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Santa comes to Kurn Hattin

CHESTER, Vt. – Every year the Rotary Club of Chester takes up a collection from its members and buys individual gifts for the children at Kurn Hattin Home for Children in Westminster, Vt. Kurn Hattin is a year-round, charitable, residential and day program home and school serving children ages 5-15, from throughout the Northeast. It was founded in 1894 and now has a 280 acre campus.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, Santa and Mrs. Claus, (Philip Malazarte and Pamela Johnson-Spurlock) arrived. They were accompanied by several members of the Chester Rotary Club.



Chester Rotary arranges for Santa to visit Kurn Hattin. PHOTO PROVIDED

They distributed the gifts amid much excitement. These gifts are often the only Christmas presents that the children receive. They were accompanied by Mary Beth Culver of the Kurn Hattin staff. Chester Rotary has been gifting the

children at Kurn Hattin every Christmas for over two decades. Afterwards, the children and staff enjoyed pizza in each of their cottages. The pizzas were provided by members of Chester Rotary.

Ludlow Selectboard finishes budget discussions

BY IAN BARD

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Selectboard met for a special budget discussion on Dec. 19. This meeting was a continuation of the budget discussions from the previous meeting on Dec. 5.

The meeting opened with the board moving to approve Eric Alden as the town's new health officer. Eric then spoke briefly on his experience in management, zoning, construction inspections for health violations, and a number of other things.

The board then went on to the budget discussion. Municipal Manager Scott Murphy stated before going through the budgets that he was worried about some of the cost estimates due to the current inflation rate and the unpredictability of the coming year.

While going over the ambulance budget, it was discussed how the ambulance is not part of the general fund of the town, but is a proprietary fund, and does not directly affect the town budget. However, every year the voters are given an article to fund the ambulance

roughly \$300,000, which the voters always choose to do. Board member Justin Hyjek brought up the dangers of this, and if the voters voted no. It was suggested that the board gives the voters the choice to put the ambulance into the general fund permanently, rather than voting on the same article for funding every year. No motion on this was made.

While looking over the recreation budget for the town, the question of the fourth of July fireworks location came up. There was talk about doing it at either

West Hill or Okemo. The board spoke of the pros and cons of each, but decided they would need more voter input. The board only decided that they did not want to wait as long as last year to secure the plans. No motions were made.

The ARPA funds provided during Covid were brought up as well. Schmitt explained how these funds should be used for special improvements that could not be done with the normal operating budget of the town. He also mentioned the need for voters' input on how the town should

use these funds. The board agreed some form of a town hall forum should be held on this topic, but a specific time was not chosen.

The budget discussions ended with a 4.9% increase from the previous year's budget. The board felt there was little that could be done to reduce this due to inflation and rising wages over the past years. Murphy still had a few small items to look over at the request of the board, it was unclear if this would have much effect on the budget.

The board discussed the community center's use as

a warming station after the storm this weekend took out many people's power. The board was glad that it was opened, but believed it should have and could have been done sooner. Murphy was asked to review the towns' emergency plans and get back to the board on what can be done differently and how the town can be more prepared. Schmitt gave his personal apology to the citizens and town for not having something available sooner.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m., the next meeting will be on Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

Green Mountain Gardeners giving back

WESTON, Vt. – At their annual Boxwood Holiday Tree workshop, Green Mountain Gardeners (GMG) members created and decorated 30 tabletop trees for the homebound. Together with the Wantastiquet Rotary Club, Second Congregational Church, and Weston Women's Club, the homebound and needy receive the boxwood trees, cookies, and poinsettias to brighten their holidays.



Green Mountain Gardeners. PHOTO PROVIDED

The GMG topped off its contribution to the community with a donation of \$150.00 to Neighborhood Connections and a large box of canned goods for the Neighbors Pantry. For more

information on Green Mountain Gardeners and the opportunity make a difference in our community, please visit www.greenmountaingardeners.net.

Laura Caravatt celebrates her 100th birthday

LUDLOW, Vt. – Laura Caravatt, who was born in Ludlow and still lives in the same house she was born in, recently celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends. She is pictured here with her daughter and other family members at a reception held at the United Church of Ludlow. Laura, who has been a member of the church for a lifetime, still grows, picks, and arranges flowers for the altar during the summer and fall seasons, a beautiful gift from a beautiful lady. Happy birthday Laura and may you have many more happy and healthy ones.



Laura Caravatt, daughter, and family. PHOTO PROVIDED

Ludlow Recreation end of year update 2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – As 2022 draws itself to a close, the winter is only just getting started. With new progress underway, the Ludlow Recreation Committee is excited to share the most recent updates. To start the season the Ludlow Parks and Recreation Department hosted a turkey trot on Thanksgiving morning, a familiar race that this year benefited Black River Good

Neighbor Service, raising over \$500 in cash, toys, and food. As for regular events this winter, indoor soccer will be incorporated in the Ludlow Elementary Gym on Sundays from 12-3 p.m. Furthermore, grade-school basketball is underway. Home games are hosted in the Ludlow Community Center. A huge shoutout to the players, parents, and coaches for all they do to

represent community athletics programs.

Furthermore, and in time for the fresh snow, we are excited to share that new this year cross-country skiing will be available at the Fletcher Fields this winter. A huge thank you goes out to the Fletcher Farm Foundation for permission to do so. A huge debt of gratitude also goes out to the Side Hill Cronchers Snowmo-

bile Club who will groom the designated track for XC skiers. Aside from XC skiing, snowtubing will also be permissible once again at the West Hill facility.

Looking ahead to spring, the goal remains the same, to dredge and resand the swimming area and beach at West Hill. As that RFP is in the process of being finalized, one has been selected for the Mountain

Biking Project that will be developed on the back 40, located behind the former high school baseball field. Since last spring, a local chapter of VMBA (Vermont Mountain Biking Association) has been formed, aptly named LAST for Ludlow Area Sports Trails. The grounds will be a municipal area for the community in the years to come. A contract is set for the Phase I

track to be built this spring 2023.

Lastly, Dorsey Park has some great news, too. A new playground plan has been selected based on community input to update the current playground located between the building and tennis courts (which also received some much-needed maintenance this

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Okemo Valley Women's Club celebrate the holidays

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Women's Club, the Ludlow chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, met Monday, Dec. 12 to celebrate the holiday season and begin plans for their volunteer efforts for the coming year. Sixteen members gathered at the Black River Valley Senior Center to share food, fun, and stories from the past year of service. There was a potluck dinner with enticing delicacies, many of which will be available for purchase in 2023 at fundraising bake sales.

The club held a brief business meeting to review past and current programs and discuss upcoming events. Currently the annual Trees of Remembrance program is underway. The trees stand at Veteran's Park in Ludlow and also on the green in Proctorsville. Anyone from the community is welcome to submit, by donation, the names of those they would

like to remember or honor with lights on the trees. The names will be listed frequently in the local media and the proceeds from this annual project benefit the club's community efforts and scholarship programs. Donations and submissions of names should be sent to program Chairwoman Fran Derlinga, 29 Clearwater Drive, Grantham, N.H. 201-264-8109. The trees will be lit for the holiday season for our communities to enjoy and will continue to be lit through January.

Every year the Okemo Valley Women's Club donates their time, funds and efforts to a holiday project to benefit the local community. The club's holiday project this year was to assist holiday giving to local families in need through Black River Good Neighbors in Ludlow. Many gifts for children and food for family holiday tables were purchased to contribute to

BRGN's holiday giving efforts and to make this a happy holiday for all of our community.

The next meeting of the club will be held Monday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center. The club would like to thank the senior center for their continued support and ongoing use of their facility for the club's meetings.

Anyone wishing to attend the OVWC meeting should contact Membership Chairwoman Suzanne Garvey, 802-436-4341, President Penny Trick, 802-975-0313, or any member.

The Okemo Valley Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Incarcerated individuals open coffee shop at SSCF

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Corrections (DOC) announced this week that the Good Spirits Café has officially opened its doors to incarcerated individuals and staff at Southern State Correctional Facility (SSCF). The café is an innovative small business venture created by incarcerated individuals of the SSCF honor unit—a special residential housing unit with increased independence and behavior contracts—with assistance from DOC staff.



Good Spirits Café.

PHOTO PROVIDED

“Most of us have dreams of starting a small business of our own but haven't any idea how or where to begin,” said Michael Lewis, who has resided in DOC custody since 2008. “So, I purchased a self-help book on how to build a start-up business, created a power point, and completed a three-week business plan class. The coffee shop seemed like the perfect fit for this innovative venture.”

According to Lewis, the coffee shop creates teaching and learning opportunities, provides hands-on vocational training, and offers a unique first-hand perspective of operating and managing a small

business.

Other individuals involved in the project say it also significantly bolstered their confidence, self-esteem, and will hopefully reduce the possibility of their returning to prison.

“I applaud the hard work, ingenuity, and keen entrepreneurial spirit of Mr. Lewis and the entire café team,” said Nicholas J. Deml, Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. “I had the opportunity to visit the Good Spirits Café last week and was deeply impressed with their operation. This skill-based training prepares those in DOC custody for a Vermont workforce that acutely needs their talents.

This is exactly the direction Vermont should be heading.”

The honors unit at SSCF is the second of two honors units across the state correctional system, the other being housed at the state's women's facility, Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility (CRCF) in South Burlington. DOC intends to explore the opportunity to launch additional honors units in other state facilities in 2023 and plans to use these units to incubate cutting edge correctional and vocational rehabilitation practices that better prepare justice-involved individuals for successful reentry into Vermont communities.

Watters' art on exhibit

CHESTER, Vt. – Vermont doll artist Bonnie Watters has her last remaining edition of Destrty Doll on display at the Southern Vermont Art Center Fall/

Winter Member Exhibit in Manchester, Vt. Bonnie is ending her 54 years of doll artistry as she is not able to sew any longer. Destrty was first created in 1985 and

continued to be a favorite with children and adult collectors in her classic category of original cloth dolls.

Bonnie's care giver husband Lew joins her at SVAC with his Lone Apple Tree photographs, four seasons, three years, hundreds of exposures, and countless hours of digital editing. The current exhibit runs through Feb. 5, 2023. Member works in all media are for sale. Support local art, come away inspired and perhaps as a new owner of original art.

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graded playground will be available in the near future. And finally, the skate park upgrade has also begun. The structures will be demolished and a new 3K+ square foot skate park will be built. This was another feature that was long overdue renovation, and it is exciting to be able to see that come to fruition.

The Ludlow Recreation Committee is grateful to be able to share this progress with the community. A huge

thank you goes out to everyone for their support. If you would like to get involved, the Rec Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. in the conference room at the Ludlow Community Center. Further information can be found at www.ludlowvtparksandrec.com, and thanks again, especially to our dedicated Rec Director Nick Miele. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to everyone.

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fall). As budgets are prepped, the Ludlow Recreation Committee is hopeful that a new up-

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Santa's Workshop Fundraiser for SAPCC —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Christmas arrived early at Springfield Area Parent Child Center this year and it was a huge success. On Saturday, Dec. 10, the center opened their doors to over 200 people who had purchased all of the available tickets, which had been on sale since early November.

The center was completely transformed into a winter wonderland where families got to tour "Santa's Workshop." Children built their own toy and received a gift bag to fill with surprises discovered around the workshop. Volunteer elves led the way through the magical tour which included a narration of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The highlight, of course, was a special visit from Santa Claus himself. Finally, families enjoyed cookies and cocoa, and



Mrs. Claus and Santa pause for a photo with one of the children who visited "Santa's Workshop." PHOTO PROVIDED

picked up some special gifts at SAPCC's Christmas gift shop.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors: Mascoma Bank, Willow Farm Pet Services, the North School Preservation Society, and Indelible, Inc. Special thanks to

the volunteers and SAPCC staff who worked tirelessly to bring this magical event to the community. SAPCC raised over \$5000, which will go toward building bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers in southern Windsor and northern Windham counties.

'Tis the most wonderful time of the year —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. — The Kurn Hattin Homes' holiday celebrations began with beautiful trees from Christmas Trees of Vermont and decorating activities. The annual holiday luncheon and children's performance always gets everyone in the holiday spirit. The children have fun with the request to, "Dress like you work in Santa's workshop," "Dress like a Christmas character," and "Holiday pajama day." The children also learn about and include Hanukkah, the Solstice, and Kwanzaa in their celebrations. The community is very generous to the children with donations of all kinds including items for the holiday bazaar. The children can use their Caught Being Good (CBG) coupons in lieu of cash to purchase items for gifts. There are special gifts of caroling (Landmark College), and for over 80 years the Ver-

mont Academy students, who act as mentors to the younger children, provide gifts. To the children's delight, Chester Rotary Club arranged for Santa and his entourage to visit.

Then, prior to the cottage Christmas parties, and an encore holiday performances for families, the children celebrate Night of Giving. During this enchanted evening, the children share how they are giving back to others and what it means to them.



Trace all decked out for Christmas. PHOTO PROVIDED

From Kurn Hattin Homes to your home, happy holidays!

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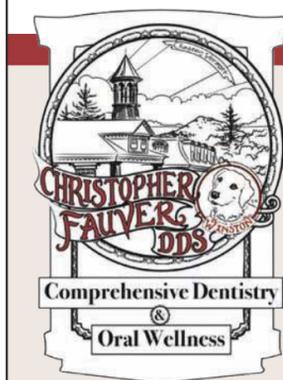


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BY RON PATCH

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The V-plow



Brookside Milk truck on East Hill in Andover. Notice snowbanks, made by V-plow. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The recent snowstorm got me thinking about snowstorms of years past and how we got around in those days.

The photo with this article typifies how back roads were maintained. The Brookside Milk truck has stopped coming up East Hill in Andover in the 1930s. Harry Balch might have been the driver.

The first thing you'll notice is how high the snowbanks are. As the snow was piled high it would fall back into the road, creating a funnel shape. I remember snowbanks like this on Dodge Road and other locations.

When snowbanks were this high the wing plow was next to be used. On early snowplows the wing was raised and lowered by a winch. The wing plow operator would raise the plow high. As the truck drove along the wing plow pushed the snow away from the road, thereby reducing the height of the high bank.

One Saturday morning my father and I went rabbit hunting up in Shrewsbury. It was snowing when we left Chester, but we had a four wheel drive Scout, so we weren't concerned. By the time we got to Mount Holly flats there was four to five inches of snow on the ground.

We hunted in Shrewsbury, all the while snow was coming down heavy. By the time we left a foot of snow had fallen. The only wheel tracks in the snow covered road were the ones we made going in. The snowbanks were high with the funnel effect. We were driving slowly when we came into a curve in the road. Low and behold a V-plow was coming straight at

us. I can still see it through the heavy snow. It looked like a monster in the almost whiteout conditions.

We got out of the Scout, as did the plowman. After a brief conversation, the driver got back in the cab and put it in reverse. He backed up quite a distance before he found a place where we could get by.

In the 1960s not many people had four wheel drive vehicles. Everyone had a pair of tire chains in their trunk. I remember laying on my back beside the snowy road putting on tire chains. As recently as 15 years ago, Andy Ojanen, when returning home, up Adams Road, would have to put chains on to get home.

As Vermont roads were improved dump trucks became larger and more powerful. They could plow easier and the driver could control the plow and wing plow from inside the cab. More and more people now drove four wheel drive or all wheel drive vehicles.

One winter day Tom Petraska came to our house on High Street. We were 13 or 14 and going snowshoeing. We left my house and snowshoed through Rob Parker's pasture to Dodge Road. Somewhere I have a photo of Tom standing in the road, dressed in his

woolen reds, with his wooden snowshoes over his shoulder.

Tom was dwarfed by the high snowbanks. Dodge hill was a favorite place for us kids to go sliding. Once the road was sanded, that ended sliding until the next storm. We used to ski over at Rob Field's large fields. I don't remember who it was now but one kid went through barbed wire.

We also went tobogganing at Rob Field's. We would ski or toboggan all day. Make a run down the hills in his field and walk back up the hill to do it again. It was a real workout.

I remember Steve Waldo and Billy Parker sometimes went with us. Once we had a trail packed, flying saucers could be fun.

Snowstorms of 30 or 40 years ago were a lot heavier than today. It was colder then too. It wasn't uncommon for the mercury to drop to 20 below zero or more. It could last a week. Many days it stayed below zero all day.

This week's old saying is from Timothy Leary: "Turn on, tune in, drop out."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

Thank you to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Rep. Peter Welch who last month led the submission of a request to the House and Senate Appropriations Committee chairs and ranking members to double funding –\$1.933 billion – for the Older Americans Act (OAA) nutrition programs as part of the FY23 omnibus spending package now before Congress. We need this spending package to pass.

In a letter to the appropriations leaders, Sanders, Welch, and 24 more members of Congress quoted Sarah Lipton, director of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, “Squeezed by 70% increased need, the Meals on Wheels program in the capital city of Vermont is facing a financial deficit of 78% because of the static level of OAA funding.

We’ve had to start a waitlist, putting folks who deserve vital nutrition in limbo. Simply put, we receive \$3.80 for each meal we serve but our cost is actually \$17 per meal, which we are struggling to finance.”

Earlier this fall, I wrote that senior centers and meal sites in southeastern Vermont are faced with a similar financial crisis. This funding shortfall not only jeopardizes meal recipients, but also programs at some of the upper valley’s senior centers. The senior centers, meal sites, and Senior Solutions are working diligently to make up the meal funding shortfall for this fiscal year. But without significant increases from Washington and Montpelier, these funding gaps will force reductions in services, such as in Montpelier, as the cost of food and services increase

along with the need among older Vermonters.

Here at the state level, we are also seeking additional funding for meals for older Vermonters. During the legislative session, we will introduce a bill to add more state funding to the meal programs.

Your voice is needed. Please reach out to Sen. Sanders and Rep. Welch to support their call for increased Older Americans Act funding. And speak to your Vermont legislators about how they too can support critically needed funding increases for meal programs throughout Vermont.

Mark Boutwell,
Executive Director Senior Solutions
Springfield, Vt.

“18 Minutes: A Daughter’s Primer on Life & Death”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Advanced preparation when facing the death of a parent is a critical consideration. Without the necessary personal and legal provisions in place navigating grief while managing formalities can become a complicated nightmare.

In my case I harbored no fantasies about the eventuality that none of us escape. My mother was 90, embraced a deep faith, and was unafraid of dying. My new memoir, “18 minutes: A Daughter’s Primer on Life and Death,” is part love letter, part cautionary tale, and part instructional manual. It chronicles my experience during the final 18 minutes of my mother’s life, while re-

flecting upon the legacy she left behind.

Hers was an extraordinary, ordinary life. A mother and wife shaped by the culture of the 1950s domesticity, she left a lasting impression upon every person she met. Her example of thoughtfulness and preparedness extended to my required attendance at “When Mom Dies School,” despite the fact that I was a reluctant pupil. I wrote this primer as a roadmap, a gift from my mother through me to future “students” who would rather skip school.

Reading this book and vicariously attending “When Mom Dies School” will help prepare the reader to navigate an extremely difficult and sometimes unexpected moment, with patience, competence, and most of

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Dear Editor,

If Sen. Bernie Sanders and Pat Leahy care at all about animal welfare, which most politicians pay lip service to, they should support increased funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who don’t know, cultivated meat is grown from livestock cells, without slaughter. It has the potential to do so much good.

We kill over a trillion aquatic and land animals every year for food. The amount of suffering this represents is beyond comprehension. To put it in perspective, only about 117 billion humans have ever lived, according to the Population Reference Bureau.

Cellular agriculture will allow us to continue eating meat, without this horrific

violence. Increased public funding for research in the field will help cultivated meat reach price parity with slaughtered products. Legislators who have any compassion for our fellow creatures should support it.

Sincerely,
Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Conn.

Leadership Southeast Vermont program updates

REGION – The Leadership Southeast Vermont program has recommenced after our Covid hiatus, with a record-breaking 19 participants from all over southern Vermont. This cohort of leaders has had three sessions so far, an orientation session, a regional culture and history day, and an education day.

In orientation, students learned what to expect in the upcoming classes. They also reflected on their own personal leadership styles and places where they could improve. Students also met their teams, who they will be working with on their group projects throughout the course. We had wonderful presentations from Allison Hopkins from the Mt. Ascutney Regional Commission, Susan Westa from the Windham Regional Commission, and Ross Gibson, a Leadership Educator from The Richards Group. Thank you to SEVCA in Westminster for allowing us use their building.

In the second session, held in Windsor, Vt., participants learned about regional culture and history. The day started with a series of presentations about the men that made

an economic impact on Springfield and the Precision Valley, and the history of some of the local towns and their accomplishments. After the morning of presentations, the class got to enjoy the beautiful autumn day with a walking tour of Windsor, learning about the influential architecture and inventions that started there. The tour ended at the American Precision Museum where we were handed over to their knowledgeable staff for a tour through time and innovation. The students learned about how Windsor, and the surrounding towns, helped change the way we think about mass production. After regrouping at the Waypoint Center, we headed to our last stop, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Park, where we got a tour of his artwork and the historical context.

The third session took place on Nov. 3, 2022. The focus of the day was education, hosted by the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield, Vt. The participants heard from presenters who covered a wide range of education from early child-care, pre-school, elementary, middle and high school, and post-secondary education. We also heard about the variety of alternatives that are available to students such as technical edu-

cation, online education, and on-the-job training. We listened to a panel of high school students from the River Valley Technical Center speak and answer questions about their educational journey and their tech center experience and how it has enhanced their education. The participants and speakers were treated to an amazing lunch and dessert prepared by the RVTC culinary students before going on a tour of the school and visiting the different trades the high school students could learn about.

Some common themes amongst the presentations were how Covid has impacted education, the value of early childhood education, and the shortage of teachers and administrators around the state and the country. It was a great exposure to the range of education options available in the state of Vermont, even for those who do not work in the field and it has no application to their job, it was fantastic information to have as a current or someday parent in the state of Vermont.

For more information about Leadership Southeast Vermont, please visit our website at www.leadership-sevt.org or Contact Taylor Drinker at taylor@springfieldvt.com.

Springfield Elks Lodge donates flag to SHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Recently, the Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 was informed that the Springfield High School Library needed a new American Flag in



Shown l to r: students Angelina Woychosky and Ella Robinson, librarian Jen Wasylyko, and Victor Baskevich of the Springfield Elks making the presentation.

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their library. No problem, presented to the library on a new flag was ordered and Dec. 6.

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- Sleuth Wolfe
- Sphere
- Lively dance
- Yankee uniform pattern
- Squeak stopper
- TV chef Paula
- "Sophie's Choice" author
- Buddy
- Conks out
- Like lemons
- Supplement, with "out"
- Eden tempter
- Perches
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- Telly watcher
- Earring site
- "Star Trek" captain
- Medicinal plant
- Prof's degree
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- Standard

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- Sprite
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- Earth sci.
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

obituaries

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Ascutney Union Church, 5243 Rte. 5

On Dec. 24, we will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service starting at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

During Advent, Sunday services at Immanuel Episcopal Church are held at 10 a.m. with the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Zoom will be available for Christmastide and Epiphany. To access the Zoom link visit the church website, www.immanuelepiscopal.net or email immanuelepiscopal@gmail.com. After a long absence we are pleased to announce the return of our Service for a Blue Christmas. As we celebrate this joyous season it also brings a time of sadness and loneliness missing those who are no longer with us, due to death, distance, or separation. Join us on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m. in our chapel as we honor our loved ones, friends, and family who are absent from our lives. Christmas Eve Service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. with lessons and Carols followed by Holy Eucharist. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with music, singing, candlelight and incense.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main Street

Come, sing along, listen to the often-told story, and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas – a celebration of Christ's birth on Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve from 7-8 p.m. Carol Sing, 8-9 p.m. First Eucharist of Christmas. This joyous, candlelight service is a most beautiful way to welcome in the celebration of Christ's birth. Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day. 10-11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and a quiet contemplative service.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

The community is warmly invited to the Christmas Eve service on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a service of lessons, carols, and candlelight. It will also be live streamed over YouTube. Please go to the church website www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org. If you have questions, or need directions, please call the church office at 802-824-6543.

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Join the Ludlow Baptist Church for a Christmas Cantata and Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. There will be a performance of "Light of the World, A Musical Worshipping the Christ of Christmas." For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols 5:30 p.m. Christmas Day Service Celebrating the birth of Christ in Carols and Stories 10 a.m. Whoever you are and wherever you are in your life and faith journey, you are welcome here! Handicap parking and access available, for information call 802-228-4211.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

First Congregational Church, 77 Main St.

Our Christmas Eve service will take place Saturday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us as we recount the story of Christ's birth through scripture readings, singing of carols, and candlelight. The service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page as well. The following morning, Christmas day, enjoy a service of music, scripture, and reflection on our new YouTube channel (@firstchurchspringfield4738) from the comfort of home.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.

All are invited, regardless of religious affiliation, for a "Festive Celebration of The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas." The service will begin at 4 p.m. The service will be preceded by a "Christmas Carol Sing" starting at 3:30 p.m. with Ms. Karlaine Livingston as Organist. St. Mark's will also restart its old "Giving Tree" tradition. There is a fir tree in the church, and if so moved, folks are invited to place warm hats and/or mittens on it. These will be taken to the Springfield Family Center for distribution where needed. Sanitizer and masks will be available for those who desire them. Holy Communion will be "individual" and not from the Common Cup.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church of Westminister, 3470 Rte. 5

The First Congregational Church of Westminister will celebrate Christmas Eve with a special 5:30 p.m. worship service. All are welcome to attend. The sermon will be delivered by special guest Richard O'Donnell. The service will conclude with candlelit carols outside by the creche and the luminaria.

WESTON, VT.

Old Parish Church, west side of Route 100

Weston's Old Parish Church will hold a Community Christmas Eve Service with caroling, readings, and fellowship Saturday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. Feel free to come early to secure a seat; all are welcome. Masking is optional, but encouraged for those with health concerns. The church will not be holding a service on Sunday, Dec 25. We encourage our neighbors to celebrate Christmas Day at home in the spirit of the season with family and loved ones.



Carolyn Borst, 1953-2022

KEENE, N.H. – Carolyn Elaine Borst, 69, of Marlboro St., died on Friday Dec. 9, 2022 at her home following a long illness. She was born on April 4, 1953 in Finley, Ohio, to the late Walter and Annabell (Nye) Phillips. She attended schools in Ohio and worked for Trico Vending Co. in Brattleboro for many years. She also worked for National Grange in Keene.

She was married in Bradenton, Fla. to Gary Lake, who survives. Other survivors include two sons Graham and Dustin Borst, two stepsons Shane and Chris Lake, one step daughter Heather Lake, brothers Wal-

ter and John Phillips, sisters Peg Golling, Joyce Baker, Barb (Billy) Smith, and Jeanette (Louie) Troiano. She is also survived by grandchildren Haley, Davion, Landon, Anthony, and Luca Sirabella. She was pre-deceased by her parents, her brother Leonard Phillips, and a sister Sandy Fields. Elaine enjoyed doing crafts, her trips to Florida, and spending time at the Old Orchard Beach. At Elaine's request there will be no services.

Fenton and Hennessy Funeral Home have been entrusted with arrangements. 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. www.fentonandhennessy.com

Aldis E. Thayer, 1932-2022



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Aldis "Aldy" E. Thayer, age 90, left this life on Dec. 11, 2022 in Shelburne, Vt. Aldy was born on Jan. 5, 1932 in Irasburg, Vt. to Harry I. and Lottie (Elliott) Thayer. The family farmed in Irasburg and Coventry before moving to Springfield. He graduated from Springfield High School and enlisted in the Army. He married Mildred Eddy in 1951 and served during the Korean War.

He worked for Woodbury Florist, the Vermont Army National Guard, Holmes Transportation, St. Johnsbury Trucking, and the Weston Bowl Mill. He volunteered as a fire fighter, rope tow operator, ski patrolman, driver for Chester Cares, and Deacon and Sexton at Chester Congregational Church.

Survivors are his daughter Patricia Carpenter (Paul), and his son Alan Thayer (Mamie Hale), six grandchildren and their spouses,



Aldis E. Thayer, 1932-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

and eighteen great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Arbors, Cynthia Thayer, Irene Saulnier, and Ken and Shirley Barrett for their kindness during Aldy's illness.

A memorial service will be held on Jan. 5, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Chester. Donations may be made to VFW Post 771 or the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

John Sinclair, 2022

WINDSOR, Vt. – I, John Fleming Sinclair, departed this planet on Dec. 14, 2022, surrounded by my family. I died of old age and a lot of fun. I was blessed with wonderful parents, Ned (Newcastle, NB), and Helen (Toronto, ON), who raised me, my brother Hugh, and my sister Jane in Windsor, Vt. I graduated from Middlebury College, where I focused on competitive skiing and parties, and the University of Pennsylvania Dental School, where I focused on my studies. I opened a dental practice in Springfield, Vt. in 1967. My wife Nancy and I built a home on Woodbury Road and raised three children, Molly (Old Orchard Beach, Maine), Jes (Castleton, Vt.), and Peter (San Marino, Calif.). I am survived by my three children and two grandchildren, John and Mary.

I was so very lucky to know so many wonderful people in Springfield and Windsor County. I'd like to give a big and sincere thank you to all of my friends for such a wonderful life in rural Vermont. And I'd like to thank my lifelong college friends, who congregated each summer for nearly 50 years for a great party at our annual Cow Shit Festival.

I did my best to live by two adages. First, "Service to others is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on Earth." So, in lieu of flowers, please make donations



John Sinclair, 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

to Kurn Hattin Homes or the Springfield Humane Society. Give big, and feel good about it. Second, "You can't beat fun." I loved fishing, hunting, skiing, and a good party. Sometime next summer, there will be a big party, with lots of dancing, somewhere in Windsor County. I hope our wonderful friends will come and have some fun.

Cheers,
John

The Sinclair Family extends our gratitude to the caring professionals at Cedar Hill and Bayada Hospice. Thank you for your love and support. Please give to Kurn Hattin Homes, www.kurnhattin.org/ways-to-give/ or the Springfield Humane Society, www.spfldhumane.org/donate in our father's honor. Knight Funeral Home in Windsor is entrusted with arrangements and online condolences may be left at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

Gail Ann Oakman Stocker, 1945-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Gail Ann Oakman Stocker, 77, of Ludlow, Vt. died Saturday Dec. 10, 2022, at her residence.

She was born in Rutland, on Sept. 27, 1945, the daughter of George and Cecelia (Edgerton) Oakman.

She graduated from Rutland High School in 1963.

Gail married Francis Stocker on Aug. 2, 1968.

She had been employed by D&T Spinning, a textile

manufacturer in Ludlow.

She is survived by her husband Francis and her son Brian, both of Ludlow, and brothers Ronald Oakman of Proctor and Charles Oakman of Rutland.

Gail enjoyed watching the birds at her feeders.

Per her wishes, there will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held in the spring in the East Clarendon Cemetery.

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 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Art Gym is hosting a three day camp for children 8 to 12 years old. Winter Break Camp will have two sessions, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and another at 2-5 p.m. on December 28, 29, and 30. Children will experience several mediums, including painting, art journal, clay, and mixed media. For more information or to sign up please email us at springfieldartgym@gmail.com. You may also message us on our Facebook page.

JAN. 8 –
 WINDSOR, Vt. – Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Jan. 8 from 2-3:30 p.m., this choral concert will be performed by area singing groups, accompanied by Gerry Grimo, Parish Director of Music. Come and explore, musically, the many traditions of Epiphany as we travel with the Wiseman on their journey. While there, enjoy some refreshments at intermission.

SUNDAYS –
 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite

Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

MONDAYS –
 BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School St Ext. in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.aa.org.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

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 –
 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday, 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.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions is sponsoring Tai

Chi classes on Tuesdays at the Great Hall, Pearl St., Springfield, Vt. Intermediate-advanced classes will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and beginner classes will meet from 10:40-11:40 a.m. For more information, contact Wendi Germain at wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

WEDNESDAYS –
 CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at bwquilter1778@gmail.com.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1-2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

THURSDAYS –
 CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

FRIDAYS –
 BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach Tai Chi and Qi Gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

SATURDAYS –
 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga, Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit **PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No.: 22-PR-06739

In re ESTATE of: Steven Walker

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Steven Walker Decedent
 late of Springfield, Vermont Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 12/15/2022 Signature of Fiduciary: [Signature]

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Michelle C Walker		PO Box 131	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-4632		North Springfield, VT 05150	

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit **PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No.: 22-PR-05538

In re ESTATE of: JOHN CUSICK, JR.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: John Cusick, Jr. Decedent
 late of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 12/5/22 11/17/22 Signature of Fiduciary: [Signatures]
 Sandra J. Clifford John J. Cusick

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Sandra J. Clifford and John J. Cusick		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519	
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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit **PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No.: 22-PR-06953

In re ESTATE of: Joann Pirnie

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Joann Pirnie Decedent
 late of North Springfield Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 12/19/22 Signature of Fiduciary: [Signature]
 Stephen S. Ankuda

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PLYMOUTH TOWN CLERK POSITION

The Plymouth Select Board is accepting resumes for the position of Town Clerk.

The responsibilities include providing citizens with accurate and vital information, assisting the treasurer and tax collector, registration renewals of motor vehicles, vital records administration, including processing marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, dog licensing, maintaining town records and documents, managing voter registration and other election related business, such as presiding over election day in coordination with the BCA.

The Clerk is also responsible for recording and posting the minutes of Select Board meetings, and other publicly warned meetings and hearings, including the Board of Civil Authority. An understanding of applicable state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the governing of town business is required.

It is the intention of the Select Board to ask the voters to allow them to appoint the Town Clerk position and Treasurer position at the March 2023 town meeting.

The town office is open Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This position requires the applicant to be able to work confidently and independently. A high school diploma or equivalent and being a Plymouth town resident are the minimum qualifications. Training and start up orientation will be available. This is a full - time position with a full benefit package. Hourly wage is dependent on experience and qualifications. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to the Plymouth Town Clerk @ clerk@plymouthvt.org or in person.

OFFICIAL WARNING
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TOWN OF PLYMOUTH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
 JANUARY 17, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Plymouth Municipal Building in said Town on January 17, 2023 between 10:00 o'clock morning (AM), when the polls will open, and 7:00 o'clock in the evening (PM) when the polls will close, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following Articles:

Article 1: Shall issuance by the Town of Plymouth of \$800,000 bonds or notes to fund (together with \$950,000 previously approved by the voters and available for that purpose) weatherization, renovation and refurbishment of the Town municipal building and related activities approved by majority vote at a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth on November 8, 2022, despite an affirmative vote at that Special Town Meeting on Article 1B confirming approval of a limited weatherization, renovation and refurbishment project, and any act or action of the municipal officers or agents pursuant thereto be readopted, ratified and confirmed?

Article #2 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e?

Article #3 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?

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

Dated this 15th day of December 2022 at Plymouth, Vermont.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH SELECTBOARD

[Signature]
 Jay Kullman, Chair

[Signature]
 Rick Kaminski

[Signature]
 KT Cappellini

Filed with the Plymouth Town Clerk's Office this 15 day of December 2022.

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Asst. Plymouth Town Clerk

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Job Type: Part-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at Michael.Ripley@trsu.org.

GMUHS Paraeducators

Green Mountain Union High School is currently seeking highly qualified individuals to serve as Paraeducators for the 2022-2023 school year. Responsibilities include but are not limited to discuss assigned duties with classroom teachers to coordinate instructional efforts, provide extra assistance to students with special needs, tutor and assist children, record relevant data to assess progress, and organize and supervise games and other recreational activities.

Background Check Required. Please email keith.hill@trsu.org to apply. EOE.

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Brian Post has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 1998 Trebo Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed use is to operate Standing Stone LLC, a landscape and masonry contracting business, as a building and construction trade at this site.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 4:00 PM on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 1998 Trebo Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

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Zoning Administrator
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- Transcribing minutes for scheduled meetings.

Applicants may submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town of Walpole Selectboard Office, 34 Elm Street, PO Box 729, Walpole, NH 03608. For more information, call 603-756-3672 or visit walpolenh.us for a job application and description.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

On December 7, 2022, the Selectboard of the Town of Chester, Vermont, adopted an "Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Short-Term Rentals" pursuant to the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. § 2291(29) and 24 V.S.A. § 1971 et seq. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of the adoption of this ordinance and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove the adoption of this ordinance.

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

The purpose of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance is to require the annual registration of short-term rentals within the Town of Chester. A short-term rental registration will approve a dwelling unit capacity and the number of bedrooms to be rented, provide the short-term rental operator's and property owner's contact information and the contact and educational materials required in 18 V.S.A. §§ 4467 and 4468, and include a confirmation of sufficient liability insurance to cover the use of the dwelling unit as a short-term rental. There will be a fee for annual registration and penalties for not registering or exceeding the approved dwelling unit capacity.

The full text of the ordinance may be examined at the Chester Town office at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont, and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove the adoption of the ordinance by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the adoption of the ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the adopted "Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Short-Term Rentals" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this ordinance may be obtained by contacting Julie Hance, Town Manager at 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 or by calling (802) 875-2173 during regular office hours.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

Application 202295 Irving Oil
Site Plan Review (Section 30-722) to install three EV charging stations and build a retaining wall. The property is zoned Exit 7 / RPOD / HCOD and is located at 14 Missing Link Road.

Application 202296 Jennifer Nelson
Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Site Plan Review (30-722) to establish a home business for artist retreats. The property is zoned Medium Density Residential and is located at 485 Cherry Hill.

Application 202299 Katherine McCarty
Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Short-Term Rental (30-611) Review to establish a short term rental. The property is zoned Medium Density Residential and is located at 36 Cherry Hill.

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• "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Story Time

• Holiday Story Time w/ Amy McMullen

• Housing Issues in Plymouth

• Chester-Andover Holiday Concert

• Mental Health Awareness for holiday season

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 / VTel 166
Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167

(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

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Springfield Art Gym winter camp

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Art Gym, where we want you to exercise your creativity is hosting a three-day camp for children 8 to 12 years old. Winter Break Camp will have two sessions, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. and another at 2-5 p.m. on Dec. 28, 29, and 30. Children will

experience several mediums including painting, art journal, clay, and mixed media.

The Springfield Art Gym, 335 River St., Suite 2, is a community art room where people are welcome to drop in and exercise their creativity. The Art Gym is equipped with everything you could possibly need to create. Open hours are ev-

ery Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Starting Sunday, Jan. 8, we will be open on the first Sunday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and you are invited to bring your project to work on and enjoy the company of other artists and crafters. Sunday, Jan. 15 there will be a class on how to start a simple art journal. Jan. 22 there will

be mixed media class, and Jan. 29 beginners crocheting. All classes are 1:30-3:30 p.m. The AG sponsors a children's art club every Wednesday, live on the Springfield Art Gym's Facebook page at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Email Springfieldartgym@gmail.com or message us on Facebook for more information.

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Film screening and concert with "The Reverend"

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents a screening of "The Reverend," a documentary feature film, followed by a Q&A with director Nick Canfield on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. at Next Stage. The subjects of the film, Reverend Vince Anderson & His Love Choir, perform at Next Stage at 7:30 p.m.

"The Reverend" follows the spiritual and musical journey of Reverend Vince Anderson. After coming to New York in the 90s to enter the seminary, Vince dropped out to follow his second calling – music. With his band, The Love Choir, he has played a now-legendary weekly show for over twenty years. Reconnecting with his faith and using his intensely soulful music, he began to preach a type of spirituality that meets people where they are, is open to all, and

moves everyone that sees him play. Reverend Vince is also deeply involved in social activism, working with other progressive faith leaders at home and around the country to build inclusive communities. Filmed over several years and featuring Questlove and members of TV on the Radio, "The Reverend" is a rocking concert film as well as an intimate portrait of Reverend Vince's inspiring personal and spiritual life. It is 86 minutes long.

A Q&A with director Nick Canfield will follow the screening.

The band, which defines its style as "dirty gospel," busts out trumpets, guitars, and a keyboard every week for lively performances in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. An actual ordained reverend, Anderson studied to be a Methodist minister in the

90s, but dropped out to pursue music full time.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are cheaper in advance or can be bought at the door. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102. Next Stage will provide a cash bar with beer, wine, and cocktails.

River Artisans Cooperative new artisan

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – River Artisans Cooperative is pleased to announce their newest artisan member, Stephanie Sullivan.

Deep in the woods of Vermont Stephanie creates art that celebrates nature. She makes mixed media art and handmade cards that reflect the colors and textures of the plants in those woods. By sharing her art, and her love for nature, she hopes to inspire more people to actively and thoughtfully protect the natural world.

Run by artisans and staffed by artisans, River Artisans Cooperative's shop contains the work of local potters, quilters, print makers, woodworkers, silversmiths, fiber artisans, basket makers, and many others.

The River Artisans Cooperative has been a welcoming space for artisans of all ages and mediums since 1975, making it one of the oldest craft cooperatives in the state of Vermont.

Located at 28 Square, Belows Falls, VT 05101, 802-591-2085, www.riverartisanscooperative.com

Hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. every day in December and until 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. We will be closed Christmas Day, Dec. 27, and Dec. 28.

"Redeemed" by Pollyanna Porter

REGION – On Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. join Springfield Town Library and local author Pollyanna Porter on Zoom to discuss her book "Redeemed."

The day after his grandfather's funeral, David Sumner saves a drowning boy, and his life will never be the same. From the beautiful family farm in Vermont to the alluring art world of New York City, this new book by Pollyanna Porter follows David as he falls in love with the boy's mother, struggles with a glamorous-but-empty life in the city, and finally flees, desperate for a fresh start.

"Redeemed" explores themes of loss, love, and redemption. Can the buried secrets of the past lead to redemption?

This event is free and open to the public, this is an online event, registration is required.

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holiday happenings

SAPA TV to host fifth Annual Public Domain Christmas

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Weathersfield, and Chester, Vt., and in Charlestown, N.H. are welcomed to spend the day with 1964's "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians," the 1959 Mexican production "Santa Claus," and a host of classic cartoons, all of which have

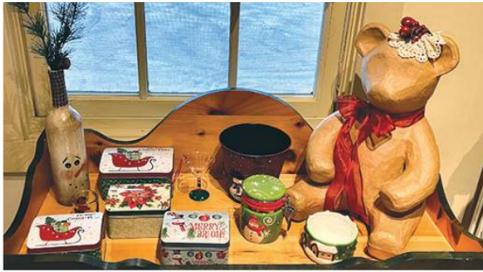
entered the public domain. The marathon will run on SAPA's Public Channel (Comcast 1077, VTel 160), while local Christmas programming will air at the same time on SAPA's Government/Educational Channel (Comcast 1087, VTel 161). Sunday religious programs will air at their usual times, but on the Gov/Ed Channel. Viewers outside SAPA's service area can watch online with SAPA's live stream at www.sapatv.org.

Christmas Eventide celebration in Saxtons River

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – A community Christmas Eve celebration will be held Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. in Saxtons River at 24 Main, the former Christ's Church. The Eventide event will include a telling of the Christmas story, carols, a solstice poem, and a sharing of the light ceremony. Eric Robinson will provide accompaniment, with vocal and instrumental solos by Tricia Suriani and Jill Newton, respectively. The building is wheelchair accessible.

West River Community holiday offerings

W. TOWNSHEND, Vt. – We have a cornucopia of new offerings for the holiday season. This week at the country store we have curated a beautiful selection of Christmas ornaments and crafts, stuffed animals from Mary Meyer, custom gift baskets, local sweets and treats, beautiful ceramics from local artists, and fiber crafts. We have everything you need for your



West River Community Project has holiday offerings. PHOTO PROVIDED

last-minute holiday shopping- so stop by and sew up all the loose ends on your Christmas list. In addition, this Friday is our tree lighting ceremony followed by a visit from Santa on Saturday. Thank you for keeping us in mind as we ring in the holidays, we couldn't do it without you.



BF Woman's Club decorate health center

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Woman's Club has traditionally decorated the waiting area at the health center for the holidays, bringing cheer to those waiting for appointments. Pictured with the indoor tree, which is part of the decorations, are club members Betty Haggerty and Dianne Potter. Also helping with the project was Ruth Keefe. PHOTO PROVIDED

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