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Star Lake's journey continues

BY AIYANA FORTIN
 The Vermont Journal

BELMONT, Vt. - Star Lake, originally called Jackson Pond, was dug by Abraham Jackson in 1792 to provide power for mills and manufacturing plants, and now it has a new dam.

In the early 1900s, it became a tourist attraction and was the only public beach in the area.

In the early 2000s, it was deemed an unsafe waterbody by the State of Vermont, because of its potential to flood downtown Belmont, threaten lives, and damage property.

The state gave the Town of Mount Holly two options: rebuild the dam, or drain the lake.

A local organization, FOSL (Friends of Star Lake), was founded in 2001 to alleviate stress put on the lake by the ever-increasing weed

population.

In 2011, Friends of Star Lake teamed up with the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, and they jointly found a solution to preserve Star Lake: a dam that would cost at least \$500,000.

Miraculously, the late Patricia Nye donated a truly amazing gift of \$500,000 to Friends of Star Lake to preserve the lake for generations to come, which brought light to the dismal situation.

Friends of Star Lake hired a crew of engineers from DuBois and King Engineering to design a dam that would raise Star Lake's water level by 18 inches, and preserve a healthy habitat and deeper waters for recreational use and fish, prepare the surrounding area to manage the impact of a 1,000 year flood (29 inches of rainfall in 24 hours), and comply with Vermont State regulations.

Even with countless obstacles, the dam was installed earlier this year.

In June, at its annual inspection, the dam was certified by DuBois and King Engineering and the Vermont State Dam Engineering Department.

This project was funded by the gift of \$500,000 from the late Patricia Nye and more than \$100,000 in private contributions from more than 280 individuals, businesses, friends and families in the community and across the country. Friends of Star Lake received no tax-generated funds from the town of Mt. Holly to assist in this project.

As a result of the installation of the new dam, Star Lake's journey continues.

However, the dam's future can only be maintained through more effort.

The weeds, particularly Eurasian water milfoil, have proven to be an issue, but don't interfere with most

recreational use of the lake and surrounding area. The management of these weeds requires countless volunteer hours annually, and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust is looking for a group to take on this challenge.

Star Lake remains open to the public as a direct result of the installation of the dam.

People say the beach is a fun place to gather, and fishing and boating on the lake are both incredible experiences.

Winter skating, snowmobiling, and skiing are available, and the breeze always brings in fresh air.

Residents in the Town of Mount Holly cherish this lake, and many have volunteered



Star lake still needs some work, but at least we have a lake to work on.

PHOTO BY AIYANA FORTIN

hundreds of hours to maintain the lake for future generations.

3rd annual Yogi McNamara Runfest

BY LARRY WILFONG

CHESTER, Vt. - The 3rd annual Yogi McNamara Runfest is the place many runners will want to be on Saturday, Aug. 27.

From the advanced cross-country runner to casual walkers, people will find a course that is right for them.

The one-mile fun run will be held on the track and will have a few obstacles, just to stir things up. Anyone looking for a good sweat-breaker might want to try the more challenging 5k course.

If someone happens to be more of the "I want to run until my legs fall off" type runner, then I urge you to join me personally on the 10k course.

That particular course will give someone a good cross section of Ver-



This group is ready to run in support of Yogi McNamara's tradition of helping the youth achieve their running goals.

PHOTO PROVIDED

mont's typical landscape, which is to say, up a very steep hill.

These race day events will be professionally timed and are a good excuse to show off one's coolest pair of socks.

This event is hosted by "Yogi's Young Runners" a nonprofit organization that was founded in honor of Roger "Yogi" McNamara.

When Yogi passed away in October 2013, his family wanted to continue with his tradition of helping to support the running goals of youths throughout the area. Contributing time money and equipment, Yogi said he wanted to see young people push themselves to be the best that they could be.

Since the first race up until the present, "Yogi's Young Runners" have been

able to continue making a difference for children wanting to run. They have been able to make donations to several organizations, such as the recent "Girls On the Run" event, and the Cavendish Town Recreation Department, as well as donations to several area schools.

The steps they are taking help greatly to ensure that many otherwise unable children can have the proper tools to succeed.

All of these things though are only possible through the support of the community of runners. Proceeds from the 10k race and sales from the collectable memorabilia go back to helping support the next wave of runners.

So, gear up and come on out and

join the McNamara family at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27.

The 10k starts at 9 a.m. and will cost \$25 on the day of the race. Runners can save a few bucks by registering early.

The 5k starts at 10:30 a.m., with a kids' fun run following.

The 5k and the fun run are both free events, though donations are always welcome.

As well as a great atmosphere from enthusiastic people, there will also be refreshments. Runners can sign up on the web at: g2racereg.webconnex.com/yogisrun2016.

For any other questions, contact Mike McNamara at (802) 226-7850, or by email at: michael@3raceproductions.com.

17th annual Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race of Ludlow Rotary Club

LUDLOW, Vt. - The date is set and on Saturday, Aug. 20 at noon the ducks will be dropped from the Depot Street Bridge to start their jour-

ney towards the finish line at Walker Bridge (near Ludlow Family Health Clinic).

Rent your duck now for a small fee

or purchase a Quack Pack, 5 ducks for the price of 4! Corporate sponsorships are available. Cash prizes are available for first three ducks to reach to the finish line, as well as for the last little duck.

Greven Field of Proctorsville (Cavendish Recreation Department) has been selected as the beneficiary for this year's event.

Tickets are available from the Cavendish Recreation Department board members, any Rotarian or stop by Peoples United Bank, Benson's Chevrolet or Ludlow Insurance Agency. For any questions, please call Sharon Bixby at 802-228-8823.

The Ludlow Rotary Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at DJ's Restaurant in Ludlow at 12:15 p.m. and is active locally and internationally with various projects to help community citizens and friends of the world. New members are welcomed. Please call or email President Tesha Buss at 802-245-4746 or tesha@goodcommons.com for more information.



Glenn Heitsmith and Tom Harris of the Ludlow Rotary standing in the Black River as "dry-landed" Rotarians dump 500 ducks into the river from the Depot Street Bridge. That is the start of the annual race! Rotarians are strategically placed along the river to ensure that every duck makes it to the finish line.

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Rod & Gun Club Field Day goes off

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The annual Rod and Gun Club Field Day and barbecue provided an opportunity to learn to safely fish, shoot, and trap under the guidance of professional instructors.

More than 100 people came to support this event, held at the range in Ludlow.

Since the early 1950s, the Black River Valley Rod and Gun Club has organized a Field Day to educate people of all ages, promote shooting, hunting, and fishing, and bring the community together.

Annual events include a Youth Fishing Derby and Game Supper, which will be held in early December. The Rod and Gun Club also raises money at their annual raffle to sponsor local children to go to the Green Mountain Conservation Camp and learn about fishing, archery, shooting, and boating, which is usually held on Lake Bomoseen or Buck Lake.

More than 40 businesses in town donated prizes for the raffle, and in the past, the raffle has raised as much as \$1,250, send-



New experiences at the Rod and Gun Club Field Day with Ruger Firearms.

PHOTO BY AIYANA FORTIN

ing five kids to Conservation Camp.

Festivities at Field Day included specialized instruction in the creation of artificial insects, fishing, skeet shooting, and shooting a variety of Ruger firearms.

George F. Butts has spent 70 years in the 2,000-year-old practice of creating artificial insects to catch fish, and had a wide variety of hand-made lures on display.

The Green Mountain Fly Tyers offer instruction for both beginning and intermediate students of all ages. These artificial insects need to

be expertly designed and assembled to seem lifelike in both color and movement, Butts said.

As a successful fly fisher, Butts said he has learned that it is imperative to understand the fish and their habits, and this understanding improves the credibility of his lures.

Instructors from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's "Let's go Fishing" program educated children and their parents on techniques for casting and fishing, and

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Cavendish selectboard

BY LARRY WILFONG

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Noise at the Glimmerstone Mansion was one of the major discussions at the recent Cavendish Town Selectboard meeting.

The owner of the Glimmerstone, Mary Jane Abbate, addressed the board about noise complaints which she had received during a permitted event at the venue.

Neighbors had called in on several occasions to complain about the music being played at recent weddings held on the grounds, and police showed up to talk to her.

Having found no ordinance or applicable statute to address the situation, she said she was hoping for some kind of solution from the Selectboard.

After a lengthy discussion with both the board and a concerned neighbor who was present, but unidentified, several potential considerations were reached that may help ease tensions among her neighbors.

The local Board of Liquor Control met to review applications for the upcoming Honey Festival at the

Golden Stage Inn, as well as several wedding events being held at the Glimmerstone Mansion.

All applications were discussed and approved.

Construction on the Cavendish Gulf Road Trestle Project is slated to begin this summer.

The road will be closed from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the possibility of some Saturday work, from Aug. 22 until Oct. 28. There is a possibility of an early finish to the project.

The shotcrete product being used will be tinted a light brown, in order to add some local flavor to the historical area.

A property located on Heald Road, which the town acquired at a tax sale, has generated some interest since it was placed on the market.

There are some regulations and a process which have to be followed through with, but the outlook seems good to sell it, board members learned.

An executive session was called at the end of the meeting, in order to discuss an offer that was given on

the property.

Recent changes to the pricing rates at the town trash transfer station, are increasing, after about 25 years of being the same.

The rates will effectively double for the disposal of general household waste.

Operating expenses over the years has forced the hands of many municipalities to take a closer look at the bottom line, the board said.

In Cavendish, they have been known as the cheap place to get rid of trash, the Selectboard said. They said the new rates barely bring the town in line with other area transfer stations.

The statewide goal is ultimately to have everyone recycle as much as they can. With recycling a free service, beginning now could drastically reduce users' overall waste costs.

A scheduled public hearing, regarding the adoption of the Cavendish Flood Hazard Area Regulations, was tabled until the next monthly meeting, which will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12.

Six Loose Ladies receives Chamber member of the month

CHESTER, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the Six Loose Ladies Yarn and Fiber Shop with the Member of the Month award.

Business are evaluated based on: contributions to the community; hosting and/or co-hosting of mixers; current on dues payment, giving donations (door prizes for mixers and events); participation in shows; packaging with other businesses; participating in "Just Between Us;" advertising, promoting and participating in guidebook and co-op advertising, contributing to monthly committee meetings; and being an ambassador for the chamber and region.



From left: Marji Graf, CEO Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce; Suzanne Lawler; Perry Hudkins and Mara Novak. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

It's been a crazy busy couple of months for the Loose Ladies, packing up the old shop and fixing up the new, but as soon as they opened their doors in Chester, they knew they had made the right decision.

"To be recognized by our peers in the community is a truly unexpected honor, and the whipped cream and cherry on our new endeavor," said the Ladies (Loose Ladies love dessert).

"Our primary mission is educational, and we look forward to sharing our knowledge with the community, and welcoming many new Ladies (and honorary Ladies) into the sisterhood," they continued.

Family Center food donation

CHESTER, Vt. - This past August 13th the Eastern Star of Chester made a food donation to the Chester Andover Family Center. To make the Eastern Star donation go as far as possible Lisai's Market sold the food to the Eastern Star at cost.

The donation included many cans of tuna fish and jars of peanut butter. These foods will be distributed to local families in need.

The Eastern Star is the ladies side of the Masons. Both groups have supported the



Robert Hale of the Eastern Star of Chester (L) brings food items to Dee Robinson (R) at the Chester Andover Family Center. PHOTO PROVIDED

town of Chester for many years and will continue to do so.

The Family Center is located just south of the Green Mountain Union High School. It's a great place to buy second hand items at reasonable prices. And if you have any good, clean clothing, ready to wear you should consider donating to the Family Center. All of us working together can make Chester a better place.

Local interior designer & business woman celebrates 15 years

RUTLAND, Vt. - Rutland interior designer, Ruxana Oosman of Ruxana's Home Interiors, LLC is celebrating her firm's 15 years in business. They officially opened in August, 2001. During that time her design firm has served hundreds of clients in five states.

Ruxana of Ruxana's Home Interiors, LLC said, "I never imagined that I would be an entrepreneur. I went to school to become an interior designer, not a business owner. Everything I have learned about business has been through experience, by trial and error."

Ruxana believes that her work transforms lives. "We help our clients sleep better, cook better, entertain better, clean less, and relax more," she said. "So in essence we help our clients live better lives." While she admits that her days

are long, Ruxana said becoming an entrepreneur has forced her to grow in ways she never thought possible. "And for that," she said, "I am incredibly grateful."

Rather than calling the milestone an anniversary, Ruxana is calling it a birthday because birthdays are more fun. In celebration of the event Ruxana released what she calls a 'party favor,' a detailed publication entitled TRADE SECRETS: Space Plan Like a Professional Designer. The free download is available through her website.

To find out more about Ruxana Oosman or her interior design firm, visit the About section of their website at www.vermontinteriordesigner.com

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Ruxana Oosman. PHOTO COURTESY OF RUXANA'S WEBSITE

ROD & GUN

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about defining characteristics of a variety of fish, including where they are found and when they are in season.

This program has been at the Rod and Gun Club Field Day for the past five years and is also represented at many other events, where instructors explain the ecology of a Vermont pond, present waterbody-specific regulations to local fishermen, and offer equipment and instruction for fishing in Vermont state parks.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department also provided a collection of fur pelts, including beaver, skunk, coyote, wolf, fox, bobcat, weasel, and otter.

Some pelts were soft, others were fluffy, and a couple just smelled funny, but they were all interesting to look at, hold, pet, and wear as gloves, hats, and earmuffs.

President Steven Howard of the Rod and Gun Club and Vice President Mark Savery have been working with the support of 250 other members of the Gun Club to maintain and improve the shooting range year after year, where they continue to offer new services, areas to safely shoot rifles, shotguns, handguns, and practice archery, and educational programs for the public.

In recent years, the Gun Club has organized meetings, dances, and dinners in their clubhouse, but the floor is damaged now and needs to be repaired. Over the next few years, elected officials of the Gun Club will determine how to fix the floor and keep the clubhouse building functioning for generations to come. Once the floor is replaced, the Rod and Gun Club hopes to offer hunter safety courses, presentations from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, and other educational public events.

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Gill Odd Fellows Home earns high marks on State Survey

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Gill Odd Fellows Home of Vermont, Inc. is proud to announce that they have achieved a substantial goal - on Aug. 10, 2016 they received a "Deficiency Free" annual State survey!

This is an incredible accomplishment. It takes a huge effort on the part of each and every employee to make this happen and the administration would like to recognize the extraordinary efforts put forth by all Gill Home employees.

The Gill Home would also like to extend a gracious "thank you" to all consultants, physicians, and volunteers, as well as the residents and their families, who also make life at the Gill Home wonderful. They are very much a part of the Gill Home team.

This accomplishment did not come easily. From 2004 through 2010 there were many changes in Administrators and Directors of Nursing.

The current management team - Theresa Southworth, Administrator; Lisa Getman, Director of Nursing; and Dr. Richard Baker, Medical Director - began together in 2011. At that time, the Gill Home was faced with huge financial issues; the survival of the facility was in question.

The bills were almost insurmountable, but with a lot of help from loyal vendors who stuck with the home, the banking institution that helped out, and the townspeople of Ludlow, the Gill Home has gained a great deal

and continues to slowly work its way upright.

Through it all, our first concern was met - we continued to meet payroll for our employees and to give excellent care to all those who came to us.

We have also been very lucky since 2011 with the help of our Community and the surrounding towns. We have been the beneficiary of two Wills, which has helped us a great deal. Okemo Community Challenge Committee, Berkshire Bank, Vermont Country Store, and the Thrifty Attic have given us grants through the last few years - a new whirlpool tub, music equipment for the Residents, a Dishwasher, Christmas gifts for the Residents, Activity equipment and much more. We have been able to purchase 15 new beds and mattresses, a new ice machine, Hoyer lifts, new wheelchairs, and other equipment that we have needed. We had to have major repairs done to our Van, and had to replace our car, both used for transporting the Residents to appointments and outings. Our own Ludlow taxpayers have been kind enough to grant us property tax abatement which has been a God send to us. Without all of these organizations, we wouldn't have all these wonderful new things.

We were incorporated in 1896, and are celebrating our 120th Year this year. We are sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. We are a stand-alone facility, not part of a Corporation, and now a 501c3 Not for Profit business. We are among Vermont's businesses at least 100 years old. We continue to be one of Ludlow's top employers with 75 employees, many who have been here for years, through all the good and the not so good. When we needed them the most, they all stepped up and helped in any way that they could. We are a great place to work.

We still have many things that need to be done and we are working slowly but surely to accomplish them - more new furniture, staining our building, and some interior or refurbishing - but as with any of our own homes, those things take time and money, and need to be budgeted.

We have come so far since 2011 and we are so grateful to all who have helped us, small and large. We are a really wonderful Home and offer a place to live for those who can no longer live at home, and a rehabilitative facility for those who need to come for therapy and nursing care to then return home. Every day, we meet people in Shaw's and the Post Office who have come to us and returned back home.

We thank all of you who have helped us in any way to achieve our goal of being "Deficiency Free." It's like getting all A+'s on our report card.

"Songs of Summer" performed at Weston

BY BRANDY TODT

WESTON, Vt. - The intense humidity did not sway family, friends or opera enthusiasts from supporting local talent as they filled the pews of the United Church in Ludlow one Sunday afternoon to listen to the Opera Theatre of Weston perform "Songs of Summer."

The opera is a collection of 21 songs from well know composers such as Purcell, Puccini, Gilbert and Sullivan, and Menotti.

The Humming Chorus in "Madame Butterfly," written by one of the greatest Italian composers, Giacomo Puccini, started the performance; this angelic non-lyrical vocal was specifically selected as audio entertainment, allowing the audience to admire the architectural design of the sanctuary.

The 12 singers, all students of Opera Theatre of Weston, performed a myriad of songs from operas and musical theatres such as "South Pacific," "Porgy and Bess," and "Candide," their voices were rich and crisp with emotion, lightheartedness, and humor. Spectators listened to the examples of the expertise required for singing in a foreign accent.

Opera is more than just showcasing the performers' vocal talents, but their acting skills as well.

The songs were performed in a variety of styles: semi-stage, theatre, concert-style and as operettas. Just in case the audience was unaware of the difference between

an operetta and an opera, Angela Gooch, who has worked with Opera Theatre of Weston for 10 years, explained: operettas usually have plenty of dialogue while operas are mostly filled with song.

Phyllis Curtin, one of the greatest American classical sopranos and recently deceased, was honored when Opera Theatre of Weston dedicated "Ain't it a pretty night," the song written specifically for her from the opera "Susannah" composed by Carlisle Floyd.

Co-artistic directors Lise Messier and Nan Nall, along with musical director and voice coach Angela Gooch, strive to keep Opera Theatre

of Weston, a non-profit organization, dedicated to bringing opera performances to children and families in Vermont. Opera Theatre of Weston performed "The Secret Garden" in January 2015, however, no future large performances are currently planned.

The organization will continue with giving master classes and lessons. OPERA America welcomed Opera Theatre of Weston, the second Vermont Organization, as a Professional Company member.

More information can be found about Opera Theatre of Weston on Facebook or by visiting www.operatheatreofweston.com.



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VELCO receives approval to construct Connecticut River Valley project

RUTLAND, Vt. - Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) is inviting neighbors in Ludlow, Cavendish and Weathersfield, and other interested people, to an informational session about the upcoming construction of the Connecticut River Valley Project. VELCO expects to begin this work in early September. The meeting will be held August 18, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m., at the Cavendish Town Elementary School, 573 Main Street, Proctorsville, Vermont. VELCO construction and community outreach staff will be available to discuss project details, what to expect during and after construction, and answer any questions about the project.

Last August VELCO filed a formal petition with the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) requesting a Certificate of Public Good to rebuild the transmission line connecting the Coolidge substation in Ludlow and Cavendish to the Ascunty substation in Weathersfield, with the associated upgrades to the Ascunty, Hartford and Chelsea substations. The company did so after holding a series of public meetings in 2015 to help shape the overall project. VELCO received regulatory approval June 9 and now has construction schedule details. The filing and approval is available at <http://www.velco.com/crvpfilg>

In order to plan for enough space

and refreshments for the public meeting, please RSVP your attendance plans to Shana Louiselle via email slouiselle@velco.com or call 802-770-6381. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to speak with a representative, please contact the number above. For more information on project updates visit, <http://www.velco.com/crvp>

About VELCO: Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) provides reliable, cost effective and environmentally sound electric transmission services to in-state electric distribution companies. Formed in 1956 when local utilities established the nation's first "transmission only" company to

access clean hydro power from New York, VELCO's system now includes: 738 miles of transmission lines, 55 substations, switching stations and terminal facilities, and 13,000 acres of rights-of-way; a 1,500-mile fiber optic network that monitors and controls the electric system and serves as a key link for Vermonters' high-speed data internet access. Our ownership is shared by the state's 17 distribution utilities and a public benefits corporation, with a for-profit structure that returns value to our shareholders, their customers and to every Vermonter. For more information please visit our website at www.velco.com

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VINS releases interactive songbird app

QUECHEE, Vt. - The Vermont Institute of Natural Science is proud to announce the release of its first interactive app for iPad. The app, a fun-filled, interactive guide to the songbirds of North America, makes for a great way to learn about North American songbirds.

Sharpen your identification and voice recognition skills with this remarkable app featuring the spectacular beauty and the lovely, melodic voices of 220 North American breeding songbirds in seven families. Designed for

experienced or novice birdwatchers and anyone interested in the beauty of songbirds, the app includes interactive games designed for entertainment and learning.


Navigate the app with ease through the Gallery of Birds, featuring beautiful images, bird voices, wintering and summer range maps, similar species, and similar bird sounds for 220 songbirds.

Select the song mode and hear the bird's voice while seeing the bird image

and name - simply the best way to begin to master recognizing songs while in the field. The app is available on the App Store and will go live on Monday, Aug. 22, 2016.

For more information about VINS and the variety of exhibits, programs, and environmental education opportunities offered, visit www.vinsweb.org or call 802-359-5000. Stay connected with VINS through our nature blog at vtnature.blogspot.com or our Facebook page.

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Chester Masons turkey dinner

CHESTER, Vt. - On Sunday, Aug. 21, the Chester Masons of Olive Branch Lodge #64 will be serving a turkey dinner from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. These dinners are one of the Masons many fundraisers. They are located on the Chester Green on Main Street.

On the menu is a generous amount of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, rolls and dessert. You won't

leave hungry and you'll be contributing to the oldest organization in Chester.

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Wood chips needed

LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Community Garden, located at Fletcher Farm, is renovating the paths in the garden. The paths are already prepared, dug out and edged, and are awaiting wood chips to finish them off.

Ten truckloads of wood chips would be a great start; if you are hav-

ing tree-work done the Ludlow Community Garden would love to have the chips.

Please pass the word along, the Ludlow Community Garden is a non-profit group.

If you have chips to donate, please contact Gary at (802)-228-7178. Thank you.

DogDaze announces grand opening of Walpole food wagon

WALPOLE, N.H. - DogDaze announces the grand opening of their food wagon located on Rte. 12 in Walpole.

Owners Jim and Peg Charbonneau of Walpole bought the existing Dog Eat Dog World food cart this winter and opened for business in April.

"We realized that there was a real need in the area for a place for folks to get a quick breakfast or lunch at a reasonable price," said Peg. "We try to offer a fun, friendly environment while serving quality food, including McKenzie franks," added Jim.

DogDaze serves breakfast sandwiches, with your choice of bacon or sausage on an English muffin with egg and cheese.

Lunch items at DogDaze include an array of signature hot dogs in-

cluding: the Walpole Dog, with baked beans, real chopped bacon and local maple syrup; or the Buffalo Bleu Dog, with buffalo wing sauce, bleu cheese dressing and real chopped bacon; or the Picnic Disaster Dog, with baked beans, coleslaw and bar-b-q sauce.

Of course, for the traditionalist, a "naked" dog is available for customers to dress with mustard, ketchup, relish and onions. Also available are sausages with peppers and onions, kielbasa dogs and french fries.

Open seven days a week, DogDaze is located in the Ocean State Job Lot parking lot on Rte 12, Walpole, N.H. The wagon is open for breakfast Monday through Friday from 7 - 10 a.m. and lunch every day from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Text ahead to 603-209-6991 for large orders. Like DogDaze on Facebook @facebook.com/DogDaze.



DogDaze food wagon announces their grand opening.

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Road closures Aug. 20 for Market Madness

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield on the Move is hosting the annual Market Madness street festival on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Springfield. There will be something for everyone at this event including a variety of vendors, live music, food, local breweries, ice cream social, a Circus Smirkus performer, and much more. Events will also be taking place in the Springfield Plaza.

Keeping the event fun and safe for those in attendance is critical, as such, the decision has been made to close Main Street for the event this year. The downtown sections of Main Street (VT Route 11), Park

Street, Valley Street, and Summer Hill will be closed to all traffic during the event between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Main Street traffic will be detoured along Mineral Street, Park Street, and Chester Road (VT Route 11) during the event.

Valley Street is already closed due to ongoing bridge construction. The detour for the Valley Street con-

struction project is along Elm Hill Road.

Parking for the event is available along River Street, lower Main Street, Claremont Savings Bank, Town Hall parking lot, Lovejoy Tool parking lot, Baptist Church parking lot, and Factory Street. Parking will also be available at the Springfield Plaza and Riverside Middle School.

A free shuttle provided by The Current will be available throughout the day to connect the Middle School parking lot to the Plaza and Downtown events.

Please contact Carol Lighthall at Springfield on the Move (802-885-1527) for more information. Thanks for your understanding, and we hope to see you there!



Roads that will be closed to all traffic in red, roads that will allow access for event parking and local traffic on in orange, and the detour route for the Main Street / VT Route 11 closure in green.

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Okemo introduces Sunburst Six summit chairlift rides

LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort will begin running its Sunburst Six for scenic chairlift rides to the summit every weekend through Columbus Day. These flying sofas that seat up to six passengers offer a smooth and quiet ride with a unique perspective of the mountain landscape, never before seen in the summer and fall.

The Sunburst Six will operate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday starting Aug. 13 and running through Oct. 9. Scenic chairlift rides

will also be available on Monday, Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5, and Monday, Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10.

The ride each way is about 10 minutes long. Guests may spend as much time as they like exploring the summit area before riding the lift back down.

Okemo's historic fire tower is a short hike away from the top terminal - and worth the effort. Several flights of stairs lead to an observation deck that affords a 360-degree view. Visitors may also hike down the mountain rather than take the return trip on the Sunburst Six. There is no discount for one-way lift rides, however.

There is a fee for tickets. Guests who purchase an Okemo Adventure Zone wristband on weekend days when the summit chairlift is operating, can use their lift-ride ticket for the Sunburst Six rather than the Base Quad.

Okemo season passholders who have purchased their 2016/2017 pass can ride for a discounted price. Lift access cards will not be required for

passholders; ticket-window personnel will have the names of those eligible for the discounted rate.

Guests can purchase scenic lift ride tickets at the ticket window located at the base of the Sunburst Six. Access is available via Mountain Road, which is open to vehicles during the summer and fall. On-site parking is available.

For more information, visit okemo.com or call (802) 228-1600.



The Sunburst Six lift will now be offering rides to the summit.

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Reservations are required. Dinner is \$55 per person. Call Coleman Brook Tavern at 802-228-1435 to secure a place at the table for this not-to-be-missed dining opportunity.

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Ludlow Friends of the Library annual book sale

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale at the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main St. in Ludlow, on Friday, Aug. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a fee for attendance on Friday that provides an opportunity for those looking for particular books to leisurely browse the collection. There is no fee for Saturday.

The library has culled their collection so there will be many books of interest for adults and children. Book donations will be accepted at the li-

brary through 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18. Please do not donate textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, magazines, or books in poor condition. Thank you to everyone who has donated books this summer.


The Friends thank those who provided past support. All proceeds support the purchase of books, DVDs, passes for free admission to VINS and Hildene, as well as providing access to the resources of member libraries through the Green Mountain Consortium.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, Historian at Olive Branch Lodge #64 and a lifelong antiques dealer. He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

This past Friday evening the Chester Historical Society held its Gala Reception. Every detail was attended to including tents. Thanks to Henry it didn't rain.

The historical society had new exhibits for visitors to see. The antique farm equipment stored in our basement was on the front lawn for all to see.

The 1851 corn sheller was demonstrated many times. It's an amazing machine that removes the corn kernels from the cob as quickly as you can turn the crank. Other items on display were a 1800s winnowing machine, butter churns, corn cutter and a rare White Frost icebox. This icebox has a five-gallon glass water bottle on the side for drinking water. It also has a faucet for a cold glass of water.

Under large tent we had tables set with tablecloths and bouquets of flowers. Mark Verespy catered the event offering a varied menu. Some people sat under the tent visiting and eating for two hours or more.

At 6 p.m., Peter Farrar gave his historical research talk regarding Chester's early years, which included much about Thomas Chandler. Peter created a map illustrating how Chester increased its acreage after the 1761 New Hampshire charter. Thomas Chandler stole land from Springfield, Cavendish, Andover and Ludlow, which increased Chester's acreage by approximately 10,000 acres. Peter started his talk and then turned it over to John DeBenedetti to finish. Peter's research outlined how Chandler took advantage of those early days with help from his son Thomas Jr.

This Chandler land grab was covered up in several ways. One way was Thomas Junior's influence as Vermont Secretary of State and Speaker of the House. Thomas Jr., in these positions was able to hide these illegal land transactions in Chester. Thanks to Peter for providing a copy of his work to the historical society.

At 7 p.m. Erik Johansson entertained us with his musical skills. Erik played his rocking melodeon, guitar and harp. There was one instance I have to tell you about.

There was a young boy, Nate, present who became a little restless. Nate

was sitting in the front row in front of Erik. Nate was crushing a plastic cup on the floor under his foot creating a minor disturbance. Erik told Nate that would be fine if you could play it like a drum and when asked Nate settled down and paid attention. A few songs later Nate raised his hand. Erik said, "Yes?" Nate said, "May I go to the bathroom?" The whole room erupted in laughter!

It was an honor to place a floral wreath and flags on the Merritt Edson monument on the Green. Last August 15th the Chester Historical Society erected the Edson monument on the Green. The Town of Chester signed a proclamation stating August 15 would forever be Merritt Edson Day.

The purpose of the Gala reception was to celebrate the 50th year of the founding of the Chester Historical Society and the last summer event to celebrate Chester's 250th birthday.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, August 25th at 7 p.m. at the Academy Building. The monthly slideshow will include about 30 slides of old Chester buildings and people from long ago. You're invited.

A couple weeks ago I asked readers if they had a photo of an old log skidway. I had many responses from people who could remember them or in some cases used them. No one however had a photo. Here's another one for you.

I remember corncribs on farms as many will. Husked corn was stored in a corncrib to dry. When needed the corn was taken from the corncrib and run through a corn sheller. Does anyone have a photo of an old corncrib, memories? How were pests kept from eating the corn?

Sunday, August 21st, Olive Branch Lodge #64, Chester Masons, will have a turkey dinner from 11:30 am



Erik Johansson played his guitar for the group.

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Chester Historical Society reception



Group photo at the Edson monument.

PHOTO BY JOHN DEBENEDETTI



Demonstrating the corn sheller.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

till 1:00 pm. These dinners include a generous amount of turkey, mashed potato and gravy, stuffing, veggies and dessert. Dinners are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Bring the entire family. I'll be there selling tickets. Stop by, say hello and have a great meal.

Also the historical society needs donations for our upcoming yard sale held during the Chester Craft Fair this September. We'll accept most anything of value. Call or email me using the contact info next to my photo.

This week's old saying is from Lee Decatur. "A wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse."

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editorial

Vermont farm dogs bill needed

Vermont farmers need their dogs.

Farm dogs often must run loose or bark at livestock to do their jobs, and sometimes those activities run afoul of local laws.

Working farm dogs should not have all the restrictions required of pets.

To make sure farmers don't get cited when their dogs protect farm animals or crops, Rural Vermont was behind a bill in the Vermont legislature that protects the dogs.

It was passed by both houses and signed into law.

The Rural Vermont group heard from farmers that some were having problems with local ordinances that did not allow their dogs to bark, especially at night, a necessary activity if the dogs are protecting livestock from predators like coyotes.

The organization then sought legislative intervention.

The canine can now be registered as a working farm dog at the time of annual dog registration with a town clerk, for an additional fee of \$5.

The dog is only allowed to run free and bark when it is carrying out its duties on the farm. At other times, local laws still apply.

This sort of situation highlights a recurring conflict between new neighbors, who use their land as a residence only, and farmers who have been in operation nearby for long periods of time.

New people move to Vermont for the view/ambience/culture, and then want farmers to stop using stinky fertilizer. Or silence their roosters. Or tie up their dogs.

Pre-existing farms deserve legislative protection or they will disappear and be replaced with suburbia.

The trouble starts when the lines between rural and suburbia begin to blur. Suddenly new residents are living next to farms where working dogs live, and they don't like it.

A good farm dog is an integral part of farm operations, and should be protected.

~BM~

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Thank you Crown Point Realtors and Affiliates for your continued support and participation in our Sammy Pierce auctions. To me, the auction is always a highlight of the meetings, not only because of the suspense of not knowing what will be auctioned off, but particularly due to our funny and charismatic auctioneer, Phil Atwood, and his lovely assistant 'Vanna' (played by Joe Karl.) The good natured banter (and ultimate caving in to their charms to go 'just a little higher') always leaves a smile on my face and a good feeling inside, knowing that our efforts are for a good cause. Of all the realtor boards that I belong to, this fundraising event is truly the most heartwarming and heartfelt. It's also so wonderful to meet our students in person to share in their excitement at starting a new chapter in their lives. We empty

nesters are lucky to get to live vicariously through these young people, the children of our friends and neighbors. They are our future.... Please know that the recipients and their families and teachers, have asked me to pass on their thanks to each and every one of you for giving their children this opportunity. So here is a BIG THANK YOU! This year's Scholarship winners were both graduating seniors from Green Mountain Union High School.

Sarah Martel from Proctorsville: Is enrolled at the University of Southern Maine, and pursuing a degree in nursing, the 2016 GMUHS Class President and Captain of the Varsity Soccer team, was nominated for ALL State in her senior year. Sarah is a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, she was a Rotary officer and Interact member (Chester Interact) as well as

a junior Auxiliary Member (9 years) at the American Legion Post 36 in Ludlow. Her numerous volunteer activities helping others include taking a leadership role working with community children doing crafts and activities; yard work for local Rotarians; coordinating and participating in sales, races and raffles to raise money for local organizations. Her personal favorite activity is wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts to children at the Kurn Hattin Homes, and seeing their joy and excitement. Sarah loves being around children, hence a desire to go into pediatric nursing.

Heather Morse from Chester: Will be attending the University of Vermont majoring in journalism, communications and film studies. Heather was the recipient of the Green Mountain Gold Award for Academic Excellence and the Wellesley

College Book Award. She represented the school at the district level in both theater and band and later on at the state level in theater. She has attended Upward Bound every summer and participated in many community service projects working with children and animals, performing manual labor on farms, assisting librarians, doing secretarial work, promoting for community events and donating to charities. Her favorite volunteer experience was through Upward Bound at the Brigham Hill Community Farm in North Grafton, Mass. They harvested, cleaned, and boxed different crops destined for a community food shelf to be distributed to families in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Wachtel
Chair of the Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarship

Letter to the Editor:

Two Flawed Candidates
Clinton and Trump are flawed candidates running for President. Clinton has questionable scruples, and she has made significant mistakes. As Secretary of State she set up an unsecured private server in her home for government email communications and sent and received

secret and top secret information. She had ultimate responsibility for the Benghazi debacle where our ambassador and other Americans were killed by Islamic terrorists. Her foundation accepted contributions from foreign entities. Trump is the most unqualified person to ever run for President. He

is a vile loudmouth with possible bigoted views who only cares about himself, and he does not respect our constitution and our institutions. Trump could have dictatorial tendencies. He has no knowledge of government operations and has no understanding of our domestic and world economies. His lack of knowl-

edge in foreign affairs and military matters will hurt us in the world. The choices are: vote for who you dislike the least, or vote for a third party candidate, or do not vote. How sad.
Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped me throughout my campaign run for State Representative this year and of course the voters of Andover, Baltimore, Chester and N. Springfield who voted for me in the August 9 pri-

mary. Meeting so many of you, discussing the issues and hearing your concerns these past few weeks was the highlight of my campaign. It was a very hot and humid campaign season, but I was energized by your

support and well wishes. I'll be giving thought to how I can serve my community in other ways, but for now I plan to catch up with family and friends and get back to my jewelry-making business.

Thanks again for your support and cheering me on this summer.
Sincerely,
Melody Reed
Chester, Vermont

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to thank Mr. Kem Phillips for stating his concerns about my qualifications for public office. Our rights, and his, to free political speech are precious. Mr. Kem Phillips makes some assumptions

in regards to my political views that are incorrect. I was a proud liberal Democrat until 2004. I supported and voted for John Kerry for two reasons. Kerry's service in Vietnam was one of them and I felt he was a far better

choice for President than G.W. Bush. The wars in the Middle East have been disastrous for all parties involved, except perhaps the arms industry.

When I was a Democrat, I was 100 percent anti-war. As a libertarian minded Republican this has not changed. I am a firm believer in the non-aggression principle and non-interventionist policies of the founders of our republic. I, like so many of my fellow Vermonters, understand the terrible waste of human life and treasure that both the Bush and Obama U.S. foreign policy has brought upon our nation. A minority of my dear Republican friends may at times disagree with me, but they are tolerant of my views.

The basis of my knowledge on the subject of the history of our nation does not come from simply surfing the internet. I have a degree in history and have made the study of the past a lifelong endeavor. I have spent a considerable amount of time at the

historic homes and haunts of our nation's founders.

In 2001, I started to intensively study the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers and many other supporting documents. These documents are neither Republican nor Democrat. They are documents defining and restraining the role of government in our lives. They protect the liberty of every American citizen.

I respect Mr. Kem Phillip's service in defending our republic and I respect his absolute right to his non-beliefs. I would kindly ask that he show the same respect for those of us with different perspectives regarding the founding of our nation. I would say God Bless you, but out of respect, I will say sincerely, May Peace be with you.

Warmest Regards,
Stu Lindberg
Cavendish, Vermont

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Adelaide J. "Delia" Mack, 1919 - 2016

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Adelaide J. "Delia" Mack, 97, formerly of Golden Hill Rd., died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016 at Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center. Adelaide was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. on June 29, 1919 the daughter of Michael and Jadwiga (Minkowski) Narkiewicz. In 1937 she married John Augustinowicz at the Sacred Heart Church in Bellows Falls. In 1959 she married Kenneth Mack who predeceased her in December of 2012.



Adelaide J. "Delia" Mack, 1919 - 2016. PHOTO PROVIDED

Delia, as she was always known, loved tending her gardens and fruit trees at her home in Rockingham. However, her first love was always her family: She was devoted to all of them and a more nurturing mom, grand-mom, and great grand-mom could not be found. She will be truly missed. She is survived by her sons Eugene

Augustinowicz of Langdon, N.H., Michael Augustinowicz of Charlestown, N.H., Joseph Augustinowicz of Unity, N.H.; her daughter Patricia Augustinowicz of Springfield,

Vt.; her step sons Michael Mack of the Philippines, Larry Mack of Tombstone, Ariz., and Edward Mack of Langdon, N.H.; her brother Edward Narkiewicz of Fla.; her sisters Theresa Schneider of Tilton, N.H., Caroline Szuch of Springfield, Vt., and Frances Hutcheson of Ky.; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren.

She is predeceased by a step-son Arthur Mack, sister Helen Atkins, and brothers John, Henry, Jacob, and Joseph Narkiewicz, and three grandsons.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. with burial to follow in the Pine Crest Cemetery in Charlestown, N.H.

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and Bible study on Sunday evenings at 6:30p.m. and prayer meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Visit our website at ludlowbaptist.org or contact our Pastor, Tom Deibler at 802-228-2631 for further information.

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Justin Beebe

BAKER, Nev. (AP) - Authorities say a Forest Service firefighter has died after being hit by a tree while battling a blaze in eastern Nevada.

Federal officials say Justin Beebe of Bellows Falls, Vermont died after the incident Saturday afternoon near Baker, Nevada. His age wasn't immediately known.

Officials with the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and Great Basin National Park are expected to work on the investigation.

Beebe was in his first year as a member of the Lolo Hotshots based in Missoula, Montana in Region 1 with the U.S. Forest Service.



Justin Beebe. PHOTO PROVIDED

"This loss of life is tragic and heartbreaking," Great Basin National Park Superintendent, Steve Mietz said. "Please keep the family and Forest Service employees in your thoughts and prayers during this time."

The Strawberry Fire started Monday and is being managed jointly by Great Basin Incident Management Team 7, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

More than 400 personnel are fighting the 4,600-acre blaze about 5 miles west of Baker near the Nevada-Utah line some 200 miles northeast of Las Vegas. He was working on the Strawberry Fire, which was sparked by lightning on Aug. 8. There are 434 people working to stop the fire, which is now 59 percent contained.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Marion K. Roy, 103, formerly of Charlestown, NH died on August 13, 2016 at Elm Wood Center in Claremont.

She was born in North Walpole on September 14, 1912 the oldest child of George W. and Margaret (Jardine) Kiniry.

Marion enjoyed playing golf, crocheting, bridge club, bingo and traveling. She was proud she had made it to 49 states.

She had received the Boston Post Cane for Charlestown. She was a communicant of St Catherine's Church.

She is survived by her sister, Katherine Blake of Bellows Falls, VT; sister-in-law, Julia Kiniry of Springfield, VT and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her hus-



Marion K. Roy, 1912 - 2016. PHOTO PROVIDED

Kiniry, Edward Kiniry, Francis Kiniry, William Kiniry, Daniel Kiniry, George Kiniry, Julia Kiniry, Doris Seavey, Elizabeth Stanford, Anne Dexter, Ellen Kiniry and Margaret Kiniry.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Charlestown on Saturday, August 20th at 10 AM with Father John Loughnane and her nephew, Father Peter Blake co-officiating. Interment will follow in St. Catherine's Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her memory to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are with the Stringer Funeral Home & Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH.

To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

Ludger G. Toussaint, 1923 - 2016

NEWPORT, Vt. - Ludger G. Toussaint, 92, formerly of Bellows Falls, died early Monday, August 8, 2016. Mr. Toussaint was born in Gageville, VT on September 23, 1923 the son of Gideon and Jennie (Hosman) Toussaint. He was a 1942 graduate of Bellows Falls High School, worked as a painter with his family for 20 years, and also worked for Tom Turner and White Mountain Paper in Bellows Falls. Mr. Toussaint was a World War II veteran and medal recipient, having served in the Navy. He loved playing with his grandchildren. He was strong in his faith as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and looked forward

to the day he will be reunited with his wife Carolyn.

On December 14, 1962 he married Carolyn Nies who predeceased him. He is survived by his stepdaughter Leslie Burt of Newport, VT; his brother Gordon Toussaint of Bellows Falls, VT; his sisters Helen, Marie, and Lucille; his grandchildren Buckey Duby, Krystal Duby Avona, and RJ Santaw; and his great grandchildren Colton Avona, Hunter Morse, and Addilyn Santaw.

Services will be at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Rockingham, VT at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 20.

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Weston Playhouse delivers the Vt. premiere of "Mamma Mia!"

BY JENNIFER JONES

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Playhouse celebrates its 80th anniversary season with verve, bringing one of the longest running shows in

Broadway history, "Mamma Mia!," to its Main Stage for the better part of the month of August.

In "Mamma Mia!" Catherine Johnson weaves together a charming musical manuscript – blending



The girls reminisce to "Dancing Queen."

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Donna dances with the guys.

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Donna and the Dynamos perform "Super Trouper."

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hits by band members Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, with help from manager Stig Anderson, of the Swedish pop group, ABBA – into a story that combines romance, both old and new, with enduring friendship under a mosaic of emotions that form the potent bond between mother and daughter.

Set on a Greek island, the story follows Donna (Susan Haefner) and her daughter, Sophie (Clare Howes

Eisentrou) around the family taverna as they prepare for Sophie to wed her fiancé, Sky (Dan DeLuca). Sophie yearns to have her father walk her down the aisle and has, unbeknownst to Donna, invited three men to the wedding, one of which she believes to be her father: Harry Bright (Tom Aulino), Sam Carmichael (David Bonanno), and Bill Austin (Sam Lloyd, Jr.).

Hilarity and drama ensue as the



The finale.

PHOTO BY HUBERT SCHRIEBEL

men and Donna's long-time friends, Rosie (Joanne Lessner) and Tanya (Brandy Zarle), arrive on the island.

The all-star Weston cast of 19 gave exciting, playful performances studded with glorious musical renditions of some of ABBA's greatest hits that spanned the emotional spectrum.

Adorned in spectacular '70s era disco garb that came to life under the deft hand of costume designer Karen Ann Ledger, a vivacious trio

comprised of Haefner, Lessner, and Zarle are a delight in their performance of "Super Trouper." While all three potential fathers performed marvelous musical numbers, Aulino is particularly memorable for his touching performance of "Our Last Summer" with Haefner.

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company production of "Mamma Mia!" is enriched by the captivating choreography of Michael Raine and thrives under the direction of founding artistic director Tim Fort.

Scenic designer Howard C. Jones creates a whimsical backdrop that exudes efficiency as the set effortlessly transitions from one scene to another – all the while basking in the rapturous beauty of refined hues engineered by lighting designer, Ann G. Wrightson.

"Mamma Mia!," driven by the lively, bold music of ABBA, creates a challenging soundscape; but sound designer Ed Chapman, and music director Larry Pressgrove, proved a formidable team. All the well-loved classics of ABBA were adapted beautifully for the production and came through in a way that gave the audience the chance to properly appreciate them.

The finale of "Mamma Mia!" was met with a dancing ovation from the audience, inevitably the result of the tireless dedication of such a talented cast and skilled crew who put their hearts and souls into the production.

Not to be missed is the hilarious, unforgettable cabaret act that follows the play; pair it with the innovative, local cuisine and dynamic cocktails crafted by Abby and Rogan Lechthaler (of the Downtown Grocery in Ludlow, Vt.) offered up at the West Town Eatery and you truly have a 5-star evening in the heart of southern Vermont.

"Mamma Mia!" is on the Main Stage at the Weston Playhouse, located at 12 Park St. in Weston, until Aug. 20. For tickets and information call (802) 824-5288 or visit <http://www.westonplayhouse.org>.

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Be part of "Murder for Two" on Weston's Second Stage

BY JENNIFER JONES

WESTON, Vt. – "Murder for Two," the Off-Broadway musical comedy that the San Diego Times called "Simply irresistible," has made its way to Weston's Second Stage, where two adept performers showcase their theatrical talents in a somewhat maniacal manner.

Marcus Moscovicz (Jan Lowe), the low ranking police officer who aspires to achieve the title "Detective" by solving the murder of novelist Arthur Miller, has his hands full trying to keep tabs on the bevy of 12 bedeviled suspects (all played by Kyle Branzel) that are under his charge in this wacky musical murder mystery by Joe Kinosian (book and music) and Kellen Blair (book and lyrics).

As Branzel pirouettes from one likely candidate to another, the audience is forced to remain intently focused on the stage lest they miss an important clue.

Was the killer town psychiatrist Dr. Griff, who routinely breaks doctor/patient confidentiality without second thought? Or was it Miller's resentful Southern belle wife, Dahlia? Maybe it was Barrette Lewis, the esteemed ballerina with whom Miller was having an affair. Could it have

been the bickering neighbors, Barb and Murray? It definitely wasn't the trio of Boy Scouts there to perform at the surprise birthday party for Miller, was it?

The story unfolds through a non-stop tornado of activity as the dexterous duo takes turns playing the piano that, with a theater box and rack of clothes, make up the only props on stage. Playful choreography by Wendy Seyb (associate director) packs the production full of zany, apropos movements that help tell the lively tale.

Branzel, in a marvelous feat, manages to dance from one suspect to another at an alarming clip all the while maintaining the individuality of each. Meanwhile, Lowe is able to add depth to story, in spite of goofy undertones, with his expressive vocals in "A Friend like You" and "He needs a Partner" (performed with Branzel), as well as with his musings on his tumultuous love life, both past and present.

An uncanny synchronicity exists between Lowe and Branzel, their timing is right on cue, and watching them have this much fun on stage is contagious. A surprise appearance from fireman Henry Vivaldi (Kyle Branzel) late in the show leaves everyone in the theater, including



Palm reading.



The shot.

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Lowe, in stitches as he breaks into an Irish jig.

Directed by Steve Stettler, who wanted to reinvestigate the production and make it his own in a more human way, "Murder for Two" is a genius selection for the cozy atmosphere of Weston's Second Stage where audience members feel as if they are a part of the show.

"Murder for Two" opened on Weston's Second Stage, located at

982 Rte. 100S, on Friday, Aug. 11 and will run Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., and

Sundays at 3 p.m. until Sept. 4. For more information or to purchase tickets call (802) 824-5288 or visit

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The Stand Up Shakespeare Co. presents one free performance

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – On Saturday, Sep. 3 at noon, New York City's professional Stand Up Shakespeare Company will perform "Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show," a reverent and irreverent revue that includes Comedy! Tragedy! Music! at the Calvin Coolidge Historical Site.

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The "Stand Up Shakespeare!" troupe is a collection of professional actors that has returned to Killington, Vermont annually over the last 16 years to share its talent and expertise in classical theater. Its members have performed Shakespeare both nationally and internationally. They now present a one-hour tour de force, "Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show."

The show will be at the Union Christian Church, 43 Messer Hill Road, located on the Calvin Coolidge



The Stand Up Shakespeare Company.

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State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100 A, Plymouth Notch, VT 05056.

For more information on the show

and the Stand Up Shakespeare Company, contact Kate Konigisor at 917-406-1456 or kkonig@aol.com.

Silent Movie Festival

LUDLOW, Vt. - FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will feature the highly praised German silent sci-fi film, "Metropolis," at its Silent Movie Festival on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

"Metropolis" is a 1927 German expressionist epic science-fiction drama film directed by Fritz Lang. Lang and his wife, Thea von Harbou, wrote the silent film, starring Brigitte Helm, Gustav Fröhlich, Alfred Abel and Rudolf Klein-Rogge.

Erich Pommer produced "Metropolis" in the Babelsberg Studios for Universum Film A.G. and it is regarded as a pioneering work of the science-fiction genre in movies, being among the first feature-length movies of the genre.

"Metropolis" is set in a futuristic urban dystopia and follows the attempts of Freder, the wealthy son of the city's ruler, and Maria, a poor worker, to overcome the vast gulf separating the classes of their city.

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'The Seymour Sisters'

BY BRANDY TODT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - "Corelle is the cockroaches of dishes," Eleanor Seymour said while removing the plate of that brand from the box of her deceased parents' belongings.

"The Seymour Sisters" is the newest play written, directed by and starring Carole Vasta Folley, and it was performed Saturday night, Aug. 13 at the Springfield Community Players.

Humor was tactfully woven throughout the dialog; assisting in breaking down the barriers each woman has constructed over her lifetime and bringing the connection back into their relationship.

The play begins with Cecile, the younger sister, played by Carole Vasta Folley, and Eleanor, played by Robin Owens, meeting inside a spare room that has been storing their parents' belongings. The middle-aged women take a confrontational, emotional, yet humorous trip down memory lane as each box is sorted.

Throughout the day, the sisters are in a state of constant surprise as each box is opened.

Cecile, a sweet, helpful woman that has retained her youthful behaviors and humor wants to take time to reminisce over each stuffed animal, Christmas ornament and VHS tape. Whereas Eleanor, filled with pessimism and crass humor, wants to get the task done quickly and without reliving the painful events of her past.

As the drama progresses, the audience is allowed snippets of the dark secret that looms over the Seymour Sisters and the viewers begin to un-

derstand the cause of the tension in the women's relationship. Each sister with Vasta Folley previously, helped edit the play.



Playwright Carole Vasta Folley as Cecile and Robin Owens as Eleanor fondly look through their mother's old record collection in Vasta Folley's newest drama *The Seymour Sisters*, hosted by the Springfield Community Players last Saturday.

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has dealt with the issue in ways polar opposite from each other and these are revealed simultaneously with the unpacking of the boxes.

The play concludes on a note of sweet reconciliation and genuine honesty between the women.

This play was Vasta Folley's first drama, and she used humor as a way to deal with family tension and societal issues. The Seymour Sisters drew the audience in emotionally; the characters' situations, individual yet imperfect personalities, and extensive props were relatable to many in attendance.

Robin Owens, who has worked

"This opportunity has been a big learning experience," she said. "We still edit the play on the road; as though we were wringing out water from a wet towel."

Carole Vasta Folley, was enabled to perform "The Seymour Sisters" with local communities in small theaters around Vermont, when she received The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts Vermont Artist's Space Grant and The Vermont Arts Endowment Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation.

Going to the theater and supporting new, local work is not like watching Netflix, and it is a big deal for people to leave their home.

"The Seymour Sisters" is not a play to miss; be prepared to laugh, but also to cry. The last performances will be Sept. 8 through 11 in Burlington.

To learn more visit The Seymour Sisters on Facebook.

Many from the audience said they eagerly await Carole Vasta Folley's next play, "The Sleepover-A Comedy of Marriage," about a marriage retreat gone awry.

To view the schedule of plays at The Springfield Community Players visit www.springfieldcommunity-players.org

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Jeff Rapsis will return to the festival to offer his musical background music for this classic film. Glenn Brown will also reprise his piano talents offering background music for the short comic episode featured in a Buster Keaton short.

As with all FOLA films, admission is free; donations to underwrite the cost of the film and music are appreciated. Berkshire Bank will offer popcorn, while it lasts and FOLA will supply water. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit FOLA's web site at www.fola.us.



'Metropolis.'

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

Today is one of those days where the column is filled with the original intent: a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

There is something new and wonderful about the beginning of an athletic season. The slate is clean, most athletes are physically near the top of their game and ready to go and in the fall, most everything is played outdoors and the temperatures start to drop making conditioning easier. Everyone now is asking, when are those temperatures going to drop?

Coaching is fun, BUT, I believe IF you do it right, it becomes so difficult these days to draw up and carry through your season plan. Take Fall Mountain Football for example. Last week, there were three days of practice scheduled, BUT, John Callahan and his charges, lost a day to the heat index. Fall coaches have always had to deal with rain, sometimes featuring thunder and lightning and later in the season, with really cold weather, BUT, now, they have to watch out for the heat index. IF, the formula adds up too high, the team can't have their normal practice. I remember what snow days did to my seasonal and game preparation plans in the winter during basketball, and this new addition, complicates things for the fall coaches.

THE OLD DAYS ARE GONE FOREVER !!!!

What are the old days anyways? I heard a coach say, "...it isn't anything like the old days." Well people were saying the same thing when I was a kid and I know for a fact, that it didn't mean the same thing. I guess the rule must be, you can only talk about the old days with someone close to your age OR neither one of you might understand the language.

Just like people debate which generation had it better, we all know the conveniences of today's world are nice and we all adjust to enjoying many of them, I still sometimes think, I/we/some of us, had many things better in growing up in the old days.

A COUPLE OF GOOD CALLS ARE HARD TO TAKE.

I know both the blood rule and the heat index rule are wise and going that little extra to make sports the safest possible, BUT, in many of those good old days no one had to worry about blood. Most people from many generations, played with blood, on at least one occasion, BUT, the world has changed to the point that such a procedure is not safe any more. Deaths, even at the professional level, have come about during extreme heat, and although to some degree these hot days are good to train in, I would not want to be the coach to have a player become seriously ill or die. Part of me says, common sense by coaches can control this, BUT, even as smart a guy as Bill Belichick moved practice recently on one of the hottest days to the hottest time of the day to test his team. The truth is pros play games in that heat. Heat index IS the best way to go, BUT, I don't have to like it.

I sure wish I could get everyone who reads this column to send in a response of where they stand on Deflategate. I am amazed there are still some Patriot fans who feel strongly that there is absolutely no way, any Patriot, doctored any football? Let us know what you think at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

The Red Sox are currently early in one of the toughest road trips any Major League Baseball team has ever faced. This week started with five games in four cities in five days. The Sox are likely to stay in the chase until the end. Thirty of their final forty-six contests are on the road and have you ever heard of a team having only eight home games in the entire month of September. I do think despite the road obstacle, they will compete. If you care, the Sox open their 2017 season at home next April 1st versus Pittsburgh.

Bellows Falls and Fall Mountain open their 2016 football seasons at home and the games do not conflict with each other. BF hosts Springfield Friday evening Sept. 2 at 7 p.m., while FM has the Wildcats hosting Inter-lakes, the following evening at the same time.

There have been more sports offering on television lately than any sane person can keep track of. The Red Sox are the main summer tenant every year, BUT, now there is exhibition football, the Little League Regionals and this year, the Olympics with numerous story lines. IF you are like me, it is difficult not to catch the best of each, BUT, IF you have a life you will fall far short.

Until the heat breaks, drink plenty of fluids.

Former BF athlete dies battling a fire

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

"He was one of those rare ones," said his high school soccer coach Larry Slason, going on to say, "he was a natural leader and truly gifted athlete. He didn't go looking for notoriety, but he was so damn good, he found it."

Justin Beebe stood out as both a soccer and baseball player at Bellows Falls Union High School. In soccer, he was part of one (2007) of only two teams in school history to capture a Marble Valley League championship. In fact, he scored 19 goals that year, which still stands as the second highest goal output in a season for the Terriers ever. He was a prized member of the Pierce Lawton Legion Post 37 State Championship baseball team in 2006 as a high school sophomore.

"I just told my team we can all learn a great lesson from Justin Beebe," his baseball coach Bob Lockerby said, continuing on to say, "because every time Justin came to the field he gave 100%. He lit up any ball field he played on. He had fun and he brought a passion that you rarely see."

Beebe died Saturday in Baker, Nevada while battling the Strawberry Fire, which was sparked by lightning on Aug. 8 according to the Associated Press. Beebe was part of a well-known fire-fighting group known as the Lolo Hotshots. He was hit by a tree while battling the blaze.

Slason told us, "Justin always had a goal of becoming a Hotshot. His life ended in a tragic way, but in a meaningful way for him, helping protect people and their property."

Bellows Falls football begins

BY BILL MURPHY

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Terrier football captains Brady Illingworth, Jake Lober and DJ Snide pose on the opening day of practice on Monday with Coach Bob Lockerby. The players are in order left to right with Lockerby, the second one in on the right side.

The last time the Purple and White took the field was in Rutland last November when they battled Burr + Burton, BUT fell to a very strong team from Manchester 28-7. Lockerby's team played very good foot-

ball in the first half and headed to the intermission in a 7-7 tie, BUT three Purple and White turnovers, quickly became three Bulldog scores and a clear Division II title victory.

We spoke to Lockerby following his third practice of 2016 and he was looking forward to home scrimmages with Brattleboro on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. and with Windsor at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27. "We expect to be one of the top teams and these scrimmages seem to be good for us to challenge us to become the team we would like to be, the coach told us.



Bellows Falls Captains with Head Coach, from left: Brady Illingworth, Jacob Lober, Coach Lockerby and DJ Snide.

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Springfield Rotary and Lions benefit softball games on Aug. 18 and 25

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Rotary Club and Springfield Lions Club are preparing to do battle again on the softball diamond at Riverside Park's Bill Robinson Field to raise funds for a good cause and have some fun!

The Rotary and Lions Clubs will play each other in their an-

nual game on Thursday, Aug. 18 and then the two clubs will join forces to compete against a team from departments of the Town of Springfield on Thursday, Aug. 25. Both games start at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at the Bill Robinson Field, located at Riverside Park in Springfield, Vt.

The Springfield Booster Club will be providing concessions at both games, with hot dogs, hamburgers and more. Please come and cheer on your favorite players and support the Booster Club!

Admission to both games is free, but donations will be collected for a charity that is selected by the

winning team in each game.

The losing team in the Rotary/Lions game will "earn" the ceremonial trophy that accompanies a defeat. The Rotarians will be looking to hand it back to the Lions after having it in their possession for the past few years.

Hope to see you there!

Springfield hoping to climb the ladder in football

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Cosmos Football team this fall hopes to be better than the last edition. Coach Rich Saypack pictured here with several of his returning players from left to right: Calvin Roby, Kyle Monier, Ryan McSally, Evan Otis and Jayson Webster believes that the team will be better in his second year at the helm and he notes, "I am getting excited. We have over forty players. We lack a high number of seniors, but we are definitely moving along in the right direction."

Saypack says "it is definitely hard to tell where we will end up. I believe our first three games will be our three toughest (Sept. 2 at Bellows Falls, Sept. 9 home versus Woodstock, Sept. 16 home against Windsor), and we



From left: Calvin Roby, Kyle Monier, Ryan McSally, Evan Otis, Jayson Webster and Coach Saypack.

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will try to compete in these three rivalry match-ups, BUT, we should get better as the season goes along." Midway through 2015 Saypack had said, "I think we can make the playoffs and, of course, we want to, BUT, the reward may not turn out too well!" The eighth seed earned the right to travel to Union 32 where they were defeated 69-0. Growth and a higher seed should earn the Green and White a more realistic first round opponent.

Saypack was very pleased with the large turnout of players this fall and with only five seniors, that may bode for even bigger numbers for the full squad in the future. "It is hard to tell where we will finish in Division III, BUT, I know we will get better as the season goes along," the coach told us. The Cosmos scrimmage Fall Mountain at home Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m.

Fall Mountain hopes to improve record in 2016

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. - Fall Mountain went winless in football one year ago. New coach John Callahan prepared his team for each battle and there was no question growth was made. HOWEVER, both coach and players sensed there would be a win or two in the closing weeks. There were a couple of close games, BUT, that win they chased, proved to be elusive.

"We had chances. I just wish they knew they should be ready to win. We make mistakes at crucial times," was one of the assessments Callahan made along the way. The 2016 team



The Fall Mountain Seniors with their Head Coach from left to right: Tyler Charuhus, Hunter Marion, Head Coach John Callahan, Thomas Moses, and Koal Simonds.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

would play good defense for awhile, BUT, defensive mistakes always seemed to lead to an unfortunate outcome in the end. The offense put up a strong 19 points in the finale versus Mascoma, BUT a poor defensive outing surrendered 44 points.

Practice is in full swing for 2016 and four seniors surround coach Callahan in the Wildcat photo. As readers look at the picture, Callahan is in the middle with Tyler Charuhus and Hunter Marion on your left (left to right), then Callahan and Thomas Moses and Koal Simonds. The Cats scrimmage at Springfield at 6 p.m. on Aug. 23.



Bellows Falls usually has a stable of running backs to keep their vaunted running game alive and well. Junior Shane Clark is one of the key pieces returning for this season.

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Putting together a line is crucial to the success of any football team. Some Fall Mountain Wildcat linemen are shown here doing drills on the sled.

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This photo is from the first day of football practice this fall in Springfield. Quarterback Ryan McSally is practicing the art of the hand-off to running back John Stafford.

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golf news

Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League final results

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League came to a close on August 9. Finishing second for the night, and locking down the league for the season in the team-of-four, double-points scramble was Diamond Realty. Roger Danyew, JP Rouse, Ed Whitman and Fra DeVine shot a 7-under-par 28.

Finishing first for the night, and second in overall standings was Bensons Chevrolet. Chris Garvey, Terry Thayne, Ken Guy and Trevor Benson fired a 7-under-par 28.

Finishing third for the night, and moving from seventh to third overall by edging out Stryhas Builders and Green Mountain Appraisals in a match of cards was Engel & Voelkers. Pat McLaughlin, Jason Koponen, Charlie Howard and John Goffinet shot a 5-under-par 30.

The Sportsman of the Year Award was presented to Ed Richter. Closest to the pin winners were Pat McLaughlin on the 4th, Kevin Theissen on the 6th and John Smith on the 8th.

Weekly Results:

- 1st Bensons Chevrolet score 28/30 pts
- 2nd Diamond Realty score 28/26 pts.
- 3rd Engel & Voelkers Realty score 30/22 pts.

- 4th Built Rite MFG. score 31/20 pts.
- 5th Stryhas Builders score 33/18 pts.
- 6th Honey Dew Man score 33/16 pts.
- 7th M&M Excavating score 34/14 pts.
- 8th UBS Rutland score 34/12 pts.
- 9th Knight Tubs score 34/10 pts.
- 10th Green Mountain Appraisals score 35/8 pts.

Final Season Standings:

- 1st Diamond Realty 159 pts.
- 2nd Bensons Chevrolet 144 pts.
- 3rd Engel & Voelkers Realty 124 pts.



From left: The 2016 Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League winning team of Roger Danyew, Ed Whitman, JP Rouse and Fra DeVine, representing Diamond Realty, claim the Commissioner's Cup.

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- 4th Stryhas Builders 124 pts.
- 5th Green Mountain Appraisals 124 pts.
- 6th Built Rite MFG. 120 pts.
- 7th M&M Excavating 117 pts.
- 8th Knight Tubs 117 pts.
- 9th UBS Rutland 107 pts.
- 10th Honey Dew Man 96 pts.

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TEAM PTS	Season	Quota +/-
Jones, L. / Maney, L.	26	8
Gauthier, V. / Rainville, N.	24.5	1.5
Mooney, H. / Hampton, D.	23.5	-3.5
Palmisano, S. / Nooney, G.	22	4
Reed, D. / Prinz, E.	21.5	9
Babic, D. / Babic, T.	20.5	7
Sullivan, S. / Hyde, B.	20.5	-1
Donnelly, J. / Apigian, M.	20	-3.5
Schonder, R. / Dunn, K.	19	1.5
Shea, R. / Nugent, T.	19	1
Andersen, H. / Bridgewater, M.	19	-4
Javor, P. / Kasper, J.	18.5	7.5
Fetherolf, J. / Nilsson, V.	18.5	-4.5
Butcher, S. / Johannesen, G.	18	4.5
Jablonski, R. / Miller, B.	18	-13.5
Edwards, T. / Grandfield, C.	17.5	-7.5
Parsons, J. / Foley, S.	15.5	-5
Chamberlain, G. / Hooper, T.	15.5	-9.5
Malekof, M. / Crococolo, P.	15.5	-18
Rollins, D. / Andersen, L.	15	-11
Grant, J. / Boerma, H.	14.5	0.5
Blais, J. / Eid, M.	14.5	-5.5
Austin, C. / Pasley, T.	13.5	-2.5
Glaser, S. / Forsthuber, P.	13.5	-3.5
Jackson, M. / Miller, K.	13	EVEN
Anastos, M. / Kenia, K.	9.5	-3.5

Brush maintains lead in Vermont Women's Amateur

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Mary Brush of Burlington Country Club shot a 6-over par 77 on day two of the 2016 Vermont Women's Amateur Golf Tournament, giving her a 2-stroke lead (153) over seven-time champion Holly Reynolds of Copley CC. Reynolds shot a 78 for a two-day gross score of 155.

Tiffany Maurcy of Orleans CC also shot 78 and is in third place with 159. Miranda Milne of CC of Vermont and Jeanne Morrissey of Williston Golf Club are in a tie for fourth place with 162. Junior player Katie Goulet of Newport CC is tied for 15th with 179.

Burlington CC continues to lead

Williston GC, Green Mountain National GC, and Rutland CC for the Paquet Cup, with a combined two-day, six-low-gross total of 502. Clubs must have three players competing in the event to qualify for the cup.

This year's championship is being held at Green Mountain National Golf Club in Killington. The third and final day of competition is Wednesday. Tee times run from

7:30 -10 a.m., with the top contenders in the last groups.

Forty-six women are in the field. Three-time champion Madison Corley (2013-2015) is not defending her title.

Vermont has held an amateur golf championship for women every year since 1930, except for the war years 1942-45.

Full field results are available at www.vswga.org

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school news

Fun ways to help ease kids back into the classroom

(STATEPOINT) - After a summer of fun, getting back into the swing of the classroom can be difficult for students of all ages and family backgrounds. But parents can help, say experts.

"It's easy for parents to feel like there isn't enough time to add more activities to an already packed schedule. But, there are many easy ways you can set the tone of making learning fun, ease the back-to-school transition, and foster literacy skills at home," says Jon Reigelman, creative director of the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL).

Reigelman suggests seeking out free resources, such as Camp Wonderopolis, a virtual camp and online learning tool available to all families, libraries, schools, and community organizations. It can

be a great weekend or after-school activity for busy families that can be completed at any pace. The site features "Maker" projects that can be created with items found around the house, and virtual, collectible Wonder Cards that can be earned by interacting with the site.

Getting kids into an out-of-classroom learning habit now will set them up for future success. (Looking ahead to winter break or next summer, the program is also a great tool for combatting the learning loss common during vacations!) To register, visit camp.wonderopolis.org.

For younger kids,

- Choose a letter of the day. Look for the chosen letter in any printed materials you see -- the newspaper, street signs, billboards, or advertisements. Make up a silly sentence

using only words beginning with the letter of the day. (For example: Cats can cuddle. Dogs don't drive. Amy always acts awake.)

- Singing songs can be a literacy activity. Try this twist: Sing short songs like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" several times, leaving off the last word each time until there are no words left. This activity always produces giggles from children and parents alike.

- Play "Guess Who." Describe a cartoon character, celebrity or historical figure. Allow a guess after each detail is disclosed. Expand your child's vocabulary by using unusual words, and then explain their meanings. Take turns. Listen carefully to your child's descriptions, especially his or her choice of vocabulary. Encourage your child to paint a picture of the character

with his or her words. At the end of the game, compliment your child on any unusual or new words used.

- Talk to your child about his or her day. Pretend to be a television reporter. Try questions like "what was the most surprising (curious, funny, eventful) thing that happened today?" You are giving your child opportunities to increase vocabulary, recall and reflect, and you are receiving a more detailed version of the time you spent apart. Be prepared to answer the same questions. You and your child will begin looking for events to report to each other.

The beginning of the school year can be hectic for everyone. Help kids get a leg up on their lessons by boosting literacy skills at home.



School starts soon!

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School technology survey shows steady improvement

REGION - A survey of technology available at schools by the Vermont Agency of Education reveals steady improvement including more than 85,000 computers in use compared to 68,000 last year.

The 2016 survey also revealed that, for the first time, all of the 305 schools who responded to the survey have wireless access within their buildings.

"Vermont schools should be con-

gratulated for continuing to provide technology to support digital learning across their curriculum landscape," said Peter Drescher, education technology coordinator at the Vermont Agency of Education. "Schools continue to make this a priority and the increasing availability of more robust broadband only will serve to enhance the educational prospects for all Vermont students."

Drescher presented the results of the survey to 40 school technology leaders on Monday, Aug. 8 at Essex High School.

Broadband coverage has steadily increased, with download speeds of 100 megabits per second in 180 of the schools, which has more than tripled in the past two years.

Schools that provide a computer for each student in multiple grade levels increased to 195 from 137

schools in 2015. The survey also delved into the number of systems that are employed, cloud services used, and personalized learning plan platforms.

"I really want to thank all the schools for responding to the survey in a timely manner, it's clear the schools continue to prioritize technology and want to be on the cutting edge," Drescher said. "This is an important survey because we

get asked about it by legislators who have continually advocated for the best available technology for all Vermont students."

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Back to school advice

REGION - Getting ready for back to school season? Families are expected to spend more this summer than last year on school supplies. The average family with children in grades K-12 will spend \$673.57 on apparel, shoes, electronics and supplies according to the National Retail Federation (NRF). That's up 9.6 percent from \$630.36 last year.

According to the NRF, total spending for families with students in K-12 and college is expected to reach \$75.8 billion. A large portion of that spending includes electronics such as computers or calculators, totaling over \$19 billion.

Of course, not everyone will need to purchase new laptops and supplies, but before you start shopping, check out these back-to-school budget tips from the Better Business Bureau:

Make a list, you may already own many of the items needed. Even if you don't know the exact school supply list, you should get an idea of school clothing and other basic school needs. Beware of impulse buying.

Create a budget. Sign up for sales

alerts online from your favorite stores. Consider buying basic supplies (like notebooks, folders and pencils) at discount stores. Watch ads for coupons and don't forget to check price matching policies.

Review advertisements. Review ads for restrictions on quantities, and dates for sale and return policies. When shopping online, read the fine print for return and exchange policies and take advantage of free shipping specials.

Network with other parents. Seek out or host a clothing swap online or in your neighborhood; this can be a great way to recycle you gently used items and save money on the things you need this year. Also, research the potential savings of buying school supplies in bulk and splitting the cost with other parents in your area.

Take advantage of discounts. Many stores offer student and teacher discounts on hot items like laptops and uniforms. Retailers will be trying to make room for fall fashion and the newest models, so there are incredible savings to be had on older items.

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3 p.m. - 5 p.m. - The Merry Franksters
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. - The Ramblers

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10 a.m. - Hall open for viewing

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6 p.m. - Truck Pull Session II
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Sunday, August 28

John Gardner Memorial Stage
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - The Wild Country Cloggers
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New England's largest river cleanup celebrates 20-years

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Twenty years ago the Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC) organized the first Source to Sea Cleanup.

This annual event has now grown into New England's largest river cleanup. CRWC and volunteers will continue the tradition of getting their hands dirty and their feet wet for cleaner rivers at the 20th annual Source to Sea Cleanup on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24, 2016.

The annual Source to Sea Cleanup is a two-day river cleanup coordinated by CRWC that takes place in the four states located in the more than 400-mile Connecticut River basin area (N.H., Vt., Mass., Ct.). The Cleanup mobilizes thousands of volunteers of all ages and abilities working together to clean the Connecticut

River and its tributaries, on foot or by boat. Volunteers remove trash along rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails, and more.

There are three ways for volunteers to get involved in the Cleanup this year: report a trash site in need of cleaning, find a cleanup group near you to join, or organize and register your own local cleanup group.

For more information or to register for the event, visit www.ctriver.org/cleanup.

"Source to Sea Cleanup volunteers have worked hard to combat litter and illegally dumped trash," says Alice Charamut, CRWC River Steward and organizer of the Cleanup. "Their hard work and dedication is inspiring and makes a real difference for our rivers."

In 2015, more than 2,300 volunteers hauled over 50 tons of trash from riverbanks and waterways in the four watershed states. To date, volunteers have kept more than 947 tons of trash from polluting our rivers.

Volunteers remove everything from recyclables, fishing equipment, and food waste to tires, televisions, and refrigerators.

"Some really unbelievable things have been pulled from our rivers, including a cement mixer, parking meters, propane tanks and junk cars," notes Charamut.

This year, CRWC will continue cleaning up the many thousands of tires dumped along the Deerfield River in Greenfield, MA, will re-

move an abandoned oil off-loading platform in the Connecticut River in Wethersfield, CT, and remove a 3,000-gallon tank submerged in the Connecticut River near Wilgus State Park in Vermont.

"Financial support from lead sponsors—NRG Energy's Middletown Generating Station, Pratt & Whitney, TransCanada, and Whistler—enable us to organize the thousands of volunteers who participate in the Cleanup. Their support allows us to take on complex projects that require the use of heavy equipment, scuba divers and other professionals to get those really trashed places cleaned up," says CRWC Executive Director Andrew Fisk.

"This is the 11th year we have proudly supported CRWC's Source to Sea event," said Matthew Cole, Community Relations for TransCanada. "With our thirteen hydropower stations along the Connecticut and Deerfield Rivers, we are inextricably linked to these incredible resources and their stewardship."

"NRG is pleased to be involved with the Source to Sea Cleanup for the 12th year," notes David Gaier, NRG Senior Director Communications. "Our Middletown Station team of some 15 volunteers, led by NRG's Keith Shortsleeve, again looks forward to making a positive difference by cleaning up Dart Island and the surrounding Connecticut River

shoreline."

If your group wants to get involved but needs a cleanup site, if you have questions, or if you know of a trash site in need of cleaning, contact CRWC's Cleanup Coordinator Alice Charamut at cleanup@ctriver.org or (860)704-0057. Learn more about the event at www.ctriver.org/cleanup.

The Connecticut River Watershed Council works to protect the watershed from source to sea. As stewards of this heritage, we celebrate our four-state treasure and collaborate, educate, organize, restore and intervene to preserve its health for generations to come. Our work informs our vision of economic and ecological abundance.

BRAT annual River Sweep

LUDLOW, Vt. - Be a BRAT! Come get dirty to help the Black River get clean. Join the 17th annual River-

Sweep on Saturday, Sept. 10 between 8 a.m. and noon, with the Black River Action Team.



BRAT director Kelly Stettner sorting trash.

PHOTO BY MARITA JOHNSON

Bring some elbow grease, wear your junk clothes, and get to one of our two HQ tables: Springfield volunteers should sign in at the Citizens Bank drive up in the Shopping Plaza; folks closer to Ludlow should sign in at the gazebo on the town green off Main St., near the library.

Work-gloves and trash bags will be available from the Connecticut River Watershed Council, along with snacks and drinking water.

Pick a location to work, grab a

buddy and head out. Return to HQ with your treasures by 11 a.m. to be photographed, clean up and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of our local sponsors: Young's Furniture and Appliance and Goodman's American Pie in Ludlow.

Don't forget to pick up your commemorative tee shirt, the BRAT's way to say 'thank you' for your hard work! For more information log onto www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org or leave a message at 802-738-0456.

Hunter Ed courses

MONTPELIER, Vt. - It's back to school season ... for would-be hunters.

With most hunting seasons just around the corner, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is urging new hunters to sign up now for a hunter education course.

Classes fill up quickly, but securing a spot is easy with Vermont Fish & Wildlife's online Hunter Education Program registration system. All would-be hunters, trappers and bowhunters are required to complete their respective course before purchasing their first license.

"Classes are held throughout the year, but their numbers peak now through early fall," said Nicole Meier in Fish & Wildlife's Hunter Education Program. "This is the time to sign up and complete a course, because once hunting seasons begin, our volunteer instructors want to be out in the field."

To find your course, enroll at www.register-ed.com/programs/vermont. The system includes maps and directions, instant confirmation and reminder emails, and a function that allows you to contact a course instructor directly. You can view the number of open spaces remaining in a course and receive email noti-

fications when new courses become available in your area.

For would-be hunters finding it hard to fit a traditional course into their hectic schedule, the department now offers online options. The online Homestudy Basic Firearm (hunting) and Trapper Education courses allow students to learn and complete the written portion of the content before attending a hands-on field day by completing a workbook or online course. Just be sure to sign up for a homestudy class before starting.

New this year, the Hunter Education Program is also unveiling online bowhunter education homework, available here: <https://www.bowhunter-ed.com/vermont/>

The Vermont Hunter Education Program's 350 volunteer instructors certify almost 5,000 students annually. The course and all materials are provided free of charge through funding provided by the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program. There is no minimum age, but most materials are written at the sixth grade level.

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MONTPELIER, Vt. - The deadline to apply for a Vermont muzzleloader antlerless deer-hunting permit is fast approaching, Aug. 26.

Hunters can apply on the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Department's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). A quick-link to the information and application is provided on the home page, or they can apply with a paper application available from license agents.

Applying online automatically enters you to win one of ten \$50 Cabela's gift cards.

As in the past, a person may apply in the lottery category, or as a landowner. However, it is a violation for a landowner to apply for a landowner antlerless permit if they are posting their land against hunting.

Hunting for antlerless deer will be statewide for the Oct. 1-28 and Dec. 3-11 archery season.

One deer of either sex is allowed for youths during the Nov. 5-6 youth weekend hunt.

The Dec. 3-11 muzzleloader season will have 18,950 antlerless permits distributed in 16 of Vermont's 21 WMUs, which is estimated to result in 2,700 antlerless deer being taken.

"We expect the statewide deer population to be about 145,000 prior to the start of the 2016 deer seasons," said Nick Fortin, deer project leader for the Fish & Wildlife Department.

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Planning Commission Notice of Town Hearing

The Town of Weston Planning Commission has scheduled a Town Hearing to review the updated Weston Town Plan:

Monday, 12 September 2016 7 PM
Weston Town Office
12 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, VT

The updated Town Plan is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Town Office and on the Town's website (<http://www.westonvt.org>)

For additional information, please call the Weston Town Office 802.824.6645



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CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - On the third Thursday of June, July and August at noon, the Rockingham Library is hosting a brown bag lunch booktalk. Bring one or two book recommendations, a brown bag lunch and be ready to expand your reading horizons. Fiction, nonfiction, classics, graphic novels, and poetry are all fair game. The Library will also provide lists of recommended books. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St. in

Bellows Falls.

MONDAY, AUG. 22 AND THURSDAY, AUG. 25 - ANDOVER, Vt. - Move and Groove, an integrated movement, yoga, and music class will be happening at the Andover Town Hall on Aug. 22 and 25 from 10 - 11 a.m. Kids of all ages are welcome with an adult. Classes are taught by Lila Specker, RYT and Ida Mae Specker, CYT. Classes are drop-in and by-donation. Come have fun and meet new friends! Please email lila.specker@gmail.com for more information.

THURSDAY, AUG. 25 - CHESTER, Vt. - Sit and Sip and Paint at 103 Artisans

Marketplace in Chester will be painting the Monet garden path from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Experience hands on demos of unique painting techniques, maybe including a painting sponge, while exploring color and composition to produce a spectacular painting of garden flowers. All materials will be provided. Please wear old clothes or a smock/apron. Contact Lisa Murray to register, lmurrayvt88@gmail.com or at 823B Missing Link Road, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Space is limited- checks must be received by August 20th! There is a fee for the event.

MONDAYS - WINDSOR, Vt. - Spanish Conversation Class meets most Mondays, 1 -2:30 p.m. at the Windsor Library, 43 State St. Windsor, Vt. All levels. FREE. Times are subject to change, due to instructor's schedule. Please call to confirm. Paula Dart. Phone: 802-674-5812.

MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS - WALPOLE, N.H. - If You Don't Tell Your Story, Who Will? A series of writing and reading workshops for those interested

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Zoning Board Of Adjustment Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the request by Salvatore Ricitelli of 275 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, Vermont for a variance to the setback regulations that will allow the construction of a garage at the Ricitelli residence.

The public hearing will be held:
Thursday, 1 September 2016 7:30 PM
Weston Town Office
12 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, VT

A site visit at the 275 Lawrence Hill Road address is scheduled for 7 PM to precede the public hearing. Please contact the Town Office at 824.6645 for information.

Hal J. Wilkins, Zoning Administrator, Town of Weston

Town of Cavendish Notice of Intention to Sell Municipal Land

On April 15th, 2015 the Delinquent Tax Collector of the Town of Cavendish did faithfully perform his duty to conduct a tax sale on property owned by William (deceased) and Dawn England which had taxes, penalties, interest and costs owing since the year 2001 in the total amount of \$55,376.92. At said tax sale, no party bid on the subject property other than the Town itself with that bid being the exact amount then owed. The parties, including Dawn England, were recipients of the report of tax sale. On April 18th, 2016, hearing and seeing no evidence of any attempt at redemption of said property, the Delinquent Tax Collector declared the property as not having been redeemed and, therefore, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes did cause a Tax Collector's Deed to be prepared and duly executed with said deed transferring title to the Town of Cavendish. Said Tax collector's Deed was executed on May 24, 2016 and received for recording in the Town on May 24, 2016. The Delinquent Tax Collector discussed the property acquisition with the Board of Selectmen and, acting in his capacity as Town Manager, did advise said legislative body that the newly acquired property was in very poor shape and that the unfinished house thereon was in such a condition as to constitute a health hazard and a nuisance. The Manager suggested that the premises be cleaned up, made safe and be put into the care of a real estate broker for sale so that the Town could recoup the tax sale amount, the subsequent taxes, penalties, interest and costs which have accumulated since the tax sale date as well as the costs of cleaning and making the premises safe and marketable. The Board of Selectmen discussed this matter on April 22, 2016 and May 9, 2016 and authorized this plan and the Manager did follow through with same.

Now comes the Select Board of the Town of Cavendish, through their authorized agent Richard Svec, with prospects for the sale of said property. The total anticipated proceeds from such sale are expected to slightly exceed the costs itemized below:

1. Tax Sale Amount
2. Cavendish real estate taxes, interest and penalties which have occurred and accrued after the tax periods which were the subject of the April 15, 2015 tax sale.
3. All costs of having the property cleaned and made safe which were incurred by the Town.
4. The real estate commission and costs incurred in the sale of the property and the costs of advertisement pertaining to the Town's intended sale of the property.
5. Current year taxes pro-rated to the date of closing.
6. Closing costs.

The Select Board proposes that the proceeds from the market sale of the property reimburse the Town for all of the expenses above and that any amount of proceeds in excess of this total be disbursed to Dawn England, as previous owner of record and the delinquent taxpayer at the time of tax sale, in accordance with VSA 32 § 5259 and precedence set in Bogie v. Town of Barnet (1970) 129 Vt. 46, 270 A.2d 898.

In compliance with the requirements of VSA 24 § 1061 the Town of Cavendish by Richard Svec duly authorized agent, on behalf of the legislative body, has caused a notice of the proposed conveyances to be properly posted and advertised. The postings have been accomplished at the three official Town posting places including the Clerk's office and the Town of Cavendish website as of August 12, 2016. The advertisements will occur in the Vermont Journal, the Town's official newspaper of advertisements, with publication dates scheduled for August 17th and 24th. The anticipated closings will not occur until after September 16, 2016.

If a petition signed by 5% of the legal voters of the Town of Cavendish objecting to this sale is presented to the Town Clerk within 30 days of the date of the posting and publication of this notice, then the Town will cause the question of whether to convey this property to be considered at a special or annual meeting called for that purpose.

Town of Cavendish dated August 12th, 2016

TOWN OF WESTON
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WESTON, VERMONT 05161

Zoning Board Of Adjustment Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use Request by the Little School at Weston, 8 Lawrence Hill Road, to permit the construction of an ADA compliant concrete ramp that will provide access to the building for physically handicapped individuals.

The school building is owned by the Town of Weston and the ramp design has received a State of Vermont Life Safety Code permit and approval by the Vermont ANR Regional Floodplain Manager.

The public hearing will be held:
Thursday, 1 September 2016 8:00 PM
Weston Town Office
12 Lawrence Hill Road, Weston, VT

A site visit may precede the public hearing. Please contact the Town Office at 824.6645 for information.

Hal J. Wilkins
Zoning Administrator, Town of Weston

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) August 12, 2016 Commonwealth Avenue Drainage Project Town of Ludlow, Vermont

RFP for Engineering Services - Due by 8/31
Ludlow Commonwealth Avenue Drainage Project

The Town of Ludlow has received funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to complete activities aimed at increasing flow capacity, provide a more natural stream environment, and reduce jamming potential due to ice flow and high water events. The Town is seeking assistance from qualified firms to provide engineering services to complete the Commonwealth Avenue Drainage Project in accordance with the HMGP grant agreement between the Town of Ludlow and the Vermont Department of Public Safety.

The full RFP document may be found electronically here: <http://swrcpc.org/requests-for-proposals/>

Sealed bid packages must be received by 3:00 P.M., August 31, 2016 as follows:

Consultants interested in this project should submit three (3) copies of their proposal to:

Allison Hopkins, AICP
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission
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Ascutney Professional Building, US Route 5
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EVERY FOURTH MONDAY – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield writers club meets every fourth Monday at 5:30 p.m. upstairs in the SF town library. There is no charge, all are welcome. For more information call Betsy Levine 802-885-2005

TUESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main Street in Ludlow, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive through. Chartered in 1927, the club is active locally and internationally. New members are welcome please contact any Rotarian for details. Visit our web at www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President, Tessa Buss at tessabuss@gmail.com

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

RUTLAND, Vt. – Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at The Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. Norma Jakomin, manager. 802-228-6276.

SATURDAYS – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and set up a still life. We draw in whatever medium pleases us and get helpful hints from each other. The sessions are open to all and completely FREE of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper.

COMMUNITY MEALS

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 CHESTER, Vt. – On Sunday, August 21, the Chester Masons of Olive Branch Lodge #64 will be serving a turkey dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. These dinners are one of the Masons many fundraisers. We are located on the Chester Green on Main Street. On the menu is a generous amount of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, rolls and dessert. You won't leave hungry and you'll be contributing to the oldest organization in Chester. This year the Chester Masons donated \$3,000 for local scholarships and another \$2,300 to the Chester Fireworks. These donations are made possible, in part, by people like you attending our turkey dinners. Support the Masons and the Masons will support you. So Mote it Be.

ATHENS, Vt. – Join the Athens Historic Preservation Society

on Sunday, August 21 from 2-4 p.m. for a sweet fundraiser on the Brick Meeting House lawn and learn about the Stabilization Project soon to be underway. We'll be serving up the ice cream, and then you get to build your own sundae from the toppings bar provided. Suggested donation is \$7 each or \$25 maximum for families of 4 or more. Proceeds support the Athens Historic Preservation Society and our efforts to save the beautiful 1817 Athens Brick Meeting House. For more information contact Beth Ann Agostini at 802-365-7740

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY, AUG. 19 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Art Group presents a retrospective exhibit of commercial and fine art from the 1940's to present by Viola Higgins. The exhibit opens at the Mount Holly Community Center, located at 26 Maple Hill Rd., on Friday, Aug. 19; an opening celebration will be held on that day from 6 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 KILLINGTON, Vt. – The Funky Dawgz Brass Band will perform at the free Cooler in the Mountains concert series on Saturday, August 20. Featured on Live for Live Music's Brass Bands You Need to Know, The Funky Dawgz have exploded onto the live music scene in 2016 with scheduled

performances at many notable venues and festivals such as the Brooklyn Bowl, The Peace Music Festival, and Catskill Chill. Their shows contain a mix of traditional New Orleans R&B, originals, and today's top hits with a brass twist. These high energy horns are bound to get everyone around them dancing to that irresistibly funky music!

QUECHEE, Vt. – Join the Vermont Institute of Natural Science as we celebrate the magnificent world of mammals on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 11 a.m. At 2 p.m., a naturalist from Squam Lakes Natural Science Center will introduce you to wild mammals that could be encountered in our own forests, fields or wetlands of New England. At 3:30 p.m., join an educator from the Adirondack Wildlife Refuge as he presents "Carnivores of the Northeast." You will discover the fascinating truth about coyotes, coy dogs, and coy wolves. Enjoy all-day interactive activities including face painting and crafts as well as the Mammal Biofacts Table, where you will have the opportunity to feel pelts and compare mammals' skulls. Also, attend one of VINS' own awe-inspiring bird-on-glove presentations, which will be held at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 WESTON, Vt. – "Sundays on the Hill" concert series welcomes

back the highly entertaining International String Trio to the Church on the Hill in Weston on Sunday, August 21 at 4 p.m. There is a fee for admission to the concert, with children (12 and under) admitted free. The doors open around 3:30 p.m. with parking available at the Church and along Lawrence Hill Road. For more information see www.SundaysOnTheHill.org or www.internationalstringtrio.com

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music presents an evening of high energy accordion/guitar driven dance music of Louisiana by Planet Zydeco for the seventh and final concert of the 14th Annual Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series on Sunday, August 21 at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. The concert is free to the public (donations are accepted) and food will be available. For information, visit www.twilightmusic.org or call 802-

387-5772.

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY – PUTNEY, Vt. – Dinner and A Movie on the fourth Sunday of the month. At each event, at 5:30 p.m., the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at

the newly-renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd, Putney, VT

THURSDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until

8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule).

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, Raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. More info call Donna at 802-591-4290 or the hall at 802-875-1051.

Connecticut River Valley Project INFORMATION MEETING
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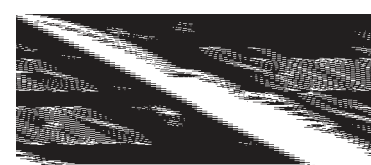
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The typically tidy Ram or Ewe might want to butt out until things are settled on the home front. But get involved and let your Ovine sense of order help restore domestic tranquility.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's flair for fine-tuning complicated fiscal dealings comes in handy when an unexpected financial problem arises. Stay with it until it's resolved to your satisfaction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family aspects remain strong. There might be some unresolved difficulties, but continued attempts to smooth things over eventually prove to be successful. A major purchase looms.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A promise that was made but never kept suddenly re-emerges in your life. You now have to decide if you're still interested in what it offers or if you've moved past it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance comes to unattached Leos and Leonas who have been waiting for Cupid to target them for far too long. Domestic purr-fection is also enhanced for paired Felines.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You need to take a much-needed break from that demanding project before too much energy-draining tension sets in. And don't be ashamed to ask for help.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change makes demands that you might find unwelcome at this time. But instead of concentrating on the short run, look toward potential benefits down the road.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a gift for reviving projects that seem beyond repair. Use that same ability to restore a relationship that seems to have turned from loving to lifeless.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect to be asked to use your combined wisdom and humor to resolve a problem. After all, folks not only value your advice, they also like how you give it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Most people consider you solid and steady. But you also can be quite capricious (which is a Latin word for "describing the behavior of Goats") when it suits your needs.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) People treat you as you wish to be treated. So if you want a change in your relationship, make it happen. Also expect someone to reveal some long-held secrets.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay with the decision you made, despite a sudden torrent of advice to the contrary from well-meaning people. Remember: You know your needs better than anyone.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like things tidy, with no loose ends. You also enjoy research and would make an excellent investigative reporter or scientist.

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by Linda Thistle

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FARMER'S MARKETS

FRIDAYS -
LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Farmers Market. See you Fridays, from 4 - 7 p.m., in Ludlow! Worth Noting News from Our Vendors: Parish Hill Creamery "Parish Hill Creamery's Kashar won Best in Class at the 2016 American Cheese Society Annual Competition two weeks ago!" Deep Meadow Farm "Fresh picked corn... green and yellow beans... garlic... basil and lots of tomatoes" Ludlow Rotary Club The Ludlow Rotary Club will be on hand to sell ducks for their annual Ralph Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race taking place on August 20th at noon. Come to the market to buy your duck! Proceeds from the event will benefit Cavendish Recreation

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Farmers' Market will be held every Friday from 4-7 p.m. in Bellows Falls,

Vt through Sept. 16. Fresh produce and vendor goods will be available for purchase, accompanied by family-friendly activities in the Hetty Green Park, just off Westminster Street and behind TD Bank on the corner of Church and School streets. Directions can be found on the BFFM website at www.bffarmersmarket.com.

WEST TOWNSEND, Vt. - The Townshend Farmers Market is located on the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store. The Townshend Farmers Market will run every Friday through Oct. 14 from 4 - 7 p.m. Shop for your fresh local groceries for the week from our returning vendors: produce from Wild Shepherd Farm and Sitting Tree farm, local meat from West Townshend Botanicals, maple syrup from Taft Hill farm and biodynamic teas from Meadows Bee Farm. Don't forget your Kimchi and Sauerkraut from FinAllie Ferments, and wood-fired sourdough from Bread From the Earth. Back to the Moose Robe will return with their native American crafts and chaga tea. 6573 Vermont Route 30 West Townshend.

SATURDAYS -
LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Market Season is in full swing! The West River Farmers Market is buzzing on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the junction of Routes 100 and 11 in Londonderry! Come visit us and pick up some fresh greens from Deep Meadow Farm, sweet strawberries from Clearbrook Farm, bright rdishes from Firebelly Farm or heirloom tomatoes from Old Athens Farm. Ephraim Mountain Farm has fresh sausages, beef and eggs. Treat yourself or someone you love to a unique piece of art or jewelry from one of our artisan vendors or sip a sweet lemonade by the river. We are at the edge of the West River and under the shade- there's nothing but sweet fresh air, good music, and a wonderful family atmosphere! Looking forward to seeing you at the market!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Farmers Market is open every Saturday in Downtown Springfield in the People's United Bank parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a good variety of offerings from our vendors selling fresh foods, crafters with aprons and other sewn items as well as jewelry and a new vendor with juvenile fiction books plus much

more. The market is a vendor run non-profit, new vendors welcome. The Springfield Farmers Market is sponsoring a monthly raffle. The drawings will take place the first Saturday of each month and ticket holders do not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased from participating vendors at the Springfield Farmers Market on Saturdays in the People's United Bank parking lot from 10a.m. to 1p.m. The market thanks Bibens Ace Hardware and Springfield Cinema 3 for their donations. For more info contact the website at springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com, email at springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com or call 802-885-4096.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20 -
LUDLOW, Vt. - The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc. 25th Annual Late Summer Arts and Craft Festival will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts located on Route 103 South in Ludlow, Vt. The festival will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine. Activities include instructor demonstrations, juried arts and crafts, children's activities, chainsaw carving, and food concessions. The Society Craft and Gift Shoppe will be open. No Admission Fee.

GASSETTS, Vt. - A basket raffle will be held at the Gassetts Grange Hall at 11 a.m. Come have a great time and enjoy some lunch! There is a fee for the basket raffle tickets, which will have a large selection of baskets to enjoy!

WINDHAM, Vt. - Some New Sustainability Ideas in Architecture will be the topic of a one day conference on Aug. 20. Presentations will run from 1-5 p.m. and a reception will be held from 5 - 9 p.m. R.S.V.P. by Aug. 15 to Robert Shannon at rfs@vermontel.net. This will be a free event, sponsored by the Fourth Corner Foundation, that features four long-established architects exploring recent projects that contain innovative ideas in the integration of high conservation and alternate energy solutions with real world conditions and constraints. Each will discuss their projects (which will be also presented on the gallery walls from Aug. 20 -

Sept. 10) with a Q and A session, and then a reception with food and drink will follow. This event is being hosted by the Fourth Corner Foundation: The Fourth Corner Foundation Gallery, 578 Hitchcock Hill, Windham VT 05359. Contact: Robert Shannon at rfs@vermontel.net or 802-875-2194

LUDLOW, Vt. - This year's GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club annual yard sale is returning on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016. Anyone who has attended in the past is familiar with the myriad of household goods, furnishings, curios, books and fun bargains to be found at this annual fundraising event. Laughter, deals and good will abound at this tag sale which will again be held at 94 Main Street in Ludlow, just a few steps from Fletcher Memorial Library. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 -
LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Pingree Park Family Fun Day at 36 Pingree Park Lane, Londonderry. Gates open at 2 p.m. Movie starts at 8 p.m. Food for sale. Other activities include a frog race, dunk tank, bouncy houses, and carnival games. All proceeds go toward the Londonderry Town Park fund.

HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24 -
RUTLAND, Vt. - The Rutland Area VNA & Hospice will be the host site for a blood drive for the American Red Cross in August. The date for the blood drive will be Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 7 Albert Cree Drive in Rutland. Follow the signs to the entrance around the side of the building. Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive! To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

EVERY MONDAY AT 7:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY AT 5 P.M., AND FRIDAY AT 7:30 A.M. -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is leading community walks 3 days a week for free! You don't have to be a member, you don't have to pay, and you don't even have to sign up. Meet in the front lobby of the Recreational Center. Come meet your neighbors, make some new friends to talk as you walks, and get healthier with every step.

MONDAYS -
MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Zumba with Brigid Faenza 6 p.m. Mount Holly School Gym. Workout to upbeat music and have fun! Bring flat shoes, water bottle and a towel. Drop-in fee applies or save money and purchase a block of classes. For more information email Bakerbrigid@vermontel.net

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7 - 8 p.m., Lower Level Conference Room, The Health Center, 1 Hospital Court. Please call 802-376-3507.

THURSDAYS -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #0013 CHANGED THEIR MEETING DATE FROM TUESDAYS TO EVERY THURSDAY at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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WEEKLY - REGION - "Bone Builder" program developed by Tufts University to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to men and women 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Windsor Recreation Center 9-10 a.m. Monday and Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9-10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10:30-11:30 a.m.

plays in Children's area. An informal gathering for families and their children birth to five years for age. Each session includes play time, an activity and a story time free and open to all.

WEDNESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Weekly Preschool and Toddler Story Time, at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Fletcher Memorial Library. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. Please call Sacha, at 802-228-3517 to register for a program or for more information.

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, AUG. 25 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Roaming Readers at 9 a.m. at the Silsby Public Library. In an effort to be active before the winter months, the library is starting a book club that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Join us in front of the library as we walk our beautiful stretch of town and discuss the latest books we have been reading. Make sure to wear comfortable sneakers!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Discovery Time for kids ages 5 and up on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. This program is free and open to all thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Springfield Town Library. For more information, call the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108.

WESTON, Vt. - Story Time at 11 a.m. in the Jeremy R. Orton Children's Room in the downstairs of the Wilder Memorial Library, 24 Lawrence Hill Road. Open to all; the target age group is preschool age children. An adult must accompany all children.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Calling all soon-to-be Kindergartners! Bring your family to the Fletcher Memorial Library to listen to some fun Kindergarten stories, meet new friends, and take home some fantastic learning tools. Please register early to save your place!

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool and Toddler Story Time every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. 802-674-2556. www.windsorlibrary.org

MONDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - DCF Book Club meets Mondays from 4 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. For grade 4-8. Join us each week as the librarian reads aloud from this month's book club selection.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - On the

TUESDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 10 a.m. Story Time. Stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story time for Toddlers and PreK, at the Silsby Free Library in Charleston, from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger

third Thursday thru August at noon, the Rockingham Library is hosting a brown bag lunch booktalk. Bring one or two book recommendations, a brown bag lunch and be ready to expand your reading horizons. Fiction, nonfiction, classics, graphic novels and poetry are all fair game. The Library will also provide lists of recommended books. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, visit rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is an alliance of individuals who have the common experience of living with mental illness. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River Street. Meets every Monday from 1 - 2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org.

SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY, MONTHLY - LUDLOW, Vt. - Wit's End Support Group for family members of a person struggling with addiction. Fletcher Memorial Library at 6 p.m. For more info call BRACC 802-228-7878.

WEDNESDAYS - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every

Wednesday.

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



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