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## The Southern Pie Company rising again

BY LARRY WILFONG

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – We were warned, long ago, that “the South shall rise again,” but we didn’t know it could mean baked goods.

This statement has always brought a smirk to my face. I mean, who in their right mind would take up arms against the might of the Union?

Well, it seems that a most brilliant strategist named Leslie Blair has cornered a game plan called the Southern Pie Company.

Knowing that hearts cannot be won over with political rhetoric, Leslie realized that the quickest way to the heart is through the stomach.

To that end, she has spent the last 20 years developing her secret weapons, the trademark tools of the South: good manners and even better desserts.

A graduate of a culinary arts school, Johnson and Wales, Blair has poured a great portion of her life and energy into perfecting her time honored recipes.

With a few friends, Blair infiltrated the beautiful rolling hills of Vermont

back in 2012. The friends have since gone their separate ways.

Leslie met her husband, Scott, in Proctorsville. Scott Blair has a strong history in business management and technology.

low-key market.

Moving to Chester and opening up their flagship store was just a first move in the overall plot of things.

Securing contracts with numerous local restaurants and participating in local events, the Blairs have been steadily working out the terms of their infiltration of the Yankee mindset with their pies.

With a wide range of dessert pies, including their South Carolina original, the Bourbon Pecan Pie, as well as adding an unheard of sour cream topping, their business took off quickly.

These tastes can hardly be reproduced without the secret knowledge stored in Leslie’s mind. Finding that their plans were taking effect and building quickly, the Blairs had to expand.

Opening their retail branch in Ludlow on Oct. 1, the Southern Pie Company is well on its way to becoming a force to be reckoned with.

Likely, if you’ve had pie at almost

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Scott and Leslie Blair, owners of The Southern Pie Company, stand with son Jacob in front of their new location on Main Street in Ludlow. PHOTO PROVIDED

Married for around a year and a half now, they have pooled their respective trade skills to corner an otherwise

## Veteran’s Day ceremony

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – A public Veteran’s Day Presentation and Student Assembly has been organized to honor military veterans in the community with remembrances of their service.

This community event will take place in the Black River Middle and High School Presidential Hall from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Doors open to the public at 8:45 a.m.; organizers ask people to arrive early for best seating choices and

intriguing conversations with neighbors.

Students from Mount Holly Elementary, Cavendish Elementary, Ludlow Elementary, and Black River Middle and High School will be attending this ceremony, and many students will perform and present their creations as a way to honor those who have served our country.

Historically, Veteran’s Day was called Armistice Day and served to commemorate the truce made between the Allies and Germany on Nov. 11, 1918, following the end of World War I.

In 1954, the name of the holiday was changed to Veteran’s Day to honor all men and women who are serving or have served the nation in any conflict. Traditionally, Americans have honored their unknown soldiers with a color guard ceremony that represents all branches of the military at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in



Plaque commemorating Veterans from the Ludlow area who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country in World War II. These Veterans and their families will be honored by Black River’s AP English Class’s presentation.

PHOTO BY JAKE DEARRUDA

Virginia.

This program will begin with the Black River Middle and High School Band’s performance of “Land of Liberty,” directed by Katherine Herrle.

Throughout the presentation, the Black River Middle and High School Chorus, also directed by Herrle, and Ludlow Elementary’s first and second grades, led by Claudia Pawlikowski, will also perform.

The Ballard Hobart American Legion Family Post 36 Color Guard will conduct the Color Guard Ceremony, and Past Commander Ned Bowen will present the POW/MIA service, and children from Ludlow Elementary School’s third and fourth grades will recite a poem and present a special thank-you tribute to veterans.

Black River High School’s AP English Class has created a presentation honoring those who came from the Ludlow area and gave “The Last Full Measure of Devotion” in World War II.

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## MacLaomainn’s frightens for the local food shelf

BY PADRAIC SCANLON

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – MacLaomainn’s Scottish Pub in Chester recently frightened their visitors with its 2nd-annual two-day Haunted House.

There was a \$5 suggested donation for adults, and \$1 for children under age 10, or canned or imperishable foods, which all went to the Vermont Food Bank and the Chester-Andover Food Shelf.

They held a children-friendlier haunted house earlier in the day on Saturday, which allowed the youngsters to walk through with the lights on.

The first face that greeted visitors at the Haunted House was Amy Allen, who said a lot of hours were put into building the ghoulish place, all by local volunteers who shared a love for Halloween.

A sign was posted in the waiting line warning guests to “turn back now!” Visitors were then welcomed into the Haunted House, and the door quickly slammed shut behind them.

The hard work and dedication was evident as people turned every horrifying corner. From being met by two witches preparing a ghastly meal in a graveyard, or a poor soul on the electric chair, to ghouls and ghosts popping out of the walls,



Creepy monsters jump out at you!

PHOTOS BY SHAWN TAE STILLWELL

**There will be an encore of the MacLaomainn’s Haunted House on Saturday, November 5 from 7 - 10 p.m. Don’t miss it!**

ence was to see how much fun the workers were having, and as visitors waited for their turn to enter, they got to see the satisfied faces of customers exiting the haunted house, saying, “that was scary!”

The cold weather might have dampened some souls, but the MacLaomainn’s crew stayed in spirit and put on an amazing show.

For those who may have missed out this past weekend, join the crew this Saturday, November 5 from 7 - 10 p.m. for a spooky encore, and enjoy their frightening, well-organized Haunted House!

View more scary pictures online at [www.vermontjournal.com](http://www.vermontjournal.com)

## Unified school district becoming a reality

BY BRANDY TODT

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – Two Rivers Supervisory Union Act 46 Study Committee consultant Steve Dale talked about the impact of Act 46 on local education during a public hearing recently.

He said the act includes greater equity across the state, a strengthening and retaining of small schools as part of larger districts, and is an attempt to temper the rising cost curve of education per child and create flexibility in the administration of the education

system.

The Study Committee is charged with not only advising the towns of Chester, Mt. Holly, Andover, Plymouth, Cavendish, Baltimore and Ludlow on the best feasible plan that will give a quality education to all students pre-k through 12, but must also explain the outcome of the plan to make rational sense to taxpayers.

There are tax incentives if the schools unify on their own accord prior to fiscal year 2017, and if they create a plan for meeting the guidelines set out by the State Agency of Education.

A proposed plan drafted by the

Two Rivers administrative committee, with suggestions from teachers and students, is: two pre-kindergarten through 5th grade schools located in Ludlow and Mt. Holly, two kindergarten through 5th grade schools located in Cavendish and Chester-Andover, and one middle school comprising grades 6 to 8 at Black River Middle School.

Green Mountain Union High School was the proposed location of the one regional high school, grades 9 to 12.

Committee members said that this is an attractive plan, but they

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# The Importance of Being Earnest

CHESTER, Vt. - The Green Mountain Union High School's drama club proudly presents "The Importance of Being Earnest" in the GMUHS auditorium on November 11 and 12 at

7 p.m. Ticket cost: Students \$3 and Adults \$5

Considered to be Oscar Wilde's most brilliant work, The Importance of Being Earnest is known for its light-hearted comedy, witty dialogue, and loveably ridiculous characters. A hilarious farce of Victorian Era high society, The Importance of Being Earnest will be sure to make you laugh - don't forget the cucumber sandwiches!

Ms. Jones and her class helped with the set design/art, Ms. Valente and her class is helping with the program, and Ms.

LeFevre did the costume creation and design.

**Characters:**  
Ben Haseltine - Jack Worthing  
Tuckerman Wunderle - Algernon Moncrieff  
Deirdre Moore - Lady Bracknell  
Michelle Turk - Gwendolen Fairfax  
Kimball Schultz - Cecily Cardew  
Clara Martorano - Miss Prism  
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Victoria Walker - Lane/Merriman



Play practice. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# Weston Community Church

WESTON, Vt. - The Weston Community Church on the Hill in Weston Vt., historically known as "The Music Church," is getting back to full activity after a brief hiatus due to construction projects in town.

We are happy to announce that Patricia Connelly of Weston has been named a new Board member and the new Program Director. Events of Music and Spirituality are now being planned for 2017, and will include a variety



Patricia Connelly. PHOTO PROVIDED

of interesting programing that will appeal to a wide range of audiences.

Check out the Church's website at [www.vtchurchonthehill.org](http://www.vtchurchonthehill.org) for further information and register for email alerts on these upcoming events.

We look forward to continuing to bring beautiful music in partnership with Sunday "Concerts on the Hill" in summer and other Musical and Spiritual programs and events coming in the Spring of 2017!

# OVRCC holds strategy meeting

CHESTER, Vt. - Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce held a strategic planning session entitled "Maximizing Revenue: Achievements of Regional Business Outcomes." The event was held in the Newsbank Conference Center and was attended by multiple businesses.

OVRCC board member, Joe Evans along with his wife and business partner Kathryn ran the meeting and began by offering an overview of the strategic planning process, highlighting the basic

steps and general timeline. Their advance work aided the efficiency of the evening, and much was accomplished.

Mr. Evans explained that the outputs from the meeting would be used as significant input items for the surveys and follow-on work in future strategy developments.



Local business gather at Newbank for a strategy meeting. PHOTO PROVIDED

## ACT 46

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requested a report on the cost and efficiency of the plan before further decisions are made.

Geography and transportation are huge challenges that the committee members say they have recognized, and are brainstorming on a workable solution.

Act 46 was passed by the state legislature for creating larger, unified school districts, and the Two Rivers Supervisory Union Study Committee needs creative ideas and input from the communities, members said.

Whether a taxpayer has a child in school or not, Act 46 is going to affect them, according to the committee.

This committee has a big burden and needs public feedback, members said, and they advised residents to "sit up, pay attention, (and) come to a public hearing and speak your ideas."

The committee will continue to hold public hearings prior to all forthcoming meetings.

The next meeting is on Nov. 1 at the Ludlow Elementary School, with

a public hearing at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to all.

LPCTV (Ludlow-Plymouth-Cavendish TV) public access will be broadcasting meetings on the Internet, so if anyone is unable get to the meeting, they can watch it live from their homes.

For more information, visit: [su.trsu.org](http://su.trsu.org).

## SOUTHERN PIE

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any restaurant in town, it was theirs.

The plan is simple, expand and franchise throughout the mountainous regions of New England, fill the bellies of the natives and make them complacent with the eventual over-

throw of all things Northern.

Until such time as this conspiracy is brought to light and people understand what is at risk here, the Blairs will continue to use the magic of the pie to gather intelligence.

With both of their locations people will come in and be warmly greeted with the sweet sounds of the Southern tongue, slipping words like "ya'll, sweetie, darling" and the ever growing "yes ma'am."

Before you know it the sweet smell of freshly baked fruit crusted in a golden blanket of divine flakiness will have taken over your senses. Receiving your order you might sit down

and taste that first bite of deliciousness.

Next thing you know you will be relaxed, seated and likely telling your "Northern" secrets to those sitting near you. This is what they want. They will use that information to their advantage and you will wake up one day wondering where that sudden desire to brew up some sweet tea came from.

While this may seem like another conspiracy theory, just remember that those glorious Bourbon Pecans were all nuts too.

For evidence I can only provide the following anecdote.

I asked Scott what it was that drove

him to help establish this company, and he said, "the first time I tasted her strawberry sour cream pie, it blew my mind away. I knew that I had to ensure that everyone got the chance to taste it."

There you have it, from the stomach to the heart and your mind will be theirs. With pie season fixing to begin, it is likely that by the end of winter everyone will have been affected.

As with any good conspiracy theory, I encourage you to do your own research. Come into either of their stores, at 287 Main St., Chester, or 28 Main St., Ludlow, and see for yourself.

If you are concerned about your will power, I would recommend calling ahead at (802) 875-PIES (7437). I suggest that you gather your facts via their website at [www.thesouthernpiecompany.com](http://www.thesouthernpiecompany.com) or visit their Facebook page.

Remember, you were warned.

## VETERAN'S

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Each student took two of 17 names listed on a plaque located on the second floor of Black River Middle and High School, and they have worked over the past two months to research the lives and family of these soldiers in great depth.

The AP English Class took advantage of resources of Black River Academy Museum, Ludlow Town Hall, Fletcher Memorial Library, Pleasant View Cemetery, family members still living in the area, and what could be found on the Internet about their military enlistment, service records, and family.

This unique presentation not only honors the men who served our country, but also pays tribute to their families.

The Black River High School National Honor Society will present interesting facts about the origin and meaning behind Veteran's Day.

Andrea Sanford, program coordinator, said she wanted to extend her gratitude and appreciation to Marcia Dockum, who has supported this program every year by collaborating with students from Black River Middle and High School to create breathtaking works of art to honor veterans.

Sanford said she is exceedingly grateful for the flags that have been created on canvas this year to commemorate the branches of the U.S. military.

Several guest speakers will be present to explain the origin and meaning behind each flag and branch.

Sanford also wanted to thank Ballard Hobart American Legion Family Post 36 Past Commander Ned Bowen, and Past Department President Deb Tiernan, for their continued participation and for all they do for children and the community throughout the year.

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# Londonderry receives Better Roads Grant

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Through the efforts of the Londonderry Selectboard and the town highway department, the town as awarded a "Better Roads Grant" for ditch repair on Goodville Road in South Londonderry.

The "Better Roads Program" is administered by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Agency of Natural Resources to promote erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing Vermont's Lakes and

streams. The program provides grants for road projects up to \$20,000 and requires a 20 percent match by the town. The project was completed in August and included the work on the ditches including using filter fabric and stone to improve drainage. The

work was completed by the town road crew and town equipment. The Selectboard and Duane Hart, Londonderry's road foreman, are very happy with the outcome of the project and look forward to applying for Better Roads grants in the future.



## Funding the skate park

Following the completion of its 17th annual Ralph D. Hogancamp Duck Race, the Ludlow Rotary Club presented a check to the Cavendish Recreation Department in support of its efforts to complete funding for its skate park. The park suffered severely from the ravages of Irene. Left to right is Sharon Bixby, the Rotary's lead person for the duck race, Kim Lampert, the club treasurer, and Terry O'Brien of the Cavendish Recreation Department as O'Brien accepts the check from the Ludlow Rotary Club.

PHOTO PROVIDED

# Distracted driving awareness program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Youth Safety Council of Vermont is known for helping young drivers learn the dangers of driving while distracted. Their "Turn Off Texting" program uses a very analog tool: golf carts and traffic cones.

Beginning November 1 at Springfield High School, Vermont will take a step into the future as student drivers begin to experience a fully digital driving experience made possible through a new pilot partnership and funding provided by the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Students try to navigate a course of cones while texting and almost always drive over the cones while they're looking at their phones. The cones are proxies for pedestrians and other cars, and the students realize how important it is to stay focused

while behind the steering wheel. On rainy days or the cold winter months, the program, which must operate outdoors, can't be presented. A new partnership with Wallingford-based My Decision Driving is changing this; helping to expand this first-hand distracted driving experience into the winter season.

My Decision Driving operates a Doron 550 driving simulator, which travels inside a 30-foot mobile classroom. The simulator is state of the art, using three 42" screens that provide a 180-degree view, and controls with haptic feedback — creating motion and forces that make 'driving' it seem real.

Roads and hazards are custom programmed and after students participate in a simulated distracted driving experience, their route can

# Ludlow Rotary recaps major club events

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Rotary Club recently discussed the results of two of its major events in its monthly TV program, Rotary This Month, aired over LPCTV, cable channel 8 (20 in Mt Holly).

Club President, Tesha Buss and Glenn Heitsmith recap the results of the annual Ralph Hogancamp Duck Race and the 26th annual Chili Cook-Off. According to Tesha, the duck race had the greatest number of entries in its history. Due to the racecourse's low water level (the

Black River from the Depot Street bridge to the Walker), Rotarians had to wade the course in order to ensure that all the ducks made it to the end. Glenn indicated that the Chili Cook-Off was a big hit with a large number of chili entries offered to the hundreds of happy tasters.

The proceeds from the duck race benefited the Cavendish Recreation Department's Grevin Field while the Chili-Cook-Off went to the Black River Senior Center for its "Meals on Wheels" program.



Club President, Tesha Buss, on the left, and Glenn Heitsmith, on the right, as they recap the results of the annual Ralph Hogancamp Duck Race and the 26th annual Chili Cook-Off.

PHOTO PROVIDED

be replayed on the monitors, showing them how their distraction led to dangerous situations for themselves and others.

The Doron 550 is usually used to train law enforcement personnel; My Decision Driving operates the only private mobile driving simulator business on the East coast.

The Youth Safety Council of Vermont and My Decision Driving are demonstrating the effectiveness of simulated driving experiences as a learning tool. Working together with support from the Governor's Highway Safety Program and Turn

Off Texting sponsor AT&T, they'll provide a limited number of winter demonstrations free of charge, coordinated with driver educators at Vermont high schools during the 2016-2017 winter.

The school is located at 303 South Street. Driver Educators in Vermont are welcome to schedule the golf cart or driving simulator Turn Off Texting programs at yscvt.org. Contact: James Lockridge, Youth Safety Council of Vermont, (802) 881-9050, info@yscvt.org Paul Burroughs, My Decision Driving, (802) 770-8006, anotherwo@aol.com

## Bridge Brainstorming

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Chamber and Town would like to schedule a brainstorming meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 5pm at the Ludlow town Hall Conference Room to begin a discussion/ideas of what can be done to help your businesses when the bridge comes down next summer.



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# Okemo Ski and Snowboard Swap

LUDLOW, Vt. – The annual Okemo Ski and Snowboard Swap to benefit Okemo Mountain School is scheduled November 18 to 20. The Swap is the place to gear up for winter with new and used gear and clothing at great prices.

Skiers and snowboarders will find everything they need to enjoy the snow: skis, snowboards, boots, bindings, helmets, goggles, outerwear, and more. All proceeds from the Swap benefit the Okemo Mountain School in Ludlow, Vermont.

The Swap takes place in the Clock

Tower Base Lodge at Okemo Mountain Resort Friday, November 18, 4-7 p.m. (3-4 p.m. is the early-buy hour; a small admission fee or free for Okemo employees); Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Sunday, November 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Skiers and riders interested in selling used gear (please no skis, boots, or bindings older than 7 years) can sell it on consignment at the swap. The seller will receive 75 percent of the selling price and 25 percent will go to Okemo Mountain School. Equipment donations are also ac-

cepted and are tax-deductible.

All gear must be dropped off during specific hours and not brought to the swap during sale hours. Equipment drop-off is at the Sitting Bull Restaurant (please use slope-side entrance near First Aid) in Okemo's Clock Tower base lodge Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sunday, November 13, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Wednesday, November 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Okemo Mountain School is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to the academic and athletic development of serious snow sports athletes. Student-athletes train in alpine ski racing, snowboarding and freestyle skiing while pursuing a rigorous course of academic study. Okemo Mountain School relies heavily on fundraisers like the Swap to help keep tuition affordable.

For further information, please contact Mariel Meringolo at mmeringolo@okemomountain-school.org or (802) 228.1513.

# “Winged Migration” film —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Film Winged Migration. It's a lovely film. Directed by Jacques Perrin. Run time is 87 minutes long.

"Witness as five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents. With teams totaling more than 450 people, 17 pilots and 14 cinematographers used planes, gliders, helicopters and balloons to fly alongside, above, below and in front of their subjects.

The result is a film of staggering

beauty that Entertainment Weekly hailed as mesmerizing, and the Los Angeles Times applauded as breathtaking! As lofty as it is exhilarating! Open your eyes to the wonders of the natural world as you fly along with the world's most gorgeous birds through areas."

We will start the movie at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. We'll have popcorn and beverages. Held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, 21 Fairground Road. All welcome!



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This event is part of the ongoing Vermont Reads program at the library this fall. Caroline Alexander's "The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition" - the

epic survival story of Ernest Shackleton and his twenty-seven man crew at the dawn of WWI.

The library has been awarded multiple copies of both books for patrons to borrow and share in our community this fall. Stop by and borrow a copy today and join us for one of the book discussions!

This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 885-3108 for more information.



**Jersey Girls went solar!**

Jersey Girls Dairy Farm in Chester celebrated their going solar on Saturday night, October 29. They are the first farm in Vermont to go completely solar!

Owner Lisa Kaimen, in blue, conversed with her guests at the solar party.

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Alyssa Bennett, a Small Animals Biologist for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will be at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Thursday, November 17 at 11 a.m. to discuss these topics and what the Department is doing about the conservation and recovery of the states nine species of bats.

This lecture is offered at no charge, but registration is necessary so call 824-4343.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based non-profit social services agency serving individuals and families in the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont. Check out our website at [www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org](http://www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org). The Meeting Place is located in The Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

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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

## The American Soapstone Company

From about 1850 into the 1950s Chester was a beehive of activity. During this time Chester boasted many industries, employing hundreds of men and women. If you wanted a job there was no problem finding one.

The American Soapstone Finish Company was one of these industries. The photo with this article shows the American Soapstone Company. They were located behind the current Chester Town Garage next to the railroad tracks.

The American Soapstone Finish Company was established in 1887. In 1892 the company was bought by C.P. Dodge of Amherst, New Hampshire.

The Chester Historical Society has information on this company. They purchased all of the soapstone from the Chester soapstone quarry and much of the Grafton soapstone. It was seven miles from Grafton to Chester and about 13 miles from Grafton to Bellows Falls so it was cheaper and faster for Grafton soapstone to come to Chester.

American Soapstone was a large business producing many different

products which they shipped on the Rutland Railroad to points North and South.

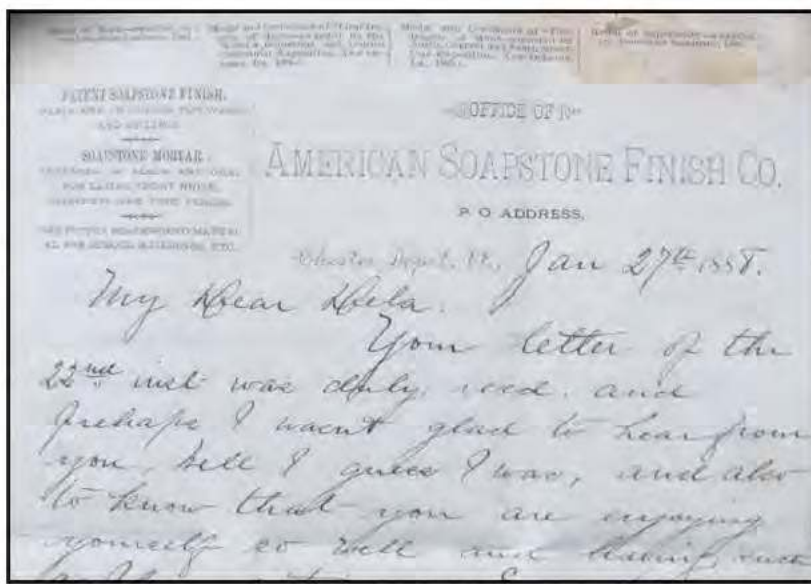
They produced the usual soapstone slabs for stoves and sinks that most of us would recognize. In addition to these products they found a way to utilize all of the small scrap pieces or what I call rubble. In the photo you can see a pile of rubble alongside one of the buildings.

Below is an explanation of how they processed this rubble for a useful wall surface.

Their patented soapstone finish was an elastic plaster they claimed would not to chip or crack. It was non-absorbent, non porous and could easily be washed. It was fireproof and came in several colors.

It could be applied on interior walls and ceilings or used on stone or masonry exteriors. Their advertisements claim builders far and wide favored their product. And it cost half as much as their competitors.

They also produced blackboards for schools known as "The Dodge



A portion of the letter on the American Soapstone stationery.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Blackboard." An old ad claims their blackboards had been tested for ten years and proved theirs to be the best and cheapest on the market.

In my collection I have a few American Soapstone documents. Below are select excerpts from a three-page love letter. It is written on American Soapstone Finish Company stationery.

January 27th, 1888.

"My Dear Dela

Your letter of the 22nd inst was duly recd and perhaps I wasn't glad to hear from you. Well I guess I was, and also to know you are enjoying yourself so well and having such a pleasant time.

Wednesday night we had the snowstorm of the season. About 13 or 14 inches fell then the wind commenced to blow and now the snow is piled up in great shape with the

wind still blowing, almost a gale. Only two or three trains have been through since Wednesday.

Yes I did sing with Ida but only for one Sunday, that is all and I haven't "wandered back" again. Dela what did I promise you? When you saw that ring on Geo Woods finger why didn't you grab it and tell him you were acquainted with the owner etc?

I see that Fletcher had a letter from your father today so I guess he is all right. Dela can you tell me why your father thinks as he does of me?

Dela mine, I must close for this time. Shaw very unexpectedly came on the P.M. train and is here in the office and asks who I am writing to? Answer "My own private correspondence" He says "Oh yes." Dela I am yours as ever. Charlie"

It seems some things never change. Jealousy and fathers who



## Chester Town Hall

The Chester Town Hall auditorium circa 1885 - 1890.

Town Halls are the center of town government and a place of local pride. There is a grant that would be applied for in 2017 with potential work to restore the Chester Town Hall in 2018.

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## Load of Soapstone



An old photo of a load of Chester Soapstone.

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## American Legion Post #37 Annual TORCHLIGHT PARADE

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editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's all go vote

Election day on Tuesday, Nov. 8 looms ahead.

This is an important election year, with races for president of the United States, governor of Vermont, U.S. senators and representatives, Vermont House and Senate, and lots of local offices on the ballot.

There are plenty of issues in Vermont, from large-scale wind power projects like the one in Windham and Grafton, to the school consolidation act, greater gun control, statewide school property tax, and the state's expensive website for the Affordable Care Act.

A new study shows Vermont is tacking fees onto all sorts of Internet web portal transactions, which are supposedly less expensive than in-person visits to places like the Department of Motor Vehicles, which don't have the usage fees.

Many of the fees at Vermont.gov don't meet the criteria for a fee, the report says, and the Web Portal Board that oversees it doesn't even meet as required by law.

So voters might ask their representatives if they support all these fees. Then vote accordingly.

We're not making any endorsements. We are asking readers to research candidates at the many media web sites that have interviewed them and published their stance on the issues.

And the gubernatorial candidates, at least, are far apart on the issues.

Democrat Sue Minter favors raising the minimum wage and expanding public access to healthcare; Republican Phil Scott is against a minimum wage increase and any publicly-financed healthcare plan.

Both Minter and Scott say they will not impose a carbon tax or a mileage tax on gasoline, which both have been accused of supporting at one time or another.

Minter supports wind power development, while Scott says he would ban it. One problem with wind turbines is they need to be high up to get maximum wind, and that destroys ridgeline views, so in a state of great views, they've become very controversial.

Polls in Vermont open between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, depending on the town. All polling places close at 7 p.m. Go to [www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters.aspx](http://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters.aspx) for poll locations and other voting information.

And go out and vote, please.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Mr. Miller, I take exception to some of your statements (including the tone) of your editorial titled: "Wind power people offer money to residents" printed in the October 19 edition.

From whom have you "learned Iberdrola Renewables has organized a little group of residents who favor the project" and, if you've been following this, you are well aware there is very little "good cheer" surrounding this topic in these communities.

It's not the project that has divided communities, but rather the response by those opposed to this project long before it was even deemed a viable wind site. I grasp their passion, but abhor their tactics.

In Grafton a number of "pro-

cess" citizens attempted to form a committee to learn about potential negotiations with Iberdrola while the project was still in the study phase. None, to my knowledge, ever stated they were "in favor" of this project.

Here are some facts. A respected Town official approached the Grafton SB about forming a fact-finding committee regarding the negotiating process with the wind company. The goal was to get the best possible financial benefit for the Town and its citizens should the wind project become a reality.

Those who volunteered to work on this committee were of various skill sets, ready to work and to learn how other towns had approached similar negotiations. They requested a vol-

unteer from the Select Board to also sit on this committee. The mere idea of forming this committee was shot down by the then SB Chairman, so no SB member stepped forward.

If you read the letter to the editor in the Chester Telegraph, Oct. 18, 2016, Windham Wind Negotiators Speak Out, you will learn that three residents of Windham did step forward with the best interest of Windham residents in mind should it come time to negotiate with Iberdrola Renewables. The Company did not "organize a little group of residents who favor the project."

Long ago, Iberdrola Renewables suggested to the Town of Windham and Town of Grafton that there is a process for negotiations if the Stiles Brook site is deemed a viable site for

blade-sweep diameter considerably longer than a football field.

In Vermont, they are built on mountaintops. Their massive foundations are made by leveling bedrock, pouring cement, and adding gravel trucked in from miles around. Enormous roads, which traverse and fragment the forested landscape, are necessary to transport turbine components and assembly cranes to their destinations.

This infrastructure eliminates cool, sponge-like, sediment-holding, carbon-sequestering, and chemical-free forest. It becomes an open, largely un-vegetated source of local warming for the ground, air, and headwater streams. The impervious, manmade substrate increases runoff, erosion, and sedimentation rates.

In border areas plants are controlled with herbicides. This symbolic greening requires us to develop high-altitude mountains. To list just a few of their values, they are: Refugia for wildlife that shy from heavy human activities; "native" sanctuaries from the exotic, ecosystem-changing plants common in valleys

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IWDs hurt our environment while doing nothing for the world's. If we want to make a real difference, and put nobody at risk, we should drive less, insulate more, and embrace domestic solar. Even better, we could simply not develop our unspoiled mountains. This would protect Vermont's wonderful environment of rich natural habitats, physical beauty, quaint villages, and close-knit communities.

Skip Lisle,  
Select board member, Wildlife Biologist,  
Grafton

School.

We can't allow this building to go into the hands of another absentee landlord who does not care about who stays there, what bad activities go on there, or how poorly the place is maintained.

Efforts by the Selectboard to improve neighborhoods are starting to have an effect. The blight ordinance is being enforced and properties are being cleaned up. A new zoning rule will go into effect on November 14

Thank you.  
Walter Martone  
Springfield

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was the site where the moose had died. A professional photographer is making copies of the photos that I took.

Since the scene at the test tower site has changed from the time the photos were taken it would appear that Meadowsend and Iberdrola were notified about the dead moose at the "MET 1" site and then proceeded to remove the coils of wire and alter the wire wraps.

As far as I know there have been no news releases about the incident. I have contacted Vermont Fish and Wildlife Officer, Lt. Greg Eckhardt to inquire about any report of the moose death at the "MET 1" site. Lt. Eckhardt has advised me that there is no record of the moose death having been reported.

I would hope that Meadowsend and Iberdrola would do whatever is necessary to prevent such a hor-

rific event from ever happening again. I recommend the removal of loose-coiled cables that are within 15 feet of the ground. Or, better yet, remove the test towers and all their cable systems entirely.

My thanks go out to all the individuals who had compassion and respect for Vermont's wildlife as well as the courage to come forward with the photos and information relevant to this incident. I would welcome input from others who may have been witnesses or who have any information relating to it. It is important that any and all information about this incident be reported.

Robert C. Bingham  
Chair of the Windham Planning Commission and a retired Vermont Fish and Wildlife employee.  
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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Monica Bacon, 1975 - 2016

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Monica Bacon, 41, died unexpectedly Sunday, October 23, 2016. Monica was born in Bellows Falls on February 7, 1975, the daughter of Mary Barratt and Jesse Bacon. She attended schools in Bellows Falls, was a 1993 graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School, and worked as a nurse's aide. Monica

is survived by her sons Korbyn Bacon and Dustin Lockerby; her mother Mary Smith of Bellows Falls; her father Jesse Bacon of Chester; her sister Stephanie Bacon of North Walpole, N.H., and her brother Jesse Bacon. Services will be private, at the convenience of the family.

Marion Alice (Stevens) Kendall, 1942 - 2016

CHESTER, Vt. - Marion Alice (Stevens) Kendall passed away at the age of 74 on October 29, 2016, at her home in Gassetts, Vt.

Marion was born on May 6, 1942, to Robert and Alvina Knight Stevens. Marion grew up in North Springfield, Vt.

Marion married Ned on March 14, 1958, in the town of Chester, Vt. they were happily married for fifty-eight years.

Marion is survived by her husband Ned, daughter Lori Tyrrell, her son-in-law Scott Tyrrell from Gassetts, Vt., her estranged daughter Robin Roundy and son-in-law Brian Roundy of Castle Rock, CO.; her sister Helen Kennett of Windsor Vt. Her grandson's Travis and Tyler Tyr-

rell of Gassetts, Vt., Joey Bergeron of Perkinsville, Vt., her granddaughter Dannielle Bergeron Ingram and her husband Chris Ingram of Middlebury, Vt. A great-grandson Carter Tyrrell of Mount Holly Vt., a great-granddaughter Curiosity of Castle Rock CO., and many Niece and Nephews.

Marion was preceded by her father Robert Stevens and her mother Alvina (Knight) Stevens, her brothers Pete Stevens, Robert Stevens and Kenneth Stevens, her Sisters, Lillian Stevens and Ella Wyman.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Adams Funeral Home, Chester.

Local News

Iberdrola project could have an adverse impact on Grafton's attractiveness

GRAFTON, Vt.—The Economic Committee of the Grafton Select Board has been studying the economic impacts of the proposed industrial wind development in Grafton for the last 10 weeks. The committee held discussions with State of Vermont Tax Department representatives, Iberdrola representatives, and residents or officials of other towns in Vermont that have existing industrial wind facilities operating in their communities.

The primary subjects addressed included: Potential impact on Municipal Property taxes from and industrial wind project; other economic proposals; guarantees for, and timing of, Iberdrola payments; potential employment/job and local economic impacts from an industrial wind project and potential impact on Grafton property values from an industrial wind project.

The most important findings of the report confirm once again «certain combinations of household income and property values will see no tax benefit because of the tax adjustments (rebates)». Moreover, for all practical purposes, this effect is not dependent on the amount of Iberdrola's tax contribution.

“Over 66 percent of any tax relief will be attributable to properties assessed at \$300,000 or above, based upon the current Grafton Grand List, although these properties make up only 33 percent of total properties.”

The “direct partnership payments”, i.e. the direct payments to registered voters, will be taxable. So the \$428 per voter as advertised will be taxed, the net amount received will there-

fore be less.

The section on Potential Employment and Job impacts makes the point, among others, that: “Conversations with other towns that have experienced industrial wind construction have not noted any significant impact on local employment opportunities from such projects.

Potential impacts on tourism and desirability of Grafton as a place to live or own a second home are cautiously stated. The committee could not quantify the question as to whether the Iberdrola project could have an adverse impact on Grafton's attractiveness, at this time

In terms of property values, the committee reviewed numerous studies, reports and articles that discuss the impact on real estate values from industrial wind facilities within specified areas. They found the studies were not consistent. One of the studies conducted by the School of Business at Clarkson University focused on the variations of effects based on the distance of properties from the nearest wind turbine. This study states in its opening paragraph, “We find that “nearby wind facilities significantly reduce property values.”

Additional information about Environment and Health impacts can be found at [grafftonvt.org](http://grafftonvt.org).

A special informational meeting of the Grafton Select Board will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at 6 p.m. at the Grafton Elementary School to discuss the proposed wind project.

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# Unity Homes delivers high performance

## Innovative home builder uses off-site construction to ensure energy savings and comfort

WALPOLE, N.H. - Unity Homes, the Walpole, N.H. - based offshoot of Bensonwood, recently broke ground on the first three of twelve new homes that the company will be building at the Quechee Lakes community in Quechee, Vt. While the earthwork is underway on site, Unity is prefabricating the components of these homes in the controlled conditions of its Walpole, N.H. production facility.

In early November when the foundations are complete, these precision-manufactured components will be trucked to the site, and assembled in a matter of days into the weather tight shells of energy efficient homes. Workers on site will then complete the homes over the next 8 to 10 weeks.

Company founder Tedd Benson believes that building the components of a home off site is the wave of the future.

"You wouldn't want to have your car assembled in your driveway, would you?" asks Benson with a

smile. "The fact is, most major industries have seen tremendous advances in efficiency and quality during the past few decades - but not home building. At Unity Homes, we're simply trying to bring to the American public the value in home building that is now possible - and that we think people deserve."

To do that, Benson and his team have searched the world for the best thinking, tools and technologies to advance homebuilding in the U.S. For example, the software used for

design and engineering comes from Switzerland, and much of the production equipment is made in Germany. It's not surprising that Unity's methods are similar to those used in Europe, where most wood-framed housing is built off-site.

Technology is key to Unity's process. Every project starts with the creation of a virtual 3D model of the home.

"We build our homes twice," says Benson, "first digitally, and then on site."

The information generated in the 3D model is sent to computer-controlled machinery in the shop, where the parts and pieces of the home are cut to tolerances that make Benson, a veteran timber framer, proud. The individual components are then assembled into floor, wall and roof panels using equipment such as vacuum lifts and bridge cranes that cannot easily be used on a job site.

"I used to work for a builder who did things the conventional way, cutting and nailing each piece on site," says veteran Unity job captain John McElroy. "I don't think I'd still be in the home-building industry if I hadn't landed here. My body couldn't take the abuse, year in and year out. And I don't miss working outside every day in the weather!"

McElroy will be on site in November to assemble the prefabricated components into the shells of the homes in Quechee.

The term that Benson has coined for this assembly process is Montage: "Because we're not modular builders and we are not strictly panelized builders, we had to create a new name to describe what we do. Montage is what this process has been called in Europe for generations, and we have adopted the term."

Benson notes that while the methods Unity is employing are unusual, the benefits of the homes that result can be appreciated by anyone.

"The process we use is not an end in itself, although we do think that our off-site approach makes a ton of sense," says Benson. "What really matters is that the homes we build are comfortable, durable, healthy, and extremely energy efficient." The heating and cooling requirements of these houses are typically low enough that with the addition of a modest photovoltaic (PV) array, they can produce as much energy as they consume - achieving net zero energy performance.

Job captain McElroy sums up his efforts in this way, "I like knowing that the homes we build are contributing to the solution, rather than creating more problems - for our clients, and for the planet."

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## Inspiring young women to pursue STEM

CLAREMONT, N.H. - On Oct. 18, Young Women in Engineering, a local program to inspire the pursuit of STEM, had a day of exciting hands-on engineering and building workshops that were taught by young women engineers, architects, scientists and specialists. The workshops included Computer Animation, Mechanical and Structural Engineering, Plasma Cutting, Marine Engineering, Bioengineering.

One hundred and ten girls from grades 7 -10 came from all over the region to discover, explore and participate in the workshops.

The young women that participated in the Mechanical and Structural Engineering workshop were able to have hands-on experience in arch construction with the help of Neil Daniels Construction Engineers, a bridge and

construction firm from Acutney, Vt. During the workshop, they had built an 11-foot, 7000lb concrete arch and a smaller 6-foot, 2000lb arch with students doing a lot of the work.

Carroll Concretes came with a huge rotating concrete truck and instructed the girls on how to pour into the wood form, and had the young women set in the iron reinforcing bars and tie them together with special wire ties.

The students also hand mixed 10 bags of concrete, donated by Lavalley's, to pour into their smaller forms.

In November, after the concrete has cured, the students will come return to remove all the wooden forms and arrange the arches into a bridge and install the finishing touches.

The arches will be put on a trailer that the Technology welding students

will repair. The trailer will be driven to selected schools in Ludlow, Sunapee, Keene, Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, Walpole, Charlestown and Claremont to showcase the Young Women in Engineering program. Boats, Bio-medical and other examples will be showcased as well.

Watch a brief interview on the work of Young Women in Engineering visit: <https://youtu.be/n9k7gzZfY8>



Jerry Pfohl painting of Vilas Bridge in Bellows Falls. The model for the arch bridge built by the Young Women in Engineering workshop.

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## Paramount Theatre announces Passages at the Paramount – Young Concert Artists Series

RUTLAND, Vt. - The Paramount Theatre will present its 9th Annual Passages at the Paramount Series on new days and at new times; all concerts will be Sundays at 3:00 p.m. for each of the four concerts in the Series. In additional the series will now be titled The Passages at the Paramount – Young Concert Artists Series.

Bruce Bouchard, Director of The Paramount commented, "We have been so very proud and happy to have presented 28 fabulously talented young classical musicians at the very beginning of their formidable soloist careers. The relationship with Young Concert Artists has been a terrific one and has fed us a steady stream of some of the most accomplished young musicians in the world."

The Series will open on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. with the Zora' String Quartet. The quartet

which features violinists Dechopul Kowintaweewat and Seula Lee, violist Pablo Muñoz Salido, and cellist Zizai Ning.

The Zora' String Quartet program follows: The Passages Series continues on Sunday January 8, 2017 with a special treat; two Young Concert Artists playing together on this date: Narek Arutlyunian, clarinetist will appear with Yun-Chin Zhou, pianist. This will be the first time in our Passages history that two YCA roster soloists have combined to give a concert to the Paramount.

Next up on the Passages schedule is pianist, Dasol Kim on Sunday March 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Korean pianist Dasol Kim brings "a refined artistry of incredible maturity" to his

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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

Some thoughts while waiting for the final leaves to fall off the trees: Coaches and athletes would certainly be very pleased if the outcome of their season equaled the tremendous foliage we had this fall. Did I sleep through many a fall or were the last two autumns the best we have ever seen? Chances are very good at least one championship team will come from the area this fall. There well could be more than one. To win a fall sports title, odds are the team will have some memories associated with the weather. Southern Vermonters and border New Hampshire players have experienced both warm rain and snow of late. By the way, playing in the snow can be a lot of fun. Last Friday when it snowed, it was more comfortable, than if it had rained. Not in Chester though, where the snow really accumulated on the ground and the Girls Soccer play-off game scheduled for Saturday, had to be postponed to Monday. By far the team that is the biggest surprise this fall season, is the Springfield Field Hockey team headed to the Division II title game Saturday in Burlington. When I saw them in action in Springfield in September in a 1-0 loss to undefeated Bellows Falls, I kept waiting for the always well-conditioned BF team to pull away in the second half, it never happened. One big reason was the stellar goalie play of Aunna Parker, but the never say die attitude of the entire team showed through too.

Springfield Field Hockey Coach Lyndsie Perkins (she co-coaches with Kelly DeAngelis) sees that game against the Terriers as "A pivotal game in our season. I have heard many players say since then, we need to play the way we did against Bellows Falls. That was a huge moral victory for us. We take pride in what we showed in that game. The team knows how good Bellows Falls is."

Taking things a step further, Perkins knows about success in Springfield Field Hockey. She has been there, done that. She was wearing the Green and White, when the Cosmos last visited the state title game in the sport back in the fall of 2006, when they lost to perennial powerhouse at the time, Mount Abraham, coached by Connie Larose. Joy Benson was the successful Springfield coach at the time. Perkins remembers that time as, "Very special. It was exciting."

Cosmo AD Tim MacDonnell will be having his loyalties questioned over the next few days. One thing is certain; his affiliation will be Green and White. The title match-up brings back memories of the first event played by any Springfield team under his tenure as AD. Woodstock defeated Springfield 6-0 in field hockey that day last fall. I spoke to MacDonnell the night of that game at the 2015 Springfield-BF football game that wasn't going Green at the time and Tim told me, "Not a good opening day for me as AD. You see how things are going here and this afternoon in my first event as AD, my girlfriend's team Woodstock beat our field hockey team 6-0."

We spoke to MacDonnell Monday night following the Cosmos big semi-final victory over Harwood, which punched their ticket to the Finals and hit him hard with a question about the title match-up with Woodstock and where his support was. He ducked big time by saying, "I plead the fifth." We kept pressing him and as far as he would go was, "It's a win-win." I wonder what he tells each side personally?

The ratings for the 2016 World Series have the highest in at least seven years. Two teams who haven't seen a title in a long time are a breath of fresh air for the sport. Interesting that this comes at a time when Roger Goodell's leadership sees the NFL taking a big step backwards. Goodell should be punished for providing this deflating moment.

My concern for Springfield and Fall Mountain football is at a very high level. In Vermont, they have realigned divisions every two years. This year and meetings over the next few months will determine what happens next. The good news is there will be discussion. The bad news is that four divisions serve Springfield best and lately, committees have turned a blind eye to any possibility of four divisions. How can they claim they really care about struggling programs? Football, of all the sports, is too old school.

Fall Mountain's plight is direr than Springfield's. Both have troubles being competitive right now; Fall Mountain's numbers are at the critical stage. When inexperienced, not ready for varsity football youngsters (freshmen) are asked to play against experienced mature young men with way more strength, serious injuries are a real concern. I am one hundred percent in favor of Fall Mountain continuing football, but, if the state of New Hampshire won't go to four divisions either and find like teams, who share like numbers problems, my recommendation is Fall Mountain either play a JV schedule or call three or four schools, yes Springfield comes to mind, play a six or eight game schedule, home and home with those teams and make football enjoyable and safer for these athletes.

Back to the subject of JV football. It was less than a half dozen years ago, the Fall Mountain and Springfield programs played basically a JV schedule and the two met at Springfield and a big crowd gathered for an exciting competitive game. Someone had to lose and officially it was Fall Mountain, but anyone could of won that game and it was played at a high level for the players in uniform. It would be something else IF a similar scenario could be arranged. No one would be shortchanged with such an experience.

The Mountains, both Fall and Green, have strong soccer teams of both the boys and girls variety this fall. We are cheering for all of them to go as far as they can. When they are eliminated or finish standing alone, they will have played to their capacity and should be proud of what they achieved.

Tim Eno's Cross Country team in Bellows Falls, was one of as many as six legitimate teams, who were being discussed as possible state champions for the Vermont Division III race held at Thetford Academy this Saturday at 1 p.m. This is one year Thetford is not listed among those title hopefuls.

The teams in the discussion along with Bellows Falls are Stowe, Randolph, Northfield, Rice and Oxbow. Eno says "there is so much parity in our division this year. This could be very close." Bad luck may have struck the Terriers before the race. Their top runner Cody Tallant has been battling an ankle injury all fall AND just when it looked like it might be coming around, he turned it again in a practice run. Coaches obviously cherish any talent they have. All Eno is looking for now is as healthy as possible Tallant.

Time now to glance out the window and enjoy those final leaves before they take flight towards their raking moment.

## How high up Fall Mountain?

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal

Climbing mountains is what a sports season is all about. Last week when the Fall Mountain Girls Soccer team won an overtime play-off game, their ascent took on serious meaning. The Lady Wildcats had advanced to the New Hampshire Division III State Semi-Finals, where they would meet Hillsboro-Deering Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Laconia.

Obviously stakes are high at tournament time and the intensity has been as high as it gets in Langdon. Everyone shoots to be the one to knock off an undefeated team and this edition of Bruce Ferland's soccer, hold such a distinction. How about the upcoming game with the team from Hillsboro? Well, Ferland tells us the same thing so many coaches, from so many sports tell us every year, "It is tough to beat a good team three times."

That is exactly what Fall Mountain must do to reach the title game. Earlier this fall, FM turned back their semis opponent 2-1 in the seasons opening game and 1-0 in tightly contested contests. If they can repeat the hat trick of victories over this opponent, they will be just one victory from a hardware ceremony.

"When we play together we can be a great team. When we play as individuals, we don't play as well. When we are playing great, we are very impressive to watch," Ferland said. The team played both kinds of soccer in their 1-0 overtime shootout victory over Prospect Mountain in the quarterfinals. The losing team played a lot of defensive soccer, packing back in defenders trying to play safe, preventing Fall Mountain from reaching the net.

When the game came down to the shootout, Fall Mountain never trailed and never lost a beat. Goals by Ali Monty, Maddie Parrott, Ella Stewart and Zoey Loupa in the best of five format assured the Maroon and White would advance.

Seniors Dana Dearborn and Joslin Gilbo are the captains and leaders of this special FM squad. Dearborn is a center back, who according to her coach "Is the leader of the pack, who gives everyone direction." Gilbo listed as a midfielder performer, finds herself in goal at times and "Is also one of our two strong leaders and captains," says Ferland.

The third senior in the starting line-up is Grace Bushway, a forward, who the veteran coach says, "has really come on and is an important coach on the field with many of



Fall Mountain senior co-captain Joslin Gilbo (13) and sophomore Ella Stewart (9) the teams leading scorer battle for the ball here. The team has advanced to the New Hampshire Division III state semi-finals.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Junior Ali Monty second in both goals and assists for the 16-0-1 Fall Mountain Lady Wildcats is on the attack here.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

## Vermont Classic tournament

CHESTER, Vt. - The Vermont Classic has been an International Martial Arts Tournament held 11 years in Chester and 5 years in Springfield. It brings in over 200 competitors to the area ranging up the east coast and into Canada.

It's the "home field" tournament for the local Alexander's Martial Arts students located in Chester, Springfield, Bellows Falls and Londonderry to be able to showcase their talents near their friends and family.

The tournament is sponsored in part by Durand Automotive Group, HB Plumbing and Heating, C&J septic, Dryden outdoor and caretaking, Twin State Awards company, Ciccone and Sons Auto, James Young Attorney at Law, Vermont T's, Lavalley's Building Supply, Whistlekick Sparring Gear and Century Martial Arts Equipment.

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Men's Black Belt Sparring Grand Champion, Matt Neronsky



The Martial Arts event drew crowds to the Green Mountain Union High School gym.



Youngsters came to participate in the tournament as well.



Grand championship at the end of the day. Left to Right, Annie Gosling Canada, Katie Jordan Maine, Matt Neronsky Chester VT, Richie Borger Massachusetts Larry Mortenson VT.



# arts & entertainment

## Empty Bowl Dinner and Auction

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Students at Vermont Academy are crafting handmade bowls for the Empty Bowl Dinner and Auction to benefit Our Place Drop-in Center.

This year, the students are working under the supervision of their instructor Ryan Burch, a native of Putney and graduate of the ceramics program at Alfred University, to make and fire bowls for the November 6 event. Former pottery instructor Mary Hepburn was a committed supporter of the fundraiser until she retired last year.

Bowls for the event are collected from all over the state, from professional potters to students such as VAs. Each person attending the Empty Bowl goes home with a bowl as a reminder of those who struggle to put food on their tables every day.



Vermont Academy student Kai Jensen of Montclair, N.J., and his pottery instructor Ryan Burch of Putney.

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The evening begins at 5 p.m. at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, N.H., with a simple soup, salad and bread meal, with food donated by area restaurants, schools and chefs, and is followed by silent and live auctions.

Tickets for can be purchased at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Galloway Real Estate in Walpole, N.H., and at Our Place.

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Vermont Academy student Katie Brennan of Saxtons River and some of the bowls she is making for the Empty Bowl dinner.

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## Archer Mayor kicks off Vermont Voices series

CHESTER, Vt. – Each year in November, Chester's Phoenix Books Misty Valley invites Vermont writers who have written admirable books to come to Chester on Sundays at 2 p.m. to share their work.

As has been the case since the beginning of Vermont Voices fifteen years ago, Archer Mayor, Vermont's favorite mystery writer and raconteur, returns this year on Sunday, November 6, with his new – and 27th – Joe Gunther tale, *Presumption of Guilt*.

A forty-year-old skeleton is found encased in a concrete slab at a recently decommissioned nuclear energy site. It becomes a case for the Vermont Bureau of Investigation (VBI) and its leader, Joe Gunther, since they have the resources and the ability to investigate an old, very cold, missing person's case that has now been reclassified as murder.

But what seems the coldest of cold cases roars back to life when

one of the central figures in this mystery is shot to death, right after speaking with Gunther. And when a young police officer, the son of VBI investigator Lester Spinney, is kidnapped, is that meant to be a warning to the VBI team to drop the case?

After all these many years, the truth behind the murder still has to the power to kill, and it's up to Gunther and his team to capture the living and finally put the dead to rest.

Archer Mayor is a medical examiner, EMT, lab technician, fireman, policeman, scholar, editor, researcher, photographer, medical illustrator and Newfane resident, as well as being a novelist and winner of the prestigious New England Booksellers Association award for fiction.

Vermont Voices continues on Sunday, November 13, also at 2 pm at the bookstore, with Stephen P. Kiernan presenting his new book, *The Hummingbird*.

On Sunday, November 20, Thomas Christopher Greene will talk about his fifth novel, *"If I Forget You."*



Archer Mayor, VT's favorite mystery writer.

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A discussion and book signing will follow the events. This year all Vermont Voices events will be at the bookstore and are free of charge. For more information call Phoenix Books Misty Valley at (802) 875-3400 or visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz)

## House Blend celebrates 10th anniversary with a concert

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – House Blend, a Saxtons River based a cappella chorus, celebrates their tenth anniversary with a concert on Saturday, November 12, at the Congregational Church of Westminster West.

The self-led chorus composed of experienced singers from local communities and as far away as Rutland, is committed to sharing the joy of their singing experience, including songs from many cultures and traditions. Their anniversary concert will include some of the group's favorites from their years of singing together.

Joining House Blend at this concert will be guest artist Peter Blanchette of Northampton, Massachusetts. Blanchette plays an 11-string archguitar, which he invented so that he could play Renaissance lute music on a guitar. Blanchette's repertoire spans medieval to contemporary to ethnic music. Internationally known, he has performed at the Kennedy Center and on *Prairie Home Companion*.

The one-set concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Afterwards, the audience is invited to join the musicians for cake to honor House Blend's tenth anniversary. Suggested donation. Visit [www.houseblend.org](http://www.houseblend.org) for more information.

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## Holiday wreath decorating workshops

CHESTER, Vt. – Get ready for the holidays by decorating a pre-made evergreen wreath with specially collected greens, natural materials, bows, and other embellishments, plus all the wire, glue guns, and equipment necessary to make the decorating fun and successful.

Open to the public, the workshops will take place in Willard Hall at St. Luke's Church, 313 Main Street (Route 11 West) in Chester and will once again benefit both the church and the Chester Conservation Committee's youth environmental-camp scholarships.

Space is limited, so participants

must pre-register and are encouraged to bring clippers if they have them. Choose from four different workshop sessions: Thursday evening November 17, 6:30-8 p.m.; Friday November 18, 9-10:30 a.m. or 1:00-2:30 p.m., and Saturday



Janet and Rick Hunter proudly display their quite different, lush wreaths. The annual Wreath Workshops, held at St. Luke's Church, are open to the public, and attract men, women, and children to a time of creativity and camaraderie.

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November 19, 9-10:30 a.m. Each session will offer homemade refreshments, great camaraderie, and all the essentials to create a very personal, one-of-a-kind wreath. Men and women are welcome to come alone or register with a friend or group. A early-bird discount on the fee per wreath will apply to those who pre-register and pay by Monday November 7.

Checks should be made out to St. Luke's Church, designated for the wreath workshop, and mailed to Lillian Willis at PO Box 318, Chester, Vt. 05143. For additional information and registration, please contact Lillian Willis, 802-875-1340, [lbwillist@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillist@comcast.net).

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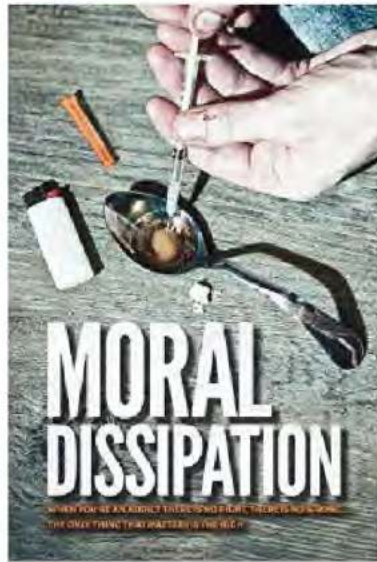
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## Don't miss the CAFC election day bake sale

CHESTER, Vt. - The Annual Chester-Andover Family Center Election Day Bake Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall second floor. The Center "bakers" are all geared up to provide a huge selection of decadent baked goodies! Please stop by on your way out after voting. If you are not a Chester voter, you are most welcome to come to the

sale. The money raised during this event is used to support the Center's Food Shelf and Emergency Financial Assistance program.

Fall has arrived at the Thrift Shop and winter is on its way. The Shop is well stocked with snugly warm outerwear in lovely fall colors, winter shoes and boots, beautiful scarves, decorative holiday items, glassware, kitchenware, clothing for men, wom-

en, children and infants, and much more.

The Food Shelf has provided fresh produce for our recipients this summer, thanks to the donation of three Abundance Acres Shares as well as donations from several individual growers/gardeners. We have received free produce from the Vermont Foodbank and the Healthy Harvest Network. A goal for the winter months is to offer more frozen produce. A big thank you to all who donated produce over the growing season and to the volunteers who picked up the Abundance Acres Shares. And thank you to the many faithful Food Shelf volunteers.

Thrift Shop hours are: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food Shelf hours are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Produce Pickup.

Center is located at 908 Vt. Route 103 South (P. O. Box 302), Chester, Vt. 05143, (802) 875-3236, or email: cafc302@gmail.com, and website [www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org](http://www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org). Please "like us" on Facebook.



Election day bake sale at the Chester-Andover Family Center.

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## Intimate Grandeur book signing

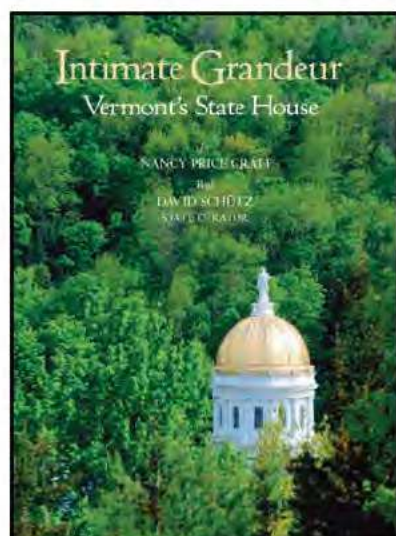
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Thursday, November 10 from 6 - 8 p.m., David Schutz, curator of the Vermont State House and Tom Slayton, writer and former editor of Vermont Life Magazine will be at the Rockingham Free Public Library to celebrate the Windham County launch of Intimate Grandeur, Vermont's State House.

The evening is hosted by the Friends of the Rockingham Library in the 3rd floor meeting room. Proceeds from the sale of Intimate Grandeur will support library youth programming that encourages civic engagement. Light refreshments will be served.

The beauty of Vermont's State House is coupled with the legislative history of the Green Mountain State in the newly published book by the Friends of the Vermont State House. The 120-page volume was authored by Nancy Price Graff and David Schutz, including a foreword written by Tom Slayton. Elegant photos by photo-journalist Jeb Wallace-Brodeur feature important

archival aspects of the building's exterior architecture and interior features.

The building began as an unremarkable wooden edifice in 1808 and graduated to a granite façade in 1838, only to be destroyed by fire in 1857. Doric portico columns,



Intimate Grandeur, Vermont's State House. BOOK COVER PROVIDED

the sole remains from the fire, were incorporated in the third life of the building which included the addition of the famous 100-ton dome.

Although the physical aspects of the structure command attention, so does the history of what occurred inside. Legislators began hosting winter entertainment evenings in 1915 as antidote to long, hard Vermont winters, and many battles were fought inside the great hall where the legislative body would gather. Former Governor Madeleine Kunin writes, "The Vermont State House is a small and shiny gem. It is a living museum, filled with the sights and sounds of democracy—in the past and in the present. This book is a beautiful testament to Vermont's rich history."

This program is free, open to the public and handicapped accessible. For more information or to pre-order a signed copy of Intimate Grandeur, call (802) 463-4270, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org) or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

## Alstead Historical Society Antiques & "Old Stuff" show

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Do you have any "Old Stuff" in your attic or barn that you have been wondering about for years? What is that thing gathering dust on the bench? Is it worth anything? Should I take it to the thrift shop or sell it on eBay?

Join the Alstead Historical Society for their Antiques and "Old Stuff" show on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alstead Town Hall on Main Street in Alstead.

Local antique dealer, Matt Saxton, will try to identify your "what-is-it," provide some background as to where it may have come from, talk about changes in the market, collecting habits, decorating trends, and what its value is in today's world. If he gets stumped, we will crowd source identification of the object to the audience!

Bring one or two items to be identified and for display before the meeting. There is no charge. Join your neighbors for an evening of fun and conversation about the good ole days. Light refreshments will be served after the program.



Do you have any old, valuable stuff in your attic? Bring it to the "Old Stuff" show and find out!

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I first came to Vermont when I was 15 so I could work on a farm in Rochester. The farmer was in his 70s and a "real Vermonter" who didn't care much for tractors. Haying was all done using horses.

I met my wife, Jean, at UVM, and we got married in 1954 (after haying was done). My city girl became a farmer's wife. We decided to look around for a farm. A realtor told us about a 175-acre woodlot in Grafton that was for sale, so that's where we settled down.

My father and I purchased the farm as a partnership, and my parents built their house across the road. Our children have stayed nearby, too. Our daughter went to UVM and now lives in the Charlestown, NH, area; our son lives in Chester.

Three years ago, at age 83, I finally got out of the mowing business after nearly 50 years, and I gave it to Russell Record.

I love Grafton because of the people, the hills, the trees, and the open land. We've had such good friends here. It's just too bad to see this nonsense come in and raise hell with everything. Some of the old-timers and families have surprised me. "There's nothing up there," they say. But that's not the issue. It's a disgrace, an open

invitation to disaster. I don't see any benefit that will come to us. The damage will be done, and you can't go back and grow the trees and the hills the way they were, with 500 feet of cement trees with big propellers on them sticking up in the air. I've been a farmer all my life. That's probably why I have such a great respect for and love of the land.

I don't understand why longtime people living here actually want it. What will happen after the money to the town stops? What will their kids and grandchildren get out of it? I don't see how it helps the town in the long run.

Ever since I heard of it, I don't want anything to do with it. The wind company acts like they're the king of everything and aren't giving much thought to the people here. I don't trust them a bit, not when they come out with this business of trying to buy votes. I'm glad some of my old-timer friends are no longer here to see this.

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# outdoor news

## Vermont's rifle deer season

REGION - Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's statewide traditionally popular 16-day rifle deer season that begins November 12 and ends Sunday, November 27.

A hunter may take one buck during this season with at least one antler having two or more points. A point must be one inch or longer from base to tip. The main beam counts as a point, regardless of length. Spike-antlered deer, mostly yearlings, are protected during this season.

"Vermont's pre-hunt deer population is estimated at approximately 145,000 this year with the greatest numbers of deer found in the north-

west, southwest and east-central regions of the state," said Deer Project Leader Nick Fortin.

Vermont's regular hunting licenses, including a November rifle season buck tag and a late season bear tag (for Nov. 12-20), cost only \$26 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. Hunters under 18 years of age get a break at \$8 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents. Licenses are available on Fish & Wildlife's web site and from license agents statewide.

Fish & Wildlife urges hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record.

A 2016 Vermont Deer Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.

The 2016 Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws and Guide is available where licenses are sold and on the Fish & Wildlife website.

Contact the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department for more information. Telephone 802-828-1000 or Email [fwinformation@Vermont.Gov](mailto:fwinformation@Vermont.Gov).



Rifle deer season is about to begin. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Forest Service targets hunter safety

RUTLAND, Vt. - With rifle season fast approaching, Forest Service officials on the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) are encouraging the public to use extra caution and to be visible and mindful of their surroundings in the coming weeks. Saturday, November 12 marks the opening day of the white-tailed deer hunt in Vermont, a lifelong tradition for many Vermonters and visitors to the Green Mountain State.

- Tell someone where you will be hunting and when you will return -- be familiar with the area that you are hunting.
- Wear blaze orange and try to be visible from all directions.
- Check hunting equipment before and after each outing, and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with the operation of your firearm before using it in the field.
- Carry a spare set of dry clothes. Use layering techniques to prevent

Officials want to remind hunters and other forest users that the entire 400,000-acre National Forest is open for hunting; the only exceptions are trails and facilities within developed recreation sites. As with any recreational opportunity on the GMNF, all applicable state and federal laws and regulations must be followed.

Below are some safety tips for hunters that may be helpful when planning to hunt on the GMNF:

- Check weather reports before visiting the forest -- dress properly and be prepared for the worst possible conditions.



Remember to stay safe when you're out hunting. PHOTO PROVIDED

- moisture retention, while maintaining body warmth.
  - Always bring waterproof gear.
  - Have a first aid kit, flashlight, cell phone, food and water in case of an emergency.
  - Clearly identify your target before shooting to prevent accidents or fatalities. Fire only at clearly identified wildlife and know what is beyond your target.
  - Be alert when hunting near developed areas and trails. Other recreationists are in the forest as well.
- For additional information on Vermont hunting regulations, please visit: <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/>

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## Vermont's moose hunt preliminary total is 73

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says a preliminary count reveals hunters took 73 moose in this year's regulated hunting seasons.

"A preliminary count on October 24 showed that hunters had reported 9 moose being taken by 27 hunters in the October 1-7 archery season and 64 moose taken by 141 hunters in the October 15-20 regular season," said Cedric Alexander, Vermont's moose project leader. He said a few additional reports might still be sent in from other reporting agents.

Permits were issued for bulls-only in most of the 16 Wildlife Manage-

ment Units open to moose hunting with a goal of increasing population growth. Only in northern Vermont were hunters able to take moose of either sex.

The overall regular season hunter success rate reported to date is 45 percent, down slightly from 47 percent last year. Either-sex permit holders enjoyed a 60 percent success rate while hunters restricted to harvesting only bulls averaged a much lower success rate of 37 percent.

A final report on Vermont's moose hunting season will be available in January when all of the 2016 data have been received and reviewed.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**SATURDAY, NOV. 26-**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Make a Snow Globe – Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Create your own special world inside a jar

using small figures and found objects. For children and an adult partner. Call for fee price. Preregistration is necessary by calling 885-7111 or stop in at VAULT, located on 68 Main St. in Springfield and open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Scholarships are

available.

**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.

**SATURDAYS–**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt.- "Discovering Your Roots: An Introduction to Genealogy" course will be held in the Cota & Cota building on 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.

### 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 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, Tesha 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@comcast.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, NOV. 5-**  
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Charlestown Senior Center 223 Old Springfield Rd. A complete pork roast supper, potatoes, squash, green beans, gratin onions, applesauce, gravy, rolls & butter and pork roast. There will also be homemade pies for dessert. We will start serving around 4:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale at 4:00 p.m. until sold out. For take outs please call 603 826-5987 by 3:00 p.m. the day of the supper. Please come and enjoy our food and our company.

GASSETTS, Vt. - Gassetts Grange is having their monthly community breakfast at 8 - 9:30 a.m. It is all you can eat-buffet style, bacon, sausage, home fries, eggs, toast, plain and blueberry pancakes. Real syrup, juices, hot cocoa, tea, coffee. Cost for attending. Eat in or take out. This is at the Gassetts Grange Hall, about 200 ft. above Jct. 10&103N. Everyone Welcome!!! Any questions? Call Dave @ 802-875-2637.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8 –**  
WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Attention voters! The Acutney 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.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Special Souper Tuesday on Election Day, from 12 to 2 p.m., The First Congregational Church of Westminster will host a special Souper Tuesday. This will run

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#### NOTICE OF TAX SALE

##### TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Town of Cavendish, Vermont

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgages of lands in the Town of Cavendish in the county of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the year 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit, a parcel of land, parcel #1R06-147, conveyed to Steven Eszenyi recorded in Volume 75, Pages 251 in Cavendish Land Records.

Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on November 29, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 26th day of October 2016.

Richard F. Svec  
Delinquent Tax Collector  
Town of Cavendish

### 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 townadmin@londonderryvt.org or at (802) 824-3356.

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### BLACK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL Basketball Coaches

Black River High School/Middle School in Ludlow, VT is seeking Basketball coaches for the 2016-2017 season.

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- JV Boys Basketball
- Middle School Boys Basketball
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- Middle School Girls Basketball

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Black River High School/Middle School  
43 Main Street, Ludlow, VT 05149  
john.davis@trsu.org

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Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on November 29, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

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### TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, hereby gives notice that positions for the Planning Commission and Development Review Board are being solicited.

In Rockingham there is one Board presently responsible for town planning and development review. The Selectboard proposes to divide that work in half by creating two boards with separate responsibilities.

- (1) The Planning Commission will develop the Town Plan and write land use regulations.
- (2) The Development Review Board will review development and land subdivision proposals for permitting.

Any Rockingham resident interested in serving must forward a letter of interest and resume to Charles Wise, Planning & Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or planning@rockbf.org, no later than November 23, 2016. Please indicate if you wish to serve on the Planning Commission or the Development Review Board.

The Rockingham Selectboard shall consider applications and appoint new members to serve on these committees at its meetings in December and January. It is anticipated these new Boards will start in Winter/Spring 2017.



LEGAL NOTICES

MEALS CONT.

**THUR., NOV 8 CONT. -** just like a regular Souper Wednesday. There will be 3 choices of soup and bread available. Donations are appreciated but not required. This is a time for everyone and anyone to come and visit with a warm meal. Regular souper wednesday will start on jan 3.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 12-** WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The First Congregational Church of Westminster will host their annual Chicken and Biscuit Supper. There will be two family style seatings, one at 5 p.m. and one at 6:15 p.m. The menu includes chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter squash, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce and homemade apple pie for dessert. The cost is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children 5-12 and under 5 eat free. This a great chance to catch up with friends, family and share a good meal with no dishes!

ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4-** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Film Winged Migration. It's a lovely film. Directed by Jacques

Perrin. Run time is 87 minutes long. "Witness as five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents. With teams totalling more than 450 people, 17 pilots and 14 cinematographers used planes, gliders, helicopters and balloons to fly alongside, above, below and in front of their subjects. The result is a film of staggering beauty that Entertainment Weekly hailed as Mesmerizing! and the Los Angeles Times applauded as Breathtaking! As lofty as it is exhilarating! Open your eyes to the wonders of the natural world as you fly along with the world's most gorgeous birds through areas." We will start the movie at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. We'll have popcorn and beverages. Held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, 21 Fairground Road. All welcome!

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5-** GASSETTS, Vt. - Gassetts Grange is having their Monthly Square dance and round, Sat. Nov 5th, 7-10 p.m.. We ask for a \$5.00 donation at the door. We have refreshments on sale in the kitchen, hot dogs, french fries, cookies and snacks. Soda and water are for sale, coffee and

tea are free. 50/50 tickets are on sale at the door and raffle ticket is presented as you enter for a drawing for next month, free admission for you and yours. Green Mtn. Express, is our House Band and Frank Kendall is our caller. Come join in on the fun. Info. Dave- 802-875-2637. Or the Grange Hall- 802-875-1051.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 12-** SEXTONS RIVER, Vt. - House Blend, a Saxtons River based a cappella chorus, celebrates their tenth anniversary with a concert at the Congregational Church of Westminster West. The self-led chorus composed of experienced singers from local communities and as far away as Rutland, is committed to sharing the joy of their singing experience. Joining House Blend at this concert will be guest artist Peter Blanchette of Northampton, Massachusetts. Blanchette plays an 11-string archguitar, which he invented so that he could play Renaissance lute music on a guitar. Internationally known, he has performed at the Kennedy Center and on Prairie Home Companion. The one-set concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Afterwards, the audience is invited to join the musicians for cake to honor House

Blend's tenth anniversary. Suggested donation. Visit [www.houseblend.org](http://www.houseblend.org) for more information.

**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

**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.

ROCKINGHAM/WESTMINSTER, 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, 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](mailto:davidandvanessa@gmail.com) for information and registration. Visit the Trails & Maps pull-down menu on [www.windmillhillpinnacle.org](http://www.windmillhillpinnacle.org) for a map detailing the trailheads.



ACWORTH, N.H. - November 5, Craft Fair from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Church on the Hill. Sponsored by the Acworth Female Charitable Society. Hot Lunch, Chinese Raffle, local handmade crafts: candles, jewelry, fabric, craft, wood carvings, wildlife art, photography, jams, jellies, and relish, knitted hats, note paper, pressed glass ornaments and table decorations.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Catholic Daughters Ct. St. Anne #1069 of Springfield will hold its popular Annual Tag & Bake Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Nolin-Murray Center on Pleasant Street in Springfield. This event is the primary fundraiser for this

organization, which supports local, state and national charities. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9:00 a.m.. The Soup Kitchen (featuring four different soups), sandwiches, and apple slab pie will start serving at 11:00 a.m. Takeout will be available. A bag sale will be held at 1:00 p.m. Winners of the Thanksgiving Raffle will be announced at 2:00 p.m. Winners do not have to be present to win.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 11 –** PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Veterans Day is a day to remember and honor the selfless dedication of service members, men and women, who have boldly stood in harm's way carrying the torch of freedom fighting to protect our abundant way of life. Please come to the Perkinsville Green, in Perkinsville on Friday November 11 at 11 a.m. to celebrate Veterans.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 12 –** CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary Parish old time penny sale to benefit St. Mary Parish will be on Saturday, November 12. Doors open at 5 p.m. and sale begins



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30 Prayer ending

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35 Doctrine

36 Thanksgiving veggie

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37 Beelzebub

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43 Group of cattle

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46 Trail the pack

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Cupid's call beckons both single Librans looking for a new love, as well as couples hoping to strengthen their relationships. A workplace problem is quickly resolved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

It's been a hectic time for you, and you might want to take a break to restore both body and soul. You'll then be set to face new challenges later this month.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

It's a good idea to take a more conservative approach to your financial situation right now. Some plans made earlier this year might need readjusting.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

This is a fine time to move boldly into those new opportunities I promised would open up for you. Check them over, and then choose the best one for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Congratulations. Your self-assurance is growing stronger, and you should now feel more confident about making that long-deferred decision about a possible commitment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

You're very close to reaching your goal. Be wary of distractions that can lure you off-course and leave you stranded far away from where you really want to be.

BORN THIS WEEK:

You have an inner sight that helps you see into people's hearts. You would be an excellent psychologist or social worker.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Some changes might seem confusing at first, especially to an Aries whose impatience levels are pretty shaky this week. Take it one step at a time, Lamb, and soon all will be made clear.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

That difficult situation you've been dealing with continues to call for careful handling. Avoid quickly made choices that might not stand up when they're finally put to the test.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You still have lots of evaluating to do before you can consider making a commitment. It's better to move cautiously than to risk stumbling into a major misunderstanding.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A previously peevish partner offers to be more helpful with your problems. But remember: The final choice is yours. Be guided by what you feel is the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

As the Big Cat, you sometimes can be pretty rough on those you suspect of betrayal. The best advice is to pull in those claws and listen to the explanation. It might surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Your inner voice usually guides you well. But a note of caution: This is a period of mixed signals for you, so be careful that you don't misunderstand the messages you're getting.

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# calendar

## SPECIAL EVENTS CONT.

**SAT., NOV. 12 CONT.** - at 6 p.m. Buy your tickets now! Door prizes include: 59" jumbo plush teddy bear with a box, Keurig K-cup brewer model 140, a large mirrored medicine cabinet, 20" HUFFY rocket bike, 39" Vizio TV, 8 x 10 light tan rug. There is also a grand prize cash drawing. There will be refreshments at the concession.

**WINDHAM, Vt.** - Windham's Annual Harvest Supper and Square Dance begins at 5 p.m. at the historic Windham Meeting House, 26 Harrington Road, Windham, on the corner of Windham Hill Road. The traditional dinner is hosted and prepared by the Windham

Community Organization. We will be serving ham, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes (plus a gluten-free version), salad, sweet breads and assorted homemade pies. Donations are appreciated for our musicians. Sally Newton will be calling the moves for the incredibly lively square dance. She will be accompanied by talented local musicians (most of them related to Sally). She is really good with explaining the moves, so don't be bashful. Join in the fun! All proceeds benefit Windham area residents through WCO. Come on out for the last big fling before winter!

## 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. Take the class sitting or standing and feel supported in a safe environment. Open to anyone with a movement disorder plus a caregiver, partner, or friend. There is a suggested donation. E-mail Kathy starbooks06@yahoo.com.

**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 is 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](http://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. 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](http://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](mailto:eaton.liza@gmail.com), [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com) 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

**WED., NOV. 9 & THUR., NOV. 10 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Bring a bag lunch and join Library Director, Amy Howlett and fellow readers to discuss Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition 1914-1916. There are two times to choose from: Wednesday, November 9 from 12 to 1 p.m. or Thursday, November 10 from 6 - 7 p.m. This event is part of the ongoing Vermont Reads program at the library this fall. Caroline Alexander's The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition – the epic survival story of Ernest Shackleton and his twenty-seven man crew at the dawn of WWI. The library has been awarded multiple copies of both books for patrons to borrow and share in our community this fall. Stop by and borrow a copy today and join us for one of the book discussions! This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 885-3108 for more information.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 19- ROCKINGHAM, VT.** – At 11 a.m., local Young Adult author Megan Applegate will discuss Novel Planning and Outlining at the Rockingham Library. Applegate will give participants an overview of the benefits and various techniques of planning a story from the roots up. She'll use real-world examples from well-known writers and creators, as well as help writers tailor these tools for their own needs. These tactics work for all writers, too--no matter what you write, no matter your age or stage in the writing game. Registration for this workshop is recommended. This workshop is free and open to the public. To register or for more information, call (802) 463-4270, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org) or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** - You are invited to join in singing HU, an ancient name for God. The HU has helped people from all backgrounds throughout time. All are welcome to a half hour HU Chant at 3:30 p.m. at Brooks Memorial Library, 3rd Floor, 224 Main St., Brattleboro. Hosted by ECKANKAR, a spiritual teaching that provides simple exercises for people of all faiths, traditions, and walks of life to develop and deepen a conscious and practical relationship with spirit. More info: [www.eckankar-vt.org](http://www.eckankar-vt.org), 800-772-9390.

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** - What happens when we die? What can near-death or out-of-the-body experiences teach us? Is it possible to gain spiritual guidance during times of grief and experience heaven for yourself? All are welcome to explore these questions at the open discussion Gaining Spiritual Insights on Life after Death on November 19, 6:30 p.m., at the Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street, Brattleboro. Explore the eternal nature of soul, the spiritual being we really are. Hosted by Eckankar. For more information go to [www.eckankar-vt.org](http://www.eckankar-vt.org) or call 800-772-9390

## MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, NOV. 10- LUDLOW, Vt.** - The Chamber and Town would like to schedule a brainstorming meeting on at 5pm at the Ludlow town Hall Conference Room to begin a discussion/ideas of what can be done to help your businesses when the bridge comes down next summer. Hope you can make it.

**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,

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**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.

**TUESDAYS** - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Smoking Cessation class to be held at Neighborhood Connections, 5700 Route 100, from 6- 7 p.m.

**FIRST TUESDAY-** ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Abenaki Snowmobile Club, who is responsible for all the trails in the towns of Rockingham and Athens, is holding our regular business meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (September

through May) at 7 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Fire Department. Please come and check out what we are all about and how you can help. For more information, 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.

SUPPORT  
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**SECOND TUESDAY** - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/ Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Monthly classes feature topics from nutrition and cooking to fitness and stress management. Optional weigh

in or measurements, discuss previous goal successes and set new goals. FREE. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email [cht@springfieldmed.org](mailto:cht@springfieldmed.org)

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

**WEDNESDAYS** - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step

Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m.

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

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<b>2015 CHEVY MALIBU</b> LT Package, Sun Roof <b>SALE PRICE \$15,995</b> <del>\$16,995</del> \$15,995	<b>2014 NISSAN ALTIMA</b> Fully Loaded, Only 10,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$12,995</b> <del>\$13,995</del> \$12,995	<b>2006 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB</b> Leather Interior, Fully Loaded <b>SALE PRICE \$8,495</b> <del>\$8,995</del> \$8,495
<b>2015 CHEVY CRUZE</b> LT Package, One Owner, Only 16,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$13,995</b> <del>\$15,995</del> \$13,995	<b>2014 CHEVY EQUINOX AWD</b> LT Package, Sunroof, Only 34,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$18,995</b> <del>\$19,995</del> \$18,995	<b>2005 BUICK LACROSSE</b> V6, Auto, Sunroof, Leather Interior, Only 84,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$3,995</b> <del>\$4,995</del> \$3,995
<b>2015 CHEVY CRUZE</b> LS Package, 6-Speed Manual <b>SALE PRICE \$6,495</b> <del>\$7,995</del> \$6,495	<b>2011 HYUNDAI ACCENT GLS</b> 4 Door, 5 Speed, Only 63,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$5,995</b> <del>\$6,995</del> \$5,995	<b>PRICES ARE FALLING!</b>
<b>2010 CHEVY EQUINOX</b> LT Package, AWD, Power Sunroof, One Owner <b>SALE PRICE \$11,995</b> <del>\$12,995</del> \$11,995	<b>2011 BUICK LACROSSE</b> CX5 Package, Sun Roof, Fully Loaded, Only 58,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$14,995</b> <del>\$15,995</del> \$14,995	<b>2004 HONDA PILOT</b> LX Package, AWD, Extra Clean <b>SALE PRICE \$6,995</b> <del>\$7,995</del> \$6,995

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# operation christmas child

## Local volunteers to collect shoebox gifts for children

WINDSOR COUNTY, Vt. - Several locations in the central part of Vermont will serve as collection sites this year for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child—the world's largest Christmas project of its kind.

During National Collection Week, Nov. 14 – 21, residents in Windsor Counties will donate shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, notes of encouragement and fun toys, such as a doll or soccer ball—for Operation Christmas Child to deliver to children in need around the world. This year, residents hope to contribute more than 4000 shoebox gifts toward the 2016 global goal of reaching 12 million children.

“The shoebox gifts donated by the

volunteers at these drop-off locations will shine a light of hope to children living in poverty overseas,” said Vermont Central volunteer Area Coordinator Kami Dimmick, who has participated in Operation Christmas Child for fifteen years. “Anyone is welcome to pack a shoebox and help a child facing difficult circumstances to feel loved and not forgotten.”

Two collection sites serving Windsor counties

**Chester, Vt. -**  
**Andover Community Church 928 Weston-Andover Road Chester, Vt. 05143**

Mon Nov 14 2016:	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tue Nov 15 2016:	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wed Nov 16 2016:	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thu Nov 17 2016:	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri Nov 18 2016:	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat Nov 19 2016:	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun Nov 20 2016:	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mon Nov 21 2016:	8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

**Springfield, Vt. -**  
**Springfield Assembly of God 169 River Street Springfield, Vt. 05156**

Mon Nov 14 2016:	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tue Nov 15 2016:	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Wed Nov 16 2016:	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thu Nov 17 2016:	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Fri Nov 18 2016:	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sat Nov 19 2016:	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Sun Nov 20 2016:	1 p.m. - 3 p.m., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Mon Nov 21 2016:	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 802-848-3635 or visit-

samaritanspurse.org/occ. By going online to give the suggested donation of \$7 per shoebox gift, participants can follow their box to discover where in the world it will be delivered. They can also pack a shoebox gift online and even upload a photo and note of encouragement.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these chil-



Locals are collecting shoebox gifts for local children.

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dren, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

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