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New partnership and look, but we're still your local community newspaper

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LUDLOW, Vt. – Bob Miller is a newspaperman. He has been working on a newspaper since he was 12 years old, when his parents first put together The Shopper at their kitchen table in 1961. Since then, someone in the Miller family has been at the helm of The Shopper for over 57 years. Now, at age 73, this newspaper lifer has a new mission: to secure the future of the paper he has spent a lifetime building as he looks to retire.

“What’s bittersweet is that I don’t have anyone to leave [the newspaper] to,” said Miller. Although Miller has a grown son, his career as a senior computer analyst keeps him in Boston and away from the newspaper life.

Enter the Rutland Herald. In recent months, Miller has joined forces with the Rutland Herald, outlining a partnership that will protect The Vermont Journal & The Shopper and allow it to continue publishing,

essentially untouched, once he completes the process of turning over day-to-day management to newly named Assistant Publisher, Shawntae Stillwell.

Stillwell has been working at the paper as the graphic designer for close to four years, and according to Miller was responsible for the paper’s redesign, resurgence in readership, and successfully revamping of the website and Facebook page. Now, naming her as assistant publisher, Miller’s heir apparent is set and will continue to take on more responsibilities over the next two years, with Miller’s departure date set for January of 2021. At that point, she will officially be named the publisher.

According to Stillwell, she’s excited to have the opportunity to take on more responsibility and eventually lead The Vermont Journal & The Shopper team. “I already have a good working relationship with many of our clients, and am looking forward to growing in my role, helping to make Bob’s



Publisher Bob Miller and Assistant Publisher Shawntae Stillwell.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

retirement a smooth transition.”

According to Miller, choosing the Rutland Herald for a partner was an easy choice. For one thing, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper was already using the Herald’s billing system to help streamline insertions and invoicing, albeit for a monthly fee. Also, once

Miller determined that he was ready to look at retirement, the Herald “had more opportunities for us to grow.” Those opportunities include offering existing clients advertising in the Rutland Herald and vice versa. Both papers can also share editorial that may be relevant to each other’s circulation.

Rob Mitchell, general man-

ager of the Rutland Herald, sees the partnership as a positive for his paper as well. “The Vermont Journal is a strong paper in an area we’re familiar with and want to help support... In this day and age, when small papers can partner, it’s a win-win for all involved,” he said.

The Rutland Herald itself is no stranger to partnerships, becoming part of The Sample News Group LLC last April. George “Scoop” Sample, who has been a long-time colleague of Miller, owns the Sample News Group. According to both Mitchell and Miller, Scoop has had his eye on the Journal for a quite a while. As Miller finally made the decision to move forward with retirement, joining in the partnership was a natural next step.

Key to the agreement, according to Miller, was the terms that outwardly nothing would change with the day-to-day management or mission of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper. “We’re going to continue to focus on news in this area

and operate the same way,” said Miller.

He appreciates that Sample is also a newspaper man with vast experience in the business. According to Miller, “Scoop knows what he’s doing. If you’re making money for him, he’s not going to try to change things.”

One thing that will be changing for The Vermont Journal & The Shopper immediately, however, is the size of the paper. The recent postage increases, as well as printing increases, have brought about the size change. “Dropping from 26 inches to 24 inches in width, the savings of postage and printing will offset those costs,” said Miller.

Other than the paper’s size, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper will continue on as the same community focused paper it has always been. Bob Miller has spent a lifetime seeing to that. Now he’s making sure that the paper’s future, with or without him, will continue on the same way, whether there is a Miller at the helm or not.

Local resident spreading sunshine from Walpole

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

WALPOLE, N.H. – Priscilla Reys of Walpole is on a mission to help people connect to each other. She has started the Sending Sunshine Movement that lets people connect by sending notes through “snail mail.” To that end, for the past year, she has set up once a week at Mazziott’s Bake Shop at 40 Main Street in Walpole and provides note cards by area artists for people to fill out and send to whomever they choose. Reys gives free stamps and even takes the cards across the street to the Post Office and mails them.

Mazziott’s serves breakfast and lunch and provides baked goods Tuesday through Saturday, and once a week Reys sets up her display of cards and provides the movement’s writing services, including use of a pen if you need one, on a varying schedule that is posted every month. Owner Kathy Mazziott says, “She is an integral part of our operation.”

Reys feels Mazziott’s has been “so supportive” and she sees people making connections in the shop as well. She feels the “atmosphere they have created here” ties in with all the “sunshine” she has been able to



Priscilla Reys and Kathy Mazziott with note cards for Reys’ Sending Sunshine Movement.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The note cards she provides range in price. She went to craft fairs and other venues to assemble a selection of note cards produced by over a dozen artisans and artists. Reys also sees what she is doing as promoting art.

It ranges from photos to drawings and paintings. Her son scanned old family photos for the first cards. Then Reys added cards by artists such as alpaca photos by Patricia Comeau of Langdon, paintings of goats by Amy Stodola – who came to the bake shop saw the cards and said “I make cards too” – the sketches of Gillian Tyler, and watercolors by Joanna Alix of Bellows Falls.

Reys had them all to breakfast at the shop last November, and she feels they enjoyed connecting with each other, some of whom met there for the first time.

Anyone interested in the movement can contact Reys at preys@yahoo.com.

spread. Reys says Mazziott’s “makes it all possible providing the space and community.”

Reys, a retired schoolteacher, says she was raised to write thank you notes. She now realizes that letter writing is no longer done on a regular basis, and “just opening that envelope means a lot to people.”

Gretchen of Walpole who bought and filled out a card last Wednesday said, “It’s such a nice initiative.”

Reys feels the connections she has made with the people who come into the shop and beyond through the mail “are more than I ever envisioned.”

Reys has also connected with a number of area artists.

Builders complete SEON’s Basics of High Performance Building class

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Sustainable Energy Outreach Network is pleased to announce that on Jan. 17, ten more area carpenters and builders completed the “Basics of High Performance Building” training class taught by Peter Yost, principal at Building-Wright. The class was hosted at the Windham Regional Career Center.

This course fills a recognized gap in the professional development of our area’s workforce – the need for carpenters and builders trained in the principles and application of building science and high performance construction. With the emphasis on tighter homes, for comfort and energy efficiency, it’s imperative that our builders are knowledgeable about heat transfer, vapor diffusion, and how heat and moisture move around and through buildings.

If you’re thinking of renovating your home, or building a new one, be assured that SEON is raising the bar in the local construc-



Ten area carpenters and builders complete SEON’s Basics of High Performance Building class.

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tion workforce. You can do your part by beginning to ask questions of contractors about their training and experience in building science principles and their adherence to the Energy Code. By hiring builders that are keeping current with the state-of-art building practices, a message is being sent that homeowners value an educated carpenter and contractor workforce.

Through SEON’s course offerings, there are now a total of 24 more carpenters and builders in Windham County that are versed in the basics of high performance building. This complements our strong core of

state of the art builders. SEON, a not-for-profit organization, is one of the only organizations statewide to offer high performance building education, training, and certification.

Completion of Basics of High Performance Building is one of the key requirements for SEON’s Level I Certified High Performance Builder program. Additional training will be required along with job site learning. Training for those who want to enter the carpentry trade will begin in the fall.

To learn more about the “Basics of High Performance Building” class, visit www.seon.info/programs.

Vermont Agency of Education awards Presidential Scholar nominees

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Education recognized the state’s 2019 Presidential Scholar nominees in a ceremony at the Vermont Statehouse.

The Vermont Presidential Scholars Program recognizes

graduating high school seniors who show outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service to their communities. Twenty scholars are nominated in the general category, and five scholars are nominated in the Career Technical Education category.

For the first time this year, Vermont will award five scholars in the Arts.

Vermont scholars for the general and CTE categories will be invited to apply to the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, which will announce its win-

ners in May 2019. Additional Vermont students may be chosen to apply by the U.S. Department of Education based on ACT and SAT scores. Each year, up to 161 students are named as national Presidential Scholars – one of the highest

honors for high school students. During this pilot year, the Vermont student artists will not automatically be sent on the national pool through YoungArts. Arts scholars will have the opportunity to participate in the national Presidential

Scholars program beginning in 2020.

“Vermont’s presidential nominees exemplify the strengths of Vermont’s education system, one of the best in the nation,”

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Saxtons River sisters launch communications business

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Siblings Madeline Bergstrom and Liz Bergstrom have announced the formation of Bobolink Communications LLC, a Saxtons River based family-owned business offering communications and marketing services for nonprofits and small businesses.

Founded by two experienced writers and digital content producers, Bobolink Communications provides website copy, social media management, public relations, grant writing, and publications. Bobolink also builds Squarespace websites for small businesses and individuals.

Madeline has worked with nonprofits and educational institutions for over 20 years. She has a master's degree in English and served most recently as director of communications at Vermont Academy. Liz was senior communications manager for the National Audubon Society's climate change initia-



Madeline Bergstrom, left, and Liz Bergstrom by the Saxtons River falls.

PHOTO BY PETER BERGSTROM

tive, holds a master's degree in writing, and has more than 12 years of experience working with nonprofits.

"I saw my first bobolink in a field on Hartley Hill near my house a few years ago," Madeline said. "When I decided to make the leap and start my own business, I realized I wanted to name it after this striking bird."

Madeline has lived in Saxtons

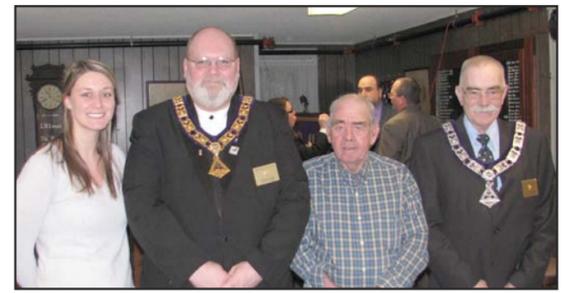
River for 15 years. When Liz moved to the village recently, the sisters found that their skill sets were highly compatible. "I've worked with large national advocacy nonprofits," said Liz, "and my sister has worked mostly with smaller Vermont nonprofits. We both have a passion for writing, editing, proofreading, and photography." Both have also spent time designing and writing e-newsletters, creating small websites, and managing large sites.

The sisters' areas of experience also complement each other. While Madeline has worked extensively with print publications, Liz is familiar with a wider variety of digital content management plat-

forms; and while Madeline has done more with social media management, Liz is more experienced with the demands of national public relations efforts.

Also involved in the new venture are Madeline and Liz's mother, Susan Still, a nonprofit organization development consultant and grant writer who also lives in Saxtons River and Nick Bergstrom, the pair's brother, a technical writer and IT expert of Seattle.

Madeline and Liz are currently working with several southern Vermont nonprofit organizations and business start-ups on projects ranging from an alumni magazine to a small business website. They are actively seeking more clients in New England and across the country. Bobolink Communications can be reached at www.bobolinkvermont.com or bobolinkvermont@gmail.com.



Elks new members

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 welcomed their first new members of 2019. From left to right: Kristin Cook, Exalted Ruler Jim Morse, Jack Snide, and his sponsor Tom Snide, a trustee of the lodge.

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HCRS trains Mt. Ascutney Hospital staff in mental health first aid

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's community mental-health agency, announced that it is collaborating with Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center to train hospital staff in Mental Health First Aid. Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches participants how to help someone with a mental health issue or crisis such as thoughts of suicide. Jill Lord, director of Community Health at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, says, "Mental health is one of our biggest priorities according to the most recent community needs assessment. This training will help our staff to recognize and support people struggling with mental health issues."

Three Mental Health First Aid trainings have been scheduled at the hospital with the goal of making the training as accessible as possible for any staff who are in contact with patients, either clinically or administratively. The trainings will be conducted by three HCRS staff who are certified Mental Health First Aid trainers: Kate Lamphere, Adult Services division director; Jack Heddon, Adult Services area manager; and Christine Bul-

lard, State Police liaison.

In addition, Lamphere will attend several meetings with physicians in order to give them guidance around talking with patients who are having thoughts of suicide.

Lord said, "I recently attended Kate's training on suicide. She is amazing and made me much more comfortable with being able to listen, help, and support someone who is thinking about suicide."

These trainings are funded through a grant from the Fanny Holt Ames and Edna Louise Holt Fund. HCRS was awarded the three-year \$150,000 grant in 2016 with the goal of training more than 450 people in being able to identify and support individuals experiencing a mental health issue or crisis.

According to Lamphere, "These Mental Health First Aid trainings provide important information for our communities. Invariably, at every training, participants will reflect that they wish they had received this information years ago. We're fortunate to have received this funding, which enables us to educate our communities on this critical issue."

Lord adds, "We are grateful to HCRS, as one of our community partners, for helping us do this work. The quality of their support is at the highest level."

Community Supported Solar project receives funding to assist region farms

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District is excited to announce the launch of a Community Supported Solar initiative for farms in the Monadnock region. With support from the Thomas W. Haas Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, this initiative aims to help lower energy costs for local farms in the region. This opportunity for local farms is being offered in partnership with the Monadnock Sustainability Network, an organization with a mission to encourage sustainable living practices

and resource conservation in the Monadnock region.

It should come as no surprise that farmers in New Hampshire face significant energy expenses to run their businesses. This project will help to stabilize and lower costs of electricity for participating farms through the Community Supported Solar framework and in turn, increase the viability of those farms.

Solar electric systems provide a secure electricity supply and reduced exposure to electricity price inflation. Solar energy systems are rapidly taking root worldwide and Community

Supported Solar is an opportunity for solar to be installed on one site that is best suited for it while member farms commit their electric meter to group net metering and connection to the utility grid. A number of agricultural producers have expressed interest in solar, but many do not have the capital to invest in the infrastructure and/or a good location for the PV system. The Community Supported Solar model allows for community investment to offset the costs of the participating farms.

Farmers are invited to find out how they can increase

their energy independence and resilience, reduce their carbon footprint, and boost the financial strength of our communities. The CCCD and MSN will host informational workshops in three different locations throughout the county so that interested farmers may learn more about participating in this project. Please join us for an information session from noon-2 p.m.:

- Wednesday, March 6 at Stonewall Farm in Keene, N.H.

- Thursday, March 7 at the Jaffrey Civic Center in Jaffrey, N.H.

- Friday, March 8 at the CCCD office in Walpole, N.H.

Registration is required. Please register online at www.tinyurl.com/y794w6sb. For questions or assistance with registration, please contact the CCCD at 603-756-2988 x116. This is a free event and lunch will be provided.

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said Secretary of Education Dan French. "Our students have excelled in science, math, history and the arts, and a diverse range of CTE programs. I am very proud of their excellence and hard work and I wish them the best as they represent our state at the national level for this award."

Locally, Fairen Stark, a student of Leland & Gray Union High School, was nominated as a general Presidential Scholar as well as an Arts Presidential Scholar. Congratulations to

Fairen Stark as well as the other nominees from across the state.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the president, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

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Chamber holds ribbon cutting for new Edward Jones office

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, Jan. 31, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce was thrilled to perform a ribbon cutting ceremony on behalf of financial advisor Amy Duffy to celebrate the opening of her new Edward Jones Investments office at 41 Chester Rd., Suite 1 in Springfield. Amy's office is now one of two Edward Jones locations in Springfield, complementing Gerry Mittica's site at 300 River St., which has been serving this community for many years.

Amy is a native of Springfield and a graduate of Springfield High School. She attended New Hampshire Technical Institute and then went on to Vermont Technical College. She has been investing personally

for about 20 years and has always had an interest in the cycles of the stock market. She started with Edward Jones in 2016 and worked from the River Street office before opening her own office. "I have seen people that I care about struggle financially in their later years and wanted to help others avoid the same challenges," she explains.

In addition to herself, Amy also employs full-time branch office administrator, Heidi Huber. They provide retirement planning, helping with income during retirement, estate planning, college savings, preparing for the unexpected, and tax savings. They also work with companies to form employer retirement plans. Amy is energetic about her work, saying, "I take the time to learn about my client's lives to find

out what's important to them. I use an established process to build personalized strategies to help my clients achieve their goals and I partner with them throughout their life to help keep them on track."

Amy has great pride for Springfield and is enthusiastic about volunteerism and community involvement. "Edward Jones is the national sponsor for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. It affects many of our clients and their families," she points out. "I sponsor a team every year that participates in the Upper Valley walk. Edward Jones raised \$3.2 million dollars through walk participation in 2018."

As a Springfield Rotarian and a devoted member of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, she strives to find ways to give back. "[Being

a Chamber member] is a great way to stay connected to the community and learn about all the great businesses that we have and are adding. The majority of my life so far has been spent in the Springfield/Weathersfield area, and I have seen lots of changes here over that time, but one thing that remains constant is how good the people are to one another. I love learning new things about our history and am constantly amazed by the inventions!"

For more information about Amy Duffy's Edward Jones Investments office at 41 Chester Rd. in Springfield, call 802-885-4213 or visit her website at www.edwardjones.com/amy-duffy.

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Rotary honors Paul Harris Fellows

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club honored two Paul Harris Fellows at this past week's meeting. Jeanice Garfield and Jim Fog were both recognized by Club President Jeff Mobus for their contributions to Rotary. A Paul Harris Fellow, named after the Founder of Rotary International, is someone who contributes \$1,000 to the global Rotary Foundation, or in whose name that amount is donated. Every Paul Harris Fellow receives a pin and a certificate that certifies that person as a supporter and an advocate of the foundation's goals of world peace and international understanding.

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Celebrating Flying Crow Coffee's soft opening in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There has been a lot of scuttlebutt on the street about the opening of Flying Crow Coffee Co.'s micro café, and all the hard work and well wishes are finally paying off. Friday, Feb. 1 marked the soft opening for this much-anticipated coffee shop, located at 3 Main Street in downtown Springfield.

Owner Ben Hills was in a cheerful mood, in spite of the long hours he and his wife Samantha have been putting into the site to get things off the ground. Ben, who recently opened his coffee roasting facility in the downstairs portion of the site, has been working tirelessly to grow his business and bring a welcoming and high-quality hangout spot to the community. Asked about the origins of the micro café idea, Ben admits that having a coffee shop was not originally part of his plans.

"I'm not exactly a morning person," Ben chuckled during a conversation over a year

ago with Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce board members, who were curious to know if Flying Crow Coffee Co. might become the answer to Springfield's need for a gathering place to get a good cup of joe. "The idea of waking up early to open a shop every morning wasn't initially the direction I was planning on heading," Ben explained, "but as I got to know this community and came to understand the need, it became a logical next step in the development of the business. We're here to put down roots and we want to bring something special to this town that will serve all the great people who live here."

The Flying Crow Coffee Co. micro café has a cool and inviting vibe, with the scent of Ben's rich and robust roasts filling the air, and beautiful paintings accenting the handsome gray walls; arm chairs and artfully decorated little tables are scattered throughout the space, enhancing the casual atmosphere.

Both Ben and Sam are exceptionally creative DIYers, and their aesthetic and keen attention to detail is reflected in every aspect of the business. The attractive Flying Crow logo and well-designed branding is tastefully complemented by a painting of crows created by Ben's mom, and the intent is to have a gallery wall where local artists can display their creations via a commission-based arrangement.

On opening morning, Ben and Sam were busy behind the counter, brewing coffee and plating up baked goods, smiling and laughing all the while, as excited customers popped in and out with exclamations of congratulations.

Flying Crow Coffee Co. is one in a series of new businesses that have been recently popping up in Springfield, owned and operated by young professionals, and boding well for the future of the community. "We love Springfield!" Ben exclaims. "This town has been incredibly

welcoming and supportive, and so many amazing people have been involved in helping us to make the vision a reality. We're excited to be here, and optimistic about the good things to come!"

The Flying Crow Coffee Co. soft opening will span

the month of February, during which their hours will be Wednesday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., with their grand opening scheduled for Saturday, March 9. For more information, call 802-289-7175, visit the website at www.flyingcrowcoffee.com, check out their ac-

tive and entertaining Facebook page, or better yet, stop by the location at 3 Main Street in downtown Springfield and taste for yourself!

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Great River Food Co-Op appoints new president

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Great River Food Co-op, a start-up co-operative grocery store coming to Walpole, has appointed Steve Fortier as president of its Board of Directors. After five years as president of the Co-Op Board, Kim Mastrianni is moving to the role of treasurer. Before moving to Langdon to start a sheep farm, Mastrianni's career was in finance at some of the nation's largest multinational corporations.

Replacing Mastrianni as the co-op's chief volunteer officer is its founding president, Steve Fortier of Alstead. Fortier was the Co-Op's first – and along with Mastrianni, only – presi-

dent having served from its incorporation in late 2010 through 2014. Fortier stepped down when he was elected president of the Keene State College Parents Association. "I'm excited to step back into a leadership role at this time," Fortier exclaims. "In 2019, we'll mobilize the passion and talents of our 800 members and other community partners to make our shared vision a reality."

Fortier's main focus at this time is on recruiting a strong and diverse board that brings together the skills and experiences necessary at this stage of the organization's development. "We need more exper-

tise on our board and committees in retail management, business start-up, events management, and fundraising. We also need to better reflect the region we'll serve... so, we need people with skills in these areas who work or live on the Vermont side of the river, in particular," Fortier adds.

Those interested in getting involved are encouraged to contact Steve Fortier at president@greatriverfoodcoop.com or 603-903-2602. To learn more about joining the Great River Co-op, please visit www.greatriverfoodcoop.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GreatRiverCoop.

Grace Cottage Family Health welcomes Dr. Ted Lefer

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Dr. Ted Lefer is now accepting new patients at Grace Cottage Family Health in Townshend. For the past three years, he has been a family medicine physician in Talent, Ore.

A native of New York City, Dr. Lefer graduated from Vassar College in 1998 and received a certificate in Premedical Studies from Mills College in Oakland, Calif. After receiving his medical doctor degree from American University of the Caribbean, he completed his family medicine residency at University Hospitals Case Medical Center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 2015.

One of Dr. Lefer's specific areas of interest is in helping

patients of all ages to overcome obesity and learn to practice healthy lifestyles with confidence. "I realize that poor health habits are not just the result of lack of willpower," he said. "Factors such as knowledge, environment, and mental health issues all come into play with a patient's overall health and fitness. Instead of just chasing the problem, I like to build relationships and address underlying causes."

Dr. Lefer shared that he sought out a position as a family physician in Vermont, and that Grace Cottage seemed to be an ideal match. "I am very excited to be part of the medical team at Grace Cottage," he said.

Dr. Lefer, his wife, and their

five-year-old daughter have relocated to Brattleboro. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, cooking, and running.

Grace Cottage Family Health recently welcomed Dr. Ron Valerio and Family Nurse Practitioner David McCormack into the primary care practice as well, both of whom are also accepting new patients.

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Governor's recommended state budget public hearings

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public input on the Governor's Recommended FY2020 State Budget and will hold community-based public hearings Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, 6-7 p.m. at the following five locations. An additional location in Springfield will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

- Morrisville: People's Academy High School, auditorium, top of Copley Ave.
- Rutland City: Rutland Public Schools, Longfellow School Building, board room
- St. Johnsbury: St. Johnsbury House, Main dining room, 1207 Main St.
- St. Albans City: St. Albans

City School, Library, 29 Bel lows St.

- Winooski: Community Col lege of Vermont, Room 108, 1 Abenaki Way
- Springfield: Springfield Town Hall, 96 Main St., 3rd Floor Conference Room, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The committees will take testimony on the governor's recom mended state budget at the above dates and times. Anyone interested in testifying should come to one of the hearings. Time limits on testimony may apply depending on volume of participants. If you have a story you would like to share privately with the committee members, please contact Theresa to schedule this at the end

of one of the hearings. To view or print a copy of the proposed budget, go to the Department of Finance and Management's website at www.finance.vermont.gov/budget/budget-recom mendations/operating-bud get/fy2020. For more information about the format of these events, or to submit written testimony, contact Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or Rebecca Buck at rbuck@leg.state.vt.us or at 802-828-5767 or toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-322-5616. Requests for interpreters should be made by Friday, Feb. 8.

Community read of Frederick Douglass' famous speech

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join other community members in a public participatory reading of Frederick Douglass's fiery Independence Day speech

Monday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. Douglass, having been born into slavery, never knew his actual birth date. He chose a February

date to celebrate his birthday and that's why we're reading his most famous speech on a February date.

In 1852, Frederick Douglass, one of our nation's greatest orators and abolitionists, was asked to speak at an event commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In his provocative speech, Douglass said, "This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn." And he asked, "Do you mean, citizens, to mock me, by asking me to speak to-day?" Douglass's speech remains emotionally powerful and thought provoking more than a century and a half after he gave it. This program is sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

Girls on the Run spring season registration open

REGION – Girls on the Run Vermont's registration for the spring season is now open for our central region. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy, and confident. The volunteer-led program brings together groups of 8-15 girls for a ten-week program that encourages personal development, team building, and connection to the community.

Girls on the Run Vermont has inspired girls in Vermont for 20 seasons and has impacted the lives of 44,000 girls. This season, Girls on the Run will be offered at approximately 40 locations in Central Vermont. Each team will meet twice a week for 90 minutes either before or after school and participate in research-based lessons that use dynamic discussions and fun running games to teach life skills. The season will culminate in a 5k event on May 11 at Castleton University, which brings together family, friends, and community

members to celebrate the girls' growth throughout the season. Financial aid is available to those who qualify. The program fee includes registration for the end-of-season 5k event, a shirt, and water bottle. More information about the program and registration can be found on the Girls on the Run Vermont's website, www.getrvt.org.

With trained coaches ready to empower these girls, Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole is currently set to take place at the following sites: Arlington Memorial Middle School, Barnard Academy, Barstow Memorial School, Bethel Elementary School, Black River Middle School, Castleton Elementary School, Cavendish Town Elementary School, Christ the King, Rutland, Currier Memorial School, Fair Haven Grade School, Fisher Elementary School, Granville Elementary School, Hartland Elementary School, Killington Elementary School, Lothrop Elementary School, Manchester Elementary and Middle School, Mettawee Community School, Middletown Springs Elementary School, Mill River Union School, Mount Holly School, Neshobe Elementary

School, Orwell Village School, Ottauquechee School, Otter Valley Middle School, Poultney Elementary School, Pownal Elementary, Proctor Elementary School, Rutland Rec & Parks, Rutland Town Elementary School, Shrewsbury Mountain School, The Ray School, Tinmouth Elementary School, Tunbridge Central School, Wallingford Elementary School, Wells Village School, White River Elementary School-Bethel Campus, White River School, White River Valley Middle School, and Windsor Schools.

Girls on the Run Vermont still needs coaches! Coaches do not need to be runners but are required to be a minimum of 18 years old. All volunteer coaches must complete a background check and attend a training session. Please visit www.getrvt.org/coach for full details.

Schools that are still in need of coaches are Barstow Memorial, Castleton Elementary, Fair Haven Grade School, Otter Valley Middle School, Rutland Parks & Rec, Black River Middle, Dathan Brook School, Hartland Elementary, Stockbridge Central, Sharon Elementary, South Royalton Elementary.

Sanders announces winners of State of the Union essay contest

REGION – U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) Monday, Feb. 4 announced the winners of his ninth annual State of the Union essay contest, which gives Vermont high school students an opportunity to describe which issues they would prioritize if they were president.

This year, 590 students from 50 Vermont high schools submitted 250-500 word essays on issues that included climate change, gun safety, substance use, immigration, political polarization, higher education, and more. A panel of six

Vermont teachers served as volunteer judges, scoring the essays and choosing the 20 finalists and three winners.

Firdaus Muhammad, a freshman at Essex High School, won this year's contest with an essay about Islamophobia. Muhammad is the first freshman ever to win the essay contest.

"Eighteen years have passed since 9/11. It's been seven years since I started wearing the hijab publicly," Muhammad wrote. "The racism against Muslims has only gotten worse. The hatred and Islamophobia has spread like wildfire, affecting every Muslim

in its path." "The United States is a country of diversity, a country built by immigrants. Any person who comes from any religion, deserves to feel respected and welcomed in this country," Muhammad concluded.

Jackson Maiocco, a senior at Bellows Falls Union High School, wrote about the military budget and was the second place winner. "Every country's main goal should be the scientific and social advancement of their citizens and society as a whole, so the damage done by Trump's budget cuts is incredibly detrimental to our nation," Maiocco wrote. "Meanwhile, we're pouring unprecedented amounts of money into building tanks that will never see action."

Joseph Brody, a senior at St. Johnsbury Academy, was the third place winner with an essay on voter suppression. "Ultimately, eliminating Voter ID laws and reforming Election Day will make voting accessible to all Americans. Voting is at the heart of democracy, and once this is realized, the quality of life for all Americans will be heightened," Brody wrote.

"I'm thrilled students from 50 schools from across Vermont participated in this year's essay contest," said Sanders, who serves on the Senate education committee. "We need our students to help find solutions for the problems that face our country. This is just one small way to engage them in that process. That's what democracy is all about."

Sanders has invited the 20 finalists and their families to join him for a roundtable discussion at the Statehouse in Montpelier Saturday, Feb. 16. Sanders will also enter the essays of the finalists into the Congressional Record, the official archive of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Since Sanders began the State of the Union essay contest, thousands of students from schools throughout Vermont have written essays on a wide range of important issues. The contest is timed to coincide with the president's State of the Union address, which took place Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The winners for this year's essay contest are:

- First Place: Firdaus Muhammad, Essex High School, freshman
- Second Place: Jackson Maiocco, Bellows Falls Union High School, senior
- Third Place: Joseph Brody, St. Johnsbury Academy, senior

View a full list of finalists with this article at www.Vermont-Journal.com.



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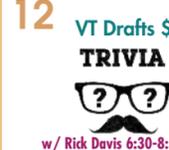
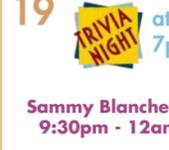
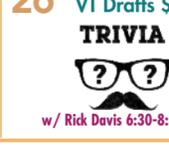
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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The Big Snow

Below is another newspaper clipping I found in Ted Spaulding's donation. Addie Howard Wheeler, who attended Black River Academy in Ludlow, had moved to Sangerville, Maine by 1920. She had a weekly column in the Vermont Tribune in Ludlow. Every week she sent in her memories of the Ludlow area or trips she took.

Her column's title was "North of Forty-Five." She chose this title because Vermont's border with Canada lies approximately at the 45th Parallel. The 45th is approximately halfway between the equator and the North Pole. So Addie was further north than Vermont.

The article below appeared in the Vermont Tribune March 4, 1920. The photo with this article is of Willis Edson's home up in Popple Dungeon. An ink inscription on the photo reads: "After the big storm Jan 16, 1918." Perhaps this isn't the storm she writes about, but it does document how exiting the home was done through windows. The last paragraph was written by someone at the Tribune.

By the Tribune's "North of Forty-Five" Correspondent

The winter opened cold and cheerless. For days there was not much sun, with a cold and cutting wind. Finally the snow began to come down from the northwest bringing with it more cold, followed by a more keen and cutting wind. About the middle of February the snow was very deep. At that time there were several deaths and the roads were so bad that they were given up and other roads were made where the drifts were not so deep. These roads went right over fences and never knew that fences were there, and the bodies who died during those terrible storms had to be drawn out on hand sleds. This condition was not confined to West Mountain, but the whole state of Vermont was bound in the terrible grip of cold and storm.

The sheltered home on the warm side of the hill, where the great rocks and the trees protected it from the fury of the storm, offered a cheery welcome to all who entered. Ma was busy with her weaving, Little Gay with her knitting, while pa cared for the stock in the barn and busied himself with his woodpile, and the snow drifted into deeper piles and banked itself snug against the house. Not one ray of light entered the cellar. Little Gay was afraid to go down, while ma lighted a candle and so made the trip in safety.

One day pa came in after a long survey of the sky. He looked around the warm kitchen and observed, "I think we are on the eve of the worst storm of the season I have been studying the sky and observing the animals in the barn. They are very restless, stamping and snuffing and sniffing. Old Tim is the worst of all. This is one of the worst winters I ever knew. You need not hurry supper, ma, for I will make all snug in the barn before I eat. Little Gay must help me cut carrots for we must give the sheep an extra bite this cold weather."

So he lighted a candle and went down cellar, returning with a basket of potatoes and carrots. These were cut for the stock into pieces of suitable size for each and placed near the fireplace to warm. Then pa raked



Willis Edson's place in the Dungeon after the big storm Jan. 16, 1918.

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over the fire, fixed it to his mind, went out and soon returned with a big back log on a hand sled. This he rolled off and rolled over and pushed it to the back of the fireplace. After fixing it aright he went out again and drew a large front log and fixed it well in front. The he filled in between with different sizes of split wood, after which he drew in lots of wood under cover.

"Heavens and airth, pa, do you expect we are to be snowed in for all winter?" cried ma, as she encountered the great pile in the shed. "Maybe we shall be, ma," replied pa, there are signs a plenty."

Little Gay went to the barn with pa to look after her pet sheep. Old Tim was squawking and jeering about, hissing and striking out his long snakelike neck, but he could not get out to give the sheep a tweak nor harm the cattle. Pa did the night chores faithfully and made every thing snug and fast before he and Little Gay left for the house. Little Gay bringing the lantern and pa the pails and shovel.

The lantern was made of a sheet of tin, punched with holes in a fancy pattern, then fastened together at one side, a top fastened to this, also punched with holes, drawn to a point at the top, where a ring was inserted. The bottom was taken out, a candle inserted in a tube made for it, lighted and placed inside. It gave a good light and was satisfactory for those who had never seen anything better.

"There," said pa, as he stood the shovel up in the corner, "I can shovel out in the morning."

"I should think your Massachusetts nose was a-smellin' out trouble." Said grandma.

"Well, ma'am," said pa, "you yourself knew that a Massachusetts nose is pretty reliable, and safe to depend upon, and its warnings are to be heeded"

This reply brought a satisfied smirk upon grandma's lips and she knit pretty fast. The snow was coming down fast when supper was over. All through the evening it sifted down the chimney, sputtering upon the lusty

back log, and clicking against the windows.

In the morning the household found the windows nearly covered and the room quite dark. After breakfast pa said, "Now we will try the door, ma, and see how it looks outside."

So he began to unbolt the door, while Little Gay looked on. The door yielded slowly, but pa's strength prevailed and at last it swung open wide and there before them was a white wall of snow which completely covered the door! There was nothing before them but snow!

"Heavens and airth," cried ma. "Good land a massy," said grandma. "O, pa," cried Little Gay, "we are all snowed in. Can't we get out anymore?"

"Just what I expected," said pa. "The snow was well up before this storm. I felt sure this snow would reach the low eaves. We shall have to get the washtubs and the big brass kettle to hold the snow until I can get out. Maybe I can break through the drift farther out. Lucky I brought in the shovel!"

And so pa toiled for hours and at last had a tunnel out to the barn where he found everything safe. It was great fun for Little Gay to run through the tunnel. Dicky Weaver, the cat, and Little Azer, the dog, thought it queer. Neither dared to go near Old Tim's pen for his sharp beak was every where.

Addie Howard Wheeler Sangerville, Me., Feb 20

Some big snow stories have been going the rounds since the heavy storm, but the biggest one comes from Jacksonville, and it refers to conditions of some years ago and not to 1920. It is said that Charles Barber, who now lives in Whitingham, but then lived in Jacksonville, tunneled through a big drift so teams could go through and that the tunnel lasted about two months. It was large enough so loads of hay could be drawn through.

The Hartness Airport presentation with SAHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 2020 marks the 100-year anniversary of the establishment of the Springfield Landing Field as the first officially approved airport in Vermont. On Feb. 16, 2019 at 2 p.m., Bruce Johnson and Peter MacGillivray will present a program at the Springfield Art and Historical Society, 65 Route 106, North Springfield. They will take a look back at some of the highlights of the past century at the Springfield Airport.

The airport has played an important role in Springfield's economic life as was envisioned by James Hartness in the early days of the aviation era. From biplanes and gliders to the modern business jets, many unusual aircraft and their pilots and passengers have landed and departed from the runways of Hartness State airport. With the longest run-



Fellows Gear Shaper airplane and crew from 1967.

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way in Vermont, with the exception of Burlington International Airport, Springfield is able to provide service to most aircraft. We encourage you to attend and if you have pictures, stories, and other memorabilia, please bring

them with you to share and to help us to better prepare to mark the 100-year anniversary as a very special event.

This program is free. For more information, call 802-886-7935 or email sahs@vermontel.net.

Celebration of Susan B. Anthony

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield UU will hold "A Celebration of Susan B. Anthony's Birthday!" with Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy Sunday, Feb. 10. The 10 a.m. service will be followed by a Souper Sunday lunch with birthday cake and a small group discussion.

Susan B. Anthony, born on Feb. 15, 1829, grew up in a Quaker family. She became involved in the temperance movement, considered to be a progressive cause at the time. As a woman, she was often told that she couldn't do certain things for the movement because of her sex. This experience led her to become a proponent of women's rights, including the right to vote.

Anthony is one of the most well known of the "First Wave" feminists in the U.S. Others included Mary Wollstonecraft, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, Lucretia Mott, Ida B. Wells (founding member of NAACP), and Lucy Stone.

Due in part to her Quaker upbringing, Anthony was also a fierce opponent of slavery. According to HistoryNet, in 1856 she became an agent for the American Anti-Slavery society, where her duties included "organizing meetings, speeches, putting up posters, distributing leaflets, and encountering sometimes violent opposition. She dealt with angry mobs and armed threats; objects were thrown at her, she was hung in effigy, and her image was dragged through the streets. She and Stanton also increasingly tied female suffrage and black suffrage together, forming the Woman's National Loyal League in 1863 to support the

Thirteenth Amendment to abolish slavery and campaigning for full citizenship for blacks and women."

Anthony and Stanton went on to campaign for full citizenship for women and people of any race, including the right to vote, in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. They were bitterly disappointed and disillusioned when women were excluded.

Anthony continued to campaign for equal rights for all American citizens, including those who had been enslaved, in her newspaper The Revolution, which she began publishing in Rochester in 1868. Anthony attacked lynching and racial prejudice in the Rochester newspapers in the 1890s.

Susan B. Anthony had a long record of fighting against slavery and for full citizenship for freed slaves and other Negroes - a radical idea at a time when even most abolitionists wanted them sent back to Africa, whether they wanted to go there or not. Nonetheless she is on record as having made some disparaging comments about black people, in the context of putting women's suffrage first. One can understand her frustration, yet we do not condone those remarks, which are considered racist today. The need for intersectionality, although it was not called that then, is hardly a new concern.

Frustrated that women had still not gotten the legal right to vote, Anthony illegally participated in the 1872 presidential election. She was arrested and fined \$100; a fine she refused to pay because she felt it was a right for women to vote rather than a

crime. She never did pay it.

In a speech not long before she died in 1906, she uttered one of her most famous lines, "Failure is impossible." Sadly she did not live to see suffrage with the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920, but largely due to her determined and extensive efforts, her dream lived on and finally did become possible.

Anthony and Cady Stanton, are two of the most inspiring resisters in our nation's history. Let's gather to remember, learn about and from these legendary women, and glean from their lives lessons for leaping into the world we need now. Come dressed as a suffragette or ally!

The service is held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. All are welcome.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Under our federal and state constitution, the United States is a republic. Each state is governed by republican principles as well. I suggest that for a republic to be a republic its citizens must be republican citizens, knowledgeable about republican principles, familiar with republican structures, committed to their duty as citizens of a republic. Wide spread citizen ignorance is to a republic as the rotten wood wrapped in a tube of bark is to a dead birch tree.

It's dismaying how little some folks actually know about the basics of our government such as the three branches of government, separation of powers, checks and balances, individual and minority rights. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, only 23 percent of eighth graders are

proficient in Civics. Only 14 percent of high school seniors can name Thomas Jefferson as the author of the Declaration of Independence. A National Conference of State Legislatures Brief cites an Annenberg Public Policy Center finding that only one-third of high school seniors interviewed could name the three branches of government.

It's dismaying how much misinformation there is about our government. I've been told "the separation of church and state is unconstitutional because the Constitution says we're one nation under God," – actually the Pledge of Allegiance, not the Constitution. I've been told it's unpatriotic to disagree with the President of the United States because "he's our Commander in Chief." The president is the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. The American

people have no Commander in Chief.

I am introducing a bill to require the study of Civics for a high school diploma. As a Democrat, I'm proud that Senate Republican Leader Joe Benning is co-sponsoring. I joke that we both support the bill because each of us is convinced that a better educated public is more likely to agree with him. But there's a more profound reason. We Americans disagree all the time about many things. But we presumably agree on the basic structural rules of how we should disagree, on the principles that make us, Republicans and Democrats alike, Americans.

Sincerely,
Sen. Dick McCormack
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

A water main break in the city of Montpelier threw the Statehouse and many city homes into a boil water order for a few days this week. We were the lucky ones as many homes, businesses, and the National Life Building had no water at all. That building, which looms large over the city of Montpelier and can't be missed as one approaches the city on I-89 from the south, houses more than 750 workers. They were sent home since no water with a crowd like that is trouble! In the Statehouse, it seemed like everyone thought they needed a drink of water when they found out they couldn't have one. They also discovered that some bottled water has lead in it when we took up the following bills.

It seemed fitting that water was the topic in several committees this week as Senate Education took testimony on S.40, which speaks to Lead in Drinking Water of Schools and Child Care Facilities. In the Appropriations Committee, this matter was also on the agenda due to the poten-

tial costs for testing all faucets, possibly pipes, and remediation if needed.

Fifteen schools were part of pilot test and lead over the Environmental Protection Level of 15 parts per billion for public drinking water was found in some of the schools, and in some only in water from a single faucet. This could be due to lead in old solder that was used on the fixtures. Remediation replacing each tap could run \$300 to \$500 including labor. It would also be possible to simply shut off a fountain or faucet if there were other safe water faucets in the building.

All schools and childcare facilities are to be tested. There are 422 schools in Vermont including private and independent schools that are also part of the mix. The plan would be for schools to collect the samples and the state will pay for the testing. The Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the Health Dept. would work with the schools to ensure the testing and collection is done correctly. There would need to be two samples per tap and the estimated shipping and analysis

per tap cost is \$20.

Brian Redmond, a sanitary engineer at DEC is already involved in this matter, but additional staff will be needed to accomplish all of this in a year, which is the goal the governor has set. A preliminary estimate of the cost is \$1.3 million without the remediation expenses. The costs incurred by a school district or supervisory union when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting drinking water would not be included in the calculation for excess spending per S.40 as proposed. The bill still needs to pass both the House and the Senate.

Consider visiting your Statehouse and listen to testimony in the committees. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or the Statehouse at 1-800-322-5616 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 County

Dear Editor,

During the summer and fall of 2018, I watched in amazement and wonder at the haphazard manner in which Pike Industries approached the repaving of Route 103. I do not know who planned that exercise in futility as the paving process leaped frog over the entire route.

It ended in late fall, after our first snow, with a thin pavement process on the route as it approached Route 7.

Today, I drove from Ludlow to Rutland over Route 103. It was

covered with numerous places where the new pavement had been removed, where there were no visible lines defining lane separations, and spots where three lanes – as indicated by road signs and past experience – were totally undefined.

I am familiar with the road so I could guess where the lanes were. A visitor would have no idea as to whether the road was comprised of two or three lanes.

I am not a lawyer or an engineer but it doesn't take one to re-

alize the liability exposure the state – and I as a taxpayer – would face as a result of an accident resulting from the lack of lane definition.

Additionally, I would like to know who planned this paving fiasco, what it cost, and how it will be remedied this year – and the cost of such remedy.

Sincerely,
Ralph Pace
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Jennifer Matthews and I am a candidate for the Mount Holly Select Board.

I love Mount Holly. We have a wonderful community here, and I want to work to ensure that Mount Holly remains the great town it currently is.

We face a number of challenges on the horizon. What does the sale of Okemo to Vail Resorts mean for Mount Holly? What are the ramifications of an aging population on our Rescue Squad, and how might that changing demographic and the new unified school district affect our excellent elementary school? How might the future sale of recreational marijuana, the push for more solar farms, further forest fragmentation, and more intense storms impact our town and our lifestyle? How might all of this impact our taxes? What do we want for Mount Holly?

I believe we can meet these challenges in a way that benefits our community rather than having change forced upon us.

To do this, we need an engaged Select Board, and perhaps a Select Board that includes a woman. Women make up half the population of the town, and women bring a different perspective and different experiences to the table. I think our community can only reap huge benefits with a woman on the Select Board as we look to the future.

I have served Mount Holly in a number of positions over the past 23 years: on the Planning Commission for six years, as an auditor for 12-plus years, and currently as a lister.

In the early 2000s, I pulled together a coalition of six towns, stretching from Interstate-91 to Rutland, in order to oppose and stop the construction of an East-West Highway that would have sliced through the heart of

Mount Holly.

My work background here in Vermont over the past 40 years is in small business and nonprofit financial management. I owned two small businesses, and I have worked as a senior accountant of one nonprofit, finance director of another, and executive director of a third. I would bring these business, organizational, and financial management skills to the Select Board.

Please contact me with any questions at matthewsinmountholly@gmail.com or at 802-259-2529.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve Mount Holly as a Select Board member and to work for the best future possible for our wonderful town.

I thank you for your time, your consideration, and your vote.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Matthews
Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

It is sad that the governor in his budget speech, that despite all the dire predictions about global heating and what it is going to mean for us in coming decades, still refuses to do anything significant about addressing the issue. Electric cars are not by themselves the answer. I drive an all-electric Leaf but I fully appre-

ciate that it takes a huge amount of fossil fuels to make the car and its batteries and I have to drive it for a few years to offset those emissions with the renewable energy from my solar system.

A real good example of a political leader leading the way is Rep. Curt McCormack from Burlington who endures some

challenges in not driving any car. Gov. Scott, how about you really leading the way with some solutions that will almost surely result in reductions of Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions. A recent study has shown that for a carbon pricing policy carefully crafted, those of lower incomes could receive more in rebates than they would pay in costs. Let's get on that track Gov. Scott, instead of the race car track.

Sincerely,
George Plumb
Washington, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As a volunteer adaptive ski instructor and member of the committee which organizes the Bart Center for Adaptive Sports Wounded Military Heroes Weekend, I would like to thank the local businesses from the mountain towns who gave so generously to support this annual fundraiser. We would like to recognize and thank Attorney James Young, Mary Mitchell Miller Real Estate, CJ Merrill, Johnny Seesaws, Series 11, Wild Wings XC Center, The Inn at Weston, the Weston Marketplace, the Landgrove Inn, Landgrove Sugarworks, Sugar Bob's Finest Kind, the Vermont Butcher, Mike and Tammy's, Lasser Ceramics, Mountain Community Yoga, Lynn Eckhardt, Londonderry Hardware,

Clark's Quality Foods, the Bromley Market, the Garden Market, Grandma Millers, the Green Mountain Pharmacy, Jake's Restaurant, Taylor Farm, and the Corner Market and Deli. If you have the chance to support any of these generous local businesses, please do so.

The Bart Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "provide people with disabilities and their families the opportunity to enjoy outdoor sports, with a special focus on snow sports." We provide ski and snowboard lessons and equipment to children and adults with cognitive or physical disabilities.

Every January, the Bart Center runs an entire weekend for wounded and disabled military

veterans. The vets and their families arrive on Friday where they are honored at an informal dinner, which has been generously sponsored for the past few years by the Harned-Fowler VFW Post 6471 in Manchester, Vt. – our thanks to the Post for its continued support! The vets are housed by local families and in hotels and then the vets are provided the necessary adaptive equipment specific to their needs, passes, and traditional equipment by Bromley Mountain, and instruction by our trained volunteers.

On Saturday night, we host a dinner at Bromley where all the locally donated items are either auctioned or raffled off. The resulting funds, along with the cash donations from businesses

and individuals, are used to pay for the Wounded Military Heroes Weekend, as well as to fund the center for the next year.

If you are interested in supporting the Bart Center, volunteering as a ski or snowboard instructor or in the summer bike or kayak programs for next year, or if you have any questions please call the Bart Center at 802-824-6849 or go to www.bartadaptive.org. Again, a huge thank you to the generous supporters of this year's weekend for our disabled vets. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,
Greg Eckhardt
Bart Center volunteer
Landgrove, Vt.

Dear Tri-Mountain Lions Club,

Thank you for inviting me to come and speak about Science Technology Engineering Math camp. This year during STEM camp they are going to teach students about the science behind going to Mars. I will be going to Babson College in Massachusetts. The camp

will be in July, and students will stay for about one week. I appreciate your donation to help me reach my goal of going to STEM camp.

Sincerely,
Olav Pajala
Londonderry, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the Springfield Garden Club as well as area businesses and the gardeners who contributed to Springfield's beauty in 2018 and for so many years! WOW! What a joy it has been to revel in the loveliness of so many superb flowers, and their beautiful colors, shapes, fragrances, and arrangements in the

flower boxes and beds, and at the Plaza interchange. You and the flowers' smiling blooms are all being the blessings that you are and all make Springfield a heart-warming place to be. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Lauren Potter
Springfield, Vt.



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Norman J. Vanasse, 1932-2019

LUDLOW, Vt. - Norman Joseph Vanasse, 86, died Jan. 22, 2019 at his daughter's home in Ludlow, Vt. He prophetically began his celestial orbit in the shadow of the lunar eclipse, guided by the light of the full winter's moon.

Norman first came into the world a hefty 11 pounds, born in Holyoke, Mass. on March 26, 1932 to the parents of Maurice Rubin Vanasse and Elaine Amanda Tessier. Norm always spoke of his mother's wisdom and how she could effortlessly make a simple soup - those were the Depression days - feed the entire family. Norm certainly carried on this tradition of feeding all: from his scandalous limericks that could always put a smile on your face to his embodied philosophy of "live, and let live," when you shared a table with Norm, you were always full.

Norm graduated from La-Salette Seminary in Hartford, Conn. in 1949, and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Norm was stationed in Victoria, Texas as the crew chief on an F-86 Saber Jet. Stories of Norm cruising with his buddies through the dusty southwest on their motorcycles always entertained us.

After the Air Force, Norm explored numerous occupations. He demonstrated and sold hi-fi equipment at Radio Shack, was a draftsman at Armstrong Rubber Co., and spent many years as a design draftsman for Cramers in Old Saybrook, Conn. In his later years, Norm and his dear friends from Cramers would get together for monthly lunches to catch up and share old memories.

At a fateful cocktail party in Guilford, Conn., Norm's pen and paper logic met Beverly Potter's vibrancy and flair. A long-term marriage was not in the cards, but luckily for Norm, he drew the ace anyway. In June of 1963, Marcelle Theresa Vanasse came into the world - seven pounds of joy and grace that Norm would faithfully dedicate the rest of his life to.

Norm discovered his true passion for teaching while substituting at a variety of local technical schools in Connecticut. As a lifelong student himself, Norm went back to school to pursue a B.S. in order to teach full time. Norm then taught at three different vocational schools, mentoring and befriending scores of young adults over the course of 17 years. In 1994, Norm re-

tired from Groton Tech School in Connecticut and moved to Vermont - right over the hill from his daughter, son-in-law, and soon-to-be grandchildren.

Norm, ever the careful planner, spent his most valuable resource, time, wisely. His rich retirement included serving on the Ludlow and Regional planning commissions, volunteering for the Windsor County court diversion program, acting as a docent at the Calvin Coolidge homestead, and tutoring young people, free of charge, for over 20 years. Norm's charitable actions were equally matched by his love for dining and travel. Norm always said, "One hour for breakfast, two hours for lunch, three hours for dinner." Every summer, Norm would drive to Prince Edward Island and feast upon oysters, reminiscent of his skin-diving days.

At home in Vermont, Norm would "make the rounds," and was a beloved regular at many local restaurants. He was easily recognizable as the guy with the stuffed chest pocket, Canadian flag suspenders, and ambling gait. Norm was always prepared to engage in a political debate, game of trivia, historical discussion, or deliver a well-timed joke, of which he had many. He could easily converse with people from all walks of life and would proudly share stories of his family with anyone who would listen.

Norm is survived by his daughter Marcey Tucker; son-in-law Bill Tucker; granddaughter Phoebe Tucker and grandson Eli Tucker, all of Ludlow, Vt.; nieces and nephews in Connecticut; and several cousins in Canada.

He was predeceased by his parents and two sisters Yolande Birch and Marcelle Acabbo.

In the spirit of keeping Norm's love for youth and education alive, donations may be made in his memory to the Ludlow Teen Center, 106 Main Street, Ludlow, VT 05149, or to the Mountainside House Teen Shelter, 6 Mill St., Ludlow VT 05149.

As per Norm's wishes, his ashes will be held in the hands of his daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, and then tossed into the air on a windy day from the mountaintop near their homes.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at the United Church of Ludlow, in Ludlow, Vt. and were officiated by the Rev. Dr. Donald Harpster.

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Lisa A. Brehme, 1958-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Lisa A. Brehme, 60, passed away Sunday morning, Jan. 27, 2019 at her home in Springfield. She was born Feb. 2, 1958 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Walter and Erna (Braun) Abrahamovich. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1976.

On June 9, 1979, she married Jeffrey Brehme in Springfield, Vt.

She was employed as office manager at Springfield Tool Supply for 34 years.

She loved visiting Maine and going to the beach. She enjoyed shopping and loved hosting family holiday gatherings.

She is survived by her husband Jeffrey of Springfield; son Michael Brehme and his fian-

cée Lisa of Claremont, N.H., daughter Tracy Austin and her husband Keven of Springfield, Vt.; three grandchildren Lainey, Paige, and Payton; one brother Paul Abrahamovich of South Burlington, Vt.; and one nephew Jeffrey.

A graveside service will be held in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1 p.m.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT & NH, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302, or to Norris Cotton Cancer Center D-H/Geisel Office of Development, Attn: Jason Naugler, One Medical Center Drive, HB 7070, Lebanon, NH 03756-0001.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Althea Tucker, 1957-2019

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Althea Fellows Tucker, 62, passed away at her home in Perkinsville, Vt., following a long illness. Althea was born to Gale and Rosamond Tucker of Lunenburg, Mass. Dec. 19, 1957. She moved to Chester, Vt. in the 1980s where she married and raised two children with her ex-husband Kevin Mulholland. Althea was a loving and devoted mother to her children and will be greatly missed. Althea's laugh and smile will never be forgotten. She was an avid downhill skier, fantastic cook, and photographer.

Althea is survived by her children Tucker Mulholland of Chester, Vt. and Molly Petraska of Londonderry, Vt. and three grandchildren Sawyer, Jayna, and Harper Petraska.

She is preceded in death by her parents Gale and Rosamond Tucker and her brother

Robert A. Willis

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Robert A. Willis, 76, of Alstead, N.H. passed away at the Westwood Care and Rehabilitation Center in Keene Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, following a period of declining health. Services are incomplete and will be announced at a later date. The Foley Funeral Home of Keene is in charge of arrangements. Please visit www.foleyfuneralhome.com to leave an online remembrance.



Althea Tucker, 1957-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Gale (Jay) Tucker. A celebration of her life will be held in the spring 2019.

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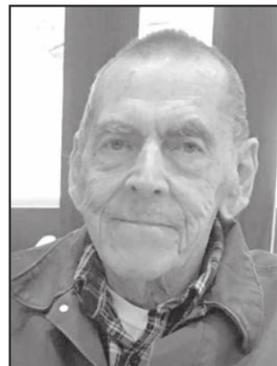
George H. Gould Jr., 1938-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - George H. Gould Jr., 80, a resident of Springfield since 2015, and formerly of Haverhill, Mass., passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019 at Sterling House in Bel- lows Falls, Vt. Although he did not want an obituary, here goes.

He was born in Haverhill, Mass. Aug. 5, 1938, a son of George H. and Barbara D. (Smith) Gould and attended Haverhill schools. He served in, and was honorably discharged, from the United States Air Force. He was an aircraft mechanic with the 513th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Phalsbourg-Bourscheid Air Base in France.

George was employed in maintenance at the Greater Haverhill YMCA for many years, retiring in 1998. He previously worked in the construction industry, Western Electric in North Andover, Youngblood Plumbing, United Way, and Hillside Cemetery. He also volunteered as a driver for the United Way for several years.

Survivors include four sons Steven Gould of Haverhill, Mass; George Gould and his wife Heather of McConnells, S.C.; Timothy Gould and his wife Michelle of Springfield, Vt; and Brian Gould and his wife Maegan of Haverhill, Mass.; his daughter Suzanne Gould of Easthampton, Mass.; three sisters Nancy



George H. Gould Jr., 1938-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Merritt of Port Charlotte, Fla., Janice Donohue of Tampa, Fla., and Barbara Guevin of Dallas, Texas; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son Scott Gould of Haverhill, Mass. and by two brothers Francis and Lewis.

Services are private. Memorial donations in George's memory may be made to Haverhill YMCA Childcare Programs, 81 Winter St., Haverhill, MA 01830 or online at www.northshoremca.org/content/annual-campaign.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Lorraine Hodsden, 1936-2019

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Lorraine Wilkins Moses Hodsden, 82, of Route 121. Lorraine was born March 3, 1936 in Londonderry, Vt., the daughter of Elmer and Lizzie (Payne) Wilkins. She attended school in Londonderry, Vt. and was a graduate of the Leland & Grey High School in Townshend, Vt. Lorraine worked at the soap stone mill in Perkinsville, Vt. for many years.

Lorraine was predeceased by her first husband Lester Moses. She is survived by her second husband Thomas Hodsden; one

son David Moses of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; one grandson Eliaja; one sister Julia Wheeler of Brattleboro, Vt; several stepchildren and step-grandchildren; two nephews Ed and Daryl Wilkins of Springfield, Vt.; a niece Kathy Katula of Brattleboro, Vt.; niece and nephew Bill and Margo Wilkins of Hinsdale, N.H.

There will be a graveside service in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. in the spring. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, Vt.

From the family of Michael J. Saunders

Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair.
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Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

How old are you?

If you answered, "It is none of your business," you are absolutely correct, but your answer matters when it comes down to our opening subject today.

If you are a sports fan born in the area and have followed the teams of your birthright in this part of the country and are between the age of say 15 and 25, you are sports blessed. There has never been a better time to grow up in these parts. This year, the New England based teams have blessed you well.

If you are even older, the last 18 seasons have been unworldly. New England teams have captured an unheard of 12 titles in that span. On average, that means a title this year and a title next, and then let's take one year off repeated six times. How sick and extreme is that?

I feel more than lucky to be a part of all this. Things weren't always so much fun. In fact, I only witnessed one Boston team win a title in my first 22 years on this planet. Anyone born in this century hasn't reached their 20th birthday yet, and they have seen all four teams stage a parade. My dad was in the same boat as me. He only saw one of the Boston teams win a title before he was 20.

I followed the Red Sox for 56 years before having my heart fulfilled with a World Series title. I held out all kinds of hope every year, but I think I had accepted the fact I would never see the team win it all. Now four titles in 15 years has me more thankful than you could ever imagine.

Both Bob Kraft and yours truly waited 42 seasons before the Patriots delivered a Super Bowl title. The Patriots were not even born until 1960. I remember their first game on a Friday night versus Denver, and they gave very little indication for years and years that they were anything close to super or even good, with a few exceptions. Now, they have produced an incredible six titles in 18 seasons, equal to the Steelers trophy case, ahead of the field and above everyone else.

It took the Bruins 22 years to grab a title for me, and they have only produced two more in the next 38 seasons, but I am thankful for each and every one of those.

On the other hand, the Celtics were the go-to team of my youth. They began a stretch when I was 8 years old of capturing 11 titles in a 13-year period, including every year from when I was 10 to 18 years old.

I learned during that time that there were years when the Celtics were still playing last season and the Red Sox were already basically out of this season. The Celtics last title was in 2008, and they are presently the Boston team with the longest drought. The Celtics all-time 17 titles leads the way though, followed by the Red Sox with 9, and both the Patriots and Bruins with six. You young people would not believe how really bad both the Red Sox and Patriots were at one time.

Putting one more twist on New England based titles, I observed in one way or another, 15 titles in my first 50 years of life, while a 20-year-old today has already been around for 12. Those fans have three titles to enjoy to catch me in their next 30 years. Something tells me they will pass by me without a trace of trouble.

By the way, if you were one of those New Englanders who have chosen to cheer for other teams, chances are you feel something like I did in my youth, or even worse.

Vermont Academy basketball

Another Alex Popp edition of Vermont Academy boys basketball is churning along and this one is worth seeing. The Wildcats are 14-7 sitting in fourth place in the current NEPSAC standings. Popp is enjoying this edition more than most. He tells me, "This is the most coachable team we have had since '16. There is not as much fire power in the top



In the first meeting this winter, the Springfield girls defeated Bellows Falls 58-52. Cosmo Gabby Wardwell works hard for a shot with Bellows Falls Molly Potter (left) and Molly Kelly (coming up from behind) defending.

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Springfield's Julianna Albero-Levings is patient looking to make the right play versus Bellows Falls.

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Springfield Hailey Perham (left) and Green Mountain's Maddie Wilson (right) battle each other for a loose ball in a 54-52 Cosmos victory recently in Chester.

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Green Mountain's Paige Karl looks to set up an important play versus Springfield's Ashley Chamberlin in a tense contest last week.

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Springfield's Julianna Albero-Levings has a head start but tenacious Green Mountain defender Hanna Buffum is giving chase in a two-point contest between the two teams won by the Cosmos 54-52.

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three, but the team has more depth."

The team also has nine games remaining and, most importantly, six of those are at home. Most of the teams coming into Saxtons River are expected to be part of the play-offs in four weeks. Popp's team is home both days this weekend against teams sitting just behind VA in the standings. Gould Academy from Maine is the opponent Saturday at 6 p.m., while St. Andrews from Rhode Island graces the local hardwood Sunday at 3 p.m.

VA competes in the AA Division of NEPSAC. One of the top AAA teams, Northfield Mount Hermon visits next Wednesday at 6 p.m., followed by Cheshire Academy from Connecticut on Sunday, Feb. 17. The final regular season home game of the season will be on Saturday, Feb. 23 when AAA leader Brewster Academy visits for a 6 p.m. contest. The top three teams currently in AA are McDuffie, Worcester Academy, and Cushing. Vermont split two games with Worcester and lost their lone meeting with Cushing. Kimball Union Academy is still in the AA play-off picture and Popp's team has a game remaining up there Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 4:30 p.m. VA defeated rival KUA handily the first time around.

Some of VA's players have already committed for their college basketball future. Seniors Tommy O'Neil to Harvard, Sy Torrence to Marquette, Deng Adiang to UVM and Jack Scotnicki to St. Lawrence have already made their choices, while mid-majors including the Ivies are still pursuing senior Travis Eevee and junior Jake Cook.

Springfield Wrestlers making waves

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The junior high and high school wrestlers are making great strides and powering through the tournament season! On Jan. 26, the team hit the mats at Vergennes High School. Skylar

Wallace and Brandon Bennett each nailed the first-place spot, and Donavin Sprano brought home a bronze for third place. The junior high team saw some arms raised in victory that day, including a third-place win

by Trenton Rumrill and a champ spot on the podium for newcomer Ayden Smith.

On Feb. 2, the team descended upon Mt. Mansfield High School in Jericho, Vt. for more action. Six varsity wrestlers and six junior high wrestlers competed against teams from Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York to bring home several very respectable and hard-won second and third place wins.

The varsity team heads to Fair Haven, Vt. Feb. 9 for a Marble Valley League tournament. Stay tuned for more updates at the team's Facebook: www.facebook.com/SpfldVT-Wrestling.



Marshall Simpson moves to pin his opponent at Mt. Mansfield High School. Ayden Smith battles it out on the mat behind.

PHOTO BY CRYSTAL SIMPSON

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, and we may include them in the next paper!

- THURSDAY, FEB. 7 -**
- Boys Varsity Springfield @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Springfield 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Poultney @ Black River 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, FEB. 8 -**
- Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Black River @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.

- Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Raymond 6:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Poultney @ Green Mountain 7 p.m.

- Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Conant 7 p.m.

- SATURDAY, FEB. 9 -**
- Boys Varsity Blue Mountain @ Black River 2:30 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Blue Mountain @ Black River 1 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ West Rutland 2:30 p.m.

- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 -**
- Boys Varsity Poultney @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Woodstock @ Green Mountain 7 p.m.

- MONDAY, FEB. 11 -**
- Boys Varsity Proctor @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Springfield @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.

- THURSDAY, FEB. 14 -**
- Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Springfield @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.

- TUESDAY, FEB. 12 -**
- Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ West Rutland 7 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Hartford @ Springfield 7 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Black River 6:30 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Mascoma Valley @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Twin Valley @

- FRIDAY, FEB. 15 -**
- Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Springfield 7 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Newport 7 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Mount St. Joseph @ Black River 7 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Newport @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

- SATURDAY, FEB. 16 -**
- Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Leland & Gray 3 p.m.

art & entertainment

OLLI program “Do Plants Think?”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Lincoln Earle-Centers will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, Feb. 12. “Do Plants Think?” will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

The postponed program, “Life in the Fast Lane,” with Kelly Arrison, has been rescheduled. Because of inclement weather Tuesday, Jan. 29, you’ll be able to hear Kelly’s story of his professional auto-racing career Feb. 19.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, you’ll hear from Lincoln Earle-Centers, an arborist, about what is happening in plant research to precipitate a mainstream fascination with plant “behavior” or even “neurobiology?” It turns out that plants are doing a lot more than most of us would ever consider. Hear from a life-long student and observer who spends his days in the trees. Share his thoughts, research, and observations about the kingdom of the plants that we live among.

As a father of three and business owner, Earle-Centers enjoys using some time in his off-season to research and engage with some subject of interest and to get out and connect and share ideas. He is an ISA certified arborist who climbs trees day to day to care for, preserve,

or remove our silent, giant, Sylvan neighbors.

This program is co-sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

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

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, travel, and current events.

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

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

The following OLLI program will be one week later Feb. 19, and will be “Life in the Fast Lane” with Kelly Arrison. Then one week after that Feb. 26, distinguished professor of folklore, Wolfgang Mieder, will present “Let Us Have Faith That Right Makes Might.” This will be an

historical discussion about proverbial rhetoric in decisive moments of American politics.

Other programs this semester are sponsored by the Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society and local benefactor Barbara Sanderson.

Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then click on Springfield.

For weather-related changes to the schedule, you may check the above mentioned website or SAPA TV, 802-885-6248, or call 802-885-3094.

Robert Carsten solo exhibition

GRAFTON, Vt. – Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd., presents a solo show of new pastel, oil, and acrylic paintings by award-winning artist Robert Carsten.

The exhibition will run from Feb. 9 through March 10. An opening reception for the artist will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2465 or visit the gallery’s website at www.gnsgraffton.com.

Carsten is a master pastelist and signature member of

Weston Film Club next film is “In the Mood for Love”

WESTON, Vt. – “In The Mood For Love,” a film by Wong Kar-Wai, will be the Weston Film Club’s next film, Friday, Feb. 8 at the Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm starting with a social at 6 p.m. followed by the movie at 7 p.m.

Ranked 24th in the Sight and Sound critics poll of the 100 greatest films of all time, “In The Mood For Love” (2000) presents a seemingly slight plot. Two young couples rent adjacent rooms in a cramped and crowded tenement. Both couples have one partner that works tirelessly and seem to travel. Li-zhen (Maggie Cheung) works as a secretary while her husband’s job keeps him away on extended business trips. Chow (Tony Leung) works as a newspaper editor and his wife is frequently out of



“In the Mood for Love.”

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town. Li-zhen and Chow try hard to maintain their committed relationships while they become tentative acquaintances. They soon realize that their spouses are having an affair and they develop a halting romance themselves. This is a film that The Guardian describes as “..

a profound and moving reflection of life’s fundamentals. It’s a film about yes; love; but also betrayal, loss, missed opportunities and a memory of the brutality of time’s passage.”

Tickets will be available at the door. For reservations, email westonvtfilm@gmail.com.



“Moonlight in Vermont,” acrylic on canvas.

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Spread the love at the library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Stop by the Springfield Town Library Saturday, Feb. 9 through Thursday, Feb. 14 to make a free valentine. Materials will be out to create a card for that special someone or to make one for a veteran. We will have a special box for valentines that will be delivered to veterans at Springfield Health and Rehabilitation.

Another way to spread the love during February? Donate to the library food collection box in the lobby. All donations go to the Springfield Family

Center. Mike Weiss, director at the Center, says the most requested food items are canned tuna, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, and pasta.

Check out our romantic books, DVDs, music, and audio books. Library cards are free to all Springfield residents, Springfield teachers, and every Springfield student. Don’t forget to bring proof of residence.

The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. This program is free, accessible to anyone with

disabilities, and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

A Night of True Stories at Main Street Arts -

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Local storytellers will share their life experiences in seven minutes each when Main Street Arts presents “A Night of True Stories,” Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

In the spirit of National Public Radio’s “The Moth Radio Hour,” friends and neighbors will entertain with tales of pathos, mirth, adventure, loss, fright, and all the emotions in between. Stories are told live on stage without scripts, notes, props, or accompaniment.

Scheduled storytellers are MSA Director Heather Geoffrey, Connie Connors, actor Marit Bjerkdal, Vermont Academy student Devin Goldstein, craftsman Toby Lampert, and artist and educator Jennifer Meehl.

The event is a fundraiser for Main Street Arts in a cabaret setting with refreshments.

The Peabody Award-winning NPR show is now in its tenth year and airs on more than 200 stations nationwide. “Storytelling, likely the oldest art, is revered and reinvigorated by this hour for everyday raconteurs,” wrote the Peabody judges in making the award.

Further information is available by contacting Main Street Arts at 802-869-2960, emailing info@mainstreetarts.org, or visiting www.MainStreetArts.org or on Facebook.

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“Moment in Time” fine art show

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia Art & Accents invites you to a new fine art exhibition at their 39 North Gallery. Their fine art show, “Moment in Time” will feature paintings by local artist Tom Pirozzoli, showing now through March 18, 2019.

New Hampshire based artist and musician Tom Pirozzoli is most at home with a fresh canvas on the easel and a weather-worn guitar within reach. The joy, discoveries, and challenges of music, art, and travel have guided Tom’s rich life to a quiet home beneath Mt. Sunapee. A highly accomplished painter in both oil and watercolor, Tom is a self-taught artist who has exhibited widely in the New England region. Upon moving to Boston in the early 1970s, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and MFA became Tom’s second homes. There, among inspiring



Tom Pirozzoli paintings on exhibit at 39 North Gallery. PHOTO PROVIDED

works and elegant spaces, he devoured the endless visual feasts on offer, filling countless sketchbooks and canvases that lay the basis for his future art career.

Established in 2015, DaVallia’s second location 39 North Gallery, has been a five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village of Chester, their gallery and sculpture gardens provide an inspiring atmosphere to ex-

perience a diverse array of art.

DaVallia welcomes you to enjoy this special exhibit. This exhibition is open to the public Thursday through Monday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.39NorthGallery.com or call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900 to schedule an appointment for a private viewing.

“Coming Home” documentary

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Community Justice Center and Greater Falls Connections have teamed up to put on a showing of the latest Bess O’Brien documentary, titled “Coming Home.” The event will take place Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Free Public Library. The showing is free and open to the public.

“Coming Home” is a documentary film that looks at five people returning back to their Vermont communities from prison. The film focuses on the innovative COSA program that helps reintegrate folks back into their daily lives. The COSA program is run through Vermont’s Community Justice Centers and is part of the restorative justice model. The film first premiered in the fall of 2018, and this showing is part of a tour Vermont.

Mike Malick of the Greater Falls Community Justice Center has been the lead facilitator for COSA groups in our area. According to Malick, “We work with people who were formerly incarcerated, because they are here in our community. We are all worthy of attention, and we all have needs.”

Malick added, “Vermont uses this program more than any other state in the country. Part of the population thinks that it is weak to treat our previously incarcerated clients fairly. But this work is rewarding. We do this work, because after people have been incarcerated, they often don’t have anything. The clients are in need and are often starting out with nothing when they return to the community.”

COSAs are made up of community volunteers who meet once a week with offenders returning back to their towns and cities. The idea of the COSA model is to “walk with a core member as he or she transitions from prison to community.” Folks coming out of prison meet once a week for a year with their volunteer group, enabling them to create strong bonds of support, friendship, and accountability as they work to become healthy members of society. Prisoners who are placed in COSAs often include sex offenders, those convicted of drug-related crimes, and felons. The rate of recidivism drops when folks are involved with a COSA team.

According to Deb Witkus, outreach coordinator with Greater Falls Connections, “We know that COSAs help families to heal and can help to break the generational cycle of addiction. Our partnership with the Greater Falls Community Justice Center is essential to the work we do to create the change we all want to see.”

“Coming Home” is a film that takes an intimate and powerful look at this COSA process, the struggles and challenges of folks coming out of prison and the

successes of the restorative justice model. Following the showing, Bess O’Brien and Susie Belleci, director of the Greater Falls Restorative Justice Center, will lead a discussion on the impact of COSA and how the model is being utilized in the Greater Falls area. O’Brien is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and theatre producer. According to her website, Bess O’Brien co-founded Kingdom County Productions with her husband Jay Craven in 1991. She made the documentary “The Hungry Heart,” about the prescription drug crisis in Vermont and the compassionate work of Dr. Fred Holmes. The film has been widely used to start community discussions on the topic of opiate addiction across the state.

This event is hosted by Greater Falls Community Justice Center, Greater Falls Connections, Rockingham Free Public Library, Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, and Parks Place Community Resource Center. The Rockingham Free Public Library is located at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, contact Deb Witkus from Greater Falls Connections at 802-463-

9927 x212 or Michael Malick from Greater Falls Community Justice Center 802-463-9927.

Belleci says, “Sitting with Bellows Falls community members in a circle with someone who’s done harm and been harmed gives me such hope. We here in Bellows Falls don’t have to wait for Washington to solve our problems, or Montpelier to solve our problems. Among our neighbors and friends and coworkers here in Bellows Falls, we have the strength and resilience to be with those who’ve made some mistakes, even very serious mistakes, and hold them accountable while at the same time offering our support so it doesn’t happen again. Bellows Falls has a long, proud history of taking care of their own. It’s what I love about Bellows Falls.”

She added, “We have a phrase in our work that guides us and it is a two-part phrase that must go together: ‘No more victims, and, no one is disposable.’ We take both of those concepts completely to heart in our COSA work.”

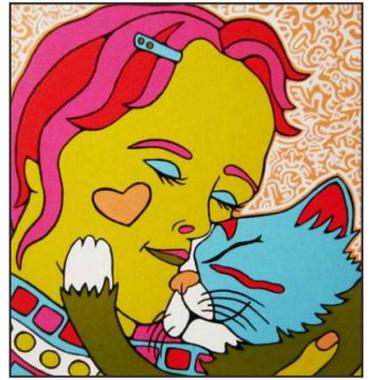
Pet portrait class with local artist Mindy Fisher

CHESTER, Vt. – Join local artist Mindy Fisher for a dip into creativity Sunday, Feb. 17, from 1-3 p.m. at Community Art Garden in Chester, Vt. With her use of color and her pop-art style of painting, Mindy will guide artists ages 10 and older to create an 8-inches-square portrait on a wood block using Gouache paint. This two-hour class will take place at Community Art Garden, located at 295 Main Street. Entrance located around the back of the building.

Community Art Garden asked local art teacher at Green Mountain Union High School, Christa Valente, and her graphic design class to design the posters and online

posts for this community event, and they did a great job. If you’re a local business looking to work with some talented teens, contact Christa through Green Mountain Union High School to see how you can encourage this collaboration. You can find these budding graphic artists’ designs on local bulletin boards and on our Community Art Garden Facebook and Instagram.

The Pet Portrait class with Mindy Fisher fee includes all materials with space for up to eight artists. Register today at www.communityart-garden.com to reserve your spot. For more information about Mindy, visit www.mindyfisher.com.



Take a pet portrait class. PHOTO PROVIDED

Book discussion of “Camino Island” at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pick up a copy of “Camino Island” by John Grisham at the Rockingham Library anytime and get ready for the book discussion about it in early March.

In this book, a gang of thieves stages a daring heist from a vault deep below Princeton University’s Firestone Library. Their loot is priceless, impossible to resist. Meanwhile, Bruce Cable owns a popular bookstore in the sleepy resort town of Santa Rosa on Camino Island in

Florida. He makes his real money though as a prominent dealer in rare books. Very few people know that he occasionally dabbles in unsavory ventures. And Mercer Mann is a young novelist with a severe case of writer’s block who has recently been laid off from her teaching position. She is approached by an elegant, mysterious woman working for an even more mysterious company. A generous monetary offer convinces Mercer to go undercover and infiltrate Cable’s circle of literary friends, to get close to the ringleader, to

discover his secrets. But soon Mercer learns far too much, and there’s trouble in paradise – as only John Grisham can deliver it.

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, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop in at 65 Westminster St.

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Don’t let my petite size fool you – I can keep up with anybody! My human-friends at Lucy Mackenzie are teaching me that leashes are a good thing and make my adventures much safer, you know, so I don’t wander off on my own and get lost. I wonder if you drive? If you do, you should know that I L-O-V-E care rides!

I also like most other dogs I meet, as long as they like me. Cats – not so much. It would be best if I didn’t live with them. I’m working really hard on my obedience, which is helping to build my confidence, and meeting new people all the time has helped me, as well. I mean I’m a pretty easygoing little guy that is sure to bring a lot of joy to somebody’s life. If you’ve been looking for a new canine best friend, stop in and meet me today!

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outdoor news

The Springfield Winter Carnival is here

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –

The big event is just around the corner, Feb. 8 and 9. Come one, come all to the Springfield Winter Carnival at Crown Point Country Club. All of our activities and events are free, thanks to the generous sponsorships of our local business community. Friday evening will kick off with bonfire and open skating under the lights, and our own Ben Fuller will perform in the club, from 7-10 p.m. The Crown Point Pub will open at 4 p.m., offering a full menu, including their awesome Friday Fish Fry, wings, and drinks. There will also be free hot chocolate all evening!

Saturday, Feb. 9 is packed with fun stuff. Skating and sledding will continue to run all day and night, with the restau-



Night skating and bonfire at Springfield Winter Carnival.

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rant opening at 11 a.m. Some snowshoes will be provided. Please bring your own skates, sleds, and cross country skis. Lots of indoor kids' activities are planned. Troy Wunderle's interactive Big Top Circus Adventures will be there to dazzle from noon to 4 p.m. Don't miss face painting with Mona and Heidi, and games and snowcones with All-4-One.

The annual Cardboard Sled Contest, which has grown bigger each year, will begin at 1 p.m. And for those with a need for speed, bring your kayak and test out the slopes in the Downhill Snow Kayak races at 2 p.m. There are prizes for the winners of both events. To enter either competition, please arrive 30 minutes prior to the event to register. We're trying out a couple new ideas this year as well. We'll have snow volleyball set up for pick-up games starting

at 12:30 p.m., all ages are welcome to play, and a Cornhole tournament at 3 p.m. Saturday festivities will carry on with a spectacular fireworks display at 6:30 p.m., brought to you by Atlas Fireworks and Kelley Sales and Service. Immediately following the fireworks, local band Heartfire will entertain us in the clubhouse, from 7-10 p.m. Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is first come, first serve.

The Snowman Competition is back. Leading up to the Winter Carnival, build a snowman at your home or business and send a picture to enter! Questions and registration for the Snowman Competition, Cardboard Sled Contest, Snow Kayak Races, or other events can be directed to Andy Bladyka, 802-885-2727, or springfieldrec@hotmail.com. The Springfield Winter Carnival is brought to you by Springfield Parks and Recreation, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, Crown Point Country Club, many local business sponsors, and local volunteers. Special thanks to everyone who is helping to keep this fantastic annual community event going strong. More volunteers are always needed.

For general information or to volunteer, please contact Christian Craig, 802-885-2568 or ccraig@myreccenter.org. To stay up to date, check out the Facebook at www.facebook.com/Springfield-WinterCarnival or www.SpringfieldVtParksandRec.com.

FM Special Olympics at the UVRG

LANGDON, N.H. – The Special Olympic Upper Valley Regional Games were held Jan. 26 at Dartmouth Skiway in Lyme, N.H. It was a gorgeous winter day with temperatures in the teens and the sun shining. The Fall Mountain Special Olympic team brought four snowshoe racers, four alpine skiers, and three snowboarders to the games.

Special Olympics is designed to put athletes in competition based on skill level. It is not age based like many sports so it is not unusual to see a variety of age groups competing together. The FMSO team has weekly practices and reports their times to Special Olympics of New Hampshire who then places the athletes in their corresponding divisions.

The snowboarders had a fantastic day with Bonnie Kyle taking third and second, James Morse taking home two fourth place finishes, and Kyle Simpson finishing



Dalton Hutchinson, Olivia Rounds, Sean Anderson, and Jacob Barboza.

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ishing up first in his two events.

As for the alpine skiers, Patrick Cannon took home two second place finishes, Rachel Maxim finished with two second place finishes, and Mariah Pratt had a stellar day with two first place finishes.

The snowshoe racers ran three events each. Sean Anderson finished first in the 50-meter, and second in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races. Jacob Barboza took

third in the 50-meter, fourth in the 100-meter and third in the 200-meter. Dalton Hutchinson finished first in the 50-meter and third in both the 100-meter and 200-meter. Olivia Rounds completes the team with a third place in the 25-meter and 50-meter races and a blazing second place in the 100-meter.

The next competition for the FMSO team is the Vermont State Games being held at Pico Mountain March 17-19.

Okemo's superpipe is open!

LUDLOW, Vt. – Consistently cold temperatures paired with the dedication of Okemo Mountain Resort's experienced snowmaking and grooming teams, and more than seven feet of natural snowfall this season, allowed Okemo to open its massive superpipe Sunday, Jan. 27. Measuring 500 feet in length with 18-foot high walls, the Okemo Superpipe presented by Schweppes is now open daily.

The Okemo Superpipe is located in The Zone and features its own surface lift, The Pull, which typically operates on weekends and during peak periods. In addition to the Superpipe, the resort has also constructed seven terrain parks containing more than 50 jumps, rails, boxes, and other creative features. Okemo's parks crew has been working with Snow Park Technologies to design and build its terrain park features.

Construction of the Okemo Superpipe required 51 acre-feet of snow, approxi-



Anna Valentine in the superpipe.

PHOTO BY CHRIS RUELI

mately 12 hours of excavator time, and 145 hours of operators working in snowcats to complete the project. The resort is scheduled to host a variety of events and competitions in the weeks ahead.

More information about Okemo Mountain Resort trail conditions and terrain park details is available at www.okemo.com/

mountain-info/conditions-report.

Sugarbush hosts uphill travel events

WARREN, Vt. – Sugarbush Resort is hosting a series of uphill travel events and parties at Mt. Ellen through the rest of the 2018/19 winter season.

The events include Tour de Moon and Mt. Ellen After Dark, each scheduled on the following Saturdays: Feb. 16, March 2, and March 16. Events are free and open to the public with food and drink available for purchase.

Each Tour de Moon consists of a moonlit skin or snowshoe up Mt. Ellen to Walt's at the Glen House. Walt's will be serving gourmet grilled cheese, local craft beers, and drinks until 8 p.m., at which point guests can ski down on designated routes. Guests can choose to skin or snowshoe themselves, but a guided hike will leave the base of Mt. Ellen at 4 p.m. Alpine touring equipment is available through VT North Ski Shop and Clearwater Sports and snowshoe rentals are available through Sugarbush.

Mt. Ellen After Dark occurs after each Tour de Moon with a party from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Green Mountain Lounge at the base of Mt. Ellen. The bar will be open and serving along with free pizza, swag raffles, and music provided by DJ Chris Logan.

For more information on these events, visit www.sugarbush.com.

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Killington Resort	14 / 21	36"	0" (2/4)
Magic Mountain	3 / 6	28"	0" (2/4)
Okemo Mountain Resort	12 / 20	34"	0" (2/4)
Stratton Mountain	9 / 11	28"	0" (2/4)
Sugarbush	15 / 16	36"	0" (2/4)

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Robert DuGrenier started the business in 1980; he's a well-known sculptor and artist working with primarily glass, metal, and marble. His work is often inspired by nature and its effect on a variety of elements. Since the age of 13, after being inspired by the Czechoslovakia Pavilion at the Expo 67 in Montreal, his passion of glass started and has continued for over 45 years.

DuGrenier trained as a goldsmith and glassblower at the Philadelphia College of Art and Hornsey College of Art in London. He earned his Master of Fine Arts in sculpture at the Illinois State University. With an impressive background and a mind for creativity, DuGrenier has amassed a variety of high-end clients such as Ritz Hotel Paris and Tiffany & Co. He was even commissioned to redesign the flame for the Statue of Liberty, and he produced the scale model that the French artisans used to sculpt the new flame.

DuGrenier has also created many art pieces that can be viewed right here in Vermont. His collection "Out of the Ashes" is showcased in the "Healing: The Transformative Imagery of Art" exhibition in The Great Hall in Springfield until March 30, 2019. The collection is made from metal and cast iron pieces from farm equipment left behind in a barn fire on his property in 2015. DuGrenier is currently working on a piece for Glasstastic, an exhibit at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center where children from kindergarten through sixth grade draw imaginary creatures that glass artists throughout New England turn into sculptures. The exhibit will open March 9 through June 16.

Other pieces can be found in DuGrenier's gallery in Townshend, Vt. Pieces include both functional items such as tableware and ornaments as well as more fanciful designs and sculptures. An especially unique functional item is his glass hermit crab shell. In the mid-1990s, DuGrenier was walking along a beach with his wife Kathy when they noticed a hermit crab living in the bottleneck of a broken cola bottle. He was bothered that people were collecting the shells and leaving trash. Seeing the hermit crab in the glass bottle inspired him to design glass shells that "[follow] the spiral formations which accommodate the contours of a hermit crab's body." These hermit shells are popular with schools, aquariums, and private pet owners because they allow people to observe the entire body of the hermit crab.

DuGrenier also hosts glass blowing demonstrations in his studio on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. He teaches workshops where people can learn to blow glass and make unique items. These workshops can be found on Air B&B, listed under experiences.

The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To learn more about his products, art installations, and more, visit www.dugrenier.com.



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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – The Upper Valley Curling Club will hold a Learn to Curl Clinic from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. Here is your chance to find out how much fun the game can be. There

is a fee to attend the clinic, and registration is required. Please wear warm clothing, including a hat and gloves, and bring shoes with non-skid soles. The club will provide all equipment. Space is limited so sign up early! For more information and to register, please visit www.upvalleycurling.org or email upvalleycurling@gmail.com. The Barwood Arena is located behind the high school in White River Junction at 45 Highland Ave.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10 – CHESTER, Vt. – Join us for gentle yoga class called “Love Fest: Changing

For Love Worldwide” on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 3 – 5 p.m. at Buddhaful Yoga, Fullerton Inn, 40 The Common in Chester. Join your voice with others in sacred chants for love everywhere around the globe. No experience necessary, come as you are. Sign up by Feb. 6. For more information and

to register online, visit www.buddhafulyoga.com.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Join us for a free seminar on “a drug free approach to a healthier, happier you,” on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. at St. Luke’s Parish Hall in Charlestown. Presented by Gary Moyo, R.N. Besides

his career as a R.N., Gary is a graduate of Weimar Lifestyle Center in California that successfully treat people with many chronic health conditions. To register, please reply to lifestylematters.nh@gmail.com or call 978-496-5006.

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MONDAY, FEB. 11 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – There is a discussion on the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimers on Monday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry. Presented by The Memory Clinic in Bennington, this program is offered at no charge, but space is limited, so please call 802-824-4343 to register. Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency located in Londonderry’s Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Aimee Parnell will lead a yoga class at the Springfield UU Meetinghouse on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. We’re offering this class at no cost but request that attendees bring a donation for the local animal shelter. The Humane Society can most use: paper towels and bleach, dog toys, gravy-style canned dog food (they’ve already got a regular supply for dry food), and peanut butter. This will be a gentle yoga class and all are welcome.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce for a members-only seminar on Top Ten Marketing Plan Items on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Green Mountain TableWorx, 194 Main Street in Ludlow, given by Kim Dixon of Insights Marketing Solutions. Attendees will receive a free market analysis. Please RSVP at info@yourplaceinvermont.com. Want to attend but not yet a chamber member? You can easily join right online here: www.yourplaceinvermont.com/join-the-chamber/online-application.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – Join master woodworker Tom McLaughlin for a Shaker Table workshop and Q&A on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Claremont MakerSpace, 46 Main Street in Claremont. Participants will learn the techniques used to build the Shaker Hall Table designed by Tom. Full size, hand-drawn plans will be available to purchase for an additional fee. Tom McLaughlin’s designs have received recognition and numerous awards during his 20-year membership with the prestigious New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association.

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

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 through April 8 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church,

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes

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NOTICE OF SALE Roger Outlaw & Gary Outlaw Parcel # 252062

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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.

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NOTICE OF SALE Kelly J. Parent Parcel #535002

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NOTICE OF SALE Douglas K. Paulding Parcel #322010

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Douglas K. Paulding by Order of Confirmation of Sale dated October 12, 2010 and Recorded in Book 121, Page 124 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE Eric Schubert Parcel # 362051

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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.

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located at 749 Hartford Ave, from 10:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 866-444-4211.

TUESDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Each Tuesday through April 9, from noon to 4 p.m., the AARP Foundation is providing free individualized assistance and preparation for all low to moderate taxpayers – especially those 50 and older – at Neighborhood Connections, located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace next to the Post Office. Call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343 to schedule an appointment. A volunteer will work with you and provide guidance on what materials to bring with you.

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 through April 9 at the SEVCA office located at 91 Buck Drive, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 800-464-9951.

THURSDAYS – 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 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.

FRIDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free family fun art and music nights run second Fridays, starting at 6 p.m., open to people of all ages. We encourage families and friends to build community and come "exercise your creativity." Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Springfield Art Gym on 62 Clinton St., Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/

springfieldartgym.

CLUBS

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join Preston Bristow Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Community Library for a slideshow and talk about rail trails and the Long Trail. This 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." 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.

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.

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – United Methodist Church, at 10 Valley St. in Springfield, will host their Second Saturday Supper Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and dessert. This is a free community supper and is one of the many missions of the United Methodist. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 7 – RUTLAND, Vt. – Help us celebrate an exciting year at NewStory Center! Join us for NewStory Center's Annual Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 5:30-7 p.m. at 77 Gallery, 77 Grove Street in Rutland. Meet staff and board members, hear highlights from the previous year, and get a sneak peek at the exciting

things to come. There is no cost to attend but please RSVP by calling 802-775-6788 or by email at info@nscvt.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8 – PERU, Vt. – On Friday, Feb. 8, Bromley Mountain ski resort will hold their 17th annual "Mom's Day Off" fundraiser. Moms ski or ride for a discount when they show the ticket seller a snapshot of their kids. This year's event will benefit women's breast cancer care at the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center in Bennington. The cancer center will receive the entire lift ticket cost as a donation. The event will feature giveaways and après-ski activities. Bromley Mountain is located at 3984 Route 11, Peru, Vt., six miles east of Manchester. For more information about Bromley, visit www.bromley.com.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Join us for a Contra Dance on Friday, Feb. 8 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at The Grammar School, 69 Hickory Ridge Rd., in South Putney. Caller is Andy Davis. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. For more details, visit www.thegrammarschool.org.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for an evening of games and crafting on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bring a favorite game, your knitting or any other craft project. Games and coloring will also be available. Join the conversation and the fun at the Meetinghouse. Held at the UU Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. All welcome!

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers will host 2nd Saturday Poetry Open Mic on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. The Open Mic is held by having poets read from their works or a favorite book. The poets sit around a circle, taking turns reading poetry. Call 802-463-9404 for event reservations.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us for an OVRCC members only After Hours Mixer on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Green Mountain Fireplace Specialties in Ludlow. Co-hosted by Green Mountain Fireplace Specialties & Green Mountain

TableWorx. Learn more about some of our newest members. Refreshments will be provided. Win fabulous raffle prizes! Want to attend but not yet a chamber member? You can easily join right online here: www.yourplaceinvermont.com/join-the-chamber/online-application.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15 – NORWICH, Vt. – Join us for Montshire Unleashed, a special evening to meet like-minded science enthusiasts and enjoy food, beer, science, and fun on Friday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Experience the joy of discovery from a trip to the museum—at night! Release your inner scientist through guided experiments at exhibits around the museum. Or just kick back, relax, and enjoy the food, drinks, and music. Jasper Murdock Ale and wine from the Norwich Inn will be available for purchase, as well as food from the evening's featured local vendor.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Londonderry, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Shaun G. Zaro and Kelly Ann Zaro by Warranty Deed of Roy C. Zaro, dated October 18, 1990 and recorded in Book 48 at Page 252 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #019001; Approximately 1.1 +/- acres of land on west side of Lowell Lake Road.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 7th day of March 2019, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Port Richey, Florida this 22nd day of January, 2019.
JOAN DAYTON, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Londonderry, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Joseph P. Moreno, John Donohue and Daniel Sullivan, by Warranty Deed of Alan J. Brown, dated May 17, 1983 and recorded on May 21, 1983 in Book 41 at Page 312 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #103001; Approximately 0.39 +/- acres of land on east side of Route 100 N.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 7th day of March 2019, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Port Richey, Florida this 22nd day of January, 2019.
JOAN DAYTON, Collector of Delinquent 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

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

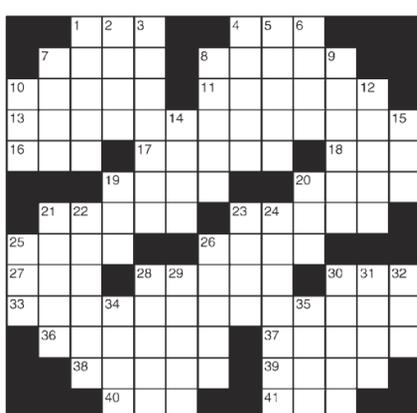
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sleuth, slangily
- 4 Pod dweller
- 7 Crafty
- 8 Equilibrium
- 10 Overuse the mirror
- 11 Motor
- 13 Fee for work done
- 16 Officeholders
- 17 Break a Commandment
- 18 Sphere
- 19 Diminish
- 20 Small blister
- 21 Milky stones
- 23 Young turkey
- 25 Profess
- 26 Science workshops
- 27 Pooch
- 28 Paris river
- 30 Cleopatra's slayer
- 33 Navy, with "The"
- 36 Seriously loyal
- 37 Madagascar critter
- 38 Surrounds
- 39 Thing
- 40 CSA boss
- 41 Affirmative action?



DOWN

- 1 Layers
- 2 Ht.
- 3 Sneeringly doubtful
- 4 — de Leon
- 5 Square dance quorum
- 6 Europe's neighbor
- 7 Small song-bird
- 8 Annoyance
- 9 Sign up
- 10 Greek letter
- 12 Heron's kin
- 14 Swindles
- 15 Recede
- 19 "This means —!"
- 20 Urban transport
- 21 Egg-shaped
- 22 Pirate costume feature
- 23 Sheet of glass
- 24 Ohio college
- 25 Billboards
- 26 Rosters
- 28 Sleep soundly?
- 29 Chopin piece
- 30 Picked a target
- 31 Pond gunk
- 32 Apiece
- 34 Satan's forte
- 35 Kill a bill

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some unsettling facts about a past situation could come to light. And while you'd love to deal with it immediately, it's best to get more information to support your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you get around to finalizing your plan.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty," and step up to claim the credit you've so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial "deal" that seems to be just right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone close to you. Asking for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding you were completely unaware of.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpion with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calmer, less-tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method and how and why it (usually!) works.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who gave you a lot of grief might ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving your answer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than on what you might learn later.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential.

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calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY, FEB. 23 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield UMC Vendor's Market will be Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St. in Springfield. Interested vendors please contact Lois Hammond at otherlady480@hotmail.com or 802-885-4730 or the Methodist Church at 802-885-3456 for more information.

KIDS' CORNER

MONDAY, FEB. 18 – GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum presents Brave Bears Winter Day Camp for children ages 6-9, Monday, Feb. 18 and Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Brave Bears includes

fun, hands-on indoor and outdoor experiences that cultivate a deeper relationship with the natural world. Youth will make new friends while learning about animals that live in Vermont before embarking on a snowshoeing adventure in the forest and field, collecting clues left in the snow by wild animals. Campers will need their own snowshoes. The Nature Museum can loan snowshoes for participants who do not have their own; please ask ahead of time. Scholarships are available. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org or call 802-843-2111. Snow date is Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019.

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 or call 802-674-2556.

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

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@myreccenter.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!

SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Open Play Group is 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@myreccenter.org.

LIBRARIES

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating Valentine's Day with a valentine making workshop on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will provide ribbons, lace, and hand dyed papers for creating gorgeous one of a kind valentines and valentine mailbags. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for kids of all ages and grown ups too! For more information, contact the library at 802-824-3371.

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

THURSDAYS – ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270,

email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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

MEETINGS

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

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

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



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Public Hearing Notice Town of Plymouth

The Selectboard of the Town of Plymouth will hold a hearing on the proposed adoption of the new Plymouth Town Plan on **February 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm** at the **Plymouth Municipal Auditorium**. The Selectboard will accept comments at this Public Hearing. The purpose of the Plymouth Town Plan is to provide services and facilities that meet the education, public safety, and health of residents; to guide industrial and commercial development in an appropriate scale of the Town; to preserve open space and rural character; to protect agricultural and forestry land uses; to provide orderly development in village areas; and to conserve natural areas. The proposal covers all lands within the Town of Plymouth. Full copies of the draft Town Plan are available from the Plymouth Town Clerk.

Dated 1/30/2019
Plymouth Selectboard

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

13 Tuckerville Parkway, Ludlow, Vermont

Mobile Home only, 1995 Fleetwood, Serial No. 22A0839006132763A located at Tuckerville Mobile Home Park situated on Lot 13.

112 Fishing Access Road, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Anthony J. Ciuffo to Anthony J. Ciuffo and Angela M. Benson-Ciuffo by deed dated November 17, 1997 and recorded in Book 174 at Page 242 of the Ludlow Town Land Records. Reference is made to the Deed recorded in Book 195 at Page 188 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

151 Nelson Road, Lots 1 & 2, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Frank E. Punder-son, Jr., Trustee to Gregory Dunnett by deed dated November 20, 1995 and recorded in Book 158 at Page 166-167 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

73 Melrose Lane, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Ursule Nadeau and James Allen, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Michael J. Nadeau to Ryan Hardie and Virginia Dietrich by deed dated November 30, 2015 and recorded in Book 389 at Page 417 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

Pine Hill Road, Lots 8 & 9, Okemo Pines, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Earle H. Levenstein and Mary K. Levenstein to Christopher Martin and Tracy M. Martin by deed dated February 27, 2004 and recorded in Book 257 at Page 201 of the Ludlow Town Land Records. Reference is made to the Trustee's Deed on behalf of Christopher James Martin to Tracy M. Martin dated May 30, 2017 and recorded in Book 405 at Page 205 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

546 Nelson Road, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Althena Nelson to Otis A. Nelson and Rosalie Nelson Thumser by deed dated October 17, 1997 and recorded in Book 169 at Page 439 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

546 Nelson Road (Mobile Home), Ludlow, Vermont

Mobile Home located at 546 Nelson Road may be all and the same conveyed by Jennifer J. Johnson and Otis A. Nelson to Otis Nelson by Mobile Home Bill of Sale dated November 6, 2001 and recorded in the Ludlow Town Mobile Home Bill of Sale Records.

13 Lovejoy Brook Road, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Dayle M. Brown to Baja M. Ray and Theodore L. Brown, III by deed dated October 15, 2009 and recorded in Book 336 at Page 257 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

Evergreen Acres, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Paul Burns to Jerome Rodriguez, Paul Burns and Kevin Romano by deed dated December 4, 2002 and recorded in Book 228 at Page 590 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

61 Rimrock Road, Unit 11A, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Christine S. Shaw to Andrew R. Shaw by deed dated August 3, 2005 and recorded in Book 292 at Page 147 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

111 Route 100 North, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John B. Reid and Catherine K. Reid to Alston L. Springer and Regina C. Springer by deed dated October 14, 1988 and recorded in Book 119 at Page 249 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

62 Andover Street, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Richard E. Bauries to Joseph Sutowski and Betty Sutowski by deed dated December 30, 1981 and recorded in Book 78 at Page 581 of the Ludlow Town Land Records, and also deed dated December 27, 1982 and recorded in Book 80 at Page 598 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

1219 Town Farm Road, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Alan W. O'Dell and Joan P. O'Dell to Robert J. Thomas and Susan S. Thomas by deed dated August 16, 1991 and recorded in the Ludlow Town Land Records. Subject to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale and Certificate of Non-Redemption dated July 9, 2013 and recorded in Book 372 at Page 127 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

Route 103 North, Ludlow, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Bessie I. Webb to Roland L. Webb and Bessie I. Webb (now deceased) by deed dated January 9, 2003 and recorded in Book 231 at Page 252 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 21st day of February, 2019 at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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

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

Dated at Ludlow, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 11th day of January, 2019.

_____/s/ Scott Murphy
Scott Murphy, Collector of Town and Town School District
Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes



Town of Westminster
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD WESTMINSTER INSTITUTE US Rt. 5, Westminster Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 4, 2019 to consider the following:

Application #19-27 (Murray Krugman) – property located at 26 Cox Road. The Applicant is requesting “New Windows & Moving Historic Barn/Garage to West Wall of Last Building” in the Historic Village. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Village District Zone; Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws with the recommendation of the Historic Review Board.

Application #19-28 (Andrea Bredbeck) – property located at 190 Wellington Hill Road West. The Applicant is requesting a “Change of Use”. The Applicant wants to change the permitted studio into an apartment. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 314 Conditional Use; Section 446 Residential District Zone of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws with the recommendation of the Historic Review Board.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

LEGALS

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www.ludlow.vt.us.
Recordings found at www.okemovaleeey.tv.

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

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. 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 Wednesday of every month. 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.

MUSIC & THEATER

SATURDAY, FEB 2 – SUNDAY, FEB 17 – WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. – Northern Stage presents the world premiere production of "Venus Rising" at The Barrett Center for the Arts in White River Junction, Vt. The play will run from Jan. 30 through Feb. 17; see the box office for specific dates and times. Playwright Marisa Smith, the creative mind behind 2016's hit "Mad Love," is back with a hilarious and deeply perceptive story of aging gracefully – or sometimes not so gracefully – and how we try to care for one another in the face of life's challenges. For details, tickets, and times, visit www.northernstage.org.

SATURDAY, FEB 9 – PUTNEY – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present a dance party/concert featuring The MILES Band performing funk, soul, rock & roll, folk/rock, reggae classics, and contemporary hits on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage in downtown Putney. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. Turn It Up in Brattleboro, and Putney Food Co-op in Putney.

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

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.

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BELLOW 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 on the common in Walpole, N.H. It is open to all family members and loved ones – over the age of 16 – of people who are suffering from addiction. It is free and confidential. For information, call Becky Pearson at 603-860-0221.

BELLOW 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 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Free. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email cht@springfieldmed.org.

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

Mental Illness. Free. Call 713-591-2857.

WEDNESDAYS – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital will host a Mental Illness Family Support Group on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Grace Cottage Wellness Center (133 Grafton Rd) in Townshend. NAMI Family Support Group meetings are monthly 90-minute support groups of family and friends of individuals living with a mental illness where they can talk frankly about their challenges and help one another through their learned wisdom and coping strategies. For more information, call 713-591-2857. To find a complete list of all NAMI offerings, visit www.namivt.org.

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.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month, from 11 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Led by Grace Cottage Community Health team member Claire Bemis and Alicia Moyer of SASH. Free. Call 802-365-3763.

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

TOWN OF GRAFTON VERMONT INVITATION TO BID January 29, 2019

The Town of Grafton Vermont is accepting bids for Town Hall renovation work.

Work to be bid: Removal and reinstallation and painting of 6 double-hung windows and outside siding on the North and West sides of the Town Hall. All existing siding is to be removed to expose the sheathing on the North and West walls. The sheathing is to be repaired / replaced as needed before any new siding is applied. Inspection of the wall cavity insulation is to take place once the siding material is removed to determine amount and quality of the insulation that is currently in place. Insulate or add insulation as needed to bring the outside wall insulation value to meet 2015 Vermont Commercial Building Energy Standards. Once insulation and sheathing work is complete, Tyvek or equivalent air flow barrier is to be installed before building is resided.

Particulars of the bid and further requirements may be found posted at the Town Hall, available from TownAdmin@grafftonvt.org or on the "Bid – Requests for Proposals" page of the Town of Grafton web site found at www.grafftonvt.org and should be read for those particulars and specifics before bidding, including septic vent treatment, quality of materials, Historic Registry requirements, debris removal, start/finish dates and insurance documentation requirements.

Any questions regarding this bid request or to view the site please contact the Town Administrator at 802-843-2552. **Returned bids must be sealed in an envelope which is clearly marked "Town Hall Siding Repair" and must be received at the Grafton Town Hall Selectmen's office at 117 Main St. P.O. Box 73 Grafton Vermont 05146 no later than Thursday, 02/28/2019 at 4:00 PM.** All bids will be opened at the Grafton Town Garage meeting room during a regular Selectboard meeting on 03/04/2019 at 6:00 PM. The Town of Grafton reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and also has the right to accept other than the lowest bid if determined to be in the best interest of the town.

TOWN OF CHESTER WARNING NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 and 2 will be by Australian ballot on March 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of paving the following roads: Route 35, Green Mountain Turnpike from Route 103 to bottom of Flamstead Road, Coach Road, First Avenue and Sylvan Road? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters eliminate the office of Town Grand Juror effective immediately?
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters rescind and eliminate the election of members to an Advisory Budget Committee, effective immediately?
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Rosemarie Dube, \$500.00; Deanna and Norman Stowell, \$250.00.
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters establish a reserve fund in an amount not to exceed 20% of the amount raised in taxes to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay nonrecurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804(a)?
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,087,586.86 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 16, 2019, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$490,414.38 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department; \$46,600.00 for the Excavator lease for the highway department; \$40,000 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Highway Department; \$35,000 to be used for the purchase of air paks (\$22,500) and turnout gear (\$12,500) for the Fire Department; \$13,800 for the purchase of a new computer server for the Police Department; \$4,157.00 to be used for maintenance of operating facilities and \$225,857.38 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange #327. The municipal taxes in 2018 for the Gassetts Grange #327 were \$1,439.52 and \$2,590.04 for Education.
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizen of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691. (By Petition)
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Labor Day weekend, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) to Neighborhood Connections to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. (This article is by petition)
- ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 24:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2018.
- ARTICLE 25:** Shall the Town of Chester adopt the following advisory resolution? (By Petition)

Climate Solutions Resolution

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

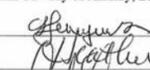
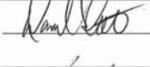
WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. **That the undersigned voters of the Town of Chester urge the State of Vermont to:**
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, electrical generation plants and/or industrial storage facilities.
 - b. Commit to 100% renewable energy by 2030 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.
2. **That the undersigned voters of the Town of Chester request the town to do its part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:**
 - a. Protecting townlands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing townlands;
 - b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools to make them as energy efficient as possible;
 - c. Enlisting state support to develop solar electric supplies for town and school buildings;
 - d. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping to reduce overall energy use.
 - e. Encourage landowners, municipalities, and farmers to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigating flooding and drought.
 - f. Form a Town Energy Committee to work towards reducing town emissions and meeting the goals of the Comprehensive Energy Plan.
3. **Should this article pass, a letter shall be sent from the Town of Chester, to our State Representatives and Senators, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, and the Governor, including the count of votes supporting and opposed to the article.**

ARTICLE 26: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 18th day of January, 2019.

 /s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman
 /s/ Heather Chase
 /s/ Dan Cote
 /s/ Ben Whalen
 /s/ Lee Gustafson

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Property Owner & Applicant:

Town of Rockingham / Blue Silo Bistro

Location: 7 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT

Date of Hearing: February 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall

Purpose: Conditional use review and approval of a proposed restaurant

TOWN OF CHESTER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Chester would like to extend an invitation to get involved in your community. There are volunteer positions that are open for reappointment. These are great opportunities to serve your community and get involved.

Planning Commission – 3 year term
Development Review Board – 1 year term

All interested parties should send their letter of interest to the Town Manager's Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

AUTOMOTIVE

community news

Open your heart and home to a Fresh Air child

REGION - Make this Valentine's Day extra special for your family by giving them the gift of friendship with a Fresh Air child! Fresh Air summers are filled with children running through the sprinklers in the grass, gazing at star-filled skies, and swimming for the first time.

This summer, join volunteer host families in Central Vermont, and open your heart and home to a Fresh Air child. Each summer, thousands of children from New York City's low-income communities visit suburban, rural, and small town communities along the East Coast and Southern Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Towns Program.

"Hosting is an incredible experience. We really like the idea of giving a new opportunity to a child and that we could help give Madyson a broader perspective, since when she visited us it was her first time away from New York City," said Friendly Towns



Fresh Air child Madyson of the Bronx practices her pirouettes with her Fresh Air sister Addison. The summer sisters' favorite activities include berry picking, boating, riding horses, and making up new dances.

PHOTO BY SUSANNE NAVAS

host mom, Courtney Partlow of Leesburg, Va.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from 7 to 18 years

old, who live in New York City. Children who are reinvented by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips.

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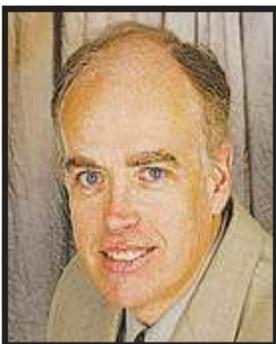
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