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Rebecca Merrow receives Outstanding Teacher Award

BY JOEL SLUTSKY

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – When Rebecca Merrow, a third-grade teacher at the Union Street School in Springfield, was first notified she'd received the University of Vermont Outstanding Teacher Award her reaction was one of disbelief.

"When my principal called me into the classroom my reaction was to ask her if it was real," Merrow said. "I felt really excited and honored."

Merrow was recognized at a ceremony on Oct. 18 in Burlington, where she talked about how she became a teacher.

"I grew up in Londonderry, and went to Flood Brook Union School from grades K through 8," Merrow said. "Following my time at FBUS, I went to Burr and Burton Academy for high school. From there I went to Castleton State College, where I earned my degree in mathematics, elementary education and special education."

She talked about her career. "I think I am passionate about what I do because of experiences that I had as a student," Merrow said. "As I got older and became a teacher, I made a promise to myself that I would be one of those teachers who put the students first and that I would make sure every one of my students knows they have someone who believes in them and their dreams."

Merrow was nominated for the award by Bindy Hathorn, interim principal at Springfield High School.

The nomination by Hathorn read in part: "Not only is Becca innova-



Rebecca Merrow holding her award with her 3rd grade class.

PHOTO BY JOEL SLUTSKY

tive in the classroom, she also is a team player, is collaborative and always thinks about what is best for her students. Becca reaches out to families on a regular basis sharing the positive events in their child's lives as well as trying to get support when dealing with some of the not so positive happenings. Becca is calm and coolheaded. She has been able to work successfully with some of our most difficult students. Becca is an amazing teacher and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for her."

Merrow talked about what teaching means to her.

"There is a quote that I love that really describes what teaching means to me," she said. "Dr. Kevin Maxwell said, 'Our job is to teach the students we have. Not the ones we would like to have. Not the ones we used to have. Those we have right now. All of them.' I feel that it is my job to get to know each of my students and find

out what way they learn best and then create my lessons based on their learning style.

"If you were to walk into my classroom you would see students working in stations with their peers," she continued. "One group of students would be with me, and we would be focusing on what they need to learn, as each student is an individual. You will find that I advocate for the students. I feel that learning is a partnership between the families, students and me."

Merrow said that over the years there have been many people that have influenced her in the teaching field.

"The first person who ever inspired me was my kindergarten teacher Eileen Holleran," Merrow said. "Seeing how she interacted with students made me realize at a young age that I wanted to be a teacher. As I grew older there were several teachers who supported me."

"When I entered high school the one teacher that really pushed me to do my best and believed in me was Sunny Wright. During my student teaching I worked closely with Beth Marsh at the Dorset School for seven weeks. During those weeks I learned many of the strategies I use today in my classroom."

Union Street Principal Nancy Wiese praised Merrow.

"Becca is an amazing teacher," Wiese said. "Students in her classroom make outstanding academic progress because of the welcoming and respectful teaching environment she creates in her classroom."

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Apples from Wellwood Orchard - A taste of Vermont—

BY MARILYN LEDOUX

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Located high on top of a hill above Springfield, Wellwood Orchard has breathtaking views of the area.

The air around the orchard is cool and crisp, and the trees were laden with the last remnants of this year's apple crop recently.

The orchard had its beginnings in 1920, when men named Chapman and Wellwood became partners and purchased the orchard.

Roy Mark was a 16-year old boy at the time, and was working for Allen Brothers at their apple orchard in Westminster, Vt.

"That is where I learned the trade from Russell Allen," Mark said. "Later I planted my own small apple orchard in Saxtons River. When Wellwood Orchard was up for sale in 1981, I sold my small orchard and used the money toward the purchase of the Wellwood Orchard."

"It was tough starting out; however, things are better now."

Since Mark has owned the orchard, he has expanded the crops to include a selection of berries in season, so under his direction there is always something going on at Wellwood.

Starting in June, people can pick their own strawberries, then raspberries, blueberries, and as fall approaches, many varieties of apples. Mark also has a selection of peach trees, plum trees and pear trees and all are a "pick your own" project.

The farm is family-oriented and also features a petting zoo, where children can see and pat different farm animals not avail-



Apples at Wellwood Orchard.

PHOTO BY MARILYN LEDOUX

able outside the country.

The retail store at Wellwood is run by Mark's companion, Lillian Dunn, and features a wide variety of Vermont-made goods.

During this interview, the aroma of Dunn's fresh apple pies wafted through the air as they finished baking in the kitchen.

Only on weekends, the store features cider donuts for sale. Other items include: fresh apple pies, apple breads, jams, jellies, pumpkins, all maple products, fresh pressed cider, woods cider products, decorative (Indian) corn, fudge in many flavors, candy, honey, and a variety of Vermont handmade crafts.

This year they have added table grapes, and they will be ready to pick in about two years.

"Everything we sell here is made in Vermont," Dunn said.

Fall signals the end of the growing season, and the store will be closing Tuesday, Nov. 1, for the winter. The crew will spend the cold winter

days pruning the apple trees to get them ready for next year's crop.

Mark is planning to take some time off, and the orchard will reopen in the spring under the direction of his four daughters, Aggie, Linda, Patty and Sherry, who are owners of the orchard corporation.

Mark said he will be in the background, overseeing the operation, and will be able to step in if he is needed.

Anyone who plans to visit the orchard in the spring, call 802-263-5200 for picking conditions and hours of operation. The orchard is located on Wellwood Orchard Road, off the Weathersfield Center Road in Springfield.

There are many varieties of apples for people to mix and match or choose a favorite.

Mark also offers free tractor-drawn rides to and from the orchard every weekend in the picking season, making it easier to carry apples to a vehicle.

Selectboard agrees on splitting planning commission

BY JOEL SLUTSKY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A letter sent to Municipal Manager Chip Stearns called for creating a separate Planning Commission and Development Review Board for the Town of Rockingham.

The letter from Zoning Chair Alan Lacombe highlighted a recent Rockingham Town Selectboard meeting.

The letter read in part, "We respectfully request the Selectboard change the Planning Commission-Zoning Board of Adjustment to a separate Planning Commission (PC) and a Development Review Board (DRB). The PC would become the focus on the town plan and writing land use regulations. The DRB would administer the land use regulations and approve all development applications not administratively handled by the zoning administrator."

Selectboard member Peter Golec said he was in favor.

"I think the split is a good move; my concern is to get nine qualified people to serve," Golec said. "I have no problem in approving this request in concept."

Lacombe said it would be worth trying.

"We are not recommending as of this date to change the model; we're asking to approve the concept of the split and see if we can get qualified people," Lacombe said.

A discussion ensued concerning whether the candidates for the proposal would need to be area residents.

"It's up to the Selectboard to determine if you just want residents," Lacombe said.

"It is shortsighted to just have residents, if we have a good one (person) in Chester we should take advantage of that," Selectboard member Ann DiBernardo said.

Selectboard Chair Lamont Barnett commented on the existing setup of the boards.

"The current cost of application and the time it takes are equally restrictive," Barnett said.

Lacombe said he would like the board to approve the split in concept and allow the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment to advertise and recruit over the next three or four months and come back to the board with a definite recommendation.

A motion passed for the Selectboard to approve the separation of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment in con-



Zoning Chair Alan Lacombe.

PHOTO BY JOEL SLUTSKY

cept and revisit the plan in three to four months.

In other business, the town will need to advertise the quit-claim deed of property to Chroma Technology, for its expansion, and also the lease with option to purchase of the town-owned TLR Mill building to the Bellows Falls Historical Society, Stearns said.

Stearns stated that there were 170

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The decorated Maple

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The story about the decorated maple tree at the Rockingham Town Clerk's office is an interesting one, Assistant Town Clerk Barb Neathawk says.

"We decorate, after hours, the Town Clerk's Office for Halloween," Neathawk said. "I thought it would be a great idea to involve the local children, and I asked Kelly Green, who is a teacher at the Bellows Falls Central Elementary School, if their students would make maple leaves for a tree we would put on our wall. I asked that the kids put their names on the leaves, which they did."

The result was amazing, Neathawk said.



An autumn Maple tree decorated by local Rockingham children.

PHOTO PROVIDED

"Now, we have the beautiful fall colors of the Rockingham area, along with the names of our beautiful Rockingham kids," she said. "It's our local 'family' tree."

The tree is an asset to the office, she said.

"As you know, we have several visitors to the Town Clerk's Office every day; they have all admired the tree, and have spent some of their time here reading all the names," Neathawk said. "The students at Bellows Falls Central Elementary School really came through for us, and did a magnificent job. We can't thank them enough."

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Dee Run goes on weather or not

BY JOEL SLUTSKY
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – With foliage season near its peak and scattered rain showers falling, the 4th-annual Dee Race at High Meadow Farm in Bellows Falls went off despite the weather.

While I expected the weather to somewhat hold down the amount of participants, the opposite was true.

Just prior to the race a faint glimpse of sun emerged and the cannon went off signaling the start of the race.

While the tagline of this rigorous race is, “this ain’t pavement,” it was also accurate this year to say, “this ain’t Indiana.”

That’s because Meleita Street and her husband came in from Francisville, Indiana for the run.

She said she wanted to celebrate her 50th birthday at the race.

“I’d been searching for a race in a place very nontraditional and off the beaten track,” she said. “Where I come from it is very flat and I expect to be very sore tomorrow.”

David Jensen from Andover, New Hampshire said his motivating factor was to support the cause.

“And do anything I can do to help,” he said.

Cash prizes were awarded for top female and male, top 18 and under (female/male), top 12 and under (female/male) and several other categories.

Chances were raffled off for a chance to win four tickets to Patriots vs. Rams football game.

Jim and Jane Macri host the race as tribute to their late daughter.

“The event is a memorial to our daughter, Dee, who had a physical disability that impacted her daily life, but she never let her disability stop her from living a full life or reaching her goals,” Mr. Macri said.

Winners: Heidi Westover-adult, Josh Ferenc-adult, Anna Guild-18 and under, Tim Salter-Roy-18 and



Welcome to The Dee Run, in honor of Dee Macri. PHOTO PROVIDED

under, Ashlynn Maxfield-12 and under, Michael McCabe-12 and under.

The winner of the Dee Run Team Trophy was the Landmark College Sharks from Putney, Vt. They had ten members on their team. There were 5 other teams participating.

There was a runner from Indiana, spectators from Colorado and volunteers from New York.

The oldest participant was 78 and the youngest was 6! Avery Maxfield came in second in the 12 and under category!

All proceeds of the race go to the Dee Foundation.

He said the mission of the Dee Foundation is: “everyone should have the opportunity to lead a happy and healthy life enriched by community support. We help fund programs that enhance positive parenting skills, provide family support, and offer social and recreational opportunities to promote emotional and physical health. Encouraging youth and families to celebrate the variety in the human condition in order to help create accessible and welcoming communities is a priority.”

More information about the Dee Run is at: thedeefoundation.org.

The Yoga and Reiki Studio comes to Charlestown

BY MARILYN LEDOUX
The Shopper

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Walking into the studio of Elizabeth Burnell, you feel an immediate calming effect as the light reflects from the pale yellow walls.

Burnell is a certified Yoga teacher and Reiki master, and she greets visitors with a warm “everything is right with the world” smile and a firm handshake.

Her studio is located behind and under the Sumner House, on Main Street in Charlestown, NH.

Burnell started her journey into Yoga many years ago when she was a camp counselor.

“The yoga instructor at the camp was 55 years old,” Burnell said. “However, she looked like she was 30.”

Burnell wanted that look and feeling for herself. It was there she learned that the day-to-day stress we all live under can be reduced or removed by Yoga.

For those who have never practiced Yoga, it is a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline, which includes breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific body postures. Worldwide, Yoga is practiced for both health and relaxation.

“It manages stress through breathing,” Burnell said. “This helps you throughout the day and can move stress out of the body giving you a positive self image.”

Burnell teaches Vinyasa flow Yoga, in which movement is synchronized to the breath, and she said that our society has become very competitive.

“Yoga is a healthy non-competitive sport that everyone can do,” Burnell said. “In the Yoga class, everyone works to their own drum (beat). It is OK to feel angry or sad; it’s what you do with that emotion that counts. Yoga is



New Yoga Studio comes to Charlestown.

PHOTO BY MARILYN LEDOUX.

an emotional holistic healing, and it is useful for both the adult and the child.”

In the first class, participants will learn about how to breath correctly, and how this will help them develop

a positive self image. A positive self image can improve both mental and physical health,” Burnell said.

Burnell believes children should develop this mindset early.

Classes for pre-kindergarten to 4th grade are held from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and adult classes are Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to join a class, call 603-723-0381. If no one is there, leave a message and telephone number, and the call will be returned, Burnell said.

HB Energy Chamber of the Month



PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

Brian Hernon & Julie Pellath of HB Energy Solutions receiving their certificate as Chamber Member of the Month from Marji Graf, CEO of The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce (OVRCC). This award is in recognition of HB Energy’s commitment to their local community and support of the OVRCC.

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Green Mountain Power poles in town a year or so ago, and 100 have been removed and replaced with un-

derground cable. A motion to approve the pole petition for Green Mountain Power to do the same on Pine, George and Atkinson streets passed.

Stearns stated that the 25-page contract has been reviewed and approved by the town attorney and hopes to

have it signed with Jeff Ingram, president of Ingram Construction, for Recreation Center repairs.

Stearns gave a town-owned seized property update:

- 34 Old Terrace: No change.
- 42 Hyde St.: No change, but it has been secured again over the last few weeks.

- 456 Rockingham Road: Town attorney is preparing a petition to the court for publicizing Notice of Eviction from the property.

- 38 Green St.: Locks have been changed and the yard has been cleaned up. The Highway Department will be emptying the barn into a dumpster and the dumpster removed. When this is complete, the town will move forward with asbestos testing, and it is doubtful that demolition would occur before winter.

Golec asked whether there would be an elevator repair at Town Hall. Stearns stated that the two original articles at town meeting were reduced from \$1 million to \$500,000 for fire trucks, and \$500,000 to \$250,000 for building repairs.

Selectboard member Ann DiBernardo requested that, in light of the reduction of weight on the Depot Street Bridge, the municipal manager should notify the bus companies, Cota & Cota and CR Transit, as those seem to be the major large vehicles that cross this bridge. The Town of Rockingham recently imposed a 16,000 pounds limit due to concerns inspectors raised about the bridge's condition.

Golec noted that at the Aug. 2 meeting, Barnett was tasked with investigating where Bartonville Bridge debris went, and asked about the outcome.

Barnett stated that he has not heard anything back and he will inquire further.

MERROW

From Page 1A

She was nominated by last year's principal, and, as her new principal, I could not have been happier to see her win. Becca is an outstanding teacher, and it is an honor to have a teacher with her talents and dedication at Union Street School.”

Merrow concluded her remarks by talking about her students.

“There is nothing more special to me than seeing my students smile after succeeding at something they thought they could not do,” she said.

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Child Care Professionals fill auditorium

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Kurn Hattin Homes for Children held its 25th Annual Conference on Thursday, October 6. Every autumn, Kurn Hattin hosts an educational conference offering new opportunities for training and skills development for educators, child care professionals, and community partners from the eastern region. This year featured popular speaker, Ross Greene, PhD. Dr. Greene is the author of the influential books *The Explosive Child*, *Lost at School*, *Lost and Found*, and *Raising Human Beings*.

Dr. Greene is the founding Director of the organization, Lives in the Balance, and originator of a unique research-based approach to understanding and helping behaviorally challenging children. He refers to this as the Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS) model. The model, a



Kurn Hattin Annual Conference speaker Dr. Ross Greene, PhD addresses the audience.

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can affect a child's behavior. Susan Stember Buhlmann, LICSW, a Clinical Outreach Representative at The Brattleboro Retreat, attended the conference. She noted, "I really appreciated that his model was so positive and solution-focused, rather than paying attention solely to negative behaviors. He offered specific techniques and guidelines for identifying skills that can be developed collaboratively with children."

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departure from standard behavioral modification techniques, focuses on problem-solving solutions that are pro-active and collaborative, rather than reactive.

Dr. Greene's workshop provided a clear, methodical approach for identifying unsolved problems that

American Bird Conservancy declares Iberdrola's proposed site an unacceptable high risk

WINDHAM/GRAFTON, Vt. - Today the chairmen of the select boards of the towns of Grafton and Windham received a letter from the American Bird Conservancy expressing grave concern over high risk to bats and birds in regard to Iberdrola's proposed wind turbine development on the ridgelines between the two towns.

The letter states that, "This project, involving the construction of 24, 500-foot tall industrial wind turbines on high mountain ridges, is a potential threat to migratory and resident birds and bats. The area surrounding the site is one of the last undeveloped areas in Vermont and is a significant wildlife habitat. Vast numbers of migratory raptors move through this area and it is an important breeding and foraging area for migratory songbirds, including species of conservation concern."

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is particularly concerned about the Bicknell's Thrush which is a rare habitat specialist that breeds

at high elevations in the balsam fir and red spruce forests of the northeastern United States and southern-eastern Canada including in the area of this proposed wind energy project.

"ABC's letter explains: 'This species is rare and declining (IBTCG 2010) and losses due to the poorly sited Stiles Brook Wind Energy Project would contribute to that decline. This



American Bird Conservancy expressed their concerns. PHOTO PROVIDED

Chili contest a winning event

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Rainy weather did not keep a crowd away from the Saxtons River Rec area annual chili contest Saturday, Oct. 22.

Contest organizer and SR Rec leader Samantha Fletcher was happy with the support the event received in spite of the rain and a change in the venue and with the more than \$1,000 it raised for the organization's activities.

Winners of the contest were Julian Perkins of Jamaica Jewelz, first, and Peter Ross of Vermont Academy, second, in the business category. Individual winners were Jesse Bacon, first, followed closely by his mother Sherry Bacon in second place.

Eight individuals competed, plus Shona Grill and the Saxtons River Village Market in the business category.



Winners in the Saxtons River Rec chili contest are, left to right, Peter Ross of Vermont Academy, Sherry Bacon, Jesse Bacon and Julian Perkins of Jamaica Jewelz. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Vermont from one thousand feet

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Len Emery will present the next OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program on Tuesday November 1. "Vermont From One Thousand Feet" will be presented at 2:00 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Len Emery, a professional photographer and pilot, will intrigue us by providing a view of familiar places around Springfield from a different perspective - from 1000 feet above ground from an airplane's view!

Emery began his VT1K (photographing "Vermont From One Thousand Feet" above ground) project 12 years ago to record Vermont from the air originally to get in 250 hours of flight time to obtain his commercial pilot's license, but the photography aspect soon took the place of the commercial pilot's

license goal.

The focus of his presentation will be sites within a 20 mile radius of Springfield, covering its surrounding areas: north to Windsor, south to Westminster and Bellows Falls, along the Connecticut River and west to Ludlow. He documented Vermont towns devastated by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, including the resting place of the Bartonville Bridge in Rockingham.

OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning, "just for the fun of it!"

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature,

health, nature, science and current events.

Programs are held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons and last about an hour and a half. Membership is fee is for the semester, which includes 9 programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee of. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later on November 15

Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and state-wide program list is available on the internet at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli Choose state-wide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

Bald Hill hike November 5

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - A guided hike offered by the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association [WHPA] on Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. will introduce participants to a very special regional resource: the combined trail system on the Rockingham - Westminster lands of the 50-acre WHPA Bald Hill Reserve and the 200 acres of the Bellows Falls Union High School, which controls more land than any other public high school in Vermont!

Vanessa Stern, a member of the Bald Hill Committee of the Pinnacle Association and a WHPA Board Member, will lead this moderate jaunt to explore area uplands and the river path of the Bald Hill Reserve, as well as a new trail.

Participants should dress warmly, wear waterproof shoes, and bring water. Hikers should meet at the Bald Hill kiosk on Covered Bridge Road in Westminster. Please contact Vanessa

Stern at 802-463-4948 or davidandvanessa@gmail.com for information and registration.

Visit the Trails & Maps pull-down menu on www.windmillhillpinnacle.org for a map detailing the trailheads. A link on the website's home page will reveal progress on the Pinnacle Association's project to renovate the rustic cabin at the Pinnacle overlook, the most popular destination on the 23-mile Pinnacle trail system that runs from Putney Mountain to Grafton.

Calling all local artists

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time as well as for seasoned artists. The next show's theme is "Glistening Wonders!" You can bring in 2 works if they are 18" x 20" or smaller, or 1 if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc. are appreciated just as much as wall art. The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages. The time to bring in your creations is Thursday, Oct. 27

from 5 - 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28, and Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. - 5p.m. The show will be on display from November 1 through December 29.

For more information please call



South Windham Cemetary

A beautiful view of the fall leaves at the South Windham Cemetery.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

Loosen the grip of sticky emotions with meditation

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Kate Logan, a dedicated yogini since 1997, will offer a one-hour meditation

class on Tuesday, November 15 from 10 - 11 a.m. at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are necessary so please call 824-4343.

"Meditation is one of the best ways to loosen the grip of sticky emotions and connect to our true self, which isn't limited, angry, or fearful, but is infinite, pure consciousness. Meditation brings us home to the peace of present-moment awareness and gives us an experience of profound relaxation that dissolves fatigue and long-standing stresses - and as countless studies have shown - promotes both physical and emotional well-being," says Deepak Chopra.

Kate has been teaching since 2002 and continues to study with master teachers. Her thoughtful and elegantly designed classes are heartfelt, fluent, nourishing and supportive for mind, body and spirit.

"I am grateful and honored to share my love of yoga," says the native Vermonter and mother of two. "Its practice can make positive shifts in our everyday lives, gently guiding us towards our highest dreams and possibilities."

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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

Popple Dungeon Pest House

Sometimes I have a small piece of local history but not enough information to write about it. In those cases I often ask people I know if they know anything about that subject.

Such was the case with the Popple Dungeon Pest House. Sometime ago I read about the Popple Dungeon Pest House in an old newspaper clipping. That clipping offered very little, only mentioning that there had once been a Pest House in Popple Dungeon. A Pest House is where people with a communicable disease were quarantined.

I asked several people if they knew about the Pest House. Ken Barrett was able to shed some light on this subject. Ken hadn't heard of the Pest House but was familiar with the Pest Cemetery in Popple Dungeon.

Popple Dungeon native Bert Lyons had told Ken about the Pest Cemetery years ago. One day, Bert took Ken to the Pest Cemetery. Bert also told Ken what he knew about it, which Ken shared with me and Danny Clemons.

Below are the epidemics that affected Vermont in the 1800s. Which of these epidemics led to our Pest House, I do not know.

1820-1823 was a nationwide fever epidemic. 1831-1832 was a national epidemic of Asiatic Cholera brought by English immigrants. In the 1840s-1850s there was a nationwide epidemic of Yellow Fever and cholera. Throughout the 1850s - 1860s were scattered epidemics of Yellow Fever and Cholera. Not all affected Vermont. One of these epidemics or the 1793 epidemic below is the reason for the Pest Cemetery.

In 1793, Vermont was afflicted with a "putrid fever." Other names



Pest Cemetery for the Pest House in Popple Dungeon.

place to visit.

The photo with this article is the Pest Cemetery in Popple Dungeon. The tallest markers are about a foot tall. Others are as short as six inches. The graves are neatly arranged in rows. Bert Lyons had what little written information that was known about this cemetery but it was lost in a fire. That document was said to identify those interred there.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

I checked with Virginia Blake Clark, author of "The Source: Popple Dungeon, Vermont." Her book has a little information but much remains unknown. I doubt many people are aware of this piece of Chester's history.

for putrid fever are: camp fever, jail fever and famine fever or as we know it today Typhus.

Symptoms include: high fever, cough, rash, delirium and finally death. It is caused by human lice that are infected with the disease. After being bitten, a rash appears on the victim's chest and then spreads to legs and arms. Death follows.

Unsure of how to treat the disease or what caused it, victims were quarantined in remote parts of a town. Chester's Pest House was in Popple Dungeon and was probably located close to the Pest Cemetery.

The Popple Dungeon Pest Cemetery is located off Nudist Camp Road on the Williams Road. There are a number of people buried there marked only with simple fieldstone grave markers. There are no names on any of the graves. Bert Lyons told Ken that many members of the Arnold Family were buried there. Bert's great-grandmother was an Arnold. Ebenezer Arnold appears on the 1790 census as living in Popple Dungeon so the Arnolds were living in Popple Dungeon in 1793.

It was obvious studying the grave markers that many of the deceased were children. The head and foot stones are only about three feet apart indicating children. It is a rather sad

19th annual Empty Bowl Dinner planned

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Tickets are now on sale for the 19th annual Empty Bowl dinner and auctions Sunday, Nov. 6, at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, N.H., to benefit the food programs of Our Place Drop-in Center. The event gets underway at 5 p.m. and includes a soup supper featuring signature soups from local restaurants, chefs along with silent and live auctions, with auctioneer Sharon Boccelli.

Tickets are on sale at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Galloway Real Estate in Walpole or at Our Place. A table for eight can be reserved in advance. Volunteers are now collecting bowls and auction items for the event.

The event begins with an auction preview and social hour. A highlight of the event is each attendee's

selection of one of the handmade bowls to take home as a reminder of those who struggle to put food on the family table. Proceeds of the dinner go towards supporting the food programs of Our Place, which include a food pantry, a daily breakfast and lunch, and nutrition education.

"This is our most important fundraiser of the year," said OP director Lisa Pitcher. "We are very grateful for the donations of bowls, auction items and food that make it possible."

Soups, bread, and salad for the supper are donated by area restaurants and schools and are served by students from New England Kurn Hattin Homes

For the first time, bidders will be



Kurn Hattin students serving soup. PHOTO PROVIDED

able to submit pre-event bids by e-mailing flay2589@mypacks.net once the auction items are up on the Our Place Facebook page.

The oldest such event in the area, the Our Place Empty Bowl is part of an international effort that began in 1990 to raise money for food programs.

Chester Area Coat & Blanket Drive

CHESTER, Vt. - Please help support the 9th Annual Chester Area Coat and Blanket Drive by donating clean usable coats, blankets, boots, snowpants, and other warm clothing by November 1. There are several locations accepting donations throughout Chester and Andover including Chester Town Hall, Chester Congregational Church, and Whiting Library. If you would like to help with the event, volunteers are needed to gather and sort the donations as well to provide soups and breads to be served at each distribution event.

If you or someone you know is in need of blankets and/or warm clothing for children and adults, please come to the distributions on Saturdays, November 5 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Buckley Center Parish Hall at St. Joseph's Church at the corner of Routes 11 and 103. Items will be free for the taking and free soup and breads will also be served.

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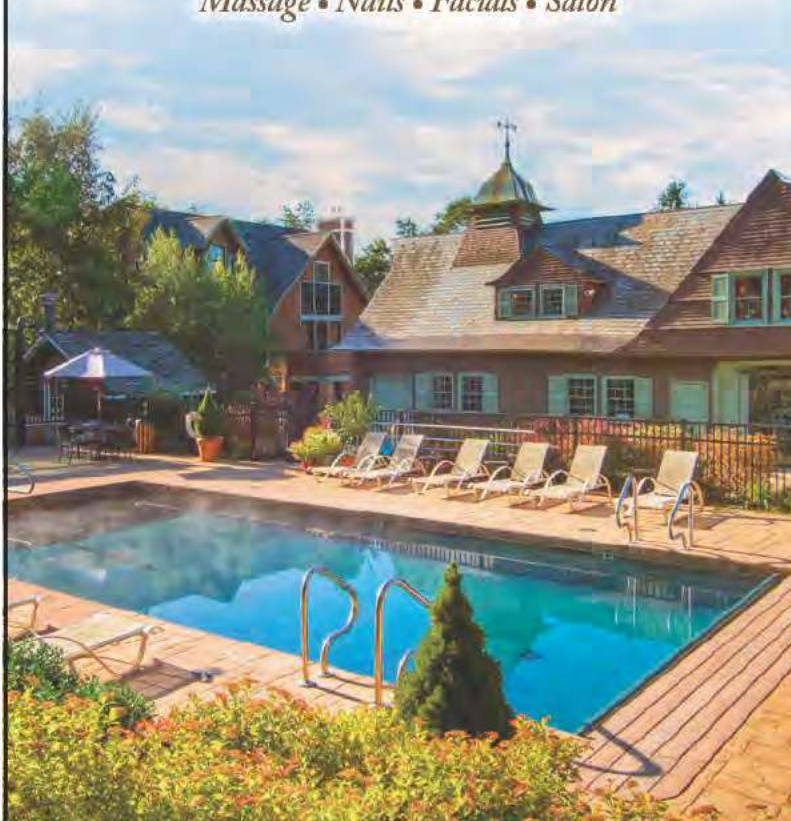
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's that time of year again

And we don't necessarily mean winter time, but election time.

In Vermont, the governor's race has heated up, as each candidate attempts to overcome the close contest that most polls are calling it.

Governor Peter Shumlin (D) isn't running for re-election, and Lt. Gov. Phil Scott (R), former State Transportation Secretary Sue Minter (D) and Bill Lee (Liberty Union) are hoping to replace him.

They're all over the state, speaking on Vermont Public Radio, meeting with editorial boards and trying to pull in as many endorsements as they can.

On Act 46 and consolidation of schools, Scott did point out an interesting fact: Vermont spends \$1.6 billion to educate 86,000 kids. That's one of the highest pupil-spending ratios in the nation.

Both said they support the goals of Act 46, which gets a lot of heat from people on both sides of the aisle: those who think it should go farther and mandate more mergers, and those who says it goes too far and will rob our communities of their identity.

Minter says state regulation of schools can't be a one-size-fits-all template, and we tend to agree. Scott says he wants more school "choice," which is a Republican code word for publicly-funded private or charter schools, and then he hits on how it's bad that 80 percent of school costs are for labor.

That same rhetoric was used in states like Wisconsin just before collective-bargaining was outlawed and teacher pay-cuts started rolling in. Just so you know.

When asked how he'd make college education more affordable, Scott starts talking about Vermont needing more trade schools. That may be true, but also don't count on him to work for any college tuition breaks.

Minter points out that four out of 10 students are stopping their education after high school, period. She points to that as the path to lifelong poverty, which is what studies are also showing.

Minter would increase access to community colleges, where students can get an associate's degree and find a viable, well-paying career.

What's important is that young people continue their education after high school, whether it's a trade school, community college or university, if they want to be sure of a good life at a living wage.

Both candidates have a point on that issue.

So, do some research, decide what your ideal governor would do and how close any of the candidates are to that, and cast your ballot on Nov. 8.

—BM—

Dear Editor,

Charlestown residents will choose two state representatives on November 8: one from District 8 (representing Charlestown) and one from District 11 (representing Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, and Washington). Please join us in supporting Kendra Yakovleff of Charlestown and John Tuthill of Acworth to represent us in Concord.

In seeking the District 8 seat, Ms. Yakovleff brings experience in health care, having worked as an opiate addiction counselor and as a protec-

tive services worker and professional case manager for the State of New Hampshire. She wants a stronger mental health system in New Hampshire and will advocate for additional clinics, education, and treatment for opioid addiction. She will also work to protect the environment, improve infrastructure, and address the concerns of veterans.

Mr. Tuthill is seeking the District 11 seat and also has an impressive list of accomplishments. He was elected to the New Hampshire House as an Independent in 1998 and served on

the Environment and Agriculture Committee. He is a long time environmental advocate in Sullivan County and has worked to promote renewable energy and clean air policies. He has served on the Acworth Board of Selectmen, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, and the Fall Mountain Regional School District's budget committee. He has also chaired Acworth's historical society and has served on the town's budget committee, planning board, and conservation committee. John supports

Bernie Sander's call for social, economic, and environmental justice and will work to advance programs for families, the elderly, and public and private sector employees. He supports expanded Medicaid and a broad-based tax to fund education.

We are fortunate to have Kendra Yakovleff and John Tuthill as candidates, and we urge you to elect them as our state representatives on November 8.

John and Katie Lajoie
Charlestown, N.H.

Dear Editor,

Vermonters have had to endure higher taxes, increased cost of living, lack of good paying jobs, higher housing rentals, and a drug epidemic. We are looking at the government taking away our local control of schools. We experienced the waste of millions of our money with the ill-advised and completely impractical single payer fiasco.

This is the year we should be drawing a line in the sand, saying enough!

Dear Editor,

When I think back to my first campaign ten years ago, I remember I thought about what I looked for in a candidate. I wanted someone I respected with a good character, that shared many of the same values, and could keep an open mind.

I soon realized that no one is ever really prepared for this great responsibility, and most of it is on-the-job training.

I knew that with the position came many meetings and messages, and a lot of understanding to respond to a variety of issues. What I was not prepared for was the many problems that people face every day with

It is the year for a major change in Montpelier. The democrats have an abysmal record but keep asking for our vote and keep getting it.

Name any profession that despite their constant failures you keep going back to them. If a doctor fails to make you better you try a different one. If a mechanic can't get your car to run properly you take it elsewhere.

So with our state becoming in-

creasingly unaffordable, taxes going up every year with no attempt to stop it, and the inability to attract good paying jobs to the state isn't it time to try something different? We have seen along with established taxes a new sugar tax, which is another way to grab more money from our pockets.

Next up if they have their way is the carbon tax, a way to grab mil-

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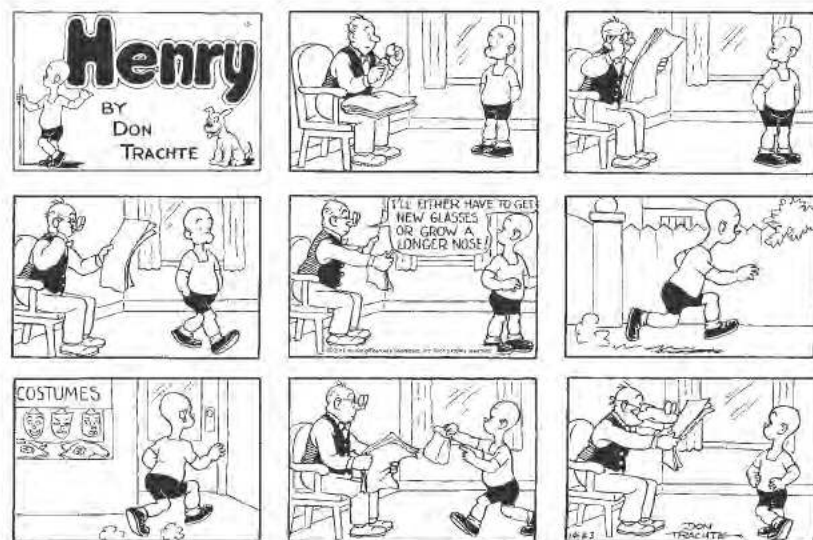
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under the guise of saving our environment.

We have some excellent choices for state senate and state representatives with a mindset of fiscal responsibility, lower taxes, and job growth. If you vote for the continued assault on affordability for Vermonters then shame on you.

Keith Stern
North Springfield



Dear Editor,

I believe that the residents of Windsor County and Vermont are fortunate to have three excellent candidates for the Vermont Senate. All have had legislative experience.

I support Alison Clarkson, who served with me in the House and is now running for a seat in the Senate. She is a high-energy team player. One of her key interests is to make Vermont more affordable with fair,

equitable pay.

I support Dick McCormick, who is running for re-election for his seat. He is known for his compassion for those in need. He looks for long term solutions, as seen in his commitment to sustainable economic growth.

I support Alice Nitka, who is also running for re-election for her seat. She brings her professional perspec-

Dear Editor,

This week, Dan Hillard wrote to urge us to look closely at the record of the Democratic candidates for Senate from Windsor County. I fully agree that these candidates have again and again voted to raise taxes to an unreasonable level. I have spoken with older people who are paying more in property taxes than they paid for their property. In addition we are paying more in fees such as auto registrations all because the party in power cannot live within its means.

To those who are concerned about wind turbines in Grafton and Windham remember that the incumbent

party taxed Vermont Yankee out of business thus setting the stage for ridgelines to be home to wind turbines and farm fields to be paved with solar panels.

Although the Democrats and Progressives claim to be for the working people, the poor and elderly they are threatening us with the most regressive tax possible, the carbon tax. I'm sure many living on Social Security have been relieved by the low heating oil prices in the past couple of years. By spending less on oil they can eat better and afford their medication. The carbon tax would hit them hard. Also think about the

single mother who has to drive to work and to childcare. A raise in the gas prices will hit her hard also. The "progressive" platform calls for raising the minimum wage but then any gain by the low-income people will be wiped out by the carbon tax.

What is most important is that these three candidates bring positive attitudes and a willingness to truly listen, along with a respect for viewpoints other than their own.

Each may have his or her own rationale about proposed legislation, but they will work together, building on compromise as they move Vermont forward in a cautious, yet productive manner.

Ernest Shand
Weathersfield
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Dear Editor,

As legend journalist Bob Schieffer said on CBS, "How did we ever get to this point?" As moderator Chuck Todd said to Joe Biden on "Meet the Press," "We have a coarse culture that gives permission to sexual abuse." Biden responded, "This guy acknowledged he is a sexual predator and abused his power!"

How did we ever allow an amoral, narcissistic, mentally unfit person reach so deeply into people's minds? How did we ever get to sexual harassment and abuse dismissed as locker room talk? How did we get to the point of escalation of bullying in schools, media and our overall society? How did we get to hatred and belittlement of different ethnicities and handicapping conditions?

As the next history books are writ-

ten, Donald Trump will be represented as a bully, a white supremacist, a fascist and demagogue. Children are being exposed to the darkness, the underground of America that has risen steadily since he announced his candidacy for President of the United States? He is not 'making America great again; he is imploding the divisiveness and inciting violence in America. Is this the kind of role model we will allow our children to hold in respect and admiration as the leader of the 'free world'?

This is a man, who not only degrades women and immigrants, but a man whose irreverent behaviors are held in esteem by an ignorant culture that is becoming a dominant part of our society. What has happened to the culture of America who

works hard honestly, consistently and lawfully? We are holding a criminal in respect, when he hasn't paid his taxes for two decades and admits he is "smart and plays tricks on the system. This is a man who has three New York State lawsuits for 'defrauding uneducated and the elderly in the "Trump University" scheme.

Is this what we have come to? Is this the America we want for ourselves and our families? Is this America's legacy? Additionally, with his last declaration of defiance toward the historical act of allowing a

respectful transition of power at the end of the election, he is undercutting the essence and legitimacy of our American democracy!!

Please vote on Nov. 8 with a conscious conscience for American values based on equality, morality, and diversity. As Martin Luther King uttered, "The time is always right to do what is right. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that!"

Katheryn N. Chasse
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The family of Reba Asenath Wells Goodrich wish to thank family and friends who sent cards, flowers, food, offered words of condolences, donated to the charities in her name and/or attended services; also appreciation to the VNH staff for their assistance. A very special thank you

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Obituaries

Jerry D. Foster, 1941 – 2016

CHESTER, Vt. - Jerry D Foster, long time resident of this area, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on October 17, 2016. Born May 11, 1941 in Springfield, Vermont, the son of Donald C and Lillian G (Davenport) Foster. Jerry attended schools in the Chester, Vermont, receiving his diploma through his service in the US Navy. He served on the USS Prairie out of San Diego, California from 1962 through 1968. After his time in the Navy Jerry held various jobs throughout the country. His love of music and playing the guitar lead him to gigs at local clubs, dance halls like MeatLand and Chester American Legion.

Jerry was predeceased by paternal grandparents Aden and Helen (Clark) Foster of Chester, Vt.; maternal grandmother Delia Riendeau Davenport of West Chesterfield, N.H.; parents Donald and Lillian (Davenport) Foster; sister Ellen S Foster Wade of Chester, Vt.

Jerry is survived by brothers Harold Foster of Ladson, South Carolina and James Foster of Springfield, Vt. A son Shawn Foster of Bellows Falls, Vt.; a daughter Sherry Foster of Charlestown, N.H. Several grandchildren, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Celebration of Life for Jerry will be held at the Bartonville Grange, 11:00 a.m. on October 30.

David H. Wyman, 1932 – 2016

CHESTER, Vt. - David H. Wyman, beloved father of Barbara Nadeau (Mike), Bion Wyman, Donna Wyman (George) and Gregory Wyman passed away Monday Oct.17, 2016 at the age of 84. David was born in Gassetts, Vt. to Uriah and Hazel (Martin) Wyman on Sept. 1, 1932

Besides his children he leaves behind four grandchildren; Anastasia Nadau, Felicia Bowen, Ryan Palmer and Ashley Wyman. David adored them. He also leaves behind one great grandson, Dustin Johnson whom he loved to pieces. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. David was predeceased by his parents, his wife Mary in 1999 and his son Stacey in 1977 also his brothers, Phil, Robert & Richard and his sisters Lucy and Elizabeth.

David worked for the Rutland Railroad and Green Mountain Railroad until his retirement in 1992. David received an Honorary Diploma from Green Mountain High School. He loved to hunt and spend many seasons with his brothers. He enjoyed watching the Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and the Price is Right.

Let's not forget the Red Sox, he was a lifelong fan.

David was a Korean War Veteran. He belonged to the VFW Post 771 in Springfield, Vt. He was a life member of American Legion Post 67 in Chester. He was the Past Commander from 1987 to 1988 and belonged to the Color Guard. David and his cohorts ran the Legion Lunch Wagon for many years. Any function the legion needed help with he would be there. Most people though will remember as the Bingo Chairman.

He will be missed by many and his absence will be felt. We love you Dad!

Graveside Funeral Services with Military Honors will be held on Saturday Oct. 22, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Chester. Officiating will be the Rev. Thomas Charlton, Pastor of the First Baptist Church. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday October 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chester American Legion Post 67.

Arrangements are in care of the Adams Funeral Home, Chester.

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Sarah "Sally" P. Lawrence, 1936 – 2016

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Sarah "Sally" P. Lawrence, 79, of Styles Brook died Tuesday morning, October 18, 2016 at the Grace Cottage Hospital, Townshend, Vt. She was born Nov. 30, 1936 in New York City the daughter of Kenneth and Ruth (Ruggles) Polhemus. Mrs. Lawrence attended school in Eastchester, NY and graduated from Brattleboro High School, Brattleboro, Vt.

She worked for Mary Myers in Townshend for 10 years, at Vermont Academy, and in the lunch program at the Grafton Grade School. She also was a housekeeper for the Valley Health Council. Mrs. Lawrence was a volunteer homemaker for the Council on Aging and at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital coffee shop.

She celebrated her 63 wedding anniversary on October 10, 2016 to E. Donald Lawrence who she married in 1953 in the Little Brick Church on Park Avenue in New York City. She is survived by her husband; her son Scott Lawrence & wife Sharon of Grafton, VTt.; her brother Kenneth Polhemus & wife Pat of Arlington, TX; her grandchildren Andrew & wife Bethanne of Essex, Vt. Melanie & husband Adam Barton of Claremont, N.H.; and six great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents and a son Timothy Lawrence.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, Vt. are handling the arrangements.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

There was a special community moment at Brown Field in Springfield on Friday night October 14. It was Senior Night 2016. The Cosmos were pummeled by Poultney/ Mount Saint Joseph 27-0. Wait a minute, what's special about that? Actually nothing was special about that. In fact, 27-0 isn't anything compared to 42-6, 48-6, 56-6, 48-0 and 42-6, scores of the other Springfield losses this season. The opening paragraph said it was a special night, so let this piece go forward and be constructive, not backwards any longer.

There was a big crowd present for the game at Brown Field; despite the fact the night was the coldest evening of the fall to date. Springfield supports its football team. It has drawn good numbers for all the home games. The Cosmos also travel well on the road. Ask people about how they may have had at least as many fans at Missisquoi as the hometown team. That is going some.

Then there was opening night at Bellows Falls. A number of people had my ear about whether this game, should be played any longer. Most people see it now that this contest is men against boys. It cannot be fun for either team people say. BF could have written their own score this year.

But the people turned out to see the 100th or whatever number edition it was of the game. And they turned out in mass. I was in front of the Springfield stands doing my job and soaking in the atmosphere, ----wait a minute---- soaking in what atmosphere? How can there be an atmosphere for a game like this? The same team has won for a while now and by a lot to a little. I don't have the answer to that question, it was a great atmosphere and the kids deserve it.

However that was the 42-6 game on the list of scores published above. In this day and age, times have changed. It was never right for a team to be blasted every week; kids today will not compete in a sport forever, which has the score 42-6 or worse every week. The average score of the Cosmos losses printed earlier in this article is 44-4. Even throwing away the factor of an injury risk, a program will not survive with that type of a total on an average over any period of time.

The special community moment speaks well for a town, despite the wonderful support of the Green and White faithful, Springfield football is not getting better. Before you start pointing your finger at Rich Saypack and the Cosmos staff, realize, this is a program that was diminished to the junior varsity level just a short time ago. Some of the best most competitive games the Cosmos have had since then, were against Fall Mountain, Winooski and Montpelier. Two of those programs no longer exist and Fall Mountain played a game last week with fourteen healthy bodies and lost to Stevens 60-0. Springfield is doing as good as they can right now. They must walk, before they can run.

Successful Bellows Falls coach Bob Lockerby and one of his assistants Don Laurendeau stopped by Brown Field the night of October 14 and both marveled at the crowd on hand. Bellows Falls fans show their support on a regular basis for the Terriers, this was a 1-5 Springfield team on a frigid night. They clearly picked up, that this was a WOW moment.

On the same night, signs of coming apart surfaced within the Cosmos. This was a night that both the Green and White and I, expected a victory or a down to the wire battle against Poultney/ Mount Saint Joseph, a winless team. I believe that the beatings Springfield has received week after week had taken its toll on this Springfield eleven and this time, when they fell behind; there was no resolve to be found.

I don't want to hear from the old timers about "How back in my day, we would have just sucked it up." The truth is today is much different and despite the fact this group does have to put in more of a commitment, especially in the offseason, the rules of those bygone days (no matter how good they might have been), are so far gone today, that if you wait for today's youth to jump on board and follow them, there will eventually be no football in Springfield. The fact that forty-one players play football 9-12 in Springfield is a big plus in the long run. The Cosmos are starting to get the walk.

Springfield does not sit alone with football being a problem in Vermont. The sport is broken and short of going to four divisions, which both the Vermont Principals Association and the state's coaches, steadfastly refuse to do, nothing is likely to help. Even four divisions will still have its' blemishes.

When any sport has 83.6 percent of its games considered one sided (in football that means decided by 14 or more points) with more than half (53.1 percent) of those contests having the winning team scoring more than 40 points and more than half (52.3 percent) of the losing teams scoring less than 10 points, with the average scores of your 128 games over eight weeks totaling 38.8-10.8 and you don't take the pains to make sure things get better, there is a serious neglect issue and those on the bottom tend to suffer.

In case you are wondering things in New Hampshire aren't any better. Just taking last Saturday as an example the scores were: 35-0, 14-6, 31-14, 41-6, 26-0, 39-35, 43-0, 41-16, 41-12, 44-0, 7-6, 33-13, 32-9, 28-0, 48-16, 21-6 and 64-0. That small sampling saw the average score land at 34.2- 8.2 with 41 percent of the winners scoring over 40 points, 65 percent of the losers not able to score 10 points and 83 percent of the encounters being determined by more than 14 points. Serious realignment is needed in the Granite State as well.

Fall Mountain's losses are by the count of 48-6, 18-14, 57-14, 40-0, 48-8, 44-6 and 60-0. The team had only fourteen players for the Stevens game and coach John Callahan made more decisions about who could play where on every play than he did about strategy. New solutions are needed. It is time to think outside the box. These student/athletes matter.

The state associations should bless these teams to get creative. It would be much better to take Springfield, Missisquoi and Poultney/MSJ from Vermont and Fall Mountain and Raymond from New Hampshire to form their own little league for a couple of years. They play home and home series (eight games) and crown their champion. There would be more competitive games and just maybe after the two years is over, some of those programs would be ready for their own state play. The idea might not be great yet it sure beats what is playing out now.

FM Boys Soccer



The Fall Mountain Boys Soccer team earned the 10th seed in the New Hampshire Division III tournament. The Wildcats Steven Walker (23) is shown here competing in a crowd. The Cats play a play-off game Sunday at Campbell at 2 p.m.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Bellows Falls, Springfield and Fall Mountain all fall down in area football

BY BILL MURPHY

The Bellows Falls Terriers have carried the area bragging rights throughout the football season. There was no bragging of any sort by anyone last week, as the opposition outscored our area football teams 136-20. BF did the best of the bunch, falling to Burr and Burton 34-14 in the battle of Vermont Division II unbeaten last Friday night. Springfield fell to Spaulding 42-6 and Fall Mountain was dismantled by Stevens 60-0.

Things started well for the Terriers but they did not last long. Bob Lockerby's team took the opening kick-off and marched to the Bulldog 15 before having their opening drive stall. Lockerby said, "That was disappointing. I thought it was a nice drive. We did that three times against Milton and survived. We talked about that could hurt us in a big game. It hurt us tonight."

Burr and Burton took the ball and marched the 85 yards to pay dirt with a combination of runs and passes. Stellar quarterback Griffin Stallcup ran it in on a quarterback draw the final six yards. The Terriers could only muster one first down in their next possession and then punted. The defending state champions took the ball with a short field (the BF kicking game, both of the punt and kick-off variety is a weakness they may not be able to overcome) and quickly found the end zone again, this time through the air to up the count to 13-0 with 9:16 remaining until the half.

Shane Clark's long kick-off return allowed BF to get in position to get on the scoreboard. Logan Cota had the biggest play in the drive with a run



BF's Shane Clark is looking for running room here with mate Liam Hackett blocking. This run went for a short gain, Clark had a long kick-off return and a 58-yard touchdown carry in the tough 34-14 loss to Fair Haven last Friday night in the rain at Hadley Field. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

from the 30 to the 4. Jahyde Bullard tallied the six points on a 4 yard run at the 4:07 mark to cut the deficit almost in half 13-6. A very short kick-off put B+B right back with another short field and they took advantage with another Stallcup touchdown less than two minutes later at the 2:36 mark, upping the lead to 20-6.

BF finished the first half the same way they opened it, marching to the red zone, only to come up empty. A combination of hurried plays and clock management, along with an official taking an eternity to spot the ball, left the Terriers short. Lockerby said, "I said if we were going to beat them, we were going to have to play the best game we've ever played and we didn't play the best game we've ever played. You guys watched the same game we

did. We had opportunities and we didn't take advantage of them. We had moments where we looked excellent like ourselves and we had moments where we just didn't execute."

One of the moments when they did execute was just after halftime when Shane Clark struck again, this time on a TD run to the left side of 58 yards with 9:43 remaining in the third quarter. The extra point play was special because Caleb Lisai thread one of those Tom Brady like passes near the ground, which could only be caught by the receiver. Clark gathered it in for the conversion, which brought the Terriers hope with a 20-14 score. The offense would not be heard from again. Two additional Bulldog tallies would provide the final margin of victory.

The Terriers travel to Fair Haven Friday night for a 7 p.m. kick-off and a game, which will determine which of those two teams will play at home in the first round of the play-offs. The two teams will meet again the following weekend at the site of the Friday night winner.

Springfield had hoped to land its' second win at Spaulding and entered play that day mathematically still alive for a play-off spot. A 42-6 defeat left fans of all types surprised. "In the end, their size was the difference," Coach Rich Saypack offered. "It didn't take long to see that we were outmanned," he added, continuing on to say, "maybe we are just a JV football team." That statement was not putting his football team down, it was just speaking about you cannot take shortcuts to being competitive.

Ryan McSally found Jacob Stepler on a neat 80-yard pass play for the lone Springfield score. In a strange twist of fate, with the Cosmos not making the play-offs, yet guaranteed nine games by the state of Vermont football system, they travel back to Spaulding Saturday for another 1 p.m. kick-off.

Fall Mountain never had a chance against a possible play-off bound Stevens team. The Cardinals led from start to finish. Coach John Callahan told us "It is so tough to be playing so many players out of position. We had fourteen healthy players and the kids give it their all. Koal Simonds does what he can to help us be as good as we can be. If some of our injuries heal, we might be competitive against Mascoma this week. Time will tell"

The 0-7 Wildcats host Mascoma Friday night at 7 p.m.

Vt. Elks soccer shoot



Participants from Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 at the Vt. Elks State Soccer shoot were left to right; Kayla Quelch, Ava Anderson, Noah Cherubine, Brielle Pelletier, Finnegan Kelley, Max Peebles, Luna Burkland and Springfield Elks Lodge soccer shoot chairman Victor Baskevich. In back was Elroy the Elk. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 soccer shoot chairman Victor Baskevich and Exalted Ruler Vicki Siliski took the local winners from Springfield and Chester to the Vt. Elks State Soccer Shoot in St. Albans, Vt. on October 16.

Participants were U-8 girls and boys winners, Brielle Pelletier and Finnegan Kelley both of Springfield.

For the U-10's they were Ava Anderson and Max Peebles both of Chester. For the U-12's they were Luna Burkland and Noah Cherubini both of Chester. In the U-14 age group there was Kayla Quelch of Springfield and Tristin Parker of Chester.

The participants were feted to a luncheon and awards ceremony lead by State President Bob Campo and Elroy the Elk.



BF Pee Wee Football

The Bellows Falls Packers captured their third straight Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football Championship on Sunday, October 16 at Hadley Field in Bellows Falls. The Packers have gone undefeated in their last two seasons.

Pictured: Back Row: coach Chris Moore, coach Jeff Potter, coach Todd Swisher, Head Coach Don Fullam, coach Bill Lockerby Middle row: Kari Dickey, Katheleen Gauthier, Jake Moore, Max Vogel, Rowan Temple, Justin Packard, Sawyer Ranney, Ray Plummer, Kaden Lashway Bottom Row: Adrianna Sidelinger, Lydia Vogel, Zoe Gauthier, Seth Adams, Pablo Kingman, Cole Moore, Tanner Swisher, Milo Gauthier, Remy Lacroix, Ethan Brown.

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BF Girls Field Hockey

The Bellows Falls Field Hockey team is seeded number one in Vermon's Division III with a 13-0 record. This picture is from action against Woodstock in their regular season finale. Paxton Santorelli (22) is a member of the strong defensive unit for the Terriers. Goalie Brigid Hodsden is in the background. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Fall Mountain Girls Soccer



The Fall Mountain Girls Soccer team already has the top seed and now they have the date November 6th circled on their calendars. That is the date the New Hampshire Division III title game is played in Laconia at 4p.m. Two more victories and the circle would become live. Two Wildcat players Joslin Gilbo (13) and Ella Stewart (9) are shown controlling play here.



The Fall Mountain Girls Soccer team has been the best of the best in the regular season in New Hampshire Division III play. They are the top seed in the state tournament and host the winner of the Prospect Mountain-Stevens game Saturday at 2 p.m. A victory would advance them to the semi-finals Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Laconia, where the Final Four teams gather. The picture shows FM's Dana Dearborn (15) and Maddi Bernardo (11) in action.

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Barn Dance at CAES

CHESTER, Vt. - A Barn Dance was held, on Thursday, September 29 in the Chester-Andover Elementary School multi-purpose room. Brenda Sheere's art students created barn cats, pumpkins, and scarecrows to bring the barn to CAES.

Prior to this culminating event, Chester-Andover Elementary School hosted a fiddle music resi-

dency on September 26-29. During their classes, with music teacher Cindi Austin and local musician Ida Specker, all students in grades three and four were introduced to various string instruments. The students learned the instruments history, the different sounds they make, and how to use them.

At the barn dance Ida Specker,

Lila Specker, and Faith Wood, played string instruments while students and their family members danced folk dances learned in Elise Lisle's physical education and Mrs. Austin's music classes.

Everyone had fun!

See more photos with this article at www.vermontjournal.com



Kids, family members, and teachers danced to the music of Ida Specker and friends.
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Trunk or Treat and Lights On After-school rally

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The All-4-One after school program will sponsor a Lights On After school rally on October 29, 5:30-8:00 p.m. located at Riverside Middle School,

13 Fairground Road, Springfield, Vt. The rally will be one of more than an expected 8,000 such events across America as part of Lights On After-school, the annual nationwide cele-

bration of after school programs organized by the Afterschool Alliance. This year, Lights On Afterschool will highlight youth voices in the upcoming national election, encouraging kids to share their thoughts with the next president and teaching them about our electoral process.

Speakers in Springfield will call for expanding after school opportunities so that every child who needs a program has access to one, and discuss the benefits of after school programs, including inspiring children to learn, keeping them safe in the hours when juvenile crime peaks, and providing relief to working families. At the event, parents and supporters will sign a petition that urges lawmakers not to deny or divert funding for afterschool programs.

Participants in the Lights On Afterschool rally All-4-One, Springfield Parks and Recreation Department, Springfield Town Library, River Valley A & P Department, Class of 2022, Springfield Police,

Springfield Fire and many more community members. The event will spotlight the range of programming available at the All-4-One including a Haunted House, Bake Sale, Music, Games, Story Times, Trunks to "treat" out of and much more! Hundreds of parents, supporters and community members are expected to attend.

Over 50 Trunks to treat out of, Games, Music, Food, Haunted Hallway Maze, Story Time and lots of parents and supporters of after school and Springfield Community. To Register you TRUNK for the event or more information: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ca5ae29aafd0-trunk/

The All-4-One Program opened in 1997 with a childcare license from the State of Vermont Child Development Division and in 2004 with a 21st Century Community Learning

Centers grant from the U.S. Department of Education. It now has a 5 STAR (Step Ahead Quality Rating) from the state of Vermont and serves yearly over 550 children, providing homework assistance, mentoring, tutoring, and classes and clubs in sports, recreation, STEAM, drama, Community Service and dozens of other subjects. The program is collaboration between the school system, Springfield Parks and Recreation, Edgar May Facility, Springfield Town Library and other various members and businesses of the Springfield community.

The Afterschool Alliance is a non-profit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children have access to quality after school programs. More information on Lights On Afterschool is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

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Third Coast Percussion in residence at Yellow Barn

PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn opens its 2016 - 2017 residency season with Chicago-based percussion ensemble Third Coast Percussion. The ensemble comes to Yellow Barn to create a new soundtrack for the Academy Award-nominated film Paddle to the Sea in advance of the premiere at the Cleveland Museum of Art in May 2017. On Friday, November 4, Third Coast's 10-day residency will culminate in a work-in-progress performance and discussion at Next Stage.

Since its formation in 2005, Third Coast Percussion (Sean Connors, Robert Dillon, Peter Martin, and David Skidmore) has gained national attention from collaborations across a wide range of disciplines, including

concerts and residency projects.

Their new performance project looks at our relationship to the bodies of water that connect our lives. The classic children's book and Academy Award-nominated film Paddle to the Sea tells the story of a Native Canadian boy who carves a wooden figure called Paddle-to-the-Sea and sets him on a journey through all five Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River, and finally to the Atlantic Ocean.

Providing a live "soundtrack", Third Coast Percussion will perform works inspired by impressions of water and the natural world by Philip Glass, John Luther Adams, and Jacob Druckman, and compose music of its own to create a performance that flows seamlessly throughout the course of the film.

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The November 4 event begins at 8 p.m. with a performance approximately one hour in length, followed by an open discussion between musicians and audience members. Tickets are available online at www.yellowbarn.org and by phone at 802-387-6637. Advance reservations are strongly encouraged for guaranteed admission.

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New film All of Me to screen in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Kingdom County Productions is proud to launch its new documentary film *All of Me* by award winning filmmaker Bess O'Brien. The film will tour Vermont this September and October. Twenty-four screenings are scheduled across the state.

The film will be screening in Springfield Oct 28 at 7 p.m. at the Movie Theatre on Main Street. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by Springfield Medical Care Systems.

All of Me focuses on the lives of women, girls and boys who are caught in the downward spiral of eating disorders and their struggle to regain a sense of self-compassion and healing. The film also focuses on the parents who struggle with their children around this devastating disease.

Although the film focuses primarily on Bulimia and Anorexia, the underlying issues of other eating disorders are touched upon in the film. In addition, All of Me delves deep into the often pervasive ways that food, dieting, and body image affect all of us on a daily basis. Many of us may

not be diagnosed with an official eating disorder but struggle with our own histories and insecurities around food and weight.

Most importantly All of Me centers on what are the underlying emotional issues that eating disorders stem from including depression, anxiety, trauma, sensitivity, control, perfectionism, and other mental health issues.

In addition, the movie gives hope to those struggling—people can recover and reclaim their bodies, their emotional connection with themselves and others.

All of Me follows Director Bess O'Brien's last film *The Hungry Heart* which highlighted the opiate epidemic in Vermont. That film toured extensively across the state and has been screened across the country over the last three years.

For listings of All of Me Vermont tour dates and to watch a trailer of the film go to www.kingdomcounty.org.



Join the cast for All of Me in Springfield.
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Major underwriting sponsors for this film are PEAR VT, The University of Vermont Health Network, Burlington labs, VPR and Seven Days.

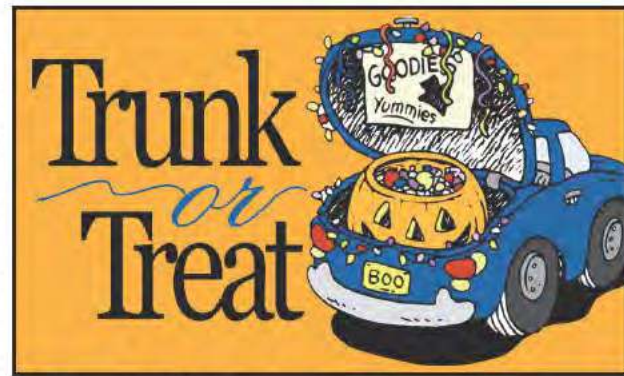
Cavendish Trunk or Treat

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Cavendish Trunk or Treat will take place in the Cavendish Elementary School parking lot on October 31. Trunk or Treating is a version of Trick or Treating - but instead of children going from door to door to collect candy; they go from trunk to trunk around the parking lot. Trunk or Treat is a great way to connect the Cavendish community - everyone can celebrate in one location together.

Cavendish Trunk or Treat is fun for both kids and adults! Adults can participate by bringing their car, decorating the trunk with a theme and handing out candy. Kids can participate by coming in costume, collecting candy and voting for the best-decorated trunk.

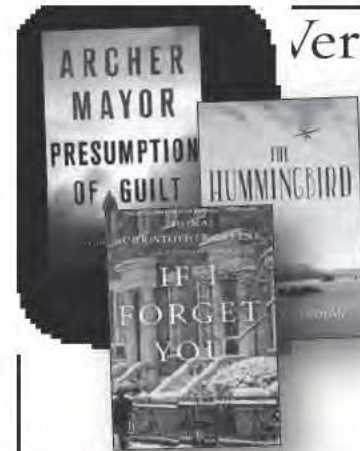
The parking lot at Cavendish Elementary School will open at 4:30 p.m. for trunk set up. Trunk or Treating and voting will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There are a few guidelines for Trunk-or-Treaters. Please keep decorations kid-friendly - nothing too scary. Be as creative



Go Trunk-or-Treating at the Cavendish Elementary School.
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as you'd like - pick a theme from books, movies, games, hobbies, sports, history, or a friendly Halloween theme. There are lots of ideas online to start your brainstorming. You can even wear a costume to go with your theme! Remember to bring enough treats for approximately 200 kids!



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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA) and the Great Falls Regional Chamber Below Falls kick off the BFDDA Shop Local program and our 2nd Annual Chili/Chowder Cook-off event Saturday October 29!

Starting at noon, you can pick up your shop local cards at the Windham Hotel Lobby, travel through downtown and visit merchants, taste chowder and shop for pre-holiday deals. The chowder and chili event runs

from 12 to 3:00 p.m. with music and a cash bar at the Windham Hotel from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy free music with 3rd Rail (Rock, Classic Rock & Blues covers) at the Windham Hotel, The Square in Bellows Falls, Vt.

When you return to the Lobby to fill out your ballot, we'll give you raffle tickets for any Shop Local stamps you have on your cards. Don't forget to participate in the "Name the Bear" Contest.

The Shop Local program will ex-

tend through the Christmas holiday season. Lots of local gift certificates and prizes will be up for grabs in January.

Eat, shop, dance, and celebrate this beautiful end to the fall season, and the start to our holiday season. A small charge for the Chili and chowder tasting tickets. Local Cards-FREE. Music-FREE. Fun-ALWAYS FREE. Cash Bar. For more information, contact the Chamber at 802-463-4280 or info@gfrcc.org

Grounded at Grounded4Life

CHESTER, Vt. - Come on into the Grounded4Life coffeehouse for

an evening of music led by the in-house band, Grounded! Andy singing with electric and acoustic guitars, Julie on vocals, Beth on keyboard and vocals, Mark on electric guitar, CT on bass guitar and Ron on drums. The group has a vast repertoire spanning multiple genres, mainly contemporary praise and worship and rock, but also dipping

into some other styles on occasion. The event will be held at Ground-



In-house band, Grounded to play at Grounded4Life.
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ed4Life, a coffeehouse in the lower level of the Chester Baptist Church across from "the green" at 162 Main St, Chester, VT on Friday, Oct. 28. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with food, coffee, fellowship and conversation. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. with free admission.

Check out the Grounded4Life Facebook page and share us with your friends. You can also contact us through the grounded4life-vt.org website.



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My father traveled to Vermont as a kid with his older brothers. They had hunting camps in Windham along Abbott Road. He told us many stories about his brothers and all their friends who enjoyed the woods and getting away from the city life of Massachusetts. His dream was to build a second home in Grafton. That happened in the mid 1960s. It is now my brother's permanent home, which we still call "the camp."

I was the tomboy of our family of three siblings. I went fishing with my dad, together we went for rides on all the back roads looking for wildlife, and walked in the woods looking for deer signs. Dad would wake us up in the middle of the night to make first tracks with our Jeep on Old Stage Coach Road before the plow truck came.

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Okemo ice skating rink refrigeration

LUDLOW, Vt. – What does the Rink at Rockefeller Center, the Pond at Bryant Park, and Okemo Mountain Resort's Ice House have in common? They're all using the same refrigeration system technology to build their ice skating rinks.

Okemo's Ice House ice skating pavilion will be opening earlier than ever this winter and offering a more consistent ice skating surface thanks to a new, technologically advanced refrigeration system that can make ice at temperatures well above freezing. The IceMat system will create uniform ice temperatures in varied weather conditions, allowing Okemo to offer ice skating to its winter guests early in the season and throughout the entire winter.

"Installing an IceMat system will provide our guests with better quality ice and an overall better ice skating experience in Okemo's Ice House," said Okemo Vice President and General Manager Bruce Schmidt.

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that circulates coolant in opposite directions, to even out surface temperatures. As the mats cool, water is sprayed on the rink in mist form. Within hours, ice completely covers the mats to form a perfectly uniform ice sheet.

Installation of the IceMat is scheduled for early November and Okemo plans to offer ice skating to guests starting Thanksgiving weekend.

Built in 2006, Okemo's Ice House, located at Jackson Gore, is a multi-functional, year-round sports pavilion that is open to the public. The main building, a pre-engineered steel structure, houses a 115 by 215 foot skating rink in winter and a tennis court and basketball court, surrounded by a single-lane jogging track, in summer. The adjacent building features a gas-fueled fireplace for skaters to warm themselves in winter. Skate rentals are available and an ice resurfacing machine keeps the skating surface smooth and in top condition.



Inside the Icehouse at Jackson Gore Inn.

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Lynx spotted in Southern Vermont



This state-endangered Canada lynx was photographed by a Londonderry resident in June, far across the state from the Northeast Kingdom regions in which lynx have previously been spotted.

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LONDONDERRY, Vt. – A lone Canada lynx was photographed in the southern Vermont town of Londonderry this June, marking the first confirmed evidence of lynx in Vermont outside the Northeast Kingdom in decades. Lynx are listed as 'threatened' under the federal Endangered Species Act and 'endangered' in the state of Vermont.

The lynx was photographed in the back yard of a rural Londonderry home. Biologists with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department confirmed the identification of the animal from the photos and visited the site to confirm the location of the photos.

Since that time, a wildlife camera photo has emerged that biologists suspect is also of a lynx in nearby Searsburg, Vermont. The photo was taken in May shortly before the Londonderry sighting, but was only recently noticed by the University of Vermont student who had set the camera trap out as part of her wildlife research. The animal was photographed while it was passing under Route 9 using a wildlife underpass created in partnership with Vermont Fish & Wildlife and VTrans.

"This was very exciting news for Vermont," said Chris Bernier, a wildlife biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department who is in charge of lynx conservation. "The fact that this animal chose to travel such a long distance demonstrates why it is vitally important to maintain healthy and well-connected habitat in Vermont. We were thrilled to see the animal using a wildlife underpass that was created for the express purpose of allow-

ing animals to pass safely under the road."

Male lynx are known to disperse long distances; so Bernier believes that there is a strong chance this may be the same lynx in both sightings. Biologists regularly monitor lynx habitat in the area and have not picked up other evidence of the animals locally, indicating that it is unlikely that lynx have established a resident population in southern Vermont. Lynx are strongly tied to large, unbroken forests of spruce and fir trees with high numbers of snowshoe hares, their primary prey species. Forests of this type are mostly found in Vermont in Essex County, and are less common elsewhere in the state.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department actively monitors for lynx in the Nulheegan Basin of Conte National Wildlife Refuge and at the Bill Sladyk and Victory Basin Wildlife Management Areas in partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Plum Creek Timber Co. Survey work in 2016 was unable to detect a resident population anywhere in Vermont despite increased survey efforts.

"Vermont has never had a large or stable lynx population. Records of lynx in Vermont were extremely rare even at the time of the earliest colonists, and have remained infrequent," said Bernier. "We believe lynx may have dispersed into Vermont following a boom in Maine's lynx population in the early 1990s. Maintaining appropriate habitat is vital to ensuring that lynx can exist in this state, even if only as transients."

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SATURDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt.- “Discovering Your Roots: An Introduction to Genealogy” course will be held in the Cota & Cota buildingon Rte. 106 in North Springfield. If you are a beginner, interested in getting into genealogy, you

can still join the group. They are meeting on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for a one-hour class but the meetings will be scheduled to accommodate the pace of the class. The plan is to view the 30-minute video followed by a question and answer time. There will be a fee to take the course-all proceeds going to Springfield Art and Historical Society.

MONDAYS IN OCTOBER - WESTON, Vt. - Wilder Memorial Library, 24 Lawrence Hill Rd., presents “Preparing for the Winter” with herbalist, Jamie Maloof on Monday 24 from 4:30 -6:30 p.m. Space is limited and this series of classes sells out fast! Register today: director@wildermemorallibrary.org or 802-824-4307. Come join herbalist Jamie Maloof for a three-class series on boosting our immune systems and using herbs to prevent and aid in winter illness. Prepare your medicine cabinets for the upcoming cold season. In the third class we will prepare our own medicines to take home, which will include, tinctures, salves, oils, infusions/ decoctions, and infused honey. For the third class of medicine making, you will need to bring your own jars, alcohol, and oil, we will discuss this in more

detail before the third class. Hand-outs and medicine sampling will be included in each class. Please bring a notebook, mug for tea, and folder for handouts.

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

MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS - WALPOLE, N.H. – If You Don’t Tell Your Story, Who Will? A series of writing and reading workshops for those interested in transforming the deep exploration of experience into a convincing and compelling story. Each member is encouraged to participate at his or her own pace and comfort level. Please call for more information. 603-756-4177, or visit my website at pambarnard.com

TUESDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Come and join in the crazy fun... “Paint pARTy!” Every Tuesday Evening from 6 to 8 p.m. The Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery, Mountain Market Place 5700 Rte. 100 is hosting paint party classes. Fee includes all materials and instruction. Please pre register. For more information call 802 824-6555

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange Building on the Square in Bellows Falls, Vt. All poets welcome. Poet to the left of the poet reads poem first, then the poet will read their poem. Discussion of all aspects of the poem, poet may take suggestions or ignore them. Then we move to the next poet. 802-463-22074 (leave message).

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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – If you do any type of fiber work or craft, bring it along and learn and enjoy the company of other fiber enthusiasts including rug hookers, rug braiders, knitters, crocheters, needlepointers, embroiderers, spinners, weavers, quilters, felters, beaders, and other crafters. Whatever you do with fiber, all are welcome! Great Hall of the Fellows Building, 100 River Street from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. We don’t meet on holidays.

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS – WESTON, Vt. - Residents of Mount Holly are invited to the community yoga classes held at the Weston Priory by Amanda Merk, Mount Holly town librarian and 200-hour Yoga Alliance certified instructor. Vinyasa flow yoga classes will be in the visitor’s center at the Priory on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. The Weston Priory is a beautiful, peaceful location for yoga. Come, bring a friend and a yoga mat and find an hour of serenity! There is no fee for the yoga classes at the Priory. Donations are gratefully accepted. Please reach out to Amanda Merk if you have any questions about the library or yoga at amandasmerk@gmail.com.

CLUBS/ ORGANIZATIONS

SUNDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at 4 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport RD., North Springfield. Volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Membership open at age 12 and adults of any age and assorted skills are welcome and needed to support the missions. For more information, call Commander, Maj. Fellows at 802-263-5544 or drop by a meeting

MONDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Ken Olsson is the director. For any questions, contact Terri, manager of the chorus, at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. The concerts will be Dec. 3 and 4. For more information about the chorus and the 50th year celebration, go to the web site: www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. Consider making a donation for the cost of a greater year of music.

TUESDAYS - WOODSTOCK, Vt. – The Freelance Family Singers of Woodstock will begin practicing for their Dec. 3 and 4 holiday concerts. The weekly Tuesday rehearsals

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Michael R. Sturtevant Parcel # 150106

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Michael R. Sturtevant by Warranty Deed of Lee A. Ravlin Lloyd and Gary L. Lloyd dated April 12, 2013 and Recorded in Book 144, Page 272 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 7th day of October, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Gregory Fraser and Jennifer Fraser Parcel # 382025.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Gregory Fraser and Jennifer Fraser by Warranty Deed of Evelyn Ryan Hynes dated May 17, 2013 and Recorded in Book 145, Page 252 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE Alton C. Folsom and Marina Folsom Parcel # 372027

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Alton C. Folsom and Marina Mavroleon Folsom by Warranty Deed of BTG Property #12, LLC dated May 27, 2005 and Recorded in Book 93, Page 420 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Interested candidates should apply through SchoolSpring.com or send a cover letter with resume and references to: John Davis
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john.davis@trsu.org

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STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE Terry W. Adams Parcel # 130171

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Terry W. Adams by Warranty Deed of Thomas E. Zabilowski and Mary Lou Zabilowski dated October 4, 2002 and Recorded in Book 89, Page 199 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE Estate of Eric J. Cerra Parcel # 615057

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Eric J. Cerra by Quit Claim Deed of Brattleboro Savings & Loan dated April 30, 2010 and Recorded in Book 100, Page 133 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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NOTICE OF SALE Dylan J. Graves Parcel # 262037.300

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Dylan J. Graves by Warranty Deed of Jean-Pierre Poncelet and Yvette Poncelet dated June 20, 2014 and Recorded in Book 154, Page 198 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 8, 2016 9 AM – 7 PM AT THE GRAFTON TOWN HALL

The legal voters of the Town of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet for a Special Town Meeting at the Grafton Town Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM to take action by Australian ballot on the following article:

ARTICLE 1. “Shall the registered voters of the Town of Grafton support development of the Stiles Brook Wind Project, as proposed by Iberdrola Renewables, to be located on the Stiles Brook Forest, owned by Meadowsend Timberlands, LTD.?”

GRAFTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ron Pilette, Chairman

Cynthia Gibbs

Skip Lisle

John Turner

Al Sands

LEGAL NOTICES

CLUBS CONT.

TUESDAYS CONT. - are held at Woodstock's First Congregational Church, 36 Elm St., from 7 to 9 p.m. All ages may participate and there are no auditions. There is a small participation fee, with scholarships available. Directed by Ellen Satterthwaite, Freelance performs a wide variety of secular and sacred music. All are welcomed to join and ring in the holiday with song.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, OCT. 29 - BELMONT, Vt. - A benefit dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Belmont Odd Fellows Hall, beginning at 5 p.m. There is a fee for the dinner and all proceeds will benefit the Gil Odd Fellows Home. Questions about the dinner call 259-6001, or call Theresa at 228-6863.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8 - WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Attention voters! The Ascutney Union

Church will once again serve a take-out meal consisting of lasagna, salad and roll on ELECTION DAY, November 8 from 10:30 a.m. until it runs out. Cost is \$8.00. Vote at the Weathersfield Town Hall and walk next door for your take-out. All funds will benefit the AUC general fund.

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY, OCT. 28 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Church Network is sponsoring a Musical Thank-offering at the Charlestown Town Hall (2nd floor). Entitled "Soli Deo Gloria" this gathering of musicians from 6 local congregations will offer about 20 songs of Praise and Thanksgiving to the Lord of the Harvest, Jesus. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Attendants will be on hand to advise about parking in the immediate area. Ushers will be available for assisting with climbing the stairs. (We regret that the 2nd floor theater and stage are not handicap-accessible.) Everyone is welcomed to join the Assembly. The program is designed to run about one and a half hours. It will feature a variety of contemporary and traditional

numbers with solos, duets, small ensembles, instrumentals, as well as hymns to be sung by the entire Assembly. The event is free to the public and no donations will be solicited or accepted. Instead, the music heard is intended as the offering.

THURSDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine Ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style.

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. We are getting some real good crowds. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, Raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Any info. needed call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. Hope to see you there!

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 - 29 - NEWPORT, N.H. - Polish Menu at The Old Courthouse, Main Street. Order from a carefully prepared menu of traditional and contemporary Polish dishes; Greeters from St Joseph Church, Claremont, will be wearing Polish folk costume to welcome & visit with diners. For reservations call the restaurant at 603-863-8360.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 - 31- CHESTER, Vt. - St. Luke's Sale-on-the-Screen is in its fourth year, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester is again offering a sale of parishioner donated items. We have practical bargains along with heirlooms until October 31. To review and make a bid, simply go to the church website: www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org, the Auction pages. All proceeds benefit the work of the church, here and in the wider world in need.



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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Good news — you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

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calendar

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SPECIAL
EVENTS CONT.

FRIDAY, OCT. 28
WALPOLE, N.H. - Ben Kilham will present on the Social Black Bear- This will be at the Walpole Town Hall on Friday October 28 at 7 p.m. There is a fee for admittance. Women of

Walpole is a community service organization and support many worthwhile causes. Refreshments will be available also.

WALPOLE, N.H.- Good quality fall and winter used clothing, household and tag sale items. Food sale on Saturday. Popular bag sale starts at 12 p.m.

Saturday. All you can stuff into a paper bag for \$3 or a plastic trash bag \$5. Something for everyone. Oct. 28 rummage sale only from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. rummage and food sale.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29 - TOWNSHEND, Vt. - “Dash to the Dam:” West River Valley Thrives

will host a costume 5k run/walk Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. along the West River Trail in Townshend. Runners will race from the “Old Rte. 30” trailhead to the Townshend Dam Rec Area. At the finish there will be food, drinks and activities (bobbing for apples, pumpkin painting, etc.). At 11:30 a.m. prizes will

be handed out to top finishers as well as those with the most creative costumes! There is a fee for children and adults. For more information and to register visit www.runreg.com/dash-to-the-dam. Or call Kate Venne at 802-365-4700. This race is a fundraiser for West River Valley Thrives, a youth substance abuse prevention coalition in Townshend, Vermont.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The 2nd

annual Chowder and Chili Cook-off will take place at the Bellows Falls Harvest Festival in downtown Bellows Falls. Set up will be from 11 a.m. to noon, serving from noon to 3 p.m., judging and harvest festival from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Windham Hotel, 36 The Square. Bring one to two gallons of your best chowder or chili (and some way to keep it warm), yourself or a team to serve it, ladies, table (no larger than four feet),

extension cords, optional table decorations and promotional materials to pass out. Paper goods and spoons will be provided. Please contact the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce to sign up! They are located at 17 Depot St., call them at 802-463-4280, or email to info@gfrcc.org.

BELMONT Vt.- Benefit Dinner on October 29, at the Belmont Odd Fellows Hall, event starts 5:00p.m. There is a fee for this event. Any questions? Contact Theresa Southworth, oddmain@gofhvt.net, 802-228-6863

CHESTER, Vt. - The Pennies for the Playground 5K Walk + Run + Kids Fun Run will be held at Chester Andover Elementary School. The Kids Fun Run starts at 8:45 a.m. It's a short loop around the school, open to ages 14 and under. The 5K starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp! All ages are welcome to walk or run the 3.1 mile loop around town. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Chester/PenniesforthePlayground5K> or in person on the day of the race. There is a cost for the runs and all proceeds go toward rebuilding the elementary school playground. Come out and support the school!

WALPOLE, N.H.- Good quality fall and winter used clothing, household and tag sale items. Food sale on Saturday. Popular bag sale starts at 12 p.m. Saturday. All you can stuff into a paper bag for \$3 or a plastic trash bag \$5. Something for everyone. Oct. 28 rummage sale only from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. rummage and food sale.

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Bellows Falls Woman's Club will hold a food and baked goods sale from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Walpole Middle School in conjunction with the Walpole Library's annual book sale. Available will be a variety of home baked pies, muffins, rolls, cookies, squares, soups, preserves, and more. Funds raised benefit the many outreach projects of the club including a high school scholarship.

SUNDAY, OCT. 30- CLAREMONT, N.H.- 10 a.m, Mass and Coffee Hour, St Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street. Mass will feature hymns sung in Polish, followed by Coffee Hour in the church hall with traditional Polish pastries, a sing-along of favorite Polish folk songs and storytelling. Free and open to the public; donations accepted. Information: 603-542-6454 or 542-5933

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Imagination Service Sunday at 10 a.m. with Glen Williams. This service will be on “Our Imagination” and how we use it. We will explore the shortcuts imagination can provide us, the positive force in our lives it can represent, as well as the dangers posed by an active imaginations. Such questions as: did we imagine a God, did God imagine us, and would we continue to evolve without imagination? It will involve congregant participation. Held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, 21 Fairground Road. All welcome!

SATURDAY, NOV. 5 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Ladies Aid and Missions will host their annual Holiday Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., Bellows Falls. Tables of gifts, crafts and food will be offered. Children's craft table and luncheon. Menu: chicken ‘n biscuit meal, corn chowder and sandwiches. Beverages and donuts also offered. We look forward to seeing you. Proceeds are used for local, national and international ministries.

HEALTH
FIRST MONDAY AND FRIDAY – KEENE, N.H. – 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., “Dancing, Exercising, and Stretching with Parkinson's” class at the Cheshire Medical Center's Auditorium. Feel supported in a safe environment. Open to anyone with a movement disorder plus a caregiver, partner, or friend. Suggested donation. E-mail Kathy.starbooks06@yahoo.com.

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Bill McLernon
29-19 170 Street
Flushing North, New York 11358
OWNER: Equity Trust Co Custodian
Ira McLernon III
1 Equity Way
Westlake, Ohio 44145
PROPERTY LOCATION: 116 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230429.006

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider a Conditional Use Permit to convert an office into a wine tasting room with 32 seats and retail. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 88-191-CU; Amendment No. 5

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Conditional Use Permit in the Preservation District:

APPLICANT: Martin Nitka
Alice Nitka
PO Box 136
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

PROPERTY LOCATION: 92 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230534.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider a Conditional Use Permit to convert an office on the first floor to an office and one (1) bedroom apartment. The project is in the Preservation District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 445-17-CU

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit, located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICANT: South Face Village @ Okemo Development Co., LLC
213 Court Street, #603
Middletown, Connecticut 06457
PROPERTY LOCATION: Trailside Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 060201.000
060221.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to construct a temporary sales hut at base of South Face quad chair lift to serve ski-in and ski-out patrons. The project is located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 334-11-CU; Amendment No. 2

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Michael J. Wood and Nancy J. Wood
Parcel # 312020

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being a portion of the lands and premises conveyed to Michael J. Wood and Nancy J. Wood by Quit Claim Deed of Michael J. Wood dated December 22, 2010 and Recorded in Book 123, Page 96 of the Town of Chester Land Records. Said portion of lands to include Lots 1, 2 and 3 as shown on a Town of Chester Subdivision, containing approximately 6.91 acres.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 7th day of October, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Estate of Robert E. Pelkey
Parcel #565050

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes and water/sewer fees assessed by the Town for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Edward P. Pelkey (now deceased), Hazel S. Pelkey (now deceased) and Robert E. Pelkey (now deceased) by Warranty Deed of Edward P. Pelkey and Hazel S. Pelkey dated September 14, 1999 and Recorded in Book 84, Page 239 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of October, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 7th day of October, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Linda C. Towers
Parcel # 392029.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Linda C. Towers by Warranty Deed of Horst Schwarzer dated December 8, 2005 and Recorded in Book 94, Page 438 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 7th day of October, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Thomas A. McLean
Parcel # 585054

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Thomas A. McLean by Limited Warranty Deed of First Vermont Bank and Trust Company dated December 24, 1991 and Recorded in Book 73, Page 53 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 7th day of October, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Nancie A. Hazell and Anne E. Keenan
Parcel # 605063

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Nancie A. Hazell and Anne E. Keenan by an Indenture of Anne E. Keenan, Executrix of the Estate of Betty Ann Hazell, Deceased dated June 5, 2012 and Recorded in Book 142, Page 88 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 7th day of October, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Kelly J. Parent
Parcel #535002

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2012 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Kelly J. Parent by Quit Claim Deed of Glenn A. Parent dated September 16, 2010 and Recorded in Book 129, Page 161 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 7th day of November, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 7th day of October, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

LEGAL NOTICES

HEALTH CONT.

MONDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7 - 8 p.m., 44 School Street, Bellows Falls 05101 Please call 802-376-3507.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - No matter what age you are or whatever your disability, you can experience the health benefits of yoga seated in a chair. Jane Worley, an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, yoga teacher and massage practitioner, says most yoga postures, breathing, meditation and relaxation techniques can be performed in a chair – making chair yoga available to everyone! Jane if offering four Chair Yoga sessions each Monday beginning October 24 through November 14 from 9-10 a.m. at Neighborhood Connections. This class is appropriate for any skill level and anyone with limitations with ambulation and mobility. This series is offered at no charge. Call 824-4343 to register since the class size is limited. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org. Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

TUESDAYS –
PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.- 9:30-11am 8-week Kundalini Yoga series by Liza Eaton. Part 1: November 8, 15, 22, 29 Part 2: December 6, 13, 20, 27. Help yourself get through the holiday season with radiance and peace. Practice kundalini yoga as taught by the beloved yoga teacher & Ph.D.,Yogi Bhajan, with the company of recorded albums by Ajeet Kaur, Snatam Kaur, Guru Ganesha & more. Liza Eaton is a certified KRI kundalini yoga teacher who is ready to share these inspiring teachings with the community. Kundalini yoga is a safe & beautiful practice that helps us quickly heal and find joy in our daily lives. In this 8 week series we will practice ancient yoga sets that stimulate peace & radiance, creating a flow of beauty, grace & love that will surround & nurture your body, mind & spirit. There is a fee for Part 1 and 2 with a discount when you sign up for both. Sign up in person or online at www.buddhafulyoga.com/ events Sign up by November 1st for Part 1 or for both parts 1 & 2 Sign up by November 29th for Part 2 Location: 73 Depot Street, Proctorsville, Vt. Above Crow's Corner Cafe and Bakery, second floor. For more detailed information contact Liza Eaton at (802) 875 2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com, www.buddhafulyoga.com This is a gentle, beginners course. No previous yoga experience necessary.

THURSDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is leading community walks 3 days

a week for free! EVERY MONDAY AT 7:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY AT 5 p.m., and FRIDAY AT 7:30 a.m. You don't have to be a member, you don't have to pay, and you don't even have to sign up. Meet in the front lobby of the Recreational Center. Come meet your neighbors, make some new friends to talk as you walks, and get healthier with every step.

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, OCT. 27-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Vermont resident and boat builder, Jay Whitehair will present

Rediscovering Wooden Boats at the Springfield Town Library on Thursday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. Self-described as a “euphorically wandering helmsman,” Jay will guide a conversation inspired by images and objects that connect Shackleton's doomed barquentine, the Endurance with the history of wooden

ship building and with life aboard ship in the early days of global discovery. See some of the tools used to build these wonderful ships. Try a taste of “hardtack” - a staple food served aboard the old wooden trade ships. Discover what has happened to the boat building industry - learn why wooden boats are becoming so rare.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
of North Walpole Village District

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held at the North Walpole Village Town Hall, 70 Church St., at 7:00 p.m. on November 10, 2016 concerning a request by DCR Real Estate, 10 Len-Tex Lane, North Walpole, NH for appeal from administrative decision RSA 674:33 concerning article VI of the zoning ordinance. Applicant proposes that the proposed use of the subject property is not permitted under Article VI of the zoning ordinance on the property located at 8 Len-Tex Lane, North Walpole, NH in the industrial zone.

Signed: Shane Lake
Chairperson, Zoning Board of Adjustment

Town of Londonderry
Request for Proposal
for Town Office Building Cleaning

The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for cleaning needs at the Twitchell (Town Office) Building.

Cleaning needs and frequency are outlined below.

Please provide an hourly rate. Please indicate if you have Workers Compensation coverage.

Proposals should be submitted to:
Town of Londonderry
Town Office Cleaning
100 Old School Street
South Londonderry, VT 05155
Proposals will be accepted until Friday November 4, 2016.

- Weekly Needs:
- Vacuum all floors
 - Clean bathrooms
 - Removal of Trash to Transfer Station
 - Removal of Recycling to Transfer Station

- Bi-Weekly Needs:
- Clean kitchen
 - Mop all tile and wooden floors (as needed, may be more frequent in winter or wet months)
 - Dusting and cleaning of all surfaces
 - Clean outdoor entry way

On Call

- The Town requests that the individual would be available on an on-call basis in the event that there are urgent cleaning needs.

For additional information or questions about this Request for Proposal, please contact Stephanie Thompson at townad-min@londonderryvt.org or at (802) 824-3356.

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
NOTICE OF QUIT CLAIM DEED

The Town of Rockingham will provide Chroma Technology Corp. with a Quit Claim Deed for property previously owned by the Town of Rockingham and now owned by Chroma Technology Corp. consisting of the entire 11.6 acres and Imtec Lane. The purpose of this quit claim deed is to remove the Town of Rockingham from all future claim of interest concerning abandonment of Imtec Lane.

Parcel #: 121120010
Owner: Chroma Technology Corp.
Location: 10 Imtec Lane
Recorded in Book 352, page 306

If five percent (5%) of the legal voters of the Town of Rockingham sign and file a petition by November 19, 2016 objecting to this quit claim deed, the Town will hold a Special Town Meeting to vote on this transaction.

Posted: October 19, 2016

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
NOTICE OF LEASE
WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE

The Town of Rockingham has signed a lease for One Dollar (\$1.00) with an option to purchase for One Dollar (\$1.00) with the Bellows Falls Historical Society for property owned by the Town of Rockingham known as the TLR Building on Mill Street in Bellows Falls, VT. Subject to Notice of Municipal Sale posting requirements.

Parcel #: 234220020
Owner: Town of Rockingham
Location: 14-16 Mill Street
Recorded in Book 285, Page 485

If five percent (5%) of the legal voters of the Town of Rockingham sign and file a petition by November 19, 2016 objecting to this lease with option to purchase, the Town will hold a Special Town Meeting to vote on this transaction.

Posted: October 19, 2016

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NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING
LARGE FARM PERMIT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby provided that Clayton, Shawn and Jason Goodell of Westminster Farms in the Town of Westminster, Vermont have submitted an application to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for a Large Farm Operation Permit.

Westminster Farms is proposing the following changes at their farm, located at 4187 US RT 5, Westminster, VT:

- o Increase in herd size
- o Construction of Animal Housing
- o Increase substrate importation

An informational meeting will be held by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets on Thursday November 10, 2016, at 10:00am. The meeting will be held in The Meeting Room in the Town Hall located at 3651 US RT 5, Westminster VT.

The purpose of the public informational meeting shall be to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the proposed project.

Information related to the application as presented by Westminster Farms is available at the Westminster Town office 14-days prior to the public informational meeting through the close of the public comment period.

The public comment period regarding the application closes five business days after the meeting date mentioned above. All comments must be submitted by close of business on November 18, 2016. Any questions or comments regarding the project or the meeting may be submitted to:

Mary Montour
Medium and Large Farm Coordinator
94 Harvest Lane Williston, VT 05495
Marv.montour@vermont.gov
(802)461-6087

calendar

LIBRARIES CONT.

THUR., OCT. 27 CONT. - This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 885-3108 for more information.

FRIDAY, OCT. 28 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Memorial Library annual Halloween party. Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. All ages welcome- Food, Fun and Games!

WALPOLE, N.H. - Walpole Library book sale on October 28



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will continue with Aqua Quidditch and a Marauders Treasure Hunt at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center from 6:30 – 8 p.m. This is a free family event brought to you in partnership with the Springfield Food CoOp, the Springfield Town Library and the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center. Costumes are encouraged but optional!

SATURDAY, OCT. 29- S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - South Londonderry Free Library invites goblins of all ages to celebrate the coming of Halloween with an especially bewitching program on Saturday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m. Artist Casey Junker Bailey will reveal the secrets of turning fall apples into creaky crones and give children the opportunity to make their own applehead witches and animal masks to take home. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, call the Library at 824-3371.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Fantastical Friday A Wizarding Event will be at The Springfield Town Library. Festivities such as Fortune Telling, Potions Class, Harry Potter Trivia, Staged Readings with audience participation, games, crafts, stories and snacks from 4 - 6 p.m. The celebration

TUESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Come to the Fletcher Memorial Library off Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays," from 3 to 4 p.m. for kindergarten through grade six age children. Oct. 11- Spooky Pearler Beads- Colorful beads will be used to make some cute or creepy Halloween theme key chains, magnets or pins! Oct. 18- No crafts this week. Oct. 25- Mini-Halloween Piñatas- Halloween is near! Let's make some cute mini-piñatas perfect for hiding a sweet treat for a friend!

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story time for Toddlers and PreK , at the Silsby Free Library in Charleston, from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger plays in Children's area. An informal gathering for families and their children birth to dive years for age. Each session

includes play time, an activity and a story time free and open to all.

WEDNESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Weekly Preschool and Toddler Story Time, at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Fletcher Memorial Library. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. Please call Sacha, at 802-228-3517 to register for a program or for more information. Fall session runs Sept. 7 – Dec. 15

LUDLOW, Vt. - DCF Book Club meets Wednesday from 4 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. For grades four through eight. Join us each week as the librarian reads aloud from this months' book club selection

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

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


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

THURSDAYS - WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Thursday mornings in October, all preschool aged children are invited to The Westminster West Library from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. for Marigold Mornings. The program is run by librarian, Lise Cavanaugh, and certified Waldorf teacher, Teresa Savel. Together we will visit our little marigold garden and pick flowers for a craft activity, such as stringing garlands, dyeing fabric with their vibrant colors, and various other flower projects. We will also take a short walk to meet with our kindergarten and elementary school friends at the Westminster West School and, with them, read a story related to the day's activity or the time of the year. After the four Thursday sessions, we will have a special celebration currently planned for November 10, which will include a visit by a New England author and free books for all the children. This program is in part sponsored by a grant from the CLIF Foundation, whose mission is to inspire love for reading and access to books for Vermont and New Hampshire children. The program is free and open to all children regardless of where you live and whether you have a library card or not. The day will end with a song and the chance for parents and children to check out lots of books. All are welcome and snack is provided. For more information, please call: (802)387-4682.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Lego Club is for all ages. Join at the Rockingham Library each month for building fun around different themes. Kids aged 7 and younger will need to have an adult attend the program with them. Fall Lego Club Dates: Thurs, Oct. 13- 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Thurs, Oct. 27 - 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Thurs, Nov. 10 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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FRIDAYS- ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of Library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a Library computer. Sign-ups for library computers happen at the end of each club. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Silsby Library, 226 Main St. in Charlestown, will host the Roaming Readers at 9 a.m. In an effort to be active before the winter months, the library is starting a book club that meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Join us in front of the library as we walk our beautiful stretch of town and discuss the latest books we have been reading. Make sure to wear comfortable sneakers!

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY - WINDSOR, Vt. - The Yo-Yo Club meets at 2:45 p.m. at Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. All ages are welcome. Bring your own yo-yo, or let us help you purchase a yo-yo, also available to borrow for classes and to check out through the library. Call 802-674-2556, www.windsorlibrary.org.

MEETINGS
FRIDAY, OCT. 28- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt - Join Greater Falls Connections for this month's coalition meeting from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at Parks Place in Bellows Falls. October is National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month. The meeting will focus on the successes and strategies around reducing opiate use in our community.

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FRI., OCT 28 CONT. - Our Facebook page is featuring posts this month on teen abuse of over-the-counter cough medicine. Learn more at www.preventrxabuse.org. The meeting will focus on the successes and strategies around reducing opiate use in our community. Come lend your voice to the coalition's work. Lunch will be provided. Find out more about the work of GFC at www.greaterfallsconnections.org.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The community is asked for their input on ideas for improving the Main Street corridor as part of a new master plan being developed by the Town and Springfield on the Move. Will be held at the Hartness House from 5 - 7:30 p.m. A presentation at 6 p.m. by Greenman-Pedersen Inc., consultants working on the plans. Members can look over the sketch plans and give their input on river access, public space improvements, reuse concepts for selected sites, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, gateway improvements. For more info visit the project website: www.springfieldmp.wixsite.com/springfield-mp or visit

facebook: www.facebook.com/SpringfieldVTmasterplan

SUNDAYS - N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol holds its meetings on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. /1600 at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Road, North Springfield, Vermont. The CIVIL AIR PATROL is the volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force and is tasked with three missions: search and rescue, aerospace education and cadet programs. Membership is open to youth at age 12 yrs. and adults of any age and assorted skills are welcome and needed to support the missions. For further information please call the Commander, Maj. Fellows at 802 263-5544 or drop by a meeting.

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you can contact George Berube, Trails Master at 802-869-2593.

THURSDAYS- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Smoking Cessation class to be held at the Rockingham Medical Group, 1 Hospital Court, from 2 - 3 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Smoking Cessation class to be held at Springfield Health Center, 100 River Street, from 10 - 11 a.m.

FOURTH FRIDAY - OCT. 28- LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Need help finding a new or better-paying job? Don Tretler, from

the Vermont Association of Business, Industry and Rehabilitation (VABIR) agency will be at Neighborhood Connections every fourth Friday of the month beginning October 28 from 10-11 a.m. to assist Vermonters who need help finding a new or better-paying job. Tretler will offer help filling out applications; creating a resume; will give interviewing tips and offer advice on starting a new job off on "the right foot." This is offered at no charge. Call 824-4343 if you would like to attend a Friday Job Club. Neighborhood Connections

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