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# Recent data does not result in lowering speed limits

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**CHESTER, Vt.** – During their Nov. 18 meeting, the Chester Selectboard has tabled making any changes to speed limits on three roads in Chester until increased enforcement has been put into place and new information might be gathered in the spring.

The board has received the speeding data captured on River Street, High Street, and Andover Road as part of an ongoing attempt to address speeding in town. According to captured data, High Street and River Street showed 85% are traveling the speed limit, though on River Street speeds were slightly higher. Board member Leigh Dakin pointed out that on River Street, there were no sidewalks and the area was heavily populated. The board also noted that 38 tractor-trailer trucks had used the road during the nine

days of captured data, agreeing with Dakin, “That’s a lot.”

Andover Road showed higher speed limits with 85% traveling on average 49 miles per hour, close to 10 miles above the posted 40 mph speed limit. There were two “outlier” speeds of 70 and 106 mph recorded as well.

Board member Lee Gustafson’s assessment of the data was that most people were traveling the speed limit with a few outliers suggesting, “To me, this is pointing to more enforcement.”

After additional discussion, the board agreed to revisit the issue after enforcement had been increased and collecting more data in the spring.

Chester Town Manager Julie Hance expressed a concern from Police Chief Rick Cloud was that if speed is lowered and considered too low for the road’s design that it could create a more dangerous situation

with people passing unsafely.

Two Andover Road residents, Ginger Roper and Ralph Falanga, both spoke and expressed their frustration with the board’s decision.

Roper said that she “respectfully disagreed” with the board, and challenged that the timing of the data collection was during a low tourist time in stick season, which does not represent the full picture. She also questioned how reducing the speed limit would impact anyone negatively since people were already passing her on that road when she was traveling the speed limit.

Falanga said he was “disappointed and disgusted” with the board’s decision, saying he had almost been rear-ended backing out of his driveway many times and suggested it was a matter of time before there was a tragic accident on Andover Road. He agreed with Roper that cars are passing them anyway and urged

that the antiquated speed sign needs to be replaced.

“Is not the safety of residents a number one priority in this town?” he asked.

Board Chairman Arne Jonynas said that they are trying to keep citizens safe and that comments from both sides of the issue were valuable, even agreeing that he would be upset if this were happening in front of his house. However, that did not impact the decision, and he reiterated that the consensus of the board was to have more enforcement and to revisit the issue in the spring.

In an update to ongoing discussions concerning police department policies and procedures, Hance updated the board that she had reached out to town attorney Jim Carroll and the decision was made to work with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, send all policies and procedures to them so they can do a complete re-

view and write any procedures as appropriate and make sure they were in compliance and following best practices. Hance said that new procedures would need to be established with the eventual opening of the emergency services building since they will have a holding cell and processing room for the first time once that building opens.

The Selectboard approved the Way Finding Plan, which suggested and designed approximately 30 signs that will be placed throughout Chester, primarily to drive typical thru-traffic toward the town green and village area. The goal is to catch skiers and other tourists going to and from Route 103, to turn into the village to help promote the town and businesses. Implementation of the plan will be in stages, with a half dozen signs that are deemed the most critical directing to the village, as part of step one.

The board continued review

of the budget, looking at the recreation and cemetery budgets as well as a new budget for the public safety building.

An increased dispatching fee that was discussed in a prior budget meeting has been revised. After more research, Hance discovered that “no unfunded mandates can be passed onto taxpayers,” meaning the fees cannot be assessed to the town and eliminating the need for those funds in the 2021 budget.

Acoustic panels for the Town Hall second floor will be placed on the ceiling versus on the walls for aesthetic purposes, and Hance and Atomic Sound will look at adding acoustic window treatments once the ceiling panels are in place.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting will take place Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. on the second floor of Town Hall or via Zoom. Link can be found on the town’s website.

## Tree of Remembrance in Veterans Park

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – It’s that time of year again when the GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s club lights up the Tree of Remembrance in Veterans Park in Ludlow.

We will have a Lighting Ceremony Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m., and sing Christmas carols as

we light the tree. Please wear masks.

The tree is an opportunity for people to remember loved ones by donations to GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club. This is our main project for scholarships to local seniors to further their education.

Names of persons remembered will be listed periodically during the season in The Vermont Journal. The tree will be lit throughout the holiday season and will stay illuminated until Feb. 22, 2021.

Please open your hearts and purses this year and help sup-

port our deserving students. Donations and your list of names should be submitted to Fran Derlinga, P.O. Box 229, Plymouth, VT 05056 with checks payable to GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

## GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club meeting

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club met virtually Monday, Nov. 9. Twenty-two members were able to join the meeting by Zoom.

This summer’s annual Tag and Bake sale was a great success again this year. It was held on the site of the Ludlow Farmers Market where club members and visitors wore face masks and stayed socially distanced while enjoying the goods that had been donated from attics and garages all over the Okemo

Valley region.

The next club project is the Tree of Remembrance, which sits at the head of Veterans Park in Ludlow.

Due to Covid-19 and changing protocols, the club has voted this year to cancel their annual holiday gathering and instead contribute their time and resources to benefit the community’s holidays in conjunction with the Black River Good Neighbor Services.

After the business meeting,

the club was treated to a Zoom chat by local business owner Scott Stearns of the Book Nook in Ludlow. Scott gave the women many suggestions for winter reading, children’s books, and gift books for the holidays including some by local authors – “The Scribe of Siena” by Melodie Winawer and “The Orphan’s Guilt” by Archer Mayor. Scott suggested that folks purchase books early as December book supplies may be low due to the pandemic.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 14 via Zoom. For more information about GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club, contact President Penny Trick at 802-975-0313 or Membership Chairwoman Roxie Davis at 802-226-7417.

GFWC, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, is an international women’s organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.



## Chester Helping Hands senior dinner

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Chester Helping Hands will host a special dinner for Chester seniors the morning of Saturday, Dec. 5. The menu will be a ham dinner and dessert. They need a head count ASAP as there are 150 dinners. Please call the Motel in the Meadow at 802-875-2626 or Town Hall at 802-875-2173.

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## Southwestern Vermont Health Care Foundation Jingle Bell Express raffle —

**BENNINGTON, Vt.** – The Jingle Bell Express, a virtual holiday-themed fundraising event to benefit Southwestern Vermont Health Care, kicked off Friday, Nov. 20.

The centerpiece of the event is a grand raffle. It includes 10 packages worth \$1,300-5,000 each. Prizes include \$5,000 cash and a vacation in the French Riviera, with no expiration date, along with spectacular packages including dining at 13 restaurants, a stunning diamond bracelet, golf at 10 courses, and much more.

Only 500 tickets will be sold. Ticket sales close Monday, Dec. 14. The drawing will take place during a virtual event Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at [www.thejinglebellexpress.com](http://www.thejinglebellexpress.com).

“Participating in The Jingle Bell Express is an exciting way to celebrate the season and support your hardworking local health-care providers,” said Leslie Keefe, the vice president for Corporate Development at SVHC. “We hope the community will support our caregivers and join us in this special event.”

Those who purchase a raffle ticket or make a donation in support of The Jingle Bell Express will receive an email including a link to the virtual experience Dec. 18, which will include exclusive presentations by Tom Dee, SVHC’s president and CEO, and clinical leaders and raffle drawings by physicians, nurses, and staff.

Maxine Linehan, world-renowned vocalist, will perform a very special song from her recently released holiday album, “This Time of Year.” The virtual

event will conclude with entertainment by Dorset Barbeque Barbershop Quartet, and a specially curated WEQX 102.7 FM holiday playlist.

All proceeds of the event will support SVHC during this pandemic. Recent initiatives include advanced testing capabilities, which provide results in hours, rather than days, and advanced results-notification capabilities, so those tested receive their results in a text message.

The event is possible through the support of sponsors, includ-

ing title sponsor Mack Moldt; presenting sponsors Jerome Construction, Walker S. Kimball, and Nancy F. Kimball; lead sponsors Bennington Subaru; Hays Companies Inc.; People’s United Bank; and Radiology Associates of Bennington; supporting sponsors CIGNA and VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region; and host sponsors Bennington Express Lube & Car Wash, BKD CPAs and Advisors, and The Bank of Bennington. Media sponsors include Catamount Access Television, iBerkshires, and

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“We are deeply grateful to all of our generous sponsors, donors to the grand raffle and to our committee members, including co-chairs Deborah Slaner Larkin and Katie Hazlett Schmidt along with Maru Leon Griffin, Anne Kennedy, Leslie Morgenthal, and Joan Zegras, for making this event possible,” Keefe added.

To learn more, donate to The Jingle Bell Express, purchase a raffle ticket, or become a sponsor, visit [www.thejinglebellexpress.com](http://www.thejinglebellexpress.com).

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# Emma Graham named 2020 DAR Good Citizen

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Emma Graham has been named the 2020 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen for Bellows Falls Union High School. The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, are intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. Emma, a senior, is

the daughter Terry and Cynthia Graham of Rockingham, Vt. This award is given based on the following criterion set forth by the DAR national organization: dependability including truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality; service including cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others; leadership including personality, self-control, and ability to assume

responsibility; and patriotism including unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation. She clearly embodies these characteristics every day. Emma has demonstrated dependability through her commitment to her academics, school activities, and her community. She is a dedicated student who works hard in her classes. As a member of

the Marilee Huntoon Jesse A. Judd Chapter of the National Honor Society at Bellows Falls Union High School, she serves as a good role model to others. Emma is a born leader with a “take charge” personality who fully commits to classroom activities, discussions, and assignments. She is always one to be counted on in class or as part of the extracurricular activities she is a part of. She is a good role model who, as captain of the BFUHS soccer team and president of the BFUHS Student Council, has shown that she can be relied upon to help organize and lead. When it comes to Emma’s character and work ethic, she has done nothing but shine. She is well grounded with a strong family foundation. She is sensitive to others and exhibits an excellent sense of hu-



Emma Graham. PHOTO PROVIDED

unusual sense of humility that she possesses. Emma almost always accepts praise for her accomplishments with modesty. Emma is regularly looking out for the feelings of others. She is genuinely cheerful and enjoys spreading that joy to her classmates, teammates, teachers, and the community at-large. It would not be out of character for her to sacrifice her own goals if it were something that could benefit another. A true leader in every sense of the word, Emma works hard to help wherever she can, often without being asked. She is an exceptional young woman who represents BFUHS positively through athletics, academics, and as a volunteer in the community. Emma bleeds purple and is truly proud to be a member of the BFUHS Terrier community.

Congratulations, Emma. BFUHS is proud to have such a wonderful young woman represent us with this award this year.



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# Alexandra Hutchins named 2020 DAR Good Citizen



Alexandra Hutchins. PHOTO PROVIDED

CHESTER, Vt. – Alexandra Hutchins, daughter of Christopher and Angela Hutchins of Springfield, has been chosen by her teachers and peers as Green Mountain Union High School's newest Daughters of the American Revolution recipient. The DAR Good Citizens Program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The recipient must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Alex is very active at Green Mountain being a member of the Interact club, Student Government, National Honor Society, and the yearbook. Alex also represented GMUHS in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program in 2019 and was chosen as the recipient of the University of Vermont's Green and Gold Scholarship. Alex is a team player on the soccer and softball teams and is a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center.

Currently, Alex is spending her senior year in the early college program at Castleton University.

Green Mountain Union High School would like to congratulate Alex on this honor.

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# Hold your horses

The photo with this article is the cover of the 2021 Chester Historical Society calendar. William Ryland “W.R.” Spaulding sits in his buggy one sunny morning on North Street.

W.R., as I refer to him, was Ted Spaulding’s grandfather. W.R. leased the Henry Farm in the early 1900s. Determining the exact year the photo was taken is difficult. It is best to say circa 1910. It could be 1905 to as late as 1915.

If I knew the exact date, I could determine whether it was taken when W.R. leased the Henry Farm or when he ran his livery and taxi service across the street from Smitty’s Chester Market. I suspect this is the taxi days.

W.R. ran his livery and taxi service with his son Ed. With the railroad station next door there would have been a steady flow of customers. In some cases reservations were taken. W.R. had a fleet of horse-drawn vehicles. He could satisfy someone on a budget who just needed a ride. Or by reservation he could show up with his Sturtevant. This was the Cadillac of horse-drawn vehicles drawn by four horses. The Sturtevant was for those who wanted to travel in style. Of course it cost more to hire this rig.

**The horse**  
The horse is a beautiful dapple gray. The first thing you’ll notice is the horse’s tail. Cameras of the early 1900s didn’t have variable shutter speeds as we have today. The photographer had to manually replace lenses for different shutter speeds. The lens the photographer used this day was a slow shutter speed, as he knew he was taking a still photo. So when the horse flicked his tail it caused the tail to blur.

**The buggy**  
The buggy is a sporty rig. Typical of the day, the front wheels are slightly less in diameter than the rear wheels. Notice how slender the front axle is. It’s a very lightweight rig for a single driver. This rig was built for going for a drive. It was lightweight so a single



William Ryland Spaulding on North Street in Chester. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

horse could draw it without tiring.

**The pose**  
Photography became an art form in the 1850s with Matthew Brady. Many country photographers were content with just taking the photo. The unknown photographer of this photo understood how to compose a photo.

The sunlight is coming in from the east brightening the side of the stone church as well as the stone house to the south. W.R. has parked his rig so his horse stands in front of the gray stone buildings. Notice how the gray shades of the stone buildings compliment the dapple gray horse. This didn’t happen by accident. The photographer chose this location and time.

Sometime previous to the photo being taken, I imagine the photographer saying to William Ryland, “I’d like to take a photo of you and your dapple gray some morning this week. I have an idea how I want to compose it.”

W.R. had a pair of these dapple gray horses. Examining the records kept by W.R. and his son Ed that Ted has donated to the Chester Historical Society we know they kept as many as 10 horses at times. They rented out rigs and boarded horses.

On the left where the stone house is a young maple tree maybe 20 feet tall. What significance could this be? For me it represents optimism. The homeowner planted it to replace a tree that had been lost. The homeowner knew he wouldn’t be here when it reached maturity but wanted future generations to enjoy

what he had enjoyed. In recent years on Main Street in Chester we have lost most of our ancient maples. They have not been replaced.

On the left you can see the sidewalk. On the right midway up the street you can see that sidewalk. The right side of the street is darker. This side of the street is lined with maples and elms.

The gravel street has only buggy tracks visible. Try to imagine driving your buggy from Town Hall to this location. As you approach Yosemite Engine Company, the covered bridge by the gristmill would come into view. *Clippety-clop, clippety-clop* as you drive through the covered bridge.

Our 2021 calendars are available at Stone House Antiques Center, Chester Hardware, Blair Books & More, Smitty’s Chester Market, Town Hall, and Framery of Vermont.

*This week’s old saying my mother used when referring to the handheld tin cheese graters common in her day. She called them “knuckle softeners.”*

# Bellows Falls American Legion cancels Thanksgiving dinner

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – With great sadness and a heavy

## Vermont Capitol Christmas Tree

WALLINGFORD, Vt. – On Nov. 24, this year’s Vermont Capitol Christmas Tree, which will illuminate the Statehouse in Montpelier for the holiday season, was cut down.

This year’s tree comes from Cadwallader Tree Farm in Wallingford, Vt., owned by Len and Mary Ann Cadwallader. Mr. Cadwallader described the balsam tree as “stately and full” standing at over 60 feet tall. He knew the capitol was looking for a tree and felt he had one. So, he alerted his local forester who notified the Statehouse, and he was given approval to donate the tree to the capitol.

The event at Cadwallader farm Nov. 24 included the cutting of another balsam tree, which will go to Dartmouth College to be erected on the Hanover Green. Mr. Cadwallader is grateful for the opportunity saying, “I am pleased to donate the trees and brighten the holiday season, particularly this year with the pandemic.”

heart, the Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37, following state of Vermont guidelines, has to cancel our free, traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Over the years, this event has served 300-plus community guests.

However, during the holidays, we will be donating the funds that would have gone

toward the dinner to three organizations: Our Place Drop-in Center, Fall Mountain Food Shelf, and Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center.

We wish everyone a happy and harmonious Thanksgiving.

American Legion Post 37 is located at 42 Rockingham St. in Bellows Falls.

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# opinion

Dear Editor,

In some ways, I can hardly believe I am writing this letter.

What began as a seed of an idea – opening a new school – often felt like an impossible dream. At times, it seemed like it would never come to fruition. It was too complicated, too expensive, and then there was a pandemic. Somehow, in the face of much adversity, we held our vision. Community members became supporters, supporters became donors, and by the end of the summer of 2020 our dream had become a reality. Perhaps you have seen the students on the front lawn of the high school building yourself. Students who, up until this September, might have had a very different school experience this year. These students now have the opportunity to pursue rigorous, local education in the same community where they live. And now the answer to the question in everyone’s mind can finally be answered: “Yes, this is really happening!”

We have carried this goal almost across the finish line. But we aren’t there yet. We need the continued support of the com-

munity behind us to ensure that our pilot program becomes an approved independent school.

Black River Independent School is open and operating, serving 17 local students from Ludlow and Mount Holly. Our Head of School, Kendra Rick-erby, fondly refers to the students as “Trailblazers.” And that they are. The definition of a trail-blazer is “a person who makes a new track through wild country.” With the very real challenges we face as a community and a society, we need trailblazers now more than ever.

The past several weeks have been ripe with opportunities for growth as we embark on our inaugural year. Students participated in their first community service event, portering at the Antique Show. They have been working hard at developing their personalized learning goals through Empower Learning, the school’s Learning Management System. Green Mountain Rock Climbing engaged them in two days of outdoor learning including a canoe trip as well as rock climbing. And it

is only November!

As a board, we couldn’t be more proud of the accomplishment of opening the school. It was no small task and required years of hard work to bring to fruition. And although we are thrilled with what we have been able to achieve, we know that the real work is just beginning. In order to meet our next goal, achieving approval from the State of Vermont Board of Education as an independent school, we will need to continue our weekly meetings. We will need to continue networking. We will need to continue volunteering and fundraising. We will need to do all of this while upholding the vision of our educational pillars as well as ensuring, above all, a safe and healthy academic environment.

We need you.

As not only a board member but as a fellow community member and parent, I ask you to consider a gift in support of Year 2 of the Black River Independent School. When you make a donation, not only is it fully tax-deductible, but you can feel confident that your generosity is helping to build a school dedicated to developing trailblazers for the future. With the unknown terrain and uncertainties we are all facing each day, what could be a better investment?

Yours in service,  
Kristen Garvey  
Board of Trustees  
Black River Independent School

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamal Harris, also to our Representative to Congress Peter Welch, and to Gov. Phil Scott.

Congratulations to our local and state representatives, Sen. Alice Nitka and Rep. Logan Nicoll, and our local

Justice of the Peace.

Great turn out for all our elections. Now it’s over, let’s all work together for the benefits of our state and federal government for the best advantage for all our citizens nationwide to keep America great and a world leader for freedom for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Herbert B. VanGuilder  
An Independent Republican  
Ludlow, Vt.

P.S. To whoever took our Gov. Scott sign, hopefully you will enjoy it, compliments of Gov. Scott.

Dear Editor,

Vermont, in case anybody hasn’t noticed, this year enacted the most definite environmental statement in the nation, decreeing that henceforth food scraps are no longer to be discarded with other refuse in what used to be called “dumps,” now known as “recycling centers” or “transfer stations.” This law was enacted after spirited debate in the Legislature.

This statute seems to have several intended benefits: reducing the volume of garbage, limiting rat, bird, and other similar scavenging; encouraging citizen mulch piles.

I’ve been wondering what apartment dwellers, especially in crowded cities, are to do with their food waste. Even folks living in closely gathered single-family homes might have problems.

We, personally, have no difficulty. We do what we’ve done for a couple of decades. Our small lot adjoins a considerable State Forest, so our method is to simply gather truly biodegradable material – meat bones and fat, egg shells, coffee grounds, veggie

leavings – and every couple of days carry it out to a small open meadow out back and leave it in a heap on the ground. We’ve noticed that the pile does not grow out of control, but seems to grow, if at all, in very small increments. We note that a lot of choice items – steak bones, leftover meat, overripe fruit and vegetables – are among the first to vanish. If we go away for a time, we find that the aggregation seems to be reduced to almost nothing.

This method supplements Mother Nature’s own distribution of goodies on our parcel. A couple of old, but productive, apple trees, a young pear tree, an old but fecund sickle pear tree, leave their production around for the wild livestock, in amounts that defy our interest in harvesting them. By spring, they too are gone.

We have no interest in which of our forest friends plunder our leavings, and we rarely hear growls or snarls from the disposal point, indicating disputes over dining arrangements.

But the law is in a state of contradiction. Our activities might not meet

with approval of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

It seems that Vermont F&W looks askance at feeding bears. The regulations are quite clear to the point of repetition: “Never feed bears, deliberately or accidentally,” and “It is illegal to feed bears, even when not hunting for them,” and “It is your [our] responsibility to avoid attracting bears. Bears are wild animals that belong in their natural habitat – the forest.”

I have no fear whatever of Bruin here in Vermont. In many years of hundreds of walks along miles of deserted back roads I have seen a bear exactly twice, in the distance crossing the road for a fleeting moment before disappearing. I have no conclusive evidence that any bear has visited our abandoned fruit or our food scrap dump. But it would seem to me unlikely that none ever has.

And if they have, or ever do, *Bon Appétit.*

At least, until F&W catch up with us.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Graham  
Chester, Vt.

## Op-ed: Our unsung heroes of democracy

As Vermonters we should be proud. The November General Election saw Vermonters voting in record numbers, exercising our civic duty both safely and securely during circumstances that are anything but ordinary.

Much of the conversation nationally is focused on the results of the election. I think it’s equally important to discuss the hard work done by local election officials administering our democratic process.

The elections process is different across all 50 states. How votes are received, and when they are counted, may be dissimilar across county or state lines. However, every state in the nation shares one common underpinning: hardworking election officials focused on the integrity and security of our elections.

In Vermont, these heroes of democracy are the town and city clerks. While my office and the Legislature get much of the cred-

it for big picture policy setting, none of that would matter were it not for the diligent, steadfast work of the clerks. From Town Meeting Day to the Presidential Election, the clerks keep the front door open to democracy for Vermont voters, working long days and late hours before, on, and after Election Day.

Their list of responsibilities is a lengthy one, from assisting local voters with the registration process, to recruiting election officials, and processing early and absentee ballots. Across every acre of this state, the town and city clerks conduct these tasks with excellence. The same is true of local Boards of Civil Authority members and election workers who assist the clerks in this work.

This year was no exception, despite the significant challenges that the Covid-19 health crisis has posed to our normal elections process. In response, the clerks went above and beyond. They worked in advance with my office to put measures in place to make the elections process as safe as possible for every voter, ensuring that no Vermonter eligible to vote would have to choose between their health and their right to vote. They processed the

enormous influx of early ballots to ensure that every vote cast by an eligible voter was counted. They designed safe polling place layouts, so that in-person voting on Election Day could be done as safely as possible at the polls. After all that, they were still able to tabulate and provide unofficial election night results for over 98% of Vermont precincts by midnight that night. In the ensuing days they carefully reviewed and certified results, in a deliberative process that ensures accuracy in the count.

When I hear rhetoric, conspiracy theories, and baseless claims denigrating the security and integrity of our elections process, one of the things that bothers me most is complete dismissal of the hard work done by these sworn officials who care deeply about the integrity of the process and the sanctity of democracy.

Every election cycle, and even more so this year, I am grateful for the diligence and dutifulness of Vermont’s town and city clerks. I hope that you will join me in thanking our local heroes of democracy.


*Written by Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos.*

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by Linda Thistle

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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Linda J. Zayas, 1950-2020

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Linda Jean (Karkut) Zayas, 69, of Bellows Falls, passed away in the comfort of her home Friday, Oct. 23 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. Born Dec. 10, 1950 in Derby, Conn., she was the daughter of Eugene and Ann (Sarna) Karkut, who both predeceased her. She is survived by her husband Richard, three sons and their families Jeffrey, married to Amy (Coleman), and grandchildren Keira, Ethan, and Zachary of Woodstock; Kevin and partner Beth of Concord, N.H.; and David, married to Stephanie (Ciesla), and grandchildren Pierce and Maisie of Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by her sister Betty Karkut of Norwalk, Conn. and brother Gary Karkut of Southbury, Conn.

She graduated from Ansonia High School and attended Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Conn., earning her degree in medical laboratory technology. She then worked at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Conn. Shortly after getting married in October 1972 in Shelton, Conn., she moved to Bellows Falls and worked at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. She would later work at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene and at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont. After retiring from healthcare, she managed her son's jewelry store, Zayas Jewelers, in Woodstock.

Linda was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Her passion was her family and she devoted her life to her children and grandchildren, selflessly setting aside her own time to be involved in their lives. As a child, she spent numerous summers in Montreal with her beloved Baci Sarna. She warmly welcomed all into her home and was proud of her Polish heritage. She taught her



Linda J. Zayas, 1950-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

children and grandchildren about their roots from both Montreal and Connecticut, and ensured that the family carried on numerous traditions that will continue with future generations.

She volunteered countless hours to organizations in Bellows Falls including Little League Baseball, Cub Scouts, Project Graduation, and Parks Place Community Resource Center among other worthy causes.

You never had to guess where she might be found on a Saturday morning, either deeply immersed in the soil of her flower gardens, meticulously shaping them into a feast for the eyes, sewing intricate quilts, beautifying her home, baking, or experimenting with a new recipe. Among her favorite things were Halloween, Christmas, and hosting wonderful parties.

Linda had many amazing relationships. She particularly cherished her closest friendships with Mary Ann, Sandy, Betty, and Lynda.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurses & Hospice, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302. Memorial services along with a celebration of life will be planned during the spring or summer of 2021.

Donna L. Jarvis-Willets, 1957-2020

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – Donna L. Jarvis-Willets, aged 63, passed away at her home surrounded by loved ones Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020.

Survivors include her husband Billy J. Willets, her stepfather Kenneth A. Domey, one brother Duane Jarvis, and four children Gwenn Nichols, Derek Small, Stephanie Taft, and Kaylee Conti. She also leaves behind seven beloved grandchildren and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is predeceased by her mother Beverly E. (Jarvis) Domey and her brother Dale Porter.

Born May 30, 1957, Donna grew up on the Jarvis family farm on South Mountain Road in Weathersfield, Vt. There she lived with her grandparents George and Lena Jarvis, her mother Beverly, and her two younger brothers. Always hanging out with her many cousins and friends, she was the true definition of a Vermont country girl and loved sharing many fond memories of her childhood. She was a 1975 graduate of Windsor High School. From this time on she had been married, had her children, and resided mostly in Weathersfield just down the road from the "Farm." It wasn't until 1995, when she met Billy and fell in love with both him and his daughter Kaylee. They married that same year, became a family of six and celebrated their 25th anniversary this past July.

Having that old-fashioned work ethic, Donna gave a lot of her time and provided for her children while working for Okemo Mountain as the housekeeping supervisor for many years. Having paid her dues, she fully retired from working in 2019. She is remembered as a wonderful boss by many of her past employees whom she would call her friends.

During her retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and spoiling



Donna L. Jarvis-Willets, 1957-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

her grandchildren. She also always enjoyed movies, puzzles, cooking, trips to Maine, cribbage, listening to music, and sitting outdoors, especially next to a campfire. Donna truly lived her life to the fullest through these simple pleasures. Anyone who knew her will regard her as a beautiful person who was honest, caring, and also a great listener. Donna is deeply loved and will be missed daily, but she will never be forgotten as she holds a special place in many people's hearts.

In our remembrance of her love for her four-legged children, our family wishes that donations be made to the Sullivan County Humane Society in lieu of flowers. At this time, a celebration of Donna's life has not been planned due to Covid-19 precautions. We will advise with updates, via Facebook, as these plans are made. Cards may be sent to the following address: 126 Cobb Rd., Charlestown, NH 03603.

We thank you for the many condolences and prayers during this very heavy-hearted time.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad St., Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit [www.stringerfh.com](http://www.stringerfh.com).

Paul R. McIntire, 1943-2020

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – Paul Roy McIntire, born Nov. 4, 1943, son of John and Mildred Johnson McIntire of Charlestown, N.H., died Nov. 18, 2020 at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport, N.H. Paul went to Bellows Falls High School and graduated in 1961. Paul went to school for electrical engineering in Randolph, Vt. Paul was a master electrician around his hometown.

He married Jean Cenate May 1, 1965. They divorced in 1972. They have a son Mark, and two grandchildren Jonathan McIntire and Catherine Stahl. Paul and Jean remained friends and confidants through the years.

He worked at J&L in Springfield, Vt. for a few years. Paul then worked with his mother at the Putney Co-Op for several years and then started logging. Paul enjoyed logging with his horses. He especially liked working with his son Mark and Frazier Cooper Ellis. Paul loved to go fishing, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and four-wheeling.

Paul did endurance horse driving at Green Mountain Horse

Association in Woodstock, Vt. Paul spent several years riding for The Cure cancer association.

Paul owned pizza, Paul and Mary's, for a number of years in Saxtons River. Paul loved being with his two grandkids Jonathan and Cate, riding four wheelers, snowmobiles, and teaching them how to take care of horses. Paul was a master at woodworking and remodeling old homes to their original state. He enjoyed his free time with friends and going to Errol, N.H. Tim Lang always included Paul to "Camp Crumpet" when there was an outing scheduled. Paul is survived by his son Mark; his daughter-in-law Rita; and his grandchildren Jonathan McIntire of North Carolina, Catherine of New Hampshire, and Andrew Golbranson; his sisters Dorothy Davis and Marjorie Wrogg of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his father John and his mother Mildred.

A celebration of life will be in the spring of 2021. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Phyllis Q. Anderson, 1923-2020

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Phyllis Q. Anderson passed away Nov. 5, 2020 at home, surrounded by her loving children. The daughter of Neal and Katharine Quimby, Phyllis was born in Newark, N.J., May 18, 1923 and grew up in West Orange, N.J.

As a teen, Phyllis was active in the St. Cloud Presbyterian Church youth group where she met future husband Henry Anderson. She and Hank were married June 14, 1947 and enjoyed 64 wonderful years together.

Phyllis graduated in 1943 with a teaching degree from Mary Washington College in Virginia. At 20, she began teaching elementary school in Morris Plains, N.J. and later in West Orange, N.J. She retired in 1948 to begin raising her family, moving to Westfield, N.J. in 1952.

Devoted to her communities, she served at the Westfield Presbyterian Church, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Meals on Wheels, and Miller Cory House Museum. Once in Vermont, she was active in the Westminster First Congregational Church, Center School, Recycle Center, and a volunteer for Westminster Cares for 32 years. She and Hank founded and acted in the Westminster Follies, which raised funds for the church and highlighted talented members of the community.

Music was a lifelong love of Phyllis's. She played baritone horn in high school, college, and later with the Grafton Brass Band in Vermont. She sang in church choirs, played hand-



Phyllis Q. Anderson, 1923-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

bells, and with her husband founded the First Congregational Church handbell choir.

Among her many hobbies and interests were antique collecting, chair caning, quilting, bridge, jigsaw and crossword puzzles, and she was an avid Mets and Patriots fan.

Phyllis is survived by eight of her children Sue Gioulis, Don Anderson, Wendy Schoenemann, Jill Kimber, Jennifer Anderson, John Anderson, Heidi Anderson, and Bonnie Anderson; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is immensely missed by all of us. She was predeceased by her husband Hank, sister Priscilla Wilson, daughter Melanie DeLonge, and granddaughter Greta Schoenemann.

A celebration of Phyllis's life will be held in the spring of 2021. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Westminster or to Westminster Cares Inc. in Westminster, Vt.

Lisa M. O'dette, 1965-2020

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Lisa M. O'dette, 55, of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away suddenly Nov. 16, 2020 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She was born Sept. 15, 1965 to Warren O'dette and Brenda Masure.

After graduating from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1983, Lisa went on to enjoy a long and successful career as a hospitality manager. She was a laid back, lighthearted woman who enjoyed laughing and spending time with her friends and family, and the companion-

ship of her Pomeranians. Her sassy and witty nature along with her driven, never quit mindset will be missed by all who knew her.

She leaves behind her son Zachary Vancor, parents Warren and Brenda, younger brother Rodney O'dette, and her longtime partner Edward Vancor.

Arrangements are being made by Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. Due to the current circumstances, services will be announced at a later date.

Gloria Snide, 1951-2020

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Gloria (Gordon) Snide, 68, passed away Nov. 14, 2020. She was born June 28, 1951 in Springfield, Vt., to Shirley (Punt) Donatelli and Perley Gordon Jr. Gloria attended schools in Springfield and Chester. She graduated from Springfield High School.

Gloria worked for the Springfield School District, Mack Molding in Cavendish, and Springfield Health and Rehab Center.

Gloria enjoyed her passion for jewelry making. She enjoyed collecting dolphin and horse artifacts, which were dear to her heart. Her most precious moments were spending time with her family.

Gloria is survived by her husband Gary Snide of Springfield; daughter Lisa Taft (Bobby) of

Jacksonville, Fla.; son James "Jamie" Smith (Helen) of Charlestown, N.H.; two sisters Brenda Moulton (Jeff) of Charlestown and Sherry Vogt (Bob) of Englewood, Fla.; brother James Gordon (Becki) of Claremont, N.H.; stepbrother Jerry Donatelli (Ann) of Springfield; two stepdaughters Heidi Adams of Springfield and Melanie Leblanc of Weathersfield; granddaughter Calliegh Taft of Jacksonville, Fla.; grandson Cody Taft of Augusta, S.C. and great-granddaughter Valeri King of Jacksonville, Fla. She was predeceased by her father Perley Gordon Jr. and her mother Shirley Donatelli.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Until further notice, the Diocese of Vermont has made online services available with Bishop Shannon. Go to [www.diovermont.org](http://www.diovermont.org). For more information, go to [www.immanuelepiscopal.org](http://www.immanuelepiscopal.org).

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Public masses have resumed. Services at St. Joseph's include Saturday at 4 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. There are no live streams for these masses. For more information, go to [www.stmaryjoseph.com](http://www.stmaryjoseph.com).

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First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

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# sports & outdoor

## Some soccer statistics from around Vermont

**REGION** – Soccer season has ended for Vermont high schools and here's a few soccer statistics.

Division I: Number 1 Champlain Valley Union girls were upset by number 3 South Burlington 2-1. CVU had won 61 in a row until the finals loss. They were shooting for their 20th state soccer championship. South Burlington won its second state championship.

Division II: Number 3 U-32 girls defeated number Rice 2-1 and won their first state soccer

championship.

Division III: Number 10 Stowe girls beat number 4 Vergennes 4-0. It was their fourth overall state soccer title.

Division IV: Number 1 Proctor unbeaten girls won their ninth overall title beating number 6 Hazen 4-2. They were playing in their 10th straight title game.

Division I: Number 5 Burlington boys defeated number 3 Essex 1-0 in overtime. Burlington picking up its sixth state soccer championship. Essex

beat defending division champ CVU with an overtime free kick to reach the finals. Note: CVU was going for their 20th state soccer championship.

Division II: Number 6 Montpelier boys won their second state soccer championship with a 2-1 win over previously undefeated number 1 Milton.

Division III: Number 4 Peoples' boys won their fourth soccer title in program history by beating number 3 Green Mountain 1-0. Green Mountain was the defending Division III champions. Note: Angie Faraci coaches the Peoples' boys; it is believed she became the first woman to coach a boys' soccer team to a state championship in the history of the VPA.

Division IV: Number 1 Twin Valley boys won their second straight crown and fifth overall soccer title by defeating number 3 Proctor 1-1, 5-3 in the shootout, after two overtimes hadn't decided the result. Note: Proctor boys were shooting for their 20th state soccer championship.

With the Co-



vid-19 shortened season, there were a lot of upsets in both girls' and boys' divisions. Only the two Division IV teams won as number 1 ranked teams – Proctor girls and Twin Valley boys.

CVU girls and boys along with Proctor boys will have to wait another year to see if they can win their 20th overall title.

*Written by Don Lloyd of Springfield, Vt.*

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# Keeping traditions alive during an unusual holiday season

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**Celebrate virtually**

In a survey commissioned by O&H Danish Bakery and conducted by SWNS Media Group and OnePoll, nearly 80% of respondents say time with family is their favorite part of the holiday season. Whether your tradition is a Christmas movie marathon, a caroling session around the piano, or eating certain foods and baked treats, you can enjoy these activities together over video chat this year.

**Share traditional foods**

The sensory memories that good food creates are powerful. In fact, 44% of people say the holiday spirit wouldn't be the same if they didn't have their traditional holiday dessert.

**Plan ahead**

When it comes to ordering gifts and specially baked treats, make sure to account for busy schedules and congested delivery services to ensure all your goodies arrive on time. Take note of shipping times and policies, as well as ordering deadlines for each company.

**Create hygge**

Evoking the sights, sounds, and aromas of a

typical holiday season will help make this year feel more cheerful. Take a cue from Danish culture and embrace hygge. Pronounced "hoo-ga," it means creating a cozy atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life, such as the warm glow of candlelight or a steaming cup of cocoa – and there is no better time of year to do it than the holiday season.

This year might be especially difficult for families who are physically separated, but there are many ways to spread cheer and keep traditions alive.



Enjoy your holiday traditions in unique ways. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Happy Thanksgiving



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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

**NOV. 25 – WALPOLE, N.H.** – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Walpole Post Office. There will also be other baked goods.

**NOV. 26-29 – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Okemo Mountain School will host a virtual Trot-It-Off 5K this year due to Covid-19. The run/walk will take place in a location of your choosing over Thanksgiving weekend. Please complete your run between Thursday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 29.

Proceeds go to the OMS Scholarship Fund.

**NOV. 30 – TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Grace Cottage Hospital hosts the Vermont Foodbank’s “VeggieVanGo” free food distribution program in Townshend Monday, Nov. 30, from 12-1 p.m. The distribution takes place in the lower parking lot of Leland & Gray High School in Townshend. The purpose of the program is to help people obtain fresh fruits and vegetables to sustain a healthy lifestyle. All are welcome and no proof of eligibility is required. Check the Grace Cottage website or call

802-365-9109 for more information.

**DEC. 5 – CHESTER, Vt.** – Chester Helping Hands will host a special dinner for Chester seniors the morning of Saturday, Dec. 5. The menu will be a ham dinner and dessert. They need a head count ASAP as there are 150 dinners. Please call the Motel in the Meadow at 802-875-2626 or Town Hall at 802-875-2173.

**TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first

visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at St. Charles Education Center located at 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 6 p.m. Handicap accessible.

**WEDNESDAYS – BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** – Advanced directives: Where do I find the forms? Who should be named as my healthcare agent? Who do I give the completed form to? How do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I’m unable

to speak for myself? Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom. To receive the Zoom invitation, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

**DAILY – LUDLOW, Vt.** – OMS Ski & Snowboard Swap is virtual this year. The online sale continues through Nov. 27 with pickup by appointment only. Check our website, www.okemomountainschool.org/skiswap to view and purchase inventory. All items will be prepaid through the online store

and received by pickup with an appointment only. All sales benefit the Okemo Mountain School.

**REGION –** If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting.

Rockingham Library open for curbside service

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – The Rockingham Library is suspending in-person visits until further notice. Given the governor’s announcement of renewed restrictions and the sharp increase in Covid-19 cases in Vermont, the library will return to providing curbside service only. This will allow patrons to access most library services safely.

These steps will help keep our community and staff as safe as possible and will contribute to slowing the curve of rising cases.

Library cardholders can continue to place holds on materials through their online library account. Or they can call and talk to one of the knowledgeable librarians who can help select books, movies, audios,

and magazines or help with access to many library digital services and online databases. Virtual programs will continue, and the Book Drop Box is open for returns.

Curbside hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m.; and Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m.-5:15 p.m. For more information, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or email reference@rockinghamlibrary.org.

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Town & Village of Ludlow  
Development Review Board  
Notice of Public Hearing

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 473-21-VA  
APPLICANT: Kathy Boyce  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 479 Route 100 South  
PARCEL NUMBER: 060441.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Requesting a Variance from the road setbacks for the front porch.

The URL Link and Meeting ID No. will be available on our website [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us) when the agenda is posted on December 08, 2020.

(Note: You must first sign up for a free Zoom account by going to: <https://zoom.us/signup>)

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

Town & Village of Ludlow  
Development Review Board  
Notice of Public Hearing

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 474-21-CU  
APPLICANT: J. Matthew Boggs for Ryker Douglas, LLC  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 262 Fox Lane  
PARCEL NUMBER: 040233-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Conditional Use Permit to change the use of the Green Mountain at Fox Run Weight Control Facility to a substance use disorder facility to treat 40 individuals through detoxification and residential treatment. The facility will employ 30 local, professional staff at full capacity.

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Town of Londonderry, VT  
Notice of Public Hearing

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT\*, and hold a public hearing on the following applications:

Application 2020-41 by Christopher Ponessi, PE for Hunter Kaltsas, requesting an appeal of a decision of the Zoning Administrator, including a Variance from Zoning Bylaw section 411(C), Conditional Use Review for land development on property without frontage on a Town/State maintained road per Zoning Bylaw section 402(A)1 and 503, and Site Plan Review per Zoning Bylaw section 504 for an office trailer for a contractor's yard on property at 2218, 2194 & 2292 VT Route 111 involving Parcels 105003.000, 105005.000 & 105007.100.

Application 2020-42 by Thomas Walsh, requesting Site Plan Review for a 3-lot subdivision of a 41.95 acre property per Zoning Bylaw sections 314 and 504, and Conditional Use Review for land development on property without frontage on a Town/State maintained road per Zoning Bylaw sections 402(A)1 and 503, for property located off of Stoney Brook Road on Parcel 110017.100.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Application materials are available for inspection on the Development Review Board page on the Town's website: <http://www.londonderryvt.org/development-review-board/>.

\*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, the meeting venue is likely to change and be held through means of remote electronic access as permitted under Act 92, signed into law on by the Governor Scott on March 30, 2020. Notice of this will be provided at the time of legal posting of the meeting agenda, which will take place at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please check the Town website – [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org), or contact the Town Office prior to the meeting on how to participate remotely by video or telephone.

Town & Village of Ludlow  
Development Review Board  
Notice of Public Hearing

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB-18-006;  
Amendment No. 1  
APPLICANT: Cool Edge Lake Rescue Homeowners Assoc., Inc. c/o Attorney Gregory V. Mauriello  
PROPERTY LOCATION: Route 100 North  
PARCEL NUMBER: 200246.200

REASON FOR HEARING: Amendment to a Subdivision Permit that created a lot on Lake Rescue for lake access to benefit of the 9 lot Subdivision on the opposite, west side of Route 100 North. The Amendment is requesting to permit the use of the lake access lot by one additional parcel, presently owned by the Estate of Charlotte G. Sumner.

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Town & Village of Ludlow  
Development Review Board  
Notice of Public Hearing

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 475-21-ACT250  
APPLICANT: J. Matthew Boggs for Ryker Douglas, LLC  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 262 Fox Lane  
PARCEL NUMBER: 040233-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Local Act250 review to change the use of the Green Mountain at Fox Run Weight Control Facility to a substance use disorder facility to treat 40 individuals through detoxification and residential treatment. The facility will employ 30 local, professional staff at full capacity.

The URL Link and Meeting ID No. will be available on our website [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us) when the agenda is posted on December 08, 2020.

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SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2020

WARNING

The legal voters of the Springfield Town School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Road, in the Town of Springfield, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) in the morning (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the evening (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall bonds or notes of the Springfield Town School District in an amount not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making energy efficiency improvements to the District's elementary, middle and high school buildings, the estimated cost of such improvements being Ten Million Four Hundred Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$10,404,346)?

**State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.**

The legal voters of the Springfield Town School District are further warned and notified that informational meetings will be held for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed school building improvements and the financing thereof as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	6:00 p.m.	60 Park Street, Auditorium <a href="https://youtu.be/TIDZwAtBmtM">https://youtu.be/TIDZwAtBmtM</a>
Thursday, December 3, 2020	7:00 p.m.	60 Park Street, Auditorium <a href="https://meet.google.com/mgs-ztbc-gup">https://meet.google.com/mgs-ztbc-gup</a>

The legal voters of the Springfield Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Springfield Town School District held on November 2, 2020. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Springfield Town School District on November 4, 2020.

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MONTPELIER, Vt. – Federal Reserve Bank of Boston President Eric Rosengren and Gov. Phil Scott announced that the Springfield area, Greater Barre, Lamoille County, and Winooski are the recipients of \$300,000 grants as part of the Boston Fed’s Working Communities Challenge. The program includes more than \$700,000 in additional planning and action grants for Vermont communities, and aims to strengthen the economies of rural towns and smaller cities. The competition officially launched in Vermont in 2019 with state, private sector, and not-for-profit support.

Each of the four communities will receive the grants over three years to support programs designed to bolster economic equality and workforce development across these regions of the state.

“Congratulations to each of these communities for putting together proposals designed to address significant needs in their unique regions,” Rosengren said.

Springfield seeks to increase workforce participation to combat generational poverty and help residents support themselves and their families. Greater Barre looks to lower the rate of single female head of households in poverty by 15% in 10 years. Lamoille County plans to tackle systemic barriers to employment and improve workforce transitions in order to lower the county’s unemployment rate by 2024 and create a more diversified economy. Winooski aims to establish systems to lift underrepresented voices and involve the area’s diverse population in decision-making and community dialogue.


“I want to congratulate the four winners we’re announcing today and thank the Boston Fed for working with us on this initiative,” said Gov. Scott. “This pandemic has shown us why it is important to strengthen our small communities and ensure we have more diversity in our economy so we’re

not so reliant on any one sector or any one region. Grants like this will help achieve these goals so we can come out of this pandemic stronger and more resilient.”

President Rosengren and Gov. Scott celebrated the four communities at a virtual event Nov. 19 and leaders from each of the four communities shared their efforts to strengthen their local economies and build healthy communities.

To learn more about the communities and the initiatives these grants will support, check out [www.bostonfed.org/workingplaces/communities-challenge/vermont.aspx](http://www.bostonfed.org/workingplaces/communities-challenge/vermont.aspx).

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Department of  
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Leadership Award

MONTPELIER, Vt. – In a year when Vermonters’ lives have been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Vermont Community Foundation and the organizing committee for the Con Hogan Award for Creative, Entrepreneurial, Community Leadership are pleased to announce that the 2020 award will go to the Vermont Department of Health.

The award this year recognizes the department and its staff for their commitment to Vermonters’ safety in this perilous time; their steady, data-driven leadership; and their tenacity in the face of chaos.

The Award Committee credited Vermont’s low Covid-19 positivity rates – among the lowest in the country – to VDH’s insights and action. They highlighted VDH’s early recognition of the dangers of the virus; their calm, quick, and expert response to reported outbreaks; and their consistently honest, straightforward, and compelling communication that has inspired Vermonters to keep each other safe during this pandemic.

In a break with previous years, the Award Committee decided to suspend the cash prize and its usual nomination process in 2020 and recognize the VDH – which has consistently demonstrated the award criteria this year – for its exemplary performance during this pandemic.

Initiated in 2015, the annual award is a tribute to Con Hogan, who died in 2018, and his life’s work and commitment to public service. The goal of the award is to encourage and reward leaders who share Con’s vision of a better Vermont.

Over the past five years, a \$15,000 cash prize has been awarded to an individual selected from among a pool of publicly submitted nominations. All Con Hogan Award winners exhibit the

following qualities: focus on results, using data and measurement to mobilize action, working with people across diverse perspectives, taking risks in pursuit of the vision, and persisting through setbacks.

The award will be presented Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at a virtual celebration beginning at 12 p.m.

Grace Cottage “Giving Tuesday”

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – After Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes Giving Tuesday, a worldwide day of philanthropy during the season of gratitude. Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital asks its friends and neighbors to participate in its Giving Tuesday campaign Dec. 1 to help raise funds to purchase two new LifePak defibrillators for the Hospital Emergency Department, to update and replace aging equipment.

The goal is to raise \$48,600 for the two units and associated costs – batteries, power cords, etc. Very generous kickoff donations totaling \$11,200 bring the remainder to be raised down to \$37,400.

Defibrillators are a vital piece of equipment used within a healthcare setting. They are an integral diagnostic tool in a cardiac emergency. Defibrillators identify rhythms that can be life threatening or require immediate medical intervention. They work by sending an electrical current that restarts a heart and restores a normal rhythm. The Stryker LIFEPAK 20e can be used in the emergency department, on patient transports, and in the primary care environment as well, should the need arise. It provides an array of data, advanced monitoring, and temporary pace making if needed, to assist providers in their life-saving work.

To participate in Grace Cottage’s Giving Tuesday 2020 campaign, go to [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org) through midnight Dec. 1 to donate via credit card, or call 802-365-9109 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Checks may be made out to Grace Cottage with “Giving Tuesday” on the memo line, and sent to P.O. Box 1, Townshend, VT, 05353. Any money raised beyond the campaign goal will be applied to the Grace Cottage Patient Care Fund.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Once again, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and Springfield on the Move are teaming up to bring family fun and cheer to the community throughout the season. Admittedly, Covid-19 has certainly thrown a wrench in some of our

traditional plans, but we are a resilient community and we always find a way. For safety reasons, we won't be doing our usual gathering with Santa downtown this year, but he has assured us that he will still swing through town to light our tree no matter what. Even though we can't join him in

person, his spirit will be with us all. And his little magical house will be onsite in the People's United Bank lot for children who would like to send him a letter – kiddos can pop their correspondences in the mail slot of Santa's house throughout the month of December.

As a fun and creative new twist, Santa will be reading some wonderful classic holiday tales this year, which will be broadcast on SAPA TV for you and your family's enjoyment between Nov. 30 and Christmas Eve. His jolly readings will be running throughout the days, and also nightly, from 6:30-7 p.m., on VTEL 160 and Com-

cast 1077. We are busy getting our elves ready to light the poles along Main Street, and we invite businesses and families to decorate their windows, storefronts, and homes in the spirit of the season to help enhance the magic of the atmosphere all across town.

A warm shout out to HB Energy Solutions for all their help with making spirits bright, and a heartfelt thank you also to the Springfield Community Players, Black River Innovation Campus, SAPA TV, and all the many partners and volunteers who are giving their time and energy to help make these festivities happen.

We are so thrilled to bring cheer and joy to the community this holiday season, and of course our utmost concern is for the safety and wellbeing of everyone, including Santa. Wishing you all safe and merry holidays!

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## New library exhibit

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The library is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We are happy to provide curbside service if requested.

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## Next Stage presents “Roots of Southern Appalachian Dance”

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and the Putney Historical Society present “Hoe-downs, Reels, and Frolics: Roots and Branches of Southern Appalachian Dance,” a virtual lecture by scholar of traditional music and dance, Phil Jamison, Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The southern Appalachian square dance is a hybrid dance form that developed in the American South during the 19th century, and like the Appalachian musical traditions, these dances reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the region. In this Zoom event, Phil examines the multicultural roots and historical development of these dances and identifies the com-

ponents of earlier European, African, and Native American dance forms that combined to make them uniquely American. He will also discuss African-American and Native American musicians and callers who at one time were present in New England. These include African-American musician and barber John Putnam (1825–1895), who was active as a fiddler and dance prompter in Greenfield, Mass. during the 19th century.

Phil Jamison is nationally known as a dance caller, old-time musician, flatfoot dancer, and scholar of traditional Appalachian dance. A 2017 inductee to the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame, he has called dances, performed, and taught at music festivals and dance events throughout the U.S. and overseas since the early 1970s, including 40 years as a member of the Green Grass Cloggers. Over the last 30 years, Jamison has done extensive research in the area of Appalachian dance, and his book “Hoedowns, Reels, and Frolics: Roots and Branches of Southern Appalachian Dance” tells the story behind the square dances, step dances, reels, and other forms of dance practiced in southern Appalachia. He has given numerous presentations on Appalachian dance – from the Smithsonian Institution to Beijing, China – and he teaches Appalachian music and dance at Warren Wilson College, in Asheville, N.C., where for 25 years, he served as coordinator of the Old-Time Music and Dance Week at the Swannanoa Gathering.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Putney Historical Society. Advance tickets for the Zoom plus a 2021 Putney Historical Society calendar can be purchased at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

## Memorial Thanksgiving concert

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Taconic Music will present its fifth annual Thanksgiving concert Saturday, Nov. 28 at 4 p.m., via livestream from the Riley Center for the Arts at Burr and Burton Academy. The concert, which is sponsored by Manchester Designer Outlets, honors the legacy of acclaimed cellist Michael Rudiakov, as this year marks the 20th anniversary of his passing.

The livestream is free to access on Taconic's YouTube channel; donations are welcome. A link will be posted on the Taconic website and Facebook page. For more information, visit [www.taconicmusic.org](http://www.taconicmusic.org).

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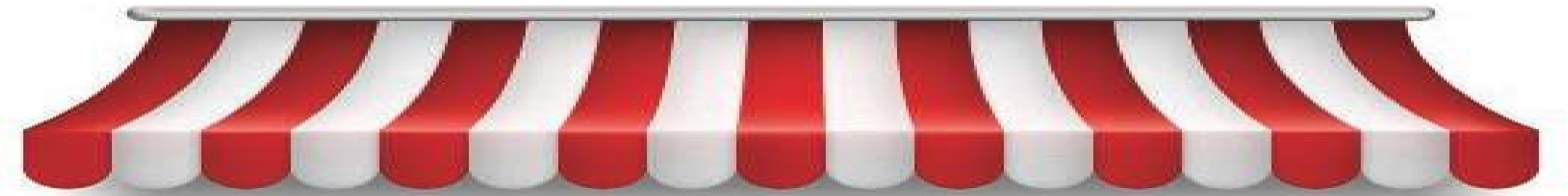
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