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Mueller's not leaving Okemo Mountain

BY BRANDY TODT
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - A few years ago Okemo became a part of CNL Lifestyle Properties and this company was required by law to divest its assets. Okemo's assets are being sold to a New York hedge fund manager. Also included in the largest ski resort transaction ever are New Hampshire mountains: Loon Mountain and Mount Sunapee.



November snow on Okemo Mountain. PHOTO BY CHRIS KASPRAK

CNL Lifestyle Properties is a "real estate investment trust that invests in income-producing properties." Estimated asset closing of Okemo will be in the second quarter of 2017.

CNL Lifestyle Properties own the real estate but Triple Peaks, of which Okemo is a part, is still owned by the Muellers. Bonnie MacPherson, Director of Public Relations said, "Tim and Diane Mueller will not be leaving but will continue to operate the beloved ski resort. The transaction is internal; therefore guests and employees will not notice the change."

Okemo Mountain Resort ranks as one of the top ski areas with 98 percent snowmaking coverage as well as excellent snow quality. They are anticipating another exciting winter season.

3-D printing could help visualize the Chester Academy building

BY BRANDY TODT
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - During the recent Chester Town Selectboard meeting a citizen raised a concern about a building permit that was issued for a place on Elm Street that's apparently become an unauthorized dog kennel.

The 40-foot-by-26-foot building is being used as an animal kennel, the unidentified resident said, but animal kennels are not allowed under conditional use in the current zoning bylaws.

The permit stated the building was to be used for storage.

The granting of this permit by the town zoning administrator also did not allow for a public hearing or rebuttal by neighbors.

The Selectboard took the complaint under advisement.

One major item on the evening's agenda was the proposed content for the Chester Academy historical marker.

Some time ago, the Selectboard had agreed the Chester Academy would be the next building to receive a historical marker. Since then, plenty of research has gone into the learning the historical significance of the building.

The text that was drafted by Hugh Henry contained an abundance of architectural information, but was lacking a few key factual details, such as the 1814 build date and when the academy was no longer used.

This historical marker is an opportunity to deliver the information to travelers allowing them to discover the Chester everyone holds dear, board members said, and should be accurate.

Ron Patch said the marker should be done correctly.

"When tourists stop at the Chester Historical Society, they ask, 'what makes Chester special?' or 'are there any famous people that came from Chester?'" Patch said. "I want to see this marker done right, with the right historical information."

Patch brought in an 1866 Academy catalogue which listed all the teachers and faculty, along with male and female students.

Upon further investigation of the catalogues the Chester Historical Society has on file, it was discovered that the academy produced three governors, three Civil War generals, and the founder of Whiting Library, Dr. Lauren Whiting.

A suggestion was made that instead of using the limited character space on the sign to describe the

building, a 3-D protected image with full information should be printed and placed next to the marker in a kiosk.

Peter Farrar and Patch proposed this would be a project that the Green Mountain Union High School students could participate in, by taking one catalog per student and investing time in researching the lives of the people listed in each academy catalog.

The Selectboard decided to hold off on voting about the proposed historical marker text until Hugh Henry, Patch and Farrar can meet to create a revised description that would contain important and interesting information.

Watch the video of Ron Patch's comments on the academy on the Journal's Facebook page: @vermontjournal.

Windsor Community Dinner a success

BY WILL COLEMAN
The Vermont Journal

WINDSOR, Vt. - It was an idyllic fall evening as a warm sun settled on russet leaves outside the Windsor American Legion, but the hustle and bustle of 5th and 6th graders breathed life into the quietude at the hall as they prepared to serve a free community dinner.

People, young and old, gather at the post once a week for the community meal.

Teresa Westgate and Andrew Tufts, teachers at State Street School, had organized members of the student council and enlist- ed parents to prepare a variety of offerings ranging from a garden salad and homemade macaroni and cheese, to soups and pulled pork. There was also a desert table that included pastries and bread donated by the local Price Chopper Supermarket.

meals became overly burdensome for some, so the organizers reached

out to the local community. Currently the emergency depart-

ment, medical-surgical unit, and rehab unit at Mount Ascutney Hospital in Windsor take turns with the Old South Church, the Elks Lodge, the Rotary Club, and the Masons, including the Rainbow Girls, and the 5th and 6th grade student council at the local elementary school.

"The community dinner gives all the different groups in our community the chance to get together and interact," Lape-Freeburg said. "Some of the seniors are lonely and like having someone to talk with."

At one table a group of regulars gathers early for a game of cards. The relaxed environment is very conducive to intermingling and meeting new people.

According to an unnamed senior, "kids need to put down their



Fifth and sixth graders serve the community meal. PHOTO BY WILL COLEMAN



Magic Mountain

Ski Magic LLC is expected to close on purchasing Magic Mountain on Wednesday, Nov 9. Stay tuned for a story on this next week.

PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

Thanksgiving is A Day Of Thanks

Tell us What you are Thankful for!

Letters are due by email by Friday, November 18 at 5 pm to go into our Thanksgiving Edition editor@VermontJournal.com

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Selectboard concerned about business break-ins

BY LARRY WILFONG
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Town Selectboard is assuring residents police are vigorously investigating a recent spate of burglaries.

It was during a review of the next municipal budget that the Selectboard heard from Municipal Manager Frank Heald that the Ludlow Police Department budget may need to be expanded to handle increased crime.

Heald said that because of a rash of business burglaries, as well as a few other highly publicized incidents, residents are questioning whether or not the police force has what it needs in order to be effective.

As it stands, there is 24-hour police coverage, however this coverage doesn't go very far towards allowing officers the proper time to follow

criminal leads and conduct their required rounds, Heald said.

He said it is very difficult to utilize regular work hours in order for police to follow through with their investigations.

Ludlow Police Chief Jeffrey Billings commented that the Ludlow Police have every tool that they could possibly need at the moment, but what is lacking now is staffing.

There were a few suggestions thrown out by the board, which included adding a canine officer, a detective, and even a humorous thought of surveillance drones and closed-circuit TV street cameras.

There is a lot of concern in the community about the recent string of burglaries which in one month has included eight local businesses and three residential properties.

Coupled with recent sexual assault

cases and ever-present opiate misuse problems, Billings said the short-handed police force is starting to feel a great deal of pressure.

Selectboard members said they are desirous of letting the public know that whatever bits and pieces of information they have heard, the whole story is that the Police Department is following up every lead and piece of evidence.

There are similarities to criminal activities in other towns, the chief said, and the Ludlow Police have teamed up with the Springfield Police in order to narrow down the suspect list.

They have several suspects and already at least one arrest has been made, Billings said.

The Selectboard consented to Heald and Billings continuing a discussion of police staffing needs. Any

increase in the force would result in an increase to the budget ranging from \$50,000 to \$90,000.

Public input will be needed closer to the March Town Meeting Day.

Paul Faenza, owner of Big Eyes Bakery, and a retired law enforcement officer, sent out a letter to many media outlets, plus the Chamber of Commerce.

In his letter, he voiced his belief that the police were doing everything that they could, but said that it is imperative that the community lend a hand with their eyes and ears.

Faenza gave a list of neighborhood watch tips that can help ensure the safety of property, and made a call-out to the public to report any suspicious activity at once to the Police Department.

The Ludlow Police Department is at (802) 228-4411.

Billings said that, so far, the style of the burglars was not one of violence and seems to be confined to times when most businesses are closed.

He felt that there was little concern for actual personal safety, but that precautions should be taken in order to protect property.

The chief said he believes that these strings of burglaries, and also those in nearby towns, are fueled by drug users seeking money or items to sell to buy more drugs.

The meeting started with a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town Zoning and Flood Regulations Policy.

The proposed amendments include a list of permitted and conditional uses for areas designated as residential/commercial and a rezoning of a portion of the Okemo Mt. access road, which will place it into a moun-

tain recreational category.

Members of the Ludlow Planning Commission were on hand to discuss the details.

The Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendments. A copy of the current and proposed regulations may be obtained at the Town Municipal Office.

Heald read a letter from a Ludlow resident which gave thanks for the paving of the Upper Crossroad.

There was discussion on the upcoming lease of the Stearns Pit property, which is leased to Okemo Mt. Resort for parking.

The acceptance of contract terms was halted by an Okemo representative, who said that there would need to be further negotiations over the details, so voting on the lease issue was tabled until the December Selectboard meeting.

Turkey time again!

BELMONT, Vt. – We will be ordering the Misty Knoll fresh turkeys on Nov. 10. Get your order in today! Just received word today that another Vermont supplier will not be pro-

viding turkeys this year so Misty Knoll will be stretched to meet demand. Please order ASAP. Call the Belmont General Store at 802-259-2292.

Another slice of Southern Pie

BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – First and foremost, we'd like to apologize to anyone that may have been offended by our "Southern Pie rises again" article. Though we meant no harm, we understand that it may have been taken the wrong way by some of our readers.

The Southern Pie Company, owned by Scott and Leslie Blair, first opened in Chester in 2014. Just recently on October 1, 2016, Scott and Leslie opened their new location, another slice of Southern Pie, in Ludlow, Vt. Though all of their baking takes place in their Chester location, their Ludlow branch offers all of the same deli-

cious choices, as well as the option to place and pick up your custom orders.

You can order to go, or stay and make yourself at home, "like you're sitting on your front porch drinkin' sweet tea," Leslie says, encouraging their customers to come in and stay a while.

Leslie has loved cooking since she was young, watching PBS with her dad, and later taking vocational classes to improve her talents. She now uses "close to home ingredients" in her pies, cakes, and other baked goods that give her baking a "southern touch that will impress your taste buds!"

Not to mention, Scott has gained strong business management skills, working and managing businesses

since he was 14. Those skills keep The Southern Pie Company running smoothly, and scrumptiously.

The holidays are coming; don't forget to order your pies and goods from the Southern Pie Company. Visit the Blair's at 287 Main Street in Chester, or 28 Main Street in Ludlow. You may want to call and place your order ahead of time! You can contact the Blair's at (802) 875-PIES (7437).



Scott and Leslie Blair stand with their son Jacob in front of their new location on Main Street in Ludlow.

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MacLaomainn's haunted house raised \$1,300

CHESTER, Vt. – MacLaomainns raised a little over \$1,300 this year from their haunted house event. They will be kicking in the additional

funding to bring the donation to the Chester-Andover Family Center and Vermont Foodbank to \$1,600, the same amount that was donated last year.

The plan for next year is to hold the Haunted House the two weekends before Halloween starting October

20, 21 and 27, 28. "We feel it is a worthy cause to help our neighbors when times get tough," said Deb, owner of MacLaomainns.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer and helping them create or work in the Haunted House please contact Deb directly at deb@macLaomainns.com. MacLaomainns would love to have more people step forward and help.

Prime Lending now open

LUDLOW, Vt. – Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes Victoria Blodgett of Prime Lending to her new location at 126 Main Street, Suite 1C in Ludlow with a ribbon cutting followed by an Open House.

Victoria is a dedicated home loan professional. Whether you're ready to refinance, renovate or buy a new home, she's here to help guide you through the process. She offers smart, affordable loan options to help you achieve your goals.



Pictured left – right: Marji Graf, OVRCC; Lisa Keefe, Loan Processor; and Victoria Blodgett, Sr. Loan Officer.

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

DINNER

From Page 1A

electronics and get out and talk with people. Old people have a lifetime of knowledge and experience to share. It is a shame that our culture does not value us."

At the very first community meal, Lape-Freeberg posed a question to the 12 participants: "Who here would not have eaten tonight?"

The response from an elderly woman was, "Mandy, we are hungry for so much more than food."

Windsor Community Dinners are held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. from September through June at the Windsor American Legion post.

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Stick Season Social sold out for a good cause

BY BRANDY TODT
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Sam's Steakhouse closed its doors to the public for dinner on Saturday so it could host the Black River Good Neighbor Services Stick Season Social.

Upon arriving, guests submitted their tickets for door-prize drawings. Then, armed with raffle tickets, they made their way to the battlefield.

Some attendees leisurely placed their tickets into the jars while sipping glasses of wine, while others hurriedly stuffed as many tickets as they could into the jars, hoping more tickets would get them a win.

After casting raffles tickets, they meandered over to the goods on the Silent Auction tables. The Silent



The Stick Season Social sold out their 140 tickets.

PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

Auction had a variety of items donated by local businesses, and bidding continued through dinner and

closed just after dessert was served. Sam's offered its renowned salad bar, as well as an entree buffet fol-

lowed by three dessert options.

While enjoying every bite of dessert, the prizes and raffles winners were drawn.

People sat alert with ticket stubs laid out before them on the table. Fingers were crossed in anticipation. When numbers were read, there was a pause, then a hoot and holler from the winner.

Black River Good Neighbor Services Executive Director Audrey Bridge said it was a good night for the non-profit group.

"A great turn out tonight," she commented. "We sold out at 140 tickets."

The social is one of the many fundraisers that Black River Good Neighbor Services does throughout the year to raise funds for the food pantry and other programs.



Did you vote?

Some activity in the Ludlow Town Hall as the polls opened at 10 a.m.

PHOTO BY RALPH PACE

Black River Academy shows hats of the past

BY MARILYN LEDOUX
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Academy Museum held its annual meeting and dinner recently to raise money to repair the academy steeple.

The meeting was a potluck dinner at the museum on High Street in Ludlow, and area cooks who were members outdid themselves with everything from soup to desserts.

As members and friends arrived, they were shown a table with hats from years gone by. Hats were from 1900 through 1980, and were on loan from The Springfield Players.

Among the hats was a beanie from Black River Academy, worn by freshmen dating back to 1920, a band hat from the Black River High School band from 1950, a black silk stove-

pipe hat from 1900, hats for gardeners, a fireman's helmet dating back to the 1900s and made entirely of leath-

er, a fox fur hat from Alaska, a World War I Army hat, and many others.

Members and guests chose a hat,

donned it, and after the dinner paraded down one side of the room telling the year the hat was popular and letting people see how it was worn.

Guests and members observed a moment of silence for Anita Alic, who was instrumental in raising money to install an elevator for access to the upper floors of the building. That project has been completed but the academy steeple is in need of more repair.

The dinner was to raise money for the ongoing work needed to finish the repairs to the academy building steeple.

Alumni members or residents who were unable to attend the dinner but who would like to help with the restoration work can send a donation to: The Black River Academy, P.O. Box 73, Ludlow, VT, 05149.

The Black River Academy is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible.



Tom and Shirley Saul of Rochester, N.Y. and Lake Pauline, Ludlow, Vt.

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Vermont Voices series continues —

CHESTER, Vt. - Chester's Phoenix Books Misty Valley invites Vermont writers who have written admirable books to come to Chester on Sundays to share their work. This year the events will be at the Bookstore, on the Green in Chester next to the Fullerton Inn, at 2 p.m. In the final 2016 Vermont Voices event, Thomas Christopher Greene will talk about his fifth novel, If I Forget You, on Sunday, November 20. A discussion and book signing will follow the free events. For more information call Phoenix Books Misty Valley at (802) 875-3400 or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz

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OVRCC wins Vermont Tourism Grant

REGION - The Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing has named the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce as one of 13 Vermont organizations and businesses that will receive this year's "Market Vermont" matching grant. Each grant recipient will receive between \$5,000 - \$10,000 to promote themselves outside of the state. OVRCC received \$10,000!

The "Market Vermont" grant monies are to be invested exclusively in out-of-state marketing, advertising, promotion, sales materials, public-

ity, trade shows, consumer events, or other activities that are specifically designed to encourage out-of-state guests to visit Vermont, individually or in groups. A panel comprised of members of the Vermont Travel and Recreation Council chose the grant recipients.

"We were quite impressed by the high number of Vermont businesses and organizations that submitted applications for this year's "Market Vermont" program," said Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing Commissioner Megan Smith.

"The group of recipients selected by the Vermont Travel and Recreation Council panel conveyed strong plans for projects that we believe will extend marketing messages beyond our state's borders, and ultimately attract visitors to Vermont."

The grant proposal submitted by the Okemo Valley Chamber focused on using the grant funds to target the Chinese/Americans who already live in the NY/NJ tri-State area. They plan to implement a multi-media winter campaign to start utilizing their grant.

Congratulations to all of the 13 Grant Recipients: Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce, Vermont Gran Fondo, Chandler Music Hall, Jay Peak Area Chamber of Commerce, Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mad River Valley Marathon, Manchester Designer Outlets, Northeast Kingdom Travel & Tourism Association, Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports, Vermont Maple Sugarmakers, Vermont Fresh Network, and Vermont Wood Manufacturers.



BRGNS receives donation from VACCE

LUDLOW, Vt. - Marji Graf, President of VACCE, (Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives), presents a check in the amount of \$500 to Audrey Bridge of Black River Good Neighbors at their annual conference that was held on November 3 & 4 at The Castle Hill Resort & Spa, Vt. The VACCE organization supports local food banks in the community where we hold our conferences every year.

The Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce executives (VACCE) is comprised of 33 Chambers of Commerce. VACCE provides professional development to chamber executives and board members and represents the best interests of Vermont businesses at the local, regional and state level. VACCE represents the true demographic diversity of Vermont with individual chamber membership ranging from fifty to two thousand members. Together we represent over 13,000 businesses, employ more than 160,000 workers and represent every sector of Vermont's diverse economy.

Pictured, Marji Graf presents Audrey Bridge of BRGNS a check for the Food Pantry.
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Act 46 Update from TRSU

REGION - The Two Rivers Supervisory Union Act 46 committee met on October 25 and November 1 to engage with members of the public, review administrative recommendations for the education of students in grades pre-K through grade 12, and review tax rate projections. The present charge of the Act 46 committee is: "To study the advisability of forming a union school district."

nationally, local school districts would no longer own their schools; the larger union school district would own them. The outcome of the committee's work will require a positive vote in each town to create the single school district.

In May the committee tasked the administrative team with determining a model that would not only provide more opportunities for our students, but would also save enough money to make the impact on the pre-CLA tax rate neutral or better for each town. The Superintendent, Meg Alison Powden, presented their

recommendation on September 20.

The team recommends maintaining all elementary schools and making them Pre-K - 5, or K - 5, depending on how those communities handle pre- K now. Then, having a regional middle school for all towns and grades 6 - 8 at the location of the current Black River Union Middle School/High School. Finally, a regional high school for students of all towns and grades 9 - 12 would attend at Green Mountain Union High School. Hopefully a specific program for dual enrollment and/or a Castle-ton component in the future housed in Ludlow. The specific savings for the entire model will be reviewed at a later meeting of the committee. The committee is also taking input on alternative ideas.

At the meeting held on November 1 in Ludlow, we heard from many residents with comments ranging from positive to negative. We appreciated the feedback as well as the thoughtful ideas and suggestions.

We welcome questions and comments from members of all of our communities and encourage you to participate.

Public input will be provided for as an agenda item at all meetings, either before or after the committee conducts its business on the following dates:

- November 16th, 6:00 at Mount Holly Elementary School
- December 6th, 6:00 at Town Hall in Baltimore
- December 14th, 6:00 at Black River Union MS/HS

All of the information the committee has reviewed is available online at any of the school websites or at the supervisory union website trsu.org by clicking on the Act 46 link on the left side of the home page. You can also find the names of your town representatives to the committee in the Act 46 materials.

Respectfully,
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WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) will provide free tax preparation for lower income taxpayers for the 2017 tax-filing season through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

SEVCA is now recruiting volunteers to work at our Westminster site during tax season. A volunteer orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m. at SEVCA's main office, 91 Buck Drive, Westminster, Vt.

We are looking for individuals who are willing and able to commit 3 to 4 hours per week from January 31 - April 11, 2017. Training sessions will be held in Westminster during December and January, and at your convenience using online IRS self-



Volunteer to help SEVCA during tax season.
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study training materials. Continuing on-site training and supervision is provided during the tax preparation season.

Contact Susan Brace at sbrace@sevca.org or call (802) 722-4575, ext. 199.

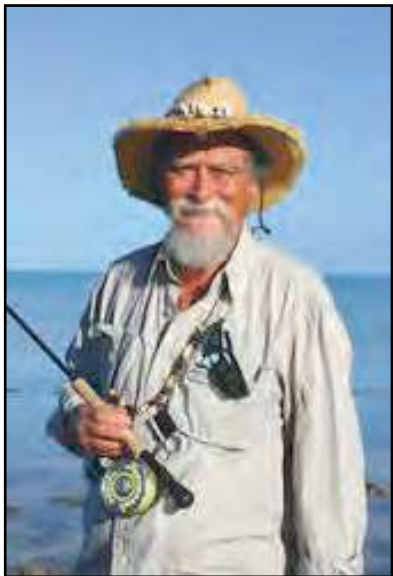
Westminster West Public Library gets Literacy Grant

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - On Thursday November 10, the children in the Westminster area will be treated to a storytelling event by author and illustrator Jim Arnosky. This event is sponsored by the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLIF) through a grant won by the Westminster West Library with the help of the Community Education Support Committee of the Westminster Community School Board. There will be three events that day, one at the Westmin-

ster West School for the K/1 students, one at the Westminster West Public Library for the preschool aged children, and one at the Westminster Center School for grades 2 - 6.

Jim Arnosky has written a lot of fabulous books introducing young and elementary school- aged children to nature. He is a fantastic illustrator and he has invented the wonderful character of Crinkleroot who takes children into nature and teaches them about birds, mammals, fish, tracking, how to care for our planet, and so much more.

The grant allowed the Westminster West Library to select \$2,000 worth of wonderful new books for the library's children's collection. The school library received \$500 worth of books, and the youngest children will all receive a free book to take home. In addition to Jim Arnosky's event, there will be a spring performance by renowned storyteller Duncan McDougall.



Jim Arnosky.
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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

A day of hunting to remember

The story below was recently written by Ed Peck of Springfield; Had this deer been weighed when first shot and with the heart & liver, it would have weighed over 250 pounds.

“Early in the first week of the 1955 deer season, Howard and Lucy Peck, of Springfield, Vt., headed off to a hunting camp on the backside of Okemo Mountain to join their friends Charlie and Jean Abbott, also of Springfield. Not too far north of Weston a large buck was seen running from the woods on the side of Terrible Mountain toward the road. Howard stopped his Jeep beside the highway and quickly retrieved the first rifle he came to... his father’s cherished Model 94. The first shot, after the buck crossed the road, broke his left foreleg causing him to turn broadside; the second put him down.

Shortly, several hunters came from the woods across the road and were none too happy. They had spent many days scouting pre-season and then actively hunting for this deer since opening day. But, very sportsman like, they helped with the field dressing and loading him onto the hood. Back then it was still customary to carry your deer on the front of the vehicle. The next day on an improvised scale at Polidor’s Market in North Springfield and, with his head still on the floor, the deer registered 200 pounds.

Howard and Lucy finally got headed again toward the Abbott camp, arriving much later than anticipated. Charlie and Jean were still waiting and more than glad to help hang the buck alongside a 160 lb. buck already on the game pole. After some storytelling and celebrating, snow started to fall. Charlie talked about seeing signs of a ‘monster’ deer higher up the mountain, and he surmised that this storm might get deer moving down into the lower softwoods. It should be noted that Charlie was a hunter/woodsman from the word go and almost never had to settle for ‘deer track stew’ to sustain him through the winter. He convinced Howard to accompany him in case he



Jean Abbott with monster buck.

PHOTO PROVIDED



Howard Peck's 1955 200 pound buck.

PHOTO PROVIDED

needed help and down the old road that ran past the camp they headed, then uphill into an old chopping. Charlie circled high while Howard stayed lower.

After not too long a wait, Howard saw two deer headed downhill. They both appeared large even through the falling snow. He checked them with his binoculars and quickly saw that one certainly looked like a monster. He scanned the woods and saw Charlie with his rifle to his shoulder, shooting not too many seconds later. The buck went down

and Howard used to tell of the tough climb up through the fresh snow being tempered by the excitement. That excitement was short-lived, though, as the two hunters realized that the shortest distance back to camp was to go slightly uphill. Even slightly uphill, the slippery, fresh fallen snow and weight of the buck did not allow them to drag him more than a few feet at a time before having to rest.

The two scratched their heads, so to speak, and decided that the best solution was for Howard to go back to camp, get their wives and Jeep and somehow get all up through the snowy woods close to where Charlie and his deer would be. On the way out Howard located an old brook bed that looked to be the best route back up the mountain. With the women helping to clear brush, fallen trees, and sometimes prying large rocks out of the way, they eventually made it through the darkness to where Charlie waited. The rear seat was still in the back of the Jeep, so they thought the best place for the deer was on the hood and the women in the back. What no one gave any thought to was that the Jeep was still headed uphill, more snow had fallen since arrival, and they had a serious weight imbalance. The Jeep could not get enough traction to be turned around. So, the back seat was removed, the buck pulled off the hood and tucked into small area in back. He was beginning to stiffen up by this time and some creative methods of bending him to fit were undoubtedly required. Jean, the smaller of the two women, found room in back, on top of the deer, to ride and Lucy rode in front.

Charlie also came up with the idea of packing down snow around the Jeep so that, if necessary, he could use the iron pry bar that Howard had brought along to help twist the Jeep around if needed. Fortunately, Charlie was a tall, strong person and it did take his help to do just that. He also got to walk down to the woods road as there wasn't any room for him to ride. A testament to the toughness of the Jeep CJs of that era should have been written after this experience as the heavily-loaded vehicle made the round trip




Charlie Abbott's monster buck.

PHOTO PROVIDED

without any dents or broken parts. Shortly before the 72-hour check-in limit was reached the buck was taken to the Weston check station and weighed. Charlie's son, Rick, recalls weighed 238 lbs. The rack was never scored. Following the phone conversation he and Howard's son, Ed, had regarding the information contained in this story, Rick had the rack scored by an official Boone & Crockett scorer in Soldotna, AK. The score was 140 1/8.”

If you don't eat the heart and liver don't leave it in the woods. Save it for me. Question: Do you remember “Side Hill Cronchers?”



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Act 46 a controversial state law

Developing a merger plan for eight towns in the huge Windham Central Supervisory Union is not a simple thing.

But the two Act 46 study committees working on the effort are already doing something right: they're trying to get as much public input as possible.

Residents won't get to vote on merger proposals until March 2017, but the committees are posting videos, sending emails and flyers, and putting minutes and information on Internet websites to let the public know what's happening.

Act 46 is the controversial 2015 state law that pushes for school district consolidation with a goal of cutting costs and increasing educational opportunities for students.

Many parents and residents don't want to lose their local schools, though, citing a loss of local control and community identity, not to mention the more personal education pupils get at small schools.

Windham Central's Act 46 plan does not include any school closures. The committees believe larger, unified districts will share resources and expenses better.

The plan thus far: the Leland & Gray Union towns, Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend and Windham, would do a pre-K-through-12 merger and have one school board.

Those towns now have four elementary schools with independent boards, and middle and high school students attend the regional Leland & Gray school, which also has its own board.

Dover, Marlboro and Wardsboro would merge into a unified district with pre-kindergarten through either sixth or eighth grade, with school choice for the higher grades. Dover and Wardsboro currently have pre-K-through-six elementary schools, while Marlboro has pre-K-through-eight.

Instead of a dozen separate school boards, the plan would result in just three.

The plan is to have the mergers voted on at Town Meeting Day in March 2017. If voters say yes, the mergers would take effect on July 1, 2019.

Both committees are trying to finish their plans by the end of the year.

And they say they're looking for advice and comments from the public in the affected towns before anything is finalized.

We'd like to commend them for that effort. It's a difficult process that's taken a long time, and the study committees have tried to do it right.

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Op-Ed: Hug a veteran

As Veteran's Day approaches this Friday, November 11, Win Smith, Jr., president and majority owner of Sugarbush Resort in Vermont, and former chairman of Merrill Lynch International, shares a personal letter:

"Just before Veteran's Day in 1968 my stepfather, dressed up in his Navy uniform and holding a toy sailor, put a revolver to his head and committed suicide on our front steps in Litchfield, Connecticut.

Admiral Charles Butler McVay III was in need of hugging, but instead he took his own life to ease his pain. Charles had a distinguished naval career until the night of July 29, 1945. As captain of the USS Indianapolis, he was ordered to sail as quickly as possible from San Francisco to the island of Tinian in the South Pacific carrying a secret cargo guarded by marines around the clock. This cargo was the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6 of that year. After dropping the cargo, the Indianapolis was ordered to sail to Leyte to join up with the rest of the fleet. Charles requested a destroyer escort as was the norm, but this request was denied and he was told there were no reports of enemy submarines along his route. This was not true.

Near midnight on July 29, Japanese submarine I-58 surfaced and Captain Hashimoto spotted an indistinct object. Betting that it was an American ship, he fired two torpedoes that moments later hit the Indianapolis broadside. It severed the communication system and the ship sunk within twelve minutes, killing nearly half of the sailors onboard. My stepfather was thrown off the bridge and into the sea and spent the next four days adrift with members of his crew. Nearly half of the survivors perished, many of them eaten by sharks.

Incredibly, the Navy had "lost" the Indianapolis and did not realize that it had never made port. Only a lucky sighting by a naval aircraft that spotted an oil slick and descended to take a closer look allowed the remaining sailors to be rescued.

Charles often said he wished he had gone down with his ship or perished with the others in the sea. That would have been better than the betrayal he endured at the hands of his beloved Navy. They needed a scapegoat to cover up their egregious mistakes. Charles was court-martialed for "failing to order abandon ship" and "failing to zig-zag" when even the enemy submarine captain testified that it would have made no difference. Shockingly, Captain Hashimoto had been called to testify by the Navy against my stepfather but his unexpected opinion was ignored.

My stepfather was found guilty on the charge of failing to zigzag. The court sentenced him to lose 100 numbers in his temporary rank of Captain and 100 numbers in his permanent rank of Commander. In 1946, at the behest of Admiral Nimitz who had become Chief of Naval Operations, Secretary Forrestal remitted Charles's sentence and restored him to duty. But his naval career was over. He was never fully exonerated but did serve out his time at a desk job in the New Orleans Naval District and retired in 1949 with the rank of Rear Admiral.

Charles and my mother had known each other in their youthful years in Washington, DC. After both their spouses passed away, they were reacquainted and married in 1962.

Charles did not speak about the Indianapolis very much, but even as a young boy I sensed it pained him greatly, and I heard his story from my mother and brother. He was brought to tears at times when he received



Friday, November 11, hug all the veterans you know. PHOTO FROM PIXABY.COM

hate mail from the parents of sailors who had perished. Believing the court-martial verdict, they held him responsible for the death of their sons. The survivors, however, had a different viewpoint based on their firsthand knowledge. They held an annual reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana and invited Charles to attend, which he finally did once in 1960. When he entered the room, they all saluted. He was greeted with affection and respect by all. The survivors knew him as a good captain who looked out for them, and they knew he had been made a scapegoat. One told him, "If the war had continued, all of us would have been proud to serve under you again. Not one of us ever blamed you for a second." They tried in vain for years to get him exonerated. Ultimately that happened in 1998. Unfortunately, that was thirty years too late.

Charles was well liked in our hometown of Litchfield, Connecticut. He loved bridge and hunting

and fishing as well as carving small wooden boats and working around our farm. The last time I saw him was when he came to watch me play soccer. A few days later he was dead. It was a shock, and I could not fathom why he did this. I knew that Charles and my mother were not getting along that well anymore, but I did not understand his loneliness and his pain. Only years later did I appreciate what I missed and how I could have helped this good but tortured man. I wish I had understood this earlier. I wish I had hugged him. I wish our government had hugged him. I wish everyone who knew the story of this courageous veteran had hugged him. Had we, I think he would have lived to see his exoneration.

This story of my stepfather may be unique in some ways but it is also similar to what so many veterans experience. This Friday, November 11, hug all the veterans you know. You might save a life."

Op-Ed: Hummingbirds are no match against giant whirling machetes

Vermont has been a leader with environmental quality and land use planning and enforcement. The citizens of Vermont need to weigh carefully permissions to allow wind turbines to be on forested ridgelines in particular. This is a life and death situation when it comes to wildlife and neotropical migratory birds that are protected under international treaties. How can we expect Canada and Mexico to adhere to the laws if we can't provide leadership here in Vermont and the United States?

Migrating birds are national and international treasures. They are also the litmus paper for now and the future. They are predictors of human health "down the road". We all need to look at the big picture-protecting our natural world that will in turn protect us. If we insist on keeping our attention focused on the physical environment-pollution, the shortage of fresh water, the shrinkage of arable land, and human-forced climate change, instead of Earth's living environment, including all its species and all the ecosystems they compose, we will lose both-because each depends on the other a paraphrase from E.O. Wilson's book "Half Earth: Our

Planet's Fight for Life."

Ruby-throated hummingbirds have a natural curiosity as many readers have discovered through their own personal experiences. They are also easily drawn to attention provided and become up close and "personal". The sugar water that is provided at your doorstep or front deck attracts them and they become trusting. They provide much joy and interest. They are also fragile and vulnerable and need their woodland nesting areas and safe unbroken migratory routes to sustain their species - as with all neotropical migratory birds as well as year round residents.

At almost 3 inches in length, and weighing 2 ounces, the ruby throated hummingbird is one of the most remarkable and loved birds on Earth. A remarkable long distance traveler, they can travel as far south as Costa Rica where they spend our winter months. Along the travel route, many cross the Gulf of Mexico going 5 hours non-stop to reach their final destination.

As habitats shrink, north to south, along migration routes of birds, it has become more critical than ever to very carefully weigh plans and decisions that disrupt natural habi-

tats - as with the forested mountain ridgelines here in Vermont.

Wise use of energy sources and conservation are now challenges we face moving forward. Solar energy is making strong gains and, carefully planned, is showing great and growing promises to be significant in meeting demands.

Wind turbines, however, pose a real problem in terms of efficiency - compared to solar- and a very serious concern for wildlife and wildlife habitat. As we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of International Migratory Bird Treaties with Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, that protect international migratory birds, it is imperative that any displacement of habitat for neotropical migratory birds in particular is carefully done with scientific studies by accredited professionals, and hard data is made available, before any wind turbine projects are provided with permits to build.

Permitting is a serious business when it comes to protecting wildlife. Federal and State laws require permits to take and hold injured birds. These regulations are designed to protect fragile animals from being further injured by untrained hands. That is why there is

a network of accredited wildlife rehabilitation organizations. Fish & Wildlife agencies have responsibilities for education and enforcement.

Loss of habitat is a current, very critical challenge. Every acre lost to development will result in some displacement of wildlife species. Fragmentation is a very serious issue. When considering the equivalent of a 4-lane highway that is cut in order to get the wind turbine equipment to its destination, the harsh fragmentation begins.

When the 500-foot blades are put in place, the death of international migratory birds as well as local and regional species begins and it doesn't end! These huge machetes in the sky are killing machines to birds and bats in particular. There are many studies that have proven this out and Federal Fish & Wildlife personnel in the West have alarming numbers of deaths reported from areas where studies have been ongoing. One area resulted in more than 4000 bald and golden eagle "kills" within one year of study.

By Marshal Case, International Bird Expert, former senior vice president of the National Audubon Society

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of The Vermont Veterans' Home, I want to express my appreciation for the remarkable donation received on October 25.

These funds will support unfunded and short funded programs that directly impact the care, welfare, and facilities our Veterans enjoy; in fact, we looking towards a piece of equipment for our Rehab Department which will directly assist in the recuperation and physical rehabilitation

of our Veterans.

I am acutely aware of the enormous effort required to accomplish an event such as the Vermont Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament. This year's tournament is the standard for all others to follow.

Observing the fellowship our veterans enjoyed at this event is in itself, a most heartening experience for all involved. Witnessing the Warriors, both men and women tell stories,

jokes, and laugh, the true mission of the event was on display for all to see. Those non-veterans who attended were caught up in the significance of the occasion.

Please know all of us associated with the Vermont Veterans' Home are extremely grateful for this extraordinary gift, and are fully aware

of the immense behind the scenes effort involved to bring it all together.

Sincerely,
CEO Melissa Jackson BSW, LNHA... DEP/
COO Col A. M. Faxon Jr. USMC (Ret)

Dear Editor,

Thank any veteran this Friday.

Veterans Day is a day that we thank every veteran, past and present, for their unwavering service to our grateful Country.

Let us all remember that if it were not for their dedication, we would not have the rights and freedoms their sacrifices afford us all.

We live in the greatest nation in the

world because of their commitment to duty, honor and country. Please join with me and take a minute of your day to thank any veteran and also their family for their service.

Thank you,
Melissa Jackson
CEO / Administrator
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Alice F. Campbell, 1932 – 2016

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Alice Fife Campbell, of Ludlow, was born to Harriet Fife and Allen Kenneth Bostock 83 years ago and passed peacefully into eternal glory on October 21, 2016. She was the loving wife of Daniel N. Campbell. Daniel predeceased her in 2006. She had been widowed by her first husband Alexander “Bud” Marechaux.

Alice was an unbelievable homemaker and an avid reader, artist, quilter, historian she also loved gardening and landscaping. She was a VT State Park Ranger at Lake Shaftsbury with her loving husband Daniel Campbell for 15 years.

Alice’s greatest occupation was being a wife, a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. She raised her six children and seven step children with love and tenderness. She is survived by her son Scott Marechaux and Lois Gerber Bulger of Belmont, NY; her daughter Laurie Marechaux of Plymouth, Vt., her son Gene Marechaux and wife Dianna of Seneca Falls, NY; her son, Curt Marechaux and wife Ann of Wallingford, Vt.; and her son Jason Marechaux of Mt. Holly, Vt. Her eldest son, Hunter predeceased her with his son Nicholas. Also cherishing her memory are three grandchildren from her children, Alexander Marechaux of Rutland, Vt.; Chantelle Marechaux Farnsworth of S. Royalton, Vt.; and Eric Marechaux of Port Orange, FL.

She is also survived by her beloved stepchildren, Michael Campbell and wife Diane of Havre de Grace, MD; Richard Neil Campbell of Havre de Grace, MD; Margaret (Peggy) Campbell of Harrisonburg, VA; and Kathleen Coakley and husband Charles of Havre de Grace, MD. Patrick Allen Campbell, Daniel Campbell Jr. and Charles Thomas Campbell all predeceased Alice.

Alice is also survived by 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and 6 step grandchildren and 6 step great grandchildren.

A celebration honoring her amazing life is scheduled for the spring of 2017 at Lake Rescue in Ludlow, Vt. where she raised her six children. A private interment will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow Vt. at that time. An announcement will be made in the spring of 2017. Contributions in her memory to the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St, Ludlow, Vt. 05149, to continue her love of reading, would be greatly appreciated.

Darwin R. Rogers, 1942 – 2016

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Darwin R. Rogers, 84, died peacefully Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Maplewood Nursing Home after a battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Darwin was born in Tunbridge, Vt. on March 4, 1932, the son of Philip and Rose (Cologrove) Rogers. He was a graduate of South Royalton High School, served in the U.S. Army, worked for the Fire Marshall Service in Vermont and retired as a Vermont State Trooper.

He served on various boards in the area including the Select Board and Zoning Board in Westminster, Vt. He worked for the Windham County Sheriff’s Office and as a Side-Judge in Family Court in Windham County.

An avid outdoorsman and snowmobiler, Darwin was one of the founders of the Abenaki Snowmobile Club and a member of the Royal Snowmobile Club. He served for many years as the Windham County Director and President of the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers. He loved hunting in the woods

in Tunbridge with his son-in-law and he loved spending time with his grandchildren. Darwin also worked as a realtor in this area for many years.

Darwin is survived by his daughter Holly and son-in-law Scott Falzo of Bellows Falls; his sister Beverly McCullough of Chelsea, five grandchildren whom he loved dearly, and many friends at Maplewood Nursing Home. He is predeceased by his parents, his wife Patricia Howe Rogers, and his daughter Patti Hartly.

Calling hours will be 1 - 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 13 with a service of remembrance at 3 p.m. at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls. Burial will be in the Tunbridge Village Cemetery in Tunbridge, Vt. at a later date.

Donations in Darwin’s memory may be made to the Tunbridge Fair Association, 1 Fairgrounds Lane, Tunbridge, Vt. 05077 or to the activities program 3rd floor, Maplewood Nursing Home, 201 River Road, Westmoreland, N.H. 03467.

William Butson, 1926 – 2016

UNITY, N.H. - William Butson, 90, died October 28, 2016. Mr. Butson was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. on January 17, 1926 the son of Silas and Mary (Moulton) Butson and was a 1944 graduate of Randolph Agriculture School. On September 5, 1948 he married Laura Pitkin. He worked as a farmer and also worked at Craig Machine Shop, Theodore Pitkin Logging, Blanchflower Lumber and local saw mills.

Mr. Butson is survived by his son Roger Butson of South Acworth, N.H., his daughter Bette Butson of Acworth, N.H., his grandchildren Jeffrey Ring and Tamara Fisher,

and four great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents, his wife Laura Butson, his brothers Donald and Silas Butson, his sister Marjorie Taylor, and his grandson Timothy Butson.

There will be calling hours 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Friday, November 25 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 26 at the Acworth Church on the Hill, followed by a potluck at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Sullivan County Nursing Home Activities Fund.

Marion Alice Stevens Kendall, 1942 – 2016

CORRECTION:

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Marion Alice Stevens Kendall passed away on October 29, 2016, she was born on May 6, 1942 in Springfield, Vermont to Robert and Alvina Stevens. She married Ned Kendall March 14, 1958. They were happily married for 58 years. Her hobbies included bowling, reading and baking.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Alvina Stevens, brothers Robert, Edward and Kenneth Stevens, sisters Lillian Stevens and Midge “Ella” Wyman

Marion is survived by husband Ned Kendall of Chester, Vermont, sister Helen Kennett of Windsor, daughters Robin and her husband Brian Roundy of Castle Rock, Colorado, Lori and her husband Scott Tyrrell of Chester, grandchildren Danielle Bergeron Ingram and her husband Chris Ingram of Middlebury, Joey Bergeron of Perkinsville, Travis Tyrrell of Proctorville and Tyler Tyrrell



Marion Alice Stevens Kendall, 1942 - 2016
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of Chester and three great grandchildren, Curi Booker, Anna Bergeron and Carter Tyrrell. She was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nanny you were loved by all. Arrangements are pending at Adams Funeral Home

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arts & entertainment

Unusual Disney movie, “Maleficent”

LUDLOW, Vt. - “Maleficent”, an unusual Disney film, will be FOLA’s (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) next feature film on Saturday, November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

Maleficent (Angelina Jolie) is a powerful fairy who lives in the Moors, a magical forest realm bordering a corrupt human kingdom. The movie explores the untold story of Disney’s most iconic villain from the classic “Sleeping Beauty” and the elements of her betrayal that ultimately turn

her pure heart to stone. Driven by revenge and a fierce desire to protect the moors over which she presides, Maleficent cruelly places an irrevocable curse upon the human king’s newborn infant Aurora. As the child grows, Aurora is caught in the middle of the seething conflict between the forest kingdom she has grown to love and the human kingdom that holds her legacy.

The movie is rated PG. As with all FOLA movies, the movie is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be supplied by Berkshire Bank while FOLA will provide water. For additional information, call (802) 228-7239 or visit FOLA’s web site at www.fola.us.



Maleficent to play at FOLA.

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You Don’t Know What You’ve Got ’til It’s Gone

We’ve lived in Grafton for 26 years in the house my husband’s father built. My husband is a sugar maker, and we have a sugar bush behind the house and across the road. We rent trees from our neighbors, the Wrights. My husband is a tree hugger, and my dad was a logger and taught me a lot.

We learned from the best—the old timers. We have to keep the history going, you know. They’d be pretty upset to hear about the wind turbines going up on top of the mountains. We’ve already lost our farms, and now they’re taking our mountains. I wish these people would think about what they are affecting. All of us are going to be affected.

They’ll have to blast for over a year, and with turbines 10 football fields high, how far down will they need to go to anchor them? And what’s going to happen with the cement, Babe? I’ve seen rain wash everything away, but not the cement.

And what about the bribe -- how can people go for that? Who cares about the money when they’re clearing our Green Mountains? Where’s the common sense? They’re thinking of the almighty

dollar, but the almighty dollar is destroying the land. So are you really going to enjoy that dollar? I just don’t get it.

The timber company bought the land after the flood in ’96. Why did they buy that land anyway when it had already been clearcut? I invited the forester to our home to talk about the Stiles Brook. Who’s to say the brook is not going to let go again?

I’m afraid that what happened in ’96, 2001 and 2011 could happen again with the clear cutting and cement. In 1996, I had boulders coming into the house. Yes, the Stiles Brook came down on my house. We had hovering rain of 3 ½ inches in one hour. In less than 15 minutes flat, we had 10 feet of flooding in our yard and 2 ½ feet in the house.

It all has to do with Mother Nature. It’s all to do with her. She can give it. She can take it. And when she wants to pour on this world, nothing can stand in her way.

Debbie

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Autumnal Dionysia

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield High School Theater Department Presents: Autumnal Dionysia: Featuring Antigone Now a short drama by Melissa Cooper inspired by the Greek Playwright Sophocles and The Frogs: A Modern adaptation by Don Zolidis a comedy inspired by Greek Playwright Aristophanes.

Show times are Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. All shows are by donation.

The 1st semester Theater class consisting of 28 students have worked together to produce and perform these shows. The two shows are directed by three junior Theater students. The reasoning behind calling this year’s production Autumnal Dionysia is because the Greeks would have four celebrations for Dionysus, a God of Harvest and Fertility. During these celebrations, plays would be performed in his honor. The Ru-

ral Dionysia celebration took place in early December, since the class is performing during Autumn, we decided to adapt and combine Greek culture and Vermont culture and have our own Autumnal Dionysia: Celebration of Theater and Harvest.

Antigone Now - In the midst of a bombed-out city still feeling the aftershocks of war, the rebellious and intense Antigone defies her uncle to bury her disgraced brother. This contemporary response to the myth of Antigone brings powerful, modern prose to an ancient and universal story. (Description from www.play-scripts.com)

The Frogs: A Modern Adaptation - Disgusted with the state of current entertainment, Dionysus, God of Wine and Poetry, decides that it’s time to retrieve Shakespeare from the underworld. Surely if the Bard were given a series on HBO, he’d be able to raise the level of discourse! Accompanied by his trusted servant, Xanthias (the brains of the operation), Dio-



Springfield High School Theater class.

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nysus seeks help from Hercules and Charon the Boatman. Unfortunately, his plan to rescue Shakespeare goes horribly awry, as he’s captured by a chorus of reality-television-loving

demon frogs. Adapted from Aristophanes’ classic satire, The Frogs is a hilarious and scathing look at high-brow and lowbrow art. (Description from www.dramaticpublishing.com).

Jenni Johnson returns

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Back by popular demand, the fabulous Jenni Johnson & the Jazz Junketeers will light up Gethsemane Episcopal Church on Sunday

November 20 as part of the Raise the Roof concert series in Proctorsville. Johnson’s many fans in the Burlington music scene describe her singing style as smooth, jazzy, funky and soulful. Her Sunday jazz brunches are popular among the city’s music lovers and she appears regularly in the Burlington Jazz Festival.

This powerhouse vocalist will fill tiny Gethsemane Church with big sound, backed up by keyboard, horns, bass and percussion. Jen-

ni Johnson’s dusky rendition of “Moonlight in Vermont” has been heard in Paris, Montreal and Rostov, Russia, and she is comfortable anywhere singing jazz, blues, swing and funk. The music begins at 4:00 p.m. on November 20 and admission fee is at the door This is a concert you don’t want to miss.

Get acquainted with Jenni Johnson at <http://jennijohnson.net/junketeers/> and you can “Like” the concert series on Facebook at Raise the Roof Concert Series.



Jenni Johnson returns to bring down the house with her soulful vocals.

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From a cartoonist’s perspective

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Jeff Danziger will present the next OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program on Tuesday November 15 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Jeff Danziger has been editorial cartoonist for Vermont newspapers for nearly 40 years. In addition to drawing about Vermont life and politics, he has drawn cartoons on American

and international politics. He’ll talk on politics, newspapers, serious stuff, funny stuff and answer questions about these areas. He’ll also show a bunch of his cartoons and a short video.

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

Membership for the semester includes 9 programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

The complete Springfield and state-wide program list is available on the internet at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli Choose state-wide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

Mixed media artist Carlton Turner

PUTNEY, Vt. - On November 14, artist and social justice performer Carlton Turner will present “Imagining the Re-integration of Art and Humanity.” Turner’s presentation will be held at 7 – 10 p.m. at Next Stage Arts,

located on Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt. This event is open to the community and admission is free. A reception will follow the talk.

“Imagining the Re-integration of Art and Humanity” is a call to action for all



Carlton Turner.

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of those interested in understanding the answers to the greatest challenges of our time. This talk will examine the connection between the commodification of art and the separation of art from cultural practice. It will also explore the impact of that disconnection on the development of our collective humanity.

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Three state championships

BY BILL MURPHY
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - Last weekend three area athletic teams captured state championships! Three separate schools had a

champion crowned.
The Bellows Falls Terriers Field Hockey team was the first to be victorious, when they outdistanced Mis-sisquoi in the Vermont Division III championship game at the University

of Vermont in a contest, which started at noon.
Taking the same field at 2 p.m., were the Springfield Cosmos Field Hockey team and they shutout Woodstock 1-0 to claim the Vermont Division II championship.

Two days, twenty - eight hours and three areas fall championships.
A further salute to each team will be forthcoming in a future issue:
- Bellows Falls Field Hockey - November 16
- Springfield Field Hockey - November 23
- Fall Mountain Girls Soccer - November 30
Congratulations to all the championship teams!



Bellows Falls

Front row: Aly Bashaw, Murphy Hicks, Leia Robinson, Fallon Vancor and Ava Laross Middle row bending down: Brigid Hodsden, Alice Salter-Roy, Abbe Cravinho, Sophie Hyslop and Emma Lober Back row: Head coach Bethany Coursen, Megan Banik, Molly Kelly, Michelle Marchica, Madi Joy, Madison Streeter, Reagan Baldasaro, Sarah Scarlett, Paxton Santorelli, Dani Marchica, Faith Byfield, Dakota Carter, Coaches Mel Laross, Kealy chipman and J Greenwood

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Springfield

Top row L - R: Coach Lyndsie Perkins, Paige Congdon, Meranda Keough, Alli Worster, Ericka Schoff (C), Aunna Parker (C), Maddi Macie (C), Emilia Battista, Maddee Stagner, Coach Kelly DeAngelis Second row L-R: Sophia Gulick, Katie Worth, Makenna Goodrich, Katie Masure Third row L-R: Lucy Cutermarsh, Emily Therrien, Miranda Todd, Hailey Perham, Angelina Bigwood, Karlee Brown, Ashleay Wilcox

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Fall Mountain

Front Row L - R: Co. Capt. Joslin Gilbo,, Co. Capt. Dana Dearborn
2nd Row L - R: Ali Stoddart, Grace Bushway, Montana Robar, Alexis Parker, Maddie DiBernardo, Louise Groton, MaryBeth Groton
Back Row L - R: Ashley McNamara Athletic Trainer, Haley St. Pierre Assistant Coach, Ella Stewart, Maddie Parrott, Ali Monty, Zoey Luopa, Isabelle Lord, Sydnie Rogers, Ellen Beck, Amber Beliveau, Krysta Gay, Bruce Ferland Head Coach

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Bellows Falls Football

The Bellows Falls Terriers battle for the Vermont Division II State Football Championship in a 2 p.m. contest at Rutland High School this Saturday. They will meet the number

one seeded Burr +Burton Bulldogs. These two teams have met two years in a row now in the title game and are clearly the class of Vermont Division II football.



Bellows Falls #34 Sawyer Reis tackling FH Cameron Colloutti. Also shown Bellows Falls #37 JD Snide.

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Bellows Falls defeated Fair Haven 42-28 in the Vermont Division II Football Semi-Finals last Friday night at Hadley Field. Jake Lober, pictured here running the football, had almost 200 total yards of offense in the game and has been leading the Terrier deep stable of backs in recent games. Logan Cota, another hard running back from the same stable, is pictured in the background. BF Coach Lockerby said of Lober, "There was something about him tonight. He wanted everything."

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

The Bellows Falls Terriers advanced to the state title game by defeating Fair Haven 42-28 at Hadley Field last Friday night. Fair Haven scored first for a 7-0 advantage and put some fear into the Terriers (Coach Bob Lockerby- "Early they ran a lot of plays to our little. I didn't expect they would slow us down as much as they did, but

eventually it came down to the team who made the fewest mistakes and we made the fewest mistakes." FH sophomore quarterback Cameron Colloutti (6) was a threat to the Terrier defense all night, BUT, there were enough plays like this, by Sawyer Reis (34) and DJ Snide (57) to keep him and the Slaters at a distance.

Elks Hoop Shoot

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Elks Hoop Shoot will be held at the Springfield High School in Springfield, VT. on Saturday November 19 at 9 a.m. It is open to all boys and girls ages 8 to 13 based on your age as of April 1, 2017. Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each bracket. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Correction:

The coverage for the Bellows Falls 1971 championship football team stated that Ann Hadley represented the late Ken Hadley. He is not deceased, but couldn't make it to the championship event. We apologize for any concerns or miscommunications!



THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

That final leaf I was watching out the window last week, just peering at waiting for it to fall, made its way to the ground, signifying that our 2016 Fall Sports season is just about complete. What a fall it was. Any season that graces our area with a state championship is big, but when our teams capture three state championships (in two days or 28 hours to be exact) that is really incredibly special news! While biding my time, waiting for the celebrations to end, here are some thoughts that sneaked through my gray matter to enter my consciousness, which I will pass on to you:

The Bellows Falls Boys are still alive in high school football but have a tall task facing Burr + Burton in the Division II state title game Saturday in Rutland at 2 p.m. Most so-called experts, believe Burr +Burton is the better team, however it doesn't matter what anyone thinks, if the Terriers score more points than the Bulldogs Saturday. One reason people tend to favor the lads from Manchester is supposedly they are more athletic. Football is also a game of strength. Again, it all does not matter. The scoreboard will sort this out.

Celebrations are customary in each region or town when a team is good and lucky enough to win a state title. Caravans and fire trucks and vehicles of the like, were brought out for our champions from Bellows Falls, Fall Mountain and Springfield and parades were staged.

Fall Mountain has always had players from different towns to think about, but the Springfield folk are not use to a multi-town approach for a celebration,

yet played things up well.

On the way back from Burlington, the bus detoured through Windsor to parade and show off the champions. There were sad days in Windsor in the fall of 2015, when there were not enough players to keep field hockey alive. This year any interested Yellow Jacket sticker could choose to put on the Green and White. A few made the commitment and they did their part in making this amazing ride possible. That is not just the ride on the field, but the celebration ride as well.

A long overdue salute to BF field hockey coach Bethany Coursen - it took her fellow coaches consistency of recognition to point out to me- how really special her job of building a championship program has been. There were days when she had to teach fundamentals and prepare to play an opponent at the same time, with as few as fourteen girls, or sometimes even less. When she had players with talent, but no depth, she became tied to a level of conditioning, which was the only way possible of narrowing the gap with the top teams. Coursen has kept that regimen up, even now, when she has the depth.

She started her PUPS program about a decade ago so, "Eventually (like now) you can coach the extra stuff and you don't have to worry about the fundamentals because they are already there."

How did the coaches show me how special she is? Well she has been "Coach of the Year" in the Marble Valley League for four years in a row and Coursen has also been Division III Coach of the Year on the State level two years running. Those awards are voted on by the coaches and they have a way in every sport of splitting up the honors if someone has won it before. Coursen keeps earning it and the leaders have appropriately given her the recognition.

In closing, one of the states most successful Division I field hockey coaches said to me Saturday, "Those BF players can really pass. You mean to tell me they don't play on this type of turf a lot. Their passes were right on all day. It didn't matter where on the field a pass was needed, they made it. They had some length of the field breaks, which were amazing". Bethany Coursen, stand up and take a bow.

We did an article a few weeks back about the BF Field Hockey team because they seemed to be on an express journey deep into the play-offs. The truth be told, we did not see the same journey for the Springfield and Fall Mountain title teams. The truth is, we should have seen the Lady Wildcats coming. They were headed to the number one seed with a purpose, but still, we kind

of miscalculated. They had their challenges along the way, but the school has developed quite a tradition in the sport in the last decade.

Rising to the top like the Red Sox (no titles in my lifetime and then 2004, 2007, 2013), Fall Mountain Girls Soccer had never won a state crown in their lifetime until 2008 and then they went back to back and then again this year. WOW!!! I was also wowed by the fact the program had never won in the early days of the school. The school opened its' doors in the fall of 1967 and until 2008 had never won the prize. Fall Mountain has always been soccer country and this is a fitting award for the community.

Springfield has come full circle. Many have heard the phrase "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." There are people who spend a lifetime trying and never capture the prize. Lyndsie Perkins the co-head coach (with Kelly DeAngelis- "one of us would not have taken the job without the other") played for the Cosmos a decade ago and her team found their way to the title game, but lost.

Now, she came storming back as a Cosmo in a different light, as a coach. We pried on how much different the experience is, being a coach versus as being a player in a title game? Perkins told us, "Time seems to move more slowly as a coach. I found myself continually looking up at the clock. It's just a different view. As a coach we look holistically at a lot of things. As a player, you are kind of dialed in to what you need to do. I think there is a huge difference."

One of the most impressive performers we happened to see this fall in any sport was Springfield field hockey goalie Aunna Parker. We caught her "Player of the Year" nominee performance against Bellows Falls, when she turned away an unheard of 40 plus shots in a 1-0 loss to the offensively powerful Terriers. She did not let a single ball by in in the title-winning contest versus Woodstock in the 1-0 triumph.

When we spoke to her following the game she commented, "I was shaking before today's game. I was determined to help us win. I think every shot, regardless of what it looks like, is a challenge."

From a spectator's seat, it looked like Woodstock's final shot could have been a real challenge, but it went wide. We asked Aunna what she saw on that one? "I was hoping I could stop it or that it would go wide. It was hard to tell."

It is certainly not hard to tell, she is one heck of a goalie.

Until next time, just keep watching for the next snowflake and thank goodness, it won't fall today.

Thanksgiving is

Don't be a chicken! Simple steps to carve a turkey with confidence

StatePoint - Will you be hosting Thanksgiving dinner this year? Even those with the best mashed potatoes, the tastiest cornbread and the sweetest pie can have reservations about carving the turkey.

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- Remove the string first. Then, remove each leg and thigh from the body of the turkey, using your hands to separate, and your knife to slice through the meat.
- Next, separate the thighs from the legs by pulling on a leg and using your knife to slice. Target the 'V' area with your knife, feeling around until you find the joint. Slice the meat away from the thigh bone and place it directly on your serving platter. Next, remove the wings using a similar method. By identifying where the joint is; you can avoid slicing bone.
- Slice each breast slightly off the midline with an even stroke. Gently pull the breast away on the side you've chosen. Slice each breast into quarter inch thick slices. Place on your platter. Alternatively, cut slices of breast directly off the turkey, parallel to the rib cage. Either way, keep slices even on both sides.



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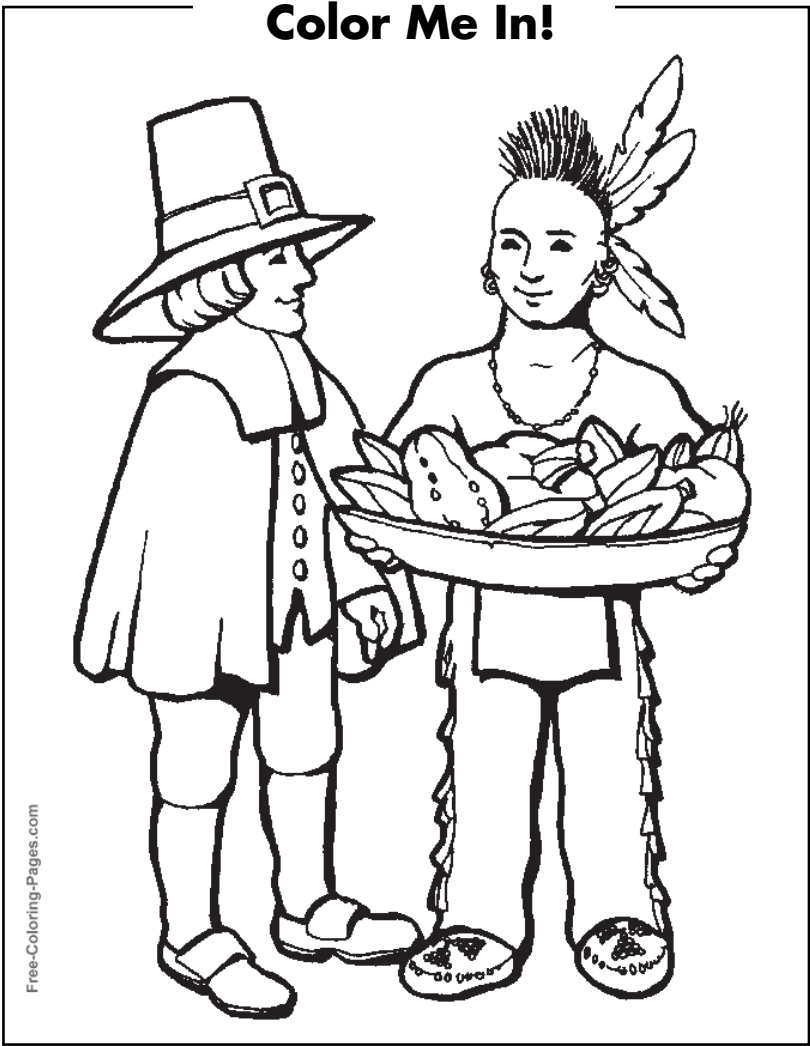


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The 1996 Grafton flood and the 2016 vote on wind energy

GRAFTON, Vt. - I thank the Grafton Select Board for inviting me to participate in the October 10, Hydrology Forum. The forum was held to inform the public of the hydrologic, storm water, and flooding issues associated with ridgeline wind development.

The topics discussed included the current state of Lowell Kingdom Community Wind's storm water management, as it is prototypical of what to expect in Grafton and Windham.

Another topic proposed for discussion was the 1998 report of the Grafton flood of June 12 and 13, 1996 authored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the impact of storms and the mountains on local flooding. Due to the extent of discussions regarding the Lowell KCW project, time ran out to discuss this report.

The storms of June 12 and 13, 1996 impacted much of the southern Green Mountains, but were especially severe on Stiles Brook, the location of the proposed wind project. The storms and resulting flood had origins in a southwesterly unstable

air mass, typical of late spring/summer weather patterns. Movement of this air mass over the ridgelines and mountains to the west of Grafton caused thunderstorms to form as a result of solar heating and "terrain forcing".

In other words, thunderstorms formed over the mountains and ridgelines as a result of the air mass being forced to rise by the terrain. The data collected for the report revealed that eight to nine inches of rain fell over two days. The report concludes that the prediction of storm location is difficult; however, it infers that these storms largely form over the terrain characteristic of the Green Mountains.

Grafton, Windham, or any town located within or around the spine of the Green Mountain range are highly susceptible to such thunderstorms, with runoff draining to the valleys immediately east and west of the mountains. The steep terrain and narrow valleys, as along Stiles Brook and the Saxton River, exacerbate the flood by accelerating and channeling fast flowing waters.

As in the mountainous area of the

proposed Windham-Grafton wind project, the largest effective regional storm water management approach with the least need for human intervention is preservation of the forest in these high elevations. In the 2011 ANR report "Resilience, A Report on the Health of Vermont's Environment", the forests of Vermont are credited as "[helping to] intercept many downpours, slowing runoff into streams." So, one can conclude that with human induced climate change the storm water retaining benefits of forests will become even more important going forward.

According to the US Global Change Research Program, between 1958 and 2010 the Northeast experienced more than a 70% increase in high intensity storms. This trend is expected to continue steadily into the future. So then, what is the current administration's answer to addressing climate change?

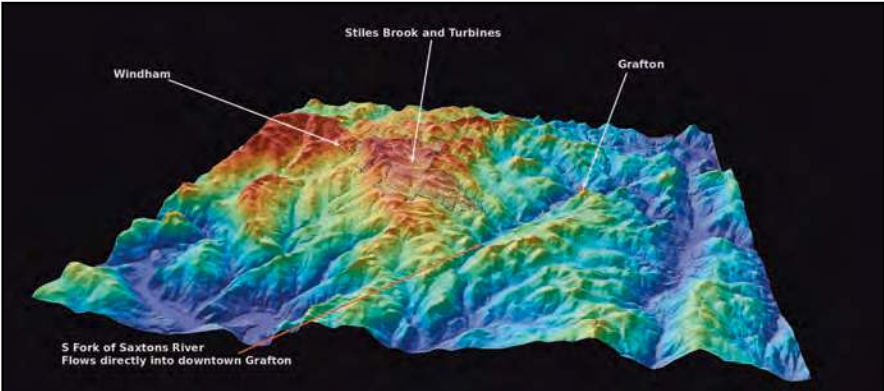
It is to promote large-scale industrial wind energy generation plants in the location where rain falls the hardest and the forests provide the greatest benefit in terms of flood resilience in the downstream valleys. The de-

velopers will say that ridgeline development is a must as "that is where the wind is"; but its not as simple as planting 400-500 foot tall wind turbines.

In order to build the project, mountainous terrain must be blasted and graded to develop the roads to provide access of trucks and cranes to these high elevations. The natural hydrology is interrupted and redirected, with tens of acres of imperious cover created. To compensate for this change in the natural runoff patterns the Stiles Brook project would contain upwards of 50 plus structural storm water management facilities that would require maintenance in perpetuity.

If these systems fail due to insufficient design or construction, lack of maintenance or poor siting, storm water runoff from the site will increase significantly.

Contrary to others' position at the forum, it is my professional opinion based on my understanding of stormwater management design, review of the plans and calculations



Fork of saxtons river. PHOTO PROVIDED

for the project, direct observation of the site, review of aerial imagery, and photographs provided by others, that the Lowell KCW project's stormwater systems are not functioning to protect downstream resources.

In the best interest of Grafton and Windham, fighting climate change without sacrificing resiliency is better solved with preserving the high elevation forests and building more community scale solar voltaic systems in close proximity and under the control of the residents. That, my

friends, would be setting an example for other towns in Vermont...and the world.

This commentary is by Geoffrey M. Goll, who is a founding and managing partner of Princeton Hydro and a 26-year engineer who has been working on renewable energy issues in Vermont for the past six years. He was an expert witness for Energize Vermont during the storm water and wetland permit appeals of the Kingdom County Wind project in front of the Vermont Public Service Board.

Wheels for Warmth recycles 2,500 unusable tires

REGION - Vermont's "Wheels for Warmth" program is ready to roll out heating assistance funds for this winter, thanks to its 12th consecutive year of strong community support. Preliminary numbers for 2016

show the program collected a total of \$52,000 for emergency fuel assistance programs, sold 2,250 safe tires, and recycled 2,500 donated, unusable tires.

Two sale locations at Dubois Con-

struction in Middlesex and Casella Construction in Mendon, along with 13 tire drop-off locations, made it possible for more Vermonters to take part in the program. People started lining up at both sale sites well before dawn on October 29 to find safe, affordable winter tires.

Proceeds from both sales benefit heating assistance programs at community action agencies around the state, such as Capstone Community Action, BROCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity in Northwestern Vermont, and Northeast Kingdom Community Action.

Donated tires were inspected by Department of Motor Vehicle officers, and those deemed safe were sold for a maximum of \$25 each on Oct. 29. Tires not meeting standards were recycled through Casella Waste Management. Casella donates 100 percent of the \$4 recycling fee to home heating programs.

"Every year I'm humbled by the community of volunteers who come together to make this event possible," said Lt. Governor Phil Scott. "They give whatever they can so that 'Wheels for Warmth' can continue to keep Vermonters safe and warm through the winter. The only sad part - and I feel this every year - is that

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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

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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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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, Tessa Buss at teshabuss@gmail.com

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

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THURSDAYS - 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. 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!

TUESDAY, NOV. 15- PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Weathersfield monthly potluck and program begins at 12 p.m. at Perkinsville Vt. Community Church Vestry on Route 106. Please bring canned goods for the Food Shelf. The program will be on the 1927 Flood in Vermont. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Paper goods and beverages will be provided. Contact: Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245; lzigman@comcast.net and paper.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free Community Lunch-First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 77 Main Street in Springfield from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Menu: ham, broccoli & rice casserole with cheese sauce, apple cole slaw, rolls, and pumpkin squares with chocolate chips. No take out. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17- LONDONDERRY, Vt.- Flood Brook School will host a Harvest

Luncheon for local senior citizens at 12:30 p.m., in the school gymnasium. Middle school students will serve lunch while students in grades K-2 will perform festive songs, and students in grades 3-5 will contribute artwork for table decor. The menu will include turkey potpie, mashed potatoes (made from student grown and harvested potatoes from the Flood Brook Community garden) and vegetables. Dessert and coffee will be served as well. All local seniors are invited to attend! Parking will be available close to the building, on the east side of the gymnasium.

MONDAY, NOV. 21. – CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. A Sing-A-Long of old favorites is planned. Please bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia (875-6242). Hope to see you there.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY – NORTH SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - We will have started our third Saturday of the Month Ham Suppers, the next one is October

15, at the North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street, please join us for a great meal, from 4 to 7 p.m. Ham, Raisin Sauce, Mashed Potato, carrots, and Coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Handicapped accessible. There is a fee for the meal. Children five and under free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY, NOV. 12- SAXTONS 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, including songs from many cultures and traditions. 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 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

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 at 6 p.m. Buy your tickets now! Door prizes include: 59” jumbo plush teddy bear with a box, Keurig K-cup brewer model

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship. The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals and those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're deep into your new project, and that's just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with people you care for is always a wise investment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable. Be careful about decisions you might be asked to make at this time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're gifted with both natural wisdom and wit — a good combination for success as a writer or teacher and, most importantly, a parent.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to let that intrepid Aries temperament take charge. Your strong leadership will help settle those still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two you need to know about it. A health problem needs to be taken care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in his or her support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single Leos and Leonas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions.

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calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS CONT.

SAT., NOV. 12 CONT. - 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, all for the low price. Donations are appreciated for our musicians. After dessert, 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.

ALSTEAD, N.H. - From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the annual Holiday Bazaar will be held at Third Congregational Church, River St. Tables will include soaps,

Christmas Greens, Christmas Ornaments, cards, many unique craft items, lotions/creams, stained glass, pottery, gourd birdhouses, nut butters, stuffed animals, blankets, runners, mittens, Pot holders, knitted scarves, purses, fabric bows, sewn items, art and many more. Guild Tables will include Granny's Table with good, clean used items (please be sure donated items are clean and in good condition), Bake table, and a raffle of items donated by participating crafters (to be raffled at 1:15 p.m. that day). Lunch will be sold throughout the day, which will include soup (including oyster stew), sandwiches, desserts and beverages. Info, call Joanne at 835-6734.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15- GRAFTON, Vt. - Hillside Village is an exciting new Retirement Community coming to the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire. Join us for a complimentary lunch at the Grafton Inn from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and learn more about the benefits of Lifecare - healthcare for life - and all of the wonderful services and amenities Hillside Village has to offer. Nestled within 48 acres of beautiful countryside with stunning views of the meadows, forest land, and the distant mountains, this contemporary, casual yet dynamic new senior living community will be minutes from the lively cultural, social and educational life in Keene. Our unique "town and country" lifestyle will offer you more options, choices and ways to lead a fulfilling life—just the way you imagine it to be! We invite you to learn more about Hillside Village, an ideal senior living community, where you will live freely, fully—and thrive!

FRI., NOV. 18 & SAT., NOV. 19- RAWSONVILLE, Vt. - November 19 will mark the sixth anniversary for Meulemans' Craft Draughts. Today Meulemans' bottle shop offers a wide selection of beers crafted right here in Vermont. To celebrate the occasion they will be hosting a tasting of craft beers both November 18 and 19 from 3 – 6 p.m. The events are free for those 21+ and the perfect opportunity to taste what all the hype is about. In addition Meulemans' are collaborating with the Jamaica Wardsboro Community Food Pantry and giving away some fun beer paraphernalia to those that bring in food donations for the Thanksgiving holiday. People can drop off items from 12 – 7 p.m. both Nov. 18 and 19 at the shop at 8814 VT Rt 30, Rawsonville.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19 – TOWNSHEND, Vt. - F 6 – 9 p.m., Community Hope & Action will host a FREE chili

cook-off and performance by The Barnstormers (featuring Ned Phoenix and Marvin Bentley). Chili tasting/dinner will be from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Townshend Town Hall; music and dancing will follow upstairs from 7 – 9 p.m. Please contact Community Hope & Action at communityhopeandaction@gmail.com or 802-365-4700 if you'd like to bring a crock of chili. This event will also feature a silent auction to benefit Community Hope & Action as well as L'After, the after school program in the Windham Central Supervisory Union. This event is substance free and is open to people of all ages, from all towns.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church on the Common is having their annual Mistletoe Mart from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. We offer coffee, donuts and a delicious luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. An array of craft items, plants, a pet table, candy, baked goods,

pickles, jams and jellies. We have a wide selection of aprons, pot holders, table runners, doll clothes, hats and mittens. After browsing, visit other local town organizations, the Walpole Historical Society and St. Johns church to see what they have to offer.

HEALTH

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. 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 Sign up by November 1st for Part 1 or for both parts 1 & 2 Sign up by November 29th for Part 2 Location: 73 Depot Street, Proctorsville, Vt. Above Crow's Corner Cafe and Bakery, second floor. For more detailed information contact Liza Eaton at (802) 875 2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com, www.buddhafulyoga.com This is a gentle, beginners course. No previous yoga experience necessary.

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


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

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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., 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. 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.

MONDAY, NOV. 14-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ever

imagined traveling in an ancient and time-honored way behind a team of traditional sled dogs? Come to the Springfield Town Library and listen to Kathy Bennett and her husband Alex MacLennan of Braeburn Siberians, with one of their Siberian huskies, sharing the joys of dog sledding in Vermont. Dog Sledding with Braeburn Siberians will be held at the Springfield Town Library on Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 885-3108 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16-
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - At 6:30 p.m., the Community Asylum Seekers Project will discuss "Seeking Asylum: What Does It Mean?" Refugees are in the news, but who are the people

who come to the United States to seek asylum, and why do they come? This presentation will explain the difference between refugees and asylum seekers, and will describe the work that the Community Asylum Seekers Project (CASP) is doing locally, and ways you might choose to be involved. The highlight of the evening will be the personal tale of an asylum seeker, as local resident Atilio Barrera recounts the danger that caused him to flee his native Peru in 1979 along with his wife and infant son, the reception they received

in the United States, and their eventual success in building a life here. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (802) 463-4270, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

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 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 - no matter what you write, 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 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, 800-772-9390.

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SAT., NOV 19 CONT. - 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 or call 800-772-9390

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

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

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

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

Sept. 7 - Dec. 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAYS- ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of Library computers are available. Registration is

recommended if you will need to use a Library computer. Sign-ups for library computers happen at the end of each club. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

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

MEETINGS

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, public space improvements, reuse concepts for selected sites, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, gateway improvements. For more info visit the project website: www.springfieldmp.wixsite.com/springfield-mp or visit facebook: www.facebook.com/SpringfieldVTmasterplan

SUNDAYS - N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol holds its meetings on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. /1600 at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Road, North Springfield, Vermont. The CIVIL AIR PATROL is the volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force and is tasked with three missions: search and rescue, aerospace education and cadet programs. Membership is open to youth at age 12 yrs. and

adults of any age and assorted skills are welcome and needed to support the missions. For further information please call the Commander, Maj. Fellows at 802 263-5544 or drop by a meeting.

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

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 GROUPS

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

SECOND AND 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. every Wednesday.

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

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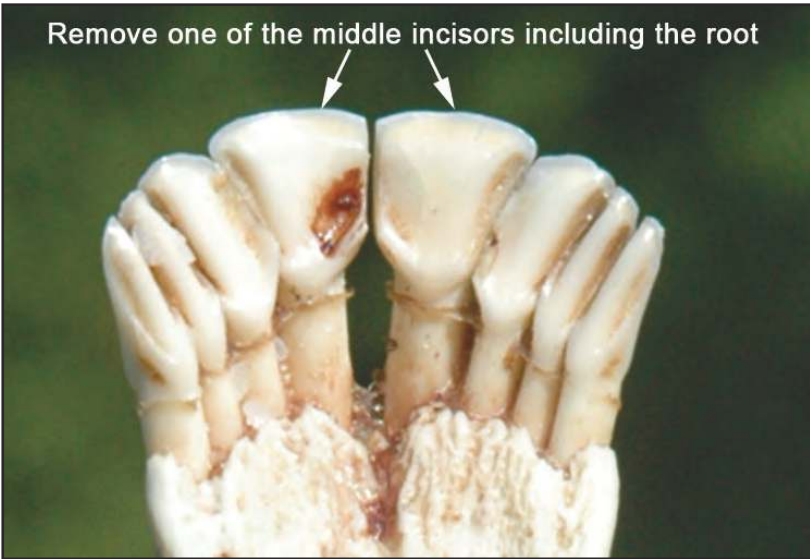
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REGION - Hunters participating in Vermont's 16-day rifle deer sea-



Hunters who get a deer during the November 12-27 rifle season are asked to provide an incisor tooth from their deer when they go to a reporting station.

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son that begins November 12 and ends Sunday, November 27 are being asked to help gather biological data.

Hunters who get a deer on opening weekend of rifle season can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer.

Biologists are collecting middle incisor teeth from November season deer in order to evaluate regional differences in ages and antler characteristics of bucks as well as to help estimate population size, growth rate, health, and mortality rates. Each tooth will be cross-sectioned to accurately determine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish & Wildlife website next spring.

Hunters who don't make it to a biological reporting station are asked to obtain a tooth envelope from their regular reporting agent. Write your name, Conservation ID number and date of kill on the envelope. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent.

"Information about the ages of deer in the population is critically important, and more information allows us to make better management decisions," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Deer Project Leader Nick

Fortin. "To get accurate population estimates, and to better assess our current management strategies, we really need to get teeth from as many deer as possible."

The department is also asking hunters to keep the antlers from their deer at home so they can be examined by Fish & Wildlife personnel after the deer season in order to collect additional biological data on antler development.



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