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# Imerys Talc of Vermont files for bankruptcy protection

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Imerys Talc of Vermont, along with Imerys Talc America and Imerys Talc Canada, have filed for Bankruptcy Chapter 11 protection Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019. According to the company press release, the Chapter 11 process will allow the filing companies the time and protection to negotiate a global agreement with creditors, primarily representatives of current and future claimants in cosmetic talc-related litigation, while defining a path forward for the impacted talc businesses.

Imerys Talc is a key supplier of talc for Johnson & Johnson Powder. Johnson & Johnson is currently facing multiple billion-dollar lawsuits over allegations that their product contains asbestos, a known

carcinogen linked to mesothelioma and ovarian cancer.

According to Bloomberg Press, “Under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, the units can set up a trust to deal with the current talc cases and any future claims. It will also corral the cases under a single judge and allow Imerys to pressure plaintiffs to accept lower settlements.”

Bloomberg Press cites that “Johnson & Johnson faces more than 11,700 claims that its baby powder causes cancer...and in 2019, there are at least 21 trials on court calendars targeting J&J over tainted talc, according to data compiled by Bloomberg, including more than 15 in California’s courts and one in Georgia set to start in March.”

Making headlines last year, in July of 2018, a jury ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay



Imerys Talc files for bankruptcy protection.

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\$4.69 billion to 22 women who blamed the talc-based product for causing their ovarian cancer. Particularly damning to Johnson & Johnson, the New York Times, through the Free-

dom of Information Act, discovered internal documents revealing that Johnson & Johnson executives were concerned about the possible asbestos contamination in baby powder

since the early 1970s.

Imerys maintains, however, that its product is safe and that the Chapter 11 filing is the best way to protect the company moving forward.

“This is an important, meaningful, strategic step for our business. After carefully evaluating all possible options, we determined that pursuing Chapter 11 protection is the best course of action to address our historic talc-related liabilities and position the filing companies for continued growth. The safety of talc has been confirmed by dozens of peer-reviewed studies, as well as regulatory and scientific bodies, and the litigation is entirely without merit,” commented Giorgio La Motta, president, Imerys Talc America, Imerys Talc Vermont, and Imerys Talc Canada.

“However, it is simply not in

the best interests of our stakeholders to litigate these claims in perpetuity and incur millions of dollars in projected legal costs to defend these cases. By deciding to file for Chapter 11 protection, we have laid the groundwork to efficiently resolve our historic talc-related liabilities and focus on our continued success in the industry.”

A spokesperson from Imerys Talc America confirmed that the filing will have no impact on company operations or their employees. “Imerys Talc America and all of its locations, including its operations in Vermont, will continue to operate as usual throughout this process. Employees shouldn’t see any changes to their roles or wages and benefits as a result of the Chapter 11 filing, and our company is continuing to provide safe, high-quality products to our customers.”

# Audits complete as SMCS prepares to move forward

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – A forensic and certified independent audit, both ordered by Springfield Medical Care Systems’ Board of Directors and shared with the state of Vermont’s Agency of Human

Services, provide important information to the organization’s leadership as it considers necessary changes that will help the health system move toward a strengthened financial outlook.

The forensic audit, conducted by the BerryDunn accounting firm, reviewed documents, such as bank statements, check disbursements, credit card statements, and payroll distributions,

from October 2017 through December 2018. Auditors talked to employees inside the organization. Auditors found no evidence of funds being used improperly, such as for personal gain.

“Our Board ordered this audit to explore and review records and review and implement improvements to internal controls, so we can keep providing quality care to this community,” said Michael Halstead, interim CEO. “The forensic audit does show that at times, former leadership did not report to our Board all of the information that was needed to make strategic decisions. That is something we are fixing.”

In order to safeguard the organization’s assets, the forensic audit suggests that the Board and leadership should review internal controls, training, and the Board’s investment

policies, which all agree must all be addressed. Governance and financial management are among the priorities as decisions are made for the organization’s future.

“It’s important to note that the audit did not reveal anything that could have affected patient care,” Halstead added. “We will implement changes necessary to help get us back on solid financial footing.”

The full audit of SMCS was also conducted by BerryDunn and covers the time period ending Sept. 30, 2018. It shows a significant operating loss and also provides specific guidance to leadership about financial challenges.

“This is the audit information we were expecting,” said Halstead. “Since our management team arrived in Springfield to see the situation up close, we had a good sense of the numbers we were dealing

with and what it will take to reverse the financial trends. The audit confirms what we believed to be the case – increased patient revenues did not exceed the growth in expenses, which led to a low cash position.”

The audit shows that approximately two-thirds of SMCS’s loss was due to increases in employee benefit costs. It also shows SMCS provided approximately \$2 million in charity care for members of the community.

The auditors noted that the SMCS provided them with all of the sufficient and appropriate evidence in order to complete their examination.

“This audit information will prove valuable as we complete the difficult, but necessary job of working with the community to secure the financial future of this organization,” added Halstead.



Audits of SMCS and Springfield Hospital show more inside financial information to the public.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

# Jones & Lamson project building momentum

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – In a Springfield Selectboard meeting held Jan. 14, the discussion of the environmental clean up and demolition of the former Jones & Lamson machine tool plant building, located at 280 Clinton St. in Springfield, picked up steam. Empty since 1986, the building was purchased out of bankruptcy by the Springfield Regional Development Corp. in 2003.

At the meeting, the recent partially completed corrective action plan draft was discussed with Dan Voisin of Stone Environmental; Bob Flint, executive director of the SRDC; and site manager Trish Coppelino from the Department of Environmental Conservation, all key players in the development of the plan, which took approximately two and a half years to develop.

“The SRDC has been working with the Department of Environmental Protection Agency

and Environmental Protection Agency on this project since our acquisition,” Bob Flint said in a recent interview. “The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission has been by our side throughout this entire process and has helped facilitate much of the funding for assessment work at the site.”

The agenda at the meeting was to look at some of the existing conditions and structural concerns on the property, some details of the corrective action plan itself, and the schedule. The various areas and degrees of contamination, over some 20 years of site investigation, were explained during their slide-show presentation. “The firm Stone Environmental, based in Montpelier, is our environmental site engineer and who wrote the partial corrective action plan,” Flint added.

The quantity and variety of contaminants are wide, including coal gas manufacturing waste, soil gas contamination, polychlorinated biphenyl

or PCB fluids in the concrete floors, and oil that seeped from an underground tank that was used to store fuel for heating the building to name a few. They also mentioned a clean up of the adjacent river bank that took place last fall in which metal and stone grinding waste was cleaned up.

Also discussed was the overall structural damage to the building itself, through a study map completed by Heritage Engineering, based in Perkinsville. The maps indicate large sections of the building that are completely unsound. Also reviewed were severe problems with asbestos and the various costs and procedures needed to dispose of the waste, as well as the continued plan of the “trail extension project” or expansion of the existing bike path that runs alongside the vacant building.

Moving forward and after receiving and closing any questions from the Selectboard, residents, and property owners near the building site, the



Jones & Lamson Machine Co. in Springfield, Vt.

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final corrective action plan will be complete and put out to bid sometime this spring. From there, the plan is to start the demolition process sometime in the fall, which would take approximately 30 weeks to complete. The bike path project could take longer, as approval from the environmental protection agency is still required before the construction approval

can begin.

“Once the DEC approves the partial corrective action plan, we will move forward with an application for a community development block grant to assist with the costs of demolition, which will be filed by the town of Springfield,” Flint concluded. “The project will then be put out to bid and we are hoping that work will begin before

the end of 2019.”

In addition to applying for the community development block grants, which will be submitted in June, some additional site investigation inside the building and the design and permitting process of the entire redevelopment project will take place before the final corrective action plan is developed and before the actual demolition begins.

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# Conservation plant sale deadline extended

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District has extended the order deadline for their 2019 Conservation Plant Sale. Orders are now due to the district no later than Feb. 26. Community members should browse their 2019 catalog for offerings of fruit trees, berries, shade trees, shrubs, groundcover, perennials, medicinals, summer blubs, wildflower seed mix, and local mushrooms. Shipping costs are included.

Many of the species we offer are native, attractive to pollinators, and drought resistant. For this reason, they are healthy, hardy plants adapted to our local growing conditions and beneficial to both the grower and wildlife. Once established, they require less watering, fertilizers, and pesticides, saving you time and money. Join us for "Supporting Pollinators in Your Backyard," a workshop that may inform your purchasing Friday, Feb. 22, 4:30-6 p.m., at the Hannah Grimes Center in Keene.

All proceeds of the plant sale help to cover operating costs of the CCCD and will benefit conservation efforts in Cheshire County. Thus, in addition to improving your landscape you are helping fund conservation projects in your local community. For more information and to receive order forms, contact the Conservation District office at 603-756-2988 ext. 115 or send an email to [lola@cheshire-conservation.org](mailto:lola@cheshire-conservation.org). To view the 2019 Plant Sale Catalog and print order forms, visit [www.cheshireconservation.org/plant-and-seed-sales](http://www.cheshireconservation.org/plant-and-seed-sales). All orders and payment must

be received by the Conservation District no later than Feb. 26, 2019. Checks should be made out to "CCCD" and mailed to 11 Industrial Park Dr. Walpole, NH 03608. Plan to pick up your order at our Plant Sale Pick-Up Day, currently scheduled for April 27, 2019, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole. Additional workshops that day include a "Mushroom Inoculation" workshop at 10:30 a.m. and "Getting Started with Fruit Trees" at 11:30 a.m.



## HCRS new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – HCRS welcomes the following new employees, front row from left: Christine Metcalf, DSP-Community in Springfield; Hilde Hyde, clinician II in Hartford; Kimberley Beitt, DSP-Community in Brattleboro; and Cecilia Olsen, behavioral interventionist in Hartford. Back row from left: Nicolas Plante, residential specialist in Brattleboro; Stephany Churchill, clinician I in Hartford; Amelia Gilchrist, Intern in Hartford; Sonya O'Neil, respite provider in Hartford; and Stacy Kilburn, case manager in Springfield.

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# Sheila Wolfe named Employee of the Month for Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, Vt. – Mt. Ascutney Hospital has announced that Sheila Wolfe, patient access representative/registrar, has been selected as January 2019 Employee of the Month. The monthly award recognizes employees who have demonstrated sustained service excellence in their respective departments and have displayed compassion, a caring approach, and continuous hard work within



Sheila Wolfe, Employee of the Month.

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their community. As a patient access representative, Wolfe is responsible for greeting patients and registering them for procedures or stays, ensuring complete and accurate patient information and insurance details. Heather Rumrill, Wolfe's supervisor, points out that she is not only skilled at patient registration, but has mastered the role for multiple departments and shifts throughout MAHHC. "All of our departments are unique, with their own requirements and processes," explains Rumrill. "To all of them, Sheila brings a demonstrated ability to adapt to the environment

along with a strong work ethic. Learning each department's unique ways, being a dependable 'go-to' person for many, and even providing skilled coverage at the switchboard and in the ED. These, and her flexibility and willingness to provide coverage whenever and wherever needed makes her a valuable asset to Mt. Ascutney Hospital – and a great Employee of the Month." Wolfe, who lives in Windsor, has been a member of the MAHHC staff since 2017.

# Cabin Fever sale at Baptist Church

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North Springfield Baptist Church will be holding their annual indoor Cabin Fever Sale March 2 at the church, 69 Main Street in North Springfield, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other features of the sale are a food sale, Rada cutlery, a rummage sale to include clothing and footwear,

housewares, holiday items, and much more. There will also be an assortment of plants, toys, and books. For more information, call the church at 802-886-8107. This is the first church rummage sale of the year and gives many people the opportunity to purchase items for their homes at very reasonable prices. Crystal Pudvah is chair of the rummage sale and Angel Cioffi is chair of the luncheon.

# Bellows Falls Area Senior Center news

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, in conjunction with AARP, is excited to announce free tax preparation for the 2019 tax season. Free simple tax preparation is available for low- and moderate-income residents across the state and Walpole, N.H. regardless of age. AARP Tax-Aide counselors are volunteers who are trained each year on state and federal tax regulations and are certified by the IRS to provide free tax preparation services. Volunteers will be available Mondays and Wednesdays until April 15. Appointments are required for this service. Please call the senior center at 802-463-3907 to make an appointment. The center will be hosting an AARP Driver Safety Course Friday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring a lunch with you. There is a cost for this course. Please prepay to reserve your spot by mailing a check made out to AARP to BFASC,

18 Tuttle St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions, and the roads we travel every day. Some drivers have never looked back since they got their first driver's license, but even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills. By taking a driver safety course, they will learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate their vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. Come join us for cabin fever scrapbooking day out! This is a no-frills event just time to finish up some unfinished projects, hosted by Tina White. Included in your registration fee are refreshments, new Creative Memories catalog, workspace, assistance, use of punch, border maker, custom cutting system, and Cricut. Early bird registration deadline is Feb. 25. Please

register early as there is limited space. Please bring a scrapbook or refill pages, pictures, adhesives, tools, other cropping materials such as paper, cardstock, crafting supplies, and a bag lunch. The center is excited to announce Chair Yoga lessons beginning Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 12:15 p.m. with instructor Emily Lyons. This class is free and open to all area seniors. **Ongoing activities at the center include:**

- Multiple Bone Builders programs – six classes a week.
- Basic Tai Chi for fall prevention Thursdays, from 12:15-1 p.m. Please contact instructor Susan Williams 802-376-5173 for more information.
- Treadmills and exercise bikes are available for use during center hours.
- Chair caning meets Mondays at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday's art class is now visual arts encompassing scrapbooking, adult coloring, and stamping. Bring your own materials and have fun socializing.
- The Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information.
- The BFASC Quilters next meeting is April 10, at 9 a.m.
- Nickel Bingo is held Tuesdays, starting at 12:30 p.m., with 20 games played.
- The Gad about Girls will start meeting again in March.

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# Flat Iron Exchange strong under new management

BY BILL LOCKWOOD  
The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The funny-looking building at the south end of Bellows Falls Square, narrow in the front and wide at the rear, became known as the flat iron building. It was named after the famous similarly shaped building in New York City. It reminded people of the shape of irons before electrical appliances.

For the past few years, the building has been a gourmet coffee shop like the kind that abound in our big cities. People can get a variety of drinks as well as the specialty coffees and baked goods. Some sit with their laptops or other devices just like in the big city, but the rest of the setting is definitely Bellows Falls.

It has become a popular gathering place as well as a gallery for local artists and artisans. The shop has been known as The Flat Iron Exchange since Jana Bryan took it over about five years ago. This past September, ownership was taken over by Diana Jones, a native of Bellows Falls. She has carried over much of what Bryan created there.

Jones says she loves that it is “comfortable.” Jones says she wanted a business she could always do, “and this is it... It fits me perfectly... I will stay here forever.”

Jones has a background in restaurant work. Her sister, Jenni-



New owner Diana Jones and manager Tad Detrich behind the counter at the Flat Iron Exchange.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

fer, owned The Happy Cat Café in town a number of years ago, and Jones worked there. She has worked in other local eateries as well. Jones is active member of the community. She is a board member of the Bellows Falls Historical Society. She says of Bellows Falls, “We are so many steps ahead of where we were before.”

Jones, once a regular there herself, says, “We have a mix of everything which is essential for a business like this.” There are more regulars in the morn-

ing, including Jones’ father, and, as the day goes on, more customers are those who are just passing through.

Another feature of the building’s uniqueness is that in 2000 Rockingham Arts and Museum Project painted a mural depicting the Square at the turn of the century, 1899-1900, on the exterior rear wall where motorists see it just before driving into the Square of today. Some of the paint is now peeling, and there is definitely talk of a “spruce up” in the future.

In addition to monthly art displays, Flat Iron Exchange also hosts a knitting group on Thursdays and presents jazz on Saturday nights. Jones hopes to expand those activities as well as providing “grab and go” food for lunches.



Rear of the Flat Iron Exchange and the Bellows Falls Square beyond, showing the 2000 mural that depicts the Square about 100 years before.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

# SRCC hosts Candidates Night

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – As an ongoing tradition, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Candidates Night forum, giving locals an opportunity to meet Selectboard and School Board candidates. This year’s event, open to the public, will be held at The Hartness House Tuesday,

Feb. 26, starting at 6 p.m.

Incumbent Stephanie (Gibson) Thompson, former selectman George T. McNaughton, and Judith A. Stern are running for one open three-year seat on the Selectboard. Two incumbents, Jeanice Garfield and Michael R. Griffin Jr., along with Chuck Gregory and Judith

A. Stern are competing for two three-year seats on the School Board. Attendees are encouraged to come prepared with questions for the candidates to prompt lively discussions about important issues.

For more information, contact the chamber at 802-885-2779 or caitlin@springfieldvt.com.

# Calling employers to annual River Valley Employment Fair

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The River Valley Workforce Investment Board is hosting the 2019 River Valley Employment Fair Wednesday, April 10 at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt. If you are seeking employees to sustain and grow your business, now is your chance to register for this great event. We expect an average of 250 job seekers – in addition to students from six sending schools – from Windsor, Windham, and Sullivan, N.H. counties.

This event is free to the public. Representatives from area employers, employment agencies, and educational organizations will have tables set up and will be available to talk to prospective employees about the career opportunities and programs they offer. Windsor County and surrounding area residents of all ages and various employment levels will be able to look for full or part-time jobs and look ahead to explore careers pathways and the training needed to pursue them.

This year’s Employment Fair has a dual-focus, offering opportunities for job-

seekers who are unemployed and also for those who are under-employed who would like to explore training, professional development opportunities, or simply find a better job.

The 2019 River Valley Employment Fair is brought to you by the River Valley Workforce Investment Board in partnership with River Valley Technical Center, Creative Workforce Solutions, Vermont Department of Labor, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Springfield Regional Development Corporation.

Please join us at this year’s event Wednesday, April 10, at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt. and make workforce the connections you

need! Employer table registration, jobseeker resources, and detailed information can be found by calling Derek Williams at 802-885-8302 or by visiting [www.rivervalleyemploymentfair.org](http://www.rivervalleyemploymentfair.org).

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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# MedQuest 2019, health careers exploration for high school students

REGION – Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center is pleased to announce that applications are open for the 2019 MedQuest programs. This program is for southern Vermont high school students currently in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are interested in pursuing a career in health care. Students will explore a variety of health care careers through job shadowing, workshops, and other activities. With the help of volunteer professionals in the hospital and medical community, students see health

care in action and get an insider's look at rewarding health career opportunities. Students will also obtain CPR certification as part of the program. Students experience campus life in the company of new friends and graduate-level health professions students who serve as staff.

Interested students in grades 10, 11, and 12 must submit an application and two references. Application information is available at [www.svtahec.org](http://www.svtahec.org). The deadline to apply is Friday, March 1.

This is a competitive application process. Scholarships are available. Please contact Southern VT AHEC at 802-885-2126 for more information.

Southern VT AHEC is a nonprofit organization with a volunteer board of directors from Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor counties. SVAHEC works in partnership with the Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at the University of Vermont.

# AAUW holds scholarship fundraiser

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Brattleboro branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a fundraiser for its scholarship program Friday, March 1 at the Vermont

Welcome Center in Guilford. Baked goods, hot dishes, bagels, and sandwiches will be available by donation for travelers heading north, which will help fund the \$4,000 in scholarships the group awards annually to undergraduate women and mature women returning to higher education.

Applications for the scholarships are available by contacting high school guidance counselors, college financial aid officers, [grussgot@sover.net](mailto:grussgot@sover.net), or writing J. Ambler, 77 Lowry Rd., Guilford, VT 05301. The deadline is March 15.

Graduating high school seniors and mature women are eligible to apply. Mature woman must be 22 years or older, have been residents of Windham

County for at least two years, and starting or continuing undergraduate studies, full or part time, in an accredited two- or four-year college degree program or an accredited one-year certificate program for 2019-2020.

Now in its 93rd year, the Brattleboro branch is part of a national organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Further information is available on the Brattleboro AAUW Facebook page.

# Tree and shrub sale, 2019 –

CHESTER, Vt. – Don't let the realities of snow and ice prevent planning for the upcoming gardening months. Consider adding an excellent, hardy tree or shrub that must be ordered by April 1 through Chester Townscape.

Chester Townscape is well known for its beautification efforts in the town of Chester, Vt., that started several years ago with the installation of flower planters in strategic public places to increase community appeal for visitors, residents, and businesses. Now the gardeners at Chester Townscape are encouraging people to buy and plant especially chosen trees and shrubs that will provide multi-seasonal interest via reliable, hardy specimens. Proceeds from the sale will support Townscape's public landscaping projects while providing landowners with the opportunity to beautify their own properties with good-size, proven specimens at below regular retail prices. The two specimens offered this year are *Amelancier Canadensis* "Autumn Brilliance" and *Hydrangea paniculata* "Limelight".

To take advantage of the sale, orders must be placed and paid for by April 1. Buyers will be notified of the exact date to pick up the plants at Sunshine Acres Nursery at 1824 VT Route 11E in Chester, Vt., but the expected time for pick-up is the first week in May.

Either one of these plants would make a wonderful present for Mother's or Father's Day, birthdays, anniversaries, housewarming

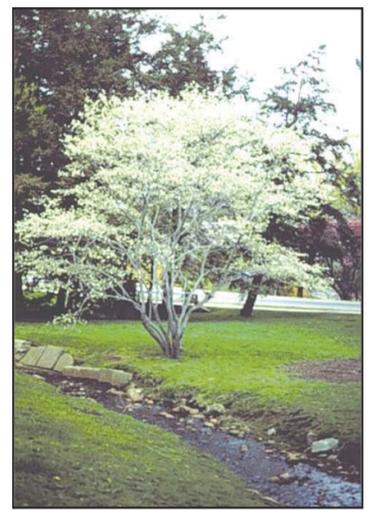
celebrations, and so on. If a plant is to be given as a gift, Chester Townscape will send a card describing the tree or shrub that the giver can send to the lucky recipient.

*Amelancier Canadensis*, "Autumn Brilliance"

This small, hardy, multi-trunked, deciduous tree offers yearlong interest. Distinctive pale lines on the silver-gray bark are said to resemble shad. Profuse apple-like white blossoms in elongated clusters appear before the leaves in early spring when the shad swim upstream to spawn. The edible fruit – a favorite of birds and mammals – turns red and ripens to black. Fall leaf color is yellow-orange to red. The tree does well in wet or ordinary garden soils and in full sun or light shade. A true low-maintenance plant, it requires little pruning or fertilizing. Zone 4. Grows 15-20 feet tall, but can be pruned to 10-15 feet. Size offered is 4-5 feet tall.

*Hydrangea paniculata*, "Limelight"

One of the most hardy hydrangeas, this vigorous, low-maintenance shrub features showy blossoms held upright on sturdy stems for great cut or dried flowers. Blossoms start creamy white with chartreuse-lime highlights that age to rose before fading to beige. Flowers bloom July-September, persist well into the fall, and attract butterflies. Dark green leaves turn red in the fall. Tolerant



Shadbush in flower.

PHOTO PROVIDED

of hard pruning and soil PH. Grows best in organically rich, well-drained soil in full sun or light shade. Perfect as a specimen shrub, in mass plantings, or in a shrub border. Zone 3. Grows 6-8 feet tall and wide, but is best pruned to 5-6 feet tall and wide. Size offered per shrub is 24-30 inches tall.

For a detailed order form or more information, contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or [lbwillisct@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillisct@comcast.net) or log onto [www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.html](http://www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.html) and look for the link to the form. Black-and-white forms are also available at Erskine's Feed & Grain and the Whiting Library in Chester. A check should be made out to tax-exempt Chester Community Alliance, marked "CT Tree Sale" in the memo line, and mailed to P.O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143 before April 1, 2019.

# One Credit Union doubles the size of its 2019 scholarship program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Brett Smith, president and CEO of One Credit Union, announced the 2019 Scholarship Program. Each year, the credit union awards six scholarships to qualified high school seniors looking to continue their education. To qualify, applicants

must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better, demonstrate financial need, and be eligible for membership at One Credit Union. Candidates also submit a 300-word essay explaining their experience with teamwork and community building, something One Credit Union is pas-

sionate about.

"Continuing education is important, be it collegiate or vocational," said Smith. "We understand financing it is no easy task, and we are here to help our members. This year, One Credit Union is doubling

down on its investment in our future leaders, increasing the 2019 Scholarships to \$1,000 each!"

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# Save the date for special Memorial Day parade

LUDLOW, Vt. – Mark your calendars for Monday, May 27 for a special Memorial Day parade to mark the 100th anniversary of the American Legion and welcome home all our veterans. The parade and Memorial Day ceremonies will be in Ludlow, Vt. and are open to all veterans and all communities. Plans for the parade are shap-



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**Thursdays**  
Irish Session 6:30 - 8:30 pm

ing up. Input and ideas are still needed from the community for:

- Marching band – local high schools are not available – or a military band
- Buglers to play taps
- Military vehicles of any type
- Convertibles or antique cars to transport veterans who prefer not to march
- Horse and buggies
- Community groups who'd like to march to show their spirit and support of veterans

Please contact Gary Macintyre, U.S. Navy serving mid-1960s, with ideas and suggestions at [gmac1025@gmail.com](mailto:gmac1025@gmail.com) or 802-228-7178.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

## Bang your head

Below is a Vermont Tribune newspaper clipping I found in Ted Spaulding's donation. The Vermont Tribune was a newspaper printed in Ludlow. The first story would date to about 1919-1925.

### "MAN OF 76 RECOVERS FROM SEVERE INJURY"

"Sylvester Fuller, 76, who suffered painful and serious injuries December 22, when his head was caught in the press at the Black River Woolen Mill, is making a remarkable recovery in spite of the fact that at the time of the accident it was thought his injuries might prove fatal.

"Mr. Fuller's skull above the left ear was crushed in, making a hole through which the brain could be seen and pieces of bone were removed from the brain. The accident occurred late in the afternoon. The patient did not lose consciousness during the whole time. The next day Dr. Marshall of Rutland was called, and after an examination, offered but little more hope for the patient's recovery than had the local physician. Practically all the hope entertained was 'there is a chance.' To keep the wound clean was all that could be done, but Mr. Fuller, taking 'a chance' is, as has already been said, making a remarkable recovery.

"Mr. Fuller will be 77 in April. This case is almost parallel with one recorded in the Vermont Journal printed in Windsor, March, 1859, although it cannot be said that Mr. Fuller shows any marked change in characteristics or habits, from which we take the following:

Man's Brains Knocked Out Yet He Still Lives.

"(Copied from Vermont Journal, printed at Windsor, VT., March 5, 1859.)

"The Eau Claire (Wis.) Telegraph narrates the fol-



Ludlow Woolen Mill 1869.

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lowing singular case of surgery. The case is that of James Campbell, a laborer in the employ of George C. Irvine, Esq., of Dunn County, whose brains were literally knocked out by the falling of a tree, some six weeks ago, and strange to say, he is not only still living, but has regained all his faculties, and bids fair to recover his usual sound health. Dry Crocker of Dunnville, the surgeon in attendance, thus describes the case: 'I found the patient lying insensible, with a large hole broken into the left side of the skull just over the ear - both the left frontal and parietal bones shattered, and two pieces, one an inch and a half by two inches square driven completely into the brain, and portions of the brain protruding. After removing the fragments of the bone, I then removed three-fourths of a wine glass of brain, in conjunction with three pieces of the tree, which had also been driven quite into his head. From the first there was a copious discharge of thin water from the ear, of course through the Eustachian tube. I considered the case hopeless, as for several days after the first dressing the brain continued to ooze out and pieces as large as a walnut sloughed off before the wound began to cicatrize. The case presents also a remarkable mental phenomenon which will interest phrenologists. The patient, before the

accident, was never known to sing or whistle a tune in his life, but no sooner was he able to speak than he began to sing with perfect correctness, and now displays a taste for music amounting to a passion."

### Response from Hotel Fullerton story

Some readers might find this little tidbit interesting. My story last week was about the Hotel Fullerton burning in 1920. When The Vermont Journal put that story online, I sent it to Robin Rowell Smith. I did so because a couple years ago Robin donated many of her Rowell family items to the Chester Historical Society. She lives in Maryland.

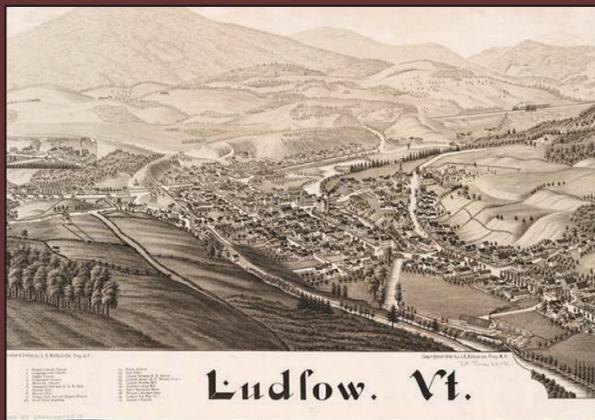
The photo I used for that article was donated by Robin. She was pleased to read about her grandfather John Rowell.

Her reply: "Wow Ron. Very cool article! Thanks for sharing. My father's nurse rescued him from the fire/he was almost two. Do you know where my grandfather's desk is??"

Take care, Robin" Robin's father being rescued by the family nurse was news to me. It's fun for me to ferret out these obscure bits of history.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society will be Thursday, Feb. 28. Our meetings are held at Chester Town Hall during the winter. Meetings start at 7 p.m. and all are welcome. Following our business meeting, we will have our monthly slide-show of old photos. This month will be photos donated by Ted Spaulding.

This week's old saying is from Groucho Marx. "I have had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it."



Ludlow, Vt.

Ludlow from the 1885 Burleigh Litho.

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## Wolfgang Mieder to present "Let Us Have Faith That Right Makes Might"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wolfgang Mieder will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, Feb. 26. "Let Us Have Faith That Right Makes Might" 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.

Mieder will give us an historical perspective about proverbial rhetoric in decisive moments of American politics. He'll discuss the effective uses of proverbs in the political fray over the past three centuries. Some truly remarkable proverbial utterances by Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Harry S. Truman, Frederick Douglass, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush and Barack Obama will serve to illustrate that proverbs can obtain incredible importance in political rhetoric that goes far beyond the almost subconscious use of seemingly mundane proverbs. There can be no doubt that proverbs as strategically used folk wisdom continue to be significant communicative devices that deserve close scrutiny.

Professor Wolfgang Mieder is Distinguished Professor of Ger-

man and Folklore at the University of Vermont. From 1977 until 2008, he was the chairperson of the department of German and Russian. He was honored by the Pitre International Folklore Prize, the European Fairy Tale Prize, the Lifetime Scholarly Achievement Award from the American Folklore Society, and honorary doctorate degrees from the universities of Athens and Bucharest. He is the author of numerous books, among them "Dictionary of American Proverbs," "Proverbs Are Never Out of Season: Popular Wisdom in the Modern Ages," "The Politics of Proverbs: From Traditional Wisdom to Proverbial Stereotypes," "Making a Way Out of No Way: Martin Luther King's Sermonic Proverbial Rhetoric," "Proverbs Are the Best Policy: Folk Wisdom and American Politics," and "Yes We Can: Barack Obama's Proverbial Rhetoric."

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. 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 two weeks later March 12, and will be "J.S. Bach, Genius or Pop Star" with Erik Nielsen. He will tell us about the composer and we'll listen to the power and beauty of his music.

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](http://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.

## Andrews Inn oral history project and opening reception

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The public is invited to the opening reception of the Andrews Inn Oral History Project at the Rockingham Library Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Andrews Inn was a gay disco, bar, hotel, restaurant, co-counseling site, and community space on the Square in downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., from 1973-1984. Originally started by John Moisis, in the building owned by his parents at the time, Thom Herman and Jeremy Youst bought Andrews Inn and took over ownership and daily operation in 1979. In their first year, Herman and Youst

contended with an anti-gay parade and thousands of dollars in broken plate glass windows. The inn's history brings to light the complex crosscurrents of the '70s and early '80s and the power of shared social space in defining personal and collective identities.

The Andrews Inn Oral History Project emerged from a rich collaboration between Green Mountain Crossroads, Marlboro College, and Vermont Performance Lab that was hatched in the spring of 2015. Since that time, GMC continued researching and interviewing those who frequented Andrews.

Part of the impetus behind

their collaboration and the oral history project is to address the tension between visibility and obscured existence present in the legacy of rural LGBTQ people in Vermont and throughout the U.S. We are thrilled to share this critical LGBTQ history with the broader public.

This program is free and open to the public. The library is wheelchair accessible. For accessibility questions, please call in advance. For more information, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-436-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

## Bellows Falls Historical Society

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Historical Society has now moved its office and archival space from Bridge Street to the Arms Block, 31 Westminster St. The Adams Grist Mill will open in the spring, and we hope to bring the exhibits there to the next level soon. There will be a grand opening some time in March.

Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 176, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. We also have a new website in addition to our Facebook page: [www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org).



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# opinion

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The community that is served by Springfield Hospital and SMCS will be greatly affected by the direction that is taken after this crisis is averted. Having been on the Hospital Board, I remember specifically when and why we became a Critical Access Hospital. It was also specifically stated that at any time we could stop becoming a CAH because we were licensed for 64 beds and that was not changing. I also remember the discussions with Sen. Bernie Sanders about developing the FQHC – better known as the Springfield Health Center in the old Fellows building.

Currently the hospital is in an emergency situation as expenses have skyrocketed and the financials call for drastic action. A very capable team is in place working hard to solve the immediate need. Our hospitals survival is paramount. But what is the goal after the dust settles?

There are eight CAHs in Vermont. Two of them, Acutney and Grace Cottage, have been excluded from the following statistics because of their low volumes. Separating Springfield from the other five, we have two groups to compare. The following statistics are taken from the GMCB, Healthcare VERMONT, and hospital data for the year 2016 [for Springfield Hospital and CAHs, respectively].

- Average daily acute care census: 23/14
- Admissions: 1,954/1,462
- Acute patient days: 8,442/6,071
- Emergency room visits:

16,750/12,933

- Outpatient labs: 37,299/24,776
- Population of service area: 40,000/27,000

SMCS also includes a mental health facility in Bellows Falls. Back when the emergency situation in Waterbury happened, we did not offer an expansion plan to this facility due to the restrictions of Critical Access. We did know that we were able to add beds at a tenth of the cost that other facilities were proposing.

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center is running at a very high capacity. Area hospitals including Springfield often transfer patients to DHMC. If they are full, hospitals have to transfer sometimes out of state to Massachusetts. DHMC's Child Birth Center runs close to full capacity.

My point is this community is actually in need of a larger medical facility. Not the physical structure. Our expenses outweigh our revenue because our fixed costs are taking care of facilities built for a 40 or 50 patient capacity but are getting revenue on 18. The volume as shown is much greater than any other CAH. Springfield's volume is actually closer to Bennington and Brattleboro.

In the near future our facility will have to: reopen the entire Medical Surgical floor for patients; expand the Operating Room hours and procedures; increase the Bellows Falls Mental Health beds from 10 to 15 and then to 20 when demand calls; increase the physician staff

and nursing staff accordingly; keep the Child Birth Center open with OBGYN services and marketing.

The Green Mountain Care Board needs to be more concerned about the community healthcare needs not to cut costs at the expense of good health care. They deserve part of the responsibility for what is happening to other hospitals around the state as well as Springfield.

Our healthcare system needs to expand not shrink to deliver good health care. The physicians, nurses, and other healthcare workers are being run ragged and burning out. It shows in turnover. Under your watch, Governor, we can build a very good health care delivery system or you can let the system shrink to an emergency room with a clinic and leave the problem for another governor and the lack of healthcare to our community. The latter is unacceptable.

Citizens who are served by Springfield Hospital need to speak up and be heard. Call your representatives, senators, governor, and the Green Mountain Care Board. We need to fight for our hospital. Otherwise, we will be traveling a hundred miles for care. Obviously, this is just my opinion.

Gerald Mittica  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The 2019 Springfield Winter Carnival was a huge success! We had great live music with Ben Fuller Music on Friday night and HeartFire on Saturday night. The sliding hills and pond were full of families sliding and skating all day and well into the night Saturday. Our cardboard sled competition had 18 entries, and we had eight brave kayak racers! Troy Wunderle and his Big Top Circus Adventures, All-for-One's games and hot chocolate, and awesome face painting by Mona Frye and Heidi Schroeder supplied great entertainment indoors as well. Our hosts, Crown Point Country Club, satisfied the appetites with a full menu of great food all weekend long. Saturday night's

bonfire and fireworks show were spectacular! Our snowman competition leading up to the event was also a big success, with a record number of quality entries.

Once again, we would like to take a moment and thank all the sponsors that helped make this great event possible and free to the public.

Our title sponsors Kelley Sales and Service and Atlas Pyrovision, as well as IVEK, Cota and Cota Oil, Crown Point Country Club, Biben's Ace Hardware, Red House Press, ARC Mechanical Contractors Inc., Members Advantage Community Credit Union Springfield, Crown Point Excavation LLC, HB Energy Solutions, WCFR and their live

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We can't wait for next year!

Christian Craig  
Andy Blydyka  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

It's been more than a month since I returned to the Statehouse to serve my second term in the House of Representatives. It was great to get back where the place was abuzz with activity – greeting colleagues, discussing issues, and settling in for a busy 2019 session.

One of the first things I noticed were a lot of new faces in the House chamber. Out of the 150 House members, 40 were newly elected. Although the Democrats were the majority party in the House for the past two years, now they hold a veto-proof majority, as does the Senate. So, what does this mean for the 2019 session?

This brings a new balance of power between the Republican governor and the Democratically controlled House and Senate. Also, the Legislature should see more of a willingness to collaborate plus a more conciliatory tone from Gov. Scott and his administration.

Gov. Scott issued 11 vetoes in last year's session. We anticipate that many of these vetoed issues will rise again in the new session, including \$15 minimum wage and paid family leave. The governor has already introduced a version of paid family leave in response to the expected House version.

Dear Editor,

The town of Springfield Budget Advisory Committee has completed their review of the budget as proposed for the 2019-2020 tax season. Tom Yennerell, our town manager, submitted a very tight budget with a suggested increase of just 0.5 percent. Our efforts, through a line-by-line analysis and discussions with department heads, yielded just a few additional suggestions re: further savings.

We also discussed a few warrant articles. The paving schedule as per the analysis written several years ago remains behind. The Selectboard debated

the issue and decided on an increase over last year's budget to help keep the schedule on track. An additional warrant article was added for downtown improvement, which was part of the overall budget last year. We feel it is important to maintain the momentum we have in our efforts to improve our downtown.

I would like to thank Tom Yennerell for his insight and help, as well as all the department heads who responded to our requests for additional information. I would also like to thank the members of the Bud-

Other initiatives that are generating interest include taxation and regulation of marijuana and e-cigarettes, state reproductive rights, and universal publicly financed health care.

I am glad to be serving again on the Agriculture and Forestry committee. We will be closely monitoring the impact that potential legislative changes may have on our dairy farms and on opportunities arising from a rapidly growing hemp industry here in Vermont.

Before I sign off, I'm honored to announce that Jessica Joy Lip-ton Pierce was chosen to serve as a Legislative Page from among 88 applicants from around the state. Jessica is in eighth grade and lives in Chester. She is very much involved in our local community and interested in politics and government. Congratulations, Jessica!

I welcome your questions, opinions, thoughts, or concerns on these and any legislative issues. You can contact me at [tblock@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:tblock@leg.state.vt.us) or feel free to call me at home Saturday through Monday at 802-875-2222. Always look forward to hearing from you.

Rep. Tom Block  
Windsor-3-1 District

Dear Editor,

The Gill Odd Fellows Home needs your help! It is time for us to ask the town and village of Ludlow to grant us a Property Tax Abatement again. You have voted this successfully for several years and we are very grateful. The Gill Home is located in both the village and the town, so we would have property taxes for both. We are on the ballots for both the town of Ludlow and the village of Ludlow, two separate votes.

The Gill Home is a home for the elderly and a skilled nursing facility for rehabilitation therapy

for adults who have had surgery or a stroke, or an accident resulting in a broken bone. We have served the Ludlow community since 1896, just celebrating our 123rd year. We are a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization.

Only Ludlow voters – town and village – can vote. Others of you who are not Ludlow voters but who want to help can encourage Ludlow voters to vote “yes” for us. Maybe your son or daughter, or other relatives/friends, live in Ludlow and you could encourage them to vote “yes.”

The voting dates are March 5 for the town vote and March 26 for the village vote. Polls are open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., or vote by Absentee Ballot.

You can help us by Voting “yes” on town voting day; and again voting “yes” on the village voting day. Thank you so much for any help you can give us. We appreciate it very much!

Theresa Southworth, administrator  
Gill Odd Fellows Home  
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is David Fuller and I write to ask the voters of Weathersfield for their vote March 5, 2019 for the three-year seat at the Selectboard. I have been a farmer in our community since 1977. I am proud to have served our town previously on the Selectboard and also on the School Board. My father served on this Board

before me and now I have encouraged my daughter, Kristen Brusio, to run for the School Board as well.

I could not agree more with the recent editorial written by Sen. Dick McCormick, who asked that everyone learn and engage in civics lessons with their town and school.

Our town has made some

interesting choices lately. The recent Fire Department consolidation plan that we will vote on has not been handled as has been presented. At this date, there is no agreement between all parties and, therefore, at best this proposal is incomplete.

I ask for your vote March 5, 2019 in Weathersfield.

David T. Fuller  
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Wow. Wow. WOW! This past week Hallie Whitcomb and I, as members of the Springfield Energy Committee, visited the River Valley Tech Center to explore how the carpentry program aligns with energy efficiency and conservation principles. Erin Hunter, the program teacher, and Scott Farr, the director of RVTC gave us a tour of the carpentry program. Then Scott Farr showed us some other programs at the center. As I recall, Hallie and I kept saying, “Wow, awesome, this is what we need!”

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, March 5, the town of Mount Holly will be voting for a new Selectboard member. We would like to express our support for candidate Jennifer Matthews. Jennifer has worked for three nonprofit organizations in the

Springfield is extremely fortunate to have this resource in our town. Everywhere we went we saw students actively engaged in their learning. Teachers were proud of their students and the way in which they learn how to work in teams. Discipline at the tech center is intrinsic and part of the students' character. Both instructors and the director have a connection to the community and to the industries in the region.

The visit had me thinking of our other educational facilities in town. Do you remember that

Moira Farnsworth, the guidance counselor at Riverside Middle School, received recognition for being the guidance counselor of the year in Vermont? Jenny Anderson, the school nurse at Springfield High School, likewise received recognition for being the school nurse of the year. Our two elementary schools work diligently to prepare students for middle school and beyond. Teachers work tirelessly to implement new programs and to be an important adult in their students' lives.

Springfield residents have a

lot to be proud of in our school system. We also have a lot of work to do to keep in place our programs, and to start bringing back programs we have lost. The school is the center of the community and to attract new residents and to build our community we need excellent schools and a strong curriculum.

Please vote “yes” for our school budget. Education is the building block of a strong, viable community.

Char Osterlund  
Springfield, Vt.

nifer Matthews would be an excellent addition to the current Mount Holly Selectboard and a benefit to our community.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

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### Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.

Sunday service and Sunday school is 10:30 a.m. As of March 1, 2019, services will start at 10 a.m. For more information, contact alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com or 603-835-6358.

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

### Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is handicap accessible. For more information, call 802-463-3100.

### Christ's Church, 24 Main St., Saxtons River

Sunday Service is 10 a.m. Service is followed by a potluck luncheon. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

## CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

### Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot St. Proctorsville

Join us for worship Sundays at 11 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. For more information, call 802-226-7967 or go to Facebook @GethsemaneVT.

## CHESTER, VT.

### Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m.

## David S. Harlow Sr., 1926-2019

LUDLOW, Vt. – David S. Harlow Sr. died peacefully Feb. 12, 2019 with his family by his side. David S. Harlow was born in Royalton, Vt., Nov. 9, 1926, the son of Carleton Harlow and Florena Vezina.



David S. Harlow Sr., 1926-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

He graduated from South Royalton High School in 1944, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Vermont in 1948, and a Master of Education in counseling from Boston University in 1963.

He married Marjorie Cowley in Pittsfield, Mass. Aug. 28, 1948. He is survived by his wife Marjorie; four children David S. Harlow Jr. of New Hampton, N.H., Elsie Carden of Hancock, Vt., Ann Rose of Mount Holly, Vt., Bret Harlow of Mount Holly, Vt.; and 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Carleton Harlow.

From 1948 to 1952, he taught social studies in Greensboro High School in Greensboro, Vt. From 1952 to 1957, he worked at Cone Automatic Machine Co. in Windsor and Jones & Lamson Machine Co. in Springfield, Vt. In 1957, he started work for the state of Vermont as a vocational rehabilitation counselor out of Springfield, Vt. He continued with the department of rehabilitation until his retirement in 1989.

In 1967, he and his wife Marjorie started and operated the Green Mountain Sugar House and gift shop until selling it to their daughter Ann and her

husband Douglas Rose in 1985. David was a member of and held office in a number of professional and civic organizations as well as serving in town government in both Sharon and Ludlow.

Both he and Marjorie enjoyed traveling, visiting all 50 states, all Canadian provinces with the exception of the Northwest Territories, and making five trips to Europe.

He enjoyed camping, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and trapping. On the quieter side, he liked to read and dabbled in writing.

There will be a celebration of his life in the late spring.

Ker-Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please go to www.phaneuf.net.

## Norman A. Stetson, 1929-2019

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Norman A. "Bud" Stetson, 89, of Atkinson Street died Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 at his home. Bud was born in Houlton, Maine, March 31, 1929, the son of George and Beatrice (Philbrook) Stetson. He attended school in Westminster West and worked at the paper mill in Putney and for many years as a roofer for Dexter Roofing. Bud was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and a former member of the Polish American Club, both of Bellows Falls.

Bud is predeceased by his first wife Freida Amidon and second wife Wynona Morrill. On March 29, 1990, he married Julia Mae Keck who survives. Also surviving are his sons Norman Jr., George and wife Lenita, and Richard and wife Donna; his daughters Ada Monette and

Cindy Richardson and husband Dennis; daughter-in-law Denise Stetson; stepson John F. Ellis and wife Virginia; stepdaughters Sandra Louise Sokantalie and Susan Jean Hernandez and husband Mario; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Besides his parents and first and second wives, Bud is predeceased by his son James, his brother Richard, his sisters Beatrice Shatney, Luella Rhoades, and Bessie Dunham, and his granddaughter Brandi Stetson.

There will be a graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 in the Walpole Cemetery, Walpole, N.H. A reception will follow the service at the Moose Family Center in Bellows Falls. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

### Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Sunday school at 9 a.m. for children and adults. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for toddlers through preschool. Youth group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Parking is on the street or in the lot at the rear of the building. Wheelchair accessible. Call 802-875-2638. Email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org or visit www.chesterbaptist.org.

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## LUDLOW, VT.

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Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Music Ministry, coffee and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with nursery care provided. Evening Praise service is at 6:30 p.m. Prayer meetings and Bible study are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann calling 802-228-7600.

## Doris E. Clark, 1925-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Doris E. Clark, 93, passed away Thursday morning, Feb. 14, 2019 at the Geneses Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. She was born June 6, 1925 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Burnam and Mary C. Snide. She attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School.

On Nov. 5, 1966, she married Milton J. Clark. He predeceased her May 13, 2012.

Doris loved music, especially country music, and enjoyed flower gardening. Her grandchildren were the love and light of her life.

She is survived by one daughter Donna Albanese of Johnstown, N.Y.; one son Frederick Clark of Springfield, Vt.; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother Irvin Snide; three sisters Mildred Smith, Violet Johnson, and Laura Robertson; also by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service will be held at noon, Friday, May 10,



Doris E. Clark, 1925-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

2019 at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Malcolm Fowler, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, in Springfield will officiate.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or at www.cancer.org.

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

## Mary C. Szuch, 1929-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mary Caroline Szuch, 90, passed away Feb. 17, 2019 at the Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vt. She was born Feb. 1, 1929 in Westminster, Vt., to Jadwiga and Michael Narkiewicz of Poland.

Caroline grew up on the Narkiewicz Farm in Westminster with her nine siblings. She often spoke lovingly of family life there – using a machine to hand-roll cigarettes for her father, milking cows with her brothers Jacob and Edward, riding horses named Dan and Lady, Dolly, and Peggy. She attended classes at a one-room schoolhouse on Pine Banks Road.

She is predeceased by her parents Jadwiga and Michael; brothers Jacob, Henry, John, and Joseph Narkiewicz; and sisters Helen Atkins and Delia Mack. Her husband Paul Szuch passed away in 1998.

She is survived by sisters Frances Hutcheson of Louisville, Ky. and Theresa Schneider of Tilton, N.H. and her brother Edward Narkiewicz of Port St. Lucie, Fla. Also surviving Caroline are many nieces, nephews, and her good friend Kathy Golec.

Caroline lived for many years in North Walpole, N.H. She was a parishioner at St. Peter Catho-



Mary C. Szuch, 1929-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

lic Church. She enjoyed family gatherings at Putney Summit Restaurant, fishing, photography, attending church, going for car rides, and spending time with family and friends. Caroline was known for her love of horses; horse statues and pictures of horses adorned her room. At Springfield Rehab, activities such as bingo and sing-alongs gave her great pleasure. She was a frequent bingo winner!

Thank you to everyone at Springfield Rehab for the professional and nurturing care given to Caroline. Thank you also to the loving staff at Sterling House.

Service times will be announced at a later date.

## WESTON, VT.

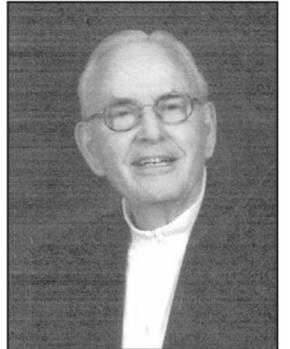
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## Robert C. Follette Jr., 1925-2019

S. HADLEY, Mass. – Robert C. Follette Jr. died Feb. 12, 2019 at Wingate at South Hadley, Mass., his residence for the last three years. He was born June 9, 1925 in Jamaica, Vt., to Robert C. and Muriel (Grout) Follett of Townshend, Vt. His father, a dairy farmer, was invited to the University of Connecticut to consult on farming practices. The family went to Watertown, Conn., where Robert graduated from high school in 1943. Soon after, the family returned to Vermont and began farming in North Springfield, Vt.



Robert C. Follette Jr., 1925-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Music and drama were interests he pursued throughout his life. Robert enjoyed being part of productions at the Weston Playhouse in Weston, Vt. He chose to attend the New England Conservatory in Boston, but determined that he would like to have a more lucrative career. He left the conservatory and farming behind. On a visit to Chebeague Island, Maine, he decided on a whim to invest in Island View, a seasonal inn. With his partner, Alexander Morton, they entertained many summer guests over 15 years. In 1964, they sold the inn and joined the staff at Amherst College where they worked for 25 years. Robert was a longtime resident of Belchertown, Mass. During that time, Robert enjoyed singing with the Hampshire Choral Society and the Pioneer Valley Chorus and Orchestra.

Robert was an outgoing, delightful, very kind, and generous person with a fine sense of humor and a hearty laugh. His

many visitors in recent years are an indication of the joy he brought to so many. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Jean Willard of North Springfield, Vt., and his partner Alexander Morton. He is survived by two nieces, two nephews, and several loyal, thoughtful friends. Robert appreciated the people who supported him throughout his life and in recent years. His family is grateful for the kindness of his closest friends and for the caring support provided by the staff at Wingate at South Hadley in recent years.

Arrangements are in the care of Douglass Funeral Services in Amherst, Mass. As Robert requested, a private memorial service will be held later at the family's discretion. Memorial donations may be made to The Weston Playhouse, c/o Director of Development, Weston Playhouse, 703 Main St. Weston, VT 05161 or at www.westonplayhouse.org.

## Marion Munson, 1926-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Marion Munson, 93, passed away peacefully Feb. 12, 2019 at the Geneses Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. after a short illness. She was born in Springfield, Vt. Jan. 18, 1926, the daughter of George and Charlotte (Wright) Snide.

Marion was predeceased by her husband Richard E. Munson in 1975. She had 13 siblings and is survived by one sister Olive LeBrun of Chester, Vt. Survivors also include her two daughters Sophia Green and her husband David of Chester, Vt. and Donna Mae Peck of Barton, Vt.; three sons Richard P. Munson of Colorado, Rodney and Reginald Munson of Springfield, Vt.; a special close friend Gail Farrar of Ascutney, Vt.; six grandchildren;

four great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Also by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends of her sons, who have great memories, as they were all treated as her own. She was "Mom" to many.

Marion loved being with people, dancing, going to yard sales, eating out, having a good time, or just sitting and visiting.

Services will be held at the North Springfield Baptist Church in the spring and will be announced at that time.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Geneses Health & Rehab Center, 105 Chester Rd., Springfield, VT 05156.

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

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# Sanders holds roundtable discussion with State of the Union essay finalists

MONTPELIER, Vt. – U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) held a roundtable discussion at the Vermont State House on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16, with the 20 finalists of his ninth annual State of the Union essay contest. The contest gives Vermont high school students an opportunity to describe which issues they would prioritize if they were president.



Sanders holds a roundtable discussion with the State of the Union essay finalists.

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“Each year, I look forward to this lively and spirited conversation. We all should be so proud of our students. Once again, they have done a remarkable job sharing their thoughts about some of the most challenging issues facing the United States,” said Sanders, who serves on the Senate education committee.

This year, 590 students from 50 Vermont high schools throughout Vermont submitted 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. She is the first freshman ever to win the essay contest. “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 wrote in her winning essay.

Sanders entered the 20 finalists’ essays into the Congressional Record – the official archive of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives – and presented each student with a framed copy at Saturday’s event.

Since Sanders began the State of the Union essay contest, thousands of Vermont students have written essays on a wide range of important issues.

“This essay contest is just one small way to engage our students to identify problems and develop solutions to those problems. That’s what democracy is all about,” Sanders said.

# Tips for a smooth tax season

**StatePoint** – Though Tax Day happens every year, it still seems to take many Americans by surprise. This year, don’t miss the deadline or let this crucial to-do loom large over your head.

To have a smooth tax season, consider the following.

**Getting started early**

If you can, get a head start on your taxes. Filing early is a good tactic for anyone, but particularly those with evolving or complex financial circumstances. Not only will doing so help you prevent the anxiety that comes with procrastination, you’ll receive your refund early – if you’re due one – or give yourself time to prepare to pay any owed taxes.

**Relying on old tricks**

When it comes to tax preparation, sometimes using old-school methods is the best way to go. Whether you are just getting started on crunching those numbers or you’re finalizing all the information, a printing calculator like Casio’s HR-170RC includes features that can aid in tax preparation and submission. This model also has some newer tools, like a built-in tax feature that lets you store a frequently used rate and pull it up at will,



Make your tax return process as smooth as possible. STOCK PHOTO

slicing your calculation times by an impressive margin. Other functions include a reprint key, a check function to scroll up to 150 steps of previous calculations, a grand total function for quick correction of mis-entries, currency exchange calculations and cost, sell, margin calculations.

**Doing research**

The list of what is tax deductible is more extensive than you might realize, so do your research. Keeping good records throughout the year of your expenditures can help you take advantage of these opportunities.

**Having a refund plan**

Don’t just let your checking account absorb your tax refund only to spend it on an impulse buy. Whether you invest the money in your retirement, sock it safely away for a rainy day, or put it towards the purchase of a big-ticket item, such as the down payment of a house, having a plan for your tax refund can help you make the most of the money.

This year, have a fuss-free tax season. With a little planning, you can file your taxes efficiently, without headache and at the greatest benefit to your finances.

# “Introduction to Drawdown” at Grafton Public Library

GRAFTON, Vt. – Local farmer and activist Laurel Green will lead a two-hour workshop called “Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown” Wednesday, March 6, from 6-8 p.m., at the Grafton Public Library. This workshop is designed to shift the conversation around global warming and is useful to anyone interested in climate crisis issues. It is meant to give people an encouraging place to stand and a clear idea of what actions they can take to contribute to reversing global warming. Laurel would like to have young people and adults of all ages participate.



Take the “Reversing Global Warming” workshop in Grafton. STOCK PHOTO

The workshop, developed by the Pachmama Alliance in collaboration with Project Drawdown, includes several short videos, listening exchanges, and group activities. A handout with 100 Drawdown Solutions will be available to take home. “Introduction to Drawdown” fits well with the local climate actions groups such as 350 Vermont, Planet A, and Living

Earth Action Group. For more information about this program, which is free and open to the public, please contact librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org, call 802-843-2404, or stop by the library at 204 Main Street in Grafton.

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My way of making new people friends is I first lock eyes with them, encouraging them to come over and pet me. Then, I slowly move out to introduce myself. And, that’s how I make friends! I’m also very playful and can be found playing with all the toys and my feline friends. I’m really excited to meet my new family and to find a home of my very own. If you’ve been thinking it’s time to expand your very own family by one super-friendly and sweet cat, stop in and meet me today!

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## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Long before the last few full moons, it was always ladies before gentlemen. Then the world got all twisted up.

In both New Hampshire and Vermont this winter, it is once again ladies before gentlemen. The state basketball tournaments are competed in a female first procedure.

It is only fitting that Fall Mountain kicks off all the fun. They began play first. They had their opener in November this winter, and Wednesday night they begin all the postseason excitement with the tournament opener versus the Campbell Camels at 7 p.m. in Langdon.

Playing in Langdon is a big thing. The Wildcats are undefeated in the Wildcat Den. It is a very difficult place to play. I know this. I've coached there. In some ways it is a great place to coach or play, especially if you are coaching or playing for the Wildcats.

Coach Matthew Baird-Torney's team has beaten "the top three seeds this season and would not see them until a neutral court game," meaning the Final Four. Conant is top seed at 16-2, Newfound was second sitting 15-3, as was Monadnock, who was third. The Lady Wildcats were fourth with a 14-4 mark. Fall Mountain played one of the toughest schedules in the state. The good news is they went 3-2 head to head with those top three teams. The bad news is they lost three of their last five, but that's the way the schedule went, as they played several tough games at the end of the season on the road.

Baird-Torney's team was 10-0 at one time and 12-1 a little later. The most important thing is the coach feels good about his team. He relayed to me that, "The girls have had a goal all season of reaching SNHU and they remained determined and focused on achieving that goal. Although we are a young team, we feel that we have the leadership and teamwork necessary for a deep play-off run."

They beat Conant at home 53-50 but fell to them on the road in the next to last game of the season 55-34. They played second seed Newfound only once and defeated them on the road 45-30. Once again, they split with Monadnock, defeating them at home 56-41, before losing to them a short time later 48-37 on the road. The combined score versus the top three teams is close, 225 for Fall Mountain, 224 for those opponents.

Two seniors have been in the starting five most of the winter with Zoe Utton averaging 11.7 near the top of the pack in scoring, while the starting center Kendall McAllister has tossed in 6.6 points and been intangible in the middle. A pair of sophomores have added their share with Sophie Bardis contributing 7.9 points a game, while Morgan Beauregard tosses in 3.3 points and contributes in other ways. Freshman Avery Stewart leads the team in scoring with 11.9 a game. The top reserves are a pair of sophomores Shea Pickering (3.3) and Hillary Berry (1.6) and another freshman Makenna Grillone (3.6). The team averages 52.9 points a game while allowing 37.3 per contest.

If Fall Mountain wins the Wednesday night opening round game, they will return to the Wildcat Den Saturday evening at 7 p.m. to face a tough White Mountains team, which they will need that cherished home court advantage against. Fall Mountain is likely to be the one area basketball team who advances the furthest this winter.

### Oops, I've done it again

I have to confess. It was the 88-5-3 I got stuck on.

I don't ever remember any area team ever having a streak anything near to that. The 88-5-3 carried me away to forget other Bellows Falls programs who had achieved at a level of the Bellows Falls field hockey girls, in both times gone by and in recent years.

I wrote last week, "Again, this recognition is for the group of players who garnered the highest spot in Bellows Falls field hockey history, but the collective performance from 2012 through 2018 all has been part of a period of time unmatched by any other program in the school's history. Perhaps even not achieved by any program in Vermont sports history – except for maybe Mount Anthony wrestling."

Stop the presses. That statement is likely true if written 88-5-3 and its percentage of victories, but that's not what I said.

The dissenting parties who stood up for their teams deserve their credit and that credit is related to what they amassed over their seven-year stretches of Purple and White sports history.

When I called Tim Eno to apologize, my face was especially red. Eno had been slighted twice in my statement. Bellows Falls' current cross country and track coach was a member of three Terrier teams as a high school student who claimed Division I State Cross Country titles, during a stretch of success which saw Russ Pickering coached teams capture the top prize in Vermont, the Division I state title, six times in seven years, beginning in 1973 through 1979. Those teams had sensational records, but they competed in regional super races, which obscured their overall record at times.

Eno also is presently the coach of Bellows Falls track. The boys' team has collected an unprecedented six straight state titles and counting, and the girls' team is closing in on lofty numbers as well, with four titles in succession.

Obviously these amazing achievements in the running sports in Bellows Falls fall into a special category, which should not have been forgotten.

Sometimes the running sports are overlooked, I mentioned to Eno, who quickly replied, "You can say that again."

### Salute from coaches

When I contacted both Pickering and Eno to talk about getting carried away with the field hockey success at the expense of others, they both were more than obliging, especially because they both wanted Bethany Coursen to have more than her day in the sun with her accomplishments.

They both echoed the respect they had for the program she has built and accomplishments of her teams. They both were also taken in by the 88-5-3 mark. Bethany, this is still your time to be front and center stage.

### Gone, but hopefully not forgotten

Unfortunately, Pickering teams were much easier to misplace since even the most recent edition of the six titles in seven years streak was 40 years ago. I thought I would pass along to you the names of the athletes during that streak who actually placed in a



Springfield's Gabby Wardwell (33) is becoming a force under the boards and in the scoring column for the Springfield girls' basketball team. The Cosmo are currently a hefty 14-4 and in sixth place in the Vermont Division II standings. Also pictured are two other Cosmo contributors Ashley Chamberlin (left) and Hailey Perham (right). PHOTO BY DENISE HUNTER



Springfield's Noah Zierfus (12) and Jackson Brown of Bellows Falls (behind) are wishing the ball will go in or hoping for a rebound. The Terriers beat Springfield last Friday evening 69-45. PHOTO BY DENISE HUNTER



Bellows Falls' Ryan Kelly attempting to move the ball down the court versus Springfield. PHOTO BY DENISE HUNTER



Bellows Falls' Griffin Waryas attempting to add to the Terrier point total, while Owen Thibodeau defends in the Terriers' victory at Riverside. PHOTO BY DENISE HUNTER

scoring position for their teams. Many of these runners competed on more than one title team.

Those runners, in addition to Eno, were Duane Miller, Edward Fisher, Greg Francis, Joe Schultz, Andy Bernier, Jim Smidutz, Tom Smidutz, Fred Boggess, Kevin Lawrence, Lewis Smith, Tom Anderson, Art Schram, Chip Stearns, Aaron Schwab, Chuck Thurston, Paul Muzzey, Wayne Beam, Dave Dancosse, Gary Harrington, David Miller, Rick Angers, Matt Guild, Russell Wickberg, Bruce Brandon, Mike Nauceder, Tom Pickering, and Rob Thomas.

An interesting tidbit about the streak of this era is that 1978 is the year Bellows Falls did not collect a state title. They won six of seven years, but Burlington won the crown in 1978.

I mentioned Bellows Falls was a regular participant in Regional Super races and one of those was the regular running of the Our Lady Of Providence competition on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean in Warwick, R.I. This particular race was regularly attended by just not the top teams from the New England states, but also top teams from New York and New Jersey. The same type of competition attended the annual race in Van Cortland Park in New York City. The Terriers ran against top teams every fall.

The oddity about 1978 is that is the year that Bellows Falls won the Providence competition. They weren't good enough to capture the state that fall, but on one day in September, they beat every big team in the east. Go figure.

Pickering mentioned one of the biggest reasons for his team's success was "In the end, it wasn't the score that mattered. It was that we had done the best we can do, whether it was in a meet or in a practice. It wasn't ever taken for granted that we would win. The runners were expected to outwork every other team every day."

## Knights of Columbus free throw challenge winners

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Knights of Columbus, Council 7324, in Ludlow recently held their annual Basketball Free Throw Challenge at the Ludlow Community Center.

Nine boys and girls, ages 9-14, competed in the event. Participants shoot 15 free throws with the highest scorers advancing on to the district and state challenges.

Those scoring the highest this year and moving on to the Dis-

trict Challenge are Iris Tucker, Chloe Harkins, Nathan Nissenbaum, Colie Roby, Caden Benson, and Milo Tucker.

The District Free Throw, which encompasses all of Windsor County, will be held Sunday, March 3, at 11 a.m., Ludlow Community Center. Stop by to cheer on the participants. Thanks to Nick Miele and the Ludlow Recreation Department for all their assistance.



Free Throw 2019 challenge winners. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Champions again! Fall Mountain Unified Basketball goes 11-0

LANGDON, N.H. – Wow! What a wonderful 2018-19 season for the Fall Mountain Unified Varsity Wildcats. This was their second consecutive year going undefeated in their division. They're already taking a look at next year's season.

Coach Amanda Chamberlain commented, "We are losing three super skilled ball players: an athlete in Zach Blair who is a three-point shot wizard and two player partners, Mason Lantz and Hannah McCormick, who keep the game going – setting up plays and rebounding! They will be greatly missed."

This year brought in some real great barn burning games with Hinsdale, Keene, Newport, and



Fall Mountain Unified Basketball team. PHOTO PROVIDED

Stevens out of Claremont. They were definitely games worth attending from the spectators' point of view and, without a

doubt, from the players from both sides of the court.

Coach Smokey Aumand stated, "When you wanted to

enjoy and be a fan of a neck-and-neck game with huge three-pointers, tremendous team playing – assisting each other, bounce passing to open players, and looking to share in the glory of victory – you had to come out to a Fall Mountain Unified Basketball game this year."

These athletes now have played three seasons together and are looking for another big championship in 2019-20. The team is still a huge nucleus of outstanding players who can run, dribble, pass, rebound, and score like there's no tomorrow.

Watch out southwest New Hampshire because here we come!

## High school basketball schedule

REGION – Basketball games may change due to weather or other circumstances. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you have any sports news or photos from a recent game, submit them to editor@vermontjournal.com.

- THURSDAY, FEB. 21 –**
  - Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Black River @ Arlington 7 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Proctor 7 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Windsor @ Springfield 7 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Woodstock @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, FEB. 22 –**
  - Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Springfield @ Hartford 7 p.m.

- SATURDAY, FEB. 23 –**
  - Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Black River 2:30 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
- MONDAY, FEB. 25 –**
  - Boys Varsity Arlington @ Green Mountain 7 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Long Trail @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, FEB. 26 –**
  - Boys Varsity Arlington @ Black River 6:30 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Twin Valley 7 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Green Mountain 7 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Springfield @ Windsor 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 28 –**
  - Boys Varsity Twin Valley @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 1 –**
  - Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Twin Valley @ Leland & Gray 7 p.m.

# art & entertainment

## Stone Church Film presents “Young Picasso”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Stone Church Film in Bellows Falls, Vt., continues its series of Exhibitions on Screen with the newly released documentary, “Young Picasso,” Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Pablo Picasso is one of the greatest artists of all time – and right up until his death in 1973, he was the most prolific of artists. Many films have dealt with these later years: the art, the affairs, and the wide circle of friends. But where did this all begin? What made Picasso in the first place?

Too long ignored, it is time to look at the early years of Picasso; the upbringing and the learning that led to his extraordinary achievements. Three cities play a key role: Malaga, Barcelona, and Paris. “Young Picasso” visits each and explores their influence on Picasso, focusing on specific art-



“Young Picasso” at Stone Church. PHOTO PROVIDED

works from these early years. Exhibition on Screen is the originator and pioneer of bringing exhibition-based art films to the cinema. Looking carefully at two key early periods – the so-called Blue Period and Rose Period – this film about Picasso’s life takes us all the way

to 1907 and the creation of a critical painting in the history of art – Les Femmes d’Alger. It was a painting that shocked the art world but changed it irrevocably. Picasso was only 25 years old. Working closely with all three Picasso museums in Malaga, Barcelona, and Paris, this film explains how he rose to great heights.

Join Stone Church Film for the screening of the newly released Exhibition on Screen film, “Young Picasso,” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 in the chapel at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St., in Bellows Falls. Tickets are available in person at Village Square Booksellers, Phoenix Books Misty Valley, by phone at 802-460-0110, or online at [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

## Film challenges IQ testing, limits placed on people with intellectual disabilities

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – “Intelligent Lives,” a documentary by award-winning filmmaker Dan Habib, has its Springfield premiere at the Springfield Cinemas 3, Tuesday, Feb. 26.

“Intelligent Lives” stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities – Micah, Naieer, and Naomie – who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce. Academy Award-winning actor and narrator Chris Cooper contextualizes the lives of these central characters through the emotional story of his son Jesse, as the film unpacks the shameful and ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the U.S.

Lincoln Street Inc., Connections of Peer Support, and Green Mountain Self-Advocates host a screening of the new documentary “Intel-



Watch “Intelligent Lives” at Springfield Cinema 3. PHOTO PROVIDED

ligent Lives,” from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Following the screening, people with disabilities will facilitate a post-film discussion with the audience. The screening and discussion is free and open to the public.

“People with intellectual disabilities are the most segregated of all Americans,” Habib says. “Intelligent Lives” challenges what it means to be intelligent,

and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships.

For more information about Lincoln Street Inc. and Connections of Peer Support, please visit [www.lincolnstreetinc.org](http://www.lincolnstreetinc.org). For more information about Green Mountain Self-Advocates, please visit [www.gmsavt.org](http://www.gmsavt.org).

## Enjoy a Tiki Trivia at Wunderbar

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – For one afternoon only, the Rock-

ingham Library won’t help you find the answers. But that won’t

stop us from asking plenty of good questions. Gather a team of your smartest friends – up to six people – and join us Saturday, March 2, from 2-4 p.m., at Wunderbar for the Friends of the Rockingham Library Tiki Trivia fundraiser.

Wunderbar will provide complimentary sweet and savory treats, along with a full cash bar. The winning team will be awarded a prize. Team up now to raise funds for programming at Rockingham Library.

Contact the library to register by calling 802-463-4270 or emailing [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org). Registration ends Monday, Feb. 25.

## BettySoo and Rebecca Loebe perform at The Windham Ballroom

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – BettySoo has been involved with more music than most people who stay in their bedrooms all day with Garageband on. In addition to her own records, the most recent of which is “When We’re Gone,” BettySoo is a sought-after session singer for the likes of Eliza Gilkyson and the late Jimmy LaFave, and performs as an integral part of several other acts. This

includes retro pop faves Charlie Faye & the Fayettes, and Nobody’s Girl, the Americana trio she created with Rebecca Loebe, with whom she shares the stage at the Windham Ballroom Thursday, Feb. 21.

These women, neighbors in Austin, have both won the prestigious Kerrville New Folk award. With Grace Pettis, they formed Nobody’s Girl in late 2017, and released an iPhone video of their take on Tracy Chapman’s Fast Car, which quickly went viral. A record deal followed a few months later and they were off to the races.

Together and apart, both women make impeccably produced records with Austin a-listers, but are mainly known for their crisp and enchanting singing and intelligent, riveting songs as trumpeted by the media in byte after byte. England’s Q Magazine guessed that BettySoo was the only second generation Korean singing country music in Texas, and while the writer might have hoped to cast her as a novelty, the combination of her made-for-country

name and her sturdy Texan renown paint a picture of the real Americana that her songs detail. She’s not just a great artist; she’s a lesson to boot.

Amid all the rest of this, Feb. 8 Loebe released a new solo record, “Give Up Your Ghosts,” on the respected Texas label Blue Corn. Loebe first gained national notice as a contestant on The Voice and has toured steadily since, including a show in Bellows Falls in 2012. BettySoo, in turn, first appeared in the region at the 2017 Roots on the River festival, where Nobody’s Girl will be appearing in June. It’s an entangled and communitarian musical storm that swirls outwards from Austin, Texas, and these women are squarely in its eye.

On Thursday, Feb. 21, the Windham Ballroom invites you to see what the fuss is about. Tickets are available at [www.popolomeanspeople.com](http://www.popolomeanspeople.com). The show is presented in cooperation between Popolo and Stage 33 Live. For more information, go to [www.popolomeanspeople.com](http://www.popolomeanspeople.com) or email [info@popolo.us](mailto:info@popolo.us).

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# arts & entertainment

## Robert Campbell honored with art show

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is honoring a Saxtons River artist and scion of a local family with a celebration of his life and an exhibit of his artwork that opened Feb. 15 and continues through March 3.

Robert Campbell died Dec. 23, just seven weeks shy of his 100th birthday, leaving behind a legacy as an award-winning documentary film maker, successful professional fund raiser, and committed community supporter, as well as a trove of watercolors, some of which are small scenes painted on scraps of wood that were inspired by Vermont villages and country life, as well as Cape Cod beaches and his beloved life on the water on his sailboat.

He described his introduction to this art form as, “One night, while unable to sleep, the artist imagined a use for the small scraps of old wood scattered about. He began doodling little people doing ordinary things on



The late Robert Campbell and some of his children.

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the scraps of wood. The resulting pen and watercolor drawings of ‘silly little worlds’ or ‘silly scans’ on these wood blocks proved a fun pastime, so he continued.”

Campbell’s legacy also includes his and his late wife Beth’s 11 children, five of whom still live in town and the others nearby. Daughter Sarah runs the Saxtons River Inn, and her

sister Averill owns the Village Market. Robert Jr., Elizabeth, and Sean also live in town. The family gathered from all corners of the country Feb. 16 on what would have been their father’s 100th birthday to honor, celebrate, and remember him.

Further information about the show is available at [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org). It can be viewed during regular business hours and during special events.

Now in its 31st year, Main Street Arts is a catalyst for arts and community, fostering creative expression through artistic experiences that are accessible to all. Its Main Street building is fully handicapped accessible.

## The Milky Way’s black hole

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Nothing escapes a black hole – nothing. The ones littering our galaxy are 10-20 times the mass of our sun. But the one at the core of our galaxy is gargantuan and an effort is now underway to create the first ever image of that object.

In a graphic-rich presentation,

Claudio Velez, architect, astronomer, and president of the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group will review what is known about the structure of these staggering objects and why they are so significant to our quest to understand how the universe works. This presentation is scheduled at Neighborhood Connections

Thursday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but please register by calling 802-824-4343.

Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency located in Londonderry’s Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

## Weston-Ghostlight New Musical Award

WESTON, Vt. – The writing team of Jenny Giering, Adam Gwon, and Karen Hartman have won the 13th annual Weston-Ghostlight New Musical Award for their new musical, “Alice Bliss.”

The only award of its kind in the country, the Weston-Ghostlight New Musical Award brings the creators of a promising new project together with a small ensemble of actors to rehearse, perform, and record selections from the winning score in Weston, in New York, and in the studio with Grammy-winner Kurt Deutsch of Ghostlight Records.

Nominated by Kathy Evans of Rhinebeck Writers Retreat, “Alice Bliss” is based on Laura Harrington’s acclaimed novel. It follows Alice, a young teenager whose father is deployed to Iraq, as she navigates the challenges of growing up in a family touched by the effects of war. This musical tells the story of the family left behind and the cost of war to those who are not on the front lines.

“With ‘Alice Bliss,’” says Executive Artistic Director Susanna Gellert, “Giering, Gwon, and Hartman have created a beautiful study of the American family. Not only is ‘Alice Bliss’ a stunning and heart-wrenching

new musical, it is also a detailed and compassionate exploration of an oft overlooked story of contemporary life. We are thrilled to welcome Giering and Gwon back to Weston and to provide this opportunity to an exciting new writing team.”

Jenny Giering has received the Clifton Artist in Residence at Harvard University, the Dramatists’ Guild Jonathan Larson Fellowship, Constance Klinisky Prize from Second Stage Theatre, a Meet the Composer grant, and the Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation Award.

Adam Gwon was named one of “50 to Watch” by The Dramatist magazine and has received the Kleban Award, the Fred Ebb Award, the Richard Rodgers award, the Frederick Loewe Award, the Second Stage Theatre Donna Perret Rosen Award, the ASCAP Harold Adamson Award, and the MAC John Wallowitch Award. He was awarded the Weston-Ghostlight New Musical Award in 2014 for “String.”

Karen Hartman is a senior artist in residence at the University of Washington, a New Dramatists alumna, and past Core Member of the Playwright’s Center. Her work has been supported by the Rocke-

efeller Foundation at Bellagio, the National Endowment for the Arts, Princeton’s Hodder Fellowship, the Helen Merrill Foundation, Space at Ryder Farm, Hedgebrook, the MacDowell Colony, the O’Neill Playwrights Conference, the Sustainable Arts Foundation, a Daryl Roth Creative Spirit Award, a Joseph A. Callaway Award from New Dramatists, a Jerome Fellowship, and a Fulbright Scholarship.

“Alice Bliss” was commissioned by Playwrights Horizons and Stacey Mindich Productions and has been developed in part through the Weston Writers’ Retreat and the Mercer Writers Colony at Goodspeed Opera House.

Two free public concerts of “Alice Bliss” will be held at the Walker Farm at Weston Playhouse Saturday, March 2 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Weston Executive Artistic Director Susanna Gellert will direct the concert reading, and Kurt Deutsch of Ghostlight Records will produce the free demo recording.

Reserve your free tickets to the performances March 2 by visiting [www.westonplayhouse.org/new-works/new-musical-award](http://www.westonplayhouse.org/new-works/new-musical-award).

## SHS theater dept. produces “Gilligan’s Island: The Musical”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield High School Theater Department presents “Gilligan’s Island: The Musical;” music and lyrics by Hope and Laurence Juber book by Sherwood Schwartz and Lloyd J. Schwartz. Performances will be at the Springfield High School auditorium Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. Admission is by donation. Any questions, please call 802-885-7900 x3305 or email Rebecca Skrypeck at [rskrypeck@ssdvt.org](mailto:rskrypeck@ssdvt.org). Check out our Facebook - SHS Theater Dept.



SHS presents “Gilligan’s Island: The Musical.”

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“Gilligan’s Island: The Musical” is a family-friendly stage musical version of the ever popular and iconic ‘60’s TV comedy show “Gilligan’s Island.” Shipwrecked on a remote Pacific island,

the seven castaways build huts and begin to explore their surroundings. They discover strange hieroglyphics in a spooky cave, which speak of an ancient legend. The weather gets rough, Gilligan foils the

best-laid of the castaway’s rescue plans...romance developments...the castaways have an out-of-this-world encounter... it’s fun, wacky, and entertaining with 18 original, tuneful, and memorable songs.

## HCRS to host art show at River Garden

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – HCRS announced today that they will be hosting a multidisciplinary art show at the River Garden in Brattleboro, Vt., during the month of March. The artwork that will be displayed comes from a vast array of talented artists, both classically trained and outsiders alike, who are part of the HCRS community.

The show is expected to represent more than 50 artists who are employed and/or served by the nonprofit agency.

An opening reception will be held Friday, March 1, during Brattleboro’s First Friday Gallery Walk. The reception, which takes place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., will feature live music performed by Linda and Pete Simoneaux of Bayou X, DJ DIGLIO, and Gary Graff.

HCRS welcomes the com-

munity to join them at the opening reception to celebrate creative expression through the arts. The community is also welcome to view the artwork anytime throughout the month of March, during regular open hours at the River Garden.

HCRS’ CEO, George Karabakakis, Ph.D., states, “Our art

show was created in 2017 by two staff – Tristan Bridges and Jonathan Mattoon – whose passion for the arts has provided a venue for exhibiting the works of many artistic staff and clients. We believe in the therapeutic value of art which can enhance people’s physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.”

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# outdoor news

## Special snow goose hunting opportunity

**REGION** – Vermont's spring snow goose hunt will be held from March 11 through April 26.

Since 2009, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has annually issued a Conservation Order to allow the reduction of the population of migrating greater and lesser snow geese as well as Ross' geese. The numbers of these geese have grown so high that they are destroying habitat for themselves and other species.

Eight states in the Atlantic Flyway – Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Vermont – will hold a similar Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order in 2019.

The Vermont 2019 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order will occur statewide. The daily bag limit is 15 snow geese, and there is no possession limit. Waterfowl hunting regulations in effect last fall will apply during the 2019 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order with the exception that unplugged shotguns and electronic calls may be used and shooting hours will be extended until one half hour after sunset.

A 2019 Spring Snow Goose Harvest Permit is required and is available at no charge on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt). Hunters may also call the Essex Junction Office, 802-878-1564, to request a permit.



Vermont's spring snow goose hunt will be held from March 11 through April 26.

PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

Hunters will also need a 2019 Vermont hunting license, a 2019 Harvest Information Program number, a 2018 federal migratory hunting stamp, and a 2019 Vermont migratory waterfowl stamp. Hunters can register with the Harvest Information Program by going to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department website or by calling toll free 1-877-306-7091.

Hunters who obtain a permit will be required to complete an online survey after April 12 and prior to May 23, 2019, whether they hunted or not. Hunters without access to the Internet may obtain a copy of the survey by calling 802-878-1564.

"The breeding population of greater snow geese has grown from approximately 50,000 birds in the mid-1960s

to 877,000 birds today," said David Sausville, Vermont's waterfowl project biologist. "This increase has resulted in damage to agricultural crops and marsh vegetation in staging and wintering areas from Quebec to North Carolina. The Atlantic Flyway has established a goal of 500,000 greater snow geese to bring populations in balance with their habitat and reduce crop depredation."

During spring migration, snow geese typically move through the Champlain Valley in late March and early April. They usually pass through Vermont fairly quickly in route to their spring staging areas along the St. Lawrence River Valley. They remain there for about a month before moving on to their nesting areas in the Eastern Canadian Arctic.

## High Fives Foundation FAT Ski-A-Thon at Sugarbush

**WARREN, Vt.** – On March 3, 2019, the High Fives Foundation from Truckee, Calif. will team up with Go-Pro and Vermont North Ski Shops to share the slopes of Sugarbush Resort in Warren, Vt. with over 200 skiers and snowboarders in the eighth annual Fat Ski-A-Thon. Prior to the event, participants will reach out to their contacts to raise funds for the foundation.

"I look forward to all High Fives East Coast events, but the Fat Ski-a-Thon is my favorite," says Jon Wilson, annual event participant. "I grew up with Steve (Wallace) from the Foundation, and following his spinal cord injury, I understand how funds raised can truly help individuals that suffer life-altering injuries."

High Fives provides grants to outdoor sports athletes who suffer from life-altering injuries such as spinal cord or brain injuries. The organization also teaches safety awareness and smart decision-making at schools in Mad River Valley and across the country.

Through amazing support in years past, the annual Fat Ski-a-Thon has become the largest fundraising event for the High Fives Foundation. The organization has set a goal of raising \$200,000 at the March 3 event. This year's fundraising will be particularly exciting as all donations will be matched by SnoCru (\$5,000), Kingsbury Companies (\$1,000) and Village Grocery (\$500).



Join the Ski-A-Thon.

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"I've helped organize this fun-filled event for the last four years," said Gina Miele, Events and Partnerships manager for the High Fives Foundation. "I grew up skiing in Vermont, so the Fat Ski-a-Thon is particularly close to me. I'm looking forward to making this the best year yet for the event."

In conjunction with the Fat Ski-a-Thon, the High Fives Foundation will host Restaurant Week at some of the Mad River Valley's finest restaurants. The weeklong event is scheduled to kick off Wednesday, Feb. 27, and will run through Sunday, March 3. There are no passes, tickets, or coupons needed to take part in High Fives Restaurant Week. Guests will simply visit that night's restaurant, enjoy an amazing meal, with 10 percent donated back to the foundation. The following restaurants will be involved in chronological order: The Hyde Away, Mad River Barn, Worthy Burger Too,

Localfolk Smokehouse, and Rumbles Sugarbush.

"I particularly love the dinner at the Mad River Barn during Restaurant Week," said Jonny Klemchuck, former High Fives Board Member, and dedicated Fat Ski-a-Thon participant. "The Mad River Valley coming together for such an amazing cause means the world to me."

When participants gather the morning of March 3 at Sugarbush Resort for the eighth annual Fat Ski-a-Thon, they will take fun laps with friends and family, while searching for prizes in an exciting scavenger hunt.

Along with additional door prizes, each participant will receive a Phunkshun Wear face-mask dawning the Marker Dalbello Volkl logos showcasing an admirable 10 years of support of the High Fives Foundation.

Food and beverages from Local Folk Smokehouse, Village Grocery, Cabot Cheese, and Kind Snacks will be provided throughout the day, while skiers and snowboarders enjoy music from Mad River Valley's DJ Professor.

Awards will be held after the event at Sugarbush's Rumble's Kitchen. Participants will be recognized for Best Solo Performance, Best Duo Performance, Best Team Performance, Best Dressed, and Most Outstanding Performance, while enjoying beer from Lawson's.

The eighth annual Fat Ski-a-Thon is a public event, and anyone is welcome to participate or donate at [www.fatski-highfivesfoundation.org](http://www.fatski-highfivesfoundation.org).

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## Let's Go Fishing program seeks instructors

**ESSEX, Vt.** – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is seeking volunteers to become Let's Go Fishing instructors to pass on Vermont's fishing tradition. The department will be hosting a one-day training workshop for new instructors Saturday, April 13 at the Essex District Office at 111 West St., Essex Junction, Vt.

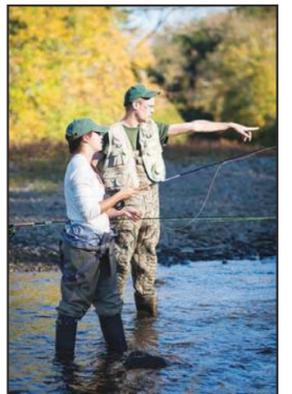
Instructors in the Let's Go Fishing program organize and

instruct clinics in their communities for Vermonters of all ages. Participants in the training workshop will learn how to teach a basic fishing clinic, as well as learn about fishing ethics, aquatic ecology, fisheries management, habitat conservation, and tackle craft. They will also be introduced to conducting specialized fishing clinics, including clinics on ice fishing and species-specific fishing. The class is informal and it is not necessary to have a high level of fishing expertise to become an instructor.

"Becoming a Let's Go Fish-

ing instructor will give you the opportunity to introduce Vermonters both young and old to the joys of fishing, while teaching them all they need to know to enjoy a day on the water," said Corey Hart, education specialist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

New this year, the department is partnering with Castleton University to offer one graduate-level credit for participants. For those seeking to earn a credit for the course, there is a fee to cover the cost of the credit. The training is free for those not seeking college



The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is holding a new instructor training course for people interested in becoming a Let's Go Fishing instructor.

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credit.

All curriculum materials and lunch will be provided. The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required, and you must be 18 years of age to participate and pass a background check. Those interested can register through April 10 at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

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<b>Stratton Mountain</b>	11 / 11	26"	1" (2/18)
<b>Okemo Mountain Resort</b>	20 / 20	34"	0" (2/18)
<b>Sugarbush</b>	16 / 16	36"	0" (2/18)

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## business spotlight



**Fine Windsor Chairs**  
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George Ainley learned to love the forest and woodcraft from his father. Those early influences led Ainley to focus on woodworking since shortly after his graduation from Dartmouth in 1970.

Ainley lives in historic Perkinsville on a 30-acre farm of Vermont pasture and woodland with his wife and two children. His workshop is based in the barn, which he shares with the sheep. He lives just a mile from "a small hardwood mill where I can buy my pick of straight-grained, healthy logs from an ample assortment," rather than cut from trees from his own land.

According to his website, appreciation for the classic styling of the Windsor chair is in the continuous arm that provides style, strength, and comfort. "The dramatic sweep of the back-arm rail has the strength and beauty of a suspension bridge. It eliminates the need for any joinery between the back and the arms, or for any other rail across the sitter's back."

His craftsmanship embraces traditional techniques, starting with whole logs, cutting them with hand tools to split along the grain into individual leg sections. These are then turned and shaped on a lathe, tapering the ends. "The tapered fit is used where the legs enter the seat and at both ends of the arm posts, ensuring that these joints will remain tight."

He uses locally harvested wood, three or four species of native wood are used for the parts of the chair to which they are best-suited: pine seat (usually one piece), hard maple turnings, white oak bows, and ash, oak, or hickory spindles. His most popular finish is of hand-polished and oiled milk paint, with a top color that is rubbed through at points of natural wear to reveal a different under color.

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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 p.m., 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

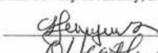
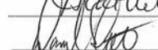
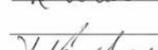
WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

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

# calendar

# LEGALS

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**MONDAY, FEB. 18 AND FEB. 25 - CLAREMONT, N.H. -** Essential skill jewelry making class will teach a class on "How to Set a Simple Stone" on Monday, Feb. 18 and 25, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Claremont Makerspace. In this beginner class, you'll be given a stone cabochon and silver sheet to create a bezel to set it in. The instructor will guide you through creating a simple design, how to create your bezel, and finally how to turn it into either a simple pendant or add it to a silver ring.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 19 - CLAREMONT, N.H. -**

Learn to "Make a Cinch Bag" on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Claremont MakerSpace. In this entry-level class, participants will make a drawstring, cinch-bag. This class is a great way to practice your skills and learn new ones using CMS' sewing machines and practicing a variety of stitches. This class is presented by Cole-Tac of Newport, N.H. To learn more about Cole-Tac, please go to [www.cole-tac.com](http://www.cole-tac.com).

**SATURDAY, FEB. 23 - LUDLOW, Vt. -** The Black River Valley Senior Center will host a computer class, presented by Matt Sydorowich, on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. The class will be held at the

Senior Center. Please call the Senior Center 802-228-7421 or stop by to register. Also, please be sure to email Matt at [Sydscompufix@rocketmail.com](mailto:Sydscompufix@rocketmail.com) to let him know what problems you would like addressed. On the day of the class, please bring your laptops with you.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 24 - MANCHESTER, Vt. -** Introduction to Woodworking class begins on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 3 - 6 p.m. at Burr & Burton Academy in Larson Hall. Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning (GMALL) welcomes Jon Mowry to lead this five-part woodworking course. Class will meet Sundays through March 24. Preregistration is required and there is a cost for the five-session course, which includes all materials. For more information or to register, please call our office 802-

867-0111 or visit [www.greenmtnacademy.org](http://www.greenmtnacademy.org).

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

**CLUBS**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 23 - RUPERT, Vt. -** On Saturday, Feb. 23, at 9 a.m. join the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club at the Merck Forest parking lot to snowshoe in Merck Forest. Hike about 5 miles, with several 500 feet up and down. Moderate hike. Bring extra clothes, snacks, lunch, and fluids. Poles are helpful. RSVP to Greg

**TOWN OF ANDOVER  
REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR PAVING**

The Town of Andover is requesting bids for two (2) paving projects:  
**1) 1.92 miles of Weston Andover Road**  
**2) 1.2 miles of East Hill Road**

Sealed bids must be received at the Andover Town Office at 953 Weston Andover Road by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2019. Please call (802)875-2765 or email [clerk@vermontel.net](mailto:clerk@vermontel.net) for the bid packet.

**TOWN OF ANDOVER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following application for a conditional use permit:  
**Application #:** 12/3/19/2/1 - Conditional Use Permit application  
**Applicant:** Maria Rondeau on behalf of Christopher & Catherine Wejchert  
**Property Location:** 740 Stigers Road, Andover, VT  
**Reason for hearing:** Application to request a conditional use permit to operate an Inn/Bed & Breakfast

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 14th day of February, 2019.  
 Jeanette Haight, Andover Town Clerk

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR REWRITE OF ZONING BYLAW - 2019**

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont, is seeking a qualified consultant to assist the Town in a comprehensive rewriting of the Town's Zoning Bylaw to

- (1) conform to changes made to the 2017 Londonderry Town Plan,
- (2) update the Bylaw to reflect best practices for municipal zoning in the State of Vermont, and (3) reflect the recommendations of the Town's Planning Commission and Selectboard, (collectively, the "Scope of Work").

The complete Request for Proposals, the 2017 Town Plan and the 2009 Bylaw may be found and downloaded from the Town's website, at [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org).

Persons who are considering the submission of a bid on the Project should promptly advise the Town Administrator by e-mail (at [townadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townadmin@londonderryvt.org)) of their potential interest in submitting a bid, so that the Town may keep all potential bidders advised as the RPF process moves ahead.

For more information contact Shane O'Keefe at 802-824-3356 ext. 105, or [townadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townadmin@londonderryvt.org). Mail or hand-deliver your proposal clearly marked "Londonderry Zoning Bylaw Rewrite" by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2019, to:

**Town Administrator  
Town of Londonderry  
100 Old School Street  
South Londonderry, VT 05155**

This project is funded through a Municipal Planning Grant (MP-2019-Londonderry-00019) awarded by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, and all work products and contracts are governed by and subject to all rules and regulations of the Municipal Planning Grant Program and the Town's grant award.

**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.

**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

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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

# LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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Hopper at 917-287-0246 or gbhopp85@gmail.com.

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

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

RUTLAND, Vt. – Marble

Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. For more information, call 802-228-6276.

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

## COMMUNITY MEALS

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27 –** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Church of

Christ will host its free community dinner for the month on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 972 Chester Rd. in Springfield. Serving will begin at 6 p.m. and continue until the food is gone. The doors will open at 5:50 p.m. Menu includes pot roast with gravy, rolls, mashed potato, green beans, and cupcakes. Beverages will include lemonade, milk, coffee, and tea. Address any questions to Ed Wilkins at 802-886-3065 or Glenn Olney at 802-885-6683. All members

of the Springfield area communities are welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS –** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free community lunch at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, 77 Main Street, on the third Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## EVENTS

**SATURDAY, FEB. 23 –** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The next Wundergroove monthly dance party at

Wunderbar in Bellows Falls at 22 Rockingham St. in the Square is Saturday, Feb. 23. We start at 9:30 p.m. and go 'til close 1 a.m. No cover, DJ mixes a variety of club dance music old and new. Come before 9:30 p.m. for the fantastic tastes of the multi-ethnic inspired tapas menu, available all night, along with the fabulous signature cocktails.

**WINDSOR, Vt. –** Calling all aspiring female engineers! On Saturday, Feb. 23, from 1 – 4 p.m.,

the American Precision Museum is hosting this event during National Engineering Week. Girls and young women of all ages are invited to meet and talk to professional women engineers about the engineering profession and the value of an engineering degree. The museum will supply fun activities and refreshments. Call 802-674-5781 for details.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 24 –** ESSEX, Vt. – The 13th annual Burlington Winter Bridal Show will be Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 at the Essex Resort & Spa, 70 Essex Way. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Meet and greet the area's top wedding pros, listen to music, taste amazing desserts and SAP beverages. General prize drawings announced at 1p.m., and grand prizes

### TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE LUDLOW AMBULANCE SERVICE EMTS, ADVANCED EMTS, AND/OR PARAMEDICS

The Town of Ludlow Ambulance Service (LAS) is accepting applications for Full-time EMTs, Advanced EMT's or Paramedics. Please send a brief letter of interest and/or resume to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Applicants should be currently licensed as EMT's, Advanced EMT's or Paramedics (hourly wage based on qualifications). Applicants must be able to start immediately. For more information please contact the Ludlow Ambulance Service at (802)228-2880. The Town of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.



According to the Vermont Business Magazine's 2018 VBM100+ Survey, Whitney Blake Company had the 3rd fastest sales growth in Vermont.

#### We are seeking a Manufacturing Buyer/Planner

The Buyer/Planner is responsible for source selection and procurement functions directly associated with the company's needs for raw materials and services. The Buyer/Planner is also responsible for planning and managing production schedules to meet customer delivery requirements and best utilize the company's productive capacity as well as managing inventory levels.

To Apply send resume to [humanresources@wblake.com](mailto:humanresources@wblake.com)  
9 Lovell Drive, Bellows Falls, VT 05101  
<https://wblake.com/company/careers/>

### Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby Warned to meet at the Plymouth Municipal Building at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 4, 2019 to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law by ballot. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Plymouth Municipal Building from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted will include:

Article 1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) by Australian Ballot: Town Moderator, Selectman, Listers, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Trustee of Public Funds, Cemetery Commissioner, Grand Juror, Town Agent, and two School District Directors.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote \$11,808 for Human Services to be allocated as follows:  
A. American Red Cross - \$250  
B. Black River Area Community Coalition - \$500  
C. Black River Good Neighbors - \$500  
D. Black River Valley Senior Center - \$2,000  
E. Fletcher Memorial Library - \$1,200  
F. Green Mountain Eco. Dev. Corp. - \$305  
G. Green-Up Vermont - \$50  
H. HCRS - Mental Health Services - \$568  
I. Okemo Valley TV (formerly LPCTV) - \$600  
J. Plymouth Historical Society - \$400  
K. Plymouth Memory Tree - \$250  
L. Plymouth Press - \$50  
M. Qttauquechee Health Foundation - \$500  
N. Senior Solutions Council on Aging for SE Vermont - \$300  
O. The Current Bus - \$125  
P. Tyson Library - \$500  
Q. Visiting Nurse and Hospice - \$2,150  
R. VT Center for Independent Living - \$175  
S. VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force - \$100  
T. VT Trails and Greenways - \$85  
U. Windsor County Partners - \$500  
V. Windsor County Youth Services - \$400  
W. Women's Freedom Center - \$300

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,205,454 in taxes to pay estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,205,454.

Article 4. To see if the legal voters of the Town vote to pay to the Treasurer, real property taxes in two installments with due dates of September 1, 2019, and February 1, 2020, with an interest charge of 1% for the first three months and 1.5% thereafter for each month if each installment is not paid by the due date; after February 1, 2020, any unpaid taxes would be charged an 8% collection fee plus the interest fees.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to exempt the State portion of Bethany Birches' property tax.

Article 6. To transact any other necessary and legal business.

Dated at Plymouth, VT, this 6th day of February 2019.

Ralph Michael, Chair

Larry Lynds

Shawn Bemis

### TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITIONS AVAILABLE LUDLOW AMBULANCE SERVICE PART-TIME ADVANCED EMTS AND/OR PARAMEDICS

The Town of Ludlow Ambulance Service (LAS) is accepting applications for part-time Advanced EMTs or Paramedics. Please send resume to Ludlow Ambulance Service, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, or email to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

Candidates must possess a current valid driver's license, have a minimum of three (3) years' experience in Emergency Medical Services and hold a current Vermont Advanced EMT license at minimum. For more information please contact the LAS at (802) 228-2880. The Town of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

### TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on March 11, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Conditional Use Permit located in the Town Residential District:

APPLICANT: John & Catherine Cocco  
PO Box 249  
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

PROPERTY OWNER: Same Ludlow

PROPERTY LOCATION: 1090 Town Farm Road  
Ludlow, Vermont 05149  
Parcel No. 090219.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider a Conditional Use Permit to turn an existing guest house into a 5-bedroom Inn, located in the Town Residential District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 472-19-CU

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing.

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

# TAKE A BREAK!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

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## King Crossword

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- 8 Wild and crazy
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your efforts in behalf of a colleague do not go unnoticed, let alone unappreciated. Meanwhile, arrange to spend more time investigating that troubling fact you recently uncovered.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Devoting a lot of time to a current career move means having less time for those in your private life. But once you explain the circumstances, they should understand and be supportive.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Organizing your many duties in order of importance should help you get through them pretty quickly. Additional information puts that still-to-be-made decision in a new light.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Lingering bad feelings over a recent misunderstanding should fade as reconciliation efforts continue. Meanwhile, vacation plans might need to be revised because of new developments.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Love dominates the Lion's heart this week, with Cupid shooting arrows at single Leos and Leonas looking for romance. Partnered pairs also enjoy strengthened relationships.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) "Getting to Know You" should be the single Virgo's theme song as you and that special person discover more about one another. That workplace situation needs looking into.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might be upset at having your objectivity questioned in the handling of a dispute. But it would be wise to re-examine your feelings to make sure you're being fair with both sides.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A family dispute creates mixed feelings about how you hope it will be ultimately resolved. Best advice: Stay out of it and let the involved parties work it through by themselves.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Making an effort to smooth over even the smallest obstacles now will go a long way to assuring that things run smoothly once you're set to move on with your plans.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A challenge to your authority can be upsetting, but your longtime supporters want you to defend your position so you can win over even your most adamant detractors.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Being unable to get involved in a friend's problem calls for an honest approach. Provide explanations, not excuses. Another friend might be able to offer support for your decision.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You find yourself swimming in circles, looking for some way to get back on a straight course. But things get easier once you're able to refocus your energies.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're known for your charm and your wisdom, and there's no one who wouldn't want you to be part of his or her life.

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# calendar

# LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

## EVENTS CONT.

**SUN., FEB. 24 CONT.** – at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, and will be available at the door. Register at [www.burlingtonbridalshow.com/winter](http://www.burlingtonbridalshow.com/winter).

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for a book discussion on Sunday, Feb. 24, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Springfield UU Meetinghouse. We'll discuss the book, "How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us about

Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression and Transcendence" by Michael Pollan. The discussion will follow a sermon that morning on the same subject given by Rev. Mellen Kennedy. The Springfield Town Library has a copy of this book and could get others through inter-library loan. Please contact the library if borrowing a copy of the book before this discussion interests you. All welcome.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Riverledge Farm Wedding Show by Fall in LoVermont Wedding Planning will be Sunday, Feb. 24, from 12-2:30 p.m. Come check out

Riverledge Farm, a new premier Vermont wedding venue at 2060 Townshend Rd. Grafton, Vt. while chatting with a variety of wedding vendors, tasting hors d'oeuvres, and drinking a complimentary mimosa. The event is free. For more information, contact [fallinlovermont@gmail.com](mailto:fallinlovermont@gmail.com) or call 802-342-8503. Sponsored by Fall in LoVermont, MKT Grafton, Green Mountain Tent Rentals, and Music by the Minute.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Reiki and Polarity Therapy Clinic, Sunday, Feb. 24, from 2 - 4 p.m., at Studio Time and Space, 59 Main St., Springfield, Vt. Enjoy a brief introduction to energy healing and a session by donation. Sessions are given on a massage table with the recipient fully clothed and covered with a warm

blanket. No appointment necessary. Parking is easy access. For more information, please email [laurenpottervt@gmail.com](mailto:laurenpottervt@gmail.com).

**THURSDAY, FEB. 28** – PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project will present the Academy-award nominated film "Bohemian Rhapsody" (2018) as part of its [Framed] hosted film series at Next Stage on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 at 7 p.m. Music producer Billy Straus will host, giving an introduction and conducting a Q&A following the screening. Tickets are a suggested donation, available in advance at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org) and at the door. Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. For information, call 802-387-0102. Next Stage has a beer and wine cash bar.

**MONDAYS** – WESTON, Vt. – Weston Rod & Gun Club will host Monday Night Bingo, starting at 7 p.m., at their location Route 100 North, one mile north of the town center. For more information, call 802-824-6577.

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

**WEDNESDAYS** – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Weekly bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, 365 Lovers Lane Rd. Early birds at 5 p.m. Regular games at 6:30 p.m.

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

**SATURDAYS** – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family

Center, 59 Westminster St. on Saturdays, from 7 to 11 p.m.

## 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](mailto:otherlady480@hotmail.com) or 802-885-4730, or the Methodist Church at 802-885-3456 for more information.

## KIDS' CORNER

**THURSDAY, FEB. 21** – GRAFTON, Vt. – Wild Walkers Camp, a partnership between The Nature Museum and Vermont Wilderness School, is a daylong outdoor camp suited for youth ages 10-14, which takes place Thursday, Feb. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Snowshoeing, trailblazing, animal tracking, fire starting, and coal-burning are a few highlights of this camp. Campers will make a "quickie" spoon. Participants who have their own sheath knife or locking-blade knife should bring it. If not, we will provide sheath knives that campers can borrow. 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](http://www.nature-museum.org) or call 802-843-2111. Snow date is Friday, Feb. 22, 2019.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Read with Sailor, the reading dog on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 3 – 4 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Sailor and his friend Arlene visit once a month and are always excited meet new friends. Reading to a dog is known to strengthen the reader's

confidence while providing an opportunity to practice literacy skills. For more information, contact Sacha Krawczyk, Youth Services Librarian at 802-228-3517.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 22** – LUDLOW, Vt. – Come to the Fletcher Memorial Library for our School Vacation Movie Matinee on Friday, Feb. 22, from 1 – 3 p.m., to view "A House with a Clock in its Walls." Based on the beloved children's classic book. For more information, contact Sacha Krawczyk, Youth Services Librarian at 802-228-3517.

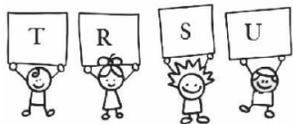
**WEDNESDAY, FEB 27** – NORWICH, Vt. – Montshire Museum is hosting a weekly program for Young Scientists on Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. designed to ignite and foster young children's curiosity. This program for preschoolers and kindergartners integrates hands-on experiments, fun projects, and individual explorations in the physical and natural sciences.

## LIBRARIES

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27** – GRAFTON, Vt. – Join us at the Grafton Public Library Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. for a timely presentation by AARP Fraud Watch Network Vermont Coordinator, Elliott Greenblatt, in cooperation with People's United Bank. This hour-long program will focus on current scams and tactics being used to defraud the public and provide helpful tips on staying out of the grip of con artists. This is a chance to be proactive and learn about concrete steps to protect yourself and your family in a supportive atmosphere, without cost to the participant. For more information about this program, which is free and open to the public, please contact [librarian@graffonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:librarian@graffonpubliclibrary.org) or call 802-843-2404.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for a new Senior Solutions program presentation at Rockingham Library on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. An outreach specialist and nurse Anne White, LPN, from Senior Solutions, will be presenting a new service called Home Meds. Home Meds is offered to anyone over 60 years old, in the Windham or Windsor counties. Anne will also be discussing other services Senior Solutions offers as well. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-436-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – John Bohannon will be teaching a Tai Chi/Qi Gong class at Rockingham Library beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. in the Top Floor Meeting Room. A second class will follow on Wednesday, March 6 at the same time and place. Number of sessions will be based on attendance and interest. There is no



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CONWAY PINES	CONWAY, NH	FAMILY
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### WARNING

#### RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District#39, Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in room B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

- ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.
- ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.
- ARTICLE 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.
- ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 5, 2019 on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

#### VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 5, 2019

##### ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, seven hundred eighty-seven thousand, nine hundred thirteen dollars (\$2,787,913) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, February 28, 2019 in room B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2019-2020 budget, please contact the office of the RUTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RUTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at [rvtc.org](http://rvtc.org), or upon request by contacting the RUTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair	David Clark, Vice Chair
Michael Herrington	Andrew Pennell, Secretary/Board Clerk
Paul Orzechowski	James Rumrill
Jeanice Garfield	Susan Tomberg
Erin Lamson	Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District

#### Voting Locations and Hours

Bellows Falls Union High School District #27		
Athens	Athens Elementary School	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Grafton	Grafton Elementary School	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Rockingham	Masonic Temple	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Westminster	Westminster Institute	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District #39		
Ludlow	Ludlow Town Hall	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mount Holly	Mt. Holly Town Office	10:00 am - 7:00 p.m.
Green Mountain Unified School District #35		
Andover	Andover Town Hall	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Chester	Chester Town Hall	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Cavendish	Proctorsville Fire Station	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Springfield School District		
Springfield	Riverside Middle School	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The River Valley Technical Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, marital/civil union status or disability, in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the River Valley Technical Center's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 or other state or federal non-discrimination laws or regulations is directed to contact:

Derek Williams Assistant Director of Adult & Technical Education, River Valley Technical Center  
307 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156  
802-885-8300

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fee for the classes. No special equipment or clothing is required. If interested, contact John at johnrbo@sover.net or call 802-869-2961.

**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](http://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](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://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.

**SATURDAYS – ALSTEAD, N.H.** – Stop by the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library for cinnamon buns the last Saturday of each month and visit with friends or neighbors. The cinnamon buns are from McGuire's Bakery and are available for a small fee. All the proceeds go to benefit the library. The library is at 3 Main Street, Alstead.

## MEETINGS

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

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** – Select Board meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office. For more information, go to [www.cavendishvt.com](http://www.cavendishvt.com) or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at [www.okemovalley.tv](http://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.graftontv.org](http://www.graftontv.org). Recordings are found at [www.fact8.com](http://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](http://www.londonderryvt.org). Recordings are found at [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Select Board meetings are the first Monday of every month at the Town Hall. For more information, call 802-228-2841 or go to [www.ludlowvt.us](http://www.ludlowvt.us). Recordings found at [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.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.gov/office2.com](http://www.springfieldvt.gov/office2.com).

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

## MUSIC & THEATER

**SUNDAY, FEB. 24 – PUTNEY, Vt.** – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present folk/rock quartet The Sweet Remains, featuring singer/songwriters Rich Price, Greg Naughton, and Brian Chartrand, on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. For

information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org). Turn It Up in Brattleboro and Putney Food Co-op in Putney.

**SATURDAYS – BELLOWS 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](http://www.namivt.org).

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

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

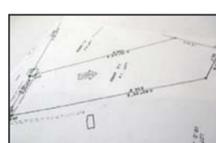
**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Weight Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd.,

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

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



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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Breast Feeding Support Group is on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Springfield

Hospital Library Level D from noon-2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information, call Erin at 802-885-7511.

**WEDNESDAYS** – **CHESTER, Vt.** – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the

Whiting Library in Chester. Find out more about CoDA at [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org). For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at [sarahcoda2016@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcoda2016@gmail.com).

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support group meets

at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

**KEENE, N.H.** – All Recovery is held at the Keene Center Serenity, 40 Carpenter St. in Keene every Wednesday, from 6:30-8 p.m. It is open to all people in recovery and to the families and loved ones of people who are suffering. It is free and confidential. People with questions can call the center at 603-283-5015.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center, 7 Morgan St., Springfield at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, and peer-led. Contact [TwinStateDSG@gmail.com](mailto:TwinStateDSG@gmail.com) or 641-715-3900 ext. 650055#.

**THURSDAYS** – **SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Mental health peer support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982.

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

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Eating behavior support group meets every other Thursday, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Mountain at Fox Run, 262 Fox Lane. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related struggles. Trained therapists who specialize in eating behavior lead the group. To join, call 802-228-8885 or email [shiri@fitwoman.com](mailto:shiri@fitwoman.com).

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