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## Yarning for a cause offers holiday comfort and joy

BY KAREN ENGDAHL

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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Over the past two years, the volunteer needle workers of the Yarning for a Cause group that meets every Wednesday evening at the Springfield Town Library have provided more than 400 hats to people in need ranging from preemie babies to sailors braving frigid seas.

Phaedra Mintun, who started the group in the fall of 2016, says she has been crafting for charity for many years. "When my husband and I moved here from Seattle we didn't know anyone and we both work from home," she explained. "So I started this group in order to meet people and connect with the community."

Mintun says the library has been the perfect headquarters for the group. "People feel comfortable dropping in, visiting, and relaxing with each other while they knit or crochet. We make things for five different charities, so there's bound to be one a crafter can connect with."

"We knit/crochet hats for the Santa Express, which hands out toys, hats, mittens, and other items to children in poverty stricken areas; Christmas at Sea, which provides hats to active duty servicemen sailing in cold climates; Knots of Love, which provides hats for cancer patients going through chemo; Preemie Project, which provides hats for premature babies; and Hats 4 the Homeless, a New York based group that provides hats and other warm



Left to right Phaedra Mintun, Kathy Parks, Janice Izzo.

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items for homeless people" she explained.

Mintun provides the patterns, hooks and needles, and yarn - each charity has very specific requirements for what brands and type of yarns can be accepted and what conditions it has been in, such as it can not have come into contact with animal hair or smoke - so there is no cost to participate. Mintun and other group members are also happy to teach anyone who wants to learn how to crochet or knit.

"It's a fun way to spend an evening, we sit and chat and make hats. The world is crazy, so it's nice to sit in the beautiful, cozy, library and relax and do something good. We often talk about the importance of handmade goods and how knowing someone

spent the time to make an item for another human in need can make a difference in someone's life. We send a lot of hopes and love with each hat," Mintun says.

Janice Izzo, who has been a regular member of the group almost since its inception, says she learned to knit and crochet from her grandmother and feels good about carrying on the tradition of making things by hand.

"It makes a difference," she said, "when people know you took the time to craft something unique just for them."

Yarning for a Cause meets every Wednesday evening at the Springfield Town Library and welcomes new members at any time.

## Rockingham Select Board discusses grant opportunities

BY KRISTINE M. BURPEE

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**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - The Select Board met on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017, in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Manager Shane O'Keefe reported that Ron Karvosky the new finance director, from Marlborough, N.H. began his position with the town on Dec 19, 2017. "Karvosky is more than qualified for the position and we are happy to have him," O'Keefe stated.

O'Keefe informed everyone that at the time of the Select Board meeting, Gov. Phil Scott would announce on Dec. 20, 2017 that the Robertson Paper Mill would be included in state projects funded by the Community Development Block Grants. The purpose of the \$175,000 grant is to aid in the demolition of the Robertson Paper Mill.

The electric ski tow in Bellows Falls, damaged by a fallen tree, will be repaired. HB Energy had been hired for the repairs costing \$1,873.

A motion was presented for the municipal manager to sign USDA Rural Development Grant application for the town hall elevator upgrade. The motion was passed and O'Keefe says feedback is expected by March 2018.

Chuck Wise, zoning administration, was present to speak on an Access Permit for Brockway Mills Road, to approve logging access in



Rockingham grant opportunities.

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the driveway. Board member Ann DiBernardo asked that there be signage added about blocking the road when not in use. This motion was also passed.

The town hall roof has been experiencing minor leaks. Stevens and Associates, presented their appraisal of \$430,000. Jon Saccoccio, AIA, informed the board that "Insulation is at one inch and should be at six inches." He recommended the roof be upgraded with thermos barrier, increase soffers, and roof drains, and immediate ponding. He says the building is losing heat due to lack of insulation.

Board member Gaetano Putingnagno said, "The problem is with a leak, not energy. This is a lot of money." Brad Sanderson stated the ponding

is causing the leak since the roof is relatively flat.

Board member Cass Wright said, "Assuming for the sake of argument we could only cover half the cost, what's recommended?"

Stevens Group replied, "The cost would need to be divided by section and issue. I recommend that the roof be upgraded for fuel savings." It was decided that the topic needs further discussion to make adjustments with what construction will be approved.

Gary Fox, development director, and Mary Helen Hawthorne, executive di-

rector of the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, informed the Select Board of a grant opportunity to solve the lighting issue in the village square. The grant is due Dec. 31, 2017. Hawthorne explained, "The Grant is \$50,000 from the National Light Group, they have been working with towns for a number of years to revitalizing the appearance of the downtown area."

She explained that the grant is competitive. It can be utilized to update the streetscape, remove and replace surfaces and bump outs. They can invest in new street lamps, purchase bike racks so people don't chain their bikes to the lamps, update to new trash bins, and so on. The Board was interested in the redesign of the sidewalks and lighting.

## Springfield's 2nd annual Main Street Meet-Up

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - On Thursday, Dec. 7, friends, neighbors, and community leaders gathered in the Hartness House ballroom for the 2nd annual Main Street Meet-up. This new tradition, started by the Main Street Steering Committee, is an opportunity to update the general public about the many revitalization efforts that are currently underway in Springfield. The evening began with hors d'oeuvres and beverages as people mingled and examined displays of the Main Street Master Plan projects.

Town Manager, Tom Yennerell, welcomed the crowd and gave a brief overview of the committee. "The Main Street Steering Committee was originally formed in order to help with the planning and development of the Main Street Master Plan. Once those plans were completed, the committee said 'we need to continue to meet, to make sure these projects actually get done!' and so we established a regular meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, and we continue to meet monthly to oversee ongoing projects and to make sure things keep moving."

Yennerell shared a list of action items the committee has accomplished so far, including acquisition

of the Bakery building and former VNA building, redesign of the town website, the securing of a Pedestrian Improvements Grant for work to be done on Main Street between Summer and Valley Streets, VNA Building demolition, work in progress with GFI consultants to develop a new riverside park at the former VNA site, exploration of a possible new parking structure and TIF district feasibility, and the completion of the "Music on Main Street" project.

Yennerell then went on to describe the committee's goals. A "Springfield Revitalization Fund" has been established, so that as fundraising efforts ramp up, donors can make tax-deductible contributions to the cause.

Yennerell introduced Bill Morlock of the Springfield Housing Authority, who talked about the Woolson Block redevelopment project, scheduled for completion in 2019, and the partnership with Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) and Springfield On the Move (SOM), involving a master lease, to ensure thriving retail businesses will fill the ground floor.

Bob Flint, director of SRDC, shared a Park Street School development update, explaining that many moving



A vision of the riverside park.

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parts and pieces are slowly coming together. He also shared the fantastic news that Springfield School District is launching the first-in-Vermont school-wide computer science initiative for middle and high school students.

"Springfield is known for its history of innovation, and we're proud to continue that trend with this latest initiative." Caitlin Christiana, director of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, discussed another collaborative project involving promotional videos for Springfield. "This co-

operative marketing effort started as a conversation between the Chamber, SRDC, and SOM. We recognized the growing need to market Springfield to attract workforce, businesses, and families, and so we decided to create several videos to showcase our community as a great place to live and work. We were happy to be able to hire local small business Indelible, Inc. to produce the ads, and we've been very impressed with their creativity."

Select Board member Walter Martone gave a presentation on the history of the Bakery Building, and discussed

the town's efforts to sell the property and encourage business development in that space.

The Main Street Steering Committee is a group of local individuals working together to tackle community challenges, build a more vibrant downtown, and promote growth and prosperity in the Springfield region. Over 20 key projects have been identified in the Main Street Master Plan. The group meets regularly on a monthly basis to share updates about ongoing projects, discuss any bumps in the road, and assess, assign, and accomplish next action items. Thanks to this collaborative format, the Main Street Steering Committee is making significant headway and ensuring that the increasing momentum of the community's redevelopment efforts.

The Main Street Steering Committee include Caitlin Christiana, executive director of the Springfield Regional Development Corporation; Stephen Plunkard, executive director of Springfield on the Move; Jason Rasmussen of Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission; Bill Morlock, executive director of the Springfield Housing Authority;

Paul Kendall, president of Lawrence & Wheeler Insurance Agency; Tom Yennerell, Springfield Town Manager; Peter MacGillivray, Springfield Select Board member; Walter Martone, Springfield Select Board member; Rick Genderson, 100 River Street property owner; Steve Greene, commercial real estate owner; Larry Traianeanu, commercial real estate owner; Reggie Green, president of Claremont Savings Bank; Diane Parker, Peoples United Bank branch manager; Richard Amore, project manager of Community Planning & Revitalization for Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development; and Jackie Cassino, transportation planning coordinator for VTrans.

For more information about the Main Street Steering Committee or the Springfield Revitalization Project, contact the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce at 802-885-2779 or springfieldrcoc@vermontel.net. Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to: "Springfield Revitalization Fund," c/o Springfield Regional Chamber, 56 Main Street, Suite 2, Springfield, VT, 05156.

*Article written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.*

## Municipal Manager O'Keefe resigns

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - At the Joint Board special meeting held on Thursday, Dec. 21, municipal manager Shane O'Keefe submitted his letter of resignation to the Bellows Falls Village Trustees and Rockingham Select Board. O'Keefe's resignation will be effective as of June 30, 2018, allowing him six months to assist in the municipal manager

recruiting process.

In his letter of resignation, O'Keefe wrote, "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Boards and my staff, and serving the fine people of Rockingham and Bellows Falls over the past year, and look forward to continuing the good work of the municipalities over the coming months as we transition to a

new Municipal Manager."

The meeting ended with the trustees and the Select Board going into executive session to discuss "the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee," but the public body will make a final decision in an open meeting at a later date.

## Scarves all around town

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - In this darkest time of the year, board members of the Greater Falls Warming Shelter are sending the message that a winter scarf can provide more than physical warmth. By placing scarves around town with a tag that reads, "If you need it, please take this scarf as our gift to you," they hope to let folks

know that they care. It also makes others aware that an extra scarf, hat, pair of gloves or coat can make a big difference in someone's life. "Other towns have taken on this project," said board member Ann DiBernardo. "We thought it would be a way to help others while reminding our community that there's a need."

The shortest day of the year, marked

by the winter solstice, Dec. 21, 2017 marked the beginning of the project. Scarves will be hung at various locations in Bellows Falls, and residents are encouraged to add others. The shelter is also happy to receive donations of these items plus socks for the guests sheltered there. The shelter can be contacted at gfwarmingshelter@gmail.com.

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# Burlington priest receives award for child welfare work

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Rev. Lance W. Harlow, rector of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception parishes in Burlington, has received the Rev. Charles Albert Dickinson Award for outstanding contributions to the field of child welfare and commitment to transform-

ing the lives of children and their families from Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster. The award was presented on Dec. 14 at the annual Christmas concert. Harlow is a longtime volunteer and supporter of the residential school. "I was very much surprised, but also pleased, that the St. Nicholas Project, which I founded in 2015 to link the Catholic Community in Vermont with the works of Kurn Hattin Homes, had indeed made a significant impact on supporting the homes," Harlow said.

This fall, through the generosity of donors, the St. Nicholas Project raised about \$25,000, "but more importantly brought attention to the good works of Kurn Hattin across Vermont, many states in the United States and Canada," he continued. "While I am humbled and pleased to receive this award, I am also inspired to keep the charitable works of the St. Nicholas Project moving forward."

Harlow became involved with Kurn Hattin when he was pastor at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls in 2005. In addition to raising funds he has organized drives for things like clothing, shoes, quilts, and pillowcases. Since 2013, Kurn Hattin Homes has presented the Rev. Charles Albert Dickinson Award, the founder of Kurn Hattin Homes in 1894, to a recipient who has made a significant contribution to the field of childcare at Kurn Hattin. The award features an engraved profile of Dickinson etched in glass.

Kurn Hattin has helped thousands of children and their families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment since 1894.

# Springfield Art Gym ribbon cutting and open house

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Friday, Dec. 8, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce was thrilled to perform a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the Springfield Art Gym's one-year anniversary and open house. The Art Gym is a classic Springfield tale of ingenuity and ambition. A group of likeminded community members began discussing the concept of a shared community art space. Wendi Germain and Mona Frye were very committed to the endeavor and jumped into action, putting their own money on the line to open the first storefront incarnation of the Springfield Art Gym in July 2016 at 3 Main Street in downtown Springfield. Elizabeth Meuse jumped on board and the three ladies began creating and building the shared ideas of a community art space where everyone was free to exercise creativity! Right away, the Art Gym started to outgrow its footprint. The coordinators knew they needed a place that was visible and easily accessible. The Art Gym moved to a new

location at 62 Clinton Street in January 2017. The Springfield Art Gym is a community driven space, transforming via the feedback of all who visit. The organizers learn, adapt, and grow to meet the needs of the community. Meuse explained, "It's not 'our space', it's everyone's space." The Art Gym's classes are designed for everyone at different experience levels. They offer free art nights once a month on the second Friday of the month. They have open art hours on Thursdays 9 a.m. -1 p.m. and Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. where folks can explore the planned activities of the day. There is a monthly calendar showing the class offerings that people can register for. They are always open to folks offering to volunteer their time as class facilitators where they can share their skills with others. The Springfield Art Gym recently received a Promise Community Grant, to work with the community to offer family-friendly art opportunities. They also partnered with All-4-One during the summer and as part of their afterschool program

this year. The coordinators have also been working on Buildings & Grounds Grant through the state of Vermont, to do improvements on the space. With the help of the Promise Grant and the Buildings & Grounds Grant, they have been able to hire a design consultant to help them put community thoughts for the space down on paper. They have a beautiful floor plan that opens up the space to accommodate more participants, allows for a quiet, relaxing lounge and coffee area, more natural lighting, and lots of storage. The coordinators can't wait for the community to see their new space in the coming year! If you have not already, make it one of your New Year's resolutions to stop by the Springfield Art Gym at 62 Clinton Street to exercise your creativity! For more information, visit their website at [www.artgymvt.weebly.com](http://www.artgymvt.weebly.com). Follow them on Facebook to get updates about classes and events!

Article written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.



## Piano Studio program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Karen Engdahl and several students from the Springfield Piano Studio presented their annual Christmas Program for the clients, staff, and guests of the Adult Day Services in Springfield on Dec. 8. On the program were piano solos and duets, including holiday favorites ranging from "Up On the Housetop" to "What Child Is This?" Also included were two clarinet pieces arranged for Christmas and performed by Rob MacKenzie on clarinet with Engdahl on the piano. For more information about the studio, call Engdahl at 802-885-1216.

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# American Legion Auxiliary had a busy year

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The American Legion Auxiliary, Pierce Lawton Unit #37 in Bellows Falls has been very busy this fall and winter season. On Sept. 9, 2017, there was a Stand Down, in Barre, Vt. This project was for the homeless veterans in the states of Vermont and New Hampshire who were in need of clothing and shoes. Unit #37 sent approximately \$900 of supplies that was collected from members and friends to this wonderful project. Auxiliary units across the country celebrated and partici-

pated in the Give 10 to Education program in October. In conjunction with Sheryl Miller's third and fourth grades at the Westminster Center School, her students received school supplies to use and share with other classrooms that need extra through the year. In addition to school supplies, Unit #37 Poppy Chair Helen Gideoos and President Marcy Smith presented a brief program on flag etiquette just in time for Veterans Day. BFMS teachers Mary Lou Masuccio and Cathy Chamberlin also presented President Marcy Smith with over 300 cards and poems

handmade by students for Veterans Day. Some cards were included in the troop boxes, some were handed out at the Veterans Day ceremonies, and a few were sent to local veterans who are now at nursing homes.

On Nov. 7 and 8, 2017, Unit #37 participated in the first Tree of Warmth project held at the Veterans' Hospital in White River Junction. The project provided warm clothing, hats, mittens, scarves, and socks for over 350 veterans and their families over the two-day event. Unit #37 VA/VS Chair Nancy Wright and friends knitted numerous items. Unit #37 provided over \$850 worth of warm clothing for this project.

On Nov. 10, Unit #37 members attended the Kurn Hattin Homes Veterans' Day program and were able to mingle with the student performers during a lovely lunch. Unit #37 continues to support our troops, which entailed preparing and shipping four troop boxes to two local young soldiers who have deployed overseas. The boxes contained treats and toiletries to remind them that others at home were thinking of them while they are away from their families.

The boxes also included pocket-sized flags. Unit #37 President Marcy Smith was a mentor to a 2017 graduating senior who needed an idea for her senior project, which consisted of folding small printed fabric flags into the "triangle." This idea came from Operation Pocket Flag many years ago so that a soldier could keep this memento from home in his/her pocket or displayed in a special place while they were away. There will be a third local soldier who will be deploying soon and we will put together two boxes for him as well.

In addition to the troop boxes, Unit #37 shipped a box with treats to a junior auxiliary member who is participating in international studies in Croatia for her entire senior year and will return in 2018 to walk the walk with her 2018 graduating class at BFUHS.

On Dec. 8, Unit #37 VA/VS Chair Nancy Wright participated in the Veterans Gift Shop that was held in White River Junction. Unit #37 sent over \$1,000 worth of items. The gift shop is a project that services the veterans who are not able to leave the hospital and/or home to have a chance to pick out an item or items for their family members and have it giftwrapped. This makes for a wonderful holiday season when a veteran can continue to give to their family despite their lack of shopping at the regular stores.

If anyone is interested in becoming an auxiliary member with Unit #37, you may inquire at Post #37 on Rockingham Street for an application. Monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Call 802-463-9700 during winter weather to check for meeting cancellations. For more information, go to the Department of Vermont American Legion Auxiliary website at [www.vtalauxiliary.org](http://www.vtalauxiliary.org) or contact Unit #37 President Marcy Smith at [marcysmith802@gmail.com](mailto:marcysmith802@gmail.com).



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# Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 awards grant to Vermont Veterans Home

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, Springfield Elks Lodge members drove to the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vt., to present a \$1,500 Elks Anniversary Grant. Elks National Foundation came up with the name and donation application because this February 2018 will mark the 150th anniversary of when Elks became a fraternity in New York City in 1867.

The grant will be used at the home to build a game room, to be used by veterans recovering from wounds inflicted during their service. These could be long or short-term recovering veterans. The game room will include books, board games, card games, darts, Play Stations and games, Wii and games, and other games deemed suitable for the veterans. This game room will cost a substantial amount of money and the \$1,500 Anniversary Grant will



At the Elks Anniversary Grant presentation at the Veterans Home in Bennington, Vt., from left to right: Al Fagans of Rutland, Vt., (USMC/Army); Ray Meaney of Florida (U.S. Navy on the USS Bennington); Eugene Siliski; Gloria Gunn; Exalted Ruler Vicki Siliski; CEO Melissa Jackson of the Veterans Home; Paul Lyman of Brattleboro (U.S. Navy); and COO Al Faxan Col. USMC (Ret.) of the Vets Home.

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certainly help offset the cost of approximately \$5,000.

This is an important need for our veterans who have served our country and have suffered by receiving wounds of various types. We owe our freedoms to all of our veterans, and this is a very small amount of giving back.

The veterans at the home remarked that they remember what our lodge has given to them in the past. One year the lodge donated a couple dozen fish poles with bait boxes. Another year the lodge took down boxes and boxes of books, VHS movies, when they were popular. Another year the lodge donated boxes of tube socks. Springfield Elks Lodge donates to the Veterans Home and VA Hospital in White River Jct., every year with something. We ask, and they give us a list of what we can take to them.



## HCRS new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's community mental-health agency, is pleased to announce the appointment of seven new professionals whose talents will augment HCRS' services in the Bellows Falls, Brattleboro, Newfane, and Springfield regions. HCRS welcomes the following new employees (from left): Tammy Morse-O'Neil, CFS driver in Brattleboro; Alex Reiss, respite provider in Springfield; Julia Stiffler, school-based clinician in Newfane; Amanda Beckwith, Children's OP clinician in Brattleboro; Bambi Howe, residential specialist in Bellows Falls; Erin Todd, residential specialist in Bellows Falls; and Chloe Benson, residential specialist in Bellows Falls.

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# Springfield UUs collect funds for Syrian refugees

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - At its annual Solstice Candlelight Service the Springfield UU Church had a visit from "St. Nick," played by Jeff Taft-Dick. St. Nick explained how in his younger days, he started with giving to just a few children locally in what is now know as Turkey. He recognized that there were children in need everywhere, and in time his operation spread worldwide.

Besides the Christmas charity work, Nick actually has another occupation

that we haven't heard much about. "The Christmas gig is only a few months of the year," he explained. "I was getting bored up at the North Pole in the slow season. And I really like to help out, to make a difference in the world. So, I got another job for the rest of the year working for the World Food Program." Jeff Taft-Dick worked for World Food Program for 30 years.

"I visit countries where people are having a hard time; I help them get food. There are lots of people in Syria

who are refugees. They've left their homes because of the war; they are living in camp. We're working very hard with the World Food Program to talk care of them. Thirteen million people need help. Half of them are children."

St. Nick spoke about how the WFP gives the Syrian refugees vouchers, which are like money. That way they can buy their food directly from the local groceries. That helps the local businesses thrive and helps the

refugees become part of the local economy.

The congregation then took up a collection of \$660 to send to the World Food Program for Syrian refugees. If you want to contribute, please make out a check to: World Food Program USA, Attn: Development Department, 1725 I Street NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20006. Put "for Syria" in the memo.

To make a donation by phone, call WFP/USA at 202-627-3737.

# 2017 Mt. Ascutney HR Professional Award

WINDSOR, Vt. - Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center has announced that Jean Martaniuk, a resident of Windsor, has been selected by the Society for Human Resource Management as the recipient of the 2017 HR Professional Award. Martaniuk, the MAHHC Human Resources director, received the award at the 2017 annual Vermont Conference of the Society for Human Resource Management held at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel on Sept. 28-29, 2017.

A veteran of more than 40 years at MAHHC, Martaniuk began her career at the hospital in 1977 as a member of the accounting office, before moving to the human resources department as an accounts payable/payroll technician in 1992. She was promoted to HR director in 1994.

According to Vermont SHRM, the annual HR Professional Award "recognizes outstanding service to the HR community," including work with the state council and Society of Human Resource Management, "leadership in the business community or to the civic community. The recipient represents the 'best' in the HR profession in Vermont."

Dr. Joseph Perras, MAHHC President, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer, nominated Martaniuk for the prestigious award, saying, "Jean does a tremendous job in managing our organization's greatest assets,

its employees. She's always there to listen to and support all of our employees, and provides invaluable insight to the organization on staffing strategy, compensation, benefits, and professional development." Dr. Perras continued, "In addition to the skill with which she performs her duties at the hospital, Jean is a regional leader in the field, as an active member of HR associations at the national and state levels. She also manages to contribute her time to other Windsor nonprofits, the Hospital Auxiliary, and more. This award couldn't go to a better person."

# Bellows Falls Senior Center holiday bazaar

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - This year's holiday bazaar was a tremendous success! A huge thanks to all of our outstanding volunteers: Shirley Harrington, Hosanna Dukeshire, Terri Naudeder, Jane Westfall, Fred Waryas, Joan Lake, Paul Sackevich, Eric Lambert, Fred Yates, Wayne Johnson, Hugh Haggerty, Dorothy Hogan, Marlene O'Connor, Deena Ezequille, Reagan Khan, Helen Gideos, Lorraine Yates, Ginny Ferguson, Joanne Gay, Roberta Streeter, Betty Rounds, Peggy Hadley, Bob Hadley, Jane Lawrence, Nan King, Annie Knowlton, Joanne Kosut, Bette

Holt, Lois Sippel, Jane and Wesley Nies, and Fran Vaine. Thanks to all who donated such wonderful baked goods for the bake sale and gifts for the white elephant! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our center!

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Households that qualify for 3SquaresVT benefits can access many other programs to make life more manageable, such as free school meals for children, the earned income tax credit, and even phone assistance. Households may also use 3SquaresVT at many farmers' mar-



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ket locations, including many winter farmers markets, and double their money with "crop cash." Households may also receive crop cash if they receive cash assistance. Shoppers

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SEVCA's family services staff are available by appointment to assist households to apply for 3SquaresVT. For more information, call SEVCA at 1-800-464-9951. Households can also apply online at [www.vermontfood-help.com](http://www.vermontfood-help.com). Eligibility and the amount of assistance provided are based primarily on household income, expenses, and household size. There are special rules that make it easier for households that include a senior or a person with a disability to receive benefits.

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# How to be more creative in the New Year

StatePoint - Those with creative or artistic aspirations know that consistently staying motivated and inspired is easier said than done. Whether you're a songwriter, a poet or a visual artist, these tried-and-true habits and new tools can help you to create your best work in the new year.

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week for your own pursuits beyond the time spent working on projects. Learn where and when you do your best thinking, brainstorming, and reflection. Is it on a morning walk through the park? Do you need complete silence? Don't be afraid to request some solitude from loved ones. This may also be a good opportunity to disconnect from your devices for a bit. Leave your phone off or at home so you aren't tempted to distract yourself.

**Innovative Tools**

New technology can actually inspire you to be more creative, revolutionizing the way you plan, design and write by hand. For example, many creative people are turning to devices called eWriters, electronic tablets which combine the functionality of notepads, sketchbooks, memo books and more, and which offer unique features you don't get with traditional pen and paper.

For example, Blackboard by Boogie Board is the first ever writing tool featuring Liquid Crystal Paper for a comfortable, natural inkless pen on paper-like writing (and erasing) experience with no lag or delay. Its transparent writing surface allows users to write on any document, photo, map or digital screen, and several templates are included, such as lines, grids and more, which is ideal for collaborative editing. A free app makes saving, organizing, searching and sharing work, doodles and edits easy. And because it works on a replaceable five-year battery, users don't have to worry about chargers or outlets, making it a convenient tool to use wherever inspiration strikes.

**Set up a Work Space**

While you should be prepared to create wherever the spirit moves you, having a dedicated workspace at home is a good idea. Be sure it's comfortable, away from distractions and brightly lit. Make it a space you want to spend time. Add flowers or plants, artwork and other items that inspire you.

**Get Inspired**

Who do you most admire? You may get inspired by learning more about your greatest artistic heroes. Read their biographies to learn what made them tick and how they spent their days.

This New Year, resolve to adopt new habits. Innovating the ways that you work can help you to be more creative.



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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

## A sunny winter day

Sunday morning, December 17th, I headed out for another hike in the snow-covered woods. As I went up through my field I noticed I was following my shadow. Looking down at my shadow in the snow I thought, "Glad you could come along Henry." It was about eight degrees above zero and a very bright and sunny morning. As usual I was wearing jeans and my wool black and red hunting jacket. Underneath is my father's, 1960s insulated zip up under jacket. It's old but very warm.

Deer tracks wander throughout the woods, crisscrossing here and there. I came to one location where the deer tracks were everywhere. It was as busy as Grand



Looking Grafton way.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH



Deer tracks at Grand Central Station.

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Central Station. You could see where they'd pawed through the snow to get to the ground under the oak trees. As they paw up the leaves and sticks they kick up acorns to eat. They'll stir up a large area looking for acorns. In places it looked like a bomb went off.

When the snow gets deeper, the deer will yard up in a stand of evergreens. The snow under the evergreens is not as deep and more packed down allowing the deer to move around in the yard. During this time when the deer are in the yard, about the only food they can find are new buds growing on the tips of branches. If it's a long cold winter the deer will suffer terribly from hunger. Some will die.

Interestingly, I have noticed in past years deer coming out the deeryards and walking along my well packed snowshoe trails. I have several snowshoe trails behind my house. With the deer able to travel my trails they are exposed to new browsing areas.

Later in my December 17th hike, I could tell I was starting to overheat. I unbuttoned a couple buttons of my wool jacket and unzipped my insulated jacket to let some body heat escape. You always want to be aware of your body heat. A workout like hiking will cause you to sweat. That's a curse when the sweat later freezes.

When I was about a mile from my house I noticed how blue the sky was. I took a few photos that day. One photo is

of an area where the deer had crisscrossed in the snow pawing for acorns.

Another photo I like is a long distance view looking toward Grafton. You can see blue sky and distant mountains. In that photo you see the subtle shades of gray the tree shadows create. While this is a nice photo it doesn't hold a candle to being there.

I most always go alone. It's my time to connect with what I call 'my church'. All I take for extras are a few matches. I travel light.

I have one fairly long main trail that meanders about a mile to the 'Junction'. At this point if I turn left I can go over to Crow Hill. If I go straight up over a steep ridge I'll come out over near Spoonerville. If I turn right I can go along the base of this steep ridge and also come out in Spoonerville.

I don't know what the entire mileage of all these trails is but it's probably close to eight miles. There is not one house in that entire distance. No snowmobile trails and the only time I have seen a human was during deer season. Most of the land is open and not posted.

You might wonder, "Why do I write about such a mundane subject?" Because I know how enjoyable it is I want to encourage others to give it a try. You won't get lost, killed by a bear or suffer any other tragedy. You'll clear your head and use muscles you didn't

know you had.

The December 12th snowstorm deposited about a foot of snow in my area. It has since melted some but the cold weather has frozen it pretty well. This forms a good base for snowshoeing if we get another foot or so of fresh snow. I have a pair of Tubbs wooden snowshoes that I use. They are five feet long which displaces my weight over a larger area than modern aluminum shoes. As a result in deep snow I don't sink in as much as those on aluminum shoes. I can't wait to go!

**This week's old saying was heard in a conversation between two old codgers.**

**Question:** "What's your point?"

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## Time for New Year's Financial Resolution

**REGION** - We've reached the end of another year, which means it's just about time for some New Year's resolutions. Would you like to study a new language, take up a musical instrument, or visit the gym more often? All these are worthy goals, of course, but why not also add some financial resolutions? Here are some ideas to think about:

**Increase contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan**

For 2018, you can contribute up to \$18,500 (or \$24,500 if you're 50 or older) to your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b), for employees of public schools and some nonprofit groups, or a 457(b) plan, for employees of local governments. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while your earnings can grow tax-deferred. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

**Try to "max out" on your IRA**

Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For

2018, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs. Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings can grow tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59.5 and you've have had your account at least five years. You can put virtually any investment in an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

**Build an emergency fund**

Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car

repair.

**Control your debts**

It's never easy, but do what you can to keep your debts under control. The less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

**Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets**

We've had a long run of rising stock prices – but it won't last forever. If we experience a sharp market downturn in 2018, don't overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you may ultimately gain an advantage by buying new shares when their prices are down.

**Review your goals and risk tolerance**

At least once in 2018, take some time to review your short-term and long-term financial goals and try to determine, possibly with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk – or possibly too little risk – with your investments.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year. At a minimum, they can help you improve your investment habits – and they may improve your financial picture far beyond 2018.

**This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.**



## Jack goes to Rome

Jack had lots of fun with us at the office. Now he's visiting the Colosseum in Rome on vacation before heading back to the North Pole to get ready for next year.

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**Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.**  
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 8 a.m. Afternoon service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: [obbvct.org](http://obbvct.org).

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**Immanuel Retreat Center, Currier Hall, 12 Church St.**  
Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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**Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.**  
Sunday school at 9 a.m. for children and adults of all ages, it’s a time to learn from and discuss the Bible. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Childcare

## Dennis K. Allen, 1962 – 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dennis K. Allen, 55, passed away on Tuesday evening Dec. 19, 2017 at his home in Reading surrounded by his loving family. He was born Aug. 7, 1962 in Springfield, Vt. the son of Palmer and Lena (Cook) Allen. He graduated from Woodstock High School class of 1980.

On July 8, 1995, he married Susan Wilkins at the Stone Church in Reading, Vt. Allen was employed as a road technician with Nortrax Equipment in Springfield, Vt. He also owned and operated Allen Welding and Repair. Allen was well known for his welding and fabrication skills and his work ethic. He was a hard worker who gave 100 percent to everything he did in life, and was always willing to help someone in need.

He was the founder and president of the Reading Rats ATV Club and president of the Little Ascutney Snowmobile Club. He also served on the Vast and Vasa board of directors over the years. He enjoyed being outdoors, riding snowmobiles

and ATVs. He enjoyed bike riding, flying kites, and spending time at the beach. He enjoyed the Reading Old Home Days and was well known for the floats he built for the parades.

He is survived by his wife Susan of Reading, daughter Kate Allen and her husband Curt of Reading, grandson Brody, brother Floyd Allen of Reading, and two sisters – Dorothy Allen and her husband Chuck and Janet Allen all of Reading. He is also survived by three nephews Christopher, Shane, and Palmer, and many cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents one brother Harry Allen.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday Dec. 27, 2017 at the Stone Church in Reading, Vt. Reverend William Sheldon officiated. Burial followed in the New Amsden Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Little Ascutney Snowmobile Club, 2293 Kingdom Road in Ludlow, VT 05149 or to the Reading Rats ATV Club P.O. Box 98, N. Springfield, VT 05150.

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## Dorothy M. Eastman, 1942 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dorothy “Dot” M. Eastman, 75, passed away on Thursday morning Dec. 14, 2017 at her home in Springfield, Vt. She was born March 23, 1942 in Charlestown, N.H. the daughter of Henry Sr. and Bertha (McGowen) Benware. She attended Springfield schools. On June 3, 1978, she married Raymond A. Eastman. He predeceased her on Nov. 18, 1996.


Eastman lived in Vergennes for many years and worked at Simmonds Precision. She moved back to Springfield in 1983 where she has resided since. Eastman loved bingo and yard sales. She enjoyed dancing, crocheting, needlepoint, hunting and fishing, and loved to cook.

She is survived by one son Patrick Tyrrell of Hartland, one stepson Bill Eastman of Springfield, one sister Gertrude Andrew of Springfield, two brothers Henry Benware of Chester and William Knight of Springfield, one grandson Dakota Tyrrell, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, one son Shawn, two daughters Bobbie Ray and Alicia, one brother Edward Knight, and by four grandchildren.

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## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Another year is about to come to a close; and as each year passes by, all of us have established more of a baseline to look back on our lives and see how the journey has come. Whether one is looking at things locally or nationally, things never remain the same. The recent stretch of snowstorms made many of the older folks flashback to the way things use to be once upon a time. It also pleased outdoor winter enthusiasts, who received plenty of the white stuff to make play time more desirable. I have paid more attention to Sports Illustrated as the years have gone by. Not only does the magazine present a special way of taking an in-depth look at the sports' world in general, but it presents comparisons of generations gone by, which allows us to see from where we may have come in a number of ways.

One feature of the year-end issue made me look at the direction my interest has taken in each of the major sports, as well as others too. My thoughts went beyond that, to the depth of change locally. The magazine listed the sports figures who had passed away in 2017, but my thoughts went to how those who were part of the sports I had followed, had become part of my fabric. The saddest thing is I am not sure we do justice to those who came before this century nationally or locally. I have always been as guilty as anyone of focusing on the present myself for the most part. In this space, I often speak about how things use to be, however, I am not sure I pay enough attention, to the individuals who did what, way back then. The first athlete Sports Illustrated said farewell to was former quarterback, Y.A. Tittle. I am proud to say that I remember both his days with the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers, despite the fact he died at the age of 90. You owe it to yourself to Google your way to the photo of him on his knees with blood running down his face, which brings one back to a different age of football. Even the equipment looked barbaric. However, there were many less known bad injuries back then than we see in the game today. Athletes have become bigger, faster, stronger, and this has brought even more injuries to the sport. The magazine also pointed out the grid loss of coaches Ara Parseghian and Frank Broyles, about the same age, who to me came from a much more stable age of leadership. Or was it, that the ills of the game were just not exposed back then? Then again, one of the basketball notables who passed was Connie Hawkins, who either was exposed prematurely or is an example of how the good old days were really not so good. Hawkins was suspended from his sport for a number of years because he was implicated in a college basketball point shaving scandal. Supposedly, his team didn't actually have to

lose the game. They just needed not to win by much. His absence from the sport for a number of years was really sad if he didn't actually take part. He was a high level special talent, similar possibly to Dr. J and M.J. before they came along. He missed a half dozen seasons at the beginning of his career. Obviously Roy Halladay was the biggest baseball name that passed, but the likes of Don Baylor, Lee May, Bobby Doerr, Jimmy Piersall, and Darren Daulton were all significant for one reason or another. I think of Halladay's life cut short and think of how lucky we are to live each and every day. Baylor makes me think of how important the qualities of talent and leadership combined are to sports in general. Just imagine, Baylor was such a team player, he was almost as happy to get hit by a pitch as to get a hit. I met Piersall in the old Super Duper store in Bellows Falls. Ballplayers worked in the off-season back then, and his job was as a promotions area manager for Cains mayonnaise. Piersall signed autographs if you bought the product. I was able to get many autographs because several relatives bought the product. I stayed outside the store and kept going in when each of them came. Piersall was a very respectable baseball player, who became the face of mental illness for many, at a time when the world was not so tolerant of such a condition. People were mocked and called crazy, and Piersall battled his demons successfully at a time when those of his nature were severely misunderstood. I sit here today wishing I could have spent time talking with this very courageous man. 2017 is almost gone, and the sports' world is just one way of looking back and seeing how the world at-large intersects. Here's hoping you and yours have a healthy, happy prosperous 2018.

## Green Mountain teams fare well in their holiday tournament

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Green Mountain hosted yet another yuletide get together. This year the home school won three of a possible four games as the Chieftain Girls captured their hometown title. Meanwhile, the boys' team was the runner-up in the 2017 competition. Terry Farrell does not have one senior on his Lady Chieftain roster, but his squad is hoping to extend their early season strong start of 3-1 to a fourth straight victory, when they host Black River Thursday evening at 7 p.m. "There is no question we have a talented team," Farrell told me. "But if we want to be what we can be, we need to get better. Our offense needs to pick it up, and then we need to do something about our Achilles heel. We foul too much. There has not been a game yet that there haven't been a number of starters sitting next to me for too much of the game instead of being on the floor. We have to stop playing like that." These Lady Chieftains are 3-1 with their lone loss coming to Windsor in the opener that took place on Friday, Dec. 15. The team's wins (36-9 over Twin Valley and 33-24 over Mount Saint Joseph) in the tournament came despite those early season problems. Green Mountain bounded out in front 16-2 versus Twin Valley and had a 23-14 advantage over Mount Saint Joseph by halftime, before the two teams equally split 20 points in the second half. Paige Karl was the top point producer for the winners in the triumph over the Wildcats with 13. Anne Lamson contributed 8. Farrell mentioned the ladies "were not as athletic as they have been," in regards to his teams' big win in the tourney title game. The second half was a relatively strange one with that 10-10 breakdown, which

displayed good defense, but ugly offense. Lamson tallied 13 in the Twin Valley victory with Maya Lewis adding 8. Brian Rapanotti's boys' team was able to squeak by Twin Valley in the first round of the boys tourney 43-41 but were no match for Mount Saint Joseph in the final. "We've had pretty balanced scoring, but we were not able to stay with MSJ. They were quick, gave us good pressure, and jumped ahead 27-9 in the first period. They shot threes well, and we turned the ball over again. I think we had something like 40 turnovers in the Twin Valley game. That is a real problem for us right now," Rapanotti said. The Twin Valley game was close throughout, and Ryan McSally led the balanced attack in that one with 10, followed closely by Brooks Ordway-Smith with 9 and James Anderson, who contributed 8. McSally's 16 was the top number versus MSJ, while Ordway-Smith added 11. Rapanotti's team had opened their season on Saturday, Dec. 16 by turning back an improved Black River team 68-47. Keegan Ewald's 16 paced the offensive effort in that one in a match-up which saw the Chieftains lead after one quarter 20-14 and extend the numbers to 33-23 at the half and continue to pull away. Chase and Brooks Ordway-Smith both had 10 points in that game as did McSally and Anderson. Evan Church threw in another 9. The Chieftain boys (2-1) will open the new calendar year with a challenging game at Proctor on Wednesday, Jan. 3.



The Green Mountain Lady Chieftains won the 2017 Green Mountain Holiday Basketball Tournament by defeating Mount Saint Joseph in the title game. Rachel Guerra was a prime performer for the team.

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The Green Mountain Chieftains are off to a 2-1 start this basketball season. They have featured a balanced scoring attack, including the contributions of Chase Ordway-Smith.

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## Long time Terriers and Cosmos rivalry lives on

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - They only open the bleachers on one side of the court for basketball games in both Bellows Falls and Springfield in recent years. It certainly isn't like the old days. But a good-sized crowd turned out Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 when the two schools met in a boys' basketball game. There were a good number of students and a lot of noise directed at everyone's favorites. The game was competitive, going back and forth with a few lead changes for most of the contest. In the end, the Bellows Falls Terriers came away the winners, 54-41. The Terriers gained control of the game when their pressure defense bothered the Cosmos in the third period, and Coach Ryan Stoodley's team ran off an 11-3 streak. One of the biggest factors, which allowed Springfield to play in a lead changing game in the first half, was the offense provided by Sumner Jansen. Jansen led the team in scoring with 15 points, most of which happened in the first 16 minutes of the game. Cosmo coach, Mike Ruppel, had clearly stressed man-to-man defensive principles to his team since he took over the program. Although they continue to get better in that regard, Coach Ruppel hopes "they will tighten up those man principles to take away what other teams are trying to do." One defensive emphasis for the Cosmos defense was keeping Terrier Shane Clark in check. On that point, Ruppel said, "I thought we did a good job containing him [to 10 points], but we let Ryan Kelly [16 points] get a number of baskets in transition." "Both teams had their good moments," Stoodley mentioned about the game, "but both coaches are still trying to figure out our



Bellows Falls' Ryan Kelly going up for two points in the Terriers victory over Springfield. Kelly had a number of transition baskets in the win over the Cosmos and has led the Terriers in scoring in two of their three games thus far.

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Springfield's Dre Jackson attacks the hoop in the recent Green Mountain Holiday Basketball Tournament. Jackson is one of the Cosmos who are headed to Randolph this Saturday for a 2:30 p.m. encounter in pursuit of their season's first win.

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personnel. And it should be a different game next time we meet." That game will be in the Terriers' territory on Friday, Feb. 16, near the end of the season. At their opening game on Wednesday, Dec. 13, Stoodley's Terrier team fell to Long Trail 57-47 in their home court. Clark had a superb opening night tossing in 20 points, while Kelly's 10 was supportive. Bellows Falls looked golden taking an 8-0 lead at the outset, but little by little they gave the lead away. Stoodley noted, "We kept turning the ball over and kept giving them easy points. Turnovers killed us." The same trend continued in the Terriers most recent game on Thursday, Dec. 21 with a 47-40 defeat to Woodstock. "This was another back and forth game," Stoodley offered, "but it was also another game we lost because we turned over the ball, giving them easy points. We have to start making better decisions with the basketball. We also had some foul troubles in this one." Bellows Falls is 1-2 on the season and will be heading across the Con-

necticut River on Wednesday, Jan. 3 when they rival Fall Mountain. The Cosmos will also meet the Wildcats next week. Springfield will travel to Langdon on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 2:30 p.m. The Cosmos are presently 0-4. Springfield had opened their season on Friday, Dec. 8 by bowing to a strong Fair Haven team 82-47. They improved in the Bellows Falls game and then had troubles offensively in the Green Mountain Holiday Tourney that took place Tuesday, Dec. 19. They only combined for 65 points in losses to Mount Saint Joseph (81-33) in the first round and to Twin Valley (55-32) in the events consolation game. Dakota Bushey led the team in scoring in each game with 12 points. Noah Zierfus tossed in 10 points in the MSJ game. "We struggled with both teams' pressure," Ruppel explained. "That is an area we have to keep working on." The Cosmo coach is focusing presently on this week's practices as he said, "We play Randolph Saturday, and we will be working on getting better. I see that as a winnable game."

## BR girls basketball



Black River's Emily Perham headed down the court, hoping to lead the Lady Presidents offense to another score. Black River played a close game with Twin Valley in the consolation game of the Green Mountain Holiday Tournament. Twin Valley pulled away 50-35 down the stretch. Paige Kelley and Perham led Black River in the scoring column in that contest with 8 points each.

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## Springfield wrestlers show their mettle against competitors

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - At a recent meet in Granville, N.Y., the Springfield, Vt. varsity wrestlers showed their mettle as they placed 7th in a roster of 15 teams, behind only one other Vermont team. Senior Mason Olney took home the first place trophy in the 195 lb. weight class, with third place awards going to seniors Matt LaChapelle and Lucas Saunders. Senior Peter Berlenbach placed 4th in his weight class. Senior Jayson Webster wrestled hard to a victory in the heavy-weight division; and senior John Stafford Jr. (top seed at 220 lbs) took a hard fall in his first match and was out with a shoulder injury for the rest of the event. With another wrestler out sick, the team was not at full strength, but coaches Don Beebe and Floyd

Buck are eager to have all grapplers on deck going forward. On Dec. 13, Springfield hosted wrestlers from Fair Haven at a home dual meet held at Park Street School. The excitement was palpable in the gym as the spotlight kicked on and the 14 junior high and high school wrestlers of the Springfield, Vt. team jogged in a circle in the center of the

mat. Music pulsed through the audience as the stands erupted in cheers and applause for the hard-working young people. Then the referee's whistle blew. Starting with junior high matches and rolling up through the high school seniors, every match was full of intensity and drive. Final score was Springfield over Fair Haven, 48 to 12, with some truly top-notch wrestling from both teams. The team's next home dual meet is Wednesday, Jan. 3 at Park Street School as Otter Valley varsity wrestlers come to toe the line on the mats. Action should begin by 6 p.m., admission is free and open to the public. Article submitted by Kelly Stettner. Questions about the dual meet should be directed to k.stettner101@gmail.com or 802-738-0456.



Springfield Varsity wrestling team at Granville.

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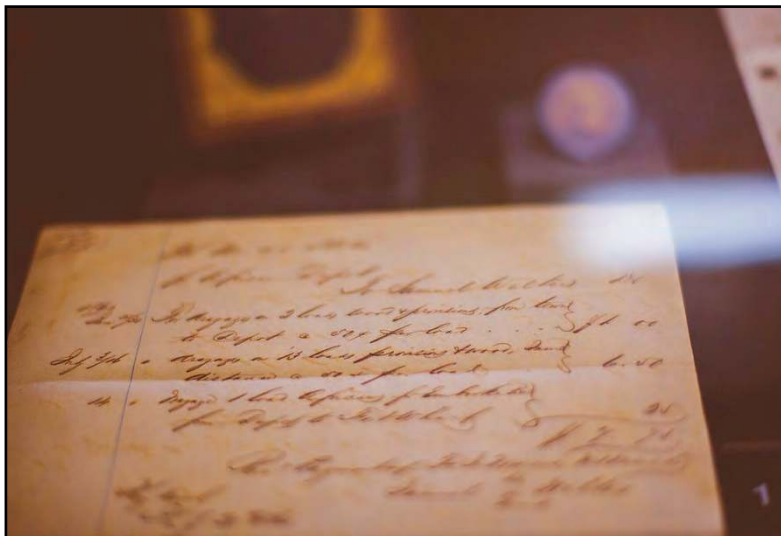
## River Theater Company auditions for Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Love - and murder - will be in the air this February at the town hall in Charlestown, N.H. River Theater Company and the Charlestown Rotary are teaming up to present "Poetry to Die For," a Valentine's Day themed murder mystery dinner. Open auditions will be held Saturday, Jan. 6 and Jan. 13 from 3-5 p.m. at the Town Hall Theater, behind Ralph's Market on Main Street in Charlestown. Performances of "Poetry to Die for" are Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24.

The murder mystery will feature a minimum of seven women and five men in brief comedic scripted scenes with lots of improv. Adults of

all ages and types are welcome to audition, and no preparation is necessary. Casting is flexible and the number of actors can be expanded. Sam Maskell, the director, has previously directed several murder mystery dinners including "Murder at Hartness House" that she wrote, as well as a variety of other local area productions including "Love Letters," "The Vagina Monologues," and most recently "Elegies for Angles, Punks, and Raging Queens," an AIDS benefit at the Latchis Theater in 2016.

For more information, please email [info@rivertheater.org](mailto:info@rivertheater.org), or visit our River Theater Company Charlestown Facebook page.



"Poetry to Die for" is a murder mystery dinner you'll want to be part of. STOCK PHOTO

## Empower yourself in 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - On Saturday, Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Joan Reid will be presenting a workshop on how to access your own "inner knowing" at Dream Barn Hollow, in Chester, Vt.

Joan Reid, an artist and art teacher for over 35 years, currently teaches drawing and oil painting in her studio at the Shirt Factory in Glens Falls, using a variety of art mediums and techniques. Her work has been exhibited in numerous galleries in the Northeast in both group and solo shows. Additionally, Reid has a holistic healing practice where she helps people balance their lives through hypnotherapy, Reiki, Hawaiian energetics, and



Empower yourself.

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workshops in meditation, mindfulness, and relaxation.

By combining her love of creating art and understanding of alternative healing modalities, Reid's workshop will assist you in opening a window to your own creative possibilities and understanding.

Interested? Space is limited so register by calling 802-875-1717 or emailing [dreambarnhollow@gmail.com](mailto:dreambarnhollow@gmail.com). This workshop is brought to you by SPACE, Inc. a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

## Plug into the Lotus Connection



Learn about the Lotus Connection at Neighborhood Connections.

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LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Want to diminish stress and anxiety? Interested in gaining a deeper understanding of yourself and others? Join Kristin Beaver and Cindy Gogan on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Neighborhood Connections as the mother-daughter yogis explain the Lotus Connection, which is the name of their 8-week series scheduled to begin the following day at Mountain Community Yoga - located above People's Bank in the Mountain Marketplace.

Before the series starts, come learn all about it. The pair will explain how each class focuses on a

specific energy center - or chakra - to facilitate life balance. The 8-week series takes you deeper into chakra work - integrating aromatherapy, color vibration, meditation, yoga, movement, and bodywork. You will learn and use chakra-balancing practices, which can empower you to live a more joyful and purposeful life.

This introduction to the Lotus Connection is offered at no charge, but please call 802-824-4343 to register to attend. Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

## Band performances at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music presents

Tony Trischka, and his band Territory, and the Stockwell Brothers Band on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

In a consistently adventurous musical career that spans nearly half a century, Tony Trischka has established himself as one of America's foremost visionaries of the five-string banjo and perhaps the most influential banjo player in the roots music world. Widely regarded as the most innovative banjoist of his generation, Trischka's dexterity and restless creative spirit have inspired generations of fans and acoustic musicians.

Bruce, Barry, Alan, and Kelly Stockwell's music spans traditional and progressive styles, but their trademark acoustic sound features new singer/songwriter material recast with banjo, alternative rhythms and three-part harmonies. They cover straight ahead bluegrass songs, finger picked acoustic guitar ballads, full tilt breakdowns and traditional mandolin tunes mixed in with more unusual fare - Americana melodies riding world beat grooves and Celtic, jazzy, even neo-classical instrumentals.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org), Turn It Up in Brattleboro, and Putney Food Co-Op in Putney. For more information, visit [www.tonytrischka.com](http://www.tonytrischka.com), [www.stockwellbrothers.com](http://www.stockwellbrothers.com), or [www.twilightmusic.org](http://www.twilightmusic.org).

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## Midnight arrives early on New Year's Eve at Okemo



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LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain Resort turns New Year's Eve into a family celebration by moving midnight forward – allowing families with young children to ring in the New Year with events, activities and fireworks ... and still get a full night's sleep. Okemo's Family New Year's Eve party is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Following early evening mountain coaster rides, horse-drawn wagon rides, magic shows, ski movies, arts and crafts, marshmallow roasting, party-hat decorating, bingo, trivia, and even fire dancers, families can ring in the New Year early with a DJ Dance Party and pizza buffet - and still get the kids to bed in time for a full day on the slopes the next day.

Okemo's mascot, Calvin the Catamount, will lead the kids in some fun party games. Dux the Balloon Man will entertain partygoers. There will also be a family photo booth, noisemakers, and a fireworks display at 9 p.m. at Okemo's Jackson Gore. Children attending the Pizza and DJ Dance Party must be accompanied by a parent.

For more information about



Enjoy midnight fireworks...at 9 p.m.

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Okemo's Family New Year's Eve Party, visit [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com). Call 802-228-1601 for reservations.

## Memoir workshops with Pam Bernard winter sessions

WALPOLE, N.H. - Award-winning author Pam Bernard announces winter sessions of her popular memoir workshops, to begin the week of Jan. 8, at her home in Walpole, N.H.

Consider this workshop as a gift to yourself or for someone you love. You need not intend to write a book. Come to explore your life in a safe environment. We honor the mosaic approach to writing, where small moments explored begin to cohere into theme and structure. Michelle Hansen, a retired physician, found the experience helpful as she began her project. "My family has an interest in my writing memoir and to this end, my husband gave me the gift of Pam's memoir workshop," Michelle says. "I found a warm welcome and the wonderful support of other adults who bring a variety of life experiences to their writing. It was definitely positive."

Pam Bernard, author of four books, is a poet, painter, editor, and adjunct professor at Franklin Pierce University. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Warren Wilson College and BA from Harvard University. Her



Pam Bernard.

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awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Please email [pam@pambernard.com](mailto:pam@pambernard.com), or visit [www.pambernard.com](http://www.pambernard.com) or call for more information, 603-756-4177.

## FOLA's 2018 program schedule for their 10th season

LUDLOW, Vt. - As it enters its 10th season, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) has announced an ambitious schedule. "We'll be offering events that will satisfy the interests and likes of everyone," noted FOLA Chair, Ralph Pace. Featured events will include the streaming of great musicals "Les Miserables" and "Billy Eliot Live" along with the classic comedies "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and "Present Laughter." In a special event to benefit Black River Good Neighbors, FOLA will present the sing-along version of the hit musical, "The Sound of Music."

"We've also arranged for another first," said Pace. "In mid-September, the Enerjazz Big Band will be on stage to present great jazz and dance music." He indicated that the event will give everyone a chance to "test their dancing feet."

Sixteen feature movies will be screened featuring such popular films as "Pillow Talk," "Singing in the Rain," "Star Wars," and "The Trouble with Harry." Additionally, the annual silent movie festival will again feature the great music of Jeff Rapsis as he provides background music to the comedy, "Her Sister from Paris."

The April movie series will screen great films of the 1960s including "A Hard Day's Night," "The Graduate," and double-featured spaghetti and Japanese westerns. In coop-



Dancer Gene Kelly performs in the great musical film, "Singing in the Rain," one of the many movies to be screened by FOLA during its 2018 season.

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eration with the Vermont Humanities Council, FOLA will present a lecture on Vermont in the movies.

Since 2018 will be an election year, FOLA plans to present two candidate forums for primary and general election candidates. It will close its 2018 season with the annual Community

Christmas Celebration. Full schedules are available from the FOLA web site, [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us) or may be sent to you. Simply send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to FOLA, 1 Whispering Pines, Ludlow, VT 05149 and a printed schedule will be sent to you.

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# outdoor news

## Killington Resort adds ski bikes to their winter line up

KILLINGTON, Vt.– Vermont’s Killington Resort is the only Vermont ski resort to offer ski biking, another adventuresome way to experience the mountain, for experts and beginners alike. Also referred to as snow-bikes, ski bike rentals and instruction are now available at the Killington Snowshed base area.

“Killington partnered with the legendary and locally-based Alpine Bike Works to bring this thrilling combination of skiing, snowboarding, and mountain biking to the resort and we’re excited to offer this given our guests’ growing participation in mountain biking,” says Tracy Taylor, business development manager of Killington Resort and Pico Mountain. “We’ve been investing heavily in our summer mountain bike program over the last five years and have seen tremendous growth since then. Ski biking gives those



Biking enthusiasts can enjoy a ride in the snow.

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who love to bike the opportunity to try it out on the snow.”

“A ski bike is a bike frame with skis on the bottom in place of bike wheels, boots with mini-skis on your feet, and an amazing way to experience the exhilaration of sliding down the mountain with the flow of snowboarding and control of mountain biking,” says Anthony Accurso, of Alpine Bike Works. “We’ve put together packages specifically for first timers to include everything they will need from rentals, a ski bike access ticket, and instruction.”

Killington ski bikes operate Friday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. and rentals are offered at the Snowshed base area. Ski biking is permitted on the Snowshed and Ramshead mountain areas, which provide optimal beginner to intermediate conditions. Killington Ski Bikes will be open every day during holiday weeks. Half-day and full-day rentals are available, both options include an orientation to ski biking. A ski bike access ticket is required, but a valid winter lift ticket or season pass may be used in place of a ski bike access ticket. For more information, call Killington Central Reservations at 888-621-MTNS.



## Magic Mountain named winner for Best in Snow awards

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vt. has been recognized as the #1 Overall Best in Snow in North America in the 2017-18 Best in Snow awards. This the second year in a row that Magic has won the overall award for North America. For 2017-18, Magic also was named #1 Most Challenging mountain in the Northeast and North America and the #1 Best Value. In addition, Magic was #2 Family Friendly in the Northeast and #3 in all of North America, and #3 for Beginner Friendly in the Northeast and #4 in North America.

Honoring ski resorts across North America, Liftopia - the largest online and mobile marketplace for lift tickets and mountain activities - announced the 2017-18 Best in Snow Awards on Dec. 18. The awards bring uber-local, relevant and must-know intel to beginning skiers as well as ski and snowboard aficionados. Unlike other ski awards, the Best in Snow awards is the only ranking that calculates survey feedback from thousands of skiers and snowboarders and incorporates the largest dataset in the industry to determine the ski areas consum-

ers are most passionate about. Winners are ranked and divided among seven categories for regions including the Northeast, West Coast, High West, Southeast, and Midwest.

“It’s an honor for a ski community mountain like ours to receive the overall North American #1 award given the many fine and much larger resorts out there,” said Geoff Hatheway, president of Magic Mountain. “This is in-depth survey by Liftopia that measures customer enthusiasm about a ski area and Magic’s winning is simply a reflection of the passion people feel for skiing and riding at this special, ‘throwback’ mountain.”

More than 12,000 consumers were surveyed to measure their enthusiasm on specific aspects of their favorite resorts such as challenging terrain, crowds, family friendliness, snow consistency, and overall quality. Respondents took into consideration criteria such as snow quality and conditions, grooming, accessibility, terrain variety and difficulty, vertical drop, learn to ski and snowboard programs, staff and instructors, resort size, crowds and lift lines, accessibility of lifts and beginner terrain, off-slope activities, the surrounding community, and cost of lift tickets, rentals and programs, among

others. The responses were weighted with a proprietary algorithm based on Liftopia’s exclusive dataset that includes skier and snowboarder visits annually, acreage, uphill capacity, and average true cost of skiing, to surface the best ski areas overall and across seven categories and five regions.

“Skiers are by nature adventurous and today’s travelers are looking for the new, the interesting, the unknown areas to vacation. By measuring customers’ passion for their favorite areas, the Best in Snow awards give consumers an opportunity to see which ski areas may become their next new favorite. Our method ensures a level playing field for ski areas of all sizes and brings skiers lesser known ski areas in addition to the larger ones we already know and love,” said Evan Reece, co-founder and CEO of Liftopia.

Methodology and the complete list of winners in the 2017-18 Liftopia Best in Snow Awards can be found at [www.bestinsnow.liftopia.com/](http://www.bestinsnow.liftopia.com/).

More information on Magic Mountain can be found at [www.magicmtn.com](http://www.magicmtn.com), Facebook [www.facebook.com/skimagicvt](https://www.facebook.com/skimagicvt), or by phone 802-824-5645.

## Vermont Fish & Wildlife offers ice safety tips

REGION – The recent arrival of cold temperature has formed early-season ice on Vermont ponds, lakes, and rivers. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds winter enthusiasts that ice should never be considered safe and ice conditions vary.

“We are urging all outdoor enthusiasts - people going ice fishing, cross-country skiers, hikers, and snowmobilers - to be extremely cautious and prepared if they are going to venture out on any ice,” said Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s Chief Game Warden Jason Batchelder. “Ice conditions can vary dramatically on different parts of a lake. Remember, even though it may look thick enough on the surface, moving water from currents, rivers, and springs can cause ice to form unevenly.”

“Once we have sustained cold weather to form good ice, activities such as ice fishing can be safe and a lot of fun,” said Batchelder, “but when we go onto the ice, we need to use good judgment and observe several safety precautions.”

- Leave your car or truck on shore. Every year several motor vehicles go



Be careful on the ice this winter.

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through the ice on Vermont lakes, and some people have drowned as a result.

- Leave information about your plans with someone - where you intend to fish and when you expect to return.
- Wear a personal flotation device and don’t fish alone.
- Fish with a friend. Ice fishing is a great sport to share with family members and friends, and having a part-

ner with you increases both the fun and the safety.

- Ice varies in thickness and condition. Always carry an ice spud or chisel to check ice as you proceed.
- Be extremely cautious crossing ice near river mouths, points of land, bridges, islands, and over reefs and springs. Current almost always causes ice to be thinner over these areas.
- Avoid going onto the ice if it has melted away from the shore. This indicates melting is underway, and ice can shift position as wind direction changes.
- Waves from open water can quickly break up large areas of ice. If you can see open water in the lake and the wind picks up, get off!
- Bring your fully charged cell phone with you.
- Carry a set of handspikes to help you work your way out onto the surface of the ice if you go through. Holding one in each hand, you can alternately punch them into the ice and pull yourself up and out. You can make these at home, using large nails, or you can purchase them at stores that sell fishing supplies.
- Carry a safety line that can be thrown to someone who has gone through the ice.
- Heated fishing shanties must have good ventilation to prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Open a window or the door part way to allow in fresh air.

If you have questions regarding ice fishing or ice conditions, contact your local Vermont State Game Warden via your closest state police barracks or by calling Vermont Fish & Wildlife Headquarters at 802-828-1529.

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Since its founding in 1975 by Mary Hepburn, the River Artisans cooperative is a non-profit organization that supports local artists and craftsmen and promotes their work in a store front operated by the members of the co-op.

In lieu of an owner, the organization has an executive board: Jennifer Meehl, president; Hallee Humbler, vice president; Bonnie North, treasurer; and Carolyn Harris, executive board member. The original storefront was located in Saxtons River for many years before moving into downtown Bellows Falls in September 2017. "We were sad to leave Saxtons River but happy to be in Bellows Falls," said Meehl. "The neighborhood is so welcoming."

River Artisans offer a variety of "really homemade, really Vermont" products such as textiles, leather, paintings, photography, and more. In order to become a member of the River Artisan cooperative, artists must undergo a jury process that covers the craft, skill, and complexity of their products. There are about 30 members currently associated with the cooperative. Many of them also work shifts in the Bellows Falls store.



Handpainted glassware by Cathy Tretler.



Tiles & trivets by Carol Keiser and turned wood by Rod Hewitt.

According to Meehl, her favorite part of the cooperative store is when customers ask questions about the artwork and interact with it. "That's the main reason the move is so good."

Local artisans include Tom Goldschmidt who turns bowls, treated with wax and sells his own honey in the store. Rod Hewitt creates wooden bowls and plates and is designing the new storefront sign to be released in 2018.

River Artisans cooperative is always looking to bring on new members, especially young artists trying to get their foot in the door. The River Artisans store is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## CLUBS

**MONDAY, JAN. 1** - STRATTON, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section on Jan. 1 for a New Year’s hike at Stratton Pond. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Winhall Post Office to car pool to limited parking area to start the hike. This will be with snowshoes or traction depending on conditions with a total distance of 6 miles, and several hundred feet of total elevation change. Bring extra clothing, hand warmers, fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP to Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or marge.fish@gmail.com

**SUNDAY, JAN. 7** - RUPERT, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section on Sunday Jan. 7 to snowshoe to the Thoreau Cabin in Merck Forest. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Shaw’s parking lot in Manchester Center or at 10 a.m. at the Merck Forest Welcome Center. Once we reach the cabin, if unoccupied, we can have our break and lunch in the cabin with a fire going, otherwise we will do so outside. Bring extra clothes, lunch and snack, fluids. Will need snowshoes or traction, depending on conditions. RSVP to Keld Alstrup at 802-362-1422 or alsgrupkeld@gmail.com

**TUESDAYS-** LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ’s Restaurant, 146 Main St. from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive-through. Visit [www.ludlowrotary.com](http://www.ludlowrotary.com) or contact club President, Tesha Buss at [teshabuss@gmail.com](mailto:teshabuss@gmail.com). TFN

**THURSDAYS –** CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Rotary Club meets at the Charlestown Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Summer Street. For more information email [rayandrosie@comcast.net](mailto:rayandrosie@comcast.net). TFN

RUTLAND, Vt. – Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. More info call 802-228-6276. TFN

**SATURDAYS –** MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Still life drawing. The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and sets up a still life. The sessions are open to all and free of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper. TFN

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## COMMUNITY MEALS

**TUESDAYS-** PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Monthly potluck, third Tuesdays at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and have a nice visit. For more information contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email [lzigman@comcast.net](mailto:lzigman@comcast.net). TFN

**SATURDAYS-** CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the 1st Saturday at 8-9:30 a.m. It consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes (blueberry and plain), real maple syrup, juice, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. All are welcome! Admission at the door. Hope to see you there. We are located on Route 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

**WEEKDAYS-** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the

week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

## EVENTS

**WEDNESDAYS –** CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Weekly bingo will not be held at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 for Dec. 20 and 27. We wish all our loyal patrons and volunteers a Merry Christmas. Have a happy New Year and we’ll see you Jan. 3, 2018.

**THURSDAYS –** LUDLOW, Vt. – Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style. TFN

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

**SATURDAYS-** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Internet and jazz jam Saturday at the Flat Iron Exchange, located in the square. No cover charge, just a tip jar to listen to some great jazz music. Enjoy a coffee and relax. 5-7 p.m. TFN

## FARMERS’ MARKETS

**FRIDAYS-** WESTON, Vt. – We are happy to announce the start of the new Weston Winter Farmer’s Market at the Walker Farm Playhouse. Friday hours are from 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Your favorite dairy, eggs, cheese, meat and bread vendors will be on hand as well as prepared foods, artisans and crafts people. Come and support by purchasing local and fresh! Lots of fun and real close to home. Shop and enjoy local!

## LIBRARIES

**TUESDAYS –** CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story time for toddlers and Pre-K at the Silsby Free Library from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger plays. Session includes playtime, an activity

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS  
NOTICE OF SALE  
818 South Hill Road, so-called Ludlow, VT

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2016-2017 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Norma D. Guy, Betty Ann Demers, Ferne E.A. Bradder and Sandra J. Prokop to Paul A. Azzinaro and Katherine A. Azzinaro by deed dated August 10, 2001 and recorded in Book 207 at Page 584 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V .S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V .S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, P. O. Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Frank Heald, Collector of Town and  
Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS  
NOTICE OF SALE  
0 Route 103 North (Open Land), so-called Ludlow, VT

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Wayne L. Hammond and Raymond H. Webb to Karen J. Hammond by deed dated July 24, 2003 and recorded in Book 245 at Page 432 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Being all and the same lands and premises decreed to April Taylor Dunich and Wayne Taylor by Decree of Distribution In Re Estate of Jeannette Taylor dated February 19, 2014 and recorded in Book 376 at Page 379 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

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4 Hourglass fill

8 Frizzy hair-style

12 Witness

13 Bassoon's cousin

14 Applaud

15 Meadow

16 Supreme

18 Longtime talk-show legend

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24 Apprehensive feeling

28 Sunshades

32 Unmatched

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36 Tavern

37 Teen's facial woe

39 Archetype

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43 Take the bus

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shut-ting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and emails, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull’s eyes usual-ly can discern what’s fact from what’s faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to those still-fingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be caus-ing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a meeting so you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could back-fire if you’re not careful with other people’s feelings. Try using persua-sion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to Novem-ber 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intu-ition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you’ll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore com-ments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to Feb-ruary 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until midmonth, when things begin to clear up. You’ll also gain a better perspec-tive on how to handle those pesky per-sonal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times.

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calendar

PETS/LEGALS/AUTOMOTIVE

LIBRARIES  
CONT.

**TUESDAYS CONT.** -  
and a story time. Free and  
open to all. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield  
Town Library story time, 43  
Main St., 10 a.m. Free and  
open to the public with stories,  
songs, and activities for the  
youngest readers. For more  
information, call the library at

802-885-3108. TFN

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Crafts,  
Stories and Play Time toddlers  
and preschoolers. Enjoy stories,  
songs, crafts, and activities.  
Rockingham Free Public Library  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact  
463-4270. TFN

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
WESTON, Vt. - Come and  
enjoy a story hour with friends  
at the Wilder Memorial Library,  
Lawrence Hill Road in Weston!  
11 a.m.-noon. Call ahead to  
check, 802-824-4307. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -  
Rockingham Library hosts  
a series of six films by and  
about women for everyone,

sponsored by the Women's  
Freedom Center on the second  
Wednesday of each month  
through February. These events  
are free and open to the  
public. For more information,  
go to rockinghamlibrary.org,  
call 802-463-4270 or stop by  
the library at 65 Westminster  
St., Bellows Falls, 10 a.m. – 7  
p.m. on Monday, Tuesday &  
Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 5:30  
p.m. on Thursday & Friday and  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Weekly toddler  
and pre-school story time  
with a weekly theme, music,  
and activity. 10:30-11:30  
a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial  
Library. Best suited for ages  
5 and younger. Call Sacha

at 802-228-3517 or email  
skrawczykvt@gmail.com to  
register for programs. TFN

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool  
and Toddler Storytime every  
Wednesday from 10:30-  
11:30 a.m. Windsor Public  
Library, 43 State Street. Each  
week features a theme, music  
stories and a craft. www.  
windsorlibrary.org. 802-674-  
2556. TFN

**THURSDAYS-**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join  
the genealogy group at  
Rockingham Free Public Library  
every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-  
12:30 p.m. when genealogy  
enthusiast Wayne Blanchard  
takes you on a quest to  
discover your family roots. If  
you own a laptop, please bring  
it along. Many free databases  
are available at the library.  
Beginners and seasoned  
genealogists are welcome.  
Free and open to the public.  
For details, call 802-463-  
4270, email programming@  
rockinghamlibrary.org or go to  
www.rockinghamlibrary.org.  
TFN

**FRIDAYS-**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Story time at  
Whiting Library from 10:30-  
11:30 a.m. Come and listen to  
a story every Friday with your  
children. Call 802-875-2277.  
TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -  
Minecraft Club at the  
Rockingham Free Public  
Library every Friday from 3:30  
p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited  
number of library computers  
are available. Registration is  
recommended if you will need  
to use a library computer. If  
you are joining the club with  
your own laptop and Minecraft  
account, you do not need to  
sign up. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows  
Falls Area Senior Center Book  
Club, in partnership with  
the Rockingham Free Public  
Library, 65 Westminster St.,  
meets on the first Friday of  
every month at 9 a.m. Call the  
senior center at 802-463-3907  
or the library at 802-463-  
4270 for details. TFN

**SATURDAYS-**  
ALSTEAD, N.H. - Stop by the  
Shedd-Porter Memorial Library  
for cinnamon buns the last  
Saturday of each month and  
visit with friends or neighbors.  
The cinnamon buns are from  
McGuire's Bakery and are  
available for a small fee. All

the proceeds go to benefit the  
library. The library is at 3 Main  
St., Alstead.

MEETINGS

**TUESDAYS-**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The  
Bellows Falls Woman's Club  
meets on the second Tuesday  
of each month, through May,  
at the United Church. The hall  
is accessible to all. Women  
interested in joining and  
helping with club projects may  
contact Barbara Comtois,  
membership chairman, at 802-  
344-0025. The Bellows Falls  
Woman's Club is a member  
of the General Federation of  
Women's Clubs.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. –  
Westminster Fire & Rescue  
Department monthly meeting  
on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
Rescue training is on the  
second Tuesday and combined  
drill on the third Tuesday. More  
information can be found at  
www.westminsterfireandrescue.  
org. TFN

**WEDNESDAYS-**  
LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River  
Area Community Coalition  
meets third Wednesdays in  
the Community room of the  
Fletcher Memorial Library,  
Main St. in Ludlow, starting at  
5:30 p.m. More information,  
visit www.braccvt.org. TFN

pets of the week



Meet Bruin  
Hi, everybody! My name's Bruin, and I'm a  
5-year-old neutered male mixed breed dog  
that may look familiar to you. I was adopted,  
and returned. But let me tell you – I had a blast  
while I was gone! Having been a stray, I re-  
ally wasn't sure what to expect when I moved  
in to an actual home, but it was great. Really  
great! I loved going for car rides and abso-  
lutely loved playing with all my toys. And, I

loved all the treats, too. I really loved to go  
exploring, especially on my own, which was a  
problem. What can I say? I'm an adventurer at  
heart. Well, rumor has it around here that my  
next home must have a fenced in yard to make  
things much safer for me. I'm a fun-loving, ac-  
tive dog that is sure to put a smile on your  
face. If you're a lover of car rides and adven-  
ture, stop in and meet me today. We might be  
a perfect match!



Meet Mel  
Hi! My name's Mel, and I'm a 2-year-old  
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit [www.namivt.org](http://www.namivt.org). TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7-8 p.m., 44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507. TFN

**TUESDAYS—**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group second and fourth Tuesdays at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. Noon-2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 802-885-7511. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. in Ludlow. Find out more about CoDA at [coda.org](http://coda.org). For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at [sarahcoda2016@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcoda2016@gmail.com). TFN

WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. First Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Drive (off Route 5). TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/

Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Free. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email [cht@springfieldmed.org](mailto:cht@springfieldmed.org). TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a non-profit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) for more information. TFN

**WEDNESDAYS—**  
LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Eating behavior support group meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Women's Center for Binge and Emotional Eating on 70 Main St. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related struggles. The group is led by trained therapists who specialize in eating behavior. To join call 802-975-0435 or email [shiri@fitwoman.com](mailto:shiri@fitwoman.com). TFN

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday

at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact [TwinStateDSG@gmail.com](mailto:TwinStateDSG@gmail.com) or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center (Handicapped-accessible), 7 Morgan Street, Springfield at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led.

Contact [TwinStateDSG@gmail.com](mailto:TwinStateDSG@gmail.com) or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

**THURSDAYS—**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues.

The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m. TFN

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group Board of Directors will now meet every other month in

2018 on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 2520 Route 106 in Perkinsville. Please come join us. New local phone number is 802-795-0098. This is a voice mail line. Updates regarding meetings will be posted during bad weather. Messages will be checked daily. The 2018 schedule is: Jan. 18, March 22, May 17, July 19, Sept. 20 - the one exception will be in November - that date to be announced.

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DEALER SAVINGS \$761

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STOCK #7232

MSRP \$25,005  
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DEALER SAVINGS \$758

SALE PRICE  
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STOCK #7356

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### 2014 GMC 2500

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### 2014 CHEVY CRUZE

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### 2014 GMC 2500 HD

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**SALE PRICE \$29,995**

### 2013 CHEVY TAHOE

LTZ Package, Fully Loaded

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**SALE PRICE \$13,995**

### 2017 CHEVY MALIBU

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STOCK #7293

MSRP \$28,045  
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DEALER SAVINGS \$641

SALE PRICE  
**\$21,795\***



### 2017 CHEVY SILVERADO

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STOCK #7246  
MSRP \$46,910  
EMPLOYEE PRICE \$42,357  
LESS REBATES \$5,500  
DEALER SAVINGS \$1,041

SALE PRICE  
**\$35,816\***



### 2017 CHEVY SILVERADO

CREW CAB, LTZ PACKAGE

STOCK #7251  
MSRP \$57,465  
EMPLOYEE PRICE \$51,738  
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# Grants to support housing affordability and downtown redevelopment

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Governor Phil Scott joined local, state, and federal partners Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017 to announce over \$3.5 million in community development grants to eight communities. Brownfield clean up in Rockingham, downtown redevelopment in Springfield, and funding for home repair programs statewide are among the projects receiving more than \$3.5 million in grants from the Vermont Community Development Program announced today.

The Town of Springfield and its partners, Housing Vermont and Springfield Housing Authority, will leverage a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant to restore the iconic Woolson Block property on Main Street, building affordable apartments on the upper floors and new commercial space on the ground floor.

“From Brattleboro to St. Albans, communities across Vermont will use these grants to build affordable housing, clean up contaminated sites for rede-

velopment, expand services to their residents, restore historic buildings, plan for the future, and make their communities more affordable,” said Gov. Scott.

“I’m encouraged by the efforts of our statewide network of Home Ownership Centers – supported with these grants today – to help low and moderate-income Vermonters invest in their homes through much-needed home repairs, improvements, energy upgrades and accessibility modifications. I’m also very pleased to see this funding available statewide, to support small scale landlords in their efforts to improve existing housing stock,” added Gov. Scott. “This work is important to my administration’s focus on growing the economy, making Vermont more affordable, and protecting the most vulnerable.”

The state awards approximately \$7 million annually in competitive grants through Vermont’s Department of Housing and Community Development. The grants are

funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funding is targeted to address the needs of lower income Vermonters and represents a true partnership between the federal, state and local government.

“We are excited to support this array of community projects, and thank all the people and organizations working hard every day to improve the lives of Vermonters and the communities we call home,” said Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development Deputy Commissioner Josh Hanford.

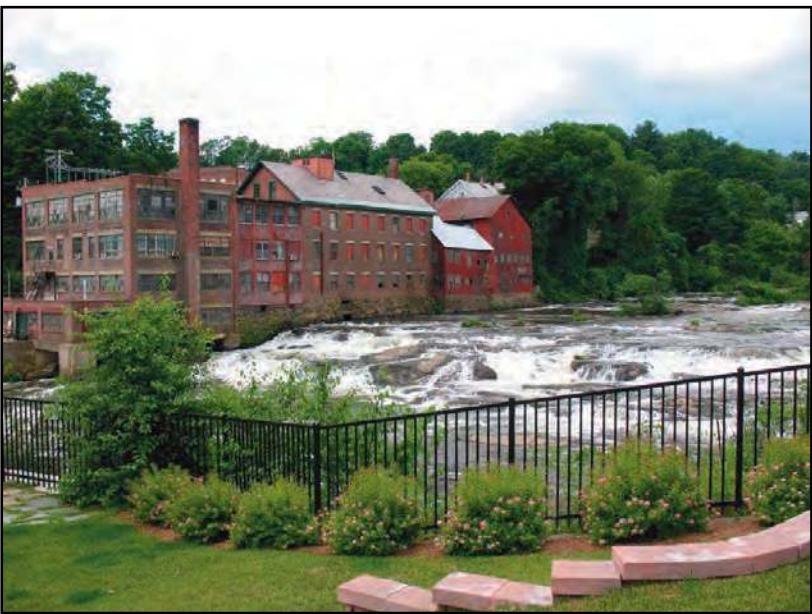
Vermont’s congressional delegation has been steadfast in supporting the funding that makes the program possible. Senators Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Congressman Peter Welch (D-Vt.) congratulated Wednesday’s recipients, adding, in a joint statement: “Housing is a vital part of our communities’ infrastructure, and housing is

one of the most important investments we can make to support individuals, families and the economic vitality and quality of life that we want for our state. These latest grants add to more than \$400 million in federal CDBG funds that have been allocated to Vermont in the program’s 43-year history, leveraging more than \$4 billion in additional investments. Now is not the time to make slashing cuts, as the President has proposed. We must strengthen these investments to ensure Vermont communities remain accessible and affordable. As we approach a year-end funding deal, we will continue to fight for CDBG to ensure that Vermont does not lose out on this irreplaceable funding source.”

*For information about the Vermont Community Development Program, please see the Agency of Commerce and Community Development website at [www.accd.vermont.gov/](http://www.accd.vermont.gov/).*

- Rockingham - \$150,000

- Robertson Mill Redevelopment: Subgrant to Island Holdings LLC for the demolition of Robertson Mill building and removal of hazardous material. This project will alleviate a blighted portion of downtown Bellows Falls and provide for future commercial development opportunities.
- Brattleboro - \$725,000 - 5-County Homeownership Services Program: Subgrant to Windham & Windsor Housing Trust to deliver home repair and housing counseling services program to a five-county region including Windham, Windsor, Orange, Lamoille, and Washington Counties.
- West Rutland - \$800,000
- NeighborWorks of Western Vermont Revolving Loan



Town of Springfield received grant money to redevelop Woolson Block into affordable apartments and commercial space.

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Fund: Subgrant to NeighborWorks of Western Vermont to deliver a home repair and housing counseling services program in Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties.

- Springfield - \$400,000 – Woolson Block: Deferred

Loan to Woolson Block Limited Partnership, formed by Springfield Housing Authority and Housing Vermont, for the redevelopment of the Woolson Block into 21 affordable apartments and 3,400 SF of commercial space.

## Vermont wraps up 2018 open enrollment

**REGION** – State officials reported that nearly 23,000 Vermonters had confirmed a 2018 health plan and qualified for financial help to make the plan

more affordable. Total enrollment in qualified health plans, which typically includes 46,000 small business employees and 11,000 individuals who don’t

qualify for financial help, is expected to surpass 80,000. While enrollment will be similar to past years, this year’s earlier deadline means fewer members

will experience gaps in coverage. In past years, nearly 2,000 members missed out on January coverage.

The health insurance mar-

ketplace and its carrier partners are also urging Vermonters who had trouble completing their transaction at the Dec. 15 deadline to call as soon as possible.

Vermont Health Connect applicants - those who qualify for financial help or have variable incomes that may qualify - should call 1-855-899-9600. Similarly,

members who do not qualify for financial help and were trying to direct enroll with an insurance carrier are encouraged to call BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont (1-800-255-4550) or MVP Health Care (1-844-865-0250) as soon as possible and complete their enrollment.

“We came into this fall with three enrollment goals,” said Cory Gustafson, commissioner of Department of Vermont Health Access. “First, we wanted as many Vermonters as possible to sign up for January coverage and the financial help to make it more affordable. Second, we wanted to encourage members who don’t qualify for financial help to sign up directly with their carrier and establish a single point of contact for managing their account. Third, we wanted everyone to do their homework and make sure they’re in the best plan for their needs and budget.”

In addition to enrollment numbers, state officials pointed to record usage for the marketplace’s Plan Comparison Tool, which can help individuals and small business employees determine the best plans for their families’ needs and budgets. The tool was used 938 times on Nov. 1, nearly a 50 percent increase over the same day last year, and it was used 1,069 times on Dec. 15, nearly a 50 percent increase over the last day of open enrollment last year. The interactive site calculates state and federal subsidies based on projected household income and allows Vermonters to compare plans not just by monthly premiums and deductible amounts, but also by estimated total annual costs based on the age and health status of each household member. Altogether, the 2018 tool hosted more than 23,000 sessions.

Income thresholds for financial help vary by household size, going up to about \$48,000 for an individual, \$65,000 for a two-person household, and \$98,000 for a family of four. The amount of financial help varies by household income, with Vermont Health Connect’s typical individual member having an annual income just over \$25,000 and receiving nearly \$400 per month toward the 2018 insurance plan of their choice. Couples and families generally receive more.

“We are fortunate to live in a state with such a rich social fabric,” said Gustafson. “From in-person assisters and state staff to community organizations, businesses, and town officials, Vermonters helped their neighbors understand the deadline and get signed up for Jan. 1 health coverage.”

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS  
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0 Route 100 North – Rod and Gun Club Road, so-called Ludlow, VT

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Deryl J. Stowell Revocable Trust and Jennifer U. Stowell Revocable Trust to TCI Development, LLC by deed dated June 30 2004 and recorded in Book 272 at Page 470-471 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE  
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The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Dorothy Pjura and Frances Orzech to Keith Sylvestre by deed dated August 18, 1982 and recorded in Book 80 at Page 34-35 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, P. O. Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Frank Heald, Collector of Town and  
Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Frank E. Punderson, Jr., Trustee to Gregory Dunnett by deed dated November 20, 1995 and recorded in Book 158 at Page 166-167 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

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