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BFUHS junior captures back-to-back titles

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) junior and Bellows Falls resident Laura Kamel recently captured her second consecutive track and field Division III State Championship in the discus. Her toss of 34.34 meters was tops in the state in her division at the Southern Vermont League Championship. Laura also placed eighth in the state in the javelin with a throw of 22.42 meters, and also competed in the high jump.

These outstanding achievements are quite a “feat” (pun intended) for Kamel, who actually won her first discus state title the previous year – the Division II title – after having come off a fractured bone in her foot.

“I started throwing the discus halfway through the season my freshman year, and had the broken foot, so I couldn’t do much except watch and learn,” Laura said in a recent interview. “I was encouraged by a couple of my friends, but one of my previous teachers, Jen Perry, really helped convince me to join, and I’m very grateful to her every day for it.”

Along with her track and field endeavors, Laura also plays BFUHS soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter, and she rides horses year-round. Her quick rise in the discus, however, is unique, and a great example of an individual athlete not only absorbing and then executing her coaching, but also persevering through adversity with her injury.

“My coaching has just been amazing,” Laura said.



BFUHS junior Laura Kamel. PHOTO PROVIDED

“Kim Lunna has really helped me a lot, and not just by coaching technique, but also pushing me to be at my best and really giving me the opportunity to work on and improve my skills.”

Laura also credits her parents for doing their homework as well, researching and offering their daughter different drills and skills tips to help give her any edge as she improves her techniques. “My parents have helped me a lot to improve, along with my coaches from other sports. The work and skills that I do (for other sports) are so beneficial for track as well.

“Much thanks to my basketball coach James Pecsok, and my soccer coach Holly King, for helping me to grow in different ways that I know will help me in my sports career and future.”

Laura also talked about how participating in the state championship helped her to gain experience and more confidence.

“The New England [regional championship] has been an amazing experience – going there the last two years – because it has shown me that although I may be one of the best in my small town, there’s also competition outside of the state that can be completely different,” Laura concluded.

“It was a bit of a culture shock going there, given these are the top athletes in each state, so I had my cut out for sure. These girls didn’t mess around, and it felt very serious and intimidating at first, but all the athletes were supportive of each other and we would all chat like we were on the same team in between events.”

Moving forward, Laura is looking to improve scores in all her events and will train in between her current commitments to school and basketball. “I’m also really excited for the upcoming track and field season, because it looks like we are going to have more girls coming out and additional coaching, so I’m optimistic we will have more athletes qualifying for New England’s so we can better represent our school. Personally, I’m looking forward to my junior season and the competition I will be facing this year.” Can you say “three-peat” for Laura? Stay tuned.

Bellows Falls powerlifters break records

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Each with their own personal reason for taking up the sport, six local powerlifters have put in the time, determination, and dedication to achieve record-breaking results.

During a competition last November in Brattleboro, the group broke Vermont and New Hampshire records in their divisions, as well as setting American Powerlifting Association (APA) national records. Following that, the team went on to compete again just two weeks later in Gardner, Mass., where they broke even more records.

The common denominator connecting the group is trainer, coach, and competitor Meg Letson. Formerly a trainer at Greater Rock Fitness in Bellows Falls, Letson now works out of her own gym in her renovated garage, built when the pandemic forced everything to shut down.

Letson said that it took between two and three years to fully complete the gym, recalling that when she first started seeing clients there, her motorcycle still stood off to one side. Now, the small but well-equipped space is the training hub for the group of powerlifters.

Referring to the back-to-back competitions where the team excelled, Letson explained, “We don’t typically plan two meets with only two weeks between. I wouldn’t advise it, as the body needs more recovery [time] following a peak performance. But we were invited to attend and couldn’t resist. We did surprisingly well.”

At 47 years old, Letson has been a personal trainer for nearly 15 years. Her first powerlifting competition was in 2017. Powerlifting is a sport consisting of three exercises: the



Left to right: Mike, Anne, Meg, Pam, and Martha. PHOTO BY PAULA BENSON

bench press, the deadlift, and the squat. Out of the team of six competitors, Letson is the one of the youngest.

Among them, the group boasts some impressive statistics. Anne Nordstrom from Walpole, N.H., holds a national record in bench press, (125 pounds) and is 59 years old. Mike Foster from Bellows Falls, who holds state records in all three events and can bench press 280 pounds, is 60 years old.

Pam Parant, also from Bellows Falls, is 63, a national record holder in all three powerlifting events, and an “unofficial” world record holder. Letson explained, “It’s only unofficial because Pam hasn’t traveled to [for instance] Poland to attend the world competitions.”

Parant is soft spoken and petite at 123 pounds, but she currently can bench press 130 pounds, deadlift 245 pounds, and squat holding 165 pounds on her shoulders.

Martha Rowley began working with Letson about eight years ago, after having hip replacement surgery. “Meg encourages you,” she said. “You may not think you can do something, but she knows you can. And she never pushes you.”

“She makes strong suggestions,” Foster added, drawing laughs from the group.

Rowley admits she more than “rose to the occasion,” training with Letson several times a week, starting to enter competitions in the past couple of years. Rowley recently broke a national record in her

age and weight class, deadlifting 77.5 pounds. She is 74 years old.

Rowley enjoys how strong she has become from powerlifting. She said her bone scan improved because of the consistent strength training workouts. “I used to have horses, and could lift a feed bag no problem,” Rowley remarked. “But before I started training with Meg, I’d lost that strength. And now, I can lift three times the weight of that feed bag.”

Nordstrom commented that she first came to see Letson to improve her tennis serve. Her interest and love of competitive powerlifting only grew the more she participated. “Plus,” Nordstrom exclaimed, “now no one can return my serve!”

Twenty-five-year-old Tess Kinney from Westminster also competes with the group, as does Bellows Falls resident Bill Purdy, aged 66. Letson’s wish is for “people to realize it is possible to start at any age. This crew represents that.”

Strength training has been proven to be an effective way to maintain a healthy lifestyle, especially as we age, and the Bellows Falls powerlifters are proof of that.

Additionally, as Foster commented, “It’s also about committing to a schedule, encouraging, and holding each other accountable.”

The social and mental health benefits are apparent, as illustrated by one of the group’s mottos, “strength is a skill.”

Rolling Twenties showcases close-knit family

BY DANIELLE GOODWIN
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Are you getting close to Exit 6 so you can make it to Okemo Mountain to enjoy a ski vacation? Just 2,000 feet off of Interstate 91 to the right when you get to the bottom of the exit ramp, you will find a bright red building with a staff that is sure to bring fun into your dispensary experience. A local, popular, serial entrepreneur, Joe Ruggiero (yes, the family that owns the local trash removal service), embarked on a journey to open the first dispensary in Rockingham, Vt., over 18 months ago.

In a somewhat crowded dispensary field, each dispensary has its own flair. Stepping into Rolling Twenties, the thought immediately was that it wasn’t the décor that was the focus; void of expensive artwork, or an air of superiority, it was clear that this is family-run and operated.



Left to right: Quentin Taylor, Brad Walsh, and Patrick Greenleaf at Rolling Twenties. PHOTO PROVIDED

Immediately the famous budtender Brad Walsh was able to break the ice. What is the importance of a well-versed budtender? This veteran shepherds the customer through the process, whether it is someone trying a gummy to help with sleep, or a seasoned veteran cannabis customer that just wants to talk shop or trends. Walsh, with four years of budtender experience from other states that legalized recreational can-

nabis before Vermont, is eagerly waiting to have the opportunity to show his education, and emphasize his love for the field, saying, “When you have a passion about something, it shows.”

Quentin Taylor, one of the other now famous budtenders, meets you at the security desk and is the first to say a hello and ask about your day.

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Springfield passes fiscal year 2025 budget

BY PAULA BENSON
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Only a handful of public participants were in attendance at the Monday, Jan. 15, public hearing and presentation of the town budget for fiscal year 2025.

Town manager Jeff Mobus reported that the proposed budget represents a 5.1% increase in gross expenditures, and a 9.3% increase in gross non-tax revenues, resulting in an increase to the amount to be raised by the taxpayers of 3.87%.

The budget does not fund any new positions,

but does include a 4% cost of living adjustment for all town employees, and step increases as required by union contracts, Mobus stated.

Historically, the selectboard has added articles to the warning for paving and sidewalks. Last year, the paving article was \$750,000, and this year’s article proposes \$825,000. For sidewalk repairs, the amount remains the same at \$100,000.

Springfield resident Jean Bolaski of Walker Road was at the meeting to present the board with her complaints about lack of paving and maintenance to her road. After some back and forth, the board said they would

take her comments into consideration.

Discussing rising costs and declining road conditions, the board called on town treasurer Barbara Courchesne to report on several petitions for additional appropriations that would potentially add to the yearly cost. These include Springfield Community Players’ request for \$2,500, Springfield Chorus’ for \$1,500, and the Bellows Falls Community Bike Program, who petitioned for \$1,000. Courchesne said the petitions were not final yet, and the organizations had until Jan. 18 to complete them.

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BFUHS December Elks Student of the Month

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Benjamin “Ben” Perry has been selected as the December Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS). Ben, a senior, is the son of Jason and Jennie Perry of Westminster.

Ben is top in the Class of 2024. Described as extremely gifted by one of his teachers, he is praised for strong analytical thought and insightful contributions to class discussions.

A true leader and positive role model, Ben’s character unequivocally separates him from his peers. He is honest and compassionate; he always puts the needs of others before his own, and he goes out of his way to help others. Ben is hilarious



Ben Perry. PHOTO PROVIDED

and witty, and has mastered the ability to bring humor to situations tastefully. He has a charismatic energy that others gravitate toward. A pleasure to work with, Ben is tremendously humble, and accepts praise with an utmost sense of modesty.

Dedicated to making a positive impact, Ben has been a valued member of the BFUHS Student Council for four years, serving as vice president as a junior, and president as a senior. His hard work and dedication are a driving force for this group. A leader both in the classroom and in the community, Ben has been a positive representative through sports, outside activities, and in his community. He has logged over 200 hours of community service giving back and helping others.

Clearly deserving of this award, the Elks and BFUHS are honored to have Ben represent us as a Student of the Month.

Springfield hosts first drone event in Vermont

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., 100 students from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut will showcase

high flying skills at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Road in Springfield, Vt.

Twenty teams of middle and high school students

from Vermont and nearby states will unite on Saturday, Jan. 27, for the Aerial Drone Competition, presented by the Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation.

Through a partnership with NASA and the U.S. Department of Defense’s DSEC

Springfield playwright to premiere first play

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Larry Kraft, longtime Springfield resident and civic official, can now add playwright to his resume. Kraft’s first stage play, a tragicomedy titled “Waiting For A Eulogy,” is being both performed and published.

The full-length play is scheduled to have its “world premiere” as a staged reading produced by the Springfield Community Players in April. It has also been published by Open: Journal of Arts and Letters, which “offers a range of contemporary aesthetic experiences made available through its several media platforms.”

Samuel Beckett’s classic play “Waiting For Godot” is both the inspiration for and a character in Kraft’s play. Two travelers on the road of life once again

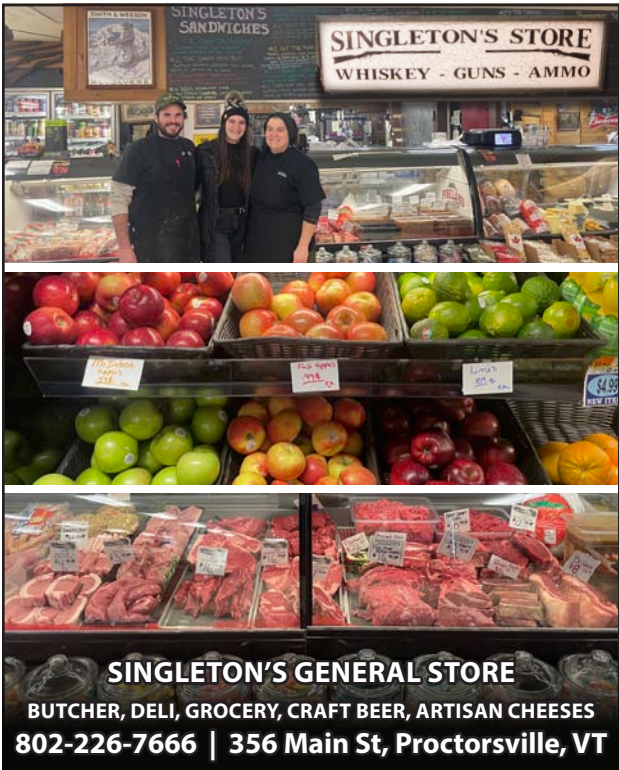
banter and bicker about the things they may or may not have done – only this time they are in a bar, and one of them is dead. They share memories and find meaning in their past interactions as they take turns struggling to honor each other’s death. As they engage in a variety of humorous and insightful discussions and encounters, their friendship reveals itself to be stronger in death than it ever was in life.

Kraft’s community involvement includes being the emcee for 20 consecutive Apple Blossom Cotillions, as well as co-producing and hosting a video celebration of the event’s history on SAPA TV. Having previously served on the school board and planning commission, he has been Springfield’s town and school district moderator for the past several years. The upcoming

Town Meeting in March will be his last in this capacity.

Although he has been writing stories for many years, Kraft increased his creative output when he became a freelance consultant after leaving Springfield Hospital as its director of development in 2019. While working on his play during this period, he has also written feature articles for The Springfield Reporter, helped the Springfield Food Co-op with its relocation to downtown, contributed to the revision of the Town Plan, and assisted The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center with its fundraising efforts.

“Waiting For A Eulogy” can be found in the “Theater Arts - Drama: Plays for Page or Stage” section of the Open: Journal of Arts and Letters website, www.ojalart.com.



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If this is going to be your first time, or you just want the latest news in the local area, Quentin will not disappoint. Patrick Greenleaf (yes, that is really his name) is the manager, and his kryptonite is his ability to bring the calm to the equation. He is the rudder on this boat, and definitely steering it in the right direction. Ruggiero wants this to be a place that he can pass on to his daughter and son-in-law, who also work in the business every day and are eager to help Joe launch this dream.

Rolling Twenties has been

initiative, the REC Foundation aims to strengthen workforce opportunities and broaden STEM literacy for middle and high school students. As part of this partnership, the REC Foundation hosts a series of competitive drone events for students across the country

each year.

Teams will showcase their drone piloting, programming, and communication skills throughout the day in a heart-racing competition. Students will participate in the most comprehensive and exciting drone sporting event that focuses on hands-on

learning. Teams learn about drone flight principles and programming, along with enhancing communication and problem-solving skills.

Students will also expand their understanding and build interest in drone-related workforce and career opportunities.

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Board member Walter Martone remarked that the special requests may not be

approved, but if the petitions qualify for the ballot they are likely to pass. “That means the increase could be even larger than what we are talking about here,” Martone said.

Mobus felt, at a total of \$5,000 for all three, the impact of the additional appropriations on the overall budget would be minimal.

Following the discussion, Board Chair Kristi Morris looked to the three citizens participating via Zoom for questions before addressing Bolaski, commenting, “We only had one public participant? To your credit, thank you for coming in.”

Morris closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

The board motioned to approve the fiscal year 2025 budget, with a gross appropriation that the voters will

vote on at Town Meeting, at \$15,009,263.

Board member Everett Hammond, who had expressed a need for a larger allotment of funds to go toward paving costs earlier, spoke up again, defending his recommendation that \$50,000 be added to the paving article. Alternatively, Hammond suggested splitting that amount between the article and the regular budget, adding \$25,000 to each.

Vice Chair Michael Martin agreed with Hammond’s request to further increase paving funds, stating, “I have long been a proponent of increasing our paving budget, since I got on to the board, and I’ve championed increases to our paving budget each year.” Martin said the voters have

typically “stepped up to the challenge,” and agreed to the proposed increases.

John Bond, BAC chair, commented that the added expenses thus far have increased the percentage to almost 4%, and adding \$50,000 would have them “creeping toward 5%. I think it’s a little insensitive and not in keeping with our bigger goal of marketing Springfield and getting people to move here,” Bond said, expressing his concern that a higher tax rate makes Springfield less competitive.

Ultimately, the board voted unanimously to approve the proposed budget at gross appropriation set at \$15,009,263, and the paving and sidewalk articles as presented.

The selectboard will next meet on Monday, Jan. 22.

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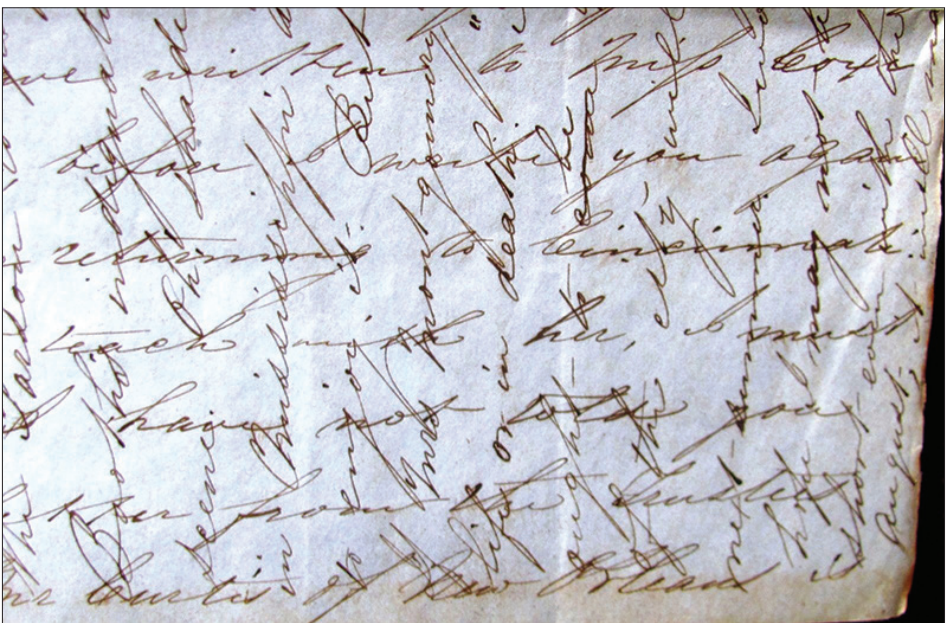
Cross writing

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What is cross writing? I can only speak from my own experience from handling these early pieces of ephemera. In my 50 years buying and selling early letters and other old documents, I have only seen a handful of cross letters. Here is one I managed to hang on to. I think some will find this interesting. It's really difficult to read – and this is on both sides of a 7.5-inch by 9.5-inch piece of paper. The author was competent writing with a quill pen. Probably it was a gold nib, housed in an abalone or wooden pen-shaped instrument. She knew when to dip the nib in the ink, to reload the nib with ink, and continue writing. It is flawless, with very fine letters. In those days, penmanship was taught in schools. The paper has yellowed, and the old iron-based ink turned brown, and soiled some, so it's difficult to read, but here is some of what I can make out. There

is more to be gleaned from this letter. The photo with this article is a close-up of a small section of the letter. I'm not sure how well it will reproduce on newsprint. Read what you can, and then turn the newspaper 90 degrees to your right, to continue reading. In part, it reads: "Proctorsville, Vt, March 13th, 1850 My dearest [illegible], I do wish that it were in my power to write you an interesting letter, full of life and good spirits, but I am dull and what is worse so nervous that I scarcely know what I am about. Your blessed letter of Feb. 20th is safely here and having only delayed one day I hasten to send this envelope full to you ['full to you' is in reference to cross writing]..." It then goes on for a page regarding how others are doing or gifts received. The letter continues: "...I am very happy when I think of you at Anchonca. I hope the pleasure you enjoy there may be some reward for the tears you shed while you prepared for

Mount Holyoke. I hope you do not regret having gone there or the consequent trip to Mississippi. It is one of the pleasantest events I ever think of. I have been solicited to teach here, the older school this summer. I would not hesitate could I make my parents more comfortable or happy, to undertake the task, but as I can not accomplish any thing for them I intend to go to Mr. Mason's as soon as the travelling is good and remain till I go Westward. They very cordially invite me to do so. I have written to Mifs Coxe and shall know, I presume before I write you again what my prospect will be for returning to Cincinnati. If she does not wish me to teach with her, I must make some other plan. I have not told you that I have received a letter from the Trustees of Fayette Academy. The Rev. Mr. Curtis of New Orleans is expected to take the academy. He is Methodist and is recommended by Bro. Drake..." From Wikipedia: "A crossed letter is a manuscript letter which con-



A cross-written letter.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

tains two separate sets of writing, one written over the other at right-angles. This was done during the early days of the postal system in the 19th century to save on expensive postage charges, as well as to save paper. This technique is also called cross-hatching

or cross-writing. A cross letter is distinct from a palimpsest, as cross-hatched manuscripts were written this way at one sitting or for the same purpose (such as a diary), rather than being re-used later." If you have any old letters or documents, I am a buyer.

I like reading other people's mail. *This week's old saying is from George Burns. "First you forget names, then you forget faces. Next you forget to pull your zipper up and finally, you forget to pull it down."*

AI and the Rumsey Map Collection in genealogy

WINDHAM COUNTY, Vt. – On Saturday, Feb. 3, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Windham County Genealogy Interest Group (WCGIG) will present two topics: "Using Artificial Intelligence in Genealogy," and "Using the David Rumsey Map Collection for Genealogy," over Zoom only. Please register at www.bit.ly/WCGIGFEB2024. A Zoom link will be sent before the meeting. Pose any questions you have when you register.

Wayne Blanchard, co-founder of Windham County Genealogy Interest Group and genealogy volunteer at Rockingham Library, will give us his insights into artificial intelligence (AI) and its current and future use in genealogy. Artificial intelligence is expanding into all sorts of areas, and genealogy is no exception. Although it can't replace the human genealogist, some of the new tools can be very helpful. AI is used in colorizing black and white photos, translating records into another language, transcribing and indexing records or newspaper articles, extracting and summarizing information from a document, and creating a genealogical sketch of an ancestor. Companies such as Ancestry and My Heritage are beginning to incorporate AI in their websites to support users in their family research. Wayne Blanchard has been experimenting with some of these tools, and he will share what he has learned. Jerry Carbone of Whetstone Brook Genealogy will discuss the massive map collection, using the David Rumsey Map Collection for genealogy. The David Rumsey Map Collection at Stanford University began in 1966, and contains more than 200,000 maps, 128,000 of which are online. The collection focuses on rare maps from the 1550s through the present day. The collection's scope is worldwide, but is very strong on various maps of the United States. The collection includes at-

lases, globes, wall maps, school geographies, pocket maps, books of exploration, maritime charts, and a variety of cartographic materials including pocket, wall, children's, and manuscript maps. Maps of importance for genealogical use are property, insurance, railroad, military, and topographic maps. The presentation will focus on how to find the maps and use the various tools that are part of the collection. The Windham County Genealogy Interest Group is an informal organization whose members are dedicated to genealogy education, research, and best practices. Meetings are held every other month on Zoom. Many of these sessions were recorded and are available on the WCGIG YouTube Channel at www.bit.ly/WCGIGVIDEO. They cover topics such as

improving your search results in www.familysearch.org and www.ancestry.com; using family tree software; navigating the crowd sourced cemetery database Find A Grave; using land records for genealogy research; using www.americanancestors.org, the database of the New England Historical Genealogical Society; and finding people in the newly released 1950 U.S. Census. WCGIG is also supported by Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro, Vt., and Rockingham Free Library in Bellows Falls, Vt., with use of their Zoom accounts, publicity, and use of their facilities. Feel free to contact Jerry Carbone and Wayne Blanchard at windham-countygig@gmail.com.



"Murder in the Vermont Woods."


PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Feb. 10, at 11 a.m., join historian Jill Mudgett at the Springfield Town Library for her presentation "Murder in the Vermont Woods: A Story About Race, Class, and Gender in the 19th Century."

Jill tells the story of an Indigenous man from southern New England who came to central Vermont during the late 19th century, and was the victim of a murder. Recreating community connections in a rural Vermont hill town, this story is about poverty, racism, disability, and gendered violence against women, but is also an account of Indigenous movement and choice despite great obstacles.

This is a Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street in Springfield. For more in-

formation, contact Tracey Craft at 802-885-3108. Visit our calendar of events to sign up at www.springfield-townlibrary.org/calendar.



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BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

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Pastor Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Fellowship Facebook page, and Living Hope Fellowship Youtube. Services can also be found at www.sapatv.org and www.fact8tv.com.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd,
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to www.charlestownbiblechurch.org. Call 603-826-5121 for more info or to request a personal Bible study.

Charlestown Seventh-day Adventist Church, 242 Main St.
Saturday Services include Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. and a healthy lunch for all after the service. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person. Sunday services run from September to early June. Contact chestervtuu@gmail.com for a Zoom link for the service.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.
Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.
Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

LUDLOW, VT.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.
Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
We welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

PERKINSVILLE, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow
Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovespringfield.com.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.
Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.firstchurchspringfield.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.
All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org, or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminstercongonline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

OBITUARIES:

A basic 200-word obituary is \$75, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. A black and white photo is an additional \$10. Email to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday at 12 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES:

We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Ruth Friedman, 2024

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ruth Helen (Miehling) Friedman of Westminster West, Vt., passed away peacefully at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt., on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was 85.

Ruth is lovingly remembered by her sons Russell Friedman and Stewart Friedman (and wife Linda); daughter Kim Friedman Clark (and husband Charles); grandchildren Elizabeth Grosso, Harrison Friedman, Amy Friedman, Ryan Friedman, Victoria Wolliston, and Charles (Zack) Wolliston; as well as great-grandchildren Olivia, Waylon, Emma, Jackson, and Russell. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Charles “Chuck” Friedman (d. 2018), son Todd Friedman (d. 2019), and brother Bob Miehling (d. 2018). Ruth is survived by her sister Doris Gerken, brother Don (and wife Judy) Miehling, and sister-in-law Terri Miehling.

Born to Helen (Veit) and Charles Miehling in Chicago, Ill., Ruth was the eldest of four children. The Miehling family later moved from Chicago to New York, settling in New Hyde Park. Ruth’s journey led her to marry her true love Charles Friedman in 1957. In 1972, the family relocated from Massapequa Park, N.Y., to Westminster West, Vt.

A proud wife and caring mother, Ruth treasured her four children Russell, Stewart, Todd, and Kim. Throughout her life she wore many hats – a telephone operator for Bell, playschool teacher and church secretary for Christ



Ruth Friedman, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

Church in Saxtons River, and daycare director for Hill House in Bellows Falls. Ruth was a vibrant and integral member of the Saxtons River community.

Ruth’s creativity knew no bounds; she was a gifted artist with a passion for watercolors and oils, paper cutting, and various other hobbies. Ruth enjoyed shopping (with a penchant for shoes), crafting, and spending time with family. She leaves behind a lasting legacy of love that will be cherished by all who knew her.

A funeral service was held this past week at Fenton and Hennessy Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. The memory of Ruth Helen Friedman will live on in the hearts of those she touched, and her vibrant spirit will not soon be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Ruth’s name be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

OVWC Tree of Remembrance

LUDLOW, Vt. – This year’s Tree of Remembrance is shining brightly in memory of the following:

Sharlene Ahern, Joan Albert, Charles Baitz, Priscilla Baitz, John Bazzano, Oscar and Nellie Beckman, Ernie Belanger, Helen Ballard, Hank Berger, Charlie Bidwell, Mary Bolduc, Earl Bonneau, Harley and Ida Bragg, Harold and Mary Bragg, Dave Brown, Evelyn Bryant, Kim Bryant, Oscar and Margarita Bryant, Roy and Marie Ciufo, Peter Connor, Dottie Clark Davis and Jim Davis, Ellsworth and Dorothy Davis, Ellsworth R. Davis, Roy and Leta Davis, Nancy DeLong, George and Ethelyn Dever, Kathleen Dever, Suzette Durgin, Finneaus Egan, John Ewen, Harry Fisher, John Foscolos, Leonard Gendron, Chizzie and Frank Geraci, Dan Giordano, Norman Gordon, Mary Gould, Jim Grossbard, Stan and Ann Hart, Diane Hart, Richard and Jean Hassett, Jim Havell, Rita Higgins, Brian Hodgeman, Leta Hudgings, Charlie Hughes, Ed Iles, George Jacobs, Brian Kirkpatrick, Hersh Klein, Carol Sullivan Kuk, George and Eileen Laber, Frank LaCava, Peter Lawless, Irene Lorrain, Joseph Lorrain, George and Rose Macintyre, Sandi Manna, MaryAnn Markowski, Anne and Iggy Matulonis, George and Violet Matulonis, Jim Mays, Mr and Mrs JR McLean Sr, Aaron W. McNabb, Shirley P. Merriam, Edwin and Elizabeth Merrill, Dick Merrow, Jim Misuraca, Don and Mary Moore, Jud and Ginnie Nelson, Ernest and Melba Noll, Pete Noyes, Eleanor O’Donnell, Art O’Hare, Mary Lou and Charles Parker, Lana Parks, John Pappalardo, Ellen Parrish, Frank and Marge Peters,

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To add your loved one(s) name to our list, mail your tax deductible donation to OVWC, c/o Pat Archambault, 61 Andover Street, Ludlow, VT 05149. Make your check payable to “Okemo Valley Women’s Club” or “OVWC.” Include the name(s) of the loved ones you wish to be remembered. All donations go to local charities or scholarships.



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Howard G. Papineau, 1966-2024

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Howard G. Papineau, 57, of Perkinsville, Vt., passed away peacefully at his home on Jan. 15, 2024, after a long illness.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1966, in Proctor, Vt., to Howard and Dorothy (Eugair) Papineau.

He graduated from Otter Valley Union High School in 1984.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1986-1990.

Howard married his wife of 24 years, Susan, on Oct. 2, 1999.

He worked for Precision Valley Communications for several years, as well as the State of Vermont Department of Corrections as a correctional officer, before becoming a probation and parole officer in Brattleboro, Vt. After years of dedication and hard work, he became a police officer with the Town of Weathersfield, Vt., where he remained until he retired in 2013.

Howard is survived by his wife Susan, his daughter Heather Papineau, and his sister Shelly Hendee and her husband Danny. He is also survived by his in-laws William and Melissa Barrows, Diana Gould, Heidi Stillings, his beloved pups Dave and Jackson, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by



Howard G. Papineau, 1966-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

his parents, and in-laws David and Naomi Barrows. The family would like to thank his medical providers of over 16 years Dr. Brooke Herndon; and Pat Proulx, MSW, LICSW, CCM; for all of their years of dedication and care, as well as the staff at Bayada Hospice for their compassionate end of life care.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, from 1-4 p.m., at the VFW in Springfield, Vt. A graveside service will be announced at a later date in the spring, and all are welcome to attend.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Davis Memorial Chapel, Springfield, Vt.



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LEGAL NOTICES

JAN. 26 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, will host Hand and Foot card games on Friday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

JAN. 27 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –

Sound Investment will be performing classic rock and modern country music at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street in Springfield, on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 802-885-6008.

JAN. 28 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –

Grammy-nominated songwriter Reed Foehl will perform at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls, Vt. on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. Singer-songwriter Tommy Crawford will open. Tickets are discounted in advance at www.stage33live.com or the door. Limited seating. The event will be recorded and filmed.

JAN. 29 –
PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Lori Wright will host a vision board workshop on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10:30 a.m., at DG Bodyworks. This is a free workshop. Participants need to bring their own magazines, poster board, and scissors. Email loriwright163@gmail.com for more information.

JAN. 30 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There will be drop-in cornhole and shuffleboard at the Springfield Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 1

p.m. For more information, contact Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

JAN. 31 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Senior Center Annual Meeting will be held at the senior center, 139 Main Street, on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

FEB. 1 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Knit Wits will meet on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. For more information, contact Lori Johnson at 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.

MONDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:30 p.m. there will be Pub Trivia Night at Vermont Beer Makers on

River Street in Springfield. Up to five people per team. Free entry.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Gentle Hatha Yoga classes for ages 50 and over are held on Mondays from 10-11 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Library hosts a chess club each Monday from 3-5:30 p.m., led by Mike Sola. All levels of players will be welcomed.

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aquatic Aerobics, Mondays at 10:35 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

TUESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Tuesday, 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Chair Yoga classes for ages 50 and over are held on Tuesdays from 9-9:45 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

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

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 –
TYSON, Vt. – The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Chair Yoga classes for ages 50 and over are held on Thursdays from 9-9:45 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

GRAFTON, Vt. – A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach Tai Chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

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.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street, will hold the “Originals & Traditionals” Open Mic Night on the fourth Friday of every month, from 7-9 p.m., hosted by musician Putnam Smith. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m. All material should be original or “traditional” (i.e., in the public domain). Each performer can perform two songs or up to 10 minutes, whichever comes first. If you have any questions, please contact Smith at putnamsmith@gmail.com.

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

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

Development Review Board Village of Ludlow Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on 12 February 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the Heald Auditorium, at the Ludlow Town Hall, and via Zoom, to consider an application for Subdivision:

APPLICANT: Jerry & Heather Tucker
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149
Parcel No. 100232-000
PROPERTY LOCATION: 68 Flatow Rd.
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is a for the Sub-division of one 10.01 acre lot into two lots. This project is located within the Town Residential district.
APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-002

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

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

Development Review Board Village of Ludlow Vermont Hybrid Public Hearing February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm

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APPLICANT: The Keenland Group, LLC
Lynchburg, Virginia
Parcel No. 230432-000
PROPERTY LOCATION: 117 Main Street,
aka Blue Duck Deli
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a covered dining patio with outdoor seating and Flood Hazard Review for compliance with the Ludlow Flood Hazard Regulations Article 6, section 660. This project is partially located within a FEMA Floodway; in the Village Residential-Commercial district.
APPLICATION NUMBER: 083-88-CU, Amd. #6

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

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APPLICANT: Jewell Brook, LLC
Branford, Connecticut
Parcel No. 220548-000
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Ave.
Ludlow, Vermont, 05149

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is a Subdivision of one 2.2 acre lot into four lots; Site Plan Review, Act250 Review, and Conditional Use Permit. This project is located within the Village Residential-Commercial district.
APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB24-001

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

Rosemary Goings
Director of Planning and Zoning

TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall to consider the following application for a minor subdivision: Application: #8.2/22.12/23/12/4, Applicant: Jeremy Parker, Owner: Diane Parker, Property Location: off Forbes Rd., Reason for hearing: Application to request a minor subdivision of one existing parcel into two lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024
Jonathan W. Stevens, Secretary, Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment

NOTICE WINDHAM HILL ROAD CLOSURE in WINDHAM, VT (Road Closure from 1/22/24 through 2/05/24)

Windham Hill Road will be closed to all traffic a distance 5 miles south of the Rte. 121 intersection (200’ south of Chase Road intersection) to allow for culvert work. Electronic Message Boards and road signs will be utilized to signify closure. Residents/businesses must use an alternative route during closure. Please call the Town of Windham if you have any questions. Thank you very much.

Kord Scott, Windham Road Commissioner
Windham Town Hall: 802-874-4211

WARNING RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Expeditionary School at Black River, Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

- ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of two years
ARTICLE 2: To elect a Clerk for a term of two years
ARTICLE 3: To elect a Treasurer for a term of two years
ARTICLE 4: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.
ARTICLE 5: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.
ARTICLE 6: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.
ARTICLE 7: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.
ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 5, 2024, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 5, 2024

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of three million, two hundred seventy-nine thousand, two hundred seventeen dollars (\$3,279,217) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, February 29, 2024, in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2024-2025 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair
Paul Orzechowski, Vice Chair
Andrew Pennell, Board Secretary/Clerk
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Michael Stack
Jessica Burtlew
Lyza Gardner
Brenda Blodgett, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center SD

Voting Locations and Hours

Bellows Falls Union High School District #27	
Athens	Athens Town Office
Grafton	Grafton Elementary School
Rockingham	Masonic Temple
Westminster	Westminster Fire Station

Two Rivers Supervisory Union	
Andover	Andover Town Hall
Baltimore	Baltimore Town Office
Cavendish	Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Station
Chester	Chester Town Hall
Ludlow	Ludlow Town Hall
Mount Holly	Mount Holly Town Office

Springfield School District	
Springfield	Riverside Middle School

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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Answers

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LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

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REGION – Guns wanted.

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HELP WANTED

PUTNEY, Vt. – ReArch Company has been hired by Windham & Windsor Housing Trust

and Evernorth Property as the General Contractor for ALICE HOLWAY and will be bidding from 1/31/2024 through 2/22/2024. Construction is anticipated to start in April 2024. This project is Federally and State funded and will adhere to all Federal Procurement, Section 3, Fair Labor Standards and Contracting Guidelines. Minority-Owned,

Women-Owned, and Section 3 businesses are encouraged to apply. Seeking all trades! Including, but not limited to, Concrete, Masonry, Steel, Carpentry, Thermal, Siding, Roofing, Windows/Doors, Drywall, Flooring, Painting, MEPE, Sitework, and Landscaping. Interested subcontractors and material providers, please contact Ethan McDonald at ethanm@rearchcompany.com.

Green Mountain Union High School is looking for a Varsity Softball Coach starting in April 2024.

For more information or to apply please email todd.parah@trsu.org.

Background Check Required EOE.



TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Selectboard of the Town of Springfield will hold a public hearing on February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall on 96 Main Street in Springfield, VT, to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Town Ordinances. This is the second, and possibly final, public hearing on these proposed amendments. The purpose of these proposed amendments can be summarized as follows:

•To amend the ordinance on non-motorized transportation to allow some non-motorized conveyances, such as skates, on town streets and highways.

The proposed amendment affects the entire jurisdiction of the Town of Springfield.

The full text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available to review at the Springfield Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours and also on the Town of Springfield website: www.springfieldvt.gov.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
Final Public Hearing

The Town of Springfield received \$525,000 from the State of Vermont for a grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156 on February 12, 2024 at 6:00PM to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the range of community development activities that have been undertaken under this program, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine a statement of the use of these funds. The VCDP Funds received have been used to accomplish the following activities:

Replace the ventilation system at the Huber Building (80 Main St., Springfield, VT 05156). Information on this project may be obtained from and viewed during the hours of 8:00AM and 4:30PM at Town Hall at 96 Main Street. Should you require any special accommodations please contact Town Manager Jeff Mobus at 802-885-2104to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) #1-800-253-0191.

Legislative Body for the Town of Springfield

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
HELP WANTED
Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

The Town of Springfield, VT is looking for an Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation. This is a full-time; non-exempt position with an excellent benefit and retirement package. Salary range is \$22.79 to \$24.83, depending upon qualifications and experience. Position requires graduation from a college or university of recognized standing with a Bachelor's Degree based on a major in Parks & Recreation Leadership; or Sports Management; or Physical Education. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of at least one year of proven, successful, and progressive experience in recreation leadership. Candidates may substitute a combination of education, training, and experience, especially experience within a municipal setting. Applicant must have or will be trained for a Vermont Certified Pool Operator Certificate, required renewal every 5 years, OSHA Required Respirator knowledge and usage. First Aid Certification and renewal required, and CPR Certification and renewal required for Adults & Children. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, (802) 885-2104 (tosh@vermontel.net). Applications may also be downloaded from the Town's website (<https://springfieldvt.gov/office2.com/jobs>). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Springfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Springfield Senior Center

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Here are some updates from the Springfield Senior Center.

The Songsters are looking for more people who would like to join the group. They meet every Friday morning, at 9 a.m.

We have our 60th anniversary booklet for sale at the center for a small donation.

With winter weather, we will follow the Springfield schools for delays and closings. If school is delayed two hours,

the center will open at 10 a.m. If school is cancelled, the center will also be closed.

We are still collecting food items for the local food shelves.

Appointments will be needed for the foot clinics. You can call the center to schedule one. In January, the price will increase.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lori Johnson, executive director, at either 802-885-3933 or lorijohnsonssc@gmail.com.



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<https://wblake.com/company/careers/>

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*Team leader for 1-2 person crew

*Competitive wages

*Valid drivers license required



For more information and to apply, fill out application at www.glebemountaingardens.com/employment-application

3714 Route 11, Londonderry

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Hot tub

4 Pack (down)

8 Honeycomb division

12 Joke

13 Teen fave

14 Celestial bear

15 Capote nickname

16 Difficult problem

18 Celery unit

20 Pantheon member

21 Morays

24 Twilight, poetically

28 "Bravo!"

32 Wry

33 Bombeck

34 Raw rock

36 Begets

37 Melody

39 Actress Meg

41 Maintains

43 Wheel connectors

46 Bake sale orgs.

44 — Victor

46 Dugout seating

50 Sociable and lively

55 "Caught yal"

56 Medicinal plant

57 Vogue rival

58 Singer Phair

59 Reporter's quest

DOWN

1 Boot camp

2 Section

3 Water, in

4 Mexico

4 Hearts, slangily

5 Big fuss

6 Calendar abbr.

7 Advertise

8 Get cozy (with)

9 Blunder

10 Baton Rouge sch.

11 Felon's flight

17 Eggy quaff

19 Triathlon segment

22 Secular

23 Razor sharp-ener

25 Algerian port

26 During

27 Red planet

28 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"

29 African antelope

30 "Hud" actress

31 Patricia

31 Faxed

35 Equine homes

38 Butterflies

40 Language suffix

42 High school subj.

45 Declare

47 "The Lion King" lion

48 Intel product

49 Visibility hindrance

50 Fire

51 Flamenco cheer

52 At once

53 — -de-France

54 Jungfrau, for one

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Art Crafts Gifts

GALLERY AT THE VAULT

Vermont State Craft Center
Art Crafts Gifts & Workshops
68 Main St., Springfield 802-885-7111
OPEN Wed. to Sat. 11-5 & Fri. til 7
<http://galleryvault.org>

Sightings Photography Exhibit By Rich Cofrancesco until 1/31

Chocolate Tasting Feb 3, 1-4
Student Art Show - month of February

Take a Workshop in 2024!

Chinese Calligraphy w/ Jonathan Root 2/17/24
Perspective Drawing Basics w/ Chris Mix (Zoom) 2/4/24
Pet Portraits w/ Mindy Fisher 2/24/24
Raku Workshop w/ Andrew Berends (2 part) 3/2 & 3/9
Pine Needle Basket w/ Irene Dizes 3/8/24 & 3/9/24
Wire-wrapped Pendant w/ Thomas Alyxander 4/6/24
Flowers in Texture & Color w/ Julie Crabtree 4/27/24
(01/24/24 - TFN - 13)

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(06/05/24 - 52)

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(08/14/24 - TFN - 52)

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You Tube: okemovalleytv

Streaming App: Download Okemo Valley TV app for free (Apple TV, Roku, Fire TV, Google Play, & mobile)
(04/03/24 - TFN - 13)

at the library

LEGAL NOTICES

Tax prep and Ask Your Librarians in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – April will be here before you know it. Springfield Town Library will have tax forms and booklets available. The library will also host SEVCA’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) this year.

VITA offers free tax help to people whose adjusted gross income is under \$64,000, persons with disabilities, and/or limited English-speaking taxpayers. Preparers will be at the Springfield Town Library for those with appointments on many Wednesdays and selected Thursdays from Jan. 31 – April 10. SEVCA will also provide VITA services in Westminster, Brattleboro, Windsor, Ludlow, and other

locations.

A drop-off box will also be available beginning Jan. 29. Please note that in-person returns for those with appointments will have priority, and dropped-off packets will be completed in the order they are received.

To make an appointment, call or text 802-428-3032, or email estrasser@sevca.org.

Then, do you have a question about Springfield Town Library services and why or how things are done at the library? This is your opportunity. “Ask Your Librarians: A Community Conversation” will take place in the Flinn Room of the library on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

Three library staff members will be on hand to answer

your questions about the current resources and services in your library. Technical services librarian Tracy Obremski will share her process for choosing materials and getting them shelf-ready. Youth services librarian Jeni Clary will talk about materials, programs, and services for youth. Library director Sue Dowdell will give insight into the library’s plans and answer all other questions.

Suggestions for the library’s future are always welcome and appreciated.

Tech Time Tuesdays

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library will host Tech Time Tuesday classes and drop-in sessions every Tuesday, at 2 p.m., during the month of February. Join us in the youth programming room for one of our upcoming tech sessions this winter to learn more about different applications and digital library resources. Drop-in sessions are first come, first served. Providing your own personal devices is highly encouraged, however, library laptops will be available for class use.

On Feb. 6, the Tech Time program will be “Love your Library’s resources – Libby and Biblio+.” February is National Library Lovers’ Month. Come love your library more by learning how to access e-Books, films, and television for free through our online library resources.

Then, on Feb. 13, there will be a drop-in tech help session. This is our quick tech help option at the library. No registration is required, just walk in and spend 5-15 minutes with a librarian to ask your tech questions.

Feb. 20’s focus will be “Tax Time Online Forms Help.” Need help finding and printing your tax forms this year? Come to the library to print the tax forms you need. Vermont does not distribute free paper forms through libraries. You can print blank forms at the library. All forms are free.

Feb. 27 will be another drop-in tech help session.

For more information, email reference@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Barton Coburn by Warranty Deed of Milton Thomas Coburn, dated May 30, 2017 and recorded on June 2, 2017 in Book 79 at Pages 766-767 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #019009-502, E911 address: 61 Coburn’s Way.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Mountain Energy of Vermont, Inc., f/k/a Green Mountain Energy Systems, Inc., by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Duff and Barbara M. Duff, dated September 4, 2009, and recorded on September 4, 2009 in Book 65 at Page 95 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #104011, E911 address: 3590 VT Route 100)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Duke Enterprises, Inc. by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Brown dated October 14, 1970 and recorded on October 21, 1970 in Book 31 at Page 148 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102023, E911 Address: 2242 North Main St.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to 452, LLC by Quit Claim Deed of Thomas Jones and Elisa Marie Romeo dated January 14, 2019 and recorded on February 4, 2019 in Book 83 at Page 407 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #035010, E911 Address: 452 Carley Lane)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Antone Dias by Warranty Deed of Center J. Merrill dated July 29, 2022 and recorded on August 1, 2022 in Book 95 at Page 536 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102004, E911 Address: 2000 North Main St.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Matthew L. Mosher by Warranty Deed of Roger Thorne-Thomsen, dated December 30, 2011, and recorded on

January 6, 2012 in Book 66 at Page 192 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #105022-100, E911 Address: 2.8 +/- acres off Route 100)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Daniel Nowokunski by Quit Claim Deed of Carol C. Merritt dated April 13, 2015 and recorded on April 27, 2015 in Book 74 at Page 723 of the Londonderry Land Records. Reference is made to the Quit Claim Deed of Daniel Nowokunski to Daniel Nowokunski and Susan S. Nowokunski dated August 13, 2015 and recorded on August 13, 2015 in Book 75 at Page 484 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #110079, E911 Address: 7451 VT Route 11)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Christopher M. Ouellet by Warranty Deed of Joseph L. Ouellet dated August 11, 2015 and recorded on August 17, 2015 in Book 75 at Page 490 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #041015, E911 Address: 93 Hilltop Rd.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Edward John Brown by Warranty Deed of Lawrence A. Grover and Hazel E. Grover, dated August 6, 1981 and recorded on August 8, 1981 in Book 40, at Page 53 of the Londonderry Land Records. Reference is made to Easement Deed of Duke Enterprises, Inc. to Edward J. Brown, dated August 25, 1982 and recorded on August 25, 1982 in Book 40 at Page 554 of the Londonderry Land Records.

Excepting, however, approximately 0.12 acres of land conveyed to the State of Vermont by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Brown, dated September 27, 1993 and recorded on October 1, 1993 in Book 51 at Page 8 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102024, E911 address: 2296 North Main St.)

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jean Rogers Smith, as Trustee under agreement with Rochester H. Rogers and Lois S. Rogers, dated December 12, 1949 for the benefit of Fergus S. Smith, by virtue of:

1. Warranty Deed of Herbert O. Smith, dated July 10, 1972 and recorded on July 14, 1972 in Book 32 at Page 78 of the Londonderry Land Records;
2. Warranty Deed of Gordon M. Moodie and Helene Moodie, dated September 26, 1977 and recorded on September 27, 1977 in Book 36 at Page 311 of the Londonderry Land Records; and
3. Warranty Deed of Robert Praeger Venner, dated August 18, 1979 and recorded on October 3, 1979 in Book 38 at Page 259 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #027006, E911 address: 340-342 Melendy Hill)

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Melonie Bohen and Corey W. Stoddard by Executor’s Deed of Linda A. Smith, Executor of the Estate of James E. Adamson, dated May 22, 2013 and recorded on May 28, 2013 in Book 69 at Page 521 of the Londonderry Land Records. Reference is made to the Quitclaim Deed of Corey W. Stoddard to Melonie Bohen dated December 29, 2021 and recorded on March 29, 2022 in Book 94 at Page 672 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #063004, E911 Address: 105 Williams St.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2024.

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library & scholarships

GFWC-VT continuing education scholarship —

REGION – The General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Vermont (GFWC-VT) announces the availability of scholarships for Vermont women, beyond the traditional high school to college age track, seeking to further their education, training, or to upgrade their skills in preparation for entering or advancing in the workplace. Applicants must submit a specific plan for their education or training. Applications are due to Betty Haggerty, 16 Taylor Street, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, by March 15; her contact information is also included on the ap-

plication. The scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500. GFWC-VT has been awarding this financial aid, which is funded through contributions from the state federated clubs and from individuals, for 30 years. The scholarship is named for the late Barbara Jean Barker of Poultney, who served as GFWC-VT president from 1992-1994, and who was instrumental in establishing the program. 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 Beverley Pallmerine, president, GFWC-VT, bpallmerine@gmail.com. They are also available through federated woman’s clubs in Vermont towns, through Community College of Vermont (CCV), and Vermont Tech sites around the state. Information is also available through the VSAC booklet of financial aid. The scholarships will be awarded at the state federation’s annual meeting in April.

Preparing for the eclipse at Rockingham Library —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library will host Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA) member Claudio Véliz, for a presentation about the upcoming total solar eclipse Thursday, on Feb. 8., at 7 p.m. The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, is an opportunity to experience a rare – even once in a lifetime – natural event. In this graphic-rich presentation, Véliz will cover how to prepare for the eclipse, where to be, and what to do if it is cloudy. Safe solar filtered glasses will be handed out to in-person attendees,

complete with instructions on how to use them when this stunning event arrives. Claudio Véliz pursues twin professions in architecture and astronomy. He has owned an award-winning architecture firm, Claudio Véliz Architect PLLC/AIA, since 1982, designing residential, institutional, municipal, retail, and corporate facilities. In his astronomy track, he was cofounder and twice president of SoVerA, headquartered in Chester, Vt. Now lecturing in the CALL Program at Keene State College, New Hampshire, previously he worked and lectured at New York’s

Hayden Planetarium, and at the astronomy departments at Columbia University and Castleton University. This program is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. In case of cancellation due to weather, the program will be rescheduled for Thursday, Feb 15. For more information, email reference@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

“Norwegian Wood” at Rockingham Library —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pick up a copy of “Norwegian Wood” by Haruki Murakami today so you can join the discussion on Thursday, March 7, at 6 p.m. This coming-of-age love story set in 1960s Japan captures the huge expectation of youth, while

evoking a keen sense of poignancy. For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call

the library at 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

Magris Talc college scholarships —

REGION – Magris Talc is now accepting college scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. Two \$2,500 scholarships are available for students of the greater Ludlow area (Springfield, Chester, Andover, Mount Holly, etc.) in their last year of high school or high school, who are choosing to pursue either a four-year bachelor’s program degree or two-year technical/trade program. To qualify, students must be entering a field of study in one of the following disciplines: earth or natural sciences, mining, engineering, environmental studies or management, health and safety, or the industrial trades such as mechanical, electrical, welding, HVAC, and plumbing.

Applicants must submit an essay describing their interest in the field they are entering, how that interest developed, and what their plans are for the future. Essays must be accompanied with a cover letter with all contact information, and submitted to Magris Talc, c/o Scholarship Committee, 73 East Hill Road, Ludlow, VT 05149. The application deadline is April 10.

TRORC 2024 Scholarship Program —

WOODSTOCK, Vt. – Two Rivers-Ottawa-Quebec Regional Commission (TRORC) announced its 2024 Scholarship Program on Jan. 4. This year, TRORC will be awarding 10 \$2,000 scholarships to the area’s graduating seniors. “We are so pleased to be able to continue our Scholarship Program this year. It’s our way of supporting the region’s students as they continue their educations,” stated Nancy Jones of Bradford, Vt., who leads TRORC’s Scholarship Committee. “Investing in our youth is the best investment we can make,” stated Peter Gregory, TRORC’s executive director. The Scholarship Program is open to all students residing in one of TRORC’s 30 towns who are successfully completing a state-approved secondary (high school) education program, and have been accepted into an accredited post-secondary education or career program. TRORC’s scholarship award payment is made at the end of the awardee’s first college semester, provided they receive an average grade of B or better. Applicants from diverse backgrounds including identities, abilities, economic, and racial backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. Applications are due via email no later than close of business on April 12. Full application details are available at TRORC’s website, www.trorc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Scholarship-Program-Announcement-v2.pdf. For more information about the Scholarship Program, contact Mary Olmo at molmo@trorc.org, or at 802-457-3188.

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SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Calling all songwriters, fiddle players, poets, stand-up comics, slam storytellers, and all you creatives with something to share. Whether you're a veteran performer or a first timer at the mic, consider yourself cordially invited to Originals & Traditionals Open Mic Night at Main Street Arts (MSA).

The open mic night will be held on the fourth Friday of each month, from 7-9 p.m. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. The program is hosted by Putnam Smith. Adult beverages will be available by donation.

"This monthly event is about community, about gathering with fellow artists and arts appreciators, about meeting up with old friends, and about meeting someone new," said Smith. "Come to share, to listen, to find inspiration – but come!"

All material should be original or "traditional" (i.e., in the public domain). Each performer can perform two songs or up to 10 minutes, whichever comes first.

Smith has been described as an old-world troubadour fresh from the 19th century. Yet this rootsy multi-

instrumentalist songwriter is a storyteller for the modern age. Called "One To Watch" (Rob Reinhart, Acoustic Cafe), and a 2016 Falcon Ridge Emerging Artist, Smith has had two albums reach into the top five on the national Folk & Bluegrass DJ Charts, and has performed in more than 40 states from the East to West coasts. For more information about Smith, visit www.putnamsmith.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Smith at putnamsmith@gmail.com.

Violinist Johnny Gandelsman at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents violinist and former member of Silkroad Ensemble Johnny Gandelsman, performing works written in response to the turbulent and disconnected time of the early pandemic and the murder of George Floyd. The anthology of compositions will be performed at Next Stage as part of Gandelsman's year-long residency at the Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

"We are thrilled to host Johnny Gandelsman at Next Stage Arts for an extraordinary evening of music that transcends boundaries. Johnny's upcoming show, a co-presentation with Dartmouth Center for the Arts at Dartmouth, is not just a performance; it's a journey into the heart of his latest project, 'This is America,'" says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. "With roots in the groundbreaking Silk Road Ensemble,



Former Silkroad Ensemble member Johnny Gandelsman. PHOTO PROVIDED

and as a founding member of Brooklyn Rider, Johnny brings a wealth of cultural influences to the stage. His ability to seamlessly blend genres is a testament to his artistry. Join us for an unforgettable night as we explore the musical landscapes he has crafted through his collaborations and solo endeavors."

In 2020, Gandelsman invited a wide array of American or U.S.-based composers to reflect on the current state of society in a personal and intimate way.

Over the course of a year-long residency at the Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth, Gandelsman performs the anthology and expands the project with three new Hopkins Center-commissioned pieces. The winter concert features "Breathe," a composition by Dartmouth alum Kojiro Umezaki, commissioned by the Hopkins Center. Umezaki will be in residence to shed light on his work.

Perspective workshop at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Learn classic perspective drawing skills from the world of fine art, architecture, landscapes, and illustration in this drawing class for teens and adults on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 2-4 p.m., via Zoom. Christine Mix will share drawing demonstrations, along with challenging drawing exercises, using one, two, and three-point perspectives. You will learn how to build your own world by creating your own landscape, be it a country, city, or seascape scene. People really enjoy Christine's classes.

Supplies needed are your favorite drawing graphite or #2 pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser (kneaded or white smart erasers are suggested if possible), drawing paper or sketchbook (8.5-inch by 11-inch white copy paper can also be used), and a 12-inch scale ruler or straight edge.

Technical requirements are an up-to-date



An example of perspective drawing by Christine Mix. PHOTO PROVIDED

computer running Windows 7 or later, or macOS 10.9 or later; a broadband wired or wireless internet connection; and a tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone, and webcam that can handle Zoom meeting or streaming for 2 hours or more.

Register by Wednesday, Jan. 31, with your email address. You will be sent an email with the link a week and a day before the class via email. A materials list

will be given at registration. The workshop fee is discounted for gallery members.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield, and is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, email gallervault@vermontel.net, call 802-885-7111, or visit www.gallervault.org or the gallery's Facebook.

Dementia in theater at Windsor Library

WINDSOR, Vt. – The Windsor Public Library will host theater professor and author Dorothy Chansky for a readers' theater presentation of Alice Brown's 1914 one-act play "Joint Owners in Spain," and discussion of Chansky's latest book "Losing It: Staging the Cultural Conundrum of Dementia and Decline in American Theatre" on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m.

The reading is directed by Sara Vitale and performed by Margaret Jennings, Judy Hallberg, Barbara Ball, and Anna Kendall. Chansky will discuss how her book explores 11 dementia plays that have been produced in the United States over

the past century. Chansky is the author of "Kitchen Sink Realisms: Domestic Labor, Dining, and Drama in American Theatre" (University of Iowa Press, 2015), and "Composing Ourselves: The Little Theatre Movement and the American Audience" (Southern Illinois University Press, 2004). She is immediate past vice president of publications for the American Society for Theatre Research, a past president of the American Theatre and Drama Society, a past editor of Theatre Annual, and a past book review editor of Theatre Journal.

Her work has appeared in Theatre Survey, Theatre History Studies, TDR, The Journal of American

Drama and Theatre, Theatre Journal, and Modern Drama. She writes criticism for New York Theatre Wire. She holds a doctorate in performance studies from NYU, a master's in theatre from The Catholic University of America, and a bachelor's in English from Smith College. She now lives in Bellows Falls.

This program is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. The Windsor Public Library is located at 43 State Street, Windsor, Vt. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m.

Please email librarian@windsorlibrary.org or call the library at 802-674-2556 to reserve your spot.

Chester's Winter Carnival

CHESTER, Vt. – Get ready to enjoy the festivities of the Chester Winter Carnival on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 18.

Kid's snowmobile rides with the Chester Snowmobile Club will take place from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Buttonwood Farms, the

field across from the Pinnacle.

Sledding and ice skating at the Pinnacle starting at 12 p.m.

Horse drawn sleigh rides from Smokeshire Farms at the Pinnacle from 12-3 p.m.

Guided snowshoe hike at Brookside with CCC. Snowshoes if conditions are favorable, or micro spikes/yak tracks required if there's limited snow. Headlamp or flashlight required. Meet behind the Academy building at 5 p.m.



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