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Jack is back!

Jack is snuggled up in his sock sleeping bag watching "Elf" in his office bookshelf living room, getting in the holiday spirit.

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Help needed for Memorial Day Welcome Home parade

LUDLOW, Vt. - Plans are starting to form for the Welcome Home Parade for our veterans on Memorial Day 2019. We need ideas and suggestions from the community on resources to help make this a memorable parade.

We are also seeking bagpipe band, fife and drum corps., marching band (military preferred), antique cars, trucks, military vehicles, convertibles to transport our senior veterans (we have at least four WWII veterans), and Rolling Thunder bikers, individuals, and groups. We invite any other community groups who would like to march and celebrate Memorial Day with us.

If you know anyone who can help fill one or more of these needs, please contact Gary Macintyre, U.S. Navy, mid-1960s at gmac19025@gmail.com or 802-228-7178.

Holiday Stuff-A-Bus food drive

LUDLOW, Vt. - The holiday season is starting and Black River Good Neighbor Services has announced that it will hold its annual Stuff-A-Bus food drive Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Shaw's Market parking lot in Ludlow. This is BRGNS' most important food drive of the year.

While there is abundant joy to be found at this time of year, it is also a time that marks significant need in our communities. BRGNS employees and volunteers are very busy now as they prepare to deliver gifts and a full holiday dinner to those in need. Over one hundred families from the immediate and surround-



BRGNS Stuff-A-Bus food drive.

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ing towns will be helped this holiday season.

At the Stuff-A-Bus, food shelf volunteers will hand out holiday dinner

menus and will ask shoppers to help with the foods most needed: canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pickles, olives, mac & cheese, hot chocolate, cookies, cereal, candy, canned carrots, peas, green beans and corn, gravy, stuffing, soup, and coffee.

Donations of money are always welcome and greatly appreciated since much food will still need to be purchased.

Volunteers are needed to sort the food as it comes in, and countless other tasks are required to make sure that the holiday boxes find their way to everyone who needs help. Please call Krey or Audrey at BRGNS' Food Shelf, 802-228-3663 or visit 37B Main Street to ask how you can get involved.

Scott offers peek into plans for budget, clean water, school spending

MONTPELIER Vt. - Gov. Phil Scott isn't getting into specifics about plans for the upcoming legislative session, but he said last week that his budget will include about \$15 million in additional clean water funding.

The governor also said that he would likely pursue education cost-control measures and programs to attract more workers to Vermont, which were priorities in his first two years in office.

During his campaign for a second term, Scott said that he had a plan to fully fund long-term lake cleanup initiatives, but did not want to reveal potential funding sources until the Legislature was in session. He said on Wednesday, Nov. 21 that the plan would be in his budget proposal for fiscal year 2020.

"It's the funding mechanism that makes up that amount of let's say \$15 million or so that we need to come up with an ongoing source," he told reporters last week. "So again, you'll see that in

the budget proposal in January."

Sen. Chris Bray, D-Addison, chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, said that figure seemed to leave out another \$10 million to \$15 million in funding that is currently being covered by the capital fund but runs out this year.

Bray is pleased the governor has conceded that more state spending is needed to meet federal pollution reduction targets.

"It's encouraging to me to hear that he thinks we need money, because a year ago he said the economy is growing so much we don't need new money," Bray said Monday.

Scott has also suggested that his plan will take money from existing programs - as opposed to creating a new tax or fee - which could be problematic, said Rep. Kitty Toll, D-Danville, chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

"I haven't seen the plan," Toll said Monday. "But I do know that in the past when we make reductions in areas, the Vermonters who are affected speak out against those reductions."

Bray has previously proposed a flat \$40 per parcel fee for landowners to fund clean water programs. Democrats also pitched a new hotel room tax to fund the efforts last year.

Both Scott and Toll said state employee pension debt obligations would eat up a sizable chunk of the budget, including some \$40 million in surplus revenue expected to come in next year thanks to a strong economy.

"We're paying for the sins of the past," Toll said of the decision by policymakers over the past two decades to underfund pension debt payments, leaving the state on the hook for more than \$100 million this year and additional debt payments scheduled to last until 2038.

That makes spending on new programs, like clean water initiatives, all the more difficult, Toll said.

"This is nothing new - it just makes budgeting more difficult," she said. "We have to prioritize, but we have to keep our eye on the ball with paying off this obligation we have that was handed to us."

Facing a Democratic supermajority in both the House and Senate, Scott said he would likely pursue less aggressive reforms to education spending this session. His cost-containment proposals the last two years - which included changes to teacher health care negotiations and reductions in staff-to-student ratios - met stiff resistance in the Legislature.

"It probably won't be that bold, because we saw how that worked out," Scott said. "Having said all that, I believe that it's in all our best interest to look for any opportunities to give a better education at a price we can afford."

Toll said she hoped the administration would come forward early with its proposals after two years of springing major changes on lawmakers near the end of the session.

"What's critical to me is that we don't have a repeat of what happened the last two years and we work together early on," she said.

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Killington World Cup

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Record attendance of 18,500 on Saturday, and a total of 40,000 overall at Killington World Cup.

PHOTOS BY JERRY LEBLOND



Giant Slalom

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Federica Brignone of Italy wins the Giant Slalom.

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Slalom

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Mikaela Shiffrin (USA) won in the Slalom event.

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Caribbean sound comes to snowy Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – While the snow was still falling outside DJ's Restaurant, the Ludlow Rotary Club was listening to the marvelous music of the Caribbean as Jennifer Cohen of Calypso Connections played the steel drums and described the history of that unique instrument.

Ms. Cohen was the guest speaker at the Rotary's weekly luncheon meeting. A former teacher, she described how she became interested in the evolution and usage of steel drums that originated in Trinidad-Tobago, the southernmost island of the Caribbean Sea.

Of particular interest was her explanation of how the tones of the chromatic scale were created in steel drums. Jennifer played the drum to illustrate the various tones, and then played a number of actual melodies to display the versatility of the instrument.

LRC members were obviously enthralled by her musical renditions on the drum as well as her explanation to how the tones were manually beaten into the metal.

LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking



From left to right: Barbara Lemire, Rotarian; Jennifer Cohen, Calypso Connections; and Brigid Sullivan, Rotary president. Barbara appears to be holding one of the drum sticks for the steel drum, perhaps in an effort to demonstrate her talents with the drum.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ing to welcome new members.

If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may serve humanity while enjoying the fun and fellow-

ship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Windsor County legislators to speak at Rotary First Thursday event

CHESTER, Vt. – Five recently elected legislators will speak Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 at the Chester Rotary First Thursday event.

Three senators – Allison Clarkson, Alice Nitka, and Dick McCor-

mic – along with representatives Tom Bock and Annmarie Christensen will provide an overview of their legislative work in Montpelier. They will talk about upcoming state initiatives and budget issues. Each

legislator has been a member of one or more committees, boards, and panels, which include economic development, health care, agriculture and forestry, judiciary, appropriations, workforce, sexual harassment, and government operations. First Thursday attendees will have an opportunity to engage and interact with our Windsor County representatives to share their priorities and concerns.

This event is part of Chester Rotary's First Thursday series and is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by registering at chestertrotary@gmail.com as seating is limited. In case of a weather cancellation, we will notify you via email.

Okemo Valley Women's Club monthly meeting

LUDLOW, Vt. – GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club met for their monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 12 at the Black River Valley Senior Center in Ludlow. This month's speaker was Ralph Pace who spoke about the Friends of Ludlow Auditorium, or FOLA. Created in 2009 following renovation and restoration of the 1922 Ludlow Town Hall to foster use of the auditorium and create new uses, FOLA also improves and enhances the equipment and operations to benefit the Ludlow area and its visitors.

Mr. Pace, who has lived in the area for 23 years, is also active in the Ludlow community with other organizations such as Black River Good Neighbors and Okemo Valley Television. He presented a highly interesting

and informative discussion of what is available at the auditorium and how FOLA operates. The organization has purchased and provided equipment such as projectors, light boards and audio equipment, theater-sized screen, and acoustic tile. There are movies shown at the auditorium year-round with water and popcorn for viewing entertainment. Movies are by donation. Events vary but may include Broadway productions, silent movies, live music, and a community Christmas celebration. The auditorium is also available for local organizations to use for informational events.

FOLA is funded through grants, donations, and memberships. Memberships, which support FOLA and the auditorium, are available through the FOLA website www.fola.us or by mail to FOLA, 1 Whis-

pering Pines, Ludlow VT 05149.

Following Mr. Pace's presentation, there was a short break for delicious fall refreshments provided by Andrea Whitman and Midge Tucker, then the business meeting. Discussions included various fundraising efforts for the rest of 2018 and for the 2019 year. Committee reports were heard, and new business discussed.

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas Party in December. Anyone interested in more information about the Okemo Valley Women's Club or GFWC may contact President Darlene Remy at 802-228-4907 or membership chairwoman Roxie Davis at 802-226-7417.

GFWC is an international organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Worker shortage is suppressing Vermont job growth, economists say

MONTPELIER, Vt. – At its peak before the last recession started, Vermont's construction industry counted 22,000 employees. Nowadays, there are only 15,000 workers in the industry – 30 percent less than at the peak – and Vermont construction companies are advertising 200 immediate job openings statewide, according to the state's general contractors.

Economists say that's one of the reasons why Vermont this month ranked at the very bottom of the scale in a report on job growth from the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

In a table showing labor market strength, the report, released in mid-November, showed payroll employment growth of 1.2 percent for the nation overall. Nevada was the highest at 3.4 percent growth; Vermont and Alaska tied for the bottom at around minus .1 percent.

Vermont economists and others agreed that the state's very low unemployment rate, now around 3 percent, is one factor likely suppressing economic growth.

Vermont has been losing jobs since the summer, said Art Woolf, who is an associate professor of economics at the University of Vermont. Woolf said that the state has lost 3,400 jobs, a little more than 1 percent of the total, since July.

"Essentially we've kind of erased all the job gains in Ver-

mont that we've had over the last two and a half years over the last four months," he said.

Woolf blamed Vermont's demographics.

Vermont's population is the oldest in the country or the second-oldest, depending on the source of information, meaning many people are retiring right now; and Vermont has one of the lowest birthrates in the country, meaning there are fewer young workers to replace them.

Vermont's population decline is well known, and the Vermont Department of Economic Development has taken steps to address this with programs that encourage people to move to Vermont.

Woolf said migration into Vermont is also suppressed by high taxes and a housing shortage that drives up prices. The state could be doing more to address that, he said. With labor and materials costs similar to those in other states, "something else is driving housing prices and that's land development and permitting."

State officials also blame the worker shortage.

"The tight labor market in Vermont is what you are really seeing in this data," said Lindsay Kurrle, commissioner of the state Department of Labor. Most states are seeing worker shortages, but the problem is particularly severe in Vermont because of its small population and its unemployment rate, which has been at or below 3 percent for nine months. The national unemploy-

ment rate is 3.7 percent.

"We have less than 10,000 people who are actively trying to find a job, so you don't have the resources to fill vacant jobs," Kurrle said. She said her department is trying to recruit people who traditionally run into barriers to employment, including job-seekers with disabilities, people who were incarcerated, and people who live in very rural areas.

"It's really hard to move the needle because you're really working on the hardest to employ," she said.

While many of the state's employers cite the high cost of housing as a barrier to recruiting workers from elsewhere, Kurrle downplayed that issue.

"We do have people who will say we have a lack of housing, and that depends on how you look at it," she said. "There was a time when more people lived under one roof, and then shifted to a couple of people in a bigger home. We may see people trending back toward people sharing space and things like that."

Matt Musgrave, the lobbyist for the construction industry trade group Vermont Associated General Contractors, said the state's employers expect they'll need another 2,000 workers in the next 12 to 18 months. Vermont AGC is working with the state college system to steer people toward training. As young people gravitate toward STEM jobs, Musgrave said, construction companies will try to interest them in new technical jobs in building.

"You have really tech-savvy people coming out of school," he said. "The need for technology is growing because automated systems are coming into the industry. That's an opportunity we have to maybe bring some more folks into the fray."

Written by Anne Wallace Allen, VTDigger.org.

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The governor said he will also return to the table with ideas for how to get more workers to move to Vermont. Proposals in his budget proposal last year for new spending on a "Think Vermont" initiative to recruit new residents did not survive in the Legislature.

"We may go back and try to encourage the Think Vermont ... campaign because we think that's viable," he said, citing the success of a program created by the Legislature offering \$10,000 to remote workers who resettle in Vermont.

Scott was also asked if he would be making changes to his administration ahead of the session. He said he planned to meet with his cabinet members in the coming weeks to find out if they wanted to stick around.

"I don't expect any drastic changes," he said.

Written by Colin Meyn, VTDigger.org. Kit Norton contributed reporting.

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Inndulgence Tour

REGION – This weekend, Dec. 1-2, is the Inndulgence Tour in the Okemo Valley region of Vermont. Visit 12 inns decorated for the holidays over the two days and eat inndulgent treats at each one. This self-guided open house tour runs from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All net proceeds are donated to Vermont Foodbank. Don't miss this festive event! For more details, call 802-226-7744 or visit www.yourplaceinvermont.com/inndulgence tour.

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Red Slate Restaurant's new chef is heating up the kitchen

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Red Slate Restaurant at Upper Pass Lodge is excited to introduce their new chef Jeremy Derby. Derby joins the restaurant with 22 years of kitchen experience, 16 as a chef.

"We are confident that Jeremy is the perfect fit for our restaurant, bringing with him new energy and enthusiasm," said Vincent Presciti, general manager for Upper Pass Lodge. "Since his arrival, he has introduced daily specials that along with his own versions of regular menu favorites are being very much enjoyed by our diners."

Born in Rutland and raised in

Londonderry, Derby began his culinary journey as a dishwasher in a restaurant at 16 years of age. It was there – watching the chef in action, learning to help prep and remembering how food brought people together when he was growing up – that he knew he wanted to bring that joy to other people.

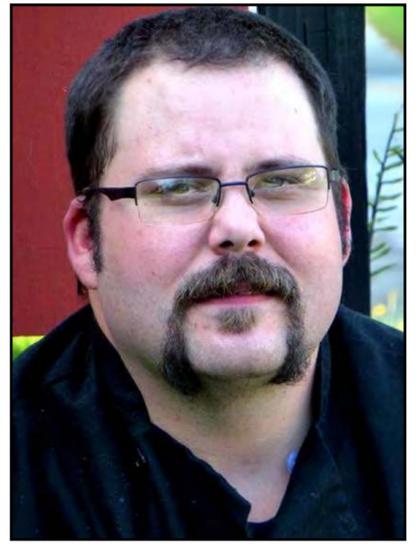
"Food has been a passion for me as long as I can remember. Something I have my mom to thank for," said Derby. "Knowing that the dishes I create are being enjoyed brings me much comfort. Along with my new menu items, I will also focus on taking Red Slate to the next level."

Previously, Derby worked at Jake's Marketplace Café and the

Inn at Weston. He also owned and operated the Nothin' Fancy Food Truck.

The Red Slate Restaurant & Bar is open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5-9 p.m. It is Vermont's only bar to exclusively serve Vermont-made spirits, beers, and wines. The restaurant is also open Saturday and Sunday from 7:30-10 a.m. for breakfast.

Visit www.upperpasslodge.com/dining-bar to view menus and learn



Jeremy Derby.

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more about their weekly special evenings. Food specials are posted outside the restaurant daily.

Christmas trees available on Green Mountain National Forest

RUTLAND, Vt. – U.S. Forest Service officials in Vermont are encouraging the public to purchase Christmas tree removal permits should they be interested in a tree for the holidays.

This year, all fourth graders can take advantage of the Every Kid in a Park Initiative and get a free Christmas tree voucher found online at www.everykidinapark.gov. Fourth graders that present a printed copy of the voucher may redeem it for an EKIP Pass and a Christmas tree removal permit at one of the U.S. Forest offices. This is a one-time opportunity to cut down a Christmas tree on national forest land during the 2018 holiday season. Christmas trees for personal use may be cut on the Green Mountain National Forest, subject to the following conditions:

- A "Christmas Tree Removal" permit must be purchased at one of the Forest Service offices located in Rutland, Manchester Center, or Rochester, Vt.
- The permit must be attached to the tree before transporting it from the site where it was cut.
- The permit holder is responsible for knowing that the tree comes



A fully decorated Christmas tree cut off of the Green Mountain National Forest.

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from Forest Service land. Maps are available when you purchase your permit.

- Trees over 20 feet tall are not designated for cutting by the Christmas tree permit.
- The height of the tree stump left after a tree has been cut should be six inches or less above the soil.
- Christmas trees shall not be cut in active timber sales, wilderness areas, campgrounds, picnic areas, or within 25 feet of any Forest Service, town, or state maintained road.
- Only one Christmas tree permit will be issued per household per year.
- Permits are not refundable.
- Trees obtained under the Christmas tree permit may not be resold.

U.S. Forest offices can be found at 231 North Main Street, Rutland, 802-747-6700; 2538 Depot Street, Manchester Center, 802-362-2307; or 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, 802-767-4261.

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CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Dec. 1, Gassetts Grange will host our breakfast from 8-9:30 a.m. Our dance will take place that evening from 7-10 p.m. There is a cost for both events.

Then, Sunday, Dec. 9, we have our Monthly Country Jamboree with our Christmas giveaway. Everyone gets a ticket for the raffle of wrapped gifts. Bring a gift to share. The evening will also consist of a turkey dinner raffle and

50/50 drawing. The kitchen will have hot dogs, French fries, desserts, and soda on sale, with coffee and tea available for free. Our house band Green Mountain Express will start the music and anyone who has talent – and has signed in – will take turns performing. We do ask for a

door donation per person. Please come and join us for some fun.

Don't forget! Bingo is every Thursday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring friends, family, or anyone with you. The more people attend, the more paid out. For more information, please call Donna at 802-591-4290.

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Okemo Cares and Shares Food Drive

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Okemo. Okemo Mountain Resort staff members will be accepting donations in the Clock Tower base area between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Volunteers from the Black River Good Neighbor Services Christmas Basket Program will help distribute the donated items to needy families in time for the holidays. For more information about



Donate food, clothing, and toys and receive discounted skiing and riding on Okemo Mountain.

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Okemo Mountain Resort, please call 802-228-1600 or visit www.okemo.com.

Rockingham Library holiday party and raffle

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Friends of the Rockingham Library are hosting a Community Holiday Party at the library Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join the festivities. The public is invited to this free family-friendly event. The Stringfield Springers of Saxtons River will be performing live. Light refreshments will be served. Children of all ages and their families are invited to decorate a gingerbread person in the library's youth department. The Friends' Holiday Raffle and Silent

Auction will conclude at the library on at 12:30 p.m. Stop by the library anytime to see all the prizes on display, to make a bid on the silent auction items, or to buy some raffle tickets. Silent auction items include a Chinese quilt, lift tickets to Bromley, a Pete the Cat puppet with four Pete the Cat books, a Peruvian alpaca scarf, a bird house hand-painted by Robert McBride, and a box of hand-designed playing cards by Leslie Lassetter. Raffle prizes include best-selling books,

handcrafted shoulder bags from Nepal, an assortment of fine stationery, an apple cutting board with potholder, and a pair of goat-skin gloves. All proceeds from the silent auction and raffle will benefit the Friends of the Rockingham Free Public Library. For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, visit the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

Soup 'n Sip annual gala fundraiser at BRAM

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us this year for the festivities at the Black River Academy Museum Saturday, Dec. 8. It's time again for Soup 'n Sip, our annual fundraising event for the year. There will be many activities taking place that evening. Along with a silent auction, there are stocking and basket raffles, gift bags, a scavenger hunt, and of course, delicious soups, chowders, and chili to warm you on a cold December evening. The soup will be served in hand-painted bowls, which you can take home along with a locally sewn, colorful cloth cozy of your choice. Adult beverages will be available.



Join the Soup 'n Sip fundraiser event.

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There is an admission cost for this event. The museum cannot accept credit cards at this time. Please use cash or checks to pay for these fundraising events. Start

off the winter season with an enjoyable evening at this historical venue decorated in a holiday Victorian am-

biance. See you at the museum on 14 High St. in Ludlow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Snow date is Sunday, Dec. 9.

GMG annual wreath sale to benefit Flood Brook School

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Green Mountain Gardeners annual wreath sale will take place at the Dec. 7 Flood Brook School Holiday Bazaar. Proceeds from the sale are donated to the Flood Brook Student Activities Cooperative for field trips, artist-in-resident programs, science enrichment, and nature programs. Made in Wallingford, Vt., the wreaths are a beautiful mix of greens decorated with hand-made bows. If you are looking for the perfect wreath, you'll find it at the FBS bazaar and help to support Flood Brook School's activities.



Flood Brook students hold wreaths for sale to benefit the school.

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In addition to this yearly donation to FBS, GMG donates wreaths to brighten up town buildings for the holidays. Donated wreaths have been placed at the Faraar Mansur House Museum and U.S. Post Office in Weston; Mountain Valley Medi-

cal Clinic and Custer Sharp House in Londonderry; Landgrove Town Hall; and South Londonderry Library.

The 16th annual Peace and Goodwill dinner and silent auction

NEWFANE, Vt. – The all volunteer NewBrook Fire Department, servicing Newfane and Brookline, is hosting its 16th annual Peace and Goodwill Dinner and Silent Auction Saturday, Dec. 1 at the firehouse on Route 30 in Newfane. Dinner is

provided by Buddy Bruder. Tickets are on sale. There will be 200-plus silent auction items, ranging from gift certificates for goods and services to arts and crafts, furniture, household items, and much more. This year's auction includes stays at



Peace and Goodwill dinner. STOCK PHOTO

Newfane's Four Columns Inn and The Tree House Village Inn in South Newfane as well as a one day's service from Carr Tree Service of South Newfane. There is no admission for the auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Auction items and sponsorship donations are still being accepted. For more information, contact Polly Casanova at 802-365-7149 or Lauri Miner at 802-365-4194.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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The G.N. French Carriage Company

Some will remember Henry and Ernestine Lake of Grafton. Like me, Henry was an antiques dealer. Henry dealt in antique oil lamps, tools, and primitives. One thing Henry always wanted to buy was a French Company buggy or sleigh manufactured in Grafton.

In the photo with this article are two men standing on a roof. The man at the upper right is Louis Marshall. Louis Marshall was first with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. After Buffalo Bill, Louis returned to Vermont as a steeple-jack, painting many tall buildings in the area.

When I first saw this circa 1910 photo, I noticed someone had in ink made a note that the well-dressed man was unknown but the other man was Louis Marshall. But there was no information as to where or what the photo was.

Using a magnifying glass, I noticed a sign on the front of the building. It reads, "G.N. French & Son Carriages and Sleighs." Immediately, I recognized this building as the factory manufacturing the horse-drawn vehicles Henry Lake used to love. So, I determined this photo as the carriage factory in Grafton. Wrong I was. Below is the story from Francis Palmer's "History of the Town of Grafton, Vermont."

"Lyman French went into the carriage business about 1833 in a shop at the foot of Kidder Hill. After his death in 1852 the business was continued by his son, George Nelson French as owner. Lyman and Dexter French, his brothers, who had the shop at the foot of Kidder Hill, furnished the wood work.

"G.N. French had a shop on Main Street between the house formerly occupied by Lewis S. Walker (now occupied by the Misses Frost) and the brick house occupied by J. Orville Wyman (now Lieut. Col. C.L. Park's), but farther from the street.

"A new shop was built on New Street. The old shop was moved over near it. It was later incorporated as the French Carriage Co., with John L. Butterfield, President, William G. Wyman, Treasurer, George Nelson French, Superintendent. At one time they employed



Louis Marshall painting the roof of G. N. French & Son Carriage Shop in Bellows Falls. Circa 1910.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING

eighteen hands. In 1879 the French Carriage Co. dissolved. A new company was founded as G.N. French and Son. The son was George D. French. This company moved to Bellows Falls in 1889 and continued to do business there. G.N. French built a house near the Grafton shop in 1869. This he also moved to Bellows Falls in 1889. The carriage shop on New Street was sold to Charles S. Frost and moved to Saxtons River. It is now owned by Dr. F.L. Osgood, and is leased to the First National Stores. G.N. French's house was on the lot where Miss Allard's house now stands."

From, "Five Dollars and a Jug of Rum," The History of Grafton, Vermont 1754-2000," is a little more history.

"In 1833 Lyman French established a carriage and sleigh factory in a large building on Back Street (now Pleasant Street where the tennis courts are located). At his death in 1852 his son, George Nelson French, became proprietor. George had entered the business as a boy and, using his natural talent for painting, decorated the sleighs with scrolls and wildflower motifs. In 1877 a third generation of the French family stepped into the business when George D. French was made a partner. George Nelson French's brothers, Lyman and Dexter B. ran a woodworking shop nearby, and the family business thrived here

until 1889. At that time the French family dismantled the entire factory and their large home and moved them to Bellows Falls to be nearer suppliers and the railroad."

The photo with this article was donated by Ted Spaulding along with a number of photos of Louis Marshall painting steeples in the area. Most of these photos date to 1910-1912. Included are photos of the Wallingford Scythe and Snath Company with Louis atop a very tall smokestack, the Windham Church steeple, a church steeple in Putney, Bellows Falls Town Hall, Adna Brown Hotel, the locks at Mechanicsville, N.Y., and the Sugar River Paper Mills in Claremont along with a few I have yet to identify.

Louis Marshall was born in 1880 and died in 1968. With the information I discovered, it is safe to conclude that the photo with this article was taken in Bellows Falls. Does anyone recognize the location?

This week's old saying is from an old Springfield man I knew many years ago. At the Newfane Flea Market, when he picked up his cup of coffee he would holler, "Got ants in my coffee but no uncles!"

Coolidge Holiday Open House a Top 10 Vermont winter event

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - Step back in time to celebrate the traditions of the season at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. The Coolidge Holiday Open House has been recognized as a 2018-19 "Top 10 Winter Event" by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. The event is free, open to the public, ADA accessible, and features activities for the entire family. Coolidge Holiday Open House takes place Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3780 Route 100A Plymouth, Vt.

Stroll through the historic village and visit the homestead where President Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as president of the United States. Experience the Coolidge birthplace decorated as it would have been in 1872, the year the future president was born. Enjoy holiday organ and piano music performed throughout the day by Steve Morse of Montpelier. Cider tasting with Champlain Orchards will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

at the Plymouth Cheese Factory and caroling in the church begins at 1:30 p.m.

Special guest Willem Lange will read "Favor Johnson: A Christmas Story" at 11 a.m. Lange is a commentator on Vermont Public Radio and received an Emmy as host of the award-winning "Windows to the Wild" on New Hampshire Public Television. His story about Favor Johnson and the mysterious delivery of homemade fruit cakes on Christmas Eve is a Vermont classic. Copies of Lange's CDs and books will be available for purchase and signing.

Other activities include:

- Sleigh and wagon rides
- Coolidge Homestead tours at 12:30 and 2 p.m.
- Traditional gifts, treats, and samples of award-winning cheeses at the Plymouth Cheese Factory
- Homemade chocolate sampling with The Chocolatorium

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- Create a tiny diary or a paper lantern made from an early Plymouth photo
- Wreath-making and premade wreath sales
- Make elegant paper ornaments and paper-quilled snowflakes
- Special holiday postal cancellation at the historic Plymouth post office

- John Lutz series from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Lunch at the Wilder House Restaurant by Tyson Ladies Aid

The Coolidge Holiday Open House is the last chance to see 2018 exhibit, "Presidential Holiday: The Coolidge Summer Retreats, 1924 - 1928," which features the spectacular eagle-feather headdress presented to the president when he was made leader of the Sioux nation.

For further information, visit www.HistoricSites.Vermont.gov.

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PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - With the holiday season upon us, start or continue a great holiday experience by enjoying the many fun activities at the Coolidge Open House. Enjoy the best soups, chili, pies, and goodies that the Tyson Ladies Aid provides annually at the Wilder House at the Coolidge site. Choose from a tasty and hearty array of soups, chili, pies, and many other delights. Sit by the warm open hearth fire, enjoy family and friends, make new friends, and watch as the horse drawn sleigh goes by with its load of happy visitors enjoy the pleasures of this fun experience!

The money raised by the Tyson Ladies Aid goes to support local families in need, provide a scholarship for a graduating senior from Black River High School and Woodstock High School, and support the historic Tyson Library.

The Wilder House will be open



Tyson Ladies serve up lunch.

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from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 1. Stop by, say hi to us, enjoy the warmth and camaraderie, and tasty

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opinion & obituaries

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The fall and winter can be a busy time full of fun activities and travel, but the same activities that bring joy can also negatively impact patients in need of lifesaving transfusions.

In fact, right now, the American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage and has issued an urgent call for eligible donors of all blood types to give now and avoid delays in medical care for patients. Right now, blood donations are being distributed to hospitals

faster than donations are coming in.

Volunteer blood drive sponsors are also critically needed to host drives in December, January, and February to prevent the shortage from continuing throughout the winter. Fewer groups signing up to host blood drives in September and October coupled with the widespread cancellation of scheduled drives as a result of hurricanes Michael and Florence were key factors that contributed to the current shortage.

Winter blood drive hosts can also play a key role in helping to end it.

There's a chance you may know someone who has been helped by a blood transfusion. Blood and platelet donations are often used in the treatment of those being treated for cancer or sickle cell disease, heart surgery, and organ transplant recipients, and accident and burn victims

On behalf of the Red Cross, I'm inviting you to roll up a sleeve and give

the perfect gift – the gift of life. Your gift could lead to a lifetime of holiday memories for patients in need. To make an appointment to donate and sign up to host a blood drive, I urge you to visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

Sincerely,
Maria Devlin, CEO
American Red Cross New Hampshire and Vermont

Dear Editor,

I want to thank the voters of Andover, Baltimore, Chester, and North Springfield for re-electing me to be your representative in Montpelier. I look forward to representing all of you and hope to learn more about your concerns on the issues that face our community. Again, thank you for your contin-

ued confidence in me as your state representative.

You can contact me at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or tmboc@vermontel.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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Saturday service at 10 a.m. Bible Study at 11 a.m. Worship Tuesday night is at 7 p.m. with bible study and prayer. For more information, call 802-885-5763.

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Sunday Praise and Worship at 10 a.m. with Bible Study at 9 a.m. before the worship service. All are welcome to join us. Call 802-886-1050, email nssbc@vermontel.net or go to www.nsbct.org for additional information and directions.

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Obituaries

Brian M. Aldrich, 1978-2018

WASHINGTON, N.H. – Brian M. Aldrich, 40, of 160 Dole School House Rd. passed away Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018. Brian was born in Keene, N.H. May 7, 1978, the son of James and Faye (Patria) Aldrich. He was a graduate of Fall Mountain Regional High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Keene State College, and earned his master's degree from the University of Minnesota. He worked as a graphic designer for Smart Set and also was an assistant professor in Minnesota. Brian enjoyed shooting, snowboarding, skateboarding, and especially his art,

and was a life member of the NRA. Brian is survived by his father James Aldrich and wife Brenda of Walpole, N.H.; his brother Travis Aldrich of Charlestown, N.H.; his step-sisters Justina Patrick of Dublin, N.H. and Sabina Conner of Charlestown, N.H.; his nephews Owyn and Jonah Aldrich; his step-nephew Nicholas Patrick and step-nieces Analese Patrick and Jordon Simmons. He is predeceased by his mother Faye Patria Aldrich and his brother Jacob Aldrich.

The funeral service will be private at the convenience of the family.

John F. Davidson, 1935-2018

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – John F. Davidson, 83, of Ponderosa Park passed away Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018 at the Jack Byrne Center. John was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., April 3, 1935, the son of George and Helen (Troy) Davidson. He attended schools in Bellows Falls and served 10 years in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for White Light Metal, Whitney Blake, and retired from Chamberlin Machine. He was a member of the Charlestown Senior Center, the VFW in Springfield, Vt., and the American Legion Post 37 where he was a past post commander.

In 1963, he married Jean Center Hale who predeceased him. Surviving are his son Gary M. Davidson of Browns Mills, N.J. and his daughter Cindy Brown of West Unity, N.H.;

his sister Louise Woodward of Gageville, Vt.; his grandchildren Asia and Egypt Davidson and Kristopher Trela; and great-grandchildren Violet and Azelea Miravey. He is predeceased by his parents and his brother George Davidson Jr.

There will be calling hours 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 with service beginning at 2 p.m. all at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will follow the service in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Bellows Falls, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Scholarship Fund, Post #37, 42 Rockingham St., Bellows Falls, VT or to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Doris B. Clark, 1925-2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Doris B. Clark, formerly of Springfield, Vt., passed away Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 at Cedar Hill Health Care Center in Windsor, Vt. She was born June 19, 1925 in Windham, Vt., the youngest daughter of Leon and Sadie (Underwood) Bills.

She lived in Wardsboro, Vt. for many years, moving to Springfield in 1974.

She was married to Kenneth Fuller Sr. He predeceased her Aug. 1, 1992. She worked as a nanny in private homes and also owned and operated a day care business for many years.

She loved animals, especially her cats. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; they all meant the world to her.

She is survived by one son Roger Fuller and his wife Joyce of Caven-

dish, Vt.; three daughters Ellen Fuller of Marlboro, Vt., Sarah Wilcox and her husband Donald of Springfield, Vt., and Bonnie Bedi of Sylvester, Ga.; also by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, two sons Lester Fuller and Kenneth Fuller Jr., and her siblings.

A service and burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156 or to the Activities Fund at Cedar Hill Health Care Center, 49 Cedar Hill Drive, Windsor, VT 05089.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Juanita H. Dolloff, 1923-2018

WALPOLE, N.H. – Juanita H. Dolloff, 95, of Old Keene Rd. passed away Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018. Juanita was born in Piedmont, Mo. Jan. 8, 1923, the daughter of Luther and Mamie (Malloy) Roberts and attended schools in Missouri. She was a member of Piedmont Congregational Church and also attended the Congregational Church in Walpole, N.H. where she played the bells and sang in the choir. Juanita enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and doing crochet.

Juanita is survived by her son Charles Dolloff of San Jose, Calif.; her daughters Beth Baum and husband

Peter of Clifton, Va., Lynn Squires and husband Ralph of Charlestown, N.H., and Pam Meskel of Aurora, Colo.; her grandchildren Benjamin Baum, Kathryn Schwarting, Leah Baum, and Elisabeth Malloy; great-grandchildren Daniel Baum, Ilana Baum, and Alexis and Carl Schwarting; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, her husband George Dolloff, her daughter Christine Moss, and her sisters Leila White and Glenda Polk.

A memorial service will be held Jan. 8, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Walpole, N.H.

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obituaries

Robert H. Douglas, 1928-2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert H. Douglas, 90, passed away Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018 at his home in Springfield. He was born March 3, 1928 in Endicott, N.Y., the son of Alan and Edith (Phileo) Douglas. He attended schools and graduated from high school in New York.

On June 15, 1963, he married Marian Stover in Bartonville, Vt. She predeceased him July 4, 2014.

He was employed as a machinist with Cone Blanchard in Windsor, Vt. and Bryant Grinder Co. and Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield for many years. He was also employed as a truck driver with Idlenot Dairy in Springfield, Vt.

He loved playing violin, enjoyed hiking, riding unicycle, and enjoyed

word puzzles.

He is survived by his son Geoffrey Douglas of Springfield, daughter Deborah Kopechny of Toronto, Canada, three grandchildren, one brother David, and four sisters Gladys, Margaret, Elaine, and Mary.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, and by one son Rob Douglas in 2004.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, 2 p.m., at the Andover Community Church in Andover, Vt. Reverend Daryl Martens will officiate.

Donations may be made in his name to the Springfield Family Center, 365 Summer St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Jeanne Semonite, 1929-2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Jeanne Farr Semonite, 89, 409 Great Smokey Mountain Dr., Mebane, N.C. – formerly of 7 North Ridge Rd., Bellows Falls, Vt. – passed away Nov. 20, 2018. Jeanne was born March 24, 1929 in Verona, N.J., the daughter of John and Marion (Hyer) Farr. At the age of 3, her parents moved to Vermont where she lived most of her life. Jeanne was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School, Class of 1947. She received her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Vermont in 1951. She taught school in West Hartford, Conn. and Middletown, N.J. before she was married.

She met William (Bill) Semonite of Cranford, N.J. in college and was married in Westminster July 11, 1953. They lived in Middletown, N.J. until 1955 when they moved to Bellows Falls, built their own home over the years on North Ridge Road, and raised their family. Bill entered his father-in-law's Studebaker automobile dealership, Farr's Garage. John Farr retired in 1962 and Bill and Jeanne took over the dealership, eventually adding Dodge and eventually a whole Chrysler line. He and Jeanne sold the business and retired in 1988.

When her children were in school, she returned to teaching and worked for the Rockingham School Department for 14 years teaching reading and for Kurn Hattin Homes for five years. She also worked at Farr's Garage for several years as the secretary and treasurer of the business. Jeanne was one of the founders of the Bellows Falls Playschool, a member of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club, and a long-time member of the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Bellows Falls. She had been on the planning and fundraising committees of the new church and later

served on various boards. Her passion in life, besides her family, included her hobbies of gardening as she loved flowers, knitting, pressed flower arrangements, traveling, reading, and working around her house.

Family gatherings with her children and grandchildren were very special to her. Over the years, Bill and Jeanne took many trips to Germany and different parts of the U.S. to visit their son and four grandchildren on various U.S. Army Posts. They frequently spent winters in Hilton Head Island, S.C. and every summer traveled to their cottage and went sailing on Long Island, Maine. Many friends and family members enjoyed lobster dinners on their deck. She especially enjoyed her retirement home in Mebane and spending time with Susan and Connor. She loved attending school and community events and was an active member of the Burlington Alamance Newcomers group.

Jeanne is survived by a son Todd (and wife Connie), LTG and Chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of Washington, D.C.; daughter Susan, Duke University Undergraduate Admissions, of Mebane, N.C.; grandchildren Stephanie Bogatyr (husband Michael), Alexander Semonite (wife Jessie), William Semonite (wife Jenna), Charlee Conder (husband Jason), Connor Waters, and seven great-grandchildren Emma, Theodore, Frederick, Weston, Penelope, Nathaniel, and Lucia. Jeanne was predeceased by another son Scott who passed away in a bicycle accident in 1965.

Funeral services were held at United Church of Bellows Falls Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018. Burial took place at Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to United Church of Bellows Falls.

Gordon Toussaint, 1927-2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Gordon "Buddy" Toussaint, 91, of 9 Burt St. in Bellows Falls passed Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 at Keene Hospital with his wife and daughters by his side. He was born Oct. 2, 1927, the son of Jennie (Hosmer) and Gideon Toussaint of Gageville, Vt. He was a Bellows Falls graduate of the class of '46. After graduation, he worked for his father's painting business, eventually purchasing it. He expanded the business several years later, opening a store in downtown Bellows Falls known as Toussaint's Paint Center. He was proud to have worked in so many area homes. He was a member of the Benevolent Order of Elks #1619 for several years. He spent many hours volunteering for parties and held different offices for the organization, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

In 1947, he married Irene (Robbins) who survives. Also surviving are his sons Nelson and his wife Kathy, Norman, Barry, Mark, Tim

and his wife Robin; his daughters Virginia McGuire and her husband Jerry, Margaret, Linda Straub and her husband Ralph, and Maryann Brophy and her husband Dan; 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Ludger Toussaint, sister Helen Reed, granddaughter Billie-Jo McGuire, and grandson Bruce McGuire.

Buddy's happiest moments were spending time with his family. He was a wonderful father to his nine children and loving husband to his wife Irene of 71 years. His greatest hobbies were hunting, fishing, and camping. He was also an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. He loved his Sunday football on TV. He will be missed by many but forever in our hearts.

There will be a memorial service Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will follow in Saint Charles Catholic Cemetery.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Lucille Alberta Laferriere McCaffrey, 99, died Nov. 10, 2018 at Genesis Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vt. She

was born April 22, 1919 in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the daughter of the late Joseph and Marie (Thibault) Laferriere. She grew up in a large, energetic, hardworking, fun-loving family of

15 children. In 1940, she and Martin McCaffrey were married in St. Johnsbury, Vt. They lived and raised their family in Bellows Falls, Vt. Lucille received her early schooling in St. Johnsbury, Vt. and graduated from hair dressing school when she was 50. Besides working as a hairdresser, she also worked in the kitchen at McGirr Nursing Home for many years.

But her favorite job was being a mother and homemaker, and she excelled at making nutritious meals, crocheting, knitting, sewing many of her children's clothes while providing plenty of fun and discipline. Music held a special place in her life, especially the swing and big band eras. She sang in the St. Charles choir for many years and regaled her nursing home friends with her singing. Her children remember her singing along with the radio, especially with Arthur Godfrey and Frank Sinatra. She took great pleasure in going to the local coffee shop with her friends every morning.

She was a long-time member of the St. Charles Catholic Daughters of America and served as grand regent and a junior Catholic Daughter leader. She was also a Cub Scout den leader and a member of Bellows Falls

Post 37 American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her four children Joanne and her husband Paul Savoie of Bowdoinham, Maine, Janet and her husband Richard Forbush of Bellows Falls, Vt., James McCaffrey of Saxtons River, Vt., and John McCaffrey and his partner Lora Bothwell of Monkton, Vt.; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Martin, 14 siblings, two grandchildren Allison Forbush and Karen McCaffrey, and a great-grandchild Garrett Dunlap.

A funeral mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, with burial to follow in the St. Charles Cemetery in Westminster, Vt. Per Lucille's wishes, there will be no calling hours.

Donations may be made to BAYADA Hospice, 1222 Putney Rd. #203, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

A special thank you to the dedicated people who gave our mother attentive care over the years, the staffs of Genesis Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center and the former McGirr Nursing Home, and Bayada Hospice.

Robert H. Nelson Jr., 1930-2018

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert H. Nelson Jr., 88, passed away Wednesday evening, Nov. 21, 2018 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H.

He was born April 1, 1930 in North Hartland, Vt., the son of Robert and Claribel (Hunt) Nelson. He graduated from Windsor High School class of 1948. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1946 to 1948 and was discharged to join the U.S. Airforce, serving from December 1948 to September 1952. He also served with the Hurricane Hunters Squadron in Bermuda for three years.

On April 3, 1954, he married Shirley Smith, and they made their home in North Springfield, Vt. for many years.

He was employed as an industrial engineer with the Fellows Gear Shaper for almost 40 years, retiring in 1991. After his retirement from Fellows, he worked delivering vehicles for Springfield Auto Mart for many years.

Bob was an avid aviation enthusiast since the early 1940s. A model airplane builder and kit collector, he had two shows of his work at the Miller Art Center in Springfield, Vt.

He was a lifetime member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, a member of the Air Force Association, a member of the International Plastic Modelers Society, a member of

the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and a member of the American Auto Association.

He was an avid roller skater and enjoyed traveling around in his convertibles over the years. He loved to drive all over the country.

He is survived by his wife Shirley of N. Springfield, Vt.; son Ken Nelson and his wife Diane of Rutland, Vt.; daughters Bonnie Jo Sandstrom and her husband Gary of Manchester, N.H. and Carol-Lynn Knight and her husband Rich of N. Springfield, Vt.; sister Teri L. Perkins of Boynton Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and several nieces.

He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters Arlene McFadden and Barbara Ranney; and one nephew Michael.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 at the Davis Memorial Chapel. Reverend George Keeler officiated. Burial will be in the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph Center, Vt. in the spring of 2019.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the American Diabetes Association 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900 Arlington, VA 22202 or at www.diabetes.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

Deborah J. Speckman, 1954-2018

WAPOLE, N.H. – Deborah J. Speckman, 64, of Walpole, N.H. passed away Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 following an intense battle with cancer. She was born July 6, 1954 to the late Wilfred and Doris (Masse) Smith in Putnam, Conn. She grew up on her family farm in Chester, Vt., the youngest of four children.

Her love of the outdoors and wildlife, cultivated by her younger years, flourished into a love of watching birds, chipmunks, and larger wildlife from her back deck. As the daughter of a stonemason, Debbie enjoyed creating stone walls and stone flower beds around her property for the enjoyment of her critters and the peacefulness it gave to her.

She married Lawrence (Larry) Speckman of Walpole, N.H., Feb. 14, 1992. Debbie enjoyed her customers and coworkers at SEVCA Good Buy Stores in both Bellows Falls and Springfield, Vt., where she worked as a sales clerk for many years.

Debbie is survived by her husband Lawrence Speckman of Walpole,

N.H.; her brother Ron and his wife Kathy of North Springfield, Vt.; her sister Sandra Goodwin and her husband Robert of Windsor, Vt.; her son Samuel Carpenter and his wife Renee; her daughter Jennifer Carpenter of Blachly, Ore.; and grandchildren Mason and Rebecca of Chester, Vt. She was predeceased by her parents Wilfred and Doris Smith of Chester and North Springfield, Vt. and by her brother Bobby Smith of Springfield, Vt.

Public calling hours will be held at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, Friday, Nov. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. A private family service will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

Marianna T. McGuffin, 1930-2018

WESTON, Vt. – Marianna Taylor McGuffin, born June 30, 1930, in Boston, passed away peacefully Nov. 23 in Ludlow, Vt. She was a loving sister, cousin, mother, grandmother, aunt, great aunt, sister-in-law, and friend to many. She was the daughter of Lawrence McGuffin, a missionary and teacher at Boston Latin School, and Grace Young, night supervisor at Hahnemann Hospital. She lived a vibrant, adventurous, and independent life.

Marianna grew up in the Boston area and graduated from Newton High School. She dreamed of being an actress but followed her parents' wishes for her to be a schoolteacher. She earned a teaching degree at Framingham Teachers College and the next year taught the "glorious fourth" grade elementary class in Martha's Vineyard. But the theater called.

Marianna attended Bishop Lee School of Drama, which led her to a position as stage manager at the Boston Children's Theater, which in turn led her to a summer position at the Weston Playhouse. This is where she met and eventually married the late Samuel Lloyd Sr. They raised four children together before divorcing in 1980. In addition to raising a family, Marianna founded and directed the Green Mountain Trolls Children's Theater, was a school board member at Flood Brook School, established multiple Girl Scout troops, performed as an actor at the Weston Playhouse, Dorset Playhouse, and Flock Theater of Connecticut, and was a company member of the world-renowned Bread and Puppet Theater.

She had close ties with the Weston

Priory, working in a variety of roles, including helping to guide the Guatemalan refugee family, the Ixcots, who she loved as her own family. After earning a master's degree in psychology from Antioch University in the early '80s, she worked as a guidance counselor, therapist, and later counseled teens at the Mountainside House Teen Shelter in Ludlow up to the last year of her life. Marianna was a proud resident of Weston, Vt., for almost 60 years and cherished being part of the community.

Everyone who knew her will miss her great spirit, open-mindedness, compassion, generosity, curiosity, creativity, sense of humor, and her unending quest to determine "What's it all about?!"

Marianna is survived by her children Robin Lloyd, Laurel Lloyd Earnshaw, and Samuel Lloyd Jr., two grandchildren Amelia Jacqueline Earnshaw and Weston Taylor Lloyd, one sister Susan Brooks, and by many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, her son Jackson Lloyd, and her sister Jeannie Willis.

A memorial service will be held in the spring at the Weston Priory in Weston, Vt., and will be announced at that time.

Donations in Marianna's name can be made to Windsor County Youth Services, 6 Mill Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

She would hope that everyone who reads this will remember to "Have a sparkling day!" (and "Don't let the bedbugs bite!").

Austin E. Strout, 1931-2018

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Austin Edmond "Audie" Strout, 87, died at his home in Alstead Center, N.H. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018. He was born in Unity, N.H. Sept. 1, 1931, the fourth son born to Perley Strout and Mary Olive (Donovan) Strout.

During World War II, with his father and older siblings went to Maine to help the war effort, Austin stayed and managed the family farm. He was only about 11 or 12 years old. While in high school, he enjoyed helping his older brother Clyde at the Claremont Speedway as part of the pit crew.

He graduated from Stevens High School in Claremont and went immediately into the Army, serving in Germany. One highlight of the life experience was teaching soldiers how to ski. He earned marksman medals and continued to participate in target shooting sports.

Following his service to his country, he returned home and traveled with his older brother Herbert to Keene daily to work as a machinist. He retired in 1995 with over 30 years employed with Kingsbury Machine Tool Company.

In 1956, he married Virginia Gilchrist. They were married for over 55 years before Ginny passed in 2011.

Audie and Ginny loved square dancing and used to have friends in their upper barn to work with a new caller on Friday nights. Audie kept a couple milk cows below. His enjoyment of dancing never waned. Early in their marriage, a few foster kids were in the family, too. Audie helped with the 4-H woodworking projects with local youth. He also managed a tree farm across the road and on a parcel of inherited property in Unity. He cut 16 cords of wood each summer to heat the house at the top of the hill in Alstead Center.

As retirement approached, the couple decided to design an earth-born dwelling to reduce that need

for so much firewood. They loved Alstead Center too much to "get off the hill" so they located their newer house just down the road. Audie harvested trees and cut boards with his portable sawmill to finish the home. He continued to enjoy maintaining the surrounding forest and gardens and found particular challenge trying to grow decent fruit and berries in his home orchard.

St. Paul's Lodge #30 in Alstead, a Masonic organization, was a large part of Audie's life. He served many roles in the Alstead Lodge and didn't miss putting up the tent for the chicken barbecue.

The VA Outpatient Clinic in Keene, Fall Mountain Friendly Meals in Alstead, and Syrene Porter's in-home health care allowed Audie to stay at home as his dementia progressed. His spirits were up, and he even danced the day that Bayada Hospice entered the picture. Audie was a gentle, quiet man with a cheerful sense of humor. He enjoyed selecting and sending birthday cards to others. He was a great husband, father, and uncle. He made a difference in his corner of the world.

He leaves a daughter Wanda Whittemore of New Hampshire and a son Glenn Strout and his wife Petra of California. He is also survived by a sister Phebe Galpin and brother Perley Strout, both of New Hampshire. He was predeceased by three brothers and three sisters: Carroll Strout, Charlotte Strout, Clyde Strout, Hildred Galipeau, Herbert Strout, and Helene Craite.

A memorial service to celebrate Audie's life will be held in the spring of 2019. Davis Memorial Chapel of Springfield, Vt. is assisting the family with arrangements.

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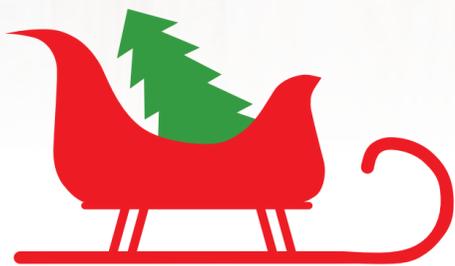
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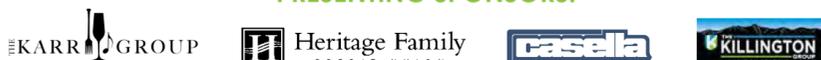
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Overture to Christmas in Chester

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From 1-3 p.m., kids can join the fun at MacLaomann's Scottish Pub for an afternoon of holiday crafts. Light refreshments will be provided.

Then head to Chester-Andover Elementary School to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Kids big and small can join the wagon ride at 4 p.m. as Santa proceeds to the Fullerton Inn. When



Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and watch them light the tree in Chester. STAFF PHOTO

Santa arrives at the Fullerton Inn, he will settle in to hear all the kids' Christmas wishes and we will light the town tree.

For more information on Overture to Christmas or other events, check out www.facebook.com/OverturetoChristmasChesterVT.

Santa coming to town to light Springfield's tree

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - When Santa lights Springfield's town tree, a sense of awe comes over the crowd of families who anxiously awaited his arrival, quickly followed by cheers!

Once again, Springfield on the Move and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce are collaborating to bring the holiday program to downtown Springfield. The Chamber of Commerce has invited Santa and Mrs. Claus to come to town and have arranged for the tree, Santa's house, and caroling.

The annual family holiday program will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in the People's Bank building, a

change from previous years. Children will pick up their sticker maps and visit downtown businesses and organizations to get special treats and stickers to put on their maps. When maps are full, children will return to the SOM space in People's Bank for their goodie bags filled with surprises. Children can



Santa is coming to Springfield to light the town tree. PHOTO PROVIDED

also choose their favorites from the traditional mitten tree.

Caroling with the Springfield Community Band and the Springfield Holiday Community Chorus will begin in the People's United Bank parking lot on Main Street near Santa's House at 5:30 p.m. Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. to light the town's Christmas tree. He will then greet excited children in his special house.

Festival of Lights

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – You are invited to the Festival of Lights Silent Auction, presented by The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. This annual event will be Saturday, Dec. 8 from 6-8 p.m.

It is a fun and festive way to begin the holiday season. Beautifully decorated one of a kind wreaths, creative gift baskets, and an array of donated items will be auctioned. This is the museum's primary fundraising event. The monies raised will support the development of new exhibits, the educational program, and the upkeep of museum facilities.

This year's event will be at The Odd Fellows Hall on Star Lake in Belmont. An array of hors d'oeuvres with wine and other refreshments will be offered beginning at 6 p.m. In addition to the silent auction, there will be four wine and cheese basket raffles plus door prizes.

There is no charge to attend this "adults only" event. Come join the festivities and community fellowship while supporting the museum!

For more information about this event, visit www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org.

Londonderry Tree Lighting

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – All are invited to the Londonderry Tree Lighting Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in The Mountain Marketplace. Sponsored by the Londonderry Rotary and Susie Wyman, there will be music by The Nordic Harmonii and an appearance by Santa!

An open house immediately follows at Neighborhood Connections. Bring the children for homemade cookies and hot chocolate! Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace.

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Beyond the Unicorn

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It's the largest Beyond the Unicorn Craft Fair ever! With over 100 booths this year, this event promises to host some of the most talented crafters and artisans from all over New England, New Jersey, and New York. The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Riverside Middle School on Route 11 West in Springfield, Vt. Sponsored by the Springfield High School Alumni Association, this fair has been one of the largest events held in Springfield for 40 years.

Individuals from all over the region will showcase their handmade wares at the event. Delicious food is prepared and served all day by the Alumni Chefs, food sales with whole pies and loaves of bread, book signers, wreaths, centerpieces, kettle corn, and raffle drawings with items donated by every crafter, will be held throughout the day.

At this year's fair, there will be a Student Market on the fourth floor of Riverside Middle School in room 219. Approximately a dozen student companies will be set up with products and their business plans. Look for Upcycled Fashions by both Echo's Fashion and Passion Fashion. Fashion by Tiffany will have handmade jewelry. There will be A&A Soaps, Shift 'n Gift gift card holders, snacks by Fruit Fools and K&K Stacks, mixed media

prints by Art Parrot, t-shirts with sayings designed by T's Squid Ink, and limited number of beautiful cutting boards made from original Riverside 1956 bleachers by S.S. Woodworking.

Additionally, there will be services displayed from dog walking to hobby horse gymkhana. The babysitters in the classes decided to offer something new to the Unicorn festival this year with limited, short-term child care for those shoppers with young children.

Since this is a pilot program, it will be important to put safety first, of course, so if the service fills temporarily, use your cell phone like a restaurant pager. The idea is to give parents at least a few minutes to shop without navigating strollers through crowds or such. There will be activities like hobby horse gymkhana, plastic pin bowling, coloring, pretend corner, and more. This is also an opportunity to check out your potential next babysitter.

The fair is always held the first Saturday of December. There is absolutely something for everyone. Come and spend the day; it's a community celebration. For information about the craft fair or to volunteer to join in the fun, contact Marie Gelineau at 802-885-3579 or mgelineau@vermontel.net.

Springfield Community Chorus holiday concert

CHESTER/SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Begin your holiday season in the spirit of song. Join the Springfield Community Chorus as they sing their holiday concerts, Dec. 1 and 2. This year, under the direction of Kenneth Olsson, the chorus is featuring the works of John Rutter by singing the arrangement of "Gloria" with brass, percussion, and organ accompaniment. Other arrangements by the composer in the program include "Rejoice and Be Merry," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and "I Wish You Christmas."

John Rutter, born in 1945 and living in London, England, has been composing and arranging

choral music for 50-plus years. He is founder and conductor of the Cambridge Singers in England and a guest conductor of world fame.

The Saturday Dec. 1 concert will be at the First Baptist Church, 162 Main Street in Chester, Vermont at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday, Dec. 2 concert will begin at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main Street, Springfield, Vt.

For more details about the chorus, upcoming concerts, and how to sponsor, visit www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. Donations are gladly and graciously accepted at the door following the concerts.

The Dance Factory presents "The Nutcracker"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Dance Factory presents a fully costumed production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Both performances are at Springfield High School and will benefit the Springfield High School Drama Club. This year's performances are in memory of beloved dancer, Laura Cody McNaughton, who danced with the Dance Factory as a child and an adult for many years.

Please join us for this beautiful classical ballet featuring young dancers from all over southern Vermont and New Hampshire. "The Nutcracker" tells the story of young Clara Stalbaum and the magical Nutcracker she is given from her Uncle Drosselmeyer. The Dance Factory's production features dancing dolls, a fierce Mouse King, a glorious scene of dancing snowflakes led by the Snow Queen, and a visit to the Kingdom of Sweets ruled by the Sugar Plum

Fairy and featuring dances from around the world.

Students dance all the roles in The Dance Factory's production of "The Nutcracker," including the principal roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Snow Queen. Many dancers begin in Mother Goose and continue performing in various roles throughout their childhood. This will be the 27th year The Dance Factory has presented "The Nutcracker." Originally choreographed by Susan Hagan, this year's production will be directed by Ashley Hensel-Browning and will feature new and old choreography from productions past. Do not miss this magical production! Tickets are available at the door as well as ahead of time at Woodbury Florist and Tina's Hallmark in Springfield, and Sage Jewelry on the green in Chester.

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CHESTER, Vt. – Join us for St. Luke's Christmas Tea and Sale Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. through 3

p.m. at St. Luke's in Chester. Enjoy light sandwiches and scrumptious sweets along with your choice of coffee, tea, and hot-spiced cider. Age 5 and under free. Come join friends at inviting little tables festively decorated to eat and chat. Shop at Grandma's Attic for little collectibles, handmade ornaments, and Christmas decorations, and take home some specially baked goodies. Visit www.stlukeepiscopalvt.org for directions and information.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, located at 18 Tuttle St., will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 1

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bazaar features knitted and hand-sewn items, arts & crafts, white elephant sale, jewelry, holiday decorations and ornaments, all available on our second floor. The first floor will feature homemade baked goods, raffles, and the Elf Café, open from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Featuring soup, hot dogs, sandwich rolls, and homemade pie. A beautiful quilt made by the senior center's quilting group will be raffled off. The Christmas Cash raffle tickets will only sell 100 tickets. We will be awarding over \$1,000 in cash prizes! All raffles will be drawn the day of the event. Tickets are

still available at the center's office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The center is handicap accessible and we have a lift available to take you to the second floor. Ample parking is available. Watch for signs next to the Fire Station on Rockingham Street.

REGION – On Saturday, Dec. 1, the fun begins with breakfast and a visit with Santa at Lempster Community School, 29 School Rd. in Lempster, from 9-11 a.m. Visit our 25-plus craft and gift vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Or have breakfast with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m. at The Unity Elementary School, 864 2nd NH Turnpike. Visit the 25-plus craft vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Then join us for lunch, noon to 2 p.m., with a story with Mrs. Claus at Vilas Middle School, 82 Mechanic St., Alstead, with 25-plus craft vendors at that location, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grab a punch card at any location and have it filled on your visits to each location and be entered to win a prize.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will be holding their annual St. Nicholas Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. until noon. There will be baked goods, sauerkraut, and our well-known pierogi while they last. The church is located at 90 Park St. in Springfield, Vt. For more information, please call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 – SATURDAY, DEC. 8 – WALPOLE, N.H. – The Orchard School and Community Center is hosting its 23rd annual benefit Craft Fair Friday, Dec. 7 from 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall. Forty artisans will be offering locally made handcrafted goods such as woolen, quilted, leather, and wooden items, watercolor prints, stationery, pottery, herbal teas, jam, jewelry, beeswax candles, soaps, lotions and more. Volunteers will offer dinner Friday as well as breakfast and lunch Saturday

in their benefit cafe. This year's menu will feature soup, bread, desserts, and hot drinks made by volunteers from ingredients graciously donated by several local farms and businesses.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers Market is holding a holiday market Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Valley St. in Springfield. The Springfield Farmers Market is a nonprofit vendor run market. For details, email springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com or call 802-885-4096.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Recreation Dept. is hosting the Charlestown Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charlestown Primary School, 84 East St. Get those last minute unique Christmas gifts. Concessions will be available. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffles with drawings at 2 p.m. You do not need to be present, but arrangements will need to be made to pick up your prizes.

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The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

The Bellows Falls Terriers field hockey team is the Vermont Division I state champion. They defeated and shut out South Burlington 2-0 at the University of Vermont to keep their 57-game winning streak and four consecutive state title streak alive. South Burlington had three-peated in Division I, but the Terriers moved up and were the best of the best in the fall of 2018.

Purple and White coach Bethany Coursen told me once upon a time, "One of the reasons we moved up was to make the most of what we were given," and this bunch of sticksters did just that.

Their accomplishment over the past four seasons is, at the very least, in the discussion with any athletic accomplishment in Bellows Falls history. There have been great teams in a number of sports, but the list is limited when one throws in the 57 straight wins and the four straight titles, including one at the highest level.

Despite all the success many of these athletes have had and some scrimmages during the past two falls versus tough competition, South Burlington in particular, a Division I tournament berth is truly uncharted waters. Jumping into this type of pool was a real challenge, and it brought some anxiety with it including uneasiness in the picking of the four captains to lead this successful, confident team.

Abbe Cravinho reflected, "When Division I was offered to us, I was a little bit scared. No, not a little bit, I was a lot scared."

Madison Streeter admits she was actually uptight when she found out. She related, "I was actually a little bit mad, just because I knew it was such a big jump. We are a very small school. We have played great field hockey for years but I thought Bethany might have misjudged how good we really were. Now, I realized we are that team."

The word Molly Kelly used was "frustrated." At first, I thought this was a set-up for us to fail. I had trouble understanding because this was my senior year and I was nervous we wouldn't be able to win. Then I realized we were winning all our games by four to six goals and we weren't really finding competition. In the end, knowing we had to be ready for the Division I tournament really pushed us.

The fourth captain, Megan Banik, had the least playing experience of the group, but she had been an astute observer all along the way. She offered, "I was nervous at first and definitely didn't know what to expect. I questioned our chances. It was a big change, but in the end it was definitely worth it and I'm glad it happened."

The team had felt that when push came to shove, South Burlington would be the big prize if they could advance that far. Such a match would pit two three-peat teams in one of the most anticipated field hockey games in the sports Vermont annals and as all know now, the dream meeting came to be.

Bellows Falls had to defeat a strong Rice team to reach the finals. Every captain was in agreement with a little tidbit related to that encounter. In many ways, the stakes were higher in the semi-final contest. Cravinho remembered, "I was more nervous in the Rice game than I was for the state game. That's because if you beat the semi-final team you face, at least, you are in the finals."

Each captain went on to support Crainho's words, agreeing that not reaching the final was not an option.

Four seasons. Four state titles. Many of the seniors were part of each of those teams. Every senior had been in a program that saw nothing except title celebrations at the conclusion of every season. Coursen had introduced most of these athletes to the sport in the early grades of school through her youth program, which utilizes varsity players to coach the youngsters. Athletes from years gone by had developed the program by setting the foundation on the field from Coursen's early teams to coaching the up-and-coming eventual state champions. Coursen took time to reflect on this year's team, which went undefeated and then disposed of Champlain Valley Union, Rice, and South Burlington, on the way to the title.

Here are her words on each of her athletes.

Abbe Cravinho has a second gear that she kicks in when needed. She has a drive and desire to do her best and makes everyone around her better. She scored 80 goals in her four years and possibly had as many assists.

Molly Kelly was a great passer and worked very hard all season to recover from her injury. She tallied 60 goals in her four years and showed constant dedication to her team and sport.

Madison Streeter controlled the ball movement in the middle of the field and worked very hard to keep us on the offensive all the time. She scored 30 goals over her career and was a key part to our corner plays.

Megan Banik stepped up this season and played as a forward or a link - whichever spot the team needed her most. She did an amazing job at whatever spot she was in. She gave 110 percent all the time. She always wanted to know what she could do to be better.

Sophie Hyslop worked very hard at being in the right spot at the right time. She constantly worked on getting her stick down to get that beautiful deflection in the goal. She scored some beautiful goals this season.



Abbe Cravinho plays the ball with teammate Sophie Hyslop in the background.

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Goalie Emma Lober was ready to be challenged in the Division I tournament and was up to the task of bringing home the state title. She is pictured here in action with defender Taylor Goodell behind her.

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Defender Madi Joy helping out in the title contest with South Burlington. Joy was chosen as a possible alternate performer in the Twin State Classic.

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Maya Waryas, a freshman, scored 13 goals this season and three of them were game winners in each of our Division I play-off games. Maya worked very hard, listened, watched, and pushed herself to get better and better with each practice. She had a great first season.

Abby Dearborn worked very hard. She has great speed and when she hopped in on the forward line, she was working hard all the time. She continued to do well when she moved back to link. She has great timing and positioning.

Michelle Marchica was a hard worker with her fellow links. She did a good job backing up the forwards and moving the ball around the field away from the other team.

Emily Harris worked very hard all season. She passed well and continued to get better on her timing on post. She displayed lots of hustle and never gave up.

Meagan Kelly worked well with her other links and was very strong at carrying the ball up the field and passing to her forwards or switching spots with the defense so that the defense could go up the field, and she dropped back to cover for them.

Alice Salter-Roy had a skill of being able to side dribble past her opponents and pass off the ball with ease. She was part of the four links that all worked so well together. It was a joy to watch.

Madi Joy centered the wall of our defense. She had some pretty amazing block tackles to stop the offense in their tracks to break up a lot of breakaways.

Brooke Bennett did a great job being a part of attacking the offense while she was on defense. She also did a great job forcing the other team to do something with the ball. She gave us tons of hustle, never gave up, and pushed herself all the time.

Taylor Goodell would actually go across the field and get the ball. Taylor had good speed and was able to recover back to help the goalie and had solid stick work behind the goalie on the goal line, making killer saves when they counted the most.

Halle Dickerson was all over the defensive end of the field. She had numerous saves in the goal and was able to dodge through the opponent to get the ball up to her offense so they could continue up the field. Her stick skills are incredible.

Emma Lober had 54 shutouts and was Player of the Week for the Burlington Free Press. She showed when challenged that she had the confidence to do the job and to do it very well. She attacked the ball and defended her cage like she had done it all season long.

Brigid Hodsden had a great season balancing two sports. She returned to field hockey and worked very hard, had great side movement, and was very aggressive going after the ball. Her work ethic and drive pushed Emma to work harder as well.

Three of those players, Cravinho, Streeter, and Kelly have been chosen to play in the Twin State Game representing Vermont versus New Hampshire next summer. Joy has also been chosen as an alternate. Coursen has been chosen as the head coach of the Vermont team.

In describing Lober's performance, Coursen mentioned, "She attacked the ball and defended the cage like she had done it all season long."

You see, she had only basically done it in practice all season long. Bellows Falls dominated play so strongly that Lober had few chances in net. The critics had said that if Bellows Falls fell behind, they were in trouble because they had never been challenged and could end up panicking. The same critics said Lober couldn't possibly be up to the task of an onslaught because she had never seen one.

The results of the tournament would prove one thing. Lober could with-



Megan Banik (3) was one of the four captains who led Bellows Falls to a Division I field hockey title.

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Molly Kelly (6) had 40 goals in her playing career despite missing one season due to a knee injury.

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Madison Streeter has been chosen to represent her team in the Twin State Classic versus New Hampshire next summer. Teammate Halle Dickerson has "incredible stick skills" according to Coach Bethany Coursen.

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stand the challenge. Banik said it best when she told me, "That game was what she worked for all year. We knew she was capable to have a strong game because of what she had done in practice. That was the only experience she really had for tough shots like that. Those shots came from the state champions."

In addition, just like happened in practice sometimes, defenders did their jobs too. Both Dickerson and Goodell cleared shots in the title contest that could have ended up in the goal. After all, it is a team game.

For the falling behind part, well, we will never know. The Bellows Falls Terriers didn't let that happen. They didn't ever trail. All everyone does know is they are state champions.

Then there were a few more intangibles that played as inspiration for the small little school that could. Coursen happened to mention to her charges that there were people saying, "They were overrated," "That they were only seeded first because they had a soft schedule," and then "The title would be handed out to a team closer to Route 89 than to Route 91."

These whispers and some other thoughts were on the players' minds as well.

Cravinho: "We have a will to win."

Streeter: "We do a lot of conditioning and it shows"

Kelly: "We showed our true potential because we were challenged by being in Division I."

They proved to the northern schools that they do actually play the sport well along the I-91 corridor.

The last word comes from Coursen, and it reflects words players already had introduced. She told me, "These girls were ready to be challenged. I knew this would be challenging for them, but they had conquered everything thrown at them so moving to Division I would be the only way to make them better. They were up to the challenge."



BF Field Hockey champs

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Front row: Abbe Cravinho, Madison Streeter, Molly Kelly, Megan Banik and Head Coach Bethany Coursen. Second row: Assistant Coach J. Greenwood, Meagan Kelly, Halle Dickerson, Madi Joy, Emma Lober, Michelle Marchica. Third row: Taylor Goodell, Ashlynn Boucher, Grace Wilkinson, Abbe Dearborn, Alice Salter-Roy, Ariana Wunderle, Emily Harris, Maya Waryas, Brigid Hodsden, and Sophie Hyslop. Back row: Coaches Mel Laross and Kim Wilkinson.

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Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 47th annual Hoop Shoot

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Elks Lodge's 47th annual hoop shoot will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. at Riverside Middle School. This event will be open to all boys and girls, ages 8 to 13 based on your age as of April 1, 2019. Trophies are awarded to first and second place winners in each age bracket. Pre-registration will be done through the Parks & Rec. Dept., in Springfield. Registration will be available as well the morning of the shoot at 8:30 a.m. For further information or questions, call Vic Baskevich at 802-885-4355.



Annual Hoop Shoot.

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High school basketball schedule, Week 1

REGION - Winter sports are here! Basketball games may change due to weather or other circumstances. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you have any sports news or photos from a recent game, submit them to editor@vermontjournal.com, and we may include them in the next paper!

FRIDAY, NOV. 30 - Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Raymond 7 p.m.

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Girls Varsity Conant @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Winooski 4:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5 - Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Keene 5 p.m. (scrimmage)

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 - Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Arlington 6:30 p.m. (scrimmage) Boys Varsity Winnisquam @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

Boys Varsity Springfield @ Fair Haven 7 p.m.

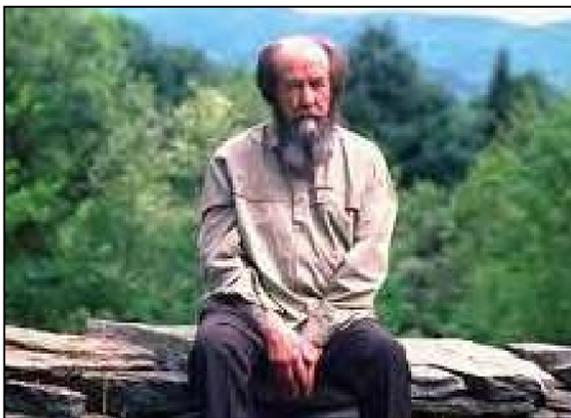
Girls Varsity West Rutland @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m. Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Winooski 7 p.m.

arts & entertainment

Cavendish Historical Society celebrates Solzhenitsyn's 100th birthday

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Dec. 11 marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Soviet dissident and Nobel Prize winner Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Author of such books as “Gulag Archipelago,” “One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich,” and “Cancer Ward,” Solzhenitsyn used his experiences and writing to draw the world’s attention to conditions in the Soviet Union, which ultimately led to the break of the USSR. Solzhenitsyn spent 18 of his 20 years in exile from Russia living and writing in Cavendish, Vt. It was here that he wrote “The Red Wheel.”

Cavendish Historical Society will be hosting a celebration of Solzhenitsyn’s 100th birthday, which will include the showing of the video of Solzhenitsyn’s farewell address to Cavendish in 1994. Following the screening, there will be a discussion and potluck supper. CHS will be providing the ice cream and cake. This event will take place at the Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main Street. The snow date is Sunday, Dec. 9, same time and place. For more information, contact Margo Caulfield at 802-226-7807 or margocaulfield@icloud.com.



Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

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Drumming and spirituality workshop

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Drummer Matt Meyer will hold a “Drumming & Spirituality” workshop at the Springfield U.U. Meetinghouse Sunday, Dec. 2, 12-1:30 p.m. This will be a chance for people of all skill levels to participate in hands-on rhythm making. We’ll tour instruments from around the world and experience the connection of community drumming through activities, stories, and discussions. We’ll also look at how rhythm and music intersect with Unitarian Universalist values. Bring your own drum if you have one; for those who don’t, enough will be provided.



Join this drumming workshop. PHOTO PROVIDED

Matt is a musician and community organizer who has led hundreds of services for U.U. congregations across the country. He has a degree in hand drumming and has studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana, and Central America. Matt serves as director of community life for Sanctuary Boston and is a founding resident of the Lucy Stone Cooperative in Roxbury. This workshop, held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., is free, accessible, and open to the public.

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“The Founders” film at the Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. the Women’s Freedom Center presents the documentary film “The Founders” at the Rockingham Library. They were not supposed to be athletes.

They were not supposed to get paid to play. They were not supposed to call the shots. But in 1950, 13 amateur women golfers battled society, finances, and sometimes each other to stake their claim to become professional sports women by creating the Ladies Professional Golf Association – LPGA. This film is fourth in a series of six films by and about women, sponsored by the Women’s Freedom Center, running the second Thursday of each month, September 2018 through February 2019 at Rockingham Library. If you were not able to

make it to Brattleboro to the Women’s Film Festival, the Women’s Freedom Center is bringing the festival films to you. The Women’s Freedom Center is the local nonprofit organization working to end domestic and sexual violence in Windham and southern Windsor counties. They are a feminist organization committed to offering support and advocacy to all survivors of violence, as well as prevention and educational activities to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated. The Center’s 24/7 Hotline number is 1-802-885-2050. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

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LUDLOW, Vt. – “Hello, My Name is Doris” will be the next FOLA movie Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Heald Auditorium at the Ludlow Town Hall.

“Hello, My Name Is Doris” is a 2015 American romantic comedy-drama film about a woman in her 60s who tries to act on her attraction to a younger co-worker. It stars Sally Field in the title role.

Doris Miller is a shy, eccentric 60-something woman, living alone following the death of her mother, whom she has lived with for her whole life. At the funeral, her brother Todd and his wife Cynthia try to persuade her to sell the house, especially the possessions, as she is a hoarder. On her way to work, where she has been doing data entry for decades, she meets new young co-worker

John, with whom she is immediately infatuated. Empowered by self-improvement tapes, Doris decides to go after him.

Doris finds ways to get John’s attention; the attempts are frequently combined with daydream fantasies about a passionate love affair between them. Doris creates a fake social media profile in order to find information about John and discovers that he loves an electro pop band that is planning an upcoming concert in the area. Doris buys a CD of the band, which gets John’s attention, and attends the concert, where she meets him and they spend time together.

The band is intrigued by Doris and invite her backstage, where they spend a fun evening meeting young artists in the area. John tells Doris that he and his girlfriend recently

broke up over text, and asks her about her love life. She reveals that she was engaged in the past, but had to end it in order to take care of her mother. John gives her a friendly kiss goodnight, and Doris is in love.

As she continues her quest for John, you will see that nothing gets resolved in the expected movie fashion. The story will make you laugh, no question, but it will also make you deeply uncomfortable, and we mean that in the best way.

As with all FOLA movies, the film is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be supplied by Berkshire Bank with FOLA providing water. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA website at www.fola.us.

Jamie Townsend art exhibit at Claremont Opera House –

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Jamie Townsend art will be exhibited in the Claremont Opera House John D. Bennett Gallery from Dec. 7 through Jan. 4. Viewing is available during the shows at the Claremont Opera House or by stopping in at the business office for access to the gallery on the fifth floor during business hours.

An opening reception will be held Friday, Dec. 7, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Jamie Townsend has been painting large splashes of color for over 20 years. His first color was found right here in his native Vermont. Sunsets and foliage soon led to tropical pastels as he attended the Ringling School of Art in Florida. He found something in common with abstract expressionism while he was studying. This movement has a power and an honesty that

appeal to him. His paintings can incorporate subjects such as buildings or figures, but they always compete with his interest in negative space.

In the last 10 years, he has also worked in sculpture and murals. The murals are important because they give the size and the public outreach that Jamie strives for. He splits his time between Europe and the United States and enjoys how the different cultures and landscapes affect his art. In addition, he teaches private classes giving adults a chance to view art as more of a process that can reveal layers of expression. Please follow him on Face-



Jamie Townsend working in his studio.

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book and Instagram to see past and future creations.

Claremont Opera House is located at 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, N.H. For more information, go to www.claremontoperahouse.org.

Mark Breen presents “This Winter’s Forecast” at OLLI program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mark Breen will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, Dec. 4. “This Winter’s Forecast” will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

Breen, senior meteorologist at the Fairbanks Museum and the voice of VPR’s “Eye on the Sky” weather forecast, acknowledges that the challenges of predicting Mother Nature are considerable. Even weather forecasts from day to day can vary considerably as a storm changes track, a weather front stalls, or a thunderstorm pops up to spoil your outdoor plans. So why would we think we can predict the weather months in advance? He’ll discuss the differences between daily and seasonal weather forecasting, including looking at ocean temperature cycles, sun spot cycles, El Nino, and the Polar Vortex. Using these features, as well as over 120 years of detailed weather records from the Fairbanks Museum, Breen will make a specific forecast for this winter!

This is Breen’s eighth presentation to the OLLI group. He is one of the group’s favorite presenters with his easy speaking style and extensive knowledge. “In Vermont, in particular, weather plays a big role in the economy,” says Breen. “I enjoy



Mark Breen.

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wonderful conversations with farmers, skiers, factory managers, teachers, hang-giders, bicyclists, hunters, hikers, just to name a few. They each help me understand the different parts of the weather that affect their activities, which in turn helps me to focus on certain aspects of the weather, say the wind, or humidity, or temperature.”

OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning “just for the fun of it!” People of all ages are welcome to attend.

The OLLI series programs are se-

lected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, and current events.

Programs are held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons and last about an hour and a half.

Membership for the semester includes nine programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

This is the final program of this semester. The winter/spring semester begins Jan. 29, 2019 with exciting programs lined up on science, nature, music, art, and history.

Brochures will be distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. Programs will be highlighted in the local media. The complete Springfield and statewide program list will be available online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

“An Illustrated History of the New England Patriots” at Northshire

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join us at Northshire Bookstore, Friday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m., in welcoming Glenn Stout the co-author of “The Pats: An Illustrated History of the New England Patriots.”

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and Bill Belichick and owner Bob Kraft. “The Pats” is a must-have gift for fans, old and new.

Glenn Stout is a freelance writer, author, and editorial consultant and has served as series editor of “The Best American Sports Writing” since its inception. He has collaborated with Richard Johnson on “Red Sox Cen-

tury,” “Yankees Century,” “The Cubs,” and “The Dodgers.” Stout has lived in and around Boston for 20 years. Currently, he lives in Vermont.

Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street, Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

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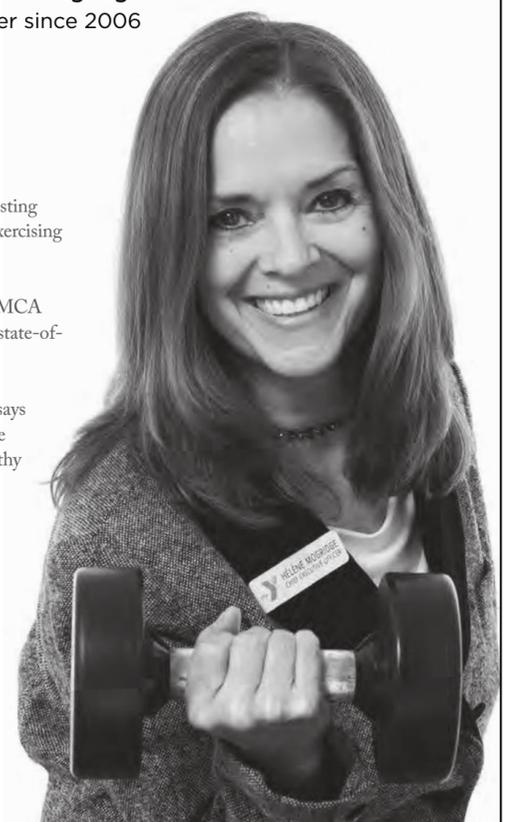
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SMS athletes named to U.S. Ski and Snowboard teams for 2018-19 season —

STRATTON, Vt. — Fourteen Stratton Mountain School athletes have been named to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team for the 2018-19 season — more than any other ski academy in the United States. These athletes continue SMS's tradition of academic and athletic excellence, with more than 100 national team placements and 46 Olympic team placements since the school's founding in 1972.

U.S. Ski and Snowboard announced their freeski, cross country, and snowboard teams Nov. 12, with a number of SMS athletes named to each. Olympic silver medalist Lindsey Jacobellis returns to the Snowboardcross A-team alongside Alex Deibold, who won the bronze in Snowboardcross during the Sochi Winter Olympics in 2014.

"I'm excited to see SMS alumni Lindsey and Alex back on the U.S. Snowboard Team," said SMS snowboarding director Ross Powers, a two-time Olympic medalist and USSA's 2015 Domestic Snowboard

Coach of the Year. "Both have been on the team for a long time and are still on top of their game. I wish them, and all of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team, a successful season."

Recent graduate Caroline Claire, who became the first actively enrolled Stratton Mountain School student to compete in the Olympics during the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, Diggins made history by winning the first gold medal in U.S. Cross Country Skiing in the Team Sprint alongside teammate Kikkan Randall. Diggins is joined on the U.S. Cross Country A-Team by SMS alum and two-time Olympian Sophie Caldwell as well as three-time Olympian Simi Hamilton. Patrick "Paddy" Caldwell, who also competed for the U.S. in PyeongChang, has been named to the Cross-Country B-Team.

Three members of the SMS T2 team have also been named to the U.S. Cross Country Development Team including Katharine Ogden, Ben Ogden, and Julia Kern. "We are proud to have such a strong group on the U.S. Ski Team," said SMS Nordic director Sverre Caldwell, USSA's 2015 Domestic Coach of the Year and a member of

the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum Hall of Fame. "Everyone is looking strong and we are excited to start the race season!"

U.S. Ski and Snowboard announced their official selections for their Alpine team Nov. 15, including athletes Alice Merryweather, who competed in her first Olympic Games in PyeongChang last year, Nicholas Krause, and George Steffy.

"We are very proud of our SMS alums being named to the U.S. Ski Team," said SMS Alpine director Mike Morin, who was recognized by the Vermont Alpine Racing Association as the 2018 Development Coach of the year, and by U.S. Ski and Snowboard as the 2017 Alpine Domestic Coach of the Year. "Alice and Nick will both be full time on the FIS World Cup this season, while George will be working to rehab a knee injury sustained training SG in Chile. We wish them all good luck and successful seasons."

Muzzleloader and second archery seasons —

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Vermont's hunters will get one final chance for a deer this year during the muzzleloader deer season and the second part of the archery deer season. The two seasons run at the same time: Dec. 1-9.

A muzzleloader hunter may take one legal buck anywhere in the state. In addition, a hunter who received a muzzleloader antlerless deer permit may take one antlerless deer in the Wildlife Management Unit designated

on the permit. An archery hunter may take a legal buck anywhere in the state, provided they didn't take one in the earlier part of archery season. An archery hunter may take an antlerless deer anywhere in the state.

A legal buck is a deer with at least one antler having two or more points one inch or longer.

An antlerless deer is a deer without antlers or with no antler longer than three inches.

A deer with three-inch or longer spike antlers may not be taken during the archery, November rifle, or muzzleloader seasons.

A muzzleloader or archery license is required in addition to a standard

hunting license, except for a non-resident who chooses to purchase just a limited archery license for the archery season.

Vermont hunters may take up to three deer in a calendar year with appropriate licenses and permits for each deer season — archery, youth weekend, November rifle, December muzzleloader. Only two of the three deer in the annual limit may be legal bucks, but only one legal buck may be taken in each season.

Check the 2018 Vermont Hunting & Trapping Guide for more regulation details. It's available where licenses are sold and on Fish & Wildlife's website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.



Magic to open

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Magic Mountain opens for the skiing and riding season Saturday, Dec. 1.

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Hammond Cove & West Mountain shooting ranges closing Dec. 15



Shooting ranges are closing for the winter season.

PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says its public shooting ranges in Hartland and the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area will be closing for the winter Dec. 15.

"We want to thank all of the people who have supported the operation of the two ranges in Windsor and Essex counties

which are essential to hunter skill development and the safe use of firearms," said Alison Thomas, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's education coordinator. "Both ranges will close for the winter and reopen next spring."

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Quilter and substitute teacher Andrea Scott has been quilting for over 25 years, ever since she learned how to cut and sew her first fabric square back in high school. Since then, it has been a happy constant in her life. Now that her three kids have turned into more independent teenagers, she's decided to make it a business.

Andrea is the owner and quilter of Sew Happy Quilting in Bellows Falls. Although she doesn't have a bricks and mortar storefront, her virtual store is part of the Etsy website, the well-known cyber home to small artists, artisans, and craftspeople from around the world. She's happy to be able to try her hand at turning her passion into a successful business. According to Scott, "There's just something about working with fabric."

Since her launch in May of 2017, she has seen steady growth through the Etsy site, a few craft shows, and word of mouth. She plans on expanding her craft show circuit next year.

Her best-selling products tend to be smaller in scale like her mug rugs, potholders, table runners, and baby quilts. She uses beautiful fabrics and color combinations, which you can see on her Etsy site. She also specializes on custom orders and will work with you to coordinate with your décor or other items that are part of a gift basket or box.

Visit Andrea's Etsy site at www.etsy.com/shop/sewhappyquiltingvt or you can see her quilted creations for yourself at the Westminster Institute Craft Bazaar Friday, Dec. 7, from 5-8 p.m.



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SUNDAY, DEC. 2 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Winter Immunity with Herbs Program followed by Reiki Clinic, on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 1:15 - 4 p.m. at Studio Time and Space, 59 Main St. in Springfield. Mary Porter, R.N. will discuss using herbs and home remedies to help support the immune system, followed by our restorative, healing Reiki Clinic with Lauren Potter. Tastings, samples, and herbal products will be available. Suggested donations gratefully appreciated. Space is limited so please RSVP to mary_vermont@yahoo.com or laurenpottervt@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Join world-renowned substance

abuse prevention and education consultant Michael Nerney and The Collaborative on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Flood Brook School in Londonderry. Nerney's presentation, "Risky Business: Why Adolescents Love Risk-Taking, and How We Can Help Manage It" is geared to parents, educators, and caring adults of 5th-10th grade students to understand risky behavior, including marijuana, alcohol use, and more. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Contact The Collaborative at 802-824-4200.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - SUNDAY, DEC. 9 - PERU, Vt. – Reiki III Certification class is being offered by Reiki Master and author Jennifer Rose Esposito on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at New Spring Farm, 135 Batchelder Barn Road in Peru. Prerequisite of Reiki I Certification is necessary for this class. For pricing details and to register, email Jennifer at peaceofparadisising@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for The Fear of Singing Workshop on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stone Church Art Center in Bellows Falls. Learn to sing in a way that's supportive, comfortable and fun. Take home skills to start you on your way! Discuss the basics of music theory, so you'll understand more about how songs work. Sing familiar songs and learn new ones! We'll create a tool kit of accessible techniques for you to take home and use as you develop your skills. Discover the joy of your unique voice and let go of that old idea that singing isn't for you!



SUNDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. – The Odd Bobbins Spinning Group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 2 - 4 p.m. at Six Loose Ladies, 287 Main Street in Chester. The Odd Bobbins meet monthly to spin in company, exchange fiber, and learn from each other. Occasional guest instructors and fiber producers attend. For more details, visit www.sixlooseladies.com. TFN

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Sweaty Sunday Sizzle class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Sundays at 9 a.m. Move your body, build your endurance, increase your oxygen uptake while having a blast. Join Stacy for a donation only and she will teach you some dance moves that will add fireworks to your weekend.

MONDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call 802-463-3907. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 9-10:30 a.m. Playgroup at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 802-886-5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net. TFN

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS - CAVENDISH, Vt. – Join Denise at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville for Bootcamp Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Let Denise work you towards your health and fitness goals with an amazing workout that will leave you coming back for more.

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Subway, 65 Square in Bellows Falls. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-2204. TFN

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30-11 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons River Elementary School. Come on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Mally 802-376-6204. TFN

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Tai Chi for Fall Prevention Level 2 classes are available for

beginner class graduates on Tuesdays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. A 10-week Level 2 series led by Alicia Mayer. To inquire about Level 2 & 3 classes, contact Alicia at 802-365-4115, x108. All classes happen at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, Townshend.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - SHREWSBURY, Vt. – Restorative Yoga in the Barn at Sol Luna Farm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Restorative Yoga is a delicious surrender into rest and relaxation, with supported postures on bolsters and blankets. This class is ideal for recovery from fatigue, injury or illness and in reducing stress. The practice is enhanced with soothing music, aromatherapy, and culminates with a Crystal Singing Bowl Bath. Located at 329 Old Farm Road in Shrewsbury. www.sollunafarm.com.

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS - CAVENDISH, Vt. – Enjoy weekly yoga classes at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St in Proctorsville on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. All-level classes designed to improve core strength and balance, stretch and strengthen muscles, and promote a sense of well-being.

WEDNESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Wednesdays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors, stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call 802-463-3907. TFN

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Mally 802-376-6204. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Sit

and Knit workshop every Wednesday from 7 - 9 p.m. at the South Londonderry Free Library in the Janeway Wing, located at 15 Old School Road, South Londonderry, Vt.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS - SHREWSBURY, Vt. – Serenity Gentle Yoga in the Barn at Sol Luna Farm, 329 Old Farm Road in Shrewsbury on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 - 11:15 a.m. This gentle yoga class helps to lengthen, stretch and strengthen the body gradually, while bringing mindful awareness to the breath. The class culminates with the healing vibrations of a Crystal Singing Bowl "Sound Bath." Your first yoga class is free. For more information visit www.sollunafarm.com or call 802-492-9393.

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS - TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Tai Chi for Fall Prevention beginner classes run in 6-week cycles on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 - 10 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, Townshend. Class are free, some restrictions may apply. To find out more or to reserve a spot in the next series, call 802-365-3649.

THURSDAYS - CAVENDISH, Vt. – From 7 to 8 p.m., join a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville. This is a soft and grounding practice to improve alignment, balance and prevent or relieve postural pains; reduce stress, and strengthen legs and core muscles. Available to all levels. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, or email: djem.translator@gmail.com.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Advanced Tai Chi class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. Join Djemila to take your Tai Chi to the next level. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, or email: djem.translator@gmail.com

CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Six Loose Ladies for Knit Knite on Thursdays from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Six Loose Ladies shop in Chester. This is not only for knitting but also to crochet or spin or work on any other portable fiber project. We also serve sweets in the evenings (many Ladies like to bake). Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet, or consult with a more experienced knitter, this is a great time to join us. For more information visit www.sixlooseladies.com. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com. TFN

FRIDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton,

founder of Buddhaful Yoga, offers a Strength Building Vinyasa Yoga Class using optional weights on Fridays from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Build bone density, upper body strength as well as overall strength, endurance, resilience, flexibility & reduce stress. No experience necessary. At Buddhaful Yoga, Fullerton Inn, 40 The Common, Chester, Vt. For more information, go to www.buddhafulyoga.com, email eaton.liza@gmail.com or call/text 518-763-1490. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Melissa Lovell Post will teach international folk dancing Fridays, from 10:30-noon at the Chester Town Hall, located at 556 Elm St. in Chester, Vt. Classes will run until early June 2019. The classes will be geared for beginners and intermediate-level dancers. No partner is necessary. Casual, comfortable clothing is suggested. It is helpful to wear supportive shoes that slide easily on a wooden floor. For more information, please contact Melissa at 802-875-4102 or goodwood@vermontel.net.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free Open Art Nights, second Fridays from 7 p.m., open to people of all ages. Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Art Gym on 62 Clinton Street, Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym/. TFN

WEEKLY - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Youth and adult swim lessons are available at Edgar May Health and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website for days, times and details at www.myrecenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568. TFN

REGION - Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney from 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist Church from 10 - 11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3 - 4 p.m. TFN

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Strong Bones ongoing classes offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 5 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. or 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road in Townshend. Preregistration required. Call 802-365-3649.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Yoga classes at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road in Townshend. Gentle yet invigorating classes resume Sept. 4. Classes available Tuesdays from 4:30-6 p.m., Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m. Chair yoga for Beginners is on Wednesdays from 1 - 2 p.m. Instructor for all classes is Grace Cottage Director of Rehabilitation and Wellness, Crystal Mansfield. Small fee for each class. Call 802-365-3649 for details.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Adult Learning offers on-going classes to earn your high school diploma. Anyone interested contact 802-546-0879 or visit Vermont Adult Learning at 363 River St. in

North Springfield. TFN

CLUBS

MONDAY, DEC. 3 - DORSET, Vt. – Hike to the peak of Dorset Mountain with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section on Monday, Dec. 3. Meet at 9 a.m. at the end of Dorset Hollow Rd., parking past Grouse Lane. The first 30 minutes of the hike is gentle terrain, then the remaining 1-2 hours going up is challenging. Plan on 4 - 6 hours for the hike depending on the speed of the slowest member of the group. Bring extra layers, hand warmers, snacks and lunch, fluids. Traction devices (microspikes or stabilicers), and snowshoes just in case (will decide that on the day of the hike). RSVP a must to Katie Adams 515-978-4016 or kiktadams@comcast.net.

MONDAYS - QUECHEE, Vt. - Valley Stamp Club meets second Mondays at the Quechee library AT 7 p.m. located at 1957 Main St. For more information contact John Lutz at 802-728-6212. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. TFN

TUESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main St. from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive-through. Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President Jill Tofferi at ludlowrotary@gmail.com TFN

WEDNESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Looking for a friendly game of bridge? Want to learn how to play or update your rusty skills? We play every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St. in Ludlow. You are most welcome to join us. For more information, call 802-228-2983.

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. 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. For more information 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

SUNDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets at 3:30-6:30 p.m. most Sundays at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Road, N. Springfield. Membership is open to ages 12 and up. Call Commander Capt. Tom Williams at 802-558-5571, TWilliams@vtcap.org. TFN

COMMUNITY MEALS

SUNDAY, DEC. 2 - TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Come out to the Townshend Church on Sunday, Dec. 2 to share in a free Sunday Brunch with your

VILLAGE OF BELLOWS FALLS, VERMONT BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION

Website: rockbf.org

On November 13, 2018, the Trustees of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation, Bellows Falls, Vermont adopted amendments to the existing Chapter IV. Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove these amendments.

CONCISE SUMMARY

The following sections of the above ordinance have been amended:

- Article I – In General – Section 1/Section 2.
- Article II – Authority of Police Officers – Section 1; Section 3
- Article III – Official Traffic Control Devices – Section 5
- Article IV – Pedestrians – Section 4/Section 5
- Article V – Speeding Restrictions - Section 2.
- Article VI – Operation of Vehicles – Section 2/Section 4/ Section 12
- Article VII – Parking of Vehicles – Section 1/Section 2/ Section 3/Section 9/Section 13/Section 14/Section 15/ Article X – No Passing Zones – Section 1
- Article XI – Bicycles - Section 4/Section 6/Section 15
- Article XII – Trucks – Section 1/Section 2

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the office of the Municipal Manager, Rockingham Town Hall, 7 Square, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, and may be examined during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri) or on the municipal website at www.rockbf.org under Public Notices.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. §1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Village Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Bellows Falls Trustees. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Trustees or the Village Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Village's qualified registered voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973, the amended Chapter IV. Motor Vehicle and Traffic ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this ordinance may be obtained by contacting the Bellows Falls Village President, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or by calling (802) 289-3444.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockingham Free Public Library to review an appeal of an Administrator's decision.

The appeal concerns a second wall sign (facing Atkinson Street) that is located at the 7-Eleven convenience and fuel store.

INVITATION TO BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Chester is seeking Requests for Proposals for engineering services for the Church Street Sidewalk Scoping Study in Chester, Vermont.

The Town of Chester is the recipient of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant funded through the Vermont Agency of Transportation and will be using these funds to pay for this project. Therefore, the project will be developed according to the guidelines established by the VTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau and will be required to be in compliance with the Federal and State standards and policies.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal bid package please contact Julie Hance at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT, 05143, (802) 875-2173, or julie.hance@chestervt.gov. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All bids should be forwarded to the Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2018.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Opportunities in the Town of Rockingham, VT The Town of Rockingham wants interested Rockingham residents to volunteer for the Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB is a municipal board with five members and up to two alternates. The DRB reviews and approves development within the Town of Rockingham.

Letters of interest must be sent to planning@rockbf.org no later than December 12, 2018. Appointments are made by the Rockingham Selectboard and scheduled to start January 2019.

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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neighbors, family, and friends, old and new. Brunch will be held after the horse parade at 1:30 p.m. Please feel welcome to bring your favorite side, meal, dessert, and holiday cheer to share with everyone! For questions call 802-365-4700 or email wrwthives@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls on Friday, Dec. 7 from 5 - 7 p.m. Menu includes baked ham, potatoes, green bean casserole, peas, squash, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Suggested donation. Fully accessible. Net proceeds to benefit Restorative Justice, Bellows Falls.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for our December Second Saturday Supper on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Springfield. The menu is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. This is a free community supper and is one of the many missions of the United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call 802-885-3456.

SATURDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the first 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

FRIDAY, NOV. 30 AND SATURDAY, DEC. 1 - MONTPELIER, Vt. - The Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus will perform its annual Handel's

Messiah Concerts on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier and on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Barre Opera House. The conductor is Lisa Jablow with Arthur Zorn, assistant choral director. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.vermontphilharmonic.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 - CHESTER, Vt. - Join us for St. Luke's Christmas Tea and Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. at St. Luke's in Chester. Enjoy light sandwiches and scrumptious sweets along with your choice of coffee, tea, and hot spiced cider. Age 5 and under free. Come join friends at inviting little tables festively decorated to eat and chat. Shop at Grandma's Attic for little collectibles, handmade ornaments and Christmas decorations, and take home some specially baked goodies. Visit www.stlukeescapalvt.org for directions and information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will be holding their annual St. Nicholas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. until noon. There will be baked goods, sauerkraut and our well-known pierogi while they last. The church is located at 90 Park St. in Springfield, Vt. For more information please call 802-885-2615 or go to our website at www.htcovt.org.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for an evening of games, crafting and card writing on Saturday, Dec. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a favorite game, a holiday gift you're making, your holiday cards or any other craft project. Games and coloring will also be available. Join the conversation and the fun at the UU Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road, Springfield, Vt. 05156. All welcome!

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 AND SUNDAY, DEC. 2 - WOODSTOCK, Vt. - The Freelance Family Singers will present Holiday Concerts at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. The chorus, directed by Ellen Satterthwaite, will offer seasonal sacred and secular pieces in choral, small group, solo and instrumental formats. Admission is free. Refreshments will follow the concert. The donation of a non-perishable food item for the Community Food Shelf is welcome.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 - SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - WALPOLE, N.H. - The Orchard School and Community Center in Alstead is hosting its 23rd annual benefit Craft Fair on Friday, Dec. 7 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall. Forty artisans will be offering locally made handcrafted goods. Volunteers will offer dinner on Friday as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday in their benefit cafe. This year's menu will feature soup, bread, desserts, and hot drinks. For more information, visit www.theorchardschool.org or www.facebook.com/TOSCommunity or call the office 603-835-2495.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - You are invited to The Festival of Lights and Silent Auction, presented by The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. at The Odd Fellows Hall, on Star Lake, in Belmont. Beautifully decorated one of a kind wreaths, creative gift baskets and an array of donated items will be auctioned. An array of hors d'oeuvres with wine and other refreshments served at 6 p.m. There is no charge to attend this "adults only" event. For more information about this event, visit www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Middle School is having their annual Ski Sale on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria. Great prices on ski equipment with proceeds benefiting students. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. Cash and checks accepted.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12 - WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Come see the medieval mystery drama, "The Oberufer Shepherds Play," on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Westminster. This is a performance by Waldorf teacher training students from Antioch University New England in Keene, N.H. Admission is free. Followed by a community supper of soup and cornbread.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Recreation Dept. is hosting the Charlestown Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charlestown Primary School. Shop for those last minute unique Christmas

gifts. Concessions will be available. A 50/50 drawing and raffles. Drawings will be at 2 p.m. No need to be present, but arrangements must be made to pick up your prizes.

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. - Upper Valley Curling will hold a Learn to Curl Clinic at the Barwood Arena in White River Junction on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 5:45 to 8 p.m. There is a cost and registration is required. The club will provide all equipment; students just have to wear warm clothes, including hats and gloves, and bring shoes with non-skid soles. To register, or for more information about the club, please visit www.uppervalleycurling.org. Space is limited so sign up early! For more information about the clinic, please email uppervalleycurling@gmail.com. The Barwood Arena is located behind the high school in White River Junction at 45 Highland Ave.

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join us for Bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and first game starts at 6 p.m. Food is available. Call 802-463-4054 for details. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Weekly bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, 365 Lovers Lane Rd. Early Birds at 5 p.m., Regular Games at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS - 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. 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

PUTNEY, Vt. - Dinner and a movie on the last Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. At each event, the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at the newly renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd.

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join us for Karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster Street on Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. TFN

FARMERS' MARKETS

SATURDAY, DEC. 15 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Farmers' Market is holding a holiday market on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United

Methodist Church on Valley St. The Springfield Farmers' Market is a nonprofit vendor run market. For details email springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com or call 802-885-4096.

SUNDAYS - PUTNEY, Vt. - 9th annual

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- Green field?
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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives.

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FARMERS' MARKETS CONT.

SUNDAYS CONT. - Putney Artisanal Marketplace on Sundays from Nov. 18 through Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Green Mountain Orchards in Putney. Over 30 vendors! Live music, delicious food, fresh baked breads, greens, root veggies, herbs, mushrooms, preserves, chicken and duck eggs, pastured meats, grass-fed dairy, gluten-free pastries, herbal remedies and body care products, beeswax candles, CBD chocolates, fine woolens, functional ceramics, wood carvings, and so much more!

KIDS' CORNER

TUESDAY, DEC. 4 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Join us for Crafty Tuesday on Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 1 - 2 p.m. due to the half day of school, at Fletcher Memorial Library

in Ludlow for grades K and up. We'll make soft and squishy sock penguins, perfect for hugging and holiday happiness. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com for details. TFN

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 - GRAFTON, Vt. - On Friday, Dec. 7, from 10-11:30 a.m., The Nature Museum presents our Preschool Nature Program: "Leave, Sleep, or Bundle Up? What Do Animals Do in Winter?" The leaves are gone, nights become cold, and snowflakes fly as chilly winds begin to blow! For us, that means getting out our winter coats, gloves, and hats! But what do animals do to be ready for winter? For ages 3 to 6 years old. Register at www.nature-museum.org. Caregivers are always free. The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Rd. Call 802-843-2111.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Join us for

Crafty Tuesday on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 3 - 4 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow for grades K and up. We'll make dancing elves, a wiggly, jiggly elf that you made yourself. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com for details. TFN

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 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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Storytime for ages 5 and under on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Children and their caregivers are invited to join us each week for early literacy activities, STEM explorations, music and more! Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com for details. TFN

gmail.com for details. TFN

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Edgar May Open Play Group 10-11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum, 71 Main St. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or info@myrecenter.org. TFN

WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center 802-674-6783. TFN

FRIDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Fridays, 9-11 a.m. creative movement activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at 802-885-2727. TFN

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

GRAFTON, Vt. - Preschool Nature Programs at The Nature Museum in Grafton on Fridays from September through May from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Mighty Acorns Club invites young adventurers to explore the natural world through interactive games, puzzles, and activities. This program is held at The Nature Museum and most sessions involve exploring our backyard and the nearby woods, fields and pond; our environmental educators Jay DeGregorio and Jill Bruning leads the group. We hope you and your little ones can join us! TFN

SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Edgar May Open Play Group 10-11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum, 71 Main St. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or info@myrecenter.org. TFN

open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org. TFN

FRIDAYS - 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

SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library has a tech help desk available on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Having trouble with your first smartphone? Want to re-set your Facebook privacy? Need to take a course in Word or Excel? Call 802-885-3108 to make an appointment. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

LIBRARIES

MONDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Children of all ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Chester for helping us with a generous donation for this program. For further information, call 802-875-2277, visit www.whitinglibrary.org, or check out Facebook. TFN

THURSDAYS - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free and

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

MONDAYS - ANDOVER, Vt. - Select Board meetings are every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. For information, call 802-875-2765.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office. For more information go to www.cavendishvt.com or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at www.okemovalee.com.

GRAFTON, Vt. - Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday at the Grafton Elementary School or the Town Garage at 6 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2552 or go to ww.graftonvt.org. Recordings are found at www.fact8.com.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-824-3356 or go to www.londonderryvt.org. Recordings are found at www.gnat-tv.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Select Board meetings are the first Monday of every month at the Town Hall. For more information, call 802-228-2841 or go to www.ludlowvt.us. Recordings found at www.okemovalee.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman's Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to www.springfieldvt.gov/office2.com.

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second Tuesday during the summer. Both meetings take place in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Call 802-463-4336 for more information or go to www.rockbf.org. Recordings can be found at www.fact8.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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This is a well maintained townhouse condo with two bedrooms, laundry and full bath on the second floor and a comfortable living room, half bath, kitchen/dining and enclosed three season porch on the first floor. Efficient and easy to keep up with, this condo is a great opportunity. **\$102,900**



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This pleasant home is a real charmer. C1800's with three bedrooms, den/study, living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, two baths and a walk out basement. Deck and wrap around three season porch overlooks the lawn/gardens along the Black River (a total of .39+/- acres). Situated on the bike/walk path and easily accessible to I91. **\$129,900**



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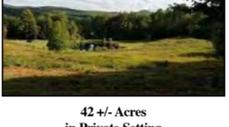
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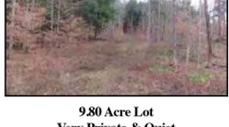
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of each month at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-259-2391.

WESTON, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Call 802-824-6988 or go to www.westonvt.org for more information. Recordings can be found at www.gnat-tv.org.

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 – CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Select Board meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 802-875-2173 or go to www.chestervt.org. Recordings can be found at sapatv.org.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS – 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. For more information, call 800-639-6480 or visit 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 – WALPOLE, N.H. – “Hope and Help for Families” is held every Tuesday night from 6:45 – 8 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the common in Walpole, N.H. It is open to all family members and loved ones (over the age of 16), of people who are suffering from addiction. It is free and confidential. For information call Becky Pearson at 603-860-0221. TFN

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Weight Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Instructor: Grace Cottage Health Coach Liz Harrison. Free. 802-365-3766.

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 nonprofit, 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 for more information. 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. TFN

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Mental Illness Family Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Facilitated by trained members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Free. 713-591-2857. TFN

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

WEDNESDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Wednesdays, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester. Find out more about CoDA at coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com. TFN

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

KEENE, N.H. – “All Recovery” is held at the Keene Center Serenity 40 Carpenter St. in Keene every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 p.m. It is open to all people in recovery and to the families and loved ones of people who are suffering. It is free and confidential. People with questions can call the Center at 603-283-5015. 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, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Living Alone Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Facilitated by Alicia Moyer of SASH. Free. 802-365-4115 x108. 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 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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Alzheimer's Caregiver Support

Group meets on the first Thursday of every month. 11:00 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend.. Led by Grace Cottage Community Health Team Member Claire Bemis and Alicia Moyer of SASH. Free. 802-365-3763. 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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Eating behavior support group meets every other Thursday from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Green Mountain at Fox Run, 262 Fox Lane. 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 802-228-8885 or email shiri@fitwoman.com. TFN

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GMP urging customers to help Vermonters by donating to WARMTH

COLCHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain Power kicked off Vermont's heating season by giving \$133,000 to Community Action Agencies in support of the WARMTH program. GMP is urging customers to donate too and together will help more families. Since 1986, WARMTH has provided emergency heat-

ing assistance to more than 90,000 Vermonters. All funds donated go to Vermonters who need emergency help paying for heat.

"We love this program because it gives direct help to Vermont families who need it. No one should be cold in the winter," said Mary Powell, Green

Mountain Power president and CEO. "We're proud to partner with our customers this way. It is always so heartening to see how willing they are to help neighbors in need. Vermonters know how cold it can get, but they also know how well WARMTH has helped families get through tough times while

staying comfortable and safe right at home."

Along with emergency aid to help pay for heating, WARMTH provides counseling to families to help them avoid heating emergencies. Money donated to WARMTH is managed by Community Action Agencies who make sure it all gets to those who need it. Each household receives no more than \$225 in assistance per year.

"Winter is already off to a strong start and the need is real," said Jan Demers, CVOEO's executive director. "This program means so much to the Vermonters we serve, and we are so grateful for the donations that GMP customers, and GMP, make every year. All this truly helps to keep Vermont families warm."

Checks made out to the WARMTH program can be sent to GMP's Colchester office: GMP, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05466. Or, checks can go directly to one of the five community action agencies around the state. To find one, or learn more about the WARMTH Program, you can go to www.cveo.org.

Vermonters looking for heating help from WARMTH can call 211 or their local Community Action Agency to see if they qualify.

Vermont brings in 5,829 pounds of unwanted medications

WINDSOR COUNTY, Vt. – On Oct. 27, 2018, Windsor County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with local and state police, again participated in the DEA-led National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, resulting in 639 pounds of disposed medications collected throughout Windsor County for incineration. The state of Vermont brought in a total of 5,829 pounds of unused, unwanted, unneeded medications, collected at 66 drop-off sites statewide.

Take-Back efforts began in 2012 as stand-alone disposal events occurring twice a year. Since then, many police departments and pharmacies across Windsor County, the state, and the nation have installed permanent drug collection units, assisting in medication returns year-round. The fall take back resulted in the largest amount ever collected for Windsor County.

"We know that many people who misused prescription pain relievers first got them from a friend's or relative's medicine cabinet," said Commissioner of Health Mark Levine, M.D. "One of the key prevention steps everyone can take is to rid our homes of all unneeded medications – what we call Vermont's Most Dangerous Leftovers."



Unwanted medications were collected from Drug Take-Back Day. STOCK PHOTO

Windsor County's Oct. 27 collection sites yielded the following quantities: Royalton Police, 29 pounds; Royalton State Police Barracks, 4 pounds; Chester, 20 pounds; Hartford, 241 pounds; Ludlow, 46 pounds; Norwich, 6 pounds; Springfield, 148 pounds; Weathersfield Transfer Station, 5 pounds; Windsor, 96 pounds; and Woodstock, 44 pounds. The neighboring village of Bellows Falls in Windham County brought in 61 pounds.

Law enforcement officials, healthcare professionals, and Green Peak Alliance encourage adults to lock their medications as they need them or to properly dispose of unused medications safely. For information on proper use, storage, and disposal of prescription medications, visit www.twinstatesafemeds.org.

In addition, the Vermont Department of Health has introduced free prescription medication mail-back envelopes as a safe, simple, and secure way

to dispose of unwanted and unused medications. The mail-back envelopes are available at town offices, health centers, libraries, senior centers, veterinarian offices, and other locations in communities across the state. Envelopes can also be ordered online from the Health Department, at www.healthvermont.gov/free-prescription-medication-mail-back-envelopes.

Permanent medication drop boxes and ongoing collection and incineration efforts across Windsor County have been made possible by funding through Green Peak Alliance and the Vermont Regional Prevention Partnership grant. GPA is a partnership with law enforcement, prevention, and community partners to reduce underage drinking, binge drinking, and prescription drug abuse for the 12-25 aged population. For more information on substance abuse prevention efforts, visit www.facebook.com/greenpeakalliance.

Urgent need for blood and platelet donations now

REGION – The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors to give now to ensure blood is available for medical treatments and emergencies during the holiday season.

Blood and platelet donations often decline during the holidays. Regular donors are busy with holiday activities, and travel and severe winter weather may cause blood drive cancellations. Yet donations remain critical for patients like 4-year-old Wyatt Monacelli who is in the midst of intense chemotherapy treatments for leukemia. He has received a number of transfusions since his diagnosis in June and will likely need more.

"We are fortunate to have had so many donors give the gift of life to our child so far throughout the course of his treatment, and even more so, we are lucky to have had a supply of blood available for him when he needed it," said Julianna Monacelli, Wyatt's mother.

Donors are urged to give now to ensure that families like Wyatt's don't have to worry about the availability of blood this winter. In thanks for helping meet the urgent need around the holidays, all those who come to donate blood or platelets now through Dec. 19, 2018, will receive an Amazon.com gift card via email.

Make an appointment to donate blood or platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Another way to help keep the blood supply strong is to host a Red Cross blood drive this winter. To learn more about hosting a blood drive and to sign up, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

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 - Dec. 7, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Holliday Inn, 485 Hotel Drive, Brownsville
 - Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Springfield Elks, 49 Park St. Springfield
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Here are some questions that can help you start thinking about the amount of life insurance you need:

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- How much money would you want to leave for special situations upon your death, such as funding your children's education, gifts to charities, or an inheritance for your children?
- What other assets or insurance policies do you have?

Types of life insurance policies

The two basic types of life insurance are term life and permanent life. Term policies provide life insurance protection for a specific period of time. If you die during the coverage period, your beneficiary receives the policy's death benefit. If you live to the end of the term, the policy simply terminates, unless it automatically renews for a new period. Term policies are

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Permanent insurance policies offer protection for your entire life, regardless of your health, provided you pay the premium to keep the policy in force. As you pay your premiums, a portion of each payment is placed in the cash-value account. During the early years of the policy, the cash-value contribution is a large portion of each premium payment. As you get older, and the true cost of your insurance increases, the portion of your premium payment devoted to the cash value decreases. The cash value continues to grow – tax deferred – as long as the policy is in force. You can borrow against the cash value, but unpaid policy loans will reduce the death benefit that your beneficiary will receive. If you surrender the policy before you die, you'll be entitled to receive the cash value, minus any loans and surrender charges.

Many different types of cash-value life insurance are available, including:

Whole life: You generally make level premium payments for life. The death benefit and cash value are predetermined and guaranteed. Your only action after purchase of the policy is to pay the fixed premium.

Universal life: You may pay premiums at any time, in any amount, as long as the policy expenses and the cost of in-

urance coverage are met. The amount of insurance coverage can be changed, and the cash value will grow at a declared interest rate, which may vary over time.

Indexed universal life: This is a form of universal life insurance with excess interest credited to cash values. But unlike universal life insurance, the amount of interest credited is tied to the performance of an equity index, such as the S&P 500.

Variable life: As with whole life, you pay a level premium for life. However, the death benefit and cash value fluctuate depending on the performance of investments in what are known as subaccounts. A subaccount is a pool of investor funds professionally managed to pursue a stated investment objective. You select the subaccounts in which the cash value should be invested.

Variable universal life: A combination of universal and variable life. You may pay premiums at any time, in any amount, as long as policy expenses and the cost of insurance coverage are met. The amount of insurance coverage can be changed, and the cash value and death benefit goes up or down based on the performance of investments in the subaccounts.

With so many types of life insurance available, you're sure to find a policy that meets your needs and your budget.

Choosing and changing your beneficiaries

When you purchase life insurance, you must name a primary beneficiary to receive the

proceeds of your insurance policy. Your beneficiary may be a person, corporation, or other legal entity. You may name multiple beneficiaries and specify what percentage of the net death benefit each is to receive. If you name your minor child as a beneficiary, you should also designate an adult as the child's guardian in your will.

What type of insurance is right for you?

Before deciding whether to buy term or permanent life insurance, consider the policy cost and potential savings that may be available. Also keep in mind that your insurance needs will likely change as your family, job, health, and financial picture change, so you'll want to build some flexibility into the decision-making process. In any case, here are some common reasons for buying life insurance and which type of insurance may best fit the need.

Mortgage or long-term debt: For most people, the home is one of the most valuable assets and also the source of the largest debt. An untimely death may remove a primary source of income used to pay the mortgage. Term insurance can replace the lost income by providing life insurance for the length of the mortgage. If you die before the mortgage is paid off, the term life insurance pays your beneficiary an amount sufficient to pay the outstanding mortgage balance owed.

Family protection: Your income not only pays for day-to-day expenses, but also provides a source for future costs such as college education expenses and

retirement income. Term life insurance of 20 years or longer can take care of immediate cash needs as well as provide income for your survivor's future needs. Another alternative is cash value life insurance, such as universal life or variable life insurance. The cash value accumulation of these policies can be used to fund future income needs for college or retirement, even if you don't die.

Small business needs: Small business owners need life insurance to protect their business interest. As a business owner, you need to consider what happens to your business should you die unexpectedly. Life insurance can provide cash needed to buy a deceased partner's or shareholder's interest from his or her estate. Life insurance can also be used to compensate for the unexpected death of a key employee.

Review your coverage

Once you purchase a life insurance policy, make sure to periodically review your coverage; over time your needs will change. An insurance agent or financial professional can help you with your review.

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Regulating home improvement contractors

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Attorney General's office and the Secretary of State's office announced a series of joint public meetings to hear feedback and ideas from the public on the home improvement industry.

In January 2018, the Secretary of State's Office of Professional Regulation produced a Preliminary Sunrise Assessment, evaluating possible means of regulating the home improvement industry to achieve public protection with minimal intrusion into the marketplace. Public hearings in Burlington, Newport, and Springfield will include a presentation on the report's findings and an opportunity for public questions and answers.

The assessment was made at the request of the Vermont Senate Committee on Government Operations. The Attorney General's Office's involvement in these public meetings stems from its enforcement authority.

The local hearing will take place Dec. 4, 5-6:30 p.m. at Selectmen's Hall, 96 Main Street, in Springfield, Vt.

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