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Cavendish chooses hybrid town meeting, postpones a month

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. — The Cavendish Select Board has decided to delay Town Meeting by a month and opt for a hybrid Town Meeting structure, with both in-person and online participants. The informational meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28 and the voting will be by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 29. The decision was made during their special budget meeting on Jan. 20.

The reason for the delay was largely based on the availability of Okemo Valley TV, who has the equip-

ment to provide the hybrid option, but was already committed to other towns for the original Feb. 28 date.

Town manager Brendan McNamara, who attended the Jan. 20 budget meeting via phone, had also been identified as a close contact for a family member that tested positive for Covid-19. Postponing town meeting for a month would allow McNamara to finish quarantine and meet with the board in person to finalize the budget and leave additional time if any other issues arose in time to print out the Town Report on time.

Elected town officials can stay in their current posi-

tions until the local election takes place.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, this year Vermont state legislators have given Vermont towns and cities the authority to change the format and/or dates of their Town Meeting to provide a safe and healthy town meeting and election.

The school budget vote will need take place on time however, since all towns must pass the school budget on the same day, with the vote taking place by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Proctorsville Fire Department.

CTES makes baby blankets

CAVENDISH, Vt. — Students in Ms. Turgeon's second grade class at Cavendish Town Elementary School make baby blankets for The Linus Project, a non-profit that provides blankets to children in need.



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GMUSD approves budget and support staff agreement

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. — During their Jan. 20 meeting, the Green Mountain Unified School District approved their FY23 budget, district support staff agreement, postponed their annual meeting date, and got the latest update on how the district is faring under the statewide change in school Covid testing.

The board approved the total of \$14,705,015, which represents a 3.26 percent increase and an anticipated tax rate of \$1.45. The cost per equalized pupil is \$18,770, which is approximately \$1200 under the state threshold of \$19,997. Districts that go over the state threshold face penalties.

The GMUSD budget covers Cavendish Town Elementary School, Chester Andover Elementary School and Green Mountain Union Middle/High School for the towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, and Chester. The budget can be found on the Two Rivers Supervisory Union website at www.trsu.org.

All towns will be voting by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1: Andover voting will take place at Andover Town Hall from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Baltimore voting will take place at Baltimore Town Office from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Cavendish voting will take place at the Proctorsville Fire Station from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Chester voting will take place at the Chester Town Office from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The informational meeting for the budget is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Board chairman Joe Fromberger will be onsite at the GMUHS library along with Okemo Valley TV to coordinate the broadcast. The Zoom information will be available on the TRSU website.

As they did last year, the board decided to postpone their annual meeting until Thursday, May 26 and will hold the

meeting outside to mitigate the spread of Covid. This meeting, which generally is not largely attended, consists mainly of electing positions to the board such as clerk and treasurer, but does not include any budget decisions.

Only board member Abe Gross voted against delay, citing the high vaccination rate in Vermont and that with schools being in-person, it was inconsistent with how the district itself was operating.

The board unanimously approved the Support Staff agreement, which was negotiated for the upcoming two years. The first year would provide a 4.97% increase; the second year would deliver a 2.27% bump. The agreement also included increased service days, changes to accrued sick leave for new hires, custodial staff reimbursement for footwear, and in-service stipends. The first year's nearly 5% jump reflected the other changes.

Superintendent Lauren Fierman gave an update on the recent decision handed down from the Vermont Agency of Education to shift testing responsibility from the school to parents.

Although Fierman said she was glad to have administrators backing away from acting as health officials, she said it was hard to manage the changes, and the new directive was largely driven, and hindered by, the supply of take-home test kits that each school received.

If vaccinated or unvaccinated students or staff test positive, they need to isolate for five days and can return to school on day six if they've had two negative rapid tests day four, and five, then can return to school on day six.

Contact tracing is no longer happening; rather a positive case now triggers the entire classroom as a presumptive contact. If unvaccinated, students/staff must take a rapid test every day with a negative result to come to school. Vaccinated students, if asymptomatic, can come to school and are not required to test.

The school is now supplying those rapid tests to families once their course of action is determined, either providing five tests for un-

vaccinated students, or two tests for those returning after illness.

According to Fierman, if they run out of tests, supply from the state being the biggest hurdle, then the school will have to either revert back to school driven testing or close a class. She said the rapid tests the schools are receiving are no longer packaged for schools to conduct testing, but designed to be taken home.

When asked how the teachers were reacting to the change, Fierman said many were concerned that parents might not conduct testing that is recommended and the school is not allowed to monitor adherence from parents.

Admitting that this might not have been her direction, Fierman said that as she has from the start followed the recommendations of the AOE and the health department and that she would continue to do so. She also said the state's rationale for the shift was driven by the fast spread of Omicron variant.

Staffing shortages have been an issue, but many staffers and administrators have been going above and beyond to cover where needed. Going remote is not an option however, since the state will not recognize remote learning as part of the necessary days required for school instruction. Fierman said they were going to do everything we can to stay open and continue with in-person learning. They could however, request a waiver from the state, to not have to make up a shortage of learning days.

Board member Abe Gross informed the board that he had filled out his paperwork for the 3-year Cavendish position available on the board but had not yet submitted it to the town office. He made a plea to any Cavendish resident who might be interested in the position in his stead. After the meeting, Gross confirmed that he had submitted his paperwork and would be officially running for the 3-year term.

The next GMUSD regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the GMUHS library or via Zoom.

Route 103 Auto acquires Heads Up Motorsports

CHESTER, Vt. — From the time that Roger Batchelder was 15 years old he knew he wanted to be an auto mechanic. It was a dream destined to be realized, despite decades of time and countless unforeseen challenges that threatened it.

But with the relocation of his auto repair shop, Route 103 Auto, from his home residence to the recent purchasing of Heads Up Motorsports, Batchelder's dream has transformed from a fruition to an expanded harvest of new customers.

"I have always dreamt of working on cars. When I was 15 my dad came home from work one day and we were sitting at the dinner table and my dad said, 'Hey Roger, there's a guy at work who has a car for sale. It's only \$100. It's a Volkswagen Bug. It doesn't run. We'll have to tow it home. But I thought if we bought it now we would have a year to fix it up before you got your license,'" Batchelder said. "So that's where my love for cars started. So we fixed the car up, made it shiny and pretty."

Immersed in the automotive culture since he was a small child, Batchelder said automotive repair and stock car racing run in the family.

"My grandfather — on both sides of the family — worked on cars. My mother's father raced as did her brothers; they were all into stock car racing," Batchelder said. "My dad worked at a dealership for a while when I was young and always wanted to own his own shop but ended up working in the machine tool industry instead. It runs in the blood. My dad raced too."

Batchelder said his family raced at Claremont Speedway and Monadnock Speedway and those childhood experiences continued to fuel his desire to become an active member of the auto-



Ruthanne and Roger Batchelder cut the ribbon for their grand opening of Route 103 Auto's new location with Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carol Lighthall.

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motive industry.

But it would be more than 30 years before he embarked on his journey as a high performance European auto mechanic.

When Batchelder was 17, he was washing dishes at Idlenot Restaurant and his longtime best friend, David Waldemann, mentioned an opening at Vermont Hardwoods in Chester. Batchelder jumped at the opportunity.

"I did not like washing dishes at all so this was a great opportunity to do something different," Batchelder said.

Batchelder and Waldemann, friends since they were 8 years old, continued to work there for three years before they ended up buying the business. Batchelder, then 22, and Waldmann, then 24, ended up saving not just their jobs but everyone's jobs and Vermont Hardwoods.

"We basically bought our jobs because if we didn't the owners were going to close it down," Batchelder said. "I was the shop foreman and I took care of employees, production, maintaining and repairing equipment. We ended up owning the business for about 20 years"

Though his dream of being an auto mechanic was

put on hold during that time, he still had opportunities to work on fixing mechanical and different types of company-owned fuel driven equipment.

But the day came when Batchelder said he knew it was time to make the change and take the leap he had always wanted to take into the automotive repair business.

"Finally at age 43 I was like, 'You know what?'" Batchelder said. "I woke up, I remember it like it was yesterday, and thought, 'If I am ever going to realize the dream of working on cars I better do it soon because time flies.'"

Batchelder said he started looking around for a business to buy and struck a deal with an auto body shop in Springfield.

He then took a risk and sold his half of Vermont Hardwoods to David Waldemann and used the money to build his business and stay financially afloat.

"But the deal fell through so I started looking at the workshop I built at home as the place to start my auto shop," Batchelder said. "So that's

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Ludlow proposes study evaluating micro transit for area

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Town of Ludlow has proposed a draft micro transit study for the Ludlow/Okemo area. According to a report by the town, “The community’s compact, walkable and urban form is ideally suited for the development of a highly functional transit system.”

The location of Okemo Mountain Ski Resort is an asset to the community but also adds challenges in terms of transportation needs for employees and guests. The resort has offered a seasonal shuttle service and the Southeast Vermont Regional Transit provides some mobility for

visitors and workers, but the town has stated that it recognizes that there are additional needs and opportunities for transit services in the community year-round.

The Town of Ludlow and the Okemo region have long had an interest in improving public transit services in the local area, as a means to provide more options for visitors and employees of the resort, for getting around town, and for the potential for reducing seasonal traffic congestion associated with tourism in the region.

The Town of Ludlow partnered with the Mount Ascutney Regional Com-

mission to secure a grant allowing them to conduct a study evaluating the feasibility of micro transit to address some of the region’s mobility needs that are flexible in scale and in terms of schedule.

They are seeking input from the community on this draft micro transit study. Submit your comments before the deadline of Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 to Otis Munroe at MARC via email: omunroe@marcv.org.

The Okemo Valley Chamber encourages Ludlow residents and businesses to participate.

Okemo Women’s Club upcoming agenda

LUDLOW, Vt. – The January meeting of the GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club was held on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 for the first meeting of the new year. Seventeen attended by Zoom due to the current Covid surges.

A business meeting was held to discuss recent and upcoming projects and events. The state meeting, which will be held May 2, 2022, was discussed and members were reminded that at that time new officers would be installed for the next tenure. The club’s current fundraising project is The Tree of Remembrance which funds the club’s scholarship program for local high school students plan-

ning to attend a two-year college. Anyone from the community is welcome to submit names of those they would like to honor or remember to Fran Derlinga, PO Box 229, Plymouth, VT.

Upcoming is the annual Baked Goods and Appetizer Sale, which will be held Friday, Feb. 11, near the entrance to Shaw’s store in Ludlow. The sale will begin at 3 p.m. and end once the goods have sold out.

Following the business meeting, Scott Sterns of the Book Nook shop in Ludlow spoke regarding a list for the club women of his 2022 book recommendations. He had a list of several books from 2021 and books to be released in 2022, including titles by Archer Mayer, Isabel Al-

lande, Chris Bohjalian, Anne Tyler and Seishi Yokomizo. Scott was able to present a brief description of each book he had recommended. Any books can be purchased or ordered at the Book Nook.

The next meeting of the Okemo Valley Women’s club will be held on Monday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Black River Senior Center in Ludlow. Anyone interested in attending may contact President Penny Trick at 802-975-0313, Membership chairwoman Roxie Davis at 802-226-7417, or any other member of the club.

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

AUTO

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when I started opening my own auto shop right here.”

Batchelder’s wife, Ruthanne, helped him build the initial structure, which had been intended to be his personal workshop, before she jumped back in when Batchelder decided to transform it into a working garage for auto repair.

“We have pictures of Ruthanne raising the walls and all kinds of stuff,” Batchelder said.

Ruthanne said she wasn’t the only one involved.

“We had lots of help,” Ruthanne said. “We have a big family and everyone helped. So family, friends, and neighbors just pitched in to help.”

Batchelder did not go to school for auto mechanics, although both he and his wife have been immersed in learning the automotive business in other ways through a couple of nationally recognized institutions.

“I had a natural aptitude for mechanical things and

I knew there was enough information out there to help me with things I didn’t know,” Batchelder said. “So I found the information I needed and I took night courses. Sometimes I went away for training sessions. So I learned along the way but a lot of it was on purpose.”

“It was very intentional,” Ruthanne said. “For years when he worked at Vermont hardwoods he had always worked on our own vehicles.”

Batchelder earned his certification as an inspection mechanic which he said is the only thing Vermont requires for automotive repair. His focus has always been on

repairing high performance automobiles.

“I like to fix things no one wants to fix or can’t fix,” Batchelder said. “It’s a challenge I love. The state of Vermont does not require any certification to work on cars, although, I believe they should.”

The Batchelders continue to go on biannual trips to take courses, workshops and attend seminars learning how to take care of customers, staff, and innovate the high performance specialization of their automotive business.

After the Batchelders and additional friends and family came back again to lay the concrete and install the wiring to make the workshop up to code for a working auto garage, he opened the shop in June of 2010 alone without a mechanical staff.

“I started working on cars for friends and family first and just got the word out there and started working for customers. Once it got too busy, Ruthanne came on to work for me,” Batchelder said.

Not long before Batchelder opened Route 103 Auto he broke his wrist.

“When I was working on the shop while I was installing the furnace I fell off the ladder and broke my wrist. It seems that about a month before we opened our doors so when we opened I was working with a broken wrist,”

Batchelder said.

For the next two years he had help in the shop from the two oldest of his five children, Danial and Chris, and sometimes financially.

“They helped out financially a little bit and every little bit helps you know,” he said.

Then, two years later, the Batchelders came to a turning point that almost closed the doors on his dream.

“Then a couple years later, when we were really busy but I was still by myself, I had a dirt bike accident and I broke my leg,” Batchelder said. “That’s when we hired an actual person to work in the shop.”

Batchelder hired a young 17-year-old to do the hands-on repairs as he expedited the instructions to his mentee but he still felt that things were looking grim.

His father and a couple friends helped fill in. Ruthanne, who had helped with all the legal paperwork, continued booking appointments and handling the ordering of parts.

Batchelder said one day he reached a place where he questioned the solvency of the business. He called his business coach and told her he was going to shut the business down.

“She said, ‘No you’re not. You’re going to keep going and make this business work,’” Batchelder said.

That pivotal conversation

he said infused him with a new determination and he pressed on.

By the fifth year he was hiring a full staff and his daughter Jenny at 19 had taken over Ruthanne’s office position.

The Batchelders said they were finally starting to see a profit, supporting other people financially through employment and solvency in their business.

“It felt really good,” Batchelder said. “I love helping people. I love people in general and I like fixing things other people cannot fix. It’s a great feeling and a big win for me.”

Batchelder likes solving a puzzle as an aspect of mechanics.

“Sometimes in this work you have to make new pieces to fit the puzzle you are working on,” he said.

Now, 10 years later, they have outgrown their home auto shop and the day before Thanksgiving they purchased HeadsUp MotorSports from Kelly Arrison and after a month of preparation they opened Route 103 Auto at 3441 VT Route 10.

Batchelder and his wife Ruthanne said the increase in customer base has been incredible.

“We see new customers every day,” Ruthanne said. “But it’s hard to keep Roger out of the garage.”

Roger’s eldest son brought him a BMW motorcycle one day that Ruthanne secretly purchased for him.

“I told him he needed a real hobby,” she said. “We had to get him out of the garage a little more and this was the way because he just doesn’t stop.”

Batchelder said it was a great gift.

“I love riding my motorcycle and just thinking, clearing my head. It was a great way to get me a little bit out of the shop,” he said.

Both Roger and Ruthanne said they have two major pieces of advice for budding entrepreneurs.

“Do not give up,” Batchelder said.

“Always ask for help. Don’t be afraid to ask for help,” Ruthanne said.

By Layla Burke Hastings of the EAGLE TIMES STAFF.

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Chester announces this year's Winter Carnival

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester will be holding its annual 2022 Chester Winter Carnival this year from Saturday, Feb. 19 to Sunday, Feb. 20. The carnival will feature several events on Saturday including demo rides on 120's by the Chester Snowmobile Club at Buttonwood Farms from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with food, coffee, and hot chocolate served for anyone looking to warm up.



Play broomball, go ice skating, or see the ice sculpture demo. PHOTO PROVIDED

At 12 p.m. there will be sledding and ice skating at the Pinnacle, and from 12 to 3 p.m. Smokeshire Farm will be offering horse drawn sleigh rides.

Don't miss the Eskimo Ice Sculpture Demo by Ice

Designs N.H. at 3 p.m., across from the green. Then at 4:30 p.m. there will be a Pinsky Wood Sculpture fire at the Academy Building and finally, a guided snowshoe hike at

Brookside Trail at 5 p.m. On Sunday at the Pinnacle, there will be broomball at 9 a.m. with concessions from the GMUHS Booster Club. Be sure to make it and enjoy some winter fun!

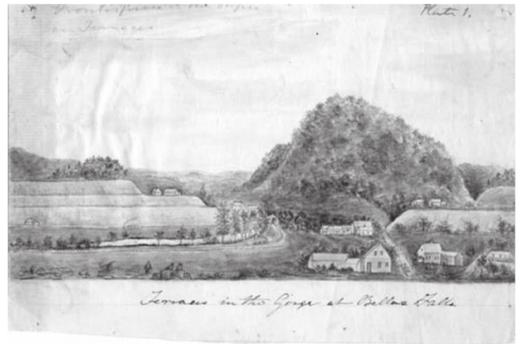
Archeology seminar with Gail Golec in Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., archaeologist Gail Golec will discuss historic resources and archaeological sites in the Upper Connecticut River Valley over a Zoom seminar in conjunction with the Rockingham Library.

Often these resources and sites are looked upon as isolated finds, rather than a wider community with a shared history. Learning to view geographical landscapes, natural resources, and historical events as interconnecting sectors creates a more accurate understanding of our culture and times and better informs us on how to preserve and interpret resources.

Gail Golec has been a professional archaeologist for over 20 years, working on sites primarily in New Hampshire and Vermont. Born and raised in the area, Golec has undertaken extensive research projects focusing on the Contact Period and Early Colonial Settlement, 18th and 19th century cemeteries, and documenting the lives of Indigenous and African American community members of the Greater Falls and Monadnock Region. Golec teaches classes on these topics, gives community lectures, and writes and produces a podcast about historic cemeteries called "The Secret Life of Death," www.thesecretlifeofdeath.com.

To receive an invitation to join this live Zoom presentation, contact programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or call the library at 802-463-4270.



Orra White Hitchcock Sketch of Bellows Falls, circa 1850-1860. PHOTO PROVIDED

This free lecture, a collaboration between the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission and the Rockingham Free Public

Library, was made possible through a grant from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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The Mailbox

I think it's natural, as we grow older, to reminisce about our childhood days. I know men my age who collect Roy Rogers, Coca-Cola, or Lionel trains. This is nostalgia. I am just as nostalgic about my childhood.

I collect things that I remember seeing around Vermont when I was a boy. Vermont's landscape has changed a lot during my life. Rocky pastures, so common years ago, have all been bulldozed over, thereby removing any evidence of the glaciers. Perhaps the best example of this bulldozing is out Route 131 from Downers Four Corners to Ascutney: From Downers out three or so miles on the left is an old farm. This farm still has rocky pastures as it did 200 years ago. Try to imagine the entire area this way.

Directly across the road are beautiful, well-manicured fields, not a rock in sight. Now either the glacier stopped at the road or these fields fell victim to the bulldozer.

The photo with this article is an oversize, package mailbox. It has a topper with "Rex C. Doane." I first met Rex about 1975. He was selling real estate and I was buying antiques.

In those days it wasn't uncommon for the contents of the house to be included with the sale. Quite often the buyer wanted the house cleaned out. Rex had sold a house in Saxtons River furnished with antiques. I met Rex at the house. We made our first deal.

For many years thereafter Rex would call me when he had an estate or a house lot to sell. I got to know Rex over the years. He was a true Vermonter and gentleman.

Rex lived just outside of Londonderry. One day we were up overhead his garage when I spotted this mailbox. Rex appre-



Rex Doane's mailbox. License plate for size comparison. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

ciated my interest. Instead of selling it to me, he gave it to me.

I wanted Rex's mailbox for the obvious nostalgic reasons, but more importantly, I wanted it as a remembrance of Rex. This is my Lionel train.

Up into the 1970s you used to see these old mailboxes along back roads. Often they were mounted on wooden posts. Usually it was farmers who had these large mailboxes. Farmers ordered large packages from Sears & Roebuck and other mail order companies. This is why they needed a large mailbox. I have heard them called, "Sears & Roebuck" mailboxes.

Lee Decatur told me a mailbox story that I will repeat here. Years before, Lee had bought one of these large mailboxes at an auction for 25 cents. He stored it at the family camp in Northwood, N.H. In September of 1969, Lee, who just moved to Chester, now needed the mailbox, so he contacted his brother Steve in Alton, N.H.

Steve mailed the mailbox from Alton, N.H., through the mail, as it was, no packaging. He wrote Lee's Chester address on the outside of the door. Steve recalls the post lady putting the stamps on the inside of the door. It arrived in fine condition. What would the post office do today?

My neighbor on High Street was Mrs. Claussen. She was a nice lady who never caused any trouble. I used to shovel her long

driveway.

One day I was walking up High Street when I saw a snake. I've always liked snakes so I picked it up. It calmed down after a couple minutes, so I put it in my jacket pocket. When I got to Mrs. Claussen's, Henry said, "Let's put it in her mailbox." I never knew if she or the letter carrier opened the mailbox, but it must have been a pleasant surprise.

Speaking of mail, have you been to the Chester Post Office lately? One day last week there was a line almost out the door. Chester Post Office has been struggling lately with a shortage of help. I understand this. Kim Kendall went two weeks without any mail, picked up or delivered.

Others in Mountain View have had their mail deliveries two or three days late. I've mailed a couple bills from Chester that took two weeks to be delivered. Last week I mailed a letter from Bellows Falls instead of Chester. It was received in a timely fashion.

I do understand the difficulties with the supply chain and shortage of workers, but this is the United States government. Is this the best we can do? I hope not.

This week's old saying was heard at the funeral of an unpopular man: "I came just to make sure he was dead."

Next Stage contemporary folk singer-songwriters

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present a contemporary folk singer-songwriter twin bill with Antje Duvekot and Mark Erelli at Next Stage on Friday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

"Antje and Mark have been central figures in the New England contemporary folk music scene for the last 20 years," says Twilight's Barry Stockwell. "They've headlined so many memorable Twilight Music shows in that time that I jumped at the chance to bring them together for a twin bill – two of the finest singers and songwriters that I know on our stage for one night only."

Since the release of her debut studio CD "Big Dream Boulevard," Antje Duvekot has been touring extensively across the U.S. and Europe. She is a compelling live performer and has played at major festivals. Antje's most recent studio release, "Toward the Thunder," centers around themes of courage, resilience, and striving for something better, and as with most of her writing, a sense of hope and perseverance shines through the songs.

Mark Erelli has toured internationally as a solo artist for the past 23 years,

appearing onstage everywhere from coffeehouses to major folk festivals to Fenway Park, where he sang the national anthem before a Red Sox game. His song "By Degrees," on which he was joined by Rosanne Cash, Sheryl Crow, and others, was nominated for the 2019 Song of the Year at the Americana Honors and Awards. Erelli's latest album "Blindsided" combines the exuberance of his signature

sound with the wisdom that comes with over 20 years of songwriting.

Proof of vaccination or negative Covid test within 48 hours required for entry to indoor shows. Masks required while inside the venue. For more information about Next Stage's Covid policies, please email info@nextstagearts.org. For more information and updates, go to www.nextstagearts.org.

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Dear Editor,

This past week Okemo lost one of our long-time employees and the Town of Ludlow lost a friend. Willie Kennedy passed away on Monday. He was a famously hard worker and a friend to all. He had an easygoing manner and was quick with a comment or pleasantries.

Willie was known for his fist bumps while loading the Sunburst 6 as well as for his great lobster rolls and ice cream at the Ludlow Cooking Company. Willie had a lasting impact on us all in the winter and at his snack bar in the summer. He began working for Okemo in November 1994 at the Base Quad A and then moved to what was previously the Northstar Quad, and then the Sunburst 6. Soon after that, he and his wife began their ice cream and sandwich shop and then snack bar in Ludlow.

An athlete all of his life, Willie could be found sev-

eral days a week on the tennis courts at Dorsey Park, and he was always looking to share his love for the sport with anyone who wanted to learn.

I will miss my friend Willie Kennedy. I met him when he and Frankie purchased my In-laws' house in Proctorsville and his personality and friendliness was evident the first time I met him. The Okemo Team and the town of Ludlow will remember Willie as always being helpful and friendly and always presenting a positive attitude each and every day. In honor of Willie, we should all extend grace to each other and work to bring a positive spirit to all we do.

Sincerely,
Bruce Schmidt
Vice President & General Manager
Okemo Mountain Resort

Dear Editor,

I've had the opportunity to speak recently with Mary Krueger and Jessica Burlew who are running for the two positions on the Springfield School Board. It is exciting to hear their commitment and the strong skills that they bring to the position. They each have children that are in Sixth Grade, have served the town in many ways, and have experience working with community

Dear Editor,

The time has finally arrived to end another chapter in my life, I am retiring from BRACC after 16 years in prevention. It has been quite a ride and I am very proud of all the work that we have accomplished not only here in Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Plymouth but throughout the state. Over the years I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with educators, schools, parents, community members, law enforcement, recovery, and

Dear Editor,

These are difficult times for our country, for rural towns like Mount Holly, and for many of us personally. The problems facing us are real and growing. We know our town has always been a desirable place to live and now, thanks to top-notch broadband and pandemic-driven remote work, the rest of the world knows it too. We are concerned this huge demand will make our town difficult for us to afford to live in. We are concerned the demands on our public services will increase our taxes. We are concerned that many more non-resident home buyers will make it hard to rely on purely volunteer

and professional groups.

Mary Krueger is a practicing attorney and her range of volunteer expertise goes from Springfield Schools PTA and Girl Scouts to non-profit boards in finance and executive roles. Jessica Burlew works full time as a Cost Analyst at Dartmouth Hitchcock, and coaches soccer and basketball. How fortunate for Springfield to have two candidates with

of course our youth in our efforts to keep our kids safe.

We have had a positive impact when it comes to use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs, and that great work still continues even in this Covid world. Whether it be attending conferences, testifying before the Vermont Legislature, or speaking to schools and community groups throughout Vermont, it was interacting with the kids in schools where I believe we had the

town services. We are concerned about the loss of recreational land due to posting and new development.

True, there are many challenges ahead. But there are also great opportunities. Our federal and state governments are providing immense financial resources – millions of dollars – specifically to help rural towns like ours address these challenges head-on.

I have the right experience and skills needed to help our town in this unique moment. That is why I am running for the vacant position on the Selectboard of Mount Holly.

I am recognized in town as someone who knows how to raise money and write grants. In my two decades of public service, I have raised well over \$2 million for the town of Mount Holly. I have written successful grants for the Fire Department, Com-

Dear Editor,

When the Pension Benefits, Design, and Funding Task Force was created last year, I was relieved. Our public pension system was in crisis. If we did nothing to fix the problems, Vermont taxpayers were looking at an unfunded pension liability of \$4.5 billion dollars, with that liability growing for the teachers and state employees by over \$600 million dollars per year. These financial pressures (historic underfunding, fund underperformance, and rising health care costs) coupled with demographic changes (fewer people paying into the system and people living longer) were stressing the pension system. To

fiscal expertise.

I'm a long-time Springfield resident and retired Springfield teacher. My own children graduated from Springfield High School many years ago. It is crucial that we elect people to the important position of School Board who have the skills, desire and experience to help lead Springfield School District in providing the best education that

greatest impact. We used every tool in the shed: Project Alert, DARE, VKAT/OVX, Mentoring Programs, After Prom Events, and Wellness Days. But it didn't stop at the schools, our community efforts included: Policy work, Parent Programs, Book Reads, Game Nights, Sticker Shock, Retailer Recognition, Youth Leadership Groups, Let's Go Fishing, Quest, and Summer Camp. The list goes on and on. Of course none of this would have been possible without

community Association, and Historical Museum – among others. This skill was honed during years of working in local governments where I ran departments of recreation and raised funds for new parks and public services. I have used these abilities to lead the effort to save Star Lake with a dam and added hundreds of acres to Okemo State Forest, land that has unparalleled views, great hunting and fishing at the headwaters of three watersheds, and protects a critical junction of the VAST snowmobile trail.

I also invest my time in other local activities, through which I have come to know the town and its people well. I am serving as Justice of the Peace and as a member of the Planning Commission. I helped found and direct BRACC (Black River Area Community Coalition) to help reduce substance abuse

will prepare all our students for the future.

Mark your calendar to vote on March 1 and consider joining me to vote for Jessica Burlew and Mary Krueger. As Mary says, "Let's work together to make the Springfield School District the best version of itself!"

Sincerely,
Diane Kemble
Springfield, Vt.

all of your support and the dedication of our board members.

As BRACC enters its 19th year and a new chapter in its existence, please continue to support its mission: To take a proactive approach to preventing youth substance use and violence by promoting a healthy involved community supporting all youth in safe environments.

Sincerely,
Paul Faenza
Ludlow, Vt.

among pre-teens and young teenagers; and I currently serve on the board of Ludlow Rotary, whose service area includes Mount Holly. Maybe you've seen me play French horn in the Springfield Band.

I promise to work for the people of Mount Holly and for the town's benefit. I'll seek funds to grow our future and to reduce our reliance on property taxes. I promise not only to listen, but to actively seek out your concerns, problems, ideas, and suggestions. Town government is a joint venture and I look forward to working with you all. I can be reached at brigid526@gmail.com.

I kindly ask you to support me, Brigid Sullivan, for Mount Holly Select board on March 1. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Brigid Sullivan
Mount Holly, Vt.

teachers and state employee agreements, some changes will include: phasing in a progressive contribution structure, higher employee contributions, delaying their COLA for an additional 12 months, and other benefit changes. At the public hearing last week, many teachers and state employees testified that the agreed package to keep the pension system healthy was "fair and reasonable". Those who are currently retired are not affected by these changes.

In addition, the Pew Charitable Trust recently cited Vermont for restructuring its pension governance board, which is an important step in strengthening our pension investment and oversight practices. I encourage you to read this report and the Joint Fiscal Office's overview. Both are on the Pension Task Force's Legislative webpage.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-457-4627. To watch Legislative Committees in action, and to get more information on the Vermont Legislature, the bills which are being debated now, and those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: www.legislature.vermont.gov.

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After six months of work on this complex issue, the Pension Task Force voted unanimously to adopt their Final Report on Jan. 10. This agreement protects the public pension system, saves the taxpayers \$2 billion in the upcoming years, and maintains the defined benefit plan. Vermont will be adding hundreds of millions more to lower the unfunded liability and will continue to contribute millions annually to the pension system both through the ADEC (actuarial defined employer contribution) and by prefunding the OPEB (other post employment benefits/health care). While there are differences between the

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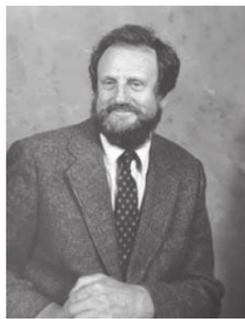
Russell Allen, 1931-2022

WESTMINSTER STATION, Vt. – Russell Lawrence Allen, 90, of Westminster Station, Vt., passed away peacefully at Thompson House in Brattleboro, Vt. on Jan. 22, 2022. He was born in Westminster, Vt. Russell was the son of Herbert and Louise Allen of Westminster, Vt.

He is predeceased by his wife Marjory (Peggy) of 66 years, and by his son Mitchell. He was also predeceased by seven siblings: Bill, Margaret, Walter, Raymond, John, Frank and Gladys.

He leaves behind two sisters Bee and Daisy. He is survived by his four children Larry (Diane) Allen, Delce (Jack) Porter, Brenda (Tim) Eno, and Tammy (Robert) Staudter and their families including ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Russell served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired in the rank of Corporal and served as an Army Medic. He started Allen Brothers in 1956 with his three brothers John, Raymond and Frank. He served as a pastor for many years at the Christian Family Circle Church in Westminster and he was actively



Russell Allen, 1931-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

involved in Camp Blessing. He also operated Connecticut Valley Orchard in Westminster.

Russell will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and great storytelling as well as his love for the Lord. He was a faithful husband, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose life centered around his family.

We are grateful to the Thompson House staff for the compassionate care that they provided.

Memorial services will be held in the spring for all who wish to attend. Memorial contributions can be made to Westminster Cares in Westminster, Vt., or the charity of your choice.

Julia M. Kiniry, 1926-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Julia M. Kiniry passed peacefully at home on Jan. 27, surrounded by her family. The daughter of Frank and Gretchen Tolles, Julie was born on Jan. 15, 1926 in Claremont, N.H. Her early years were spent there until the family moved to Springfield when she was 15. She resided in the family farmhouse on Connecticut River Rd. the remainder of her life.



Julia M. Kiniry, 1926-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

She married Francis Kiniry on June 7, 1947. Family has always been her focus. Although she was employed with the State of Vermont for twenty years, her favorite job was being mother to her four children and “Nana” to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Julie and Francis filled their empty nest time learning to square dance as active members of the Precision Valley Squares. For many years they enjoyed traveling far and wide to dance, not just in the U.S., but also aboard a cruise ship on the Atlantic. She was an active member of the Springfield Senior Center for twenty years, serving many years

as director of the Senior Songsters and was honored to be chosen as the Senior of the Year in 2008 by her peers.

She was predeceased by her husband Francis in 1999.

She is survived by four children: Dianne, Edward (Sue), Kerry and Kim; seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date. Should you desire, memorial contributions would be welcome at the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, Vt. 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Barbara Levanovich, 1928-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Barbara Levanovich, 93, formerly of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Dec. 17, 2021 at her home in Charlevoix, Mich.

She was born July 29, 1928 in Middlebury, Vt., daughter of David and Della (Parkhill) Irons.

On Nov. 26, 1949 she married Harry Levanovich who predeceased her in

1994. She is survived by her three sons: Jeffrey, Peter, and Scott Levanovich and by her four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on May 14, 2022 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. followed by a burial in Oakland Cemetery. Reverend Michael Mario will officiate.

Richard Craig Prentiss, 1942-2022

WESTMORELAND, N.H. – Richard (Rick) Prentiss, 79, of Walpole, N.H. passed away peacefully on Jan. 21, 2022, at Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland, N.H.

Rick was born on Nov. 4, 1942, in Washington D.C. to Dorothy and Harley Prentiss. He spent most of his childhood in Drewsville, N.H. where his parents owned the Prentiss General Store. Rick graduated from Walpole High School in 1961 and Wentworth Institute in Boston in 1964, where he excelled in baseball.

On Aug. 31, 1963, Rick married his high school sweetheart Elizabeth (Betty) Pickering in Walpole. Together they raised four children. He worked at Kidder Press in Dover and Markems in Keene before taking over the family store in Drewsville. In 1984 they sold the family store and he had various jobs in sales.

Rick loved the outdoors and spent a lot of time at the “woodlot” in Drewsville or the “Prentiss Pond” in his backyard. He loved fishing, hunting, cutting wood, camping, basketball, golf, selling bait, and most of all baseball. Rick coached little league and youth baseball and American Legion baseball before founding and organizing the Walpole Blue Jays in 1981, before moving the team to Keene in 1987. Rick was a huge Fall Mountain Wildcat fan and Keene High Blackbird fan, where you could see him watching his children and grandchildren playing soccer, basketball, football, baseball, and cheerleading. He loved watching his grandchildren perform in musicals and choir con-

certs. Rick was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Walpole. He was a member of Men’s Fellowship and was always seen cooking chicken for the chicken barbecues or cooking breakfast after Easter sunrise service. He loved to sing in the church choir for many many years.

Rick was predeceased by his brother John Prentiss. He is survived by his brother Harley Prentiss of McKinleyville, Calif., and sister Janet Martin of Walpole, N.H.

Rick leaves his wife Elizabeth of 58 years, his son Dean (Christine) Prentiss, and daughters Alicia Prentiss, Hope (John) Frost, and Jill St. Pierre. He was Grampa to 16 grandchildren: Rheannon, Nick, Brittany (Nate), Dakota, Tanner, Kelsey, Haley, Connor, Lucas, Jaden (Alyssa), Demi, Courtney, Adriona, Zoey, Trevor, and Brody. And Old Grampa to 14 great-grandchildren: Theodore, Gracie, Lucas, Lilah, Cali, Cash, Cora, Mason, Maddox, Noah, Marlana, Maverick, Brynlee, and Charlotte. He also opened his home for many other children throughout the years.

He will be remembered for his kindness, sense of humor, huge smile, and love for his family.

Thank you to the staff at Maplewood for all the loving care.

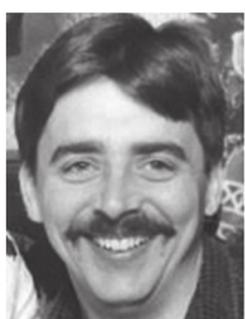
In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer’s Association, 166 S. River Rd. #210, Bedford, NH 03110. Services will be held this Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, 11 a.m. at the United Church of Acworth, 16 Town Hall Rd., Acworth, NH 03601.

Jon Charles Fagans, 2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jon Charles Fagans died on Dec. 24, 2021, at his home in Springfield, Vt. Jon was predeceased by his parents, Alfred and Theresa (Blais) Fagans of Springfield, Vt.

Jon graduated from Springfield High School in 1975. He served four years in the Navy as a machinist, continuing that line of work throughout his life. Jon worked at the Fellows Corporation in Springfield, Vt. and various other machine tool companies in New England. Jon loved his family and enjoyed a good laugh. He was a music enthusiast and excelled in music trivia. He also taught himself how to play the guitar.

Jon is survived by his three sons, Andrew Fagans (Brattleboro, Vt.), Ryan Fagans (Springfield, Vt.), Kellin Fagans (Chester, Vt.), and two grandsons Jaykob Fagans and Elijah Fagans, both of Springfield, Vt. As well as his four brothers Ron Fagans (Rotonda



Jon Fagans, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

West, Fla.), Rick Fagans (Nokomis, Fla.), Kevin Fagans (Marston Mills, Mass.), Randy Fagans (Largo, Fla.) and his sister Anne Ledrew (Charlestown, N.H.), he was predeceased by his brother Bill (Punta Gorda, Fla.) and his girlfriend Bridget Ritchie (Springfield, Vt.).

A graveside service is planned on May 21, 2022 for family and friends.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Matthew Jeffrey Slade, 1986-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Matthew Jeffrey Slade sadly passed away at the age of 35 on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022. Matthew was born in Springfield, Vt. on May 12, 1986 to Jeff and Tammy Slade. Matthew was best known for his sense of humor, kindness, knowledge of many things, artistry, and his enormous heart. He would do anything for anyone. He was thoughtful, soft-spoken, and just so lovable.

Matthew is survived by his mother, Tammy Slade of Springfield; his father Jeffrey Slade of Weathersfield; Samantha Slade, his sister whom he loved so very much; and Brittany Hankins and her three children – Braden, Calan, and Ava, whom he adored. Matthew also leaves behind his grandparents Erma and William Heidtmann who were a constant source of support and, as he always said, were his “sunshine;” Judy and Rick Hebert, his Godparents, many aunts and uncles, countless cousins, second cousins, and so many friends.

Matthew struggled with addiction. He would not have wanted to leave this world without us sharing that addiction is real. The struggles are real. Addiction



Matthew Slade, 1986-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

happens to all walks of life; it does not discriminate.

We are asking that donations in Matt’s honor be made to Turning Point Recovery, 7 Morgan St., Springfield, Vt. We cannot bring Matt back, but donations to Turning Point Recovery may help others with addiction issues. We know that Matt would love to know that others might be helped. It would give us comfort in knowing that others may be helped by your donation.

Cherish every moment you have with ones you hold dear.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

ALSTEAD, N.H.

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Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

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WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5

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General Federation of Women's Clubs scholarship for women

REGION - The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont has announced scholarships for Vermont women who are beyond traditional high school to college age and are seeking to further their education, training, or to develop their skills in preparation for entering into or advancing in the workplace. Applicants must submit a specific plan for their education or

training. Applications are due by March 15 to Betty Haggerty, 16 Taylor St., Belows Falls, VT 05101

The scholarships range from \$500 to \$1500. GFWC-VT has been awarding this financial aid, which is funded through contributions from the state federated clubs and from individuals, for 28 years.

The scholarship is named after the late Barbara Jean

Barker of Poultney, Vt. who served as GFWC-VT President from 1992-1994, and who was instrumental in establishing the program. The women receiving the awards over the years have come from a wide range of Vermont towns.

Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from Betty Haggerty, hubett@hotmail.com and Beverly Pallmerine, President,

GFWC-VT, bpallmerine@gmail.com They are also available through federated women's clubs in several Vermont towns, and through Community College of VT and Vermont Technical College sites around the state. Furthermore, information is available through the VSAC booklet of financial aid. The scholarships will be awarded at the state federation's annual meeting in the spring.

Grace Cottage's Cabin Fever Auction

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all proceeds benefiting the Grace Cottage Emergency Department renovation.

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GIV accepting applications for summer programs

REGION - The Governor's Institutes of Vermont has just opened applications for its nine in-person, residential, summer programs. Passionate Vermont 9-11 grade students are in-

Each Institute takes place on a Vermont college campus and gives its attendees the opportunity to dive deep into a topic of interest for an intensive one to



GIV engineering program. PHOTO PROVIDED

two weeks. Subjects include Arts, Astronomy, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Science & Technology, Global Issues & Youth Action, Health & Medicine, Mathematical Sciences, and Technology & Design.

At GIV, students learn from industry professionals, participate in hands-on projects and research, and explore career options - all while having fun and making friends! These programs are designed to be affordable to all Vermont families, and tuition is based on a sliding scale to ensure that.

"[Experiences] like GIV can change a person's life," said one recent Entrepreneurship student. "I learned so much about people, and changed the way I think about things thanks to the new friends I made. I gained skills that I know will really be helpful down the road in my career, and I can pass them on just like how they were passed on to me."

This summer will mark the first time GIV has hosted in-person Institutes since the winter of 2020. For the past two years, all of its programming pivoted to an online format, encouraging students to engage in hands-on learning from their own homes.

"We're immensely proud of what GIV and its students have accomplished in an online environment," says Program Coordinator Ross Cagenello. "Honestly, it's made us all the more excited to return to in-person programming! After all, if our students can coordinate and submit a bill to the Vermont legislature over Zoom, there's no telling what amazing things they'll make happen when we're all together again."

The deadline for applications is April 3. To learn more about GIV's 2022 summer Institutes, please visit www.giv.org, or email hello@giv.org with any questions. Students can visit www.giv.org apply to fill out a simple application.

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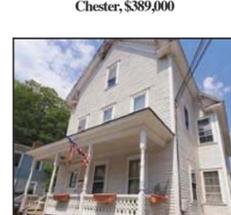
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FEB. 5 – WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole on the Common will be holding a peanut butter and/or soups “drive by and drop off” food collection for The Fall Mountain Food Shelf on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. - noon at the church. Thank you for doing your part.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at the old St. Charles Catholic School building, 25 Cherry Street in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at

the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

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 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect

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THURSDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women’s meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop

drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

FRIDAYS – WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Fridays from 7-8 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, Walpole.

SATURDAYS – GASSETTS, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange and Green Mountain Express are excited to be holding their Round and Square Dances the first Saturday of every month, from 7-10 p.m., at the Grange Hall. Donation per person. There are snacks and drinks on sale in the kitchen and a 50/50 raffle drawing. We do ask for donations to be paid at the door. For more information, please call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

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Winter sports schedule, Feb. 4-12

REGION – Game schedules are subject to change.

FRI, FEB. 4 – Boys basketball – Monadnock at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.
Girls basketball – Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.
Fall Mountain at Monadnock, 6 p.m.
Rivendell Academy at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Otter Valley, 7 p.m.

SAT, FEB. 5 – Boys basketball – Bellows Falls at Twin Valley, 2:30 p.m.
White River Valley at Le-

land & Gray, 2:30 p.m.
Green Mountain at Springfield, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball – Bellows Falls at Poultney, 2:30 p.m.
Green Mountain at Springfield, 5:30 p.m.

MON, FEB. 7 – Boys basketball – Mascenic at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.
Springfield at Brattleboro, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball – Fall Mountain at Mascenic, 6:30 p.m.

TUE, FEB. 8 – Boys basketball – Leland & Gray at Rivendell

Academy, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball – Fair Haven at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Green Mountain at West Rutland, 7 p.m.

WED, FEB. 9 – Boys basketball – Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball – Leland & Gray at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.

THUR, FEB. 10 – Boys basketball – Rivendell Academy at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.
White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.
Windsor at Springfield, 7

p.m.
FRI, FEB. 11 – Boys basketball – Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Girls basketball – Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 7 p.m.
Green Mountain at Leland & Gray, 7 p.m.
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 6:30 p.m.
Springfield at Mount Anthony, 7 p.m.

SAT, FEB. 12 – Boys basketball – Green Mountain at Leland & Gray, 2:30 p.m.
Bellows Falls at Poultney, 12:30 p.m.

Springfield Family Center seeks volunteers –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Are you looking for a great way to help your community? Do you have some free time during the weekdays? This could be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Springfield Family Center is looking for a few caring individuals to help fulfill food pickups in Springfield and Brattleboro, and to help

stock the food shelf here at the Springfield Family Center building. These tasks mostly consist of driving between our building and designated food pick up locations, and carrying boxes of food between our food shelf storage areas. We are appreciative of any and all help we can get. In the past year alone

Springfield Family Center handed out 935 food boxes to families and individuals requesting supplemental food services. We couldn’t make this happen without the help of our great neighbors like you! Volunteers must have a valid driver’s license and ability to pick up 25 or more pounds of food at a

time. If you’re interested in volunteering, please call us at 802-885-3646, email springfieldfamilycentervt@gmail.com, or drop by our building at 365 Summer St, Springfield, VT 05156 during our regular business hours, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., for more details.

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