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It has been 15 years since the tragedy of 9/11, but "for those who lived through that horrible day, the memory still feels fresh," said Senator Patrick Leahy.

Read Leahy's comments on the editorial page, 6A.

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Black River welcomes new faculty and staff

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River High School and Middle School are introducing six new members of their faculty and staff to the community.

Victor Cucullo teaches high school physical education, and Jillian Getman instructs high school English.

Erin McCall is the library media specialist, Cynthia Wubbenhorst works in life skills in Special Education, Joseph Gurdak has returned as athletic director, and John Davis is the Dean of Students.

Victor Cucullo graduated from Black River in 2011 and attended Castleton University, where he studied health and physical education. He completed his student teaching at North Clarendon Elementary School and Springfield High School, where he said the staff seemed "welcoming and friendly."

The influence of his mentors throughout his student teaching experience prepared Cucullo for his

job at Black River, which he said was a perfect match. As a physical education instructor, Cucullo said he wants his students to make healthy lifestyle changes, share the games and fun they have in class with friends, and achieve a balance in their life for long-term fitness.

Jillian Getman grew up in New York and double majored in adolescent education and English at SUNY Geneseo.

Since then, she has been a teacher's assistant, long-term substitute, and social worker, but she always strived to achieve her dream of being a high school English teacher in her own classroom.

In a small school, Getman has seized the opportunity to personalize her curriculum to fit the needs and interests of her students, while learning from them every day.

At Black River, Getman feels that everyone is part of a family, "where you care about your students and your students care about you."

She plans to take advantage of the intimacy and the potential of unique local experiences to personalize the education she's providing to prepare her students for their lives beyond high school.

Erin McCall earned her bachelor's degree in Journalism with a concentration in Media studies from Suffolk University in Boston, and continued her studies at Simmons College where she earned her master's in library and information science.

McCall has worked in libraries, interned at The Weekly Dig and Ace Ticket, hosted the Morning Show on a radio station in her hometown, and spent the past two years as a Middle School Library media specialist in Wakefield, Mass.

Her philosophy is that "school libraries should be the hub of the school and create a culture of reading and learning," and she hopes to transform Black River's Library Learning Commons to fit into that

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It's all about the honey

BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL
The Vermont Journal

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Walking up to the Honey Festival at the Golden Stage Inn, you're immediately greeted with smiling faces and handed a picture scavenger hunt page.

This page would get you talking to vendors and looking carefully through their tables and booths to find all of the things from the pictures.

Music played and people enjoyed themselves all around at the festival.

"Something about the music brings people in," observed Joanna Alix who was set up with her watercolor artwork for sale.

Each piece could take her a week or two, but it depends on how well it flows onto the paper, she explained.

Did you know that one honey bee will only produce one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey in her life?

According to Beeline, a honey and bees wax product vendor at the Honey Fest, it would take anywhere from 40,000 to 60,000 honey bees to make one pound of honey. That's a lot of bees!

Beeline had many products arranged on their tables, from face soap and candles, to honey bee necklaces. One candle was made with 100 percent beeswax that doubled as a hand lotion.

If you stick your finger into the

melted wax, "it will be warm, but not hot," the vendor explained, and it's great for repairing the roughest skin.

"Especially in the winter," continued the vendor's husband, "when your hands are so rough and cracked they stick to hand towels."

Jersey Girls had their table set up, featuring their homemade honey and black pepper quark, and a variety of other flavors, as well as homemade doggie treats, and whey protein lemonade sweetened with honey. All are made with Vermont products and love!

Southern Pie Company brought some fresh homemade pies, featuring a honey buttercream pie. They are currently located in Chester, and they will be opening a new location in Ludlow at 28 Main St., where Big Eyes Bakery used to be. Their delicious treats are worth the second location.

Vermont Beekeeping Supply was another vendor that was eager to teach their customers about beekeeping. Marke and Sheri Englert have been in the business for seven years providing beginner workshops and classes, support and service to anyone interested in beekeeping.

"We attach ourselves to new beekeepers and our products for at least a year," Sheri explained.

It's important that their customers are informed and feel comfortable with the trade, she said.

"It's also about the knowledge, not just the product," her husband Marke agreed.

If you're interested in the trade, you can join the Englerts in Williamstown, Vt. for some informational classes.

Janelle Wilfong was set up with her handmade glass and silver jewelry. She started working only with glass, and later learned silversmithing.

"Silversmithing changed my life," she said with pride.

It opened up new doors for her jewelry, giving her more options and varieties for her jewelry. Mixing the colored glass is a talent in itself. Knowing and learning what colors react and mix with others, and which don't blend well.

"You never know how it's going to come out," Wilfong said, "but that's exactly the fun of it all."

Christa Valente was set up with her artworks, known as Daisy Doodle Designs. She had everything from coloring books and notecards, to sap bucket covers and framed artworks.

Valente is an art teacher at Green Mountain Union High School, and she will be set up at the Chester Fall Festival with her 11th grade class selling cider.

Little Village Farm brought their local fresh and organic fruits and veggies, as well as taste-testers. A basket of organic veggies sat on the table with a sign that said "I'm ugly. I'm delicious. And I'm better for you than those 'pretty' veggies!"

Other vendors set up at the Honey Festival included the Killarney Pub, Windsor Lions International with a food truck, American Pie Pizza, Sticks and Stones with their raw honey, Caledonia Spirits with her honey gin, and Book Nook with a table full of books about all things honey, beeswax, and the honey bee itself.

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Ludlow Garden Club celebrates 75 years

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"Bee elegant..." Beeline had a table full of products made with honey and beeswax.
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Missing person: Teresa Bratton

BONDVILLE, Vt. - The Vermont State Police Westminster Barracks is requesting assistance in locating 16-year-old Teresa Bratton. Teresa was last seen in Bondville on Sept. 3, 2016 at approximately 11 p.m. and was reported missing on Sept. 4, 2016.

Teresa could be in the surrounding areas of Manchester, Vermont and possibly mentioned going to California.

Teresa is a white female, with brown hair, brown eyes, approximately 5 feet 4 inches tall, and weighs approximately 145 pounds.

Teresa was last seen wearing a black and white shirt and shorts. Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Teresa Bratton is asked to contact the Vermont State Police Westminster Barracks at 802-722-4600.



Teresa Bratton. Call Westminster Police at 802-722-4600. PHOTO PROVIDED

“The Creative World of Stephanie Stouffer,” exhibition

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

BRANDON, Vt. - Stephanie Stouffer, an internationally recognized artist based in Belmont, Vt., will exhibit her original artwork at the Compass Music and Arts Center.

The show is from Sept. 2 to Oct. 29.

Her whimsical style has not been exhibited beyond her homebased gallery in more than 35 years, although Stouffer has licensed her work to companies like Caspari, Certified International, and Peeking Handicrafts.

Her artwork has been displayed on mugs, tapestries, greeting cards, pillows, and rugs, and now, a fraction of her more than 1,500 of her original paintings will be on display and offered for sale.

Stouffer is known for her vivid imagination, precision, and exceptional use of color, and her work can be described as folk art with a contemporary flair.

Stouffer's love of literature and art was nurtured during her time at Bennington College and at the Rhode Island School of Design, where she majored in sculpture. She worked to develop a solid foundation of skills, including figure modeling and drawing, modifying the form of her subjects, understanding the intricacies of positive and negative space, and using the role of light in every form of her art.

Her work was recognized by Hallmark, where Stouffer worked in their Kansas City headquarters for 10 years. She worked to refine her skills, broaden her horizons, and found her niche in the social expression market, building the skills necessary to start her own freelance career in Vermont, where she discovered another side of her creativity.

Stouffer opened her homebased gallery in 2008, when she realized that she was internationally-recognized by her art and name.

“This was “a very special feeling,” she said. “The main goal of my work was to keep it fun and whimsical and

to bring delight to people.”

She has done exactly that, and her work has brought pleasure to many as “they continue to discover my art all over the marketplace and buy products which they bring into their homes or share with friends.”

Stouffer's designs often depict traditional scenes and include iconic, recognizable symbols. Her knack for turning these ‘traditional symbols’ into something fresh with her vibrant colors, decorative style and rich imagination has caught the eyes of people all over the world.

Stouffer explains that “the simplicity of my layouts reflected the serenity and balance that I have sought in my life and that many others seek. I learned that my best work came from the heart, from the intuitive part of the process, and hopefully that is what others feel as well.”

Stouffer has now eased into retirement, but she continues to paint and enjoys freedom and time to pursue new creative endeavors, without

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vision a little more as a student-centered environment, where students can read, learn, research, and study.

Cynthia Wubbenhorst has earned degrees in education, English, special education, and counseling psychology, and her certificate in human wellness and development.

She started teaching high school English on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota, taught at ChesterAndover Elementary School in an alternative classroom for emotionally disturbed children, worked with mentally ill adults as a clinician at Vermont Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, and taught special education at Charles-

town Middle School and Rutland Middle School.

As a teacher, Wubbenhorst has adopted the Circle of Courage from the Lakota tribe's virtues, which are belonging, mastery, generosity, and independence. She also incorporates mindfulness, interpersonal effectiveness, distress tolerance, and emotional regulation.

Wubbenhorst said she is an interactive, hands-on teacher and she believes that “positive reinforcement stimulates the brain,” so she tries to channel her positive energy to every situation.

At Black River, she hopes to build a more personal relationship between parents and the school, and network within the community to build lasting relationships with kids.

Black River also hired Joseph Gurdak as athletic director. He graduated from Black River in 1965 and joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served for three years during the Vietnam Conflict.

He graduated from Castleton College with a major in education, a concentration in science and a minor in Math, and then taught science and social studies at Cavendish Elementary School 5th and 6th grades.

He continued his teaching ca-

reer at Black River, where he taught middle school science and then high school general biology for a total of 39 years.

During that time, he was athletic director for 20 years. Gurdak retired eight years ago, but he has since done substitute work and has now returned as athletic director.

He hopes to continue former director Patrick Pullinen's program and build on it, involving more students to continue Black River's tradition of sports.

John Davis has worked in education for more than 20 years, teaching mainly high school English. Davis taught in several districts in Arkansas, where he also worked as an assistant to a principal, instructional facilitator, and literacy specialist.

He recently worked at Springfield High School, where he taught English and was the codirector of an alternative education program.

Davis said he is looking forward to being involved in the Two Rivers Supervisory Union's shift to project-based learning and performance-based education. He wants to ensure that each Black River graduate has the skills to either advance their education or contribute to the workforce in a meaningful way.

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Wrapping up another “Groundbreaking” season

WESTON, Vt. - Last week, over 1,000 area high school students traveled to Weston Playhouse for subsidized matinee performances of Arthur Miller’s “All My Sons.” The final MainStage American Masters production capped a record-breaking summer season celebrating the classics and nurturing the new and brought part one of the Company’s two-year 80th Anniversary celebration to a close.

2016 kicked off in February with the launch of a new education and outreach program, Weston 101, and a capacity crowd for a free concert featuring the latest work of Off Broadway writer/composer Kirsten Childs. Nominated by The Sundance Institute Theatre Program and commissioned by Playwrights Horizons, Childs took home Weston’s 10th annual New Musical Award for “Bella: An American Tall Tale.” Spring brought Weston’s 9th Annual Artist Retreat. Among the group of actors, composers, directors, and playwrights who spent the week living and working on campus were David Holthouse and Markus Potter. The two logged revisions of their co-creation, “Stalking the Bogyman,” which premiered at London’s Southwark Playhouse this July.

MainStage performances opened in June with the epic musical adventure, “Man of La Mancha,” directed by Tim Fort. Starring top talent from Broadway and the country’s major

regional theatres, the production impressed with stellar performances, lavish sets, and a real sense of seeking “The Impossible Dream.” Following “La Mancha,” a fun-filled romp with “Round and Round the Garden,” the third play of Alan Ayckbourn’s comic trilogy, “The Norman Conquests.” In a historic collaboration more than two years in the making, Weston partnered with Vermont’s Dorset Theatre Festival and Northern Stage to produce the entire trilogy with one cast, one creative team, and three outstanding directors. Audiences traveled from theatre to theatre for this once-in-lifetime theatrical event!

In keeping with tradition, the Young Company opened Weston’s OtherStages season with an inspired, engaging rendition of “Schoolhouse Rock, Live!” directed by Susan Haefner. New works that followed included Pulitzer Finalist Dael Orlandersmith’s tour de force, “Forever,” and the outrageously fun Off-Broadway comedy, “Murder for Two.” “Mamma Mia!” was the feel-good show of the summer and, even with added performances, sold out its entire August run. Featuring a stellar cast of national talent and Weston favorites, critics called it “Better than Broadway!” The production also coincided with year two of Broadway Theatre Camp, a three-week performing arts intensive for teens, produced in collaboration with Burr and Burton Academy’s creative arts department and cul-

minating in a MainStage performance. To close the season, high marks for “All My Sons.” Mary B. Robinson’s superb direction of a brilliant ensemble cast brought Miller’s first major success to new life; the second of Weston’s American Masters offerings, funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Off stage, the Company pulled off its biggest feat yet. Honoring star of stage and screen Christopher Lloyd at the first annual Weston Honors in August, Lloyd also led the groundbreaking festivities for Weston’s Center for the Arts at Walker Farm. The Center will be a multi-purpose performance, event, and workshop space to complement the historic playhouse, with a first production scheduled for October 2017.

Full steam ahead, Weston plans to announce its 2017 MainStage offerings before the fall is up. “We felt the best way to celebrate 80 years of producing at Weston was to strive for even greater quality and vitality - and we achieved just that,” commented Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler. “We’re grateful to our artists, staff, board, audiences, funders, and press who helped us realize an exceptional season which points to an even brighter future.” To stay in touch or learn more, visit weston-playhouse.org.



This bright, beautiful fiber is to be incorporated into a skein of yarn for the Spinzilla event.

Join the Six Loose Ladies for a Spinzilla week challenge from Oct. 3 through Oct. 9! Online sign-up is open now through Sept. 30 at www.spinzilla.org.

Read the full article on our website www.VermontJournal.com

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TRSU policy warning

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Oct. 7, 2016, at Two Rivers Superintendent’s Offices located in the Roost Building (Ludlow) the Executive Board of Directors of the Two Rivers Supervisory Union, will consider for adoption the following policies: D11 Drug and Alcohol Testing - Transportation Employees and F3 Search and Seizure of Students by School Personnel.

Weston’s Colonial Craft Day 2016 to be best and biggest yet

WESTON, Vt. - On Saturday, Sept. 17, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., the Weston Historical Society will present the Fourth Colonial Craft Day on their museum campus, just north of the Weston Green on Rte. 100.

Thirteen skills of the 18th and 19th centuries will be demonstrated, as will be tools and machinery of the period. Previous Days have attracted and entertained audiences numbering in the hundreds.

Favorites from prior years will be on hand, beginning with Master Tinsmith David Claggett. His colonial reproductions are on display in America’s finest museums. Cooper Glenn Lael will demonstrate the skills used in making barrels and the 1890 Lane shingle-maker will show how it revolutionized its industry.

Apples were staples of the Vermont fall and winter menu and their importance will be recognized by Sheridan Lloyd demon-

strating a nineteenth century apple peeler (that should probably still be in our kitchens today) and Hope Pinkerton will be pressing those apples into cider. Bring your own apples and take a turn at pressing your own cider.

In the Farrar-Mansur House, textile artisans will be quilting, hooking a rug and contrasting contemporary and colonial spinning equipment. Ann McLaren showing her birch bark and spruce root containers from Native American and Russian traditions will join them.

More wood-working? Jonathan Bigelow will use traditional methods to hew beams from logs, George Ainley will explain his techniques for

building fine Windsor chairs and Michael Mole will be crafting period latches, hinges and wooden toys.

And Weston’s famous Grist Mill will be grinding corn.

Colonial Craft Day is always educational, always entertaining for the whole family. Please join us. There is no admission charge; voluntary donations are greatly appreciated.



Demonstrating a 19th century apple peeler at the 2015 craft day.

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thinking about their use on a saleable product.

A few of these new pieces will be on display at the Compass Music and Arts Center.

The exhibit, titled “The Creative World of Stephanie Stouffer,” opened on Friday, Sept. 2 with a reception. Stouffer will give a gallery talk on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m., and the exhibit will close on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The Compass Music and Arts Center is located in Park Village at 333 Jones Drive, Brandon, Vt. Park Village used to be the Brandon Training School, and is located 1.5 miles north of downtown Brandon..

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Fairy House Festival

Springfield's PTA Comedy Night fundraising event

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Nature Museum will present its 8th annual Fairy House Festival during the last weekend of September. On Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this enchanting family experience will be held around the Museum grounds and in the forests of Grafton.

Over 40 tiny houses built by amateur "architects" for fairies to reside, visit, or just stop for a rest will engage festival-goers as they follow the trail of custom-built dwellings made of all natural materials. Knotholes become front doors, seashells transform into

bathtubs, acorn caps become dinnerware and twigs are woven into ladders. The styles are endless from simple to elaborate with secret pathways to the entrance, outdoor tables and patios—only limited by the imagination.

This puckish annual tradition inspires people of all ages to take a closer look at nature. All ages are welcome; many are inspired to don fantasy dress for the theme.

Hands-on crafts, face painting, and bubbles round out this interactive and magical experience for all. Light refreshments will be available

for purchase and picnicking is encouraged.

Advance tickets to the festival can be purchased at The Nature Museum by visiting www.nature-museum.org, or by calling 802-843-2111. Tickets are also available at the gate. Children ages 2 and under attend for free.

The Fairy House Festival benefits the Museum's environmental education programs presented in regional public schools and libraries throughout the year. This event also benefits the Museum's exhibits enabling the museum to continually update and renew its natural history displays.

Visitors to The Nature Museum find value in its updated educational offerings, hands-on resources, and natural history displays. Research has shown that time in nature offers both physical and mental health benefits. The Fairy House Festival is the perfect opportunity to rekindle curiosity, imagination and learning in a shared celebration of nature.

The Nature Museum is a regional resource for nature, science, and environmental education in the Southern Vermont region. As a non-profit organization, it provides information and creates experiences that engage and enlighten audiences of all ages and inspire stewardship of the natural world.

The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Road in Grafton, Vermont.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Vermont's Elementary School PTA has organized a Comedy Night Fundraiser on October 8, 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield High School located at 303 South Street in Springfield, Vt. This is an 18 years and older event. The comedians performing are Rob Steen, Mark Scalia, and Jody Sloan.

Rob Steen has been performing stand-up comedy for 25 years and owns the comedy franchise, "Headlines," with his Headlines club based in Manchester, N.H.

Steen has also performed for Late Night with David Letterman and on Comedy Central.

Marc Scalia is based in Boston and has performed across North America for 20 years. He has participated in several comedy festivals across the U.S. and also acts, writes and directs.

Jody Sloan has been performing comedy for 15 years across New England and is a regular at the Boston Comedy Festival and Laugh Your Ashville off Festival.

Tickets for sale are available by emailing ptacomedy@gmail.com; via PayPal on Springfield Schools PTA Comedy Night Facebook page; or for purchase at Kelley Sales and Service, Springfield Cinemas 3, and Tina's Hallmark, all in Springfield.

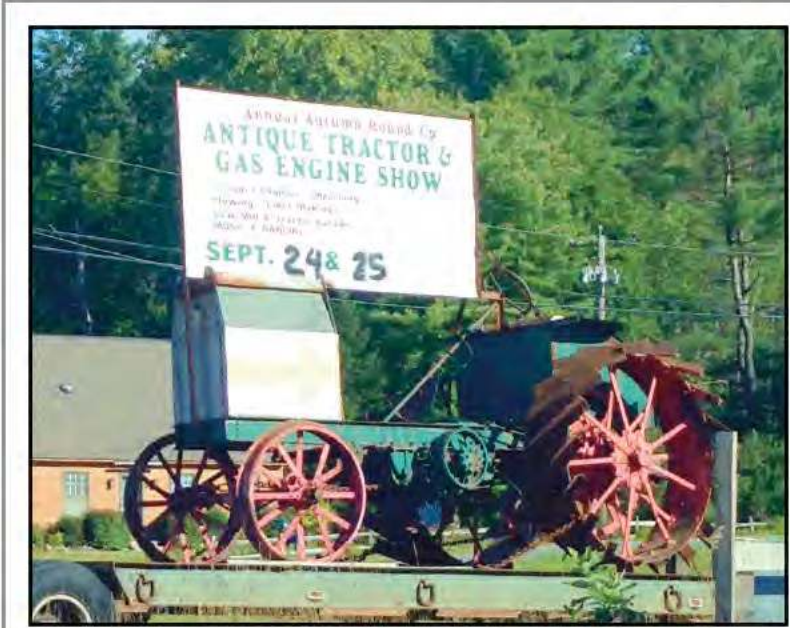
"I wanted to do something different and fun to raise money for our schools. Comedy seems like a great

way to bring people together, laugh, and relax. So book your baby sitters and join us for a funny night out on the town!" says organizer Meredith Kelley.

The event will also feature a silent auction with various adventurous and handy gift baskets, raffle prizes, and other fundraising activities.

Proceeds from this event will support Springfield's elementary schools to supplement purchase of supplies, school activities, and other special events.

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New College of St. Joseph golf team calls Green Mountain National Golf Course home

KILLINGTON, Vt. - College of St. Joseph recently added its eighth intercollegiate varsity sport with the launch of men's golf.

The team began USCAA Division II competition this fall. The addition of a golf program marks the second expansion of the Saints' athletic offerings in the last year, with women's volleyball joining the athletic roster last fall.

Green Mountain National Golf Course will serve as the home course for practices and tournaments. Green Mountain National, located in nearby Killington, Vt., is an 18-hole municipal golf course that features panoramic views in a spectacular setting.

"It's one of the top golf courses in the state of Vermont," said David Soucy, golf director and general manager at GMNGC. "That will be a draw to some of the players, that they get the chance to play on a course that's in great condition in a beautiful setting."

CSJ Athletic Director Jeff Brown will coach the team for their first season before handing the reins to Soucy.

Soucy is an experienced golf professional who has served as general manager of the top-ranked golf course for 11 seasons. Soucy also

serves on the New England PGA board and is a past-president of the Vermont PGA. He is the recipient of multiple Professional of the Year honors by the Vermont PGA, and has won over 30 golfing events in Vermont.

"I'm excited that CSJ is committed to golf and I'm looking forward to building a new program," Soucy said.

Green Mountain National Golf Course and the town of Killington will also begin offering internships for CSJ students, both at the course running tournaments and helping to oversee daily operations, as well as through other town-led departments

including Parks and Recreation and Events and Marketing. Soucy also hopes that businesses in Killington will allow students into their establishments to help in developing their skills.

"There's the food and beverage aspect at Green Mountain National, then there's the golf side of it. As a municipal golf course, we also have the town of Killington and will be utilizing some interns there as well," he said. "We'd also like to see it expand to some of the businesses on the Access Road, as there's lots of hotels and restaurants up there. We thought it would be a good fit for CSJ interns."

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Louisa May Alcott monodrama at Walpole Town Hall

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Walpole Historical Society will present "Duty's Faithful Child: A Visit With Louisa May Alcott," a monodrama written by Peter R. Nadolny and performed by Jeanne L. Austin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm St.

Famous as the author of "Little Women" and other books for young people, Louisa May Alcott was raised in the intellectual and philosophical center of Concord, Massachusetts: the home of Emerson, Thoreau, and her father Amos Bronson Alcott, the leader of the Transcendental movement.

Shaped by early experimental education and an untraditional family life, Alcott became a staunch supporter of abolition, women's suffrage, and better education and employment for women.

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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

Remembering Marjorie Cross

Many readers will remember Al and Marjorie Cross of Chester. A couple years ago Marjorie donated the remaining contents of her Chester home to the Chester Historical Society. Included in that donation were family photo albums, scrapbooks, diaries and other personal items. Marjorie was a loyal supporter of the Chester Historical Society.

Marjorie Boynton grew up in Londonderry and lived on the Boynton Road. Marjorie graduated from Chester High School in 1941. It was during this time that she first met Al Cross who was running a grocery store where Misty Valley Books is now located.

Al and Marjorie were married on August 17, 1942. Both were Catholic. Chester did not have a Catholic Church so they were married in Springfield. They had their reception at the Hartness House and spent their wedding night there. The next day they went to Boston to see a Red Sox/Yankee game. Al was a Red Sox fan and Marjorie a Yankee fan. One of the scrapbooks she kept is of their honeymoon. In her scrapbooks are all kinds of souvenirs. She kept soap from different hotels where they stayed, wooden forks, straws, matchbooks and menus.

Also included in Marjorie's donation are over 100 letters Al wrote home to Marjorie from the Pacific



Al and Marjorie Cross. PHOTO PROVIDED

September is National Voter Registration Month

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Secretary of State Jim Condos would like to remind Vermonters that September, 2016 is National Voter Registration Month. The nation's Secretaries of State established National Voter Registration Month in September as a non-partisan means of encouraging voter participation and increasing awareness about state requirements and deadlines for voting, establishing www.CanIVote.org to help voters find official state resources.

"It is my goal this month to reach out to as many Vermonters as possible to ensure every eligible voter is prepared to vote on November 8," stated Secretary Condos. "I am

proud of the work we have done to make registering simple and accessible to Vermont voters and I urge all eligible voters to register this month."

As part of National Voter Registration Month, Secretary Condos will be travelling the state helping register eligible Vermont voters and working to ensure Vermonters are aware of registration deadlines and requirements for the November 8 election. He welcomes invitations to attend community events, speak with students, or host voter registra-

tion drives in any town throughout Vermont.

The deadline to register to vote in Vermont is November 2 at 5 p.m. To register to vote online visit: <https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>

For information on how to host a voter registration drive in your town contact: sos.voterreg@sec.state.vt.us

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Theater in WW2. I've read these letters and must say they are very personal. Al wrote about his experiences as much as he could. It would be obvious to anyone reading these letters that they were deeply in love.

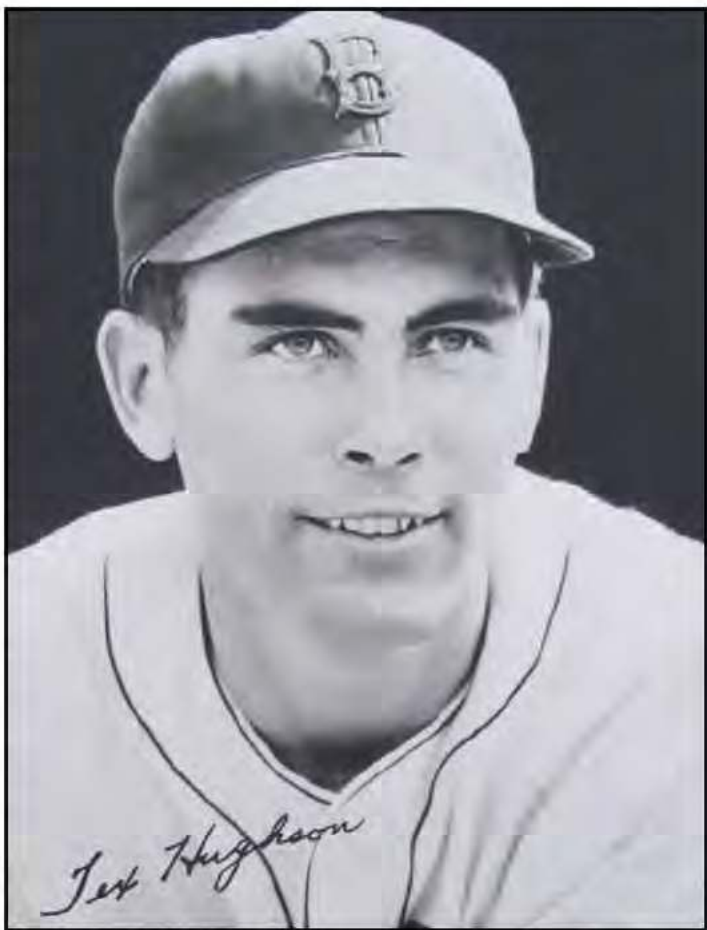
Some of the return addresses Al used were: Somewhere in the Pacific, Marianas Islands, Somewhere in the South Pacific or Saipan. These letters were opened by U.S. censors in order to make sure no details were included by our troops that would aid the Japanese.

Al had an interesting experience in WW2 when he was on Saipan. Al was supply sergeant and assigned to help build the base on Saipan. Stationed on Saipan were a few major league baseball players who had given up their careers to go to war. Tex Hughson was one of these soldiers, and a pitcher for the Boston Red Sox.

When Al met Tex, Al asked, "How do you like the island?" Tex replied, "Island's fine but the food ain't too good." Al replied, "Well, some night when you're not too busy come on down to the mess hall and I'll see if I can cook you a steak." Tex replied, "Well I'm not too busy right now, how about if I come tonight?" That night both men had a steak dinner.

After the war, Al returned to Chester. Al tried to get tickets to a Yankees/Red Sox double header but they were sold out. So Al wrote a letter to Tex. "Dear Tex, I wanted to go to the game, but all tickets are sold." Al didn't have an address so he simply addressed his letter to "Tex Hughson, Fenway Park." A week later Al received this reply from Tex, "Send me \$1.80 for each ticket you want and I'll take care of it."

Al asked for nine tickets for himself



Tex Hughson, Boston Red Sox. PHOTO PROVIDED

and his friends. The nine tickets arrived the next week. Al and his eight friends sat together behind home plate. After the game they went to the Red Sox locker room, but a cop prevented their entry. Al said he just wanted to thank Tex. The cop disappeared and two minutes later Tex showed up and the two men shook hands. A steak dinner and tickets to the game was a fair trade for both men. I found the photo of Tex Hughson in one of Marjorie's scrapbooks.

Both Al and Marjorie were well known and respected in Chester. I worked in their IGA store stocking shelves when I was a freshman in high school. Marjorie was also secretary for Charlie Nason who was Superintendent of Schools in the 1950s-1960s.

Stop by the Chester Historical Society yard sale on September 17 & 18

during the Chester Craft Fair. We have a like new bumper pool table with all accessories, canning jars, Stanley #4 cast iron spider, bread maker, glass & china, antique Tubbs snowshoes, audio equipment, Kay Young paintings, Virginia Clark painting, like new down filled sofa, modern rugs of quality, and much more. Additionally several antiques dealers will be set up selling antiques on our lawn. We still have a few vendor spaces available. Call me at the number next to my photo to reserve space.

This week's old saying is from Yogi Berra; "He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious."



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editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vilas Bridge has been ignored for too long –

The controversy over the Vilas Bridge has been going on for a long time. The bridge connects North Walpole, NH with Bellows Falls, Vt. The Charles N. Vilas Bridge is a 635-foot-long two-span arch bridge with a concrete deck over the Connecticut River. It was built in 1930 and has been closed since March 2009 due to structural deficiencies. The state of New Hampshire is supposed to assist with maintenance of the bridge, which needs deck repairs. There's even a federal Memorandum of Understanding signed by New Hampshire officials that says the state will take care of the span. Despite this, no one is willing to commit to anything. Bellows Falls/Rockingham Municipal Manager Chip Stearns finally decided to try to get the gears turning when he sent a letter to the Vermont Attorney General's Office requesting a review of the situation. He's now waiting for a response. Let's hope he gets one. The Vilas Bridge issue has been on-going since 2009. The Walpole (NH) Selectboard has taken the official position that it is not responsible for the bridge. The 1994 agreement was signed by New Hampshire and federal officials, so the board says it's up to the states of New Hampshire and Vermont to decide who pays what to fix the bridge. The bridge needs a new deck, and the cost has been estimated at \$8 million. No one wants to pay that, or even part of that, so the issue continues. According to documents, New Hampshire is two-thirds responsible for the Vilas Bridge and Vermont for the other one-third. Meanwhile, there's another issue with the bridge: a wastewater agreement between Bellows Falls Village and the Town of Walpole for joint treatment of sewage and wastewater, which is piped over the Vilas Bridge to be treated at the Bellows Falls wastewater treatment facility, with Walpole paying for its usage through flow metering. That contract had not been renewed in 10 years and is due for renewal. But with New Hampshire reluctant to fix the Vilas Bridge, Bellows Falls officials are also reluctant to renew the wastewater pact. When it was open, an average of 4,600 vehicles a day crossed the Vilas Bridge. Motorists have had to detour across an alternate span, the Arch Bridge, since 2009, and we think it's time they got a break. Somebody has to repair the Vilas Bridge. All parties should sit down at the table and make some decisions. Soon. ~BM~



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Op-Ed: Rekindling The Common Spirit That United Us After 9/11

By Patrick Leahy

It is hard to believe that 15 years ago this Sunday the Twin Towers fell, smoke from the Pentagon could be seen from miles away, and a plane went down in a Pennsylvania field. For those who lived through that horrible day, the memory still feels fresh. Of course, this is especially true for those who lost loved ones. This weekend, Americans across the country will gather to remember the thousands of innocent lives that were taken

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

GOOD NEWS, IF YOU WANT MORE OF THESE HEALTH SMOOTHIES, I HAVEN'T EMPTIED THE MOWER BAG YET.

us through those first dark days. In today's political environment, it is easy to lose sight of that common spirit. Some are trying hard to divide us. A federal judge has been accused of bias because of his ethnic heritage. Religious and ideological tests for visitors to the United States are discussed as though they are serious policy proposals. The sacrifices of war heroes and Gold Star families are belittled. And that is just the beginning. On this fifteenth anniversary of Sept. 11, we must reject this divisiveness. While Americans will continue to mourn the loss of so many on Sept. 11 and in the wars that followed, we will never lose sight of the core principles that so many generations of Americans fought to protect. Patrick Leahy (D) U.S. Senate-VT

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, It's hard to believe it's been a month since the primary. I'm still gratified and humbled for having a first place finish in the Democratic Primary. First of all, I want to say that I appreciate Conor Kennedy's cordial and spirited competition, and his graciousness since the primary ended. He's a bright young man and I'm sure that we haven't heard the last of him. Furthermore, I'm excited to be running alongside my long time seatmate and friend Alice Nitka, who has served Windsor County diligently and thoughtfully for many years. And I'm excited to be joined by Alison Clarkson, who brings years of experience and accomplishments to our ticket. Windsor County elects three senators, and we three Democratic

Windsor County candidates for senate, (left to right) Alison Clarkson, Dick McCormack, and Alice Nitka. PHOTO PROVIDED

of: protecting the environment, defending the rights of working people, and fighting for social justice. But we also have much left to do, and with your help, I look forward to working with Alice and Alison in the next legislative session. There are many ways you can help – yard signs, bumper stickers, letters to the editor, and talking us up to your friends are all wonderful. If you're interested in any of these, please email info@actionnetwork.org. And as you know, in the era of big money in politics, financial contributions are a necessity. I hate to ask, but if you haven't chipped in yet please visit https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/dickmccormack to do so today. Any amount is much appreciated! Thanks for supporting Alice Nitka, Alison Clarkson, and me. Best, Dick McCormack

Dear Editor, Over the last ten years, I have closely followed the numerous laws and policies passed by the Democratic-controlled Vermont legislature. Like many of my fellow citizens, I have watched our tax burden increase dramatically while government agencies hemorrhage money and provide poor service to citizens. These reasons inspired me to speak up for the average Vermonter and represent our concerns in Montpelier by running for House of Representatives four years ago. Unfortunately, things have only gotten worse since 2012. Over the last two years in the Legislature, our current State Representative Mark Huntley (D) has voted to increase fees and taxes on his constituents by an incredible sum of \$133.5 million dollars. Huntley also voted in favor of ACT 46 on April 1, 2015 – a gesture that will cost you the privilege of choosing the right school for your children. Unless, of

course, you're rich. Thanks to Act 46, the century-and-half long unique Vermont tradition of school choice is only available to wealthy parents that can pay the hefty property taxes that maintain the states local schools, and still afford alternative schools that may be a better fit for their kids. In our current election season, Democrat candidate AnnMarie Christiansen is vying for votes by billing herself as "a fiscally responsible Democrat who will bring common sense to Montpelier and listen to all sides of every issue." Evidently, she is unaware of the facts. For the last six years, under the leadership of a Democrat governor and a Democrat-controlled legislature, the state budget has grown by \$693 million and property taxes have increased by \$137.1 million. Democrats passed a budget this year that will impose \$48 million in new taxes and fees in 2017. In case you may not remember, our former State Representative Ernie Shand (D) voted for ACT 153 in 2010, which mandated "voluntary" mergers of Supervisory Unions in Vermont on the pretext that it would cut education costs. In reality, ACT 153 dramatically drove up education costs in our supervisory union, increasing the budget from \$1.8 million dollars in 2011 to \$5.3 million dollars today. It is important to remember that our population of 1000 students has stayed the same all the while. No wonder both Shand and Huntley have given glowing endorsements for Christensen for they are cut from the same cloth. Under the present dismal financial conditions, I am not surprised that hopeful Vermont Democrat candidates are co-opting fiscal responsibility as one of their talking points. It won't work though. As President Abraham Lincoln wisely said, "You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time." And, now for the good news – the voters of Cavendish and Weathersfield have the opportunity to vote for a candidate who has long stood for fiscal responsibility. Stu advocates that the state check its overspending problem, not because it is politically convenient, but because he understands how hard it is to make a living in Vermont. This race need not be about aligning with party affiliation. Instead, let's make it about getting our voice and everyday concerns heard in Montpelier. I know Stu well enough to recommend him for this important responsibility. He will listen to all sides of issues and will vote in a way that is respectful of you - his fellow Vermonter. I encourage you to vote for Stu Lindberg on November 8. He has my full endorsement. Scott Ranney Cavendish, Vermont

Sugarbush Ryder Cup Dear Editor, Thanks to everyone who played in the Third-annual Sugarbush Ryder Cup. The success of this event is due to the participation of all those who entered. Member events work only if our members come out and play!

It was also very helpful to have as many players as we did sign up early. That made organizing and preparing for the event a lot easier. Thanks also to Margo and Emily for decorating Hogan's in style! Thanks to Chris Saunders as well for enabling the live scoring reports. Almost like the real thing! Don Murray Whit Whitworth Co-Chairmen, Sugarbush Golf Course

Note to the Editor, I organized the Vermont Farmers' Forum for Dairy Farm Survival. Agri-Mark Senior Vice President Economics, Communications and Legislative Affairs, Robert D. Wellington, was a panelist. In 2009, when the farm-gate milk price was about \$12 a hundredweight versus production costs of about \$18, an Agri-Mark dairy cooperative senior vice president told the Vermont Farmers' Forum for Dairy Farm Survival that dairy farmers could raise the farm-gate milk price to \$22 a hundredweight by cutting milk production by about three percent: culling three among a hundred milkers. When the market is signaling dairy farmers to produce less milk to raise the farm-gate price, they instead produce more milk to maintain their cash flows, knowing that more among them will be forced out of business: predatory competition. To keep on milking, smaller dairy farms spend their family savings to subsidize themselves for as long as they can. Larger dairy farms that are too big to fail are carried by their lenders in order to prevent bankruptcy. Organic dairying is not Vermont dairy farmers' salvation: Upscale demand limits this market; production costs are higher; surplus sold as conventional milk sacrifices profits. Howard Fairman Putney, Vt. hfairman@hotmail.com

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CHURCH NEWS

Thelma Stearns Wilkins, 1928 - 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Thelma Stearns Wilkins, 88, of Springfield, Vermont, (previously of Londonderry, Vermont) passed away on Sept. 8, 2016.

Thelma was born in Pomfret, Vermont to Rodney Cecil and Bertha (Jonhson) Bartlett on March 19, 1928. At age 12 she moved to Woodstock, Vermont and worked for a family as a nanny in order to get her high school education. She graduated from Woodstock High School in 1946.

She met the love of her life, Raymond "Bud" Stearns in the summer of 1946 when he saw her walking down the street and chased her on his motorcycle. They were married on July 4, 1947 in Springfield. She adopted his two daughters, Carroll (age seven) and Marjorie (age five), from a previous marriage and together they had two sons Raymond "Butch" Stearns Jr. born in 1948 and Randy Stearns born in 1956. They lived together in Springfield for almost 30 years, as well as briefly in Medina, Ohio during the mid 1970's. Together they enjoyed dancing and riding motorcycles all over the country.

She was an extremely strong and independent woman and if she didn't like something she would change it. After being a homemaker while her children were young, she went to work at Lloyd's Sundry. When she decided she didn't like her boss, she bought the place and ran it from 1960 - 1963. She also worked for Snow White Laundry as a bookkeeper in the late 60's.

Bud died in 1976 and in 1978 she

met Ronald Wilkins and they were married on June 18, 1983. Together they lived in Londonderry, Vermont and owned their own cleaning business. Ronnie passed away in 2011. She moved back to Springfield in 2014.

Thelma loved to sew; she worked privately as a seamstress out of her home for most of her adult life. In 1991 she created "Designs by Nana" sewing doll clothes for craft shows for nearly 20 years. Many a little girl found great joy in the clothes that she made.

She loved to garden and took great pride in her plants. She also loved reading, doing crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. She also was an avid card player and one of her favorite past times was laughing with her friends while beating them at their weekly bridge games.

Her greatest joy in life came from her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Thelma is pre deceased by her first husband Raymond Stearns; her second husband Ronald Wilkins; her parents; four brothers Bernard, Stuart, Stanley and Forrest and one sister Beatrice.

She is survived by: her brother, Burnside Bartlett of Lebanon, New Hampshire; sister, Gladys Bartlett Diette of Bridgewater, Vermont; son Raymond "Butch" Stearns of Chester, Vermont and his wife Janice (Hinkley); son Randy Stearns of Springfield, Vermont; daughter Carroll Comstock of Rutland, Massachusetts; daughter Marjorie Edson of Melbourne, Florida; her seven granddaughters Leah

Stearns, Adrienne Stearns Gleason, Anna Stearns, Susan Comstock, Sheila Comstock, Kathy Edson and Karen Larson; one grandson, Ian Stearns as well as 4 great grandchildren Emily and Alison Ingraham, Drew Larson and her newest little love Ella Gleason and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many friends; She touched the lives of many.

A funeral service will be held at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow at a location to be determined. All are welcome.

Contributions may be made in her name to the Springfield Humane Society at 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, Vermont 05156.

obituaries

Marjorie Boynton Cross, 1923 - 2016

CHESTER, Vt. - Marjorie Boynton Cross, a life long resident of Chester and Londonderry passed away peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016. She was 93 years old.

Marjorie moved from Londonderry to Chester after marrying her husband, Alexander Elliot Cross. Marjorie and Al had two children, Leslie and James.

Marjorie was a member of the St. Joseph's parish in Chester, Vermont.

Marjorie was born to Fred and Lillian Boynton of Weston, Vermont on April 17, 1923 as Marjorie Fern Boynton. She had one sister, Fern with whom she grew up on the Boynton farm in Weston. She and her sister were well known in the area for the music they played

at frequent town, social, and church functions.

Marjorie met her husband of 59 years, Al Cross, in 1940. They were married shortly before his deployment to Siam during WWII. She worked as secretary to the superintendent of schools before her retirement in 1985. Marjorie and Al were frequent travelers after her retirement.

Perhaps Marjorie was best known for her role in Mary Kay cosmetics, which she sold out of her home in Chester for more than 25 years. She was rewarded for over twenty years of strong sales with a series of Mary Kay Pontiacs.

Marjorie and Al could often be found delivering her sales in person throughout southern Vermont.

Her husband Al, daughter Leslie, and son James preceded Marjorie in death. She is survived by her son-in-law, Steven B Perrins of Boulder, Colorado and her two grandchildren Brooke Perrins Kugler of Lafayette, Colorado and Steven B Perrins Jr. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Marjorie is also survived by her three great granddaughters, Elizabeth Kugler, Alex Kugler, and Zoe Kugler of Lafayette, Colorado.

A service will be held in the spring of 2017 to honor Marjorie's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Chester Historical Society, in which Marjorie always had an interest preserving.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

Josephine Catherine (Doyle) McElroy

BRISTOL, Vt. - Josephine Catherine (Doyle) McElroy, passed peacefully while holding her husband's hand on Aug. 23, 2016. For many years she lived with Parkinson's disease; a condition that left her a shadow of her former, vivacious, self.

Josephine's death leaves her family with both sadness and relief. As she herself often quoted: "Good news, bad news, who knows?"

Josephine grew up in Hampton, Virginia with her brothers John, Sam, Don, Pat and sister Emily. Under the watchful eye

of her mother, Emily Doyle Sr. All six siblings spent long days sailing on the Chesapeake in their two-person sailboat and exploring the beach.

Her father, John Doyle Sr., worked for NASA at Langley, and it was at Langley Air force Base that Josephine met her husband Steve, a pilot. She wooed the Vermont boy with her famous fried chicken.

Once married Josephine and Steve found their way to Gilford, New Hampshire where for 40 years Josephine raised three daughters, a perennial garden the envy of any magazine, and took in numerous



Josephine Catherine (Doyle) McElroy. PHOTO PROVIDED

foster children. She loved to share her plants and her beautiful home with whomever had a need. Her last years were spent in the Bristol, Vermont home of her daughter Ke-ara, under the fulltime care of her husband Steve.

Josephine is survived by her husband Stephen McElroy; daughters Christine Chenoweth, Keara McElroy-Yaggy, and Catherine White; mother Emily Doyle Sr.; brothers John Doyle, Samuel Doyle, Patrick Doyle; and sister Emily Doyle. She is predeceased by her father John Doyle Sr. and younger brother Donald Doyle.

Church News

United Church welcomes Malayaka House founder

LUDLOW, Vt. - All are invited to the United Church of Ludlow on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. to hear Robert Fleming describe recent events at the small Entebbe, Uganda orphanage he founded nearly eleven years ago.

The orphanage, Malayaka House, is the international focus of United Church's outreach program and is supported by many others here in the greater Ludlow area and throughout Vermont.

MH is a safe and loving home dedicated to helping its family of about 45 children grow into educated, self-supporting citizens having bright futures. Due to Ugandan law, it is nearly impossible for any of these children to be adopted internationally - so the children are in MH for the long haul.



Founder Robert Fleming with two Malayaka House children. PHOTO PROVIDED

George and Linda Thomson of Ludlow visited MH in August for two weeks and will present a slide show of their experiences, which included a safari led by MH people.

United Church of Ludlow is located at the corner of Elm and Pleasant streets in downtown Ludlow. Des-

serts (some from African recipes) and beverages will be served.

Visit www.unitedchurch.us for more information on United Church's MH mission. Please direct questions to David Almond at bethalmond@tds.net or Linda Thomson at thomson131vt@gmail.com.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE
THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following application for subdivision:

Application #: 8.2/68/16/9/1

Property Owner: Adelaide Johnson Trust
Applicant: Harold Johnson on behalf of the Adelaide Johnson Trust
Location: 294 Hilltop Road
Application for: An application for a Minor Subdivision has been submitted proposing to divide the existing parcel consisting of 8.85 acres into two lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 13th day of September 2016.

Jeanette H. Haight
Andover Town Clerk



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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)
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The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 7:00 pm on MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016 to consider the following:

Application: #17-06 Fran Walsh, property location 3759 Route 5, addition of three season porch. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 442.3 Village District; and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District of the 2014 Interim Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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Get ready for the Steampunk Festival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Steampunk Festival kicks off Friday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hartness House Inn, one of America's most unique country inns and a Vermont historical landmark.

Festival-goers will arrive to the strings of the Springfield Springers with George Ainley rolling back the time machine to before bluegrass was born. Those attending will enjoy a social hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with Citizens of Antiford—a steampunk community fostering creativity through a shared fictional world.

The community expresses itself via cosplay, prop making, video, and especially via collaborative fiction. This fantasy story telling will take place in the Victorian Ballroom. For those "gamers" John and Laura Peterson will conduct Parlor Games in The Tavern and local entertainer Ghost Signal will perform throughout the social hour.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the Hartness House Inn. Following the social hour and opening ceremonies, Tritium Well's Bobby Farlice-Rubio gets things rockin'. So get out your dancing shoes. They killed it last year. Their eclectic mix of originals, traditional American, Cuban, reggae, rock, funk, blues produces ecstatic musical experiences that feel like sonic excursions around the Earth—so they say.

A key link to Springfield's Victorian past and inventor history is the Festival's presenting partner and main venue for the festival, the Hartness House Inn, an elegant Victorian turn-of-the-century mansion turned Inn that will be the perfect setting for Steampunk fantasy. Built by James Hartness former Governor of Vermont (1921-23) it features its own museum; astronomy observatory and antique telescope with a unique equatorial drive system. More unusual is the secret tunnel system built by Hartness to access the observatory, museum and his secret workshop.

Friday night and at various times throughout the weekend festival-goers and guests of the Inn will have an opportunity to tour the secret tunnel, view the private workshop of Mr. Hartness, and see the observatory and telescope. Stellafane club members, a group of amateur telescope makers, will provide a limited number of guided tours during the festival.

The festival continues on Saturday at 10 a.m. The entire day is packed with Steampunk activities, including a talk about "Reimagining Resilience" with Bruce Rosenbaum who was dubbed the "Steampunk Guru" by the "Wall Street Journal," to kid's crafts in the Tea House to the Steampunk Fashion Show on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Wedding Tent.

And there's more, including: Tea Dueling with Robyn Priebe, and even Splendid Teapot racing with G.W. Smith and the New England Steampunk Meetup. Music on and off all day runs the gamut from folk, punk, and pop to pure Steampunk with bands including The King's Buskteers, Psyche Corp, Eli August & The Abandoned Buildings, and Bella's Bartok - there is something happening every hour.

Saturday night features a Burlesque Show with Colorado's Mistress Fogg and Company at 9 p.m. She'll perform along with a host of bountiful beauties from around the country to get your gears moving.

All weekend, vendors from all over the country will be selling everything Steampunk and more. The fantasy continues on Sunday with music, storytelling, Steampunk for Teens, Theremin Workshop with Kevin Colosa, Steampunk Zentangle with Wendi Germain, 19th Century Divination Methods with Madame Dina LaDuke, Steampunk Sherlock and even an Industrial Walking tour with Kelly Stettner and more parlor games.

This Way To The Egress caps off the weekend cascading onto the stage in an explosion of color and sound that's equal parts unruly vaudeville, ebullient world beat band and three ring circus music.

Parking is located at designated parking areas and the Steampunk Bus will shuttle festival-goers to the Inn and back to their cars. Tickets can be purchased on line or at the door. Full details at www.springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com

Pen & Ink Drawing workshop at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., welcomes Donald Hofer, distinguished and beloved teacher, as he offers a pen and ink drawing workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hofer comes with decades of experience and his fine art is represented in many galleries and homes throughout the country.

Working from your photos, you will learn to create a drawing of your favorite pet or other pen and ink subject, including buildings. Hofer uses pen and ink exercises to get you familiar with the techniques and then transfer them into your drawing. Each student will end up with a finished drawing. All levels welcome.

All paper, tracing paper, pencils, and practice description sheets, will be supplied. There is a fee for the workshop for members and non-members. Hofer will have sets of Copic Multiliner pens available for purchase.

A pen and ink drawing by Donald Hofer. PHOTO PROVIDED

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LUDLOW, Vt. - The Friends of the Library in Ludlow would like to announce the choice for the September book discussion. Rebecca Skloot has written a book considered by many to be the best book published in 2010: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."

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Award-winning musician to perform in Weston

WESTON, Vt. - Multi-talented musician Arvel Bird will give a performance on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. in Weston's Old Parish Church. It is the latest edition of OPC's "Hearts and Voices Performance Series".

Award-winning recording artist Arvel Bird's music draws upon his dual heritage -Celtic and American Indian - plus tunes drawn from many other genres. He has toured America and the World, winning



"Celtic-Indian" Arvel Bird will appear in Weston on Sept. 25.

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both national as well as international acclaim. Mr. Bird is skilled at many instruments but first and foremost he is... "FIDDLE-ICIOUS!"

Mr. Bird describes himself as follows: "I'm Arvel Bird and originally from the Southwest. Since early 2000 I've been touring the world, performing music inspired by my dual heritage. I hope you enjoy the confluence of styles in my music.

I've been playing violin since I was nine-years old. Later, as an adult, I taught myself guitar, keyboard, mandolin, Native American flutes and Celtic whistles. As a songwriter and performer, my music reflects my love of diversity - bluegrass, blues, Celtic, classical, contemporary Native American, folk, new age, and rock.

Some of my favorite memories of my early touring years include nearly six years with Glen Campbell, and five more with Loretta Lynn, Louise Mandrell and a few others."

Since 2002, Mr. Bird has released 25 CDs, two EPs and two DVDs, and has won numerous music awards in the United States and Canada, including Best Instrumental, Artist of the Year, Best Engineer, Best Produc-

er and more.

The Hearts and Voices Performance Series was established in 2009 in memory of G. Frederick (Fritz) Zeller, a longtime educator, community leader and a pillar of Old Parish Church.

All revenues from the performances beyond direct expenses are donated to deserving area non-profit organizations. In this instance, patrons are asked to donate to benefit the Springfield Humane Society. To date, the Hearts and Voices Series has raised almost \$15,000 on behalf of worthy local charities while providing quality entertainment to attendees at modest cost.

The Springfield Humane Society is a regional, not local, resource serving South Central and Southeast Vermont. They have embarked on an ambitious expansion program to provide even greater service to the area.

Old Parish Church is located on Rte. 100, on the left as you enter Weston from the South. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to be certain of getting a seat.

"A Night at the Museum" at BRAM

LUDDLLOW, Vt. - Black River Academy Museum will be hosting it's second annual gala event, "A Night at the Museum," on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the museum, 14 High St.

Come and enjoy wine, beer, generous hors d'oeuvres catered by Mr. Darcy's, and live music while mingling and bidding on the wide-ranging array of silent auction items and experiences. Music this year will be provided by Jon Clinch, noted writer/songwriter and guitarist.

The excellent silent auction offers a wide range of items and experiences. The local businesses have been very generous in providing items and certificates for the auction. Big Eyes Bakery, Sweet Surrender, Benson's, Subway, Cota & Cota, and Shaws are a few of

the local businesses who have contributed. Coolidge State Historic Homestead and Shelburne Museum have also generously donated items to the silent auction.

This year there will also be a live auction with special items, including a three-night stay in a New York apartment with an additional \$500 donated for entertainment. Those who wish to travel further afield may choose a weeks

stay in St. Thomas at a beachfront condo.

There is a fee for tickets, which includes one complimentary glass of wine or beer. Refills may be purchased. Tickets are available at The Book Nook, the Wine and Cheese Depot, and at the Museum. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door on the night of the event.

For more information, call 802-228-5050, email glbrehm@tds.net, or visit bramvt.org.



This chair, hand painted by Georgia Brehm, will be part of the auction.

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The Death Café to take place in Grafton

GRAFTON, Vt. - Brattleboro Area Hospice will host a Death Café at The Chapel on Main St. in Grafton on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This free event is part of an international movement that began in Europe (more information at: www.deathcafe.com), and is dedicated to taking death out of the closet in order to discuss it publicly.

Previous events have taken place throughout Windham County and have been met with tremendous praise. People have reported them as comfortable, supporting a full range of emotions - from tears to

raucous laughter, easier than anticipated, energy charged, inspirational and fun.

A Death Café is not a support group, a counseling session, or even a workshop. It is simply a gathering of people sharing respectful, thought provoking, life affirming conversation about living and dying in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere while enjoying warm beverages and delectable treats.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, but space is limited. RSVP's are required! People are asked to arrive promptly, as doors to the event will close at 6:10 p.m.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is an in-

dependent, community-based, non-profit volunteer organization that provides grassroots, volunteer-staffed programs to supplement and provide alternatives to the professional services utilized by dying and grieving community members. The home office is located at 191 Canal St. in Brattleboro, however we serve all in Windham County. Visit www.brattleborohospice.org for more information.

For more information about Brattleboro Area Hospice or to RSVP for the Death Cafe, contact the Brattleboro Area Hospice at 802-257-0775 ext. 108 or locally, in Bellows Falls, at 802-460-1142, ext. 108.

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Reynolds wins her third Mid-Amateur golf title

BY BILL MURPHY

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Holly Reynolds of Copley Country Club shot a 2-day total 156 to win her third Vermont Women's Mid-Amateur golf championship at Brattleboro Country Club over the weekend. Holly captured her first Mid-Am in 2010 and her second in 2014.

Runner-up was Kristin Mahoney of Rutland CC, who made a charge on the final day, finishing two strokes behind the leader and edging out Jeanne Morrissey in a match of cards.

Angie Lacroix of the Country Club of Barre was the low net winner with 136.

Scores were tight in the 68-player field, and many of the places were calculated using the match of cards method. All ties were awarded.

Gross winners:

3rd - Jeanne Morrissey, Williston Golf Club (158)

4th - Terry Boyce, Killington GC (159)

5th - Barb Shiffler, Williston GC

(163)
6th - Nancy Devaux, West Bolton GC (163)

7th - Reggie Parker, Ekwanok CC (163)

8th - Patti Haas, Killington GC (163)

9th - Jena Wood, Stowe CC (167)

10th - Tracy Sloan, Brattleboro CC & Dana Cassidy, Vermont National CC (168)

Net winners:

2nd - Laurie Carver, Crown Point CC (137)

3rd - Nancy Gorham LaSante, Bellows Falls CC (142)

4th - Alicia Field, Brattleboro CC (143)

5th - Mary Beth Menduni, Green Mountain National GC (145)

6th - Jayne Magnant, Orleans CC (145)

7th - Kathy Allbright, Green Mountain National GC (145)

8th - Pam Cruickshank, Green Mountain National GC (145)

9th - Rhonda Colvard, Burlington

CC (147)

10th - Sue Fox, Quechee Club (147), Dede Mahler, CC of Vermont (147), and Amy Gregory, Burlington CC (147)

Williston won the team competition and Margaret Dick Cup with a two-day total 469 (2-low gross scores plus 1-low net score each day). Rutland came in 2nd with 480, and Brattleboro was 3rd with 484.

Last year's Mid-Amateur champion, Tiffany Maurycy of Orleans CC, did not defend her title, as she is competing in the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship (Sept. 10-15) at the Kahkwa Club in Erie, Pennsylvania. Tiffany shot 82-78 on the first two days, advancing her to the match place portion of the competition on day three. Follow her at www.usga.org

Full field results of the 2016 Vermont Women's Mid-Amateur Championship have been posted at www.vswga.org.

Area football teams stay the course

BY BILL MURPHY

REGION - The second week of the 2016 high school football season was more of the same for area teams. The Bellows Falls Terriers were once again in the winner's circle, while Fall Mountain and Springfield ended up on the short end of the score. Most fans, likely expected such outcomes.

Bob Lockerby's BF Terriers are in line to be a post-season team. In the first couple of weeks, the Purple clad team has faced opponents not expected to be in the thick of things and have easily prevailed. This week they scored a 39-14 victory over a Mount Abraham team on the road hosting their first night game ever.

Just as in week one, Lockerby's team scored first and often in the first half, building a 32-6 advantage at intermission. It was 32-0 before the home teams' quarterback found the end zone on a 65-yard scamper. Earlier It took BF a couple seconds short of five minutes to complete their initial drive and Jahyde Bullard carried the ball the final five yards of a long drive for a 6-0 lead with the Terriers extra point kick failing. BF may have dominated scoring six touchdowns on the day, BUT, could only find success on two of their extra point chances.

The Fallsmen upped the scoreboard numbers to 14-0 before the first quarter ended as Logan Cota, sharing time at the quarterback position with Caleb Lisai, found Jacob Streeter down the left sideline with a 35-yard pass-run connection and a 14-0 lead with 2:29 to play in the stanza. Just as in the opening win, DJ Snide rushed for the extra points.

There would be three Terrier TD's in the second period, before Mt. Abe was able to break their long scoring run. First, Shane Clark raced five yards for a score with 6:02 to play before intermission and then in almost lightning fashion, a long Lisai throw to Liam Hackett accounted for the second score upping the advantage to 26-0, before another Lisai to Hackett connection of 10 yards with 1:11 on the clock, had the visitors point total up to 32-0.

Halfway through period number three, Bullard closed the BF point parade, just as he had opened it, with a short run, this time five yards. Cota's kick was good this time and the tally was at 39-0. The hosts would have one long final period drive to paydirt to conclude the scoring on the day.

"We had 200 yards both rushing and passing, something I don't think we have ever done since I have been coaching," Lockerby said as he reflected back on the day. The two quarterbacks combined to go 8-11 (which makes them 13-17 on the season) and the passing game certainly makes us tougher to defend," the coach accurately proclaimed, going on to say, "it's easy to throw the ball successfully when all of the defense lines up within five yards of the line of scrimmage. We have been working on our passing game lately and defenses are going to have



Springfield has been defeated twice in the early going by top teams in Division I (Bellows Falls) and Division III (Woodstock). Bryson Jester (33) looks for running room in this photo with Matt LaCapelle (21) the lead blocker.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

to make some changes. Working on the passing game has been fun."

Bellows Falls looks to continue their winning ways Friday evening when they host North Country at Hadley Field at 7 p.m. in a Division II League battle.

Fall Mountain has not won a football game since the 2014 season. For a few years now, wins have been hard to come by for the Wildcats. HOWEVER, in Langdon, N.H. Saturday night the fans and players were very excited. The Wildcats had the lead for most of the night and there were high hopes that the 10th of September would bring a different result. Since the school's last win, there have been about four games such as this, when the Cats ALMOST broke through and held on.

The team's offense has shown some spark at times early this season. In this one, the offense jumped to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and they had a number of opportunities to put more points on the board. In the end, those opportunities disappeared and visiting Raymond left town with an 18-14 victory.

"We did very well in the first half," coach John Callahan remembers, BUT was disappointed because, "in the second half we had a number of times we still moved the ball, BUT, then things broke down. Either we didn't block well when we needed it, or we fumbled. Or just didn't finish the drive."

Then again, there were the defensive breakdowns, that allowed Raymond to overcome the 14 point deficit. Callahan says, "at times it was our pass defense, BUT, near the end, they hurt us on some reverses. We kept telling them how they were doing it, BUT, we just didn't adjust, regardless of what was said."

Quarterback Jacob Shoemaker tallied the first Fall Mountain TD less than four minutes into the game and the Cats were up 6-0. Before that stanza concluded, the count more than doubled on a 5-yard Chris Bashaw run and a 14-0 lead as Shoemaker found Brad Andrzejczyk for the two point conversion with the clock showing 2:17 still remained prior to the opening stanzas end. Raymond would score once in each of the last three periods for the eventual 18-14 victory.

Twice in the final quarter, it looked as though Fall Mountain

would put the most important points of the game on the board, BUT, both times, the locals turned the ball over. Early in that final twelve minutes, FM had a drive going and they fumbled just over midfield. Raymond drove the ball back down and scored the six pointer, which moved the score to within 14-12. The Wildcats were putting together another drive on their next possession, which also ended just over midfield with an interception.

"We had our chances," Callahan noted, adding, "In many ways, we should have won this game."

The odds of the boys from Langdon winning become less likely over the next three weeks as Callahan's team lines up against three highly probable play-off foes in the New Hampshire Division III ranks. FM heads to Kearsarge this Friday night at 7 p.m., before playing another road game at Monadnock, the following Friday at 6:30 p.m., before being back home to host powerful Newport on the final Friday of September at 7 p.m.

Springfield's Rich Saypack had by far the toughest task of the area coaches, as he has a program that is learning to walk and faces three straight title contenders to open the season. The Cosmos suffered more injuries and it has made the task much tougher. "Everyone knows we were pretty young to start with, BUT, with the injuries which have come into play, we have even younger football players out there. We are kind of decimated at running back. We just have to survive for awhile. We knew it wasn't going to be easy," the second year leader said. The Cosmos host Windsor Friday evening at 7 p.m. and then have a trip on Saturday the 24 to Mississquoi to meet a first year varsity team.

Springfield fell to Woodstock Friday night 49-6 and the lone score came when Kyle Monier found JJ LeCouffe on an eight-yard scoring pass. Saypack hopes the injury bug does not hit again this week because IF the Cosmos can somehow get back to being a bit healthy, there are games which are not as overwhelming just down the line. The coach, as any coach does, dreams of his team finding a way to challenge Windsor somehow, BUT, he is also a realist and says, "Right now we ask how we are going to get to Friday night at 10 o'clock and then we will go from there."



Terrier Jake Lober (32) looking for running room after taking a hand-off from quarterback Logan Cota (3). Shane Clark (22) is about to attempt to clear the way with a block.

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BF's Liam Hackett is on his way to the promised land on one of his touchdown pass receptions from Caleb Lisai against Mount Abraham in Friday nights 39-14 victory. There is one stoic very interested observer in the background, who doubles as a proud father.

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Koal Simonds (32) is one of Fall Mountain's best two-way players. He is one of those players, who is physical and leaves it all on the field. Here the senior is looking for running room in an 18-14 tough loss to Raymond.

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Fall Mountain's Brad Andrzejczyk (80) has been on the receiving end of both a touchdown (in the opener) and an extra points pass (Saturday) this season. Here he is interfered with while attempting to catch a pass in the second half versus Raymond in a tough 18-14 Wildcat loss.

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Cosmo Jacob Stepler carries the ball against Bellows Falls in a game earlier this season. Springfield hosts Windsor Friday night at 7 p.m.

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Emily Benson works hard to move the ball up the line during the Otter Valley and Black River game at the Black River Invitational.

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Alice Faenza showcases her skills in Black River and Mount St. Joseph Academy game.

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Emily Benson works hard to move the ball up the line during the Otter Valley and Black River game at the Black River Invitational.

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Chester's FALL FESTIVAL

Chester Fall Festival gathers lots of food lovers and shoppers

BY DONNA ALLEN

CHESTER, Vt. - This weekend promises cooler weather and long lazy afternoons made especially for The Chester Rotary Club's 42nd annual Fall Festival Craft Show on Sept. 17-18 from

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Many folks gather in the quintessential village of Chester to eat and shop. The booth vendors were very pleased with the results last year and are looking forward to 2016

being a great year.

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great food! Food vendors will include Papa John's Sugar Shack supplying Vermont maple products, Mo's Fudge Factor selling fresh mad fudge and fudge apples, Grandpa Jim's Salsa, Lazy

Cow ice cream, and many more vendors selling yummy treats. This much-anticipated weekend offers something for everyone in the quaint village of Chester.



Vendors on the Chester Village green.

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Feel Better Photos by Chris Greenspan will be at the festival.

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The Lazy Cow mobile ice cream cafe

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Little girl enjoys the festival with her balloon animal and face paint.

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This little guy is having a great time playing in the Teddy Bear from Hugging Bear Inn.

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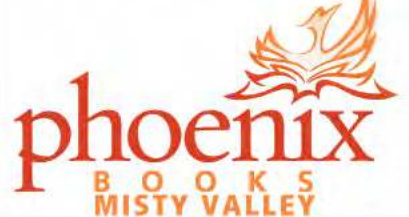


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He attended Castleton State College to pursue a career in the field of criminal justice. While in college, Kurt joined the United States Marine Corps; graduating from boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina in August of 2003. In 2006, Kurt trained at 29 Palms, California before deploying to Iraq. Kurt was killed in action on Aug. 3, 2006, his 24 birthday.

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Wood scored a two-point conversion (two points). Brock Jennings scored a three-point conversion for Bennington Battle, and Nick Pesce scoring a try (five points). Black River Rugby has practices every Thursday at 5 p.m. at Fletcher Farm Field on Rte. 103 in Ludlow. The first Black River Rugby home game will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. at Fletcher Farm Field, against the Boston Ironsides. For more information contact Kyle Thompson at 802-591-1295 or by email at blackriverrugby@hotmail.com. Be sure to like the team on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/55107690605/.



The Black River Rugby Team. PHOTO PROVIDED

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If you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee, please submit your letter of interest as well as your reasoning for wanting to be on this committee to Julie Hance, Executive Assistant, P.O. Box 857, Chester, Vermont or jhchester@vermontel.net.



Water Conservation Notice

Cavendish Municipal Water System users are requested to reduce water consumption as much as possible during the time period:

Tuesday, September 6th
through
5 pm Friday, September 16th, 2016

During this period the municipal water system will have the system well off-line for cleaning and redevelopment. The system will remain operational during this period using water in the storage tanks. Water quality should not be affected.

Your cooperation is needed and all users are urged, wherever possible, to defer activities which may require large amounts of water until after 5 pm Friday, September 16th. Car washing, driveway cleaning, pool water changes, lawn watering and other high consumption activities should be postponed until after the conservation period.

With good user cooperation and conservative use, there should be an ample supply of water for normal household use throughout this period and there should be no interruption of service. Thank you for your cooperation!

Further information on this matter may be obtained by calling 226-7291 during office hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

CLASSES/ WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Connecticut River Joint Commission, Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee will host a free septic system workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the Nolin Murray Center, next to St. Mary’s Church, 40 Summer St. The seminar will explain the dos and don’ts of keeping your septic system working well, the different types of systems available, and the Vermont regulations. Experts from HB Energy Solutions, ProSeptic and the State of Vermont will be available to answer questions. Sponsored this year by HB Energy Solutions, the 3rd Annual Septic System Workshop is free and open to all full- and part-time residents as well as business owners and real estate agents. For more information or to RSVP (optional), please contact Tara Bamford at tara.bamford@crjc.org or by telephone 802-738-0456.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21 – MANCHESTER, Vt. - Vermont Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a workshop, Digital Trends and Tools to Manage Your Online Business Marketing, at the Manchester Library, 138 Cemetery Ave, Manchester Center, Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The digital universe is constantly changing and many businesses find it challenging to keep up with new trends and tools that can help them be efficient and

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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.

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THURSDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Sketching and Journaling Class taught by local artist Paul Myers at the South Londonderry Free Library. Although no prior training or experience is required, we will enjoy learning from each other. You will receive a list of materials and program information when you register. There will be a fee for each 2-hour session. Please call Paul Myers 824-6626 or the South Londonderry Free Library 824-3371 to register or for information.

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PROPERTY OWNER: It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to David M. Hardy and Michele R. Hardy by Warranty Deed of Curtis A. Anderson and Barbara R. Anderson, dated September 10, 2002 and recorded on September 17, 2002 in Book 59 at Page 428 of the Londonderry Land Records.

PROPERTY LOCATION:
26 Old Sawmill Road.
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REASON FOR AUCTION: And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 29th day of September 2016, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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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. This week we'll continue our Early Bird Special: Shop between 4 and 5 p.m. and receive a discount on any purchase of \$10 or more from participating vendors. We are officially accepting Debit, VTSquares, EBT, Farm to Family and Cash Crop coupons. And don't forget, the Thrift Shop upstairs is open until 7 p.m. on Fridays.

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 Rte. 100 and Rte. 11 in Londonderry! Come visit us and pick up some fresh greens from Deep Meadow Farm, sweet strawberries from Clearbrook Farm, bright ridishes 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!

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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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - School may be back in session, but summer never seems to end at The EdgarMay. Area students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to spend Friday, Sept. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the EdgarMay for dinner, snacks, swimming, games, and more. Come check out our new Pool-side basketball hoop, freshly painted pool deck, and newly tiled locker rooms! There is a cost for non-members and it's free for members. For more info about the cost of membership, other youth-oriented activities, or to register for Middle School Night, contact the EdgarMay at 802-885-2568, online at www.myreccenter.org or by email info@myreccenter.org

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 – ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Ascutney Union Church, 5243 U.S. Rte. 5 (next to Martin Hall), will hold its Fall Mania event Saturday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost for admission, hot dogs and soda will be available for purchase. Event for families and young people includes: inflatable games, face painting, BBQ, and more!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Art and Historical Society will host a Fundraiser Yard Sale at its North Springfield facility at 65 Route 106 on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SAHS is currently looking for donations to put in the sale. If you have some useful items (no clothes please) you don't need that you would like to donate, please call Marc Kimball at 885-1466 or Betty Kinsman at 886-2414 for pick up. Thank you!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Come to the Toonerville Trail for a walk to support suicide prevention. Walk out of Darkness will

support American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. For more information call 802-254-6590 or email alex@healthandlearning.org.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Historical Museum Gift Shop celebrates Christmas in September! Come visit us between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 and get a head start on your holiday shopping. Weather permitting, we will be on the lawn by our roadside sign with new and sale items to tempt you for your Holiday decorating or gift giving. We have new Christmas cards and napkins from Caspari; locally crafted note cards, ornaments, framed pictures, candles and votives, as well. We have Ray Boas' book about Walpole and his Louisa May Alcott booklets. We also have books written by Louisa May Alcott for your reading pleasure, Walpole mugs and wine glasses, Walpole note cards, local honey and little bags of sweet tiny candies! Great stocking stuffers. This year we have Dellmano painted glassware and you must see our beautiful new scarves and beaded necklaces from Country on the Common that will give just the perfect touch to any outfit. Come and browse our Louisa May Alcott exhibit and check out the many "Louisa" items in our gift shop as well. You are sure to find something you will want to bring home or wrap up for the perfect gift!

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Bike Project has moved to 30 Henry St. Thank you for all the help and support of the community for making this happen. The Grand Re-Opening 3 Year Celebration will be held in the new space (corner of Henry St. and Atkinson St.) on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event is free and will feature bike powered smoothies, popcorn, and other treats, as well as demos. Come browse the wonderful new space.


WESTMINSTER, Vt. - On Saturday, Sept. 17 the First Congregational Church of Westminster will hold a Pie Sale and Yard Sale on the front lawn of the Church at 3470 US-5 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. This event will feature a variety of items for sale including: Homemade Pies, Attic treasures, and Collectibles. In addition a luncheon cook-out will include: hot-dogs, sausage and pepper grinders as well as other surprises to eat. Come and browses the tables and enjoy lunch. Sit and visit in the outdoor cafe or take home something hot for lunch or dinner.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 - HUBBARDTON, Vt. - At the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site in Hubbardton, Vt., Carl Fuller and special guests talk about the 1776-1777 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road. On September 18 Fuller leads a vigorous guided hike along a Hubbardton section of this road. The Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site is located at 5696 Monument Hill Road in Hubbardton, Vt. The site is open Thursdays through Sundays and Monday holidays, through Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ANDOVER, Vt. - Please join Lila Specker for a fun and sociable Kids Yoga and Movement Series at the Andover Town Hall. There are five sessions in total held on the following Mondays and Thursdays: Aug. 8, 11, 15, 22, and 25 from 10 – 11 a.m. Kids of all ages and abilities are welcome with a parent or caregiver. Lila is a Registered Yoga Teacher and a Certified Adaptive Yoga Teacher with six years of experience teaching adults and children of all abilities. Classes are "Drop-In and By Donation." For more information or questions, please email lila.specker@gmail.com.

RUTLAND, Vt. - The Rutland County Humane Society will be hosting our 5th annual Duck Derby at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Giorgetti Park in Rutland. Join us as we cheer on our adopted ducks, as they race to the finish for cash prizes. There is still time to adopt your ducks!! Stop by the Humane Society on Stevens Rd., in Pittsford, or visit our website, rchsvt.org. For more information

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WESTMINSTER, Vt. - You are invited to the First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US-5 on Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. under the tents for a Blessing of the Animals celebration. This began as a Catholic celebration associated with St Francis of Assisi, but has become extremely popular for people of many traditions. We are discovering more and more the benefits of pets in our lives and society so blessing them at church is not just a fun thing to do; it is acknowledging their importance to both us and God. So bring your pet fish, horse, goat, sheep, gerbil, cats and dogs or any other creature for a blessing.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 AND SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 - **KILLINGTON, Vt.** - Spartan Beast obstacle race. Join in the fun and get your beast medal. For more information visit http://www.killington.com/site/to-do/events-calendar/index.html/628582791

CHESTER, Vt. - Drop by the Whiting Library as you enjoy Chester's Fall Festival, Sept. 17 and 18. Located just down the street from all the craft vendors, food sellers and great attractions, the Library will be holding a giant book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day during the festival. We have hundreds of gently used books available, paperbacks, kid's books, hardcovers, and collectibles as well as dvds and audiodiscs. There will be free rock painting for kids, and gourds for sale for your fall decorating. This sale is a major

fundraiser for the library as we continue our mission to provide free services to the community. For details call 802-875-2277 or email whitinglibrary@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 - **PERKINSVILLE, VT.** - The Monthly Potluck and Program will be held at noon at the Perkinsville Community Church Vestry on Rte 106. The program will be Steve Aikenhead's performance of President Calvin Coolidge of Plymouth, known as "Silent Cal". All are welcome. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245; lzigman@comcast.net

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 - **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Chapel at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St., will host "Enduring Honor: The Heritage of the Native American Flute" with world flute master Gary Stroutsos on Friday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Stroutsos performs world flute music drawn from traditional cultures. Evoking a spirit of place, and the voices of the land, his work includes internationally acclaimed recordings at sacred sites.

HEALTH

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 - **SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The 2016

Springfield VT Out of the Darkness Walk will begin at the Toonerville Trl. on Clinton St. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Thanks to Walkers and Donors like you,

AFSP has been able to set a goal to reduce the annual suicide rate 20% by 2025. For more information call 802-296-1989 or email judith_jarvisusa@yahoo.com. Register online at http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=3861.

LIBRARIES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21 - **CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - The Silsby Library, 226 Main St. in Charlestown, will host an Informal History of Beer in the

Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present at 7 p.m. Glenn Knoblock explores the fascinating history of New Hampshire's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days, when it was home- and tavern-based, to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. Unusual and rare photos and advertisements document this changing industry and the state's earliest brewers, including the renowned Frank Jones. A number of lesser-known brewers and breweries in the state are also discussed,

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outdoor news

Learn how to renovate your garden

Wildlife Biologist to talk on Black Bears

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Are you dissatisfied with your garden but unsure how to “fix” it? Rather than starting from scratch, consider a garden renovation.

“Sorting your garden is not unlike sorting through your wardrobe,” says Cheryl Wilfong, a UVM Master Gardener. “Among your pile of clothes are some hidden gems that you want to keep. Using existing plants, you can re-assemble your garden into a more pleasing arrangement.”

On Wednesday, September 21 at 1 p.m., Wilfong will discuss garden renovation, using the gardens at The Sabbath House as an example. Located at 1010 Route 100 in Weston, The Sabbath House is Neighborhood Connections’ transitional housing complex. This location was recently designated a UVM Master Gardener community project. The presentation will take place there.

On the following Wednesday, September 28 at 1 p.m., Part 2 will consist of implementing the garden renovation. Volunteers are needed to assist in moving plants.

These programs, sponsored by the Windham County Extension Master Gardeners are offered at no charge, but reservations are necessary, so call 824-4343 to register.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based non-profit social services agency serving individuals and families in south-central Vermont. With particular emphasis on those most vulnerable, we respond to community-identified needs, working closely with public and private resources at federal, state and local levels.



Wildlife Biologist Ben Hilham interacting with a Black Bear. PHOTO PROVIDED

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Nature Museum at Grafton will present a talk by wildlife biologist Ben Kilham, PhD on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the NewsBank Conference Center, 352 Main Street, Chester, Vt. Highlighted by amazing images, the presentation will focus on how the social behavior of black bears resembles that of humans.

Years of observing black bears and rehabilitating orphan bears informs Kilham’s expertise. Devoted to black bears, he has studied their habits and forged relationships with them for over two decades. In the process he has gathered research that has provided new insight into bears’ social loves and intelligence.

Thought to be solitary, black bears exhibit a social behavior that may parallel early human behavior. They show evidence of reciprocal altruism, matrilineal hierarchy, and a mix of intentional and emotional communication.

Kilham, his wife Debra, and sister Phoebe have rehabilitated some 90 to 100 cubs over the course of Kilham’s career. They’ve cared for and fed them until they’re 18 months old, even bringing them into their own home, and then helped them to successfully return to the wild.

Kilham has been the focus of several news articles and documentaries, including National Geographic’s “A Man Among Bears” and Animal Planet’s “Papa Bear.” He is also author of the books “Among the Bears: Raising Orphaned Cubs in the Wild” and “Out on a Limb: Origins of Intuition and Intelligence.” He is licensed as a bear rehabilitator by the State of New Hampshire.

The Nature Museum encourages participation in this program to learn more about an animal that many Vermonters have had the pleasure of spotting here in the mountains, or our backyards. Tickets can be purchased on line at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NatureMuseumAtGrafton/October26thTheSocial-BlackBear>. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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