelope. He stated that if you are mailing the tax payment in a timely manner but it's not received on time, then the delay is really the fault of post offices and taxpayers should not be penalized. Modera-

tor Harris said that should be brought up at a regular Selectboard meeting, and would have to be voted on. It was further expressed that this amendment could be done at the general election in November, which was noted by Selectboard members.

Another resident was con-

cerned that "there are over 100 people" who have not paid their delinquent taxes, and asked how the town was planning to resolve the issue. Kaminski explained that the town appointed a delinquent tax collector, Sandie Small. "We've [also] hired on an assistant to help her with delinquent tax work, and we've hired an attorney. We've been communicating with that attorney just as recently as this past week, and they tell me we will have a tax sale in April."

The informational meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Voting by Australian ballot took place Tuesday, March 1. The results will be printed in next week's paper, and posted online as soon as we receive them.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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# Chester Horse Show

Here's a July 1937 newspaper clipping regarding the horse show at Buttonwood Farm:

With approximately 4,500 persons in attendance throughout the day and evening, the Chester American Legion Horse Show, which was held all day Monday, took on the appearance of a miniature World's Fair, according to Paul Adams, who was in charge of the arrangements. The number of tickets sold indicated that 2,500 were present during the day and 2,000 at night.

The event started out to be purely a horse show but the great number of farm folk who were expected to attend decided the program committee to include other events that would be of interest. So a draft horse class of 11 pairs was entered and judged for ability to do farm work. The prizes for this class were divided as follows: teamster control won by Alfred Chickering of Westmoreland for form; W.H. Bowler of Chester, best pair under 3,000 pounds and second in the free-for-all weight pull; first in the free-for-all was Mr. Goodrich of Winchester, N.H.

Eleven pairs of oxen from several distant points added to the entertainment, as did exhibits of auto trailers, electric wire fencing, and a track meet under the supervision of Harold Potter. A cup was awarded in this event.

**Many horses entered**

In the horse show there were 45 entries representing the riding clubs of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, with 25 members of the Montpelier club present to lend their assistance. The judges for the event were Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Burrows, Newmarket, N.H., Judge Dean Davis, Barre, Vt., and Mr. Caswell of Indiana. Mr. Caswell had with him a registered Ara-

bian stallion, which he keeps at the Upwey Farms in South Woodstock. The animal drew a lot of praise for the many tricks he performed at the command of his master. He was equipped with complete Arabian regalia.

Throughout the day, 20 dogs were engaged in a raccoon drag, which was completed in eight heats. A display of fireworks in the evening drew 1,500 cars.

The events in the horse-show included a pony class for children, an open jumping contest at three and one-half feet, an egg and spoon race in which the riders carried an egg in a spoon, which entertained the audience with its comedy; at 1 p.m., a cavalcade of all animals entered in the show took place around the ring and the people had a good opportunity to observe the many entrants.

Following this there was a class for horses under 15-2 hands, hoop-spearing contest, and a handy-hunter class for jumpers.

Then came the class for horses over 15-2 hands, a parent-child class, and a saddle-pair class. An outside hunt of 3-4 mile over nearby hills was held in full view of the grandstand so that all were able to see the handling of the event.

The crowd was further entertained by a musical chair contest in which the contestants rode to the time of music and when the music stopped they had to dismount and find a chair.

There was one less than the number of riders and this proved very amusing.

Pair jumping, a knockdown-and-out jumping contest at three feet nine inches, a road hack trial, and a balloon race completed the program. A credible showing was also made by the team of horses from the Rockingham Town Farm.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the band of Claremont, N.H. Veterans of Foreign Wars entertained with a concert.

**23 Ride to Grafton**

On Sunday morning, a group of 23 left Chester by horse and went over the old Grafton Stage road through Houghtonville to the Grafton State Park where they were served with steak dinners. Five others joined the party for the trip back, which was made through Grafton and Chester Hill to Chester. Among those to make the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Switzer and Town Manager Morton Downing and family of Bellows Falls, and Sheppard Raymond of Greenfield, Mass., and Frank Adams of Boston, who brought their horses in special two-wheel trailers. From Bellows Falls also were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spencer and son.

All of those connected with the trip or horse-show were enthusiastic in their praise of the way Paul Adams handled the arrangements and hopes were expressed that more interest would be shown locally in horses and riding.

*Someone dropped me off a large bag of cat food with a note: "Please feed the cat. They are all God's creatures. It is a very hard life for feral cats. Thanks."*

*This week's old saying is from Shirley Harlow: "Read the bible and vote republican."*



Winning cup from Field Day in Chester, Vt., 1937.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

# Whiting Library to host solar energy roundtable —

CHESTER, Vt. – Curious about solar energy and if it might be a good idea for your home? Whiting Library will present a virtual roundtable discussion via Zoom on residential solar energy on March 8, from 7-8:30 p.m. If you're interested in renewable energy, come listen, learn, and ask questions.

This roundtable offers the opportunity to better understand solar technology and will provide useful information for those considering converting to, or expanding, home solar systems. Topics will include the efficiency of solar energy in southern Vermont, incentives to reduce costs, battery storage, and the siting of solar arrays. The roundtable discussion will include representatives from Green Mountain Solar, Net Zero Renewable Resources, and SunCommon. Chester resident and retired solar industry executive Tim Roper will moderate the discussion.

This free informational event is open to everyone, and will include time for your questions to industry experts. Attendees are encouraged to register in advance by calling 802-875-2277 or emailing whiteninglibrary1@gmail.com. All registrants will receive a reminder email prior to the event.

# OLLI programming to resume March 8

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Kurt Valenta will present the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program, "The Otter: Creature of Two Habitats," on Tuesday, March 8 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

OLLI is pleased to begin in-person programs once again. The University of Vermont requires masks for their indoor events. The first two programs of the semester were postponed due to Covid concerns, but we feel confident that we can provide a safe event for this March 8 program. The first two programs will be rescheduled for later in the spring. There is still time to register for the complete semester at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield).

Valenta is one of the group's favorite presenters. He brings an enthusiastic enjoyment of the natural world. As a naturalist and educator he runs a nature studies program out of Enosburg Falls, Vt.

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

This program is co-sponsored by the Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society.

The next program on March 22 will be "Gershwin, By George!" presented by music historian Robert Wyatt.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form and an addressed envelope to send in payment after the program.

There is a Membership Series Special Fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

Registration can be done online by going to [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield).

For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817.

Due to the current situation of Covid-19, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored non-credit events, including OLLI, to be vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn indoors.



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# Neighborhood Connections offering shopping ride to Claremont —

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The deadline to book a seat was noon on Wednesday, March 2. The Mountain Town Connector is wheelchair accessible and free of charge.

Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency serving the area mountain towns in south-central Vermont.

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# opinion

Dear Editor,

Many of us are feeling relief that Omicron's surge has taken a steep nosedive. The possibility of a return to something more like 'normal' looks promising. It's great to be able to feel more comfortable and a bit safer than we did a month ago. However, for a significant number of people and businesses in our communities, the disruption of the last two years has been rough. Despite \$3.56 billion flowing into Vermont to support individuals, families, businesses, state and municipal functionality – recovery for many continues to be slow.

Covid's waves of Delta and Omicron reinforced our reluctance to socialize and has devastated our hospitality, special event, and creative sectors and our congregant centers of community life. Our senior centers, childcare centers, fitness and yoga studios, gyms, churches, and synagogues – in addition to our restaurants, theaters, museums, art galleries, lodging establishments, and special events businesses (florists, tent companies, photographers, caterers), have all struggled trying to recover. Many businesses in other sectors have rebounded and are doing very well, which is wonderful.

In addition, the Covid refugees from urban areas, our need to house the homeless during Covid, and the removal of rental units for use as Short Term Rentals, have put pressure on our already tight housing market. Our vacancy rate in many areas is below 1%, making it almost impossible to find housing –

equally challenging for those who've been offered a job here, those who need to move, or those who've been evicted.

And, we still have people in the workforce having to miss work for Covid related reasons – not unemployed people – but people whose childcare has shut down, or their kids have had to stay home, or a family member got ill, or they got ill. Wages continue to be lost because of Covid. This experience of wage loss as a result of Covid starkly illustrates the need for a Paid Family Medical Leave Program. We are exploring how to move forward with this invaluable safety net so many other states have established.

To address these ongoing needs: economic recovery, housing, and wage replacement, the Senate Economic Development Committee is working on two omnibus bills which we hope will help. We expect to finish the work on them in the next two weeks. The first, an Economic Development bill, includes a range of measures designed to support the continued recovery of our hardest hit business sectors. We anticipate that direct financial support will be made available through a new forgivable loan program administered by the Vermont Economic Development Authority, which will provide the kind of individual attention many of these businesses need. Emerging out of Covid there is an energy we want to harness, as witnessed in the over-subscribed Capital Investment Program, which invests in projects with regional impact. We plan on investing more in cleaning up our brownfields, those contaminated sites, which, if mitigated will enable new development. We expect to build on our Relocating Worker incentives, and to extend our Tax Increment Finance program and offer a simpler, mini-scale TIF for smaller towns, to increase our very successful Downtown Tax Credit Program and to support our Creative Economy, so important to the vibrancy of our communities.

Our Housing initiatives

are in two bills, the first of which is now in the House for consideration. That bill, S.210, includes significant steps forward to improve the health and safety of our rental housing in Vermont. It invests significantly more in the very successful Vermont Rental Housing Incentive Program, which offers landlords the opportunity to renovate vacant, blighted, and non-code compliant housing stock with a matching grant program. It brings new housing units back on-line faster and for a fraction of the cost of a new unit.

The primary focus of our second bill (the Omnibus Housing bill) is incenting housing projects which increase density in our downtowns and village centers and expanding access to safe and affordable housing. It includes: enhanced opportunities and support for Accessory Dwelling Units, reduces barriers for towns to add Neighborhood Development Areas, streamlines the permitting process, creates a first generation home ownership program, supports the conversion of some commercial properties for residential use, extends our By-Law Modernization program, creates a Large Employer Housing Partnership program designed to encourage partnerships which would result in building more workforce housing, and proposes a Manufactured Home grant program to improve mobile home parks, remove abandoned mobile homes and repair and renovate existing ones.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us) or by phone at 802-457-4627. To watch Legislative Committee's in action, and to get more information on the Vermont Legislature, the bills which are being debated now, and those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: [www.legislature.vermont.gov](http://www.legislature.vermont.gov).

Sincerely,  
Alison Clarkson  
Vermont State Senator,  
Majority Leader  
Windsor County District

## Springfield Rotary scholarship raffle winner —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.**—Springfield Rotary Club member Marty Cohn was the winner of the \$5,000 Scholarship Raffle conducted by the club. The drawing was held at Crown Point Country Club on Feb. 16.

For 70 years, the Springfield Rotary Club has helped Springfield High School students pursue higher education with their annual scholarship program in addition to other donations to organizations in the community. Throughout that time, the funds for these efforts were generated from the club's annual Penny Sale.

Since the pandemic forced the cancellation of the Penny Sale, the Springfield Rotary Club created a \$5,000



**Club Treasurer Ed McQuaide, raffle winner Marty Cohn, Emma McGuirk, and Club President Jim Fog.**

PHOTO PROVIDED

Scholarship Raffle to replicate the grand prize drawing of the annual Penny Sale.

According to Club President Jim Fog, the Springfield Rotary Club has raised close to \$600,000 since the inception of the Penny Sale and donated over \$200,000 in scholarships.

Fog said, "This year, Rotary club members sold raffle tickets and raised enough money to enable us to award two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating Springfield, Vt. High School students."

The application for the scholarship can be obtained from the high school guidance department.

Dear Editor,

The Springfield Rotary Club would like to thank the following sponsors who helped make our scholarship raffle a success. We raised enough money to fund our scholarships to graduating seniors this year, and other community projects.

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Thanks again for your support of Springfield Rotary, our youth, and our community.

Sincerely,  
Jim Fog, President  
Springfield Rotary Club  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This is a poem I wrote about Vermont.

"The Sun In Vermont"

The sun is shining  
So bright and the  
Sky is so blue  
And the river its banks  
Are so full to and  
Montpelier is such  
A beautiful sunny warm  
place  
And I'm feeling the heat  
in

This beautiful hot place  
And Vermont is the place  
To be as the sun shines  
So brightly on me and  
I'm so happy I'm  
In Vermont today  
And I hope and pray  
I get to see the warm sun  
Shining in beautiful Vermont  
For one more day.

Sincerely,  
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## King Crossword

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- 8 Biting remark
- 12 Jacob's twin
- 13 Antlered animal
- 14 Latin love
- 15 Printout
- 17 Earring site
- 18 Roscoe
- 19 More slothful
- 21 Filled fully
- 24 — colada
- 25 Cupid's alias
- 26 Street vendor's vehicle
- 30 Sawbuck
- 31 Attorney's load
- 32 Bee follower
- 33 Barber's offerings
- 35 Panache
- 36 Aachen article
- 37 Utter impulsively
- 38 Architectural style
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- 50 Not so hot?

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- 9 Mine, to Marcel
- 10 Judicial garb
- 11 Rabbit's chew
- 20 &&&&
- 21 Actor Rogen
- 22 Location
- 23 Singer
- 24 Braxton
- 24 Stickum
- 26 Hindquarters
- 27 Rights advocacy org.
- 28 Bring up
- 29 Bivouac shelter
- 31 Roman 202
- 34 Go over again
- 35 Macaroni shapes
- 37 Tampa Bay NFLer
- 38 Pirate's drink
- 39 "It can't be!"
- 40 Golf props
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SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.**  
Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Please wear a mask, socially distance, and stay home if you’re unwell. Services are still streamed at [www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt](http://www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt). For more information, go to [www.calvarylovesspringfield.com](http://www.calvarylovesspringfield.com).

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Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to [www.stmaryjoseph.com](http://www.stmaryjoseph.com).

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.**  
Join the Springfield UU Meetinghouse online on Sunday, March 6 at 10 a.m. for, “Sidney Poirier, the Man, the Myth, the Legend” with Sharon Mueller and Tina Feindel. Come join us as we take a deeper look at the spiritual life of Sidney Poirier, including a deeper understanding of who he was at his core, and the gifts he gave us. Please join us for a virtual coffee hour discussion after the service. Zoom: [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853). Email [uspringfieldvt@gmail.com](mailto:uspringfieldvt@gmail.com) for more information.

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Douglas Raymond Reed Jr.,  
1970-2022

BALTIMORE, Vt. – Douglas “Dougie” Raymond Reed Jr., 51, of Baltimore, Vt., died suddenly in a logging accident Feb. 24, 2022.

Born March 29, 1970 to Douglas and Nancy Reed of Perkinsville, Vt., he grew up attending Weathersfield Schools and graduating Springfield High School.

At the age of 11, Dougie went to work for Jack Fuller on his farm for .25 cents an hour. Dougie worked until he saved up enough money to buy each of his sisters a brand new cabbage patch doll (which were all the rage at that time). From there he worked at Bear Paw wood shop, Newsbank/Readex, and for his good friend Gregg Chico, among numerous other jobs. He was a jack-of-all-trades.

After a logging accident that almost took his life 13 years ago, Dougie opened his own business. Mountain and Valley Excavating was a proud accomplishment for Dougie and you never heard him complain about the toll this undertaking took on him physically.

To say Dougie was a generous man would be an understatement. He produced all the wood for SECVA as well as donated many cords of wood for fundraisers for area schools and programs. His generosity knew no bounds. When a neighbor down the road had a heart attack, Dougie packed up his kids they delivered and stacked wood for that man to be sure he was warm, no money needed.

He was a single father to Dillin and Morgan. They



Douglas Reed Jr., 1970-2022.  
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were the light of his light of his life. He taught them to be caring and loving people. He was an awesome Father, Brother, Uncle, Friend and Son. He was always there when we needed him no matter what. You could always count on him.

He is survived by his children, Dillin Reed (Sam), and Morgan Reed; Parents, Nancy and Doug Reed; Sisters, Kathy-Jo Merlau, and Melissa Bates (Adam); Nephews, Matthew Reed (Sophie), Michael Reed, Cooper Merlau, and Leighton Reed; Aunts, Beth Gould, Patti Gould, Marianne Jones (Ralph), and Debra Reed; Uncles, Kevin Gould (Vicki), Frank Gould III (Karen), Dean Decell, Donald Reed II (Shirley), and many cousins. And his very special Great nephew, Jeremy Reed.

Preceded in death by his grandparents Frank and Marion Gould, Donald and Doris Reed Spafford, Bert Spafford, Uncle Paul Gould, Aunt Laurie Decell and several cousins.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 2–4 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

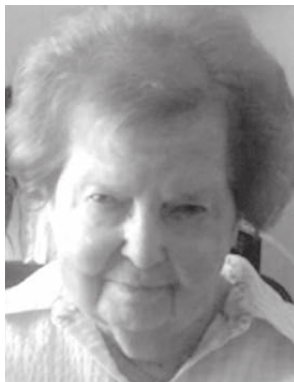
Theresa Jean Sullivan,  
1926-2022

ELIZABETH TOWN, Pa. – Theresa Jean Sullivan (Callahan) passed peacefully in Elizabethtown, Pa. on Feb. 9, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Known to friends and family as Jean, she was born in Greenfield, Mass. on April 30, 1926, and lived a life of service to others. Starting at an early age, Jean’s service began with helping her parents with their restaurant and guest cabins. Later, she went on to nursing at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Mass. and to providing seniors with Meals on Wheels.

Most important to Jean was raising three daughters. Her family was the light of her life, and the love she shared will provide wonderful memories that will always be held close. She participated in the Nurses’ Health Study (Harvard Medical School), the first national study to focus specifically on women’s health. She continued to participate in the study up until age 95.

Jean was a devout member of the Catholic Church where she also shared her gift of service to others. Additionally, she hosted numerous exchange students



Theresa Sullivan, 1926-2022.  
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from various countries, who became like family.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Paul Joseph Sullivan. Their 63 years of marriage was an inspiration to all the family.

Surviving Theresa are her daughters and spouses Lynn Browell (John Nash, Elizabethtown, Pa.), Kerry Lambert (Michael, Charlestown, S.C.), and Laurie Cloud (Michael, Chester, Vt.) as well as 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Jean, affectionately known as “GG” by her great-grandchildren, will live forever in our hearts.

For condolences, please visit [www.kostanskifuneralhome.com](http://www.kostanskifuneralhome.com).

Richard P. Szidik, 1947-2022

CHESTER, Vt. – Richard Paul Szidik, age 74, passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022 in the loving care of daughter Chelsea Chase, son Logan Szidik, and son-in-law Jacob Chase. He was born on April 12, 1947 in Hartford, Conn. to his late mother, Teresa Kulcsar (Szidik). He was raised by his mother and grandfather, Paul Szidik.

He served in the United States Army in Vietnam, serving from 1967 until 1969 and serving with the Army Reserves until 1973.

Richard retired from Cold River Materials as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic.

Richard enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, swimming, and spending time outside in the summer. He enjoyed motorcycles, muscle cars, guns, and target shooting. He had great taste in music and loved blues-based rock and roll. He also enjoyed spending time with his family. Richard was best known for the stories he would tell of his life.

He is survived by son Logan Szidik, daughter Chelsea Chase, and son-in-law Jacob Chase, daughter Jessica Mcabee, and daughter April Szidik; Sisters Diane Kulcsar, and Sandee Gabriele (Kulcsar), brother David Kulcsar; ten grand-



Richard Szidik, 1947-2022.  
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children, Hailey Mcabee, Matthew Pilkerton, Phoebe Keffer, Zachary Keffer, Selene Ordiway, Isabella Szidik, Autumn Katsouros, Addison Chase, Lincoln Chase and Eleanor Chase; four great-grandchildren, Kaelyn Williams, Jaiden Williams, Hazael Williams, and Chozen Williams. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by one sister, Paula Kulcsar, on May 30, 1990.

Calling hours were held at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield on Saturday, Feb 26.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Chester American Legion Post 67 at P.O. Box 806 Chester, VT 05143.

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CALENDAR

Vermont boys close out regular season

**REGION** – It was a tough night for local boys basketball teams on Thursday, Feb. 24 before tournament pairings were announced in Vermont.

The Springfield Cosmos fell at Otter Valley, 62-82, in a game much closer than the final score would indicate. Windsor traveled to Rutland, and Mount St. Joseph Academy sent them home with a 75-46 loss. Evan Chadwick's Bellows Falls team lost to the only undefeated team in the state, as Rivendell grabbed a 56-48 win.

The bright spot on Thursday, Feb. 24, was the Green Mountain win over Mill River on the road, 64-39.

The Otter Valley boys' basketball team put away rival Springfield with lights-out shooting from the charity stripe, winning 85-62, Thursday night.

The Otters led by just 10 points with three minutes to go, but free throw shooting iced the game. Otter Valley was 20-for-24 at the line in the fourth.

Elijah Tucker-Bryant led the Otters with 32 points, followed by 20 from Hayden Bernhardt, and 13 from Dylan Stevens-Clark and Owen Thomas.

Tanner Gintof led Springfield with 22 points and Luke Stocker had 17.

Otter Valley wrapped up

the regular season 4-16 and the Cosmos finished at 1-19.

The Mill River boys' basketball team got off to a slow start and fell to Green Mountain 64-39, Thursday night at Dean Houghton Gymnasium.

The Minutemen scored only two points in the second, allowing the Chieftains to jump up early.

Everett Mosher led Green Mountain with 13 points, while Eben Mosher, Austin Kubisek, and Reid Hryckiewicz had 10 a piece. Ryan Smith led Mill River with 19 points.

In Division III, Bellows Falls currently sits in the fifth spot with a 15-5 record. Green Mountain ends with a solid 12-7, record good for the 8th spot, while Harry Ladue's Yellow Jackets finish just behind Green Mountain with an 8-11 mark in the 9th position.

The Cosmos ended up 1-18 in a very competitive Division II group with seven teams having double digit wins.

**MARCH 5 –**  
GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are proud to announce their Saturday Night Round and Square Dance on Saturday, March 5 from 7-10 p.m. at the Gassetts Grange Hall 5 miles north of Chester. There will be snacks and drinks on sale in the kitchen, and a 50/50 Raffle drawing. If you are not vaccinated, masks are recommended. Donation at door please. Have questions call 802-591-4290 or the Grange at 802-875-1051.

**MARCH 12 –**  
GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is holding their Saturday Breakfast on Saturday, March 12, from 8-9:30 a.m. Menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, (blueberry & plain), toast, juices, sausage gravy, and biscuits. Cost per person. Eat in or take out.

**MARCH 13 –**  
GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding a Non-Open-Mic Jam on Sunday, March 13 from 1-4 p.m. at the Gassetts Grange, 5 Miles North of Chester. There will be a 50/50 drawing and

maybe a Mystery Bag. If you are not vaccinated, masks are recommended. Donation per person requested at the door. We will have snacks, bottled water, and some sodas on sale. You can call Donna at 802-591-4290 or the Grange building at 802-875-1051 for details.

**SUNDAYS –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. Beginning Sunday, Feb. 20. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

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

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

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**THURSDAYS –**  
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**TOWN OF WINDHAM**

The resident and non-resident owners, lienholders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Windham, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the taxes assessed for such town remain either in whole or in part unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit:

1. Being lands and premises known as 365 Howard Hill Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 010027.2) conveyed to William B. Sepe by Warranty Deed of Albert P. Chaleski and Sandralee Chaleski dated December 6, 2004 and recorded December 8, 2004 in Book 41, Page 133 of the Windham Land Records.
2. Being lands and premises known as 6186 Popple Dungeon Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 020003.) conveyed to Peter Van Alstyne, Jr. and Billie Jean Van Alstyne by Warranty Deed of Cathy L. Prouty and Douglas C. Prouty dated June 7, 2006 and recorded June 9, 2006 in Book 44, Page 51 of the Windham Land Records.
3. Being lands and premises known as 458 Scott Pet Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 040106.) conveyed to David J. Stobo and Julie A. Stobo by Warranty Deed of Peter E. Heyniger dated September 25, 2012 and recorded September 26, 2012 in Book 50, Page 453 of the Windham Land Records.
4. Being lands and premises known as 1.60± acres of land (Windham Grand List Parcel number 040330.) conveyed to John A. Simmons and David B. Runyon, Jr. by Warranty Deed of Norman P. Haller and Joy M. Haller dated October 14, 1981 and recorded October 27, 1981 in Book 21, Page 63 of the Windham Land Records.
5. Being lands and premises known as 34 Timber Ridge Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 040403.) conveyed to John Norton by Warranty Deed of Gregory G. White dated July 2, 2003 and recorded July 16, 2003 in Book 39, Page 512 of the Windham Land Records.
6. Being lands and premises known as 994.05± acres of land, (Windham Grand List Parcel number 050004.) conveyed to Jack B. Dennis the following Deeds:
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  - ii. Warranty Deed of Vermont Land Trust, Inc. dated December 28, 2010 and recorded January 20, 2011 in Book 48, Page 519 of the Windham Land Records; and
  - iii. Quitclaim Deed of U.S. Talc Company, dated February 19, 2010 and recorded March 22, 2010 in Book 47, Page 657 of the Windham Land Records.
7. Being lands and premises known as 1397 Burbee Pond Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 070144.) conveyed to Karen A. Watts by Warranty Deed of Alexander M. Lehmann and Sandra Lehmann dated August 17, 2018 and recorded August 18, 2018 in Book 56, Page 10 of the Windham Land Records.
8. Being lands and premises known as "Parcel 1", consisting of 1.70± acres of land, (Windham Grand List Parcel number 070201.) conveyed to Walter M. Webb III by Warranty Deed of Walter M. Webb II dated June 8, 1989 and recorded June 23, 1989 in Book 26, Page 369 of the Windham Land Records.
9. Being lands and premises known as 1401 Old Cheney Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 100031.2.) conveyed to Gary Allen Cheney and Susan Shangraw Cheney by Warranty Deed of Benjamin W. Partridge, Jr. and Cora C. Partridge, dated July 20, 1985 and recorded July 22, 1985 in Book 22, Page 521 of the Windham Land Records.
10. Being lands and premises known as 179 Chase Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 100076.) conveyed to Amy E. Graves, Daniel G. Hall and Alicia J. Merrill by Warranty Deed of Sherburne H. Hall, dated June 30, 2009 and recorded July 1, 2009 in Book 47, Page 184 of the Windham Land Records.

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A § 5254, such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Windham Town Office, a public place located at 5976 Windham Hill Road, in Windham, Vermont on the 6th day of April 2022, at 9:00 A.M., to discharge such taxes with costs unless paid previous to that date.

Dated at Windham, Vermont this 24th day of February, 2022.

/s/ Paul Wyman  
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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

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# arts & entertainment

## BFOH presents, “No Exit,” a short-film

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On March 9 at 7 p.m., the Bellows Falls Opera House will be showing, “No Exit,” an independent short-film written by Josh Morelli and directed by Alex Stradling. “No Exit” was produced by Fact TV and tells the story of three friends who are dealing with the aftermath of one very bad night. The film was shot in the Vermont and New Hampshire areas and stars local and up-and-coming talent. A brief discussion panel will be held after the showing on opening night. Tickets and copies of the short-film will be sold

at the door. All proceeds go to Bellows Falls Area Community Television. The film is dedicated to the memory of Samson Morelli. For more information about the film, contact Fact TV at 802-463-1613 or email alex@fact8.com.

## Springfield Community Players kick off the season –

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Community Players are hosting their first auditions of the 2022 season on March 12 and 13 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. This season, the Springfield Community Players will be offering four shows to the community, and they are looking for new and old talent to join the organization. Shows this season will range from comedy, to musicals, to a resurgence of a longtime dormant show, “Godspell.” Shows for this upcoming season include: “Puffs” or “Seven increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School for Magic and Magic” directed by Gregory Villonw, “Gypsy” directed by Sara Vitale with musical direction by Parker Eastman, “Two on the Aisle, Three in the Van” directed by Todd Hutchinson, and “Godspell” directed by Donald Gray. In addition to this extraordinary lineup, Springfield Community Players will be hosting a series of concerts under the direction of Parker Eastman. At this time, auditions will be held for the first two shows of the season only, “Puffs” and “Gypsy.” Auditions for the comedy, “Puffs” will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on both days and auditions for “Gypsy” from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. both days. If you are unable to attend either day, please reach out

to director Sara at Sara@LiLprod.com to coordinate a makeup time for “Gypsy,” or to director Greg at gville88@gmail.com for “Puffs” so that they can find an alternative time. For “Puffs,” please be prepared to do a cold read from the script. For “Gypsy,” please be prepared to read from the script, sing a song of your choosing – bring piano music if you like, and move a bit to a piece of music we will provide. If there are any questions about auditions, upcoming shows, or becoming a part of the Springfield Community Players, please email springfieldcommunityplayers@gmail.com.

## Edgar May offers free Springfield Family Swim

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Starting March 5, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will offer Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. The Springfield Family Swim originally launched in 2018 as a program of the Springfield Promise Community grant to provide residents with the opportunity to get active and connect with their community. After a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19, the Edgar May is excited to bring this popular program back to the Springfield community. On Saturdays from 1-3 p.m., Springfield families can come swim in our competition-sized swimming pool as well as our beach-entry wading pool. Although it might still be cold and snowy outside, our pools are set to 83 degrees for a comfortable swimming experience. There will be two lifeguards on duty for the duration of the free swim. This free program will continue to run as long as there is interest from the community.

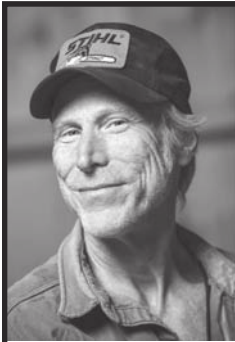
This year, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is celebrating our 15th anniversary. Our namesake, Edgar May, was especially passionate about starting a recreation center in Springfield that provided recreational opportunities for children and families in the community. Fifteen years later, we are proud to continue to offer programming and resources to live a healthy and active lifestyle to residents of all ages. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

## Weston Pop-Up University –

**WESTON, Vt.** – After successful seasons in the past two years, Weston Pop-Up University returns in March with a new list of fun and informative courses. The ten-class schedule invites you to cook with the chef from The Hub at Weston, learn some Broadway dance steps, try some cartooning with a local artist, taste some wine with a local restaurateur, and more. The classes are led by local people who have expertise in an amazing array of areas – from vegetable gardening to artificial intelligence to how stage lighting works. “This is our version of March Madness, a great chance to go online, learn new things, and have some fun together,” said Deb Granquist, one of the organizers of Weston Pop-Up University. “We had an amazing turnout last year and look forward to a whole new lineup of fabulous courses this year. Hope to see you on Zoom!” Last year, Weston Pop-Up University successfully turned to an online platform, and though courses will be on Zoom again this year, they’ll be a lively and informative hour.

“It’s a ‘pop-up’ because it emerges in the month of March and goes away in April,” said Granquist. “It’s called a ‘University,’ but it’s really less formal – just a way to offer entertainment and learning opportunities to the people of our community through a month of programs led by local folks.” Everyone is invited to participate and classes are free. Registration is required; some of the classes are limited in size. You can see the whole lineup of classes and register at www.westonpop-upuniversity.org.

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**WALPOLE, N.H.** – If you’ve been cooped up with Cabin Fever, the Walpole Players have the perfect remedy. After a two-year hiatus, the Cabin Fever Radio Follies will be back

on March 12, 2022 in their Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall. Be prepared for an evening of intrigue, laughs, and a trip to the Wild Wild West. You’ll recognize the familiar voices of Fibber McGee and Molly, Bob and Ray, Jack Benny, and make the acquaintance of Doc Savage and his not-so-able assistants. The audience will be

seated at tables in a dinner theater setting. Please plan to bring your own food and drink to enjoy before and during the show (don’t forget to bring your plates and utensils). We’d like to extend a big thank you to Mascoma Bank in Walpole, where tickets can be purchased in advance. Tickets can also be bought at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the

show starts at 7 p.m. Check out the website at www.TheWalpolePlayers.org, the Facebook page, or call 603-345-0230 with questions. For the safety of our audience members, actors, and our community at large, everyone in attendance will be required to wear a mask upon entering the building. Once you are seated at your table, you may remove your mask, but your mask must be worn if you leave your seat at any time for any reason. We also request that audience members be vaccinated. We will not be requiring proof of vaccination status, but we will be checking temperatures at the door. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will be asked to leave, and a full refund will be given.



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