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## Bellows Falls Historical Society making moves

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

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**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – This past October the Bellows Falls Historical Society completed their Poet's Bench project with a place for contemplation and the first part of a walking trail along the river near their Adams Grist Mill historical building and museum.

Now they have moved their office and archive center to a storefront at 31 Westminster Street. Under President Cathy Bergman they have also launched membership and fundraising drives and a capital campaign. Newly elected Vice President Jennifer Gurley says, "We're on a fast train now."

The Historical Society was

formed in an effort to save the old Adams Grist Mill when it ceased operation in 1965. The mill once stood on the Bellows Falls Canal that was built in 1831. In 1929, the canal was diverted to provide power to the new hydroelectric plant, and the electric company provided electricity to run the machinery in the mill. The society has preserved the electrified machinery as it was the day operations ceased, and over the years the society has received many donations of artifacts, memorabilia, photos, and documents.

Long-time society member Larry Clark remembers "truckloads" being donated from some estates. The collection includes some of the machinery created



New office and location of archives and part of the collection of the Bellows Falls Historical Society at 31 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

by the long-gone Vermont Farm Machine Company. It even includes an artillery shell made by the company when it retooled for World War I, a piece of the old arch bridge, and Hetty Green's garden gate and couch. She was a Bellows Falls resident known as the "Witch of Wall Street" and at one time the richest woman in the U.S.

The Grist Mill will remain a museum for industrial and agricultural display, and now the new building will display textiles, photos, and other exhibits and house the archives. In the '60s, Alice Hawks attempted to document the growing collection, but no one else has done so until now. New archivist Marguerite

Janiszyn has taken on the formidable task of documenting and entering all that the society has into a database so researchers and those with questions about the past can easily access the information. Gurley says the new outreach and fundraising has already raised about \$16,000 toward future projects that include a brownfields clean up and renovation of the old TLR building next to the gristmill.

Gurley says, "We're going in a really good direction," and she stresses that volunteer assistance and "any size donation will do."

They have a new website, [www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org), or they can be contacted by Facebook and email to [bellowsfallshistorical-society@gmail.com](mailto:bellowsfallshistorical-society@gmail.com).

## Local students awarded AAUW scholarships

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** – The Brattleboro branch of the American Association of University Women hosted their annual breakfast to honor the 2018 scholarship award recipients. This year the scholarships went to Nina King of Bellows Falls, studying at Rochester Institute of Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia; Bri Rooks of Vernon at Drew University in Madison, N.J.; Tana Cutting of Brattleboro, at Vermont Technical College; and Cassidy Wyman of Townshend, studying at Southern Vermont College, Bennington.

The AAUW would like to invite any deserving young women graduating from high school – public, private, or home school – who are residents of Windham County and accepted as full-time students to an accredited degree program to apply for the chance to receive a scholarship. Application deadline is March 15, 2019.

For more information, email



Local 2018 AAUW scholarship recipients.

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[nrshakun@gmail.com](mailto:nrshakun@gmail.com) and [grussgot@sover.net](mailto:grussgot@sover.net). AAUW has been support-

ing Brattleboro area women and girls since 1926.

## Trustees discuss concerns over budget overspending

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Shannon Burbela is the new finance director for the town of Rockingham and the village of Bellows Falls. She began her role amidst construction on the Town Hall's elevator and the preparation of fiscal year 2020 budgets. The finance office is temporarily located downstairs in the Lower Theater during the construction and is now offering options to pay taxes through bill pay direct or a debit program.

At the Bellows Falls Village Trust-

ees meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, Village President Deborah Wright inquired about a completion date for the renovation of the elevator. Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison replied that it should be done by the end of January.

Wright also expressed her concern for fiscal year 2019 budget overspending, pointing out the finance staff has used 60 percent at the six-month mark.

Harrison replied that the consulting firm that takes care of financials and payroll is expensive, and the town has started limiting their services.

Burbela added that she hoped to eliminate them completely by the end of March when the town's contract expires and payroll will soon be done in-house.

Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis stated the over budget in the fire department was miscoding for special coverage and some of the office expenses were coded improperly. Burbela agreed it would be allocated correctly.

Chief Ron Lake explained the police department's overage was when they hired an employee under contract and the department had to pay off the other agency to gain their employment. Harrison acknowledged this sum was less than it would have been to pay for a new employee to complete their police academy training. Stefan Golec questioned the status of the new vehicle and Lake responded, "We are waiting for light parts."

The Trustees were concerned that many departments showed over spending on the FY19 budget. Jonathan Wright commented that attention to detail and correct coding was necessary to stay under budget, and he noticed consistent overages with uniforms over

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## Scott urges collaboration in reversing demographic trends

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – Delivering his second inaugural address Thursday, Jan. 10, Gov. Phil Scott urged lawmakers to find "consensus and compromise" with his administration as it seeks to reverse Vermont's troubling demographic trends and expand the workforce.

Addressing a Legislature dominated by Democrats, who possess a newly bolstered majority, the second-term Republican governor renewed his commitment to making Vermont more affordable for residents and small businesses.

"An affordable Vermont, with opportunity and economic growth, with great schools in every corner of the state and policies that benefit all Vermonters," Scott said standing before a packed House chamber. "This can be our legacy."

Scott's address was viewed by many Democratic leaders in the legislature as an "olive branch:" a call for collaboration that comes after the past two legislative sessions ended in bitter standoffs between lawmakers and the governor's office over education spending.

Scott harped on Vermont's struggle to grow and maintain its population, highlighting a statewide labor force that has lost 15,000 members in a decade, and schools that have seen plummeting enrollment – down by as much as 25 percent since 1997 in some counties.

To attract more young workers to Vermont, Scott will focus on expanding the state's affordable housing stock. He said his budget will include a package that would grow the state's housing supply "by revitalizing properties and investing in existing neighborhoods."

Improving the quality of education offered in Vermont, and reducing inequality that exists between school districts, would also draw young families to the state, he said. So would investing in a more robust and affordable childcare system.

"If we can work together on a high-quality childcare system that's affordable and accessible – along with a stronger education system – we could set Vermont apart from other states as an education destination for families," he said.

In a bid to recruit residents from out of state to move into Vermont, Scott said he would once again pitch a labor force development

program that markets Vermont to out-of-staters and applies a "regional sales team approach to close the deal" with those who express interest in moving here.

This program, which the Scott administration called ThinkVermont MOVE in the last session, was rejected by the Legislature.

Scott's speech came after about an hour of pomp and circumstance that included the swearing in of other statewide officers – all Democrats – before legislators and VIPs including former governors Jim Douglas and Peter Shumlin, who made his first trip to the capitol since leaving office in 2016.

The ceremony included a rendition of the national anthem from Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, D-Hartford, and performances by a youth choir. A lone heckler also made it into the press gallery, making himself known as soon as Scott took the podium and throwing paper money into the crowd in protest of what he said was the governor's prioritization of the economy over the environment.

Speaking with reporters after the governor delivered his speech, House Speaker Mitzi Johnson, D-South Hero, suggested Scott's workforce development plan focused too much on drawing in new residents.

"We have young people who don't have access to higher education; we have young people who would have fantastic careers in the trades," Johnson said. "I don't think the sole solution is bringing people in, there are a lot of Vermonters that we can be working with as well."

Sen. Anthony Pollina, P/D-Washington, said the governor was unwilling to make genuine investments to attract new residents and instead, relied on gimmicks, like the program offering remote workers \$10,000 to move into the state (which originated in the Legislature).

"Rather than giving people moving expenses to move to Vermont, let's make free state college tuition for people who move to Vermont, let's make sure we have a higher minimum wage when people move to Vermont," Pollina said. "In other words, make Vermont a place young families want to stay."

In his address, the governor announced that he plans on pitching a voluntary paid family leave program for workers, the details of which will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

The legislature passed a bill last year to institute a statewide family leave program last year, but Scott vetoed the measure because the pro-

gram would have been mandatory and funded by a payroll tax that he opposed.

Following Scott's inaugural address, Senate President Pro Tem Tim Ashe, D/P-Chittenden, signaled he would not support a voluntary paid family leave proposal.

"Most experts believe that you cannot have a successful program if it's voluntary because too few people would participate and there won't be enough funds for people to benefit," he said.

Democratic lawmakers, including Ashe, said that they were glad to hear the collaborative tone in Scott's speech.

During the governor's first term, the legislature criticized the Scott administration for not working closely enough with legislators and coming forward too late with its policy proposals – including a five-year plan to revamp the state's education funding system.

"Hopefully they'll start aggressively reaching out to legislators, something we really haven't seen in the last two years," Ashe said.

Scott also drew criticism from Democrats over the last two years for making frequent use of his veto pen. In the last legislative session, he killed a record-tying 11 bills, including two budgets, prompting a weeks-long impasse that brought the state to the brink of a government shutdown.

Now that Democrats have a larger majority in the House, and Republicans no longer have the numbers to automatically sustain the governor's vetoes, it will likely be harder for Scott to deploy the same hardball tactics.

Senate Majority Leader Becca Balint, D-Windham, heard the governor's speech as a sign that he may be more willing to work with legislators.

"I think we got a subtle but strong admission from the governor that perhaps the strategy from the last two years was not as productive as it could be," Balint said.

Scott also gave some specifics about what would be in his budget speech later this month.

- Reforming health insurance to make it more affordable, particularly for young people.

- Using money from a legal settlement with VW to help subsidize the purchase of electric vehicles for Vermonters.

- Using existing revenue sources for

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# Chamber performs ribbon cutting for Advanced Skin Care, Wellness & Spa

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce happily performed a ribbon cutting for Advanced Skin Care, Wellness & Spa in December to celebrate their new location in John Hall's RS Business Block building at 368 River St. in Springfield. Advanced Skin Care owner Christina Cobb, originally from Mount Holly, is excited about her larger space and the opportunity to offer an even better experience for her clients in the new setting. When asked how she first became interested in her field, Christina explained, "I was given a gift certificate for a facial and when I walked into the spa I thought 'This is what I want to do.' I felt happy in such a calming environment."

In pursuit of a career in esthetics, she took some college courses, did esthetic training in Keene, and some of post-graduate education in Peabody, Mass. She continues to update her



From left to right: Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce Board member Jerry Farnum, Chamber Director Caitlin Christiana, Advanced Skin Care, Spa & Wellness owner Christina Cobb, and Chamber Past President Dan Harrington.

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education extensively on an ongoing basis via webinars and spa conferences to stay on the cutting edge and provide the most current and valuable services and treatments to her clients.

She first started out working for a doctor in Keene, which is where a lot of her clinical background came from. She now runs a skin care clinic

and day spa offering a complete menu of clinical skin care services as well as therapeutic stress reduction. Christina is proud of her location in Springfield and speaks highly of the community. "I love the town of Springfield and have worked at a local restaurant for 10 years before starting esthetics. I also worked at Woodbury's doing floral design for years. So I've known the community for a long time and knew I wanted my business here. I also now live here and bought my first house in Springfield."

Christina is obviously passionate about her business. Her favorite part of the job? Helping people feel good about themselves. "It's a very rewarding field to be able to help people feel more confident or more relaxed. I'm able to help with their stress or a skin issue and it makes me happy. My clients are not just a file to me, I genuinely care about each and every one of them. Over the years, they have become more like family."

When working in such a fulfilling field, it's not surprising that Christina couldn't think of many aspects that she doesn't enjoy, saying, "Honestly, I love my work, so I don't have bad days. I would say that the only hard part is the business side. Taxes and

paperwork!"

As a proud Chamber member, she always tries to donate whenever possible to local programs and good causes. "The Chamber helps support local businesses and brings us together as a community."

Advanced Skin Care, Spa & Wellness offers a vast array of services including massages, facials, body treatments, infrared sauna, chemical peels, dermasound, microdermabrasion, derma frac, lash tinting, brow tinting, and more! She is also a provider of many high-quality products for skin care, make up, and aromatherapy. Additionally, Christina is a wellness and nutritional counselor. So if you're in the mood to be pampered, or you just want to take steps towards a bit of self-care, she's bound to have something that meets your needs.

Advanced Skin Care employs two massage therapists offering everything from hand, foot, and body massages to full body wraps – a great way to hydrate and detoxify your dry skin during the harsh winter season. For more information, check out the Advanced Skin Care, Spa & Wellness website, [www.advancedskincarevt.com](http://www.advancedskincarevt.com). Christina also has a Facebook page where you can stay in the loop about their new products and services. To make an appointment, call 802-384-2977 or stop by her new location at 368 River Street!

Written by Caitlin Christiana, director of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.



## HCRS hires

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services is pleased to announce the appointment of nine new professionals whose talents will augment HCRS' services in the Hartford, Springfield, and Brattleboro regions.

HCRS welcomes the following new employees (from left): Catherine Chivers, adult case manager in Hartford; Grace Muise, DSP-Community in Brattleboro; Jaymee Jones, office generalist in Hartford; April Berry, DSP-Community in Brattleboro; Dasha Good, Criminal Justice case manager in Brattleboro; Tyler Morris, residential specialist in Brattleboro; Caitlin Rotkiewicz, school-based clinician in Hartford; Domonique Terrell, residential specialist in Brattleboro, and David Ilevli, respite provider in Springfield.

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## Molly Kelly is BFUHS Elks student of the month for December

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Molly Kelly has been named the December Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Molly, a senior, is the daughter of Brian and Darlene Kelly of Westminster.

A member of the Marilee Huntoon Jesse A. Judd Chapter of the National Honor Society, Molly is a hardworking student who puts in a great amount of effort in and out of the classroom to make sure that she is prepared for class. Dedicated to doing well, she often goes above and beyond the requirements of the assignments, seeks extra help and works hard to improve her skills.

A motivated, engaged student, Molly comes to school with a desire to learn. If she is absent, she is proactive in getting her assignments and making up her work in a timely manner. She is an asset to any class or activity; with her optimistic, friendly attitude, Molly can change the dynamic of a class or activity with her presence alone. She brings creativity and a sense of liveliness to class discussions. Molly does not shy away from voicing her opinions or concerns about topics, and she openly listens to and works to understand the views of others. Being sensitive to others and exhibiting a strong sense of humor are some of Molly's finer qualities. She is a patient young woman who is always willing to help others in need. Molly is a trustworthy student who can be relied on to produce original and creative work. Molly's personal qualities parallel her academic characteristics. Perhaps one of her greatest personal qualities is her unusual sense of humility. She accepts praise for all of her accomplishments with utmost sense of modesty.



Molly Kelly.

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Molly is a leader in the true essence of the word. She is an avid member of the school's student council where she was voted as the group's treasurer by her peers. Through this role she demonstrates creativity, a plethora of unique ideas, and the willingness to participate in all fundraisers and community-based activities. Molly is also a three-time track and field state champion and a four-time field hockey state champion, where she was elected as team captain this past season. Clearly someone who has earned the respect of adults and her peers, she is a positive role model both on and off the field.

Congratulations go to Molly; BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have her represent us this month with this award.

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budget in every department. Both McGinnis and Lake said their uniforms were purchased and that number would not increase.

Deborah Wright agreed they should investigate opportunities to save money. Golec liked the idea of level funding and is hearing from many residents their concerns over unsafe buildings, high taxes, and schools.

Wright responded that the village will be diligent on the budget.

The Village Trustees meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. with the Joint Board meeting and the discussion of the Depot Street Bridge continues Tuesday, Jan. 29 in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

## VT DIGGER

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long-term funding of water quality initiatives (Scott did not say what it would be).

- Investing in lead testing at schools so that every school could be tested within a year (the current plan would make that happen in 3.5 years).

- Investing in expanding high-speed broadband access to more of the state.

Written By Xander Landen, VT-Digger.org. Mark Johnson contributed reporting.

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# GMP helps Vermont businesses cut carbon output

**COLCHESTER, Vt.** – Green Mountain Power's Business Innovation Team is helping Vermont businesses offset 200 million pounds of carbon emissions. GMP offers free expert consultations including analysis of business operations, technical advice, and financial incentives that help businesses make significant transformations to cut their carbon output and costs benefitting all customers.

GMP's team worked with 15 businesses that completed projects in 2018 and, over the lifetime of those projects, will offset 80 million pounds of carbon. That's on top of the 120 million pounds of carbon being offset by projects GMP completed in 2017.

Bolton Valley Ski Resort invested in new electric-powered snowmaking equipment with help from GMP, Efficiency Vermont, and skiers and riders who bought special five-year Green Passes. "The expert advice and financial incentives were key for us in making this improvement," said Lindsay DesLauriers, COO of Bolton Valley. "We get to ditch about 20,000 gallons of diesel we were burning each year. It's a big transformation Bolton has wanted to make for a while. Our snowmaking is more efficient, and we're making a difference for the environment."

Flying Crow Coffee in Springfield has a new electric roaster, replacing a propane-fueled model. The change allows the company to roast more of the fair trade certified, organically sourced coffee it's known for, with a smaller carbon footprint. "The bill credits from GMP made this investment possible. It really jumpstarted my business," said Ben Hills, Flying Crow Coffee's owner. "I'm able to roast more coffee than I was before, but I'm not paying more for energy. It's awesome because my company is built on being eco-conscious."

"These exciting projects show critical energy transformation happening now to cut carbon and costs, and we're so proud to partner with so many Vermont businesses to help them make important choices about the energy they use to power their operations," said GMP President and CEO Mary Powell. "We all need to work together to fight climate change, and these projects, combined with our 90 percent carbon free energy, will make a big difference."

GMP often partners with Efficiency Vermont on business transformation projects, with each organization bringing unique expertise. GMP already has 19 more businesses lined up for green transformations in 2019. Most of the work involves custom solutions to reduce their total energy

consumption along with switching some or all of a business's energy use from fossil fuel to electricity through innovative new technology.

"This investment is good for my business, but it is also critical for fighting climate change," said Dave Chapman, the owner of Long Wind Farm in Thetford. The business grows tomatoes year-round and worked with GMP and Efficiency Vermont to install new greenhouse lights and an insulating screen. "As a result of the lights and energy curtain, we are hoping to save about 42,000 gallons of propane used to heat this greenhouse. GMP's cleaner energy is allowing us to cut back on fossil fuels and to increase our tomato production. And in 2019, GMP will help us install heat pumps to make our greenhouses even greener." The business will get credits on its GMP energy statement to help offset the cost of the transformation.

Businesses interested in a free consultation to learn how they can transform their operations and what incentives are available can contact Jeff Monder of GMP's Innovation Team at [jeff.monder@greenmountainpower.com](mailto:jeff.monder@greenmountainpower.com) or 802-770-3392.

# Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty program a success

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the 33 businesses that participated in the first annual Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program. The concept was to distribute stamp cards so that shoppers could receive stamps in exchange for dollars spent at any of the participating businesses. Each time a shopper filled a card, they had the opportunity to enter it in any of the 33 raffles being offered by the merchants. This being the first year we attempted the program, we weren't sure how many cards we were going to need, and we were amazed to discover that we distributed over 7,300 blank stamp cards to the participating businesses. Each merchant collected completed stamp cards for their raffles, and in the end, we tallied up all the completed cards valued at more than \$244,100. And that's not counting all the partially completed cards that folks also had started. We couldn't be more excited about how great things went this first time around, and we certainly hope the program gave our wonderful businesses a bit of a boost.

We'd like to give a shout-out to



Rebecca Durant receiving her prize from the staff at The Springfield Food Co-op. PHOTO PROVIDED

Julie Jones of the Springfield Food Co-op for sparking the idea and having the persistence and energy to get people excited about the possibility. We also couldn't have done it without the help of the Springfield Marketing Collaborative Committee – a group of local Chamber businesses with great ideas and lots of team spirit. We received so much wonderful feedback from the participating businesses as well as the folks doing the shopping – it was fun to see everyone getting excited, and the program was a truly fantastic way to generate comradery and community pride. We were so thrilled to bring this fun new program to the Springfield area, and we were blown away by the enthusiasm of local shoppers. Thank you to everyone who got involved and assisted us in the collective endeavor to keep dollars local this past holiday season!

In addition to the 33 raffle winners,

we also had a bonus raffle thanks to Dan Chapman of DEC Tech Computer! Dan's business recently joined the Chamber, and while we didn't connect soon enough for DEC Tech to be printed on the stamp cards and participate fully in the program, we were so impressed with his interest to become involved that we thought it would be fun to do a bonus raffle – Dan offered to provide two hours of tech service or tutoring. Also, Springfield Cinemas 3, in addition to awarding a \$50 gift card to their winner also gave a movie pass to every person who entered their raffle.

Congratulations to all the winners of the first annual Springfield Holiday Local Loyalty Program.

See the results online at [www.vermontjournal.com](http://www.vermontjournal.com).

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

# Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society executive director

**WEST WINDSOR, Vt.** – Trustees of Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society are pleased to announce the appointment of Jackie Stanley to the role of interim executive director. Jackie has worked her way up through the ranks of Lucy Mackenzie for over 10 years, beginning at entry-level staff, progressing to shelter manager then to director of development and marketing, all of which have prepared her to succeed departing executive director Heidi Edmunds.

Lucy Mackenzie was founded in 1915 and, at 103 years old, is one of the oldest, continuously operating humane societies in the nation. Last year, nearly 300 animals, including

dogs, cats, and the occasional rabbit, found their way to Lucy Mackenzie where eager adopters came in a steady stream to discover just the right companion animal to complete their family. In addition to animal adoption, Lucy Mackenzie also provides low-cost spay and neuter clinics, dog training classes, an animal food shelf, animal cruelty investigation, and many more services and programs designed to support the animals and people in their community.

A committed staff and robust volunteer force provide loving care and exercise for the animals while they are in residence. They are also regular visitors to local senior centers, act-

ing as animal ambassadors, helping community members understand the important role Lucy Mackenzie has played for so many years.

Lucy Mackenzie is one of the non-profit gems of the Upper Valley and hosts frequent visitors at the bright, airy, and cheerful facility located on Route 44 in West Windsor, Vt., just east of the intersection with Route 106.

Jackie is looking forward to the challenge of succeeding Heidi Edmunds, who served Lucy Mackenzie in a variety of roles for more than 20 years and leaves with the heartfelt thanks of the Trustees.

Also accepting a new role, that of

shelter manager, is Amy Woodman, who joined Lucy Mackenzie in April. Amy brings with her a career of animal sheltering experience, having held positions at the New Hampshire Humane Society in Laconia, N.H. and, most recently at the Upper Valley Humane Society in Enfield, N.H. Amy is very happy with her decision to join Lucy Mackenzie and she and her dedicated staff of six are busy preparing the shelter for 2019.

Visitors are welcome at Lucy Mackenzie and new volunteers are always encouraged to join the team of devoted animal caregivers. Please visit [www.lucymac.org](http://www.lucymac.org) for visiting hours and more information.

# Westminster Cares receives honorary and memorial donations

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – The following are honorary donations Westminster Cares has received through Dec. 20, 2018. In honor of the following: Of all your good works from anonymous; Donna Dawson from Susan Auslander; Westminster Cares from Bill Smidutz; Phyllis Anderson from Bonnie Anderson, Don Anderson, and Robert Rhodes; Don and Donna Dawson from Gina Carucci; Susan Clifford from Reilly Clark; Donna Dawson for all your hard work and caring from Kevin and Beth Shrader; Alma Beals from Allison and David Deen; In honor and memory of the founders Westminster Cares.

The following are memorial donations Westminster Cares has received through Dec. 20, 2018. In memory of the following: Friends in Westminster who have recently passed from Mary Brandt; Ralph and Signa Buck from Don and Nancy Adams; Germaine (Gerri) Palmer from Nancy and Leonard Farrar; Hocker and Connie Harlow from Susan J. Harlow; Gordon "Buddy" Toussaint and Joanne Cordano from Sharon Boccelli; Phillip Wilson from Linda Wilson; Ralph Harlow from Bettina Berg and Chris Harlow; Joanne Scoppa Cordano from Don and Donna Dawson; Joyce L. Gay from Sandra Gaspardino; Jacqueline S. Johnson from Lisa and Jim Calchiera; Bob Davis from John Benzaia; "Fallen Firefighters" from Sheldon and Betsy Beebe; Lester Cook from Miriam and Larry Lanata; Jamie C. Latham from Alison Latham; Janet Young from Francis Rogenski; Leslie Avis and Harold Dodge from Verna Newcomb; Jay and Larry Hammond from Marty Hammond; Joan Smidutz from David and MaryJo Robbins; Dorothy Palumbo from Susan Colby; Clifton N. Cooke from Lyn Cooke; Walter J. Kurkul Sr. from Charlotte Kurkul; Lloyd E. Church from Carol Church; Walt and Pat Jennison from Janet Manzolillo and Linda Jennison; Harold F. Angers from Barbara Angers; Charles and Elizabeth Langmuir from Peggy and Dirk Jager; Bruce Miller from Joyce H. Miller; Dot and Ernie Hogan from Ed Hinde; David L. Williams from Elizabeth K. Williams; Ralph Harlow from Lori Larue;

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# Grow indoor and enjoy fresh salads all year round —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. — Green Mountain Gardeners invites you to join your neighbors and local gardeners Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, at 11 a.m., to learn about growing organic indoor greens. The presentation is open to the public and will take place at the Londonderry Rescue Squad Building, 6068 Route 100, Londonderry.

Peter Burke, master gardener of Calais, Vt., and author of “Year-Round Indoor Salad Gardening, How to Grow Nutrient-Dense, Soil-Sprouted Greens in Less Than 10 Days” will share his efficient and effective approach to having fresh salad greens every day.

Burke developed a low-tech, no-grow light to growing greens all year round, even in winter. He found that by growing small amounts on a daily or every other day basis can make fresh, deli-



Green Mountain Gardeners will teach you how to grow indoor gardens.

cious salad ingredients readily available. According to Burke, all you need is a windowsill or two.

He has grown up to six pounds of greens per day — including sprouts, pea shoots, radishes, and buckwheat — using just the windowsills in his kitchen. His upcoming presentation will provide instructions and recommendations on seeds and greens varieties, soil and compost, trays and planters, tools and accessories to have on hand.

The GMG is pleased to host Peter Burke and offer this opportunity to everyone in our community. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Feb. 1, 2019 to Helen Hamman by emailing hchamman@gmail.com.

For more information about Green Mountain Gardeners, go to [www.greenmountaingardeners.net](http://www.greenmountaingardeners.net).

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# Appointments available now for free tax return preparation —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. — Ineligible Winsor and Windham counties’ residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, offered by SEVCA in collaboration with Granite United Way. SEVCA has experienced IRS-certified volunteers trained and ready to prepare tax returns for area taxpayers with household income up to \$54,000. Appointments are available on select dates in Westminster, White River Junction, and Windsor starting Jan. 28 and continuing through the second week of April. Residents of nearby communities in New Hampshire may also make appointments at these sites.

VITA volunteers can help with special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax and the Affordable Care Act’s Premium Tax Credits. They also prepare Vermont income tax returns, Homestead Declarations for property tax adjustments, and Renter’s Rebate claims. In addition to free tax return assistance, VITA sites offer free electronic filing. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper — even faster when tax refunds are deposited directly into a bank account.

**SEVCA will provide free tax assistance by appointment only at the following locations:**

- SEVCA’s main office in Westminster, Tuesdays, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in White River Junction, Mondays, from 10:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Windsor Resource Connection Center, select Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Appointments will fill up quickly so taxpayers are urged to make an appointment as soon as possible. Appointments in Westminster can be made by calling 800-464-9951. For appointments at White River Junction or Windsor locations, call 866-444-4211 — or simply 2-1-1 from a New Hampshire phone — or use the online scheduling system at [www.nhtaxhelp.org](http://www.nhtaxhelp.org). Be sure to provide your contact information, including address, email, and phone number to be notified in case of weather cancellations.

# Changing jobs? Know your 401(k) options

REGION — If you’ve lost your job, or are changing jobs, you may be wondering what to do with your 401(k) plan account. It’s important to understand your options.

**What will I be entitled to?**  
If you leave your job, you’ll be entitled to a distribution of your vested balance. Your vested balance always includes your own contributions and typically any investment earnings on those amounts. It also includes employer contributions that have satisfied your plan’s vesting schedule.

In general, you must be 100 percent vested in your employer’s contributions after 3 years of service, or you must vest gradually, 20 percent per year until you’re fully vested after 6 years. Plans can have faster vesting schedules, and some even have 100 percent immediate vesting. You’ll also be 100 percent vested once you’ve reached your plan’s normal retirement age.

It’s important for you to understand how your particular plan’s vesting schedule works, because you’ll forfeit any employer contributions that haven’t vested by the time you leave your job. Your summary plan description will spell out how the vesting schedule for your particular plan works. If you’re on the cusp of vesting, it may make sense to wait a bit before leaving if you have that luxury.

**Don’t spend it**  
While this pool of dollars may look attractive, don’t spend it unless you absolutely need to. If you take a distribution, you’ll be taxed at ordinary income tax rates on the entire value of your account except for any after-tax or Roth 401(k) contributions you’ve made. If you’re not yet age 55, an additional 10 percent penalty may apply to the taxable portion of your payout.

If your vested balance is more than \$5,000, you can leave your money in your employer’s plan at least until you reach the plan’s normal retirement age. But your employer must also allow you to make a direct rollover to an IRA or to another employer’s 401(k) plan. A direct rollover is preferable to a “60-day rollover,” where you get the check

and then roll the money over yourself, because your employer has to withhold 20 percent of the taxable portion of a 60-day rollover. You can still roll over the entire amount of your distribution, but you’ll need to come up with the 20 percent that’s been withheld until you recapture that amount when you file your income tax return.

**Should I roll over to my new employer’s 401(k) plan or to an IRA?**

You need to weigh all of the factors, and make a decision based on your own needs and priorities. It’s best to have a professional assist you with this since the decision you make may have significant consequences.

**Reasons to consider rolling over to an IRA:**

You generally have more investment choices with an IRA than with an employer’s 401(k) plan. You typically may freely move your money around to the various investments offered by your IRA trustee, and you may divide up your balance among as many of those investments as you want. By contrast, employer-sponsored plans generally offer a limited menu of investments from which to choose.

You can freely allocate your IRA dollars among different IRA trustees. There’s no limit on how many direct, trustee-to-trustee IRA transfers you can do in a year. This gives you flexibility to change trustees often if you are dissatisfied with investment performance or customer service. It can also allow you to have IRA accounts with more than one institution for added diversification. With an employer’s plan, you can’t move the funds to a different trustee unless you leave your job and roll over the funds.

An IRA may give you more flexibility with distributions. Your distribution options in a 401(k) plan depend on the terms of that particular plan, and your options may be limited. However, with an IRA, the timing and amount of distributions is generally at your discretion.

You can roll over your 401(k) plan distribution to a Roth IRA. You’ll generally have to pay taxes on the amount you roll over, but any qualified distributions from the Roth IRA in the future will be tax-free.

**Reasons to consider rolling over to your new employer’s 401(k) plan:**

Many employer-sponsored plans have loan provisions. If you roll over your retirement funds to a new employer’s plan that permits loans, you may be able to borrow up to 50 percent of the amount you roll over.

Employer retirement plans generally provide greater creditor protection than IRAs. Most 401(k) plans receive unlimited protection from your creditors under federal law. Your creditors cannot attach your plan funds to satisfy any of your debts and obligations, regardless of whether you’ve declared bankruptcy. In contrast, any amounts you roll over to a traditional or Roth IRA are generally protected under federal law only if you declare bankruptcy. Any creditor protection your IRA may receive in cases outside of bankruptcy will generally depend on the laws of your particular state.

You may be able to postpone required minimum distributions. For traditional IRAs, these distributions must begin by April 1 following the year you reach age 70.5. However, if you work past that age and are still participating in your employer’s 401(k) plan, you can delay your first distribution from that plan until April 1 following the year of your retirement.

If your distribution includes Roth 401(k) contributions and earnings, you can roll those amounts over to either a Roth IRA or your new employer’s Roth 401(k) plan. If you roll the funds over to a Roth IRA, the Roth IRA holding period will determine when you can begin receiving tax-free qualified distributions from the IRA. So if you’re establishing a Roth IRA for the first time, your Roth 401(k) dollars will be subject to a brand new five-year holding period. On the other hand, if you roll the dollars over to your new employer’s Roth 401(k) plan, your existing five-year holding period will carry over to the new plan. This may enable you to receive tax-free qualified distributions sooner.

When evaluating whether to initiate a rollover, always be sure to ask about possible surrender charges that may be imposed by your employer plan, or new surrender charges that your IRA may impose.

**What about outstanding plan loans?**

In general, if you have an outstanding plan loan, you’ll need to pay it back, or the outstanding balance will be taxed as if it had been distributed to you in cash. If you can’t pay the loan back before you leave, you’ll still have 60 days to roll over the amount that’s been treated as a distribution to your IRA.

Written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

## John Lysander Marshall

In a recent Ted Spaulding donation was a tintype of a Civil War soldier. A very faint pencil inscription notes the soldier is John Lysander Marshall (who I hereafter refer to as Lysander) of the Popple Dungeon section of Chester. Ted had a little history on Lysander but more research was needed.

I looked Lysander up in my reference books and found additional information, but I knew there was more. So I called my friend Dennis Charles. Dennis has access to Civil War records that I don't have. Below in italics is what Dennis found.

### Residence

*"Chester VT; Enlisted on 9/3/1861 as a Private. On 9/21/1861 he mustered into 'K' Co. Fourth Vermont Infantry. He died of wounds on 8/8/1863 at Gettysburg, PA (Died at Letterman Hospital) He was listed as: \* Wounded 7/2/1863 Gettysburg, PA (Estimated day) Other Information: Buried: Gettysburg National Cemetery, Gettysburg, PA Gravesite: A-27, VT plot"*

### Official Records of the Union & Confederate Armies:

*"Aug 3rd, 1863. Report on Gettysburg by L. A. Grant, Col. Commanding VI. Brigade.*

*"On the morning of 3d, the brigade advanced a short distance and took a position with its right resting on Round Top Mountain and its left on the Tannytown Road, in which position it remained that day taking no active part in the battle, though exposed at times to solid shot and shell from the enemy's guns.*

*"On July 3rd the brigade held substantially the same position and during the day the Fourth Vermont then on picket, was ordered forward to feel the enemy's position. It advanced about 1 1/2 miles and had a slight skirmish with the enemy's pickets.*

*"John L. Marshall of the Fourth Vermont was severely wounded in the arm and the knee. He was the only casualty in the brigade."*

Family history as told to me by Ted is that Lysander was wounded by an exploding shell and struck with shrapnel. While in hospital, Lysander's knee became infected. He died of that infection. Dennis told me when he goes to Baltimore, Md. this March, he is going to stop in Gettysburg and put a small flag on Lysander's grave. This is fitting.

I include two photos with this article. One shows Lysander in his Civil War uniform. The other photo is Lysander in civilian dress. Now let's talk about the civilian photo.

### Lysander as a civilian

This "Carte de Visite" "CDV" photo of Lysander was taken in Chester by A.S. Hayward. Hayward came from Proctorsville to Chester sometime in 1867 establishing a photographic studio on Main Street in Chester. Lysander

died Aug. 8, 1863. So when Lysander's photo was taken by Hayward in Chester, Lysander had been dead for three years. How would this be possible?

Lysander's civilian photo was taken before he enlisted in 1861. He would have purchased his portrait from the photographer for family and friends. There might have been a dozen photos produced.

In those days, it wasn't uncommon for a family member, usually living far away, to want a photo of the deceased. In order to do this, the family would take an existing photo to the photographer and have it photographed. So you end up with what we have here.

Looking at the civilian photo, you'll notice Lysander's portrait is surrounded with an embossed mat. This mat is a very thin brass, nicely embossed. When a photographer took your photo in those days, he would take the brass mat, a piece of glass for a protector and wrap it around the photo. It was then placed in a small case. The case opens and closes like a book.

Hayward's photo is a paper photograph that would have been inserted in a photograph album. These CDV's were seldom placed in a case.

At the Chester Historical Society we have a few photos of Chester boys who served in the Civil War. Lysander's photo is an excellent addition to our collection.

Lysander was a new name for me so I looked it up. "Lysander (died 395 BC) was a Spartan statesman and general who famously defeated the Athenian navy at the Battle of Aigospotami in 405 BC, which finally won the Peloponnesian War."

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, Jan. 24, upstairs of Chester



John L. Marshall in his Civil War uniform. PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING

Town Hall, at 7 p.m. The monthly slideshow will be photos donated by Ted Spaulding. Most of these photos have not been seen before. Weston, Springfield, Saxtons River, and other area towns will be included. All are welcome, whether members or not.

*This week's old saying, "I don't often listen to heavy metal, but when I do so do the neighbors."*



John L. Marshall in civilian dress. PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING

## Slideshow and talk on rail trails

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join Preston Bristow Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Community Library, Manchester Center for a slideshow and talk about rail trails and the Long Trail. This event is hosted by the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club.

Vermont's logging railroads lacked the scale of New York's Adirondack Mountains, where no fewer than 22 logging railroads reached deep into old growth forests. Vermont also lacked villainous timber barons like

New Hampshire's J.E. Henry, the notorious White Mountain railway "wood butcher" famously quoted as saying, "I never see the tree yit that didn't mean a [d\*\*\*\*] sight more to me goin' under the saw than it did standin' on a mountain." Yet logging railroads did penetrate the Green Mountains, and three are intertwined in the history of the Long Trail.

There is no fee to attend, but donations to support the maintenance of the Long Trail will be welcomed.



Rail trail talk in Manchester. PHOTO PROVIDED

## 2019 Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships seeking applicants

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students in recognition of volunteered time and talent. These scholarships are open to students in communities served by the Crown Point Board of Realtors: Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Clarendon, Grafton, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Wallingford, Weathersfield, Weston, and West Windsor.

The Crown Point Board of Realtors awards \$1,000 to two deserving students. The students may be 2019

high school graduates, homeschoolers, returning college students, previous recipients returning to upper classes, or adult students continuing their education in a two- or four-year college program.

While the course of study is not restricted in any way, applicants must have a strong history of volunteer community service. Applications and information for the Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are available at your local high school or by contacting Helen Wachtel at 802-275-3902. The deadline to submit applications for these scholarships is Monday, May 6, 2019. Selections

will be announced in June. The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are given in honor of Sammy Pierce, remembered as one of the most generous, thoughtful realtors in Windsor County. His generous character and the impact he made on his community is honored by this annual scholarship.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund are encouraged. Donations may be sent to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund, Crown Point Board of Realtors, c/o Julie Buffum, Treasurer, 121 Park St., Springfield, VT 05156.

## Heritage Family Credit Union offers scholarships to high school seniors

REGION – Heritage Family Credit Union's scholarship program supports deserving high school seniors who are going to pursue further education in an accredited undergraduate program at a college, trade school, or university in 2019. There are a total of four scholarships of \$1,000 each open to seniors attending a high school in HFCU's field of membership.

In order to be eligible, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled as a senior at a high school in HFCU's field of membership
- Be pursuing further education as a full-time student in an accredited undergraduate program at a college, trade school, or university for a minimum 6-credit semester or the equivalent in the fall of 2019
- Be an exemplary member of the student body and have demonstrated leadership qualities within their

school and community To be considered for a scholarship, students must fill out the form on [www.hfcuvt.com/personal/youth-accounts/scholarships](http://www.hfcuvt.com/personal/youth-accounts/scholarships) completely, follow all directions, and include all of the requested documents. All videos must be uploaded to YouTube. Scholarship applications and all supporting documents must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2019.

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# opinion

## Op-Ed: Vermont's future workforce

As a young and native Vermonter who is committed to this state, it has been frustrating to watch many of my peers leave Vermont for more affordable college opportunities. I know this frustration is shared and felt by many Vermonters. These include small and large local business owners and employers who are struggling to find trained or educated employees as well as our policymakers who are struggling with the ramifications of an aging population. Our policymakers have the power to do something about this. Vermont's elected officials can begin to reverse these scary demographic trends in one aspect by

making college more affordable.

According to the Vermont Agency of Education, for the past 10 years, over 40 percent of Vermont's kids don't go on to college. We have one of the lowest high school continuation rates in the country. According to the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, Vermont gives the least amount of money to our state colleges than any other state in the nation. This is a large factor in the low continuation rate. For a state that wants to be a leader of a technological future, this doesn't seem to be a step in the right direction.

Vermont's future workforce is here

within the Vermont state college system. Vermont companies want more of our graduates, but our state colleges can't produce them because of the immense debt students have to take on. As a result, these potential students are deterred from attending our state schools and Vermont loses all kinds of skilled labor and young families.

After graduating from Hartford High School, I began taking classes full-time at CCV. Full-time turned into being part-time, and part-time fell to working full-time to make up the money I spent on classes.

I then joined the Vermont Air National Guard as a traditional guards-

man in late 2013 and deployed soon after completing my training. After returning, I decided to apply and attend Vermont Technical College. As a renewable energy student, I'd love nothing more than to finish my degree, stay in my home state, and use my new skill set to help Vermont obtain their goal of 90 percent renewable energy by 2050. But if I cannot sustain myself within Vermont, I will have to follow the example of many young people before me and search for more affordable opportunities elsewhere.

My experience is all too common for young Vermonters. Most of my fellow students would love to stay in

this state, but we all share the stress of trying to pay for college. It's constantly talked about and on our minds while we're on and off campus. VTC and other state colleges are the best options for many of us, but we struggle to afford them. We are kids straight out of high school; we are veterans; we are parents trying to better ourselves for our children. What ties us all together is our shared desire to learn, live, and stay in Vermont.

This desire to live and work in Vermont should be encouraged not discouraged by our state's policymakers. Politicians verbalize their efforts to reverse the "brain drain," attracting and

keeping young people in Vermont. It is time they back their statements up with action and make serious financial commitments to our state college system.

By making a meaningful investment in our Vermont state colleges, we can help young Vermonters afford college and stay in state and provide our employers with a skilled workforce. If Vermont does right by its students, these students will stay and make Vermont an even better place to live and work for future generations.

Written by Jonathan Alvin, Hartford, Vt.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Like most people in our community, I am concerned with the current situation surrounding Springfield Hospital's finances and administration. I am extremely concerned by a clear lack of leadership by the hospital's Board of Directors, especially the lack of leadership shown by George Lamb, chair of the SMCS board. Whether the lack of leadership is due to indifference, a lack of understanding of the situation, or malfeasance, the result is the same – our community is in jeopardy of losing its hospital and Mr. Lamb and the board bear responsibility for the current situation.

A board of directors' primary responsibility is fiscal oversight, and there is no doubt that the hospital board has failed miserably in this role.

Mr. Lamb was well known as one of Mr. Ford's most ardent supporters during his time as CEO, despite

repeated reports about Mr. Ford's lack of leadership and concerns raised by staff and vendors about the hospital's financial situation; as well as the fact that in every year except one of Mr. Ford's leadership, the hospital posted operating losses. How can Mr. Lamb remain as a member of the Springfield Medical Care System board in good conscience, never mind its chair?

The time for excuses is long past. Now is the time for answers. Sadly, the current board seems unable or unwilling to provide the answers the hospital and the community deserve. I urge each of the hospital board members to do the right thing and resign to allow for new leadership and oversight.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Connelly  
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Each year, the staff and volunteers at Black River Good Neighbor Services collect food and toys during December and distribute them to deserving families throughout the area. This distribution dates back to well before the creation of BRGNS, but our staff and volunteers are proud to continue the tradition and to serve our clients in this manner. We at BRGNS offer our sincere thanks to all who made this season's annual holiday food and gift distribution possible.

Our staff and volunteers packed and then distributed dinners and toys to many community residents who would otherwise have a bleak holiday. On Dec. 18, some 30 volunteers packed boxes and then Dec. 20 35 teams of volunteers gathered at Fletcher Farm

and fanned out across the area, carrying boxes and bags to over 100 households with 214 individuals including more than 60 children.

Thanks go to Lee and Linda Potter, Jane Pixley, and Claire Walker for coordinating the distribution. In all we delivered nearly \$11,000 worth of food and toys to people in Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Plymouth, Mount Holly, and Belmont. While this project is a centerpiece of the Black River Good Neighbor Services' program and has grown substantially over the years, we all wish that it wasn't needed.

The process begins early in the year but gears up in earnest with the annual Stuff-a-Bus in Ludlow, followed by the Okemo Cares and Shares food drive. Thanks go to all who worked at the Stuff-a-Bus, and at the Okemo food drive, and espe-

cially the Okemo staff for making the food drive happen. And, importantly we thank all those who donated food or money at either event.

Toys and additional food were donated by Ludlow Rotary, Heritage Credit Union, United Church of Ludlow, Annunciation Church, Ludlow Garden Club, Friends of the Library, St. James Methodist Church of Proctorsville, Ludlow Women's Club, Ludlow Town Employees, Berkshire Bank, Cavendish Baptist Church, People's Bank, LaValley's, Cota and Cota, and Tyson Ladies Aid, all of whom deserve deepest thanks. A special thanks is due to Claire Walker and to Linda Potter for their superb coordination amongst all of these organizations.

Thanks go to Okemo for donating turkeys; to Black River Produce for giving oranges, apples, and potatoes;

to People's Bank for delivery drivers; to LaValleys for supplies; to Mountainside House for help transporting food; and to numerous individuals who gave cash, which was used to buy perishable and nonperishable food items.

Lastly, the Fletcher Farm School gets special thanks for donating space for all of this to happen. This is truly a community effort, and the BRGNS' officers, staff, and clients deeply thank all of the many individual volunteers and donors who make this program possible each year.

Sincerely,  
John Dean, Board president  
Audrey Bridge, executive director  
Black River Good Neighbor Services  
Ludlow, Vt.



Dear Editor,

On Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, the Andover Mountaineer Snow Riders held their 6th annual Pasta Dinner and Blind Auction. The event was well attended by club members, fellow snowmobile enthusiasts, and neighbors from our surrounding communities. The evening was a two-fold event: the delicious dinner served at the beginning of the evening and then the fun, fast-paced blind auction that followed. The auction was once again a success, due entirely to the support of local

businesses, artisans, and individuals.

As a community-driven group, AMSR strives to help a wide, diverse group of businesses by keeping the items that are up for bid "local." The club would like to very graciously thank the following donors – some who have been helping us since the first event, as well as many newcomers – in no particular order: Meditina Wine & Cheese, Biben's Ace Hardware, MacLaomann's Scottish Pub, Tina's Hallmark, Endless Cre-

ations, Susan Leader, Londonderry Ace Hardware, The Vermont Country Store, Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern, Lisa's Chester Market, Salon 2000, Lee Whiting, Country Girl Diner, Edgar May Health & Recreation Center, Woodbury Florist, Grandma Miller's Pies & Pastries, Vermont Cannoli, Shaw's, Chester Hardware, The Red Slate, The Garden Café & Gallery, Rockingham Hill Maple Farm, Drew's Organics, Frank and Patty Companik, Milwaukee Tool, Willow Farm Pet Sup-

plies, Emma Bliss, and F.W. Webb.

We are already looking forward to next season's event and hope to have another great evening! If any other local businesses or individuals would like to be involved with the auction, please feel free to contact the club at andoversnowridersvt@gmail.com.

Sincerely,  
Steffanie Baker  
AMSR secretary  
Andover, Vt.

Dear Editor,

They say, "It takes a village to raise a child," and an area where that is crucial is in a child's education. One of the great things about America is that we value education, and we all have benefited from that in terms of informed citizens and advanced technology. What's unique about our system is that not only do parents have to pay for their child's education but the entire "village" pays through our property tax system. That means that everyone – the elderly, homeowners, renters, landlords, businesses, and factories – supports the education of the children in their town or city. It re-

quires sacrifice and generosity from everyone for such a system to exist.

We know that Springfield – and every town – is tested every year at town meeting time in March when we can support or chop the school budget. This year, in Springfield in mid-December at a school board meeting, things were not looking very good when it was proposed that 19.5 staff positions needed to be cut to reduce the budget for various reasons to keep taxes low. The good news is that at a Jan. 8 meeting state projections and figures had been revised in a favorable way for the town so our school officials are

now proposing that only 1.5 positions need to be eliminated. Whew!

The initial proposal to chop 20 positions, many of them teachers, would have meant class size per teacher would have been increased, and studies show that students learn better when class size is smaller.

Let's hope that the outlook of state projections and the health of our school budget continues to look good. We can all do our part by remembering we want successful and quality schools not only for our children's sake, but for our town as well; because we can't lift our town up if we don't have fine schools that

attract new families with children and new businesses who will help pay additional property taxes that will keep everyone's taxes reasonable. Also, we can encourage our school board to maintain and improve our schools; we can show appreciation for our school staff; and we can support the education of our Springfield children by voting for a school budget that ensures quality schools. Just like they say, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Sincerely,  
Greg Supernovich  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The new Legislative session began Jan. 9, and the Senate welcomed five new members of the 30 while the House of Representatives had about 40 new persons join their 150-person roster. Two of the newly elected are the youngest members in each body, Senator Corey Parent of St. Albans representing Franklin County at age 28 and Representative Patrick Seymour of Sutton representing the Caledonia-4 District. Sen. Parent previously served in the House while Rep. Seymour is new to the building. Every elected member present took the Oath of Office on the first day while the governor and the other newly elected statewide officers, lieutenant governor, treasurer, secretary of state, auditor, and attorney general took their oaths on the second day.

The governor's oath was administered by Chief Justice Paul Reiber of the Vermont Supreme Court. Prior to the governor being sworn in, the results of the Canvassing Committee's report were read as to numbers of votes received by all the statewide candidates. Total votes cast for governor were 274,087 with the breakdown as follows: Trevor Barlow of Cavendish, 3,266; Cris Ericson of

Chester, 2,129; Christine Hallquist of Hyde Park, 110,335; Charles Laramie of Fair Haven, 2,287; Stephen Marx of Strafford, 1,855; Emily Peyton of Putney, 1,839; Phil Scott of Berlin 151,261; and write-in votes, 1,115.

Those elected to all the positions mentioned will serve for two years as will the House and Senate members. There is a Constitutional amendment being proposed this year to the Vermont Constitution to make the governor's term four years instead of two. This has been proposed in other years but hasn't passed. It is a long process and would have to pass two Legislative Bienniums in addition to being voted on positively in a statewide election.

The governor's Inaugural Address, given in the packed House Chamber, was very well received and not marred by a protestor who threw papers off the balcony and yelled something about Bill Lee. The governor responded by saying he too liked Bill Lee who actually ran against the governor in his first run and is a former Red Sox pitcher – who knew this would come up?

The governor mentioned among many issues labor force expansion,

modernizing Act 250, lowering our carbon emissions, getting all schools drinking water tested within a year in response to lead levels recently detected in some schools, early child care and learning, broadband, and doing a better job leveraging our assets. There was much more, and the speech is available online.

Other notable speakers were the Lt. governor, ministers, and a rabbi giving persuasive homilies. There was a quote from Jim Jeffords, "... We have the freedom and obligation to solve problems and help people."

A quote from Rev. Robert Potter that he said many years ago and re-

peated again was, "We may not have it all together but together we have it all."

Additionally, we have a new goddness on our roof so we should be inspired. Come visit you State House and see Ceres.

Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us. I am able to read all of your emails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

Sincerely,  
Sen. Alice Nitka  
Windsor District

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### Eugene P. Dion, 1933-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Eugene Paul Dion, 85, passed away Jan. 9, 2019. He was born Nov. 6, 1933 in Bloomfield, Vt., the son of Trefli "Pete" and Anna Marie (Labby) Dion. He attended schools in Bloomfield, Vt.

Eugene worked for the Fellow's Gear Shaper, Johnson and Dix, and LaCrosse Boot Factory. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and playing horseshoes.

He is survived by his sons Terry Dion of Enfield, N.H., Todd Dion of Elkhart, Ind., and Scott Dion of Paragould, Ark.; his daughter Penny Bixby of Ludlow, Vt.; several grandchildren;

and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his son Kim Dion of Perkinsville, Vt.; and by 12 siblings Allire Dion, Marie Lincoln, Alfred Dion, Annette Curtis, Eve Duquette, Yevonne Richards, Anna Bluto, Charlie Dion, Marion Bouchard, Thresa Dion, Joseph Dion, and Leo Dion.

There will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fish and Game Department of Vermont.

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

### Edwin D. Farrar, 1921-2018

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Edwin Donald Farrar, 97, died Dec. 27, 2018 in Stockbridge, Ga. He was born Dec. 24, 1921 in Cavendish, the son of Ed and Edna (Booth) Farrar. He graduated from Chester High School. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Edwin married Virginia Stocker in Cavendish, Vt. He was employed at Bryant-Grinder in Springfield and General Electric in Rutland. He retired in 1981. He enjoyed traveling so much he became a lifetime member of AAA and spent many winters in Tampa, Fla. with his wife. He loved camping and was a member of the Good Sam's Camping Club. He spent many hours playing horseshoes and shuffleboard, and he loved dancing.

He loved to make others smile, and he loved having fun. His sense of humor was disarming; and as a result he never met a stranger. He was quite social and easily developed acquaintances and friends. His favorite thing to do was play cards with family and friends.



Edwin D. Farrar, 1921-2018.

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Survivors include his sons John Farrar of Stockbridge, Ga. and Ken Farrar of Proctorsville, Vt., four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Virginia, his son Edwin Jr., and his daughter Patricia Winot.

There will be a service at a later date in the Cavendish Village Cemetery.

### Robin A. Mitchell, 1968-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robin A. Mitchell passed away peacefully at home Jan. 9, 2019. She was born Jan. 6, 1968 in Southington, Conn., the town where her father grew up. She moved to Springfield, Vt. in 1968 and graduated Springfield High School in 1989. She volunteered at Meals On Wheels and enjoyed spending time there with her many friends. She also loved volunteering for Springfield Hospital, putting folders together for the peri-operative services area where her mother has worked as an R.N. for over 40 years.

Robin will be remembered for her famous hugs and infectious smile that would brighten anyone's day. She enjoyed baking, dancing, various crafts, spending time at her family's camp, traveling, staying in hotels with swimming pools, watching "Golden Girls," and anything that had glitter or sparkles. She enjoyed many activities in the community like bowling, swimming, and visiting Dunkin' Donuts with the wonderful staff from Health Care and Rehabilitation Services.

She is survived by her parents Gordon B. Mitchell and Harriet M. (Beckwith) Mitchell of Springfield; her brother Scott Mitchell, his wife Trisha, and their three children Marie, Allison, and Emily of Newbury Park, Calif.; her sister Pam Church-Shaughnessy, her husband Bill, and Pam's three children Wilson, Evan, and Anna Church of Cavendish, Vt.; and her sister Sarah Donaldson, her



Robin A. Mitchell, 1968-2019.

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husband William (Wiley), and their son Andrew, of Rutland, Vt. She is also survived by very special aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Robin brought abundant joy to many lives. She was adored and loved by all who knew her.

There will be a memorial service at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. Friday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m., with a light-hearted reception to follow with some of Robin's favorite dancing tunes. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Meals on Wheels, 139 Main St, Springfield, VT 05156.

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

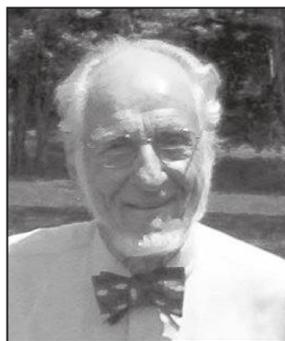
### Robert C. Anderson, 1918-2019

BELMONT, Vt. – Robert Christian Anderson died Jan. 9, 2019 in Belmont, Vt. Known as RC and Andy, he had celebrated his 100th birthday in September with friends and family. A graduate of Middlebury College and Princeton University, he was a longtime resident of Brookhaven hamlet on Long Island, where he lived from 1951 to 2006.

Among the first employees of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, where he worked from 1948 until 1983, he served from 1956 to 1983 as assistant director, responsible for scientific personnel, university relations, and public affairs. In that capacity, he led efforts to expand opportunities for women and unrepresented minorities in science. He was appointed to the governing council of Stony Brook University in 1974 and as its chair in 1976, serving in that role for nine years.

An organic chemist, he worked on key medicinal compounds at Merck & Co. during World War II. He also conducted one of the first experiments in viniculture and winemaking on Long Island for the New York State Agricultural Extension Service, in the 1950s.

He was an avid outdoors enthusiast, a lifelong advocate for science in service of society, and was well known in the community for his silkscreen prints. He fell in love with Vermont in 1936 and has been a homeowner since



Robert C. Anderson, 1918-2019.

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1967.

Anderson is survived by his wife of 26 years, the former Lynn Orenkewicz; his daughters Lisa (Marc Rauch), Amanda Vellia, and Rebecca Pennington (John Pennington); and son Jon; grandchildren Sally, Sam, Zeyna, Zak, and Isaac; and great-grandchildren Aicha and Elina. His first wife, Luise T. Anderson, predeceased him in 1990.

A memorial service will be held at the Village Baptist Church in Belmont, Vt. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Center for Environmental Education and Discovery, [www.ceedli.org](http://www.ceedli.org), or the Green Mountain Club, [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

### Joyce Jeffs, 1925-2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Joyce Jeffs, 93, passed away peacefully at home Monday morning, Dec. 24, 2018. She was born May 5, 1925 in Jamaica, Vt., the daughter of Merton and Mildred (Marden) Perry. She graduated from Leland & Grey High School in Townshend, Vt.

On Jan. 7, 1956, Joyce was married to Robert Jeffs in Jamaica, Vt. He predeceased her.

She worked building chairs at Townshend Furniture and was employed as a medical secretary in the office of Dr. Smith in Springfield for many years.

Joyce enjoyed walking, cross country skiing, swimming, and riding her bicycle. She was an active and devoted member of the First Congregational Church in Springfield for many years.

She is survived by her daughter Melanie Childs of Springfield, several nieces, nephews, and cousins and her beloved cat Daisy Mae. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Robert, son Gary R. Jeffs, and brother Bud Perry.

A graveside service will be held at



Joyce Jeffs, 1925-2018.

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11 a.m. Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Rev. Christine Boardman will officiate.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

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

### Anne M. Lund, 1961-2019

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Anne M. Lund, 57, of Sabin Avenue passed away Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019. Anne was born in Bellows Falls March 27, 1961, the daughter of Bela Lund Jr. and Isabel Bushway. She attended schools in Bellows Falls and worked at Sonnax. Anne loved animals, gossiping, making people laugh, donating blood, and most of all she loved her grandchildren.

Anne is survived by her fiancé Warren Hayes of Westminster; her daughters Katie Searles of Holland, Vt. and Karen Stoodley of Bellows Falls; her brothers Mark and Doug

Lund both of Westminster, Vt. and Bradley Lund of Oregon; her sister Beverly DeCamp of Westminster; and her grandchildren Bentley Hawley, Isabella, Delaney, and McKenna Stoodley. She is predeceased by her parents and her sister Mary Beth Lund.

There will be a celebration of Anne's life at the Westminster Fire Department at Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

### Robert M. Campbell, 1919-2018

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Robert M. Campbell of Saxtons River, Vt. passed away Dec. 23, 2018, just seven weeks shy of his 100th birthday. Despite some mobility issues, he remained fully engaged with the world and his family until just before his death. He was a former director of development, trustee, and Trustee Emeritus at Vermont Academy. He started the first commercial film company in Vermont in 1956, resurrected the Saxtons River Inn in 1974, was a former trustee of The Grammar School in Putney. He was a summer resident of Wellfleet, Mass. and a talented sailboat racer. He was a generous supporter of Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. All this while being father to 11 children.

Bob was born Feb. 16, 1919 in Brewer, Maine, the only child of Percy Anderson and Ada Mosher Campbell. His father, a native of Litchfield, N.H., was a professor of animal industry at the University of Maine. Shortly after Bob's birth, he took the job of managing Wawa dairy farms in Wawa, Pa. When his father accepted the position as head of feed research at Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, the family moved to Springfield, Mass. where Bob enrolled in Classical High School. A decision to attend Vermont Academy in Saxtons River for his senior year became, in retrospect, a defining turn in his life. He graduated in the class of 1937 and was accepted to Dartmouth College.

Once, returning to school, he and his father set out for Hanover, N.H., they had no idea they were about to be chased up Route 5 by the hurricane of '38. He recalled arriving at the common in Hanover to witness undergraduates cheering as each mighty elm slowly succumbed to wind and gravity.

He remembered his Dartmouth years with great affection – and thought many years later that co-education was a good thing. He made important lasting friendships and began his interest in photography and film.

They were also tumultuous years. A serious illness led to the removal of one kidney and a missed semester. The attack on Pearl Harbor put the college on war footing with year-round classes. So, in 1942, he graduated with both an undergraduate degree and a master's degree from the Tuck School of Business. Rejected by both the Navy and Army for medical reasons, he spent the rest of the war years working for Remington Firearms in Bridgeport, Conn.

While working in Bridgeport, he met Mary Elizabeth Miller. As the war ended, they married and moved to Manhattan where he worked for Willard Pictures, an industrial film company. In 1948, when Vermont Academy offered him the job of director of development, he returned to Saxtons River with his wife Beth and two children – Robert Jr. and Elizabeth – in tow. By 1953, there were five more: Averill, Michael, Peter, Sean, and Margaret.

To support his growing family, he took advantage of his New York contacts and began doing freelance film work. In 1956, he turned his part-time filmmaking into a full-time occupation. Campbell Films specialized in producing films that

supported nonprofit organizations, chiefly schools and colleges. Clients included Dartmouth, MIT, Amherst College, Williams College, Middlebury College, Spelman College, the University of Vermont, and Syracuse University. He was particularly proud of the many films he produced for Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass. His film, "The Anne Sullivan Story," about Helen Keller's teacher at Perkins School was a notable film and perhaps his favorite, though other films made for Perkins including "The Children of The Silent Night" were award-winning productions.

In 1963, he purchased the Forristal Farm at the edge of Saxtons River and worked out of a corner office there, surrounded by the Vermont that had become his home. The addition of Charles, William, Sarah, and Matthew brought the total of children to 11. He now had a growing pool of labor and was not afraid to use it. Children were enlisted in various enterprises and property maintenance. They became ditch diggers for water lines, cottage cleaners, toilet fixers, boat maintainers, house and barn painters, production assistants, envelope stuffers, fence builders, hay stackers, and eventually Christmas tree planters and harvesters.

Perhaps his most famous family saying was "Be part of the group!" He was always interested in bringing a child back to the fold and eager to come up with new ventures to accomplish that.

The Saxtons River Inn could be considered his most successful. In 1973, he purchased the inn, which had become a somewhat derelict private residence in the center of town. He had a chef in his daughter Averill, and a decorator in his wife Beth. Others were put to work scraping, painting, and papering. The New York Times gave it flattering coverage and wrote, "It was a kind of super barn raising that lasted a year with the family, townspeople, weekend friends and relatives pitching in." Its restoration gave the town a new focal point, and it became known as a place where patrons from every walk of life gathered.

Bob and Beth Campbell were both keenly interested in assuring that Saxtons River was a vital and viable small village and were generous to its causes. They both quietly helped a number of families in their moments of need or opportunity. He loved being sought after for advice and wasn't afraid to say, "You know what you should do?"

After a marriage of 71 years, Beth Campbell died in November of 2016. Bob was determined to live to 100 and had aspirations to get to 107. He came close. He was determined to live in his own home until the end and, thanks to family and caregivers, he achieved that. Bob Campbell is survived by his 11 children, 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

There will be a remembrance and memorial service held Feb. 16, 2019 at the Saxtons River Inn in Saxtons River, at 2 p.m. Memorial gifts may be made to The Bob and Beth Campbell Art Fund, Vermont Academy, P.O. Box 500, Saxtons River VT 05154.

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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

What were you doing last Sunday afternoon? Many of you were watching the New England Patriots defeat the Los Angeles Chargers 41-28.

Record numbers watched that game in New England. The sport today has so many questions surrounding its approach at so many levels, but the television numbers don't lie and the masses still flock to the coverage. Not even the flawed leadership of Roger Goodell has put a dent in its popularity. Come to think of it, maybe in this part of the country, ratings might soar because of Goodell.

Pride in sports is obviously a determining factor of who chooses to follow it. Locally, that pride isn't what it used to be, but nights like Monday evening when the echoes woke up any slumbering dust mites in old Presidential Hall in Ludlow, allowing a traditional rivalry to have at least one more grand night in the facility, was a reminder of days gone by. Traditional rival Green Mountain was in the building and with a competitive boys' game. The people who came out on a cold winter's night were rewarded with one last competitive tussle. Sitting here disappointed that I missed that one. How about you? This could possibly be the last winter barnburner in the structure.

One thing lacking at some schools today is a holiday tournament or an event that takes place between Christmas and New Year's Day. It is tremendous for every boys' and girls' basketball team to take part in a tourney during the time more people are off from work and college students are on break. Fall Mountain is the only school that fully takes care of their students in this regard, maximizing the number of people who can make attendance figures the highest possible.

Fall Mountain presently hosts the former Keene State College event while Keene State still hosts the boys' tourney. Green Mountain hosts a tourney for both genders, but it takes place before the holiday period officially begins. The good news about that is Chieftain athletes have an opportunity to compete in

one of these feel good events. The bad news is, bigger crowds could be attracted. Taking things a step further, some schools don't even compete at all during the break period, which in many ways is a nice family break but truly not team progress friendly.

In my perfect world, you could take the three schools mentioned in the next paragraph and throw them into a four-team tournament with one of the other area schools over break and have quite an event. Have Green Mountain host the event, since they already have success in that regard, and have the other Vermont area schools take part next year on Dec. 27 and 28 with two snow dates set for Dec. 30 and 31. Bellows Falls, Springfield, Green Mountain, Leland & Gray would meet the first day in both genders in the first round with the titles and consolation games to follow the final day of the event. This event might become so popular it might have to end up rotating between Bellows Falls and Springfield to accommodate the crowds.

Last winter, I pointed out the tremendous Big Three competition between three of our girls' basketball teams in our area. When Springfield, Bellows Falls, and Green Mountain get together on the hardwood, one usually can expect a close competitive contest. Thank goodness area athletic directors have made sure these teams all meet each other twice again this winter. Which team will end up with the best record in those head-to-head clashes is anyone's guess. All six games are still to be played so if you want to see some excitement, circle these dates on the area sports schedule.

The fun begins next Monday, Jan. 21 when Springfield hosts Green Mountain. Then on Saturday, Jan. 26, Bellows Falls travels to Green Mountain for a 2:30 p.m. match-up. Two days later, Jan. 28, the Cosmos take the short bus ride to Chester and on the final day of January, the latest chapter of the Bellows Falls-Springfield rivalry plays out in Springfield. The final two encounters are in February, as Green Mountain will be at Bellows Falls on Feb. 7 and Springfield will bop down there on Feb. 11. All those games will begin at 7 p.m., except the noted 2:30 p.m. clash.

One thing different from days gone by is the cross division rivalries. For years, teams competed mainly within their own division assigned by the state powers and those division schedules would make up at least 70 percent of your schedule. Teams rarely changed divisions. In today's world, teams generally are reclassified every two years. There have even been one-year classifications as was the case this fall with Bellows Falls Field Hockey. Today's approach makes it very difficult to develop or maintain rivalries. This makes the area match-ups with Springfield, Bellows Falls, and Green Mountain even more enticing to me.

On the subject of rivalries and classifications, for the first time since the late '80s with a couple of notable exceptions, Bellows Falls and Brattleboro find themselves in the same division in football beginning in the fall. There was something about the stability of all those years of playing the same teams and schedules that was comforting, but both the state powers that be and the Marble Valley League recognized the fact that blow out games didn't do anyone any good thus the constant redos. I don't like redos continually but allowing a town and/or a sport a

chance to compete for a title once in a while makes sense.

The Vermont football league has recently been doing the same thing. Burlington came down to Division II for a while in hopes of growth, Mount Anthony did the same a couple of years back, and now Brattleboro has their turn. The Colonels rejected an opportunity a couple of years ago but now see its merit. Too bad they didn't come back then. The last two seasons, Bellows Falls and Brattleboro would have been a great match. Right now, the Colonels are likely the stronger team and the two tentatively are slated to open the fall schedule against each other next Labor Day weekend.

School enrollments have changed so much in recent years. It is very difficult to keep track. Not too long ago, when I was coaching Bellows Falls boys basketball, the Terriers were a solid middle of the pack Division II school. Next school year cycle, chances are Bellows Falls will be near the top Division III school at least in basketball. The present approach makes sense completely, but the old days were comfortable.

In fact, some readers might be surprised to know that up until 1988, Bellows Falls basketball competed in the Southern Vermont League, which was considered a Division I league. Rutland, Mount St. Joseph, Mount Anthony, Brattleboro, Hartford, Springfield, Windsor, and Bellows Falls were the traditional members of that league. Bellows Falls and Windsor, the smallest enrollment number schools, were the first two to leave searching for a competitive place to play after routine 25-plus point defeats.

These departures eventually brought about the end of the Southern Vermont League. At the time, there were two leagues in southern Vermont. The bigger schools made up the mentioned SVL and the rest, primarily the smaller schools, were a part of the Marble Valley League. There were a couple of big meetings, which led to the formation of one unified MVL, but the transition was anything but easy. The bigger schools had always liked doing things their own way and many of their smaller brothers were concerned about their acceptance of the mission of the MVL, but eventually concessions were made by the larger schools and the bigger Marble Valley League have operated smoothly in the days since.

Sitting here thinking about that, there are three weeks remaining in the NFL season. Everyone who cares, and many of you who don't, know the Super Bowl is now played in February. Back when I was in my best days, the NFL title game took place on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day and was played in cold weather, but not so many games faced the tough elements. Football was not the only sport that was over earlier. The World Series ended by Oct. 15 and both the NBA and NHL play-offs were done by the time all the leaves were on the trees. For those 40 and under, that's why those really were the Good Old Days.

Any of you who are shaking your head at those words will find out, the words are true. But when you are my age, your old days you will refer to are the ones that are still playing out now.

## Bellows Falls, Green Mountain, and Springfield girls' basketball fun to watch

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**REGION** – For generic all-around area sports fans, the annual Round Robin of games between the Bellows Falls, Green Mountain, and Springfield girls' basketball teams is one of the highlights of the school sports season. The games begin next Monday when Green Mountain visits Springfield.

Bellows Falls was 8-0 at press time, but their record doesn't even make them the favorite in this competition. They have played well this winter, finished the regular season 16-4 a year ago, and coach Todd Wells says, "We graduated one senior last season and have an experienced group returning this season."

However, both Green Mountain and Springfield have a close to equal resume to cheer about. Wells communicated to me that his team's goal is "to compete every day in practice and in games and to compete at the highest level. We lost in the first round of the play-offs last year so we have unfinished business."

The truth is, all three teams are in the same boat. They all had strong 2017-18 campaigns and fell by five or

less points in a tough play-off exit in the first round. Each of these teams proving themselves in this little mini-tourney could boost their confidence for a better result this time around.

Bellows Falls opened this season by beating a strong West Rutland team 44-40 in a game in which Golden Horde standout Elizabeth Railey found a way to tally a game high 21 points. The Bellows Falls Halle Dickerson, Abbe Cravinho, and Taylor Goodell bucketed 13, 11, and 11 respectively.

The Lady Terriers then easily handled Arlington 50-24 and Mount Saint Joseph 54-14 in back-to-back games. Dickerson scored 20 and Goodell 10 versus Arlington. Goodell also added 8 assists and 7 steals. All nine Bellows Falls players found the scoring column in the Mount Saint Joseph tilt with Dickerson's 17 pacing the effort. Proctor slowed down but couldn't derail Bellows Falls in game 4, 46-40. Wells' team then handled Rivendell easily in back-to-back contests 55-20 and 66-28. Goodell had an impressive triple double in the first game 15 points, 13 rebounds, and 10 assists, while Cravinho's 18 led the way aided by 13 points each from Dickerson and Goodell. Wells added that both Madison Street-

er and Michelle Marchica played with a lot of intensity in the contest. Bellows Falls' most recent victory was a 61-33 decision over Leland & Gray. In the encounter, Bellows Falls moved up to 8-0 with Goodell's 18 points and Emily Bazin's 7 rebounds pacing the effort. The Terriers are currently eighth in the Vermont Division II standings, right behind Springfield.

Green Mountain's 7-1 record has them in fifth place in Vermont Division III. They have split a pair of games with third place and defending champion Windsor, which makes Coach Terry Farrell feel that "We can play with anyone in our division."

They lost at Windsor 37-29 in the season's second game at Windsor, but later returned the favor defeating the Jacks in Nason Gym in a nail-biting 44-43 victory in a game that was decided by an Annie Lamson weakside putback with 14 ticks left on the clock.

The Lady Chieftains fell behind 9-2 and 24-8 at the end of the first two periods of that first get together but battled back to 32-29 in the final stanza. Hannah Buffum led Green Mountain with 15 in that contest. In the one point victory, Lamson scored 12 and Paige Karl added 9 in the scorebook. Easy wins

over Black River 64-21, Twin Valley 56-13, Poultney 49-21, and Arlington 50-28 have solidified Farrell's team's spot neat the top of the standings. He says, "A pretty well balanced attack" has been one of the team's biggest assets.

Paige Karl had 14 versus Black River and 11 against Arlington, while Bufum again contributed 8 in the win over the Presidents. Allie Kinney's 10 was helpful in the Presidential win while her 14 in the Poultney contest earned her high scoring honors. Rachel Guerra led the way in scoring in a 48-37 victory over Mount Saint Joseph. Guerra's 13 was supported by 11 from Karl and 8 from Maya Lewis. Lewis also contributed an important 10 in a 57-48 triumph over West Rutland and 9 in the Twin Valley victory. Reilly Merrill also had 9 in that one. The West Rutland game wasn't broken open until partway through the third period. Karl's 14 was instrumental in that victory and Lamson's 8 were equally important.

Springfield's overall record is 5-2, but their tough schedule has them above unbeaten Bellows Falls in the Division II standings. Springfield opened with a big 58-41 victory over Oxbow and then fell 37-36 to a top of the DII standings Randolph. Hannah Crosby's 21 led the effort versus Oxbow as Hailey Perham and Gabby Wardwell both contributed 9. Crosby tallied 15 and Perham 11 versus Randolph in an encounter Springfield led most of the

way. The Cosmos then fell to Windsor on the road 61-49 in a similar experience to Green Mountain, falling behind early. Crosby's 21 paced the effort and Wardwell added 16 with Jessica Cerniglia tossing in 8.

Since then, the Cosmos have turned back Twin Valley 63-27, Otter Valley 62-52, Leland & Gray 36-15, and Woodstock 59-35. Crosby was the high scorer in the Twin Valley game with 18 with Wardwell dropping in 12, Ashley Chamberlin 11, and Perham 9. Against Otter Valley, Crosby had a season high 22, with Perham adding 12

and Cerniglia 11. Coach Joe Costello feels, "This is the most veteran team I have coached in my tenure and the team has entered pre-season more prepared to compete than any previous group." Costello also passed along that, "My group knows we can compete with the better squads in the state," with obviously Randolph the perfect example.

Readers now have all the resumes of the three area girls' teams. It will be interesting to see how they stack up against one another. It should prove to be really exciting.

### Springfield, Leland & Gray



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Leland & Gray recently won a tight basketball game with Springfield 71-68. The Cosmos Damian Warner drives for two while teammate Jacob Stepler looks on. Rebel defenders Christian Thomsen on the left and Mike Fitzpatrick look to defend.

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## This week's high school basketball schedule

**REGION** – 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.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 17** –  
• Girls Varsity Springfield @ Mount St. Joseph 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Twin Valley @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 18** –  
• Boys Varsity Black River @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.  
• Boys Varsity Fair Haven @ Springfield 7 p.m.  
• Boys Varsity Mascenic @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Mascoma Valley 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19** –  
• Boys Varsity Proctor @ Bellows

Falls 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Windsor 3:30 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Proctor @ Black River 1 p.m.

**MONDAY, JAN. 21** –  
• Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Springfield 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 22** –  
• Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Hartford 7 p.m.  
• Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Franklin 7 p.m.  
• Boys Varsity Proctor @ Green Mountain 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Woodstock 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Black River @ Proctor 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Franklin @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Mount St. Joseph @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23** –  
• Boys Varsity Poultney @ Black

River 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Mascoma Valley @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 24** –  
• Boys Varsity Proctor @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Black River @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Green Mountain 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 25** –  
• Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Poultney 7 p.m.  
• Boys Varsity Springfield @ Mill River 7 p.m.  
• Boys Varsity West Rutland @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Springfield @ Fair Haven 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 26** –  
• Boys Varsity Black River @ Long Trail 7 p.m.  
• Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Green Mountain 2:30 p.m.

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<b>Stratton Mountain</b>	9 / 11	18"	0" (1/15)
<b>Sugarbush</b>	13 / 16	36"	0" (1/15)

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# art & entertainment

## Bogovich School of Dance presents “Wizard of Oz”

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Bogovich Dance Company of Marlborough presents “The Wizard of Oz” at the Claremont Opera House Saturday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m.

Every year Tamara Sheppard, owner of Bogovich Dance Company, goes to costumer Linda Shepard with amazing ideas to do. This year Tamara wanted a large poppy dress that would take up the whole stage. She wanted to blow up the poppy scene really big. At their performance in Keene recently, you could hear the audience’s exclamations. After the show, audience members asked Linda, “How did you make it?”

Linda explained that she had to move all the furniture out of her living room and used 30 yards of fabric to construct it and was encased in the center of bright red for weeks. She also put her special touches on the Lion and his mane, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, Dorothy and her ruby slippers, Oz, Glenda’s crown, the poppy dress and hat, 11 other poppy hats around her, Mayor Munchkin, soldiers, and parts of the monkeys, tornadoes, and their masks and the rainbow scene. With the help of Marissa Thurston and Meaghan Blanchard pulling up the reins, they were able to get it all done.

Linda has been sewing since she was 13. She’s been sewing professionally for 41 years. She has sewn from the mundane hem to clothes for the White House balls. She’s sewn



Don’t miss the “Wizard of Oz” show.

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for senators, soap operas, directors, Miss Canada, and World Champion in Tai Kwon Do, and of course weddings. But designing and constructing costumes has given her a newfound love for sewing.

With every idea she comes up with, Tammy looks at her and says, “Go for it.” Linda strives to make Tammy’s dreams and visions come true.

Likewise, Linda says Tammy has taken some of the shyest children who originally had to be hand-

walked out on the stage and made them performers with leading parts. She is an amazing dance instructor. She pulls the best out of the children.

General admission tickets are available by phone at 603-542-4433 or in person at the Opera House Box Office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, N.H. For more information about the show, go to [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org).

## Book discussion of “The Romanov Bride” at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pick up a copy of “The Romanov Bride” by Robert Alexander at the Rockingham Library anytime and get ready for the book discussion about it Feb. 4 at 3 p.m.

Based on the true story of the life and death of Grand Duchess Elisavjeta Fyodorovna, this historical novel is a gripping journey through one of

the most turbulent times in Russian history. The Grand Duchess’s life experiences are juxtaposed beside that of a Bolshevik revolutionary named Pavel. Although they are worlds apart, Elisavjeta and Pavel have more in common than they realize. Both love their country, are committed to their beliefs, and – most importantly – have lost the love of

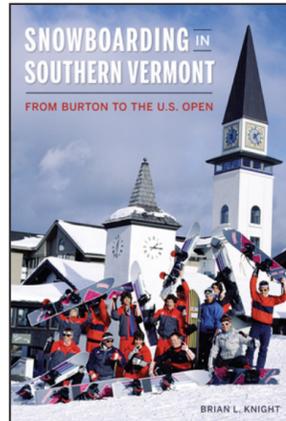
their lives. These heartbreaking losses inspire them both to work, in their own ways, for the good of the common man. She abandons her life of privilege to serve the poor as the founding abbess of the Marko-Marinski convent, while he works to overthrow the monarchy and bring power to the people.

Anyone may borrow a library copy of this book during regular library hours. Having a library card is not a prerequisite. For more information, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

## “Snowboarding in Southern Vermont” book talk at OMS

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain School and The Book Nook proudly present a book talk by Vermont historian and preservationist Brian L. Knight, author of newly released “Snowboarding in Southern Vermont.” The event takes place Saturday, Jan. 19 at the OMS fitness facility. There will be a short talk starting at 6 p.m., which will be followed by a question and answer period and the chance to buy a copy of “Snowboarding in Southern Vermont.”

Brian Knight has worked in social and architectural history in New England since 1997. He received a bachelor’s degree in political science and master’s degree in historic preservation from the University of Vermont. Over the last 17 years, Knight’s historic preservation experience included private nonprofits and government agencies at the local, state, and national level. In addition to his extensive Vermont work, Knight subcontracted for several regional private



“Snowboarding in Southern Vermont” book discussion Jan. 19. PHOTO PROVIDED

sector firms, with projects in New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. Relevant projects included a neighborhood survey for

Bennington, Vt. and a survey of modernist buildings in Burlington, Vt. From 2003-2009, Knight was the curator for Hildene, the Lincoln family home in Manchester, Vt.

“Snowboarding in Southern Vermont” looks at the Manchester and the mountain area of Vermont during the 1980s and 1990s as the epicenter of the fledgling sport of snowboarding. With the presence of Burton Snowboards, the U.S. Open Championships, and one of the earliest machine-built half pipes at Stratton Mountain, the local population led the vanguard as the sport ventured from the fringe to mainstream. Ranging from Olympic gold medalists to backhoe operators and converted skiers, locals contributed immensely to the development of the sport. Knight details the birth, growth, and development of a new worldwide sport from humble beginnings in southern Vermont.

For more information, call Scott Stearns at The Book Nook at 802-228-3238.

## Get those poetry juices flowing

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Calling all poetry lovers. It’s time to get ready for Rockingham Library’s Winter Poetry Open Mic. Rustle up some poems by a favorite author. Dig out some poems you’ve penned over the years. Or sharpen your pencils – and your wits – to

write some original poetry. Then get ready to share on Poetry Open Mic night Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls.

Readers should come prepared to read up to five poems. To begin, each person will read one poem. Depend-

ing on the number of participants, a second, third, fourth, and even fifth round of reading will follow. For more information, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St.

## Living with Beavers, topic of fireside chat to conclude series

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts and the Saxtons River Historical Society conclude their series of Fireside Chats to highlight the area’s history and culture Sunday, Jan. 20 when the topic will be “Beavers: Answering Your Gnawing Questions.”

Presenter Laurence “Skip” Lisle of Grafton is best known for creating the Beaver Deceiver and the Castor Master, devices that make it possible to live in harmony with *Castor canadensis*. He received a master’s degree in wildlife management from the University of Maine and worked with the Penobscot tribe to help them control beavers while maintaining their habitats, a dedication he continued with the founding of Beaver Deceivers International. He has worked in habitats all over North

America and in parts of Europe. He is recommending that those at-

tending read “Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter” by Ben Goldfarb for good background information.

Attendees are always invited to share their own experiences, photos, artifacts, and stories related to the topic of the evening.

The series is offered at no charge, with donations accepted. The inn’s dining room will be open for dinner after the presentation for further socializing. Reservations are appreciated by calling the inn at 802-869-2110. In case of inclement weather, cancellation information will be available by contacting Main Street Arts at 802-869-2960 or on their Facebook page.



Laurence “Skip” Lisle of Grafton, inventor of the Beaver Deceiver, will give a Fireside Chat Sunday, Jan. 20. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# arts & entertainment

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Liquid acrylic paints are provided. Bring small brushes – size 0,3,4,5 – and a magnifying glass. There is a cost for members and non-members. A materials list will be provided at registration. All levels welcome.

Debra is an amazing artist. You can see her work at the VAULT.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT,



Debra Craigie acrylic country painting on wood.

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a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

## Okemo lights up the snow with Let It Glow

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain Resort will host a dazzling display of light synchronized to music with its annual Let It Glow Laser Light Show and fireworks, Saturday, Jan. 19. Admission is free and the light show starts at 7 p.m. Okemo's Sitting Bull will be open for drinks with live music.

Guests attending Let It Glow will feel immersed in a laser canopy of illumination as colorful beams bounce off the snow of Okemo's Bull Run trail, located just outside The Sitting Bull restaurant and bar, which is located in the Clock Tower base area. The dazzling visual effects of state-of-the-art digital graphics that make up this awe-inspiring laser light show are sure to delight everyone attending. A fireworks grand finale will punctuate the light show with a pyrotechnic exclamation point.



Don't miss the Let It Glow show.

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

## Weston Film Club screens "Chocolat" at Walker Farm at Weston Playhouse

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Film Club presents Claire Denis's award-winning autobiographical film "Chocolat" Jan. 18 at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm.

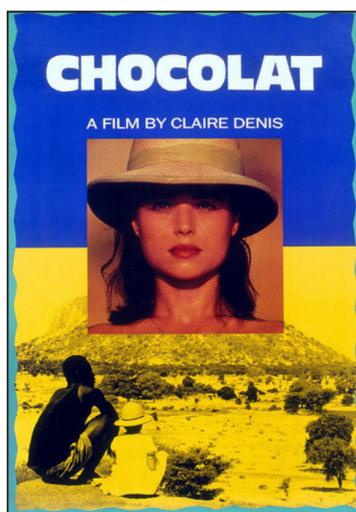
"Chocolat" traces a young white woman's return to her youth in pre-independence French Cameroon, haunted by strong memories of black African Protee, the family's "houseboy" and a man of great nobility, intelligence, and beauty. "Chocolat" is a stirring and subtle examination of

intricate relationships in a racist society and the human damage exacted on both the colonized and colonizer. "Chocolat" is one of those rare films with an entirely mature, adult sensibility even as most of the film is seen through the eyes of a young girl. It is a deliberately beautiful film – many of the frames create breathtaking compositions – but it is not a travelogue and it is not a love story. This is one of the best films of the year.

Claire Denis' mastery of filmmak-

ing technology is equaled by her splendid control of narrative and the kind of speculation that tantalizes and rewards.

Arrive at 6 p.m. for a social BYOB and snacks to share. The film starts at 7 p.m. and is followed by discussion. There is a fee for tickets. To make reservations, email westonvfilm@gmail.com.



"Chocolat" to play at Walker Farm.

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## The Jobz and Jessica Rabbit Syndrome at Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – In partnership with Windsor-based musicians' collective What Doth Life, it's loud fun crunchytyme at Stage 33 Live when The Jobz and Jessica Rabbit Syndrome come to record and film concert sets starting around 6:30 p.m. and going to around 9 p.m. Jan. 20.

Jessica Rabbit Syndrome wraps you in a freaky glitter blanket of

Glamour Trash Witchcore attitude. The Jobz are nuts and have been around long enough to have an abandoned MySpace page.

This taping is free and open to the adoring public, but donations to keep Stage 33 Live going will be gratefully accepted. Seating capacity is 40, but don't sit. All ages are welcome.

Stage 33 Live documents per-

formances and presentations of all sorts on a simple stage in a former factory building for downstream audiences – the hometown love child of "Tiny Desk Concerts," "Ted Talks," "Science Friday," "Midnight Special," "The Little Rascals," and on this night, "Urgh! The Decline Of The Repo Stains."

For more information about Stage 33 Live, go to www.stage33live.com.

## CMH to bring heli-skiing to Stratton Mountain with virtual reality tour

STRATTON, Vt. – CMH Heli-Skiing & Summer Adventures, the world's largest Heli-Skiing and Heli-Hiking operator, has produced an awe-inspiring virtual reality film to introduce the sport of Heli-Skiing to the world. The cinematic piece entitled "Lines of Sight: A Guided Virtual Reality Experience" was created in partnership with the award-winning Sherpas Cinema with support from Google's AR/VR team, using cutting-edge technology in the virtual reality and ski industries.

CMH is taking its technology on the road, installing heli-inspired VR lounges at ski resorts across North America. Landing at Stratton Mountain resort from Feb. 2-3 and 9-10, 2019, resort goers will be able to step into a giant CMH lounge located in the base area to experience the film in virtual reality firsthand and take the ride of a lifetime, all with your feet planted firmly on the ground.

Filmed entirely at CMH Caribooos with highly customized, site-specific equipment from Google VR and Sherpas Cinema, the five-minute film was created to immerse the viewer into the experience and dispel the myth that Heli-Skiing is extreme, instead demonstrating that it's more accessible to the average skier and boarder than commonly thought. The end result showcases the future of cinematic VR. "Being able to work

with the best in the industry in a truly collaborative manner allowed us to push the boundaries of technology and bring the Heli-Skiing experience to a wider market," said Julia LoVecchio, director of marketing at CMH.

"The biggest thing people ask for in VR is 'take me places I can't go,'" said Sarah Steele, Google VR program manager, "and Heli-Skiing is an incredible experience that only a lucky few could even imagine."

CMH founder Hans Gmoser was a

visionary who invented Heli-Skiing more than 50 years ago, and it is in the spirit of this legacy that the team continues to provide such innovative experiences. Led through the terrain by ACMG Mountain Guide, Craig McGee, the viewer experiences every part of the journey from buckling in for the helicopter ride to gliding down the powdery slopes of the Cariboo Mountains of British Columbia. The vistas are breathtaking, the movement of the skiers magical, and the result is pure inspiration.

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## What's Happening at Okemo

### Let It Glow Laser Light Show & Fireworks Spectacular

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Okemo will host a mind-bending landscape of light set to music with its Let It Glow Laser Light Show presented by American Express. Guests will feel immersed in a laser canopy of light and sound as bright beams bounce off the snow. This dazzling laser light show is one you won't want to miss.

### Shake N' Skate

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

A fun evening of ice skating with a live DJ, games and fun for the whole family in Okemo's Ice House skating pavilion at Jackson Gore. 6 - 9 p.m. Skate rentals are available.

### OMS Cocktails for Scholarships

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Enjoy an evening of music by The Myra Flynn Band, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at Epic restaurant from 6 - 9 p.m. This is a fundraiser to support the Okemo Mountain School's Scholarship Fund. Tickets are limited and can be purchased online at: [okemomountainsschool.org/cocktails-for-scholarships](http://okemomountainsschool.org/cocktails-for-scholarships).

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# outdoor news

## Visit Fish & Wildlife at the Yankee Show

ESSEX JUNCTION, Vt. – The annual Yankee Sportsman's Classic show will be held Jan. 18, 19, and 20 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction, and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is inviting you to visit their exhibits and attend their seminars at the show.

"We are looking forward to talking with as many people as possible at the show," said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "It's a great opportunity for us to share the latest information about fish and wildlife, and it gives people a chance to talk with us about fish and wildlife issues. Our wardens, biologists, and other staff will be at our exhibit."

The 2019 hunting, fishing, and trapping lawbooks and optional Vermont big game tags will be available at Fish & Wildlife's exhibit booth. The free tags are offered as a durable alternative to paper tags on licenses and may be used to tag deer, bear, or turkeys. Hunters, anglers, and trappers will also be able to buy their 2019 licenses.



Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff are urging visitors to the Yankee Sportsman's Classic show to stop by their exhibit and attend their seminars. PHOTO BY TOM ROGERS

Fish & Wildlife deer biologist Nick Fortin will give a presentation at noon on Saturday. And Fish & Wildlife is coordinating seminars upstairs

on field dressing and processing deer by Rodney and Theresa Elmer at 11 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. The Skinny Pancake will serve free wild game crepes on Saturday, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Show hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Learn more about the show at [www.yankeeclassic.net](http://www.yankeeclassic.net).

## CCCA sponsors presentation on foxes in our midst

CAVENDISH, Vt. – On Jan. 23, at 6 p.m., the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association will sponsor the next Walk and Talk Series presentation at the Cavendish Town Office, 37 High St. in Cavendish.

Michael Clough, representative of the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, will speak about an animal that lives in our midst and that we see quite often, but that we don't know much about – the fox. Hear about the habitats, mating habits, difference between the red and brown fox, their predators, and their diet. He will highlight the fox's ecology, habitat, and behavior. Also, the talk will focus on the best ways for humans to avoid conflicts. Come learn more about this

beautiful animal.

Refreshments will be served. For

more information, please contact Claire Walker at 802-226-7259.



CCCA to discuss foxes.

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## Sugarbush NSAA Safety Month events

WARREN, Vt. – In accordance with the National Ski Area Association's Safety Month, Sugarbush Resort has added special events focused on safety for the month of January.

The month kicked off with Meet the Parks Crew Rail Jam Saturday, Jan. 5, which saw a

great turnout of families over at Mt. Ellen. Upcoming events include Meet the Patrollers Saturday, Jan. 19, and a Vermont Adaptive Presentation Saturday, Jan. 26. Each special event is designed to educate guests on the safety required for each field, as well as to provide fun demonstrations and activities. All

events will have hot chocolate and cookies

The resort is also running both a poster contest and a trivia contest through the month with prizes awarded to the best posters, as well as correct trivia answers. The poster contest will continue on through Feb. 26.

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## Public meetings on Chronic Wasting Disease

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and local fish and game clubs are sponsoring public informational meetings on Chronic Wasting Disease, which the department says poses a serious threat to Vermont's deer herd.

Chronic Wasting Disease infects white-tailed deer, moose, and other members of the deer family and has been spreading across the United States and, more recently, has been

documented in Quebec.

The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and are scheduled as follows:

- Jan. 24, Newport, North Country Career Center, 209 Veterans Ave, Newport. Hosted by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Conservation Group with light refreshments provided free.

- Jan. 31, Barre, Barre Fish and Game Club, Gun Club Rd. Hosted by the Barre Fish and Game Club

with light refreshments provided free.

Wildlife veterinarian Dr. Walter Cottrell will speak about the disease, how it is spread, its effects on deer populations, and efforts needed to keep the disease from entering Vermont. Dr. Cottrell will describe how the disease has impacted deer, elk, and moose in North America, as well as his first-hand experiences with the disease when he was a

wildlife veterinarian for the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

"Chronic Wasting Disease is the most serious threat to Vermont's wild deer herd and our state's tradition of deer hunting," said Nick Fortin, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's deer biologist. "We are proudly partnering with local fish and game clubs to inform Vermonters about what is at stake with this disease and what is being done to prevent it."

## Sugarbush announces Wall of Fame

WARREN, Vt. – In celebration of their Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, Sugarbush Resort announces the opening of the nominating period for the Sugarbush Wall of Fame. Similar to a Hall of Fame, Sugarbush's Wall of Fame seeks to recognize some of the most significant contributors to the Sugarbush experience from 1958

to the present.

The Sugarbush Wall of Fame recognition will be awarded annually to two people who have made a significant contribution to "cultivating a spirit of lifelong adventure and camaraderie among Sugarbush staff, guests, and the community." Nominations are due by Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019, and must include a brief biography of the nominee; an in-depth description of his/her contribution to "cultivating a spirit of lifelong adventure and camaraderie among Sugarbush staff, guests, and community;" and a minimum of three

photos of the nominee.

Video clips, quotes, and other supporting evidence are welcome. Nominations must include a minimum of ten signatures of support. Nominating materials may be mailed to [wall-offame@sugarbush.com](mailto:wall-offame@sugarbush.com) or Sugarbush Wall of Fame, 1840 Sugarbush Access Rd., Warren, VT 05674.

A Wall of Fame Review committee is cur-



Sugarbush Resort is seeking nominations for inductees to the Wall of Fame. PHOTO BY JOHN ATKINSON

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rently being established to oversee this year's nominations. Nominations will be reviewed in early February and announced in late February. A Wall of Fame Inaugural Celebration is planned for Saturday, April 6, 2019, following the resort's scheduled Pond Skimming. Those selected for the Sugarbush Wall of Fame will be commemorated on a wall in the Lincoln Peak base area.

In addition to the inauguration of the Sugarbush Wall of Fame in April, the resort has an array of special events planned to commemorate its Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. December's Sugarbush kicked off the music series "60 Years of Sugarbush Music with the Grift," with local band The Grift playing music from the 1960s era. The band returns on Saturday nights this season to play the next decade of music: Feb. 9, 1980s; March 2, 1990s; March 16, 2000s.

The Moth StorySLAM comes to Sugarbush Friday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. to host an evening of storytelling. The StorySLAM is open to the public and is particularly geared to those who have stories from the early days of Sugarbush. That same weekend, the resort is planning an Alumni Weekend, highlighted by an Alumni NASTAR race and a reunion celebration in Castlerock Pub – retro employee uniforms strongly encouraged!

A season-long 60th Anniversary Memorabilia display is on view in the foyer of Rumble's Kitchen and in Gate House Lodge.

For more information on the Sugarbush Wall of Fame, or on the resort's anniversary celebrations, visit [www.sugarbush.com](http://www.sugarbush.com).

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Jenny Williams has been a homegrown foodie from the day she was born. Her happy place was always in the kitchen where she learned techniques and recipes from those around her and what-  
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has been making her living with food. Her specialty is taking tried and true favorite recipes and  
creating them with a twist, capitalizing on whatever fresh local ingredients inspire her.



At last, she has opened her own catering company in Artisans Park in Windsor called Artisan Eats Vermont. She specializes in take-and-go lunches, fresh baked quiche, and prepared dinners. Every week, she posts her weekly menu on her website and sends it out to her Facebook followers. Her customers order and arrange for pick up or she will even deliver within a 15-mile radius.



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Windsor Chair Shop & Country Furniture, plus other handcrafted kitchen woodcrafts. Open daily from 9 am - 4 pm. Conrad Della, Chester, VT. 802-875-4219. (03/19/19)

# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19 – CHITTENDEN, Vt.** – “Introduction to Walleye Fishing,” Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m. – noon, at the Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden, Vt. Walleye are the largest member of the perch family, and are found in Chittenden Reservoir, Lake Carmi, the Connecticut River, Island Pond, Salem Lake, and Lake Champlain. The clinic is open

to people of all ages and levels of experience, including those who are completely new to fishing. Participants will learn about fishing regulations and techniques, fish identification, ice safety, and more. Equipment will be provided, but participants should dress for the weather. Space is limited to the first 30 sign-ups. Registration is required and can be completed by calling 802-265-2279 or emailing [letsfishing@vermont.gov](mailto:letsfishing@vermont.gov). Directions to the meeting spot will be given upon registration.

**CLAREMONT, N.H.** – Join us for a great introduction to chip carving, all day Saturday, Jan. 19. Chip carving originated in this country in the Pennsylvania Dutch region and has been a traditional way of decorating everything from cutting boards to blanket chests. In this class, participants will become familiar with the necessary tools for chip carving, and practice two fundamental chip carving cuts on a pattern provided by the instructor. The class will be held at Claremont Maker Space, 46 Main St.

in Claremont. Call 603-504-3419 for more information. To register, visit [www.claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/1/19/learn-to-chip-carve](http://www.claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/1/19/learn-to-chip-carve).

**SUNDAY, JAN. 20 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – Come to this free seminar presented by Gary Moyo, R.N. to learn a drug-free approach to a healthier, happier you Sunday, Jan. 20 at 4 p.m. at St. Luke’s Parish Hall in Charlestown. Gary specializes in helping people achieve

overall wellness to boost the body’s natural immunities. To register, please reply to [lifestylematters.nh@gmail.com](mailto:lifestylematters.nh@gmail.com) or call 978-496-5006.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30 – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt.** – Have you ever had the experience of seeing spiritual lights or hearing inner sounds, had strong intuitions or déjà vu, dreams of flying, past life recall or an out-of-body experience? Here is a chance to share and explore your experiences with others Wednesday, Jan.

30, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Upper Valley Food Co-op in White River Junction. There will be an opportunity to try a spiritual exercise that can open the way for more spiritual experiences in your life. Hosted by Eckankar.

**MONDAYS – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt.** – Income-eligible residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Appointments are available Mondays from Jan. 28 through April 8 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, located at 749 Hartford Ave, from 10:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 866-444-4211.

**TUESDAYS – WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Income-eligible residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Appointments are available Tuesdays from Jan. 29 through April 9 at the SEVCA office located at 91 Buck Dr., from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 800-464-9951.

**THURSDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – Join Neighborhood Connections for a series of three meditation sessions running through Thursday, Jan. 31. Meditation is an approach to training the mind, which is similar to the way fitness is an approach to training the body. Join Peter Miller, co-founder of New Thought Divine Science in Weston. Space is limited, so please call 802-824-4343 to attend.

**WINDSOR, Vt.** – Income-eligible residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Appointments are available Thursdays from Jan. 31 through April 11 at Windsor Resource Connection Center, located at 1 Railroad Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 866-444-4211.

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Okemo Valley TV offers “Train the Trainers” workshops on fourth Thursdays at no cost, 6-7 p.m. at the Okemo Valley TV studio, 37C Main Street in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the “ticks and tricks” of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at [pcody@lpcv.org](mailto:pcody@lpcv.org) or call 802-228-8808.

**WEEKLY – SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Are you experiencing pain, stress, insomnia, emotional unease, or any other healing needs? While Lauren is fulfilling her certification requirements for polarity therapy, she is offering special discounted energy and bodywork sessions at Studio Time & Space, 59 Main Street, Springfield. Schedule an appointment at 802-591-0507, [laurenpottervt@gmail.com](mailto:laurenpottervt@gmail.com), or [www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com](http://www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com).

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

### CLUBS

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19 – LANDGROVE, Vt.** – Join the Manchester Section Green Mountain Club for a beginner snowshoe Saturday, Jan. 19. Meet at the Landgrove Inn at 9:30 a.m. to car pool to the trailhead where there is limited parking. Snowshoe the Lower Little Michigan loop, 2 miles, less than 100 feet elevation change. Bring extra layer, snack, and fluids. Easy beginner trip. RSVP required to Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or [marge.fish@gmail.com](mailto:marge.fish@gmail.com).

**MONDAY, JAN. 21 – CHESTER, Vt.** – Join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for our monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. We will share Christmas traditions and New Year resolutions. Hope you can join us. If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242.

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE 3643 Vt Route 103 N, LLC Parcel #060110

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to 3643 Vt Route 103 N, LLC by Warranty Deed of Gregg P. Adamovich dated March 2, 2018 and Recorded in Book 182, Page 228 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Jason Bresky and Brianne Bresky Parcel #060129.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jason Bresky and Brianne Bresky by Warranty Deed of Allen R. Vera and Alice Vera dated August 24, 2005 and Recorded in Book 94, Page 188 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Darlton W. Cenate and Candice L. Cenate Parcel #140101

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Darlton W. Cenate and Candice L. Cenate by Quit Claim Deed of Kathleen C. Estep, Darlton W. Cenate and Candice L. Cenate dated December 27, 2013 and Recorded in Book 151, Page 255 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Susan L. Clay and William A. Clay Parcel # 262046

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Susan L. Clay and William A. Clay by Warranty Deed of Susan L. Clay, formerly Susan L. Blanchard and William A. Clay dated August 20, 2004 and Recorded in Book 92, Page 369 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Eclectic Properties, LLC Parcel # 605113

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Eclectic Properties, LLC by Warranty Deed of Bruce P. Meyer and Sylvia A. Meyer dated June 26, 2012 and Recorded in Book 137, Page 184 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
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Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE James Jahrsdoerfer and Ginamarie L. Disney Parcel # 362046

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to James Jahrsdoerfer and Ginamarie L. Disney by Warranty Deed of Thomas Torello and Elinor S. Torello dated July 15, 2005 and Recorded in Book 93, Page 518 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Andrew Kottke Parcel # 605008

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Andrew Kottke by Special/Limited Warranty Deed of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation dated February 22, 2018 and Recorded in Book 183, Page 54 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Roger Outlaw & Gary Outlaw Parcel # 252062

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Roger Outlaw and Gary Outlaw by Decree of Distribution of the Estate of Thomas J. Outlaw, Jr. dated February 13, 2009 and Recorded in Book 99, Page 119 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Kelly J. Parent Parcel #535002

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Kelly J. Parent by Quit Claim Deed of Glenn A. Parent dated September 16, 2010 and Recorded in Book 129, Page 161 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 9th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

# LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

# calendar

**SATURDAY, JAN. 26** – PERU, Vt. – Hike Styles Peak with the Green Mountain Club Saturday, Jan. 26. Meet at the Peru Town Office at 9 a.m. Car pool to the parking area one mile below Mad Tom Notch. Snowshoe up the snowmobile trail to the Long Trail and go north 1.6 miles to the summit of Styles Peak. Return the way you came. Total of 5.2 miles and elevation gain of 1,200 feet. Moderate hike. Bring spare clothes, snacks and lunch, fluids. RSVP required to Andrew Harper at 802-430-3859 or ap\_harper@hotmail.com.

**MONDAYS** – CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting, third Mondays at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Enjoy lunch, jokes, and funny stories, and possibly Bingo. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia 802-875-6242.

**TUESDAYS** – CLAREMONT, N.H. – Join us at the Claremont Makerspace for 3D Print Club Tuesdays through April 2. There will be various design challenges each week, and an instructor will be present to offer advice and otherwise help troubleshoot. Instructor-supported software includes Tinkercad and Fusion 360. Bring your laptop and favorite design software! We'll also spend time cleaning up our prints and discussing what goes into making the best print possible. At the end of each session, we'll collect our favorite and best prints and have an open showing. There is a fee for nonmembers, and it is free for CMS members. Located at 46 Main Street, Claremont, N.H. Call 603-504-3419 or visit www.claremontmakerspace.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main Street, 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.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Men of all ages are invited to Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital for coffee and a series of casual lectures Tuesday mornings through March 26 from 8 to 9 a.m. in the

Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center (Heins Building) in Townshend. The group will be led by Grace Cottage Community Outreach Coordinator Bill Monahan, R.N. Each week's gathering will have a health-related theme with presentations, short videos, and time for discussion and friendly banter. Coffee provided. The program is free. To register or for more information, contact Bill Monahan at WMonahan@gracecottage.org or at 802-365-3762.

## COMMUNITY MEALS

**THURSDAY, JAN. 17** – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Everyone is invited to dinner at noon, Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Townshend Church. Sponsored by Senior Solutions, the meal is prepared by the Townshend Dam Diner's chef Stephanie. There is a suggested donation for people 60 years and up; all

others must pay a fee. Take-outs will be available. Free blood pressure screening will be offered by Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, starting at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19** – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Knights of Columbus, Council 7324, announces its annual Roast Pork Dinner Saturday, Jan.

19 at 5 p.m., at the Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot St. in Ludlow. Enjoy a roast pork dinner with root vegetables, potatoes, and homemade desserts. There is a cost for the dinner; proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – North Springfield Baptist Church, 69

Main Street, will hold a ham supper Saturday, Jan. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. The menu includes ham, raisin sauce, mashed potato, carrots, and coleslaw, dessert, and beverage. Handicapped accessible. Children 5 and under free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM VERMONT TOWN MEETING INFORMATION**

**Town Meeting**  
Monday, March 4, 2019  
AT 7:00 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019  
8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.  
MASONIC TEMPLE  
61 WESTMINSTER STREET, BELLOWS FALLS

LAST DAY TO FILE PETITIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019  
ALL PETITIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY 1% = 30 OF REGISTERED ROCKINGHAM VOTERS

JANUARY 17, 2019 IS THE LAST DAY TO FILE PETITIONS FOR ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WARNING FOR THE TOWN MEETING (FLOOR VOTE) AND MUST BE SIGNED BY 5% OF REGISTERED ROCKINGHAM VOTERS = 185

**PLEASE NOTE THAT POLLS NOW OPEN AT 8:00 A.M.**

**Conditional Use Permit/Site Plan Review Hearing Notice**

TOWN OF WESTON NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/SITE PLAN REVIEW

Kathleen Schoemer, applicant for New Thought Vermont, PO Box 185 Weston Vt., has submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for a property located at 614 Main St., in the town of Weston Vt.. The proposed project is described as a Professional Business Office and Apartment.

The Town of Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission will hold a joint hearing on this application on Feb.4, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Weston Town Offices.

By January 8, 2019, a copy of the application and additional information may be obtained at: the Weston Town Offices, 98 Lawrence Hill Road Weston,

**Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.**

Dated at Weston, Vermont this 8th day of January, 2019.  
William Goodwin  
Zoning Administrator, Town of Weston, Vermont

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**Amy Elinor Pratt, Jonathon Pratt and Jon K. Spaulding**  
**Parcel # 232017.200**

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jon K. Spaulding, Amy Elinor Pratt and Jonathon R. Pratt by Warranty Deed of Arthur F. Fournier, Trustee of the Restatement of Trust for the Arthur F. Fournier, Sr. Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 10, 2011 dated July 19, 2013 and Recorded in Book 147, Page 118 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**Eric Schubert**  
**Parcel # 362051**

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2018 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Eric Schubert by Quit Claim Deed of Richard Connelly dated July 30, 2010 and Recorded in Book 100, Page 271 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

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David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**Linda C. Towers**  
**Parcel # 392029.200**

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Linda C. Towers by Warranty Deed of Horst Schwarzer dated December 8, 2005 and Recorded in Book 94, Page 438 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

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David Pisha  
Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**Venissa White**  
**Parcel #252031**

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2017 and 2018 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Venissa White by Warranty Deed of Andrew White and Venissa White dated November 25, 2013 and Recorded in Book 150, Page 280 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 2019, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:  
David Pisha  
Delinquent Tax Collector

## CALENDAR & CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES

Please have your classifieds and calendar events in by

**Friday at 12pm**

ads@VermontJournal.com  
editor@VermontJournal.com

**TAKE A BREAK!**

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

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## King Crossword

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  - 22 Writer Buscaglia
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  - 29 "Thin Man" dog
  - 32 Just one thing after another?
  - 35 Deserve
  - 36 Arp's movement
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  - 8 Geological time
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  - 11 Crockpot creation
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  - 23 Chow down
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  - 28 Guaranteed
  - 30 Male turkey
  - 31 One or more
  - 33 Business abbr.
  - 34 Hoosegow
  - 39 Back street
  - 41 Disney pachyderm
  - 42 Wild party
  - 43 Never again?
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  - 49 Illustrations
  - 51 Blunder
  - 53 Neither mate
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**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members. But this is one of those times when you should step aside and let them work out their problems on their own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to resolve an on-the-job problem without leaving too many ruffled feathers earns you kudos from co-workers. You also impress major decision-makers at your workplace.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with possibly one exception. Take time to listen to the dissenter's explanations. You could learn something important.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don't have to take them, at least consider suggestions from the experts in the travel business.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Daydreaming makes it difficult to stay focused on what you need to do. But reality sets in by midweek, and you manage to get everything done in time for a relaxing weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ability to reach out to those in need of spiritual comfort makes you a much-revered, much-loved person in your community.

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# calendar

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## COMMUNITY MEALS CONT.

**SAT, JAN. 19 – TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** Community Hope and Action of Townshend will be hosting a free supper and night of karaoke at the Townshend Town Hall Saturday, Jan. 19, from 5-8 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m. Karaoke will happen from 6-8 p.m. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This event is substance-free and is open to people of all ages from all towns. For details, email [communityhopeandaction@gmail.com](mailto:communityhopeandaction@gmail.com).

**SATURDAY, JAN. 26 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** United Methodist Church, at 10 Valley St. in Springfield, will host a Celebration Dinner Saturday, Jan. 26, starting at 5 p.m. There is a fee. The menu is a ham dinner family-style with 10 different holiday themed desserts. Celebrating 175 years in the "old" stone church! For more information and to purchase tickets, call 802-885-3456.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The UU Meetinghouse will hold a dinner featuring authentic German food Saturday, Jan. 26 at 5:30 p.m. JoAnn Gaffron-Hargrove who has

lived in Germany will lead the cook team. This is a fundraiser for the meetinghouse. The menu includes: Sauerbraten, Rotkohl (sweet and sour red cabbage), Kartoffel Klose (potato dumplings), Petersilienkartoffeln (parsley potatoes), Gurken Salat mit Dill (dilled cucumber salad), and Rote Gruetze mit Vanillesosse (red berry pudding with vanilla sauce). Gluten-free options will be available. Please email [uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com](mailto:uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com) to reserve a spot. The dinner is held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield. Please make your reservation by Jan. 24.

## EVENTS

**THURSDAY, JAN. 17 – MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Join us at the Northshire Bookstore Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. for a conversation with New York Times book critic Dwight Garner and acclaimed novelist Jonathan Miles about his novel "Anatomy of a Miracle," a stunning exploration of faith, science, celebrity, and mystery about a paralyzed veteran's sudden, mysterious recovery.

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Multi-instrumentalist folk duo Dan and Faith will give an intimate Stage 33 Live performance at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in advance of touring the Midwest and South. Their writing and delivery conjure the urban coffeehouse folk scene of the '60s and '70s – progressive, thoughtful, and friendly. Dreams and everyday life inspire their original songs. Short slots with a casual, open mic vibe are available for local performers and presenters starting at 6 p.m. for original music or spoken word. To reserve stage time, email [stage33@stage33live.com](mailto:stage33@stage33live.com) or text 802-289-0148. Slots are limited.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 18 – TINMOUTH, Vt. –** Join us for a Tinmouth Contra Dance Friday, Jan. 18, from 8-11 p.m. at the Tinmouth Community Center. Dance to the splendid tunes of Cloud Ten with Mary Wesley calling. If you are a beginner, come right at 8 p.m. for a beginner's lesson to learn the moves. There will be live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing, refreshments, and a fun night for all. Bring your friends and family. For details, email [tinmouthdance@gmail.com](mailto:tinmouthdance@gmail.com) or call 802-881-6775.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19 – MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Join us at the Northshire Bookstore Saturday, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. to hear the stories of diner owners and their regulars through author Erin McCormick and her book "Classic Diners of Vermont."

**MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Join us at the Northshire Bookstore Saturday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. to welcome author Jaime Kucinkas whose new book "The Mindful Elite: Mobilizing from the Inside Out" investigates how Buddhist meditators transformed meditation in America into a mainstream practice

embraced by esteemed secular organizations such as Fortune 500 companies, Ivy League schools, hospitals, the U.S. military, and K-12 schools.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Bill Brink will be the performer for the January UU Coffeehouse on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Also known as the Weathersfield "Town Troubadour," Bill plays a very entertaining style of guitar music that will appeal to all ages. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. You will be able to purchase delicious snacks and beverages. Held at the UU Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Springfield UMC Vendor's Market will be Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St. in Springfield. Vendors wanted for a fee. Interested vendors, please contact Lois Warren at [otherlady480@hotmail.com](mailto:otherlady480@hotmail.com) or 802-885-4730. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 20 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Crunch and glam from The Jobz and Jessica Rabbit Syndrome at Stage 33 Live on Sunday, Jan. 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls. No cover, donations welcome. Suitable for all ages.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 24 – MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Join us at the Northshire Bookstore on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. to hear Vermont novelist Thomas Christopher Greene discuss his book, "The Perfect Liar," his novel about a seemingly perfect marriage threatened by the secrets the husband and wife keep from each other and the sinister, anonymous notes which begin to regularly appear and point to a mysterious past.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 25 – MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Join us at the Northshire Bookstore on Friday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. to meet Tori Telfer, author of "Lady Killers: Deadly Women Throughout History," based on the popular Jezebel column, offering 14 gruesome examples of female serial killers. Though largely forgotten by history, these women rival their male counterparts in cunning, cruelty, and appetite for destruction.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 26 – MANCHESTER, Vt. –** Northshire Bookstore and Vermont Works for Women are thrilled to bring Stephanie Land, the author of "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive," to Manchester Saturday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. where she will be interviewed live by Jennifer Oldham, the executive director of Vermont Works for Women. This event is free and open to the public!

**SUNDAY, JAN. 27 – KEENE, N.H. –** The 41st annual Monadnock Bridal Show will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Keene, N.H. Sunday, Jan. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be bridal fashions, cake samples, classic and exotic limousines, caterers, officiants, wedding venues, jewelry, health and beauty professionals, pampering, music, and so much more! We'll have thousands of dollars in prizes available, including three grand prizes! Bring your spouse-to-be, wedding party, family, and friends – there will be fun for all! For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.monadnockbridalshow.info](http://www.monadnockbridalshow.info).

**THURSDAYS – 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 Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. For pricing or reservations, call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available.

## KIDS' CORNER

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19 – S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** The South Londonderry Free Library is ushering in 2019 with an early celebration of Chinese New Year Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will share tales of her days at Chinese School and provide materials for making colorful decorations to celebrate the arrival of the year of the Boar. For the Chinese, the boar is an symbol of abundance, peace, and propriety. We invite children of all ages to join us for the fun. For more information, contact the library at 802-824-3371.

**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.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Springfield Town Library story time, 43 Main Street, 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.

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –** Crafts, stories, and play time for toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact 802-463-4270.

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

**WINDSOR, Vt. –** Preschool and toddler story time every Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. Each week features a theme, music, stories, and a craft. For more information, go to [www.windsorlibrary.org](http://www.windsorlibrary.org) or call 802-674-2556.

**WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Story time

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**THURSDAYS –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Open Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., at Studio Momentum, 71 Main Street. 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.

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

**FRIDAYS –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Creative movement activities and play group are held in the gym of the Community Center, Fridays, from 9-11 a.m. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Rec. Dept. at 802-885-2727.

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.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Preschool nature programs at The Nature Museum in Grafton on Fridays 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. Most

sessions involve exploring our backyard and the nearby woods, fields and pond. Our environmental educators Jay DeGregorio and Jill Bruning lead the group. We hope you and your little ones can join us!

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## LIBRARIES

**MONDAY, JAN. 28 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It's time to get ready for Rockingham Library's Winter Poetry Open Mic Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls. Readers should come prepared to read up to five poems. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 2 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Nature Museum at the Whiting Library for the family nature program, "Finding Clues of Animals in Winter Through Tracking" Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feel real animals pelts, learn the basics of animal tracking, and then caravan to nearby Chester Pinnacle to head out on snowshoes to test out your winter animal detective skills! All ages welcome. This is a great program for parents and kids to enjoy together.

Admission is by donation, RSVP is appreciated, and drop-ins are always welcome. Let us know if you need to borrow snowshoes! For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org or call 802-843-2111.

**MONDAYS –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs, and you supply the imagination. Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-875-2277, visit www.whitinglibrary.org, or check our Facebook.

**SATURDAYS –**  
ALSTEAD, N.H. – Stop by the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library for cinnamon buns the last Saturday of each month and visit with friends or neighbors. The cinnamon buns are from McGuire's Bakery and are available for a small fee. All the proceeds go to benefit the library. The library is at 3 Main Street, 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 are found at www.okemovallv.t.

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 www.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.ludlow.vt.us. Recordings found at www.okemovallv.t.

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.govoffice2.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, 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. 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.

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main Street, in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.braccvt.org.

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## 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](http://www.namivt.org).

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

**TUESDAYS –**  
**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Hope and Help for Families is held every Tuesday night, from 6:45-8 p.m. at the Congregational Church 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.

**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 Rd., in Townshend. Instructor is Grace Cottage Health coach Liz Harrison. Call 802-365-3766.

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS, a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our

quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) for more information.

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

**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 [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org). For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at [sarahcoda2016@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcoda2016@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center, 7 Morgan St., 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, and peer-led. Contact [TwinStateDSG@gmail.com](mailto:TwinStateDSG@gmail.com) or 641-715-3900 ext. 650055#.

**THURSDAYS –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Mental health peer support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street. 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.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – TOPS at Huber Building, 80 Main Street. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.



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