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Think expansively!

BY BRANDY TODT
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CHESTER, Vt. - The SE Group charged with drafting the Chester Master Plan recently went to the town hall for an evening of creative brainstorming with residents.

SE Group Director Mark Kane started the evening with a brief review of the results from the community input day that occurred in October.

He said Chester feels genuine and friendly, and that is part of its identity. Kane reminded the attendees that the project's goal is to improve the quality of life and economic vitality of Chester.

Kane encouraged everyone to "think expansively about the solutions to problems and to remember the vision for Chester is more than just things."

Those in attendance were divided into four groups, each group focused on specific areas of the Village Center, and they brainstormed ideas to address the challenges related to each location. After an hour of creative exploration of ideas the groups came back together and shared what each had discussed.

To the surprise of many, it was learned that Chester has a more diverse economy than that of its neighbor, Ludlow.

Chester's busiest activity for local businesses is in the non-winter months, contrary to Ludlow. Knowing this gives Chester the opportunity to capitalize on what attracts more people to the town during the warmer months, Kane said.

That evening's discussion was the end of Stage 2 in the development of the Master Plan; Stage 3 will consist of exploring Chester and the vision



Attendees were split into four groups to think creatively about solutions to the towns challenges. This group discussion of the Village Core.

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This group discussed challenges around the Depot Street location.

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of Chester.

The next gathering will be in February 2017.

It was repeated throughout the

evening that support and participation needs to come from every individual in the town as this development takes place, as well as

afterwards in order for Chester to brand itself as a historical destination thriving with artists, restaurants, lodging and recreation opportunities.

Visit the Vermont Journal Facebook page: @vermontjournal to view videos of the discussion.

Community Art Garden brings festive glow to Chester

BY TERRI J. HUCK
 The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The Community Art Garden and Moon Dog Café teamed up for a special night of art and music on Dec. 22 in a first-time event that capitalized on the extended shopping hours on the Green in Chester.

The Community Art Garden is rooted in an approach to education that emphasizes respect for children's individuality with a focus

on integrating art and community. So the event was a natural fit for a season that honors community and the embodiment of founder Emily Burkland's vision for the organization.

Refreshments were provided by Moon Dog Café owner Jacki Restmeyer, and music was provided by Burkland's daughter, Luna, and her friends Greta, Ian and Olivia Bernier. Burkland said 12-year-old Luna's request that she and her friends perform at the event is the sort of

child-driven activity that the Community Art Garden seeks to foster. The accomplished young musicians played a selection of holiday songs for an appreciative audience.

The Community Art Garden offers hands-on arts enrichment, classes for specific projects and weekly drop-in open studio time. Students pay for open studio on a sliding scale because Burkland believes in making art activity available to everyone.

In describing her approach to both homeschooling her daughter and reaching out to other young people, Burkland said, "I notice what kids are drawn to and enhance that." For instance, when she realized children were craving tactile sensations, she added a small box filled with sand in a quiet corner and has seen its calming effect on children who go from running their hands through the sand to sitting down to focus on an art project.

"My strength is supporting the kids' path," she said.

The Community Art Garden is based on an educational approach pioneered in Reggio Emilia, Italy, after World War II. Although its focus and Burkland's training is in early childhood education, she wants the studio to be

inviting to people of all ages. Her goal for the coming year is to have more programs for adults and more work for sale by local artists.

Everything she does underscores her simple yet powerful belief that art is important and therapeutic for people of all ages.

For more information on the Community Art Garden and its

upcoming events, visit www.communityartgarden.com.

More information on Moon Dog Café is available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Moon-Dog-Cafe-122742564429734.



The Community Art Garden in Chester was decked out for budding artists to stop in and try their hand at a variety of crafts.

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L-R: Luna Burkland, Olivia Bernier, Ian Bernier and Greta Bernier performed seasonal music at the Community Art Garden and Moon Dog Café in Chester on Dec. 22.

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Live music, crafts, and food.

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Barre Pinsky agrees that temporary signage on town property should be easy for event promotion.

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Selectboard receives new bylaws

BY BRANDY TODT
 The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The last Chester Town Selectboard meeting of 2016 was Dec. 21, with a resident asking the board to promote more economic progress in the community.

Frank Bidwell questioned why there isn't money in the budget to improve the Town Hall and historic buildings, as well as promote economic expansion for the town.

Selectboard member Ben Whalen answered Bidwell, stating there

is money in the budget to begin work on the Town Hall, and he emphasized that there needs to be balance on the needs of the town and its infrastructure against economic promotion of the town.

Michael Alon questioned Selectboard member John DeBenedetti on his previous statement that he didn't want to use the town's tax dollars to support private businesses.

Alon stated that he thought the town's responsibility is more than just making sure the townspeople

have water and their toilets flush.

Springfield Area Public Access TV had requested some funds to be defrayed from the budget to help support the non-profit's efforts in recording meetings. The Selectboard agreed to give \$400 to SAPA-TV to help them continue their filming of the meetings.

In regards to the allowing temporary signage on town property agenda item, Selectboard member Dan Cote stated that the town manager should have the power to grant temporary signage on town

property in order to allow for swift and easy event promotion.

The Selectboard just received its new bylaws and has yet to review the 100-plus pages.

Members said they welcome public input on the new bylaws at public hearings that will be forth coming.

If the power to give the town manager temporary power to grant signage requests isn't found in the new bylaws, that will need to be added into the document, they said.

The board asked for citizens to

have some patience and give time for the board members to read the new bylaws.

The Selectboard meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. SAPA-TV records the Selectboard meetings for anyone not able to attend.

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Prices going up for First-Class and Priority Mail

BY TERRI J. HUCK

The Vermont Journal / The Shopper

REGION - The cost of a First-Class stamp will rise from 47 cents to 49 cents on Jan. 22, 2017 -- the first such increase in three years. However, the change is not as dramatic as it might sound because it is returning the stamp's cost to the level it was before the U.S. Postal Service dropped the price several months ago.

USPS was granted an emergency price increase (also called an exigent surcharge) in 2014 to recoup a multi-year decline in revenue. The Postal Regulatory Commission, the independent agency that oversees USPS, ordered the Postal Service to

reverse the price increase once it had collected surcharges totaling \$4.6 billion, which USPS did in April.

After Jan. 22, rates will also rise for Priority Mail. However, consumers will continue to pay 21 cents for each additional ounce of First-Class Mail, \$1.15 for international letters and 34 cents for postcards.

The commission, which must approve any price increases, was still reviewing USPS' proposed changes to special services, such as Business-Reply Mail and address corrections.

According to USPS.com, "The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations."

Changes to first-class mail prices (effective Jan. 22):

	Current	New
Letters (1 oz.)	47 cents	49 cents
Letters additional ounces	21 cents	21 cents
Letters to all international destinations	\$1.15	\$1.15
Postcards	34 cents	34 cents

Changes to priority mail prices (effective Jan. 22):

	Current	New
Small flat-rate box	\$6.80	\$7.15
Medium flat-rate box	\$13.45	\$13.60
Large flat-rate box	\$18.75	\$18.85
Large APO/FPO flat-rate box	\$16.75	\$17.35
Regular flat-rate envelope	\$6.45	\$6.65
Legal flat-rate envelope	\$6.45	\$6.95
Padded flat-rate envelope	\$6.80	\$7.20

New rates for 2017.

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USPS rates will go up in the new year.

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Vacasa expands acquisition of Trails End Accommodations

LUDLOW, Vt. - Vacasa, the second-largest vacation rental management company in the U.S., is expanding its presence in the Vermont vacation rental market with the acquisition of Trails End Accommodations in Ludlow. The deal adds more than 70 additional vacation rentals to Vacasa's management portfolio.

Jane Bixby, who has owned Trails End Accommodations for 20 years, has joined Vacasa to oversee her company's transition. The company's sole other employee, Carole O'Leary, will join the Vacasa team.

Based in Portland, Oregon, Vacasa

provides full-service vacation rental management services to more than 4,500 vacation homes in 15 states and six countries. The company provides vacation rental owners with listing management including custom photography, virtual tours, and copy. Vacasa optimizes each listing through technology-enabled marketing solutions built by a team of in-house developers and analysts. Vacasa also hires and grows local teams to manage daily operations, including housekeeping, maintenance and on-the-ground customer service. As a result, homeowners benefit from optimal returns with



Trails End Accommodations has partnered with Vacasa LLC.

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casasa's marketing technology, which will likely increase bookings and drive revenue for owners. In the past, Trails End Accommodations accepted guest bookings exclusively by telephone, and the company operated almost entirely offline.

"Vacasa's marketing technology is what stood out to us from the beginning, and we're excited to offer our customers a more advanced approach to booking their homes," says Bixby. "I want to personally thank each of our customers who have trusted us with some of their most precious assets over the past 20 years. Your support has meant so much to me and to all of us associated with Trails End."

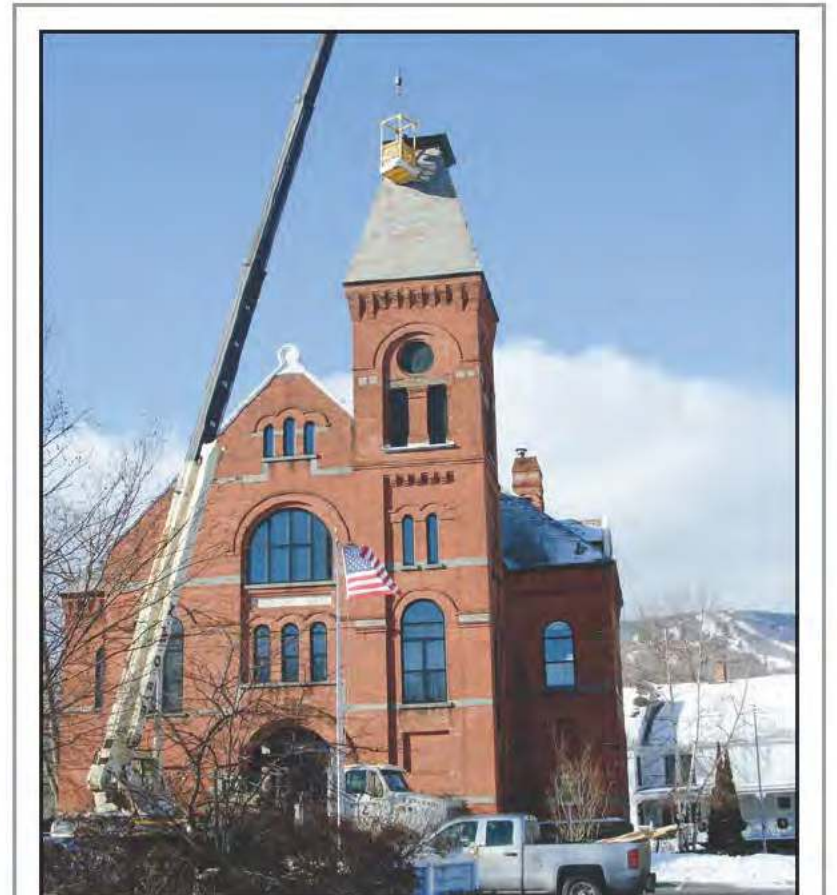
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Chamber Corner update

LUDLOW, Vt. - We hope everyone has a happy and healthy New Year! Our region was busy in December. We thank the Stone Hearth Inn and Tavern for hosting our Holiday Party and "Let's Make A Deal" mixer! Our next mixer is January 11 at Mangiamo Ristorante (Outback Pizza) in Ludlow.

We congratulated Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts for being chosen as December Members of the Month. CTM Media is our January Member of the Month. Projects being worked on:

Our new website launch will be in January. We think it will be worth

the wait!! It integrates the same calendar plug ins that the State of VT uses, so what it means to you, if you enter an event on our calendar, it goes Statewide; saving you time and money from entering it in different places and you will get a lot more exposure for your event. www.YourPlaceInVermont.com

We're working on next years Regional Guidebook. It will be available May 2017-May 2018. We're adding Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury and Weathersfield to our Regional Town pages.

We received 2 grants. One is targeting the Chinese American mar-

ket in NY/NJ/PA. This is a multi media winter campaign. The team has been up to Okemo already.

Our other grant was to make Okemo Valley region a "foodie destination". Travel writers will be here January 16-18 and will interview 11 participating restaurants. The articles will appear on the State website, our Chamber website and in our guidebook.

SharedMall Our e-commerce mall still needs more products before launching. If you are a chamber member and have products that you want to sell online, then it's free!

We have four VT booths at the NY Times Travel Show January 27 - 29.

January 10 will be a meeting re: Ludlow Walker bridge that will be coming down in June for 35 days at Big Eyes Bakery at 5 p.m.

Ribbon cuttings were held for Go With the Flow (yoga and massage) in Ludlow and DG Bodyworks (classes) in Proctorsville. An Open House will be held at Skygate Financial Group, 211 Main St in Ludlow on Thursday December 29 from 12 - 8 p.m. Be sure to stop in anytime and welcome them to their new location in Ludlow.



CTM Media has been named January Member of the Month, and will be announced by the chamber in the new year.

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Ice skating under the gleam of the golden dome

REGION - This winter there will be free and open to the public ice skating rink on the front lawn of the Vermont Statehouse. The temporary, 40'x 80' rink will be open for skating the first day of the legislative session, Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The rink will be open Wednesdays through Fridays, from 3 to 7 p.m., and on the Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 7 p.m.

The Put a Rink on It committee that was formed last year thought

that the lawn of the Statehouse was perfect location for a rink. As the lawn is a hub of activity in the summer months, it is hoped that the rink will draw young and old to skate under the gleaming golden dome.

If you would like to help with maintenance or serve as a rink monitor during the operational hours, volunteers can sign up at the Vermont Public Radios website, [www.http://digital.vpr.net/](http://digital.vpr.net/)



Get ready to go ice skating!

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The Glean Team will soon have a cargo van

RUTLAND, Vt. -The Rutland Area Farm and Food Link, RAFFL, works to build connections for a strong agricultural economy and healthy community. Thanks to contributions from family, friends, and community members the RAFFL has completed their fundraising goal for a gently used Glean Team van. They raised \$1,500 through Facebook and their website, with \$1,000 matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Glean Team program collects fresh, local food that would otherwise be wasted or composted. Through volunteer assistance, produce and fresh breads are harvested from farms and markets, and then delivered to 21 different organizations, shelters, pantries and schools. Additionally, Farm Fresh Connect works to expand local food access by providing fresh picked fruits and vegetables to various pick-up sites around the Rutland area.

In January they will be putting a down payment on a cargo van. This will help them to deliver fresh, local produce throughout Rutland and the surrounding communities. They will

be able to effectively continue the mission of increasing and improv-

ing food access to create a healthy community. They are excited to soon

have reliable transportation for the Glean Team and Farm Fresh Connect programs.

Thank you everyone for your help!



The Glean Team will have a new van soon to deliver fresh fruits and veggies. PHOTO BY PETER WENDT FROM UNSPLASH.COM

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s

LUDLOW, Vt. - Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s, a totally new kind of math club where you'll build stuff, toss beach balls, make amazing mazes and more! You'll have a blast with mischief-making activities like Beach Ball Party, Funny Money and Glow-in-the-Dark City.

Grades 3 - 5 are welcome to join the fun every Thursday from Jan. 5 through Feb. 16 at the Fletcher Memorial Library from 3 - 4 p.m.

Trick or Treat, a comedy

WHITE RIVER JCT. Vt. - Northern Stage at the Barrette Center for the Arts presents Trick or Treat, a comedy by Jack Neary, directed by Carol Dunne, and running January 18 - February 5. Neary's dark comedy brilliantly skewers a family in crisis on Halloween. A distraught husband, a nosy neighbor, and a dark secret set the wheels in motion for a night of confrontation, mystery, and relentless suspense. Advisory: Ages 14 and up for subject matter and strong language. An optional 20-minute post show conversation with the company follows Trick or Treat performances January 24 - February 4. Tickets and more info at www.northernstage.org

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Having more customers go off-grid may allow GMP to retire line

sections over time, reducing maintenance costs that will directly lower costs for customers. In addition, off-grid homes, that otherwise would be connected to the grid, will no longer contribute to costly system peaks during peak summer energy days, lowering costs further and reducing the need to build and maintain lines to meet that demand.

Customers interested in the pilot program will work with a GMP energy services advisor to customize the system that is right for their home or business. For more information on Off-Grid go to: www.greenmountainpower.com/innovative/off-grid-package/or call Craig Ferreira at 1-802-747-6818 or 1-888-835-4672.

Consider some New Year's (financial) resolutions

REGION – We're just about ready to open the door to 2017, so you might be thinking about some New Year's resolutions. What's on your list this year? More visits to the gym? Learning a new language? Mastering the perfect beef bourguignon? All worthy ambitions, of course, but why not also include some financial resolutions?

By reviewing your needs and goals, you can identify some resolutions that are particularly relevant to your own situation.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Build an emergency fund. If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or faced some other large, unanticipated expense, could you cope with it? If you didn't have the

money readily available, you might have to dip into those investments intended for long-term goals, such as retirement. Instead, build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

- Cut down on debts. It's not easy to cut down on one's debt load. But if you can find ways to reduce your debts, you'll help improve your overall financial picture. Many debts are not "useful" – that is, they don't carry any tax advantages – so every dollar you spend to pay down those debts is a dollar you could use to invest for your future.

reflects your risk tolerance. Over time, and often without your taking any significant actions, your portfolio can "drift" to a place where you are taking on too much risk – or even too little risk – for your needs and long-term objectives. If this happens, you may need to "re-balance" your holdings.

- Avoid mistakes. None of us can avoid all mistakes, in life and in our investment activities. But as an investor, you'll clearly benefit from minimizing your errors. For example, it's generally a mistake to jump out of the market in response to a period of volatility. If you wait for things to "calm down" before investing again, you might miss out on the opportunity to participate in the next market rally.

- Boost contributions to your retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Your earnings have the potential to grow tax deferred and your contributions may lower your taxable income. Plus, most plans offer a selection of investment options, so you can choose the investment mix that fits your objectives and risk tolerance. Therefore, if your salary goes up this year, or if you think you can find other ways to free up some money, increase your contributions to your retirement plan.
- Review your portfolio. Is your investment portfolio still on track toward helping you meet your long-term goals? If not, you may need to make some changes. You'll also want to study your investment mix to make sure it still accurately re-

- Think long term. Keep this in mind: You're not investing for today or tomorrow, but for many years from now. Try to keep a long-term focus when making all your key investment decisions. By doing so, you can avoid overreacting to short-term developments, such as a sudden drop in the market or a "momentous" political event that actually decreases in importance as time goes by.

Try to follow these financial resolutions as best as you can. You could make 2017 a year to remember.

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CORRECTION!

The article "11 ways to help stay sane in a crazy market" that was published last week, Dec. 21, was written by your Registered Investment Advisor Representative MARK HUNTLEY of Huntley Financial Services, Inc.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Kingdom Valley Farm

Situated on the Chester-Springfield Road in Chester is the Kingdom Valley Farm. For many years it was owned by the Huyler family; today it is owned by Sue Kibbe.

Originally built as a tavern in about 1800, over the years it has served as a seminary school and private residences. I found a real estate listing for this property in 1935. They were asking \$5,000.

In Eva Baker's book titled "Folklore of Springfield Vermont" I found some of history of the Kibbe place.

Daniel Fletcher was born in Chester in 1800 and taught school in Spencer Hollow. He then became a minister and married Mary Ann Carley, a governess to Gen. Lewis Morris' family. Miss Carley was said to be an educated and accomplished teacher.

In 1830 Daniel Fletcher established the Fletcher Seminary in what we know today as the Kibbe place. His wife Mrs. Fletcher was the teacher. The school existed for six years. At one time it boarded 40 students the



Kibbe place. District 2 schoolhouse in the right foreground.

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majority of which were girls. Not being a financial success it closed.

Next Pierpont Bowker owned the property. Bowker had an interesting life. In 1836 he published "The Indian Vegetable, Family Instructor." His book contains 180 pages of old American Indian remedies using different plants, mosses and tree barks.

Bowker went on to publish other books.

During Bowker's ownership he bought more land that bordered his property. Today there are over 180 acres with the Kibbe place.

At the Chester Historical Society we have several photos of the Kibbe place taken in the 1920s period. In one of those photos many girls can be seen in the balcony and in the yard. This leads me to believe it may have been a girls school at that time although I have not seen a document to support that theory.

What I have seen are metal room numbers on some of the doors of the Kibbe place. These numbers are not the type or style of the 1830s Fletcher school. They are an early 20th century style and manufacture.

The photo with this article shows the Kibbe place with all its barns. In the right foreground is the old one room schoolhouse. That schoolhouse served District #2. The chimney looks like a stovepipe instead of a normal brick chimney. It is the

only known photo of the schoolhouse in District #2.

Route-11 or the Chester-Springfield Road as some call it can be seen as a narrow dirt road. This photo is a glass plate negative with excellent detail. The barren hills are typical of the Vermont landscape circa 1910.

I have had a complete tour of this home. The construction is pegged post and beam. The recessed balcony is a handsome feature and pleasant to sit on in the summer. My mind wanders as I try to imagine sitting there 200 years ago when a stage or horse and buggy drove by. It must have been very peaceful.

The attic is an interesting room. It is one large room with wide pine flooring. The ceiling was never plastered but the old style lath is present. Old style lath is interesting to inspect. The builders took wide pine boards about 3/4" thick and nailed them to the rafters. It was important that these boards were put up green and not dry.

After they nailed the boards to the rafters the builders hit the green boards with an ax causing splits and cracks. As the boards dried the cracks grew wider from shrinkage leaving gaps up to 3/8" wide. You need these cracks to hold the plaster in place. The plasterer would force the plaster up in the cracks where it would ooze out on top of the lath, dry and hold the plaster in place.

In the photo of the attic you can see the lath boards on the ceiling. If you look close you can see the edges of the boards. Between those edges you can see the jagged splits and cracks.

It was probably around 1840 that individual lath stripes came into wide use. That lath is 1" wide strips 4' long. That is the lath that most of us would recognize today.

These old Yankee craftsmen certainly knew their trade. The Kibbe place will easily stand another 100 years.

Another asset is there's plenty of water. I have walked the property with a dowsing rod. There is an abundance of water coming off the hill behind the house.

This week's old saying is from Winston Churchill. "We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us."



Attic showing lath boards on the ceiling.

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Are you a Bellows Falls history buff?

I'm looking for names of women who owned hotels/boarding houses in Bellows Falls during the 1940s. The clerk's office in Bellows Falls possibly has these records, but they are not online, and I live in Tuscon, Arizona.

My relative and I found some other relatives via Ancestry.com. One of them, a single woman, owned a hotel or boarding house in Bellows Falls Vermont in the 1940's. I have the names of some of those places, but am looking for the actual owners, one who would have been female.

With that information then we can possibly see what offspring, if any, they had.

If you have any information, please contact Holly Blake at 520-322-6259 or via email at heb0313@cox.net.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chroma expansion brings jobs for New Year

There's a big project coming to the Rockingham and Bellows Falls area, and most people couldn't be happier.

In a sign of good news for the New Year, the state recently granted an Act 250 land-use permit for a 36,800-square-foot expansion at Chroma Technology Corp. in Rockingham.

The \$20 million project will add up to 25 positions over several years, while keeping Chroma's existing 113 jobs.

Founded 25 years ago in Brattleboro, Chroma Technology makes optical filters used in biomedical imaging. Chroma's filters are used in microscopes, DNA sequencers and clinical diagnostic devices.

Chroma has been struggling to find enough space for its operations, even running some functions out of a temporary trailer.

The expansion will give the company all the space it needs, and couldn't come at a better time for the economy of the area. The project also includes new equipment, parking and site improvements.

Chroma was considering out-of-state options for its plant, but the state of Vermont stepped in with assistance to help keep them headquartered in Vermont.

The expansion has widespread support, with funding from the town in addition to the state, and backing from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corp.

Brattleboro Development Credit Corp. is working with the state Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Governor's Office on financial support, which includes the Town of Rockingham; the Vermont Community Development Block Grant program; the Vermont Economic Development Authority; and the Windham County Economic Development Program, which is loaning \$500,000 to the Chroma project.

Construction is expected to start in early spring 2017, and take 12 to 16 months to finish.

What else is good about Chroma is that besides a reputation for socially progressive policies, the business is employee-owned, so Chroma employees are also shareholders.

This is a company with global customer base and offices in Europe and Asia, and their decision to stay in Vermont is something we should all applaud.

Kudos to Chroma and everyone involved.

-BM-

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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"There are two types of marriages — compatible and combatable."

Op-Ed: First steps toward 700,000 Vermonters

During the gubernatorial campaign Phil Scott set a goal to expand Vermont's population from 625,000 to 700,000 over the next ten years or so. This is a pretty tall order (maybe unattainable), but the governor-elect's call does raise an important issue. Our state's population is stagnant, and if we want to be able to continue paying for government services we need to find a way to increase the number of citizens paying taxes into the treasury.

Here are three policies the Scott administration should push to start moving the population and tax receipt numbers in the right direction: end the death tax, expand school choice, and reform employment regulations to meet the needs of the 21st Century sharing economy.

End the Death Tax. One of the biggest reasons high-income people leave Vermont or decide against retiring here full time is our policy of taxing the estates of those who pass away. (Kiplinger's rated Vermont the worst state in the union for retirees in 2016.) The death tax is notoriously unreliable in terms of raising revenue — you never know who's going to die or when — and baring unusual windfalls due to poor financial planning, it doesn't usually bring in all that much money.

But for that, we forgo all the in-

come tax revenue, sales tax revenue, rooms & meals, charitable contributions, etc. of citizens who currently spend six months and a day somewhere else because their estate planner tells them to. By eliminating the death tax, Vermont could make a much more compelling case to high income tax payers at or approaching retirement age to make Vermont their permanent residence. According to the US Census, there are 43,106 second homes in Vermont (14.6 percent of the total number of households). That's a huge percentage. Convincing even a fraction of those folks to make Vermont their legal residency could have a positive impact on the governor-elect's goal.

Expand School Choice. Ending the death tax will attract an older, wealthier demographic, but Vermont needs young workers and young families. Since passage of Act 60 in 1997, Vermont has lost about 30,000 K-12 students and, presumably, their parents. However, as we have seen through all the backlash over Act 46, the 90-ish "school choice towns" that have existed in Vermont for the past century-and-a-half are a powerful attractor for parents of school age kids.

As the Bernier family of Elmore explained in testimony regarding the Elmore/Morrisville merger, they

are a couple working in jobs that can be done from anywhere in the world. They moved from Rhode Island to Elmore in great part because the town offered school choice. Their story is not unique. In fact, after East Haven closed its public schools in 2011 due to declining enrollment and became a choice town, the number of students in the district nearly doubled in just three years from 11-20 at the elementary level and from 11-21 at the secondary levels. (VPR, March 2, 2015)

Statewide school choice would create a powerful selling point Vermont could use to entice entrepreneurial, education-oriented parents to move into Vermont, bringing their kids, their jobs, and their economic energy with them.

Reform Employment Regulations to Fit "Sharing" Economy. Vermont needs to bring millennials into our workforce and keep them here. Millennials want flexibility. This is a generation used to a technologically driven world where near-infinite choices are a hassle-free fingertip away. They are a more interested in finding work that fits their desired lifestyle as opposed to building a life around a desired job. This dynamic is a perfect fit for an appeal based on Vermont's unique lifestyle brand — but we must raise the level

of work opportunity, flexibility and creativity to that of skiing, hiking and mountain biking.

Vermont has a reputation for being a hard place to make a living. It only makes sense that we make it easy for recent graduates to, for example, ski during the day, work a part time job in the evenings, supplement their incomes driving for Uber, and rent out the spare room over the garage through Air BnB. It makes sense to allow start up companies to hire part time independent contractors to set up their tech infrastructure, help with short term marketing campaigns, handle accounting and other specialized work that does not require a full time, long term employee.

The myriad regulations standing in the way of this kind of economic flexibility for both employers and employees need to be scrapped, and Vermont should lead the way into the 21st Century with a clarion call for millennials to come help us do it.

Will these three initiative bring in 70,000 new full time residents? Maybe not. But they are first steps that will certainly get Vermont moving in the right direction.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The drug war had a really bad day with the November 8 elections. And it came with a great feeling of liberation to think that citizens everywhere are freeing themselves of the shackles that have kept our country chained to the disastrous public policy we call the war on drugs. We now have eight states plus D.C. where voters have approved recreational marijuana. Four more states voted on medical marijuana bringing that total to 29. Fear tactics and Jurassic era propaganda espoused by law enforcement were soundly rejected. Moral admonishments by high-ranking clergy were ignored as people now realize that family val-

ues can coexist with a plant gifted to us by Mother Earth. The real threat comes from overzealous police and the drug war's prison-industrial complex, which has created a prisoner for profit system.

This was on display in the months leading up to the election as unionized prison guards fearing a drop in business came out against recreational pot. Of course, cops everywhere afraid of even the slightest erosion in surveillance and arrest powers spoke out forcefully, but to no avail. The war on adult cannabis use has also emboldened the morality police who subscribe fully to the

"see something-say something" culture. Do you get an occasional whiff of pot smoke while walking your dog past a certain house in your neighborhood? Call the cops. Is cousin Freddy growing a little weed in the woods behind his home? What's the difference, he's only family. Call the cops.

Our children pick up on this sort of spying and reporting as well. We should be encouraging our kids to be monitoring the injustices committed by our government and law enforcement rather than serving as an army of informers, particularly in the name of the drug war train wreck.

The marijuana genie is out of the bottle. Several more states look to legalize recreational pot in the next couple of years. This time by legislative action, not ballot initiatives. This will help insulate the movement against federal pushback. Also, Canada is poised to become the first major industrialized country to approve national pot legalization, furthering the pressure on our leaders to support reform. Major battles are being won against the drug war.

Let's push for a full surrender.

Steve Maynes
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

With the help of a very generous community, Black River Good Neighbor Services Food Shelf is pleased to announce a successful Stuff-A-Bus! Shaw's of Ludlow, a strong supporter, went over and above this year sharing with customers the need to fill the bus, and their employees even created an amazing sign. The good will offered by Shaw's is such a strong boost for this important community effort. We are most fortunate and very thankful.

We must also acknowledge some other amazing folks who helped to make this event possible. Chris Barlow, driver of the bus, did so much more; he stayed throughout the entire day and assisted with food donations-wow! The Interact Club from Black River High School sorted food, which saved hours of behind-

the-scenes time. We are so thankful for their presence, they are great workers! And on behalf of the Town of Ludlow, Frank Heald, for providing the bus. Under the gentle guidance of BRGNS Board member, Jane Pixley, the event was well coordinated, food was collected, counted and delivered to the food shelf in record time.

And, most important, a sincere thank you to the greater Ludlow community for donating food to fill the bus. Our neighbors in need, especially during the holiday season, will benefit greatly as we continue to serve and assist.

Krey Kellington
Food Program Administrator
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Obituaries

Charlotte Jameison Edgar, 1930 - 2016

RUTLAND, Vt. - Charlotte Jameison Edgar, devoted mother, died unexpectedly on December 7th, 2016, at the age of 85. Immediate family lovingly surrounded her when she passed at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.



Charlotte Jameison Edgar, 1930 - 2016
PHOTO PROVIDED

Charlotte was born in Manhattan, NY on December 30, 1930 to Dr. Frances Halsted and Dr. Gerald R. Jameison. Raised in White Plains, NY, she was well cared for by her parents and a beloved Nanny, Theresa. Theresa and her husband Anton Eiberger remained as family until their deaths in Chester, Vermont.

As a young woman, Charlotte enjoyed playing the piano and horseback riding. Summers were spent at the Jameison Family Lodge in the Adirondacks. It was here Charlotte experienced the peace of pristine wilderness and developed her love of nature. While attending the Scarborough School in Briar Cliff Manor, NY Charlotte met her future husband, Perry Edgar who attended Hackley Prep School. In 1952, Charlotte graduated from Centenary College and married Perry while he was in service in the Korean War. Their first child was born shortly after he was wounded in action in July 1953.

As a young wife, while Perry worked for The New Yorker magazine, Charlotte made many deep and lasting friendships in the numerous states they called home. She volunteered at the Hall Neighborhood House in Bridgeport, CT; was active in political meetings and anti-war rallies in Sudbury, Massachusetts in the Vietnam era; and was a vital member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Westport, Connecticut and Chester, Vermont.

In 1967, Charlotte and Perry purchased The Edgar Farm in Andover, Vermont, which became the seminal ground for family gatherings, reunions, and weddings.

After her children were grown, Charlotte spent fifteen enjoyable years working for Planned Parenthood in Springfield, Vt. In her spare

time, Charlotte was an avid tennis player, volunteered at The Whiting Library, and was active in the Unitarian Universalist Church. These were very happy years of her life.

Charlotte was a proud and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She gave freely of her time; tenderly and patiently nurturing the little ones, while imbuing her wit, intelligence and values to all others. Charlotte was a voracious reader, lifelong gardener, bird watcher, and Democrat; her interest in politics was unsurpassed by most others in her life.

Charlotte was predeceased by her loving husband of fifty-two years, Perry Ladd Edgar. Charlotte is survived by her twin brother, Tim Jameison; brother, Bill and sister Frances. She is also survived by her four children and their families: Nancy Edgar-Howard of Springfield, NH, Donald Jameison Edgar of Andover, Vt, Laura Ladd Edgar Spencer of Concord, NH, and Caroline Edgar Albert of Pawlet, Vt; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Chester, Vt. in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Charlotte's memory can be made to the National Audubon Society, PO Box 97193 Washington, DC 20090.

Barbara F. Rogers, 1948 - 2016

SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Barbra F. Rogers, 68, of Thompsonburg Road died Monday, December 19, 2016. Barbara was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. on August 2, 1948 the daughter of Vern and Beatrice (Barnes) Fisher.

She attended Grafton Elementary School, was a 1966 graduate of Bellows Falls High School, and graduated from Castleton State College in 1970 with a teaching degree. She worked for Windsor Elementary School, was a pre-school teacher in Grafton for 30 years, and also had the pleasure of working for Tom and Tania Evans since 1988.

Barbara was very community oriented. She was a former 4-H leader, Sunday school teacher for the First Baptist Church, served as trustee for the Memorial Park, was a board member of the Friendship Club, helped organize the church suppers and annual Christmas dinners, and volunteered at the Middletown Farm all in South Londonderry. She enjoyed cooking lunch every Wednesday for Grafton Cares. She helped with the wreath making for the Memorial Day Parade and Christmas wreaths for the church in Grafton.

Barbara enjoyed crafts, knitting, crocheting, baking, photography, traveling to Maine, and attending bluegrass and balloon festivals. She was a strong person with a tender heart. She was very independent, raising her children alone after the passing of her hus-



Barbara F. Rogers, 1948 - 2016
PHOTO PROVIDED

band. She loved spending time with family and friends.

On July 3, 1970 she married Leslie Eli Rogers who predeceased her. Surviving are her sons David & wife Rebecca of Grafton, Patrick of Johnson, Vt.; her daughter Julie Rogers Yankowsky & husband Tony of Fulton, NY; two brothers and five sisters; and her grandchildren Leslie and Sarah Rogers and Andrew Yankowsky.

There will be calling hours 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 23 at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Burgess Cemetery in Grafton, Vt.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Grafton Cares in Grafton, Vt. or to the Thrifty Attic in Londonderry, Vt.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

Last week, I went to a ballgame and a party broke out. SERIOUSLY!

My assignment was to cover the final day of the Green Mountain Holiday Tournament. Actually I went to four ballgames and the fun broke out right in the middle of the day. It was all the fault of Green Mountain Athletic Director Brendan McNamara, who in the end turned the spotlight on his own kids.

Before we get the cart ahead of the horse, let us back up. Earlier that day, we checked in with McNamara to make sure the tournament play was on for that day. There was some ice and snow that morning and who knew would know who did and did not have school? Brendan would know, thus the call.

"We're all set," McNamara assured us and then left us with one of those, "By the ways..."

I have been around enough to know, there are "by the ways," and then there are "BY THE WAYS."

This was a "BY THE WAY."

If you haven't heard yet, Brendan McNamara is leaving Green Mountain! McNamara has been at Green Mountain eight years and upon the time of his year end departure, he was also currently the facilities and transportation director; in reality it is more than that.

This McNamara is part of Green Mountain, inside and out. There are AD's who have stayed longer at one place or another, but this guy has basically been a part of the fabric since he ventured down from his home town of Cavendish before he was in his teens, to witness this or that athletic event. We never asked if he was in the search for gold, however he became rich, when he found his green and gold. The Green Mountain green and gold.

Then there is the culprit, which we have identified as that Town of Cavendish. They have caused McNamara to leave. Well, that in reality is a little heavy, but there Town Manager job came open and NOW, as followers of Paul Harvey might be use to: the rest of the story.

As you have found out, McNamara grew up in Cavendish. The little town north of Chester was a love of McNamara before he was introduced to Green Mountain. You see, he played at Grevin Field long before he ever knew a thing about Green Mountain, but that alone doesn't make going home easy.

"It was really tough to choose to leave Green Mountain," an upbeat, BUT emotional McNamara told us, adding, "I love Green Mountain. I put my heart and soul into that place and this is not easy at all. I love the relationships, not just with the athletes, BUT, with the staff and the students who are not athletes at all. I know all the students and I will miss them all!"

About that party that broke out, well, you see, everyone seemed to know about it that day, everyone not named Brendan McNamara. The tournament attracted a good crowd, but the crowd swelled when it came time, and in today's world, cellphones can notify people it is time to come now.

I was doing this interview when the time came and McNamara was all of a suddenly distracted. I saw his focus change and he said to me, "Something is up and I told them I didn't want them to do anything. I think I'm about to get roasted."

He saw colleague Scott Renfro with a microphone and he knew his time had come.

Renfro spelled out what was to happen in the next few minutes. He heaped praise upon McNamara; students presented a nice video saluting Renfro, with clips of interviews from staff and Principal Tom Ferenc. Finally, Assistant Principal Mike Ripley, would have his say live and there was a little roasting there, as the boss man, first took shots at McNamara's Yankee allegiance and also warned him, that he could not get away from his boss. I am your boss here and I will still be your boss there," Ripley quipped. You see, believe it or not, Ripley will still be his boss there. He is a Cavendish selectman.

McNamara said Ripley is not one to fool with. He has some tough to swallow memories with his present and future boss. The Yankee fan said, "Remember back in 2013, when the Red Sox were really not expected to win. Well, one day, I was walking by his office and he did some of his boasting about his Sox. They had come out of nowhere and who expected them to win. I told him, IF they won I would shave my head. Then a little over a month later, I find myself in the cafeteria at lunch having my head shaved." I wonder what surprises Ripley has in store for the new Town Manager?

On the surface, many wonder why McNamara would leave. He loves Green Mountain, he loves athletics, but we know Town Manager positions regularly pay a great deal more than school maintenance and AD positions, we now know that McNamara lives a stones throw from his office, "I have a megaphone to call him home for lunch," his wife Miranda jokes and "although there are night meetings, there are not as many and I will be so close to home," McNamara says. He says of his wife, "I have been away a lot and my wife has been a Godsend when it comes to that."

What about the lack of political experience we ask him. He grins and then says, "in one sense yes," about that lack of been there done that, but he quickly adds, "as an AD, Facilities Director, Transportation Director, you have your times when you have decisions to make and whether I am right, wrong or indifferent, the important thing for people need to know in either case, (Green Mountain or Cavendish), my decisions have been and will be made with the best interests of the community in mind."

McNamara's family joined him on the floor of the gym with the lights out, during the video presentation and when he left them to thank everyone for the moment, pictured below with the mike in hand, his wife walked partially away with him, and the children Mary age 5 and Brogan age 2 were still standing in awe of the happenings alone on the floor. Upon concluding his remarks, McNamara noticed the two looking all around at the scene and offered to the gathering, "Will someone please gather up their children so we can move on."

Yes, for now, McNamara's Band must be gathered up and move on. For the next few years, they will play their tunes back home in Cavendish and Daddy will be more a part of the band.



Athletic Director Brendan MacNamara is leaving Green Mountain.

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Fall Mountain boys top Bellows Falls

LANGDON, N.H. - In a very intense game, played before a good sized crowd, the Fall Mountain Wildcat Boys nipped the Bellows Falls Terriers 43-41 last Friday night.

The win for the team from Langdon, broke an opening season three game losing streak and pinned the Purple and White with the same ailment. Both teams ran off streaks during the contest, but the Wildcats saved their last for the most important time and came away with the victory.

Jason Bardis' five fell to Conant in their opener 59-47 and then continued to fall short in a test with powerful Monadnock 75-51 and finally lost a close one to Franklin at home in the den 59-54. Sophomore Ja-

cob Bardis was high scorer in each of those games tallying 18, 14, 17 and 12 respectively in the order the games were played concluding with the victory over BF. FM also won the opening game of the Elm City Holiday Classic at Keene State College Monday 58-54 over Hinsdale.

Coach Bardis was somewhat frustrated with his teams' start, "We had twenty-four turnovers in each of our losses, what more can I say," he said as he kind of shrugged his shoulders as he looked back.

Junior Ranger Wilson, pictured scoring at home, has added a good amount of scoring support to open the season tallying 12 against Conant and Franklin, 9 against BF and then tossing in 16 in the Hins-



BF #5 Cam Joy.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



In a very competitive game in Holland Gym, the Fall Mountain Wildcats nipped the Bellows Falls Terriers.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

dale win, when Bardis had another 19. Other solid contributors in the early season have been senior Bailey Cote with 10 versus Conant and 9 against BF, junior Michael Murdoch with 11 in the Monadnock game, junior Noah Lantz with 10 in the tight Franklin game and sophomore Owen Marandino, who had 10 in Keene.

On the BF side of things, Ryan Stoodley saw some turnovers too in his teams 0-3 start, but with the Purple, "It is the free throw shooting which was the biggest problem for us. We made 13 of our first 36 shots," he offered. Obviously, both teams

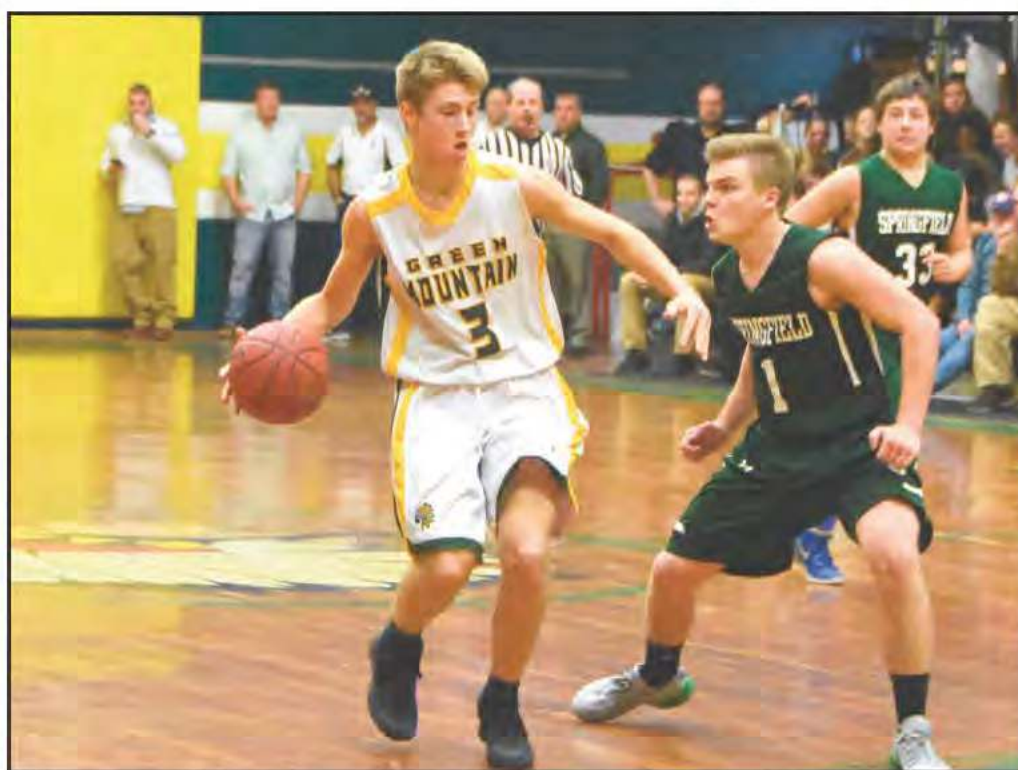
found out a way to give games away.

Senior Cam Joy was the big early season scorer for the Terriers as he put up 14, 11 and 9 in losses to Arlington, West Rutland and Fall Mountain respectively. The Arlington game was the opener a 47-45 loss at home, when junior Zach Chapin added 9 points and classmate Shane Clark 8. The West Rutland game, which was on the road, went overtime before the Golden Horde prevailed and Clark's 13 led BF on that night and Chapin tossed in 8. In the Fall Mountain loss, senior Anthony Mueller led BF with 11 and senior Jon Skrocki added 7.

Green Mountain boys defeat Springfield 78-32

CHESTER, Vt. - These two close by rivals met last week in the Green Mountain Holiday Tournament in the event's consolation game. Green Mountain is off to a 3-1 start and coach Brian Rapanotti says, "If we can continue to get balanced scoring, we could become a pretty good team." In the picture, Chieftain senior Ian Kehoe #3, drives strongly to the hoop against the Cosmos Chris Hopkins.

Green Mountain won a big season opener turning back a more than respectable Thetford Academy team 57-54 with Mack Walton and James Anderson combining for 41 points, 21 and 20 respectively. Rapanotti's team, then outscored long time foe Black River 71-38 with four players in double figures, Walton, Kehoe, Anderson and Ryan McSally put up 16, 15, 13 and 12 in that order.



Chieftain senior Ian Kehoe #3, drives strongly to the hoop against the Cosmos Chris Hopkins.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Twin Valley outplayed GM in the opening round of the tourney 57-42, in a game in which Anderson was the only Chesterite in double figures with 12. In the win over Springfield, four Chieftains returned to double digits, as Kehoe led the way with 18, followed by Walton (16), McSally (15) and Anderson (11). GM will next be on the court on January 3rd, for the team's first road game at Arlington.

On the other hand, the Cosmos have not been able to find the winners circle as yet, falling in their home opener 44-37 to Leland + Gray before a first round Holiday loss to Mount Saint Joseph 83-31. Springfield will travel to BF for a Friday night date with the archrival Terriers at 7 p.m.

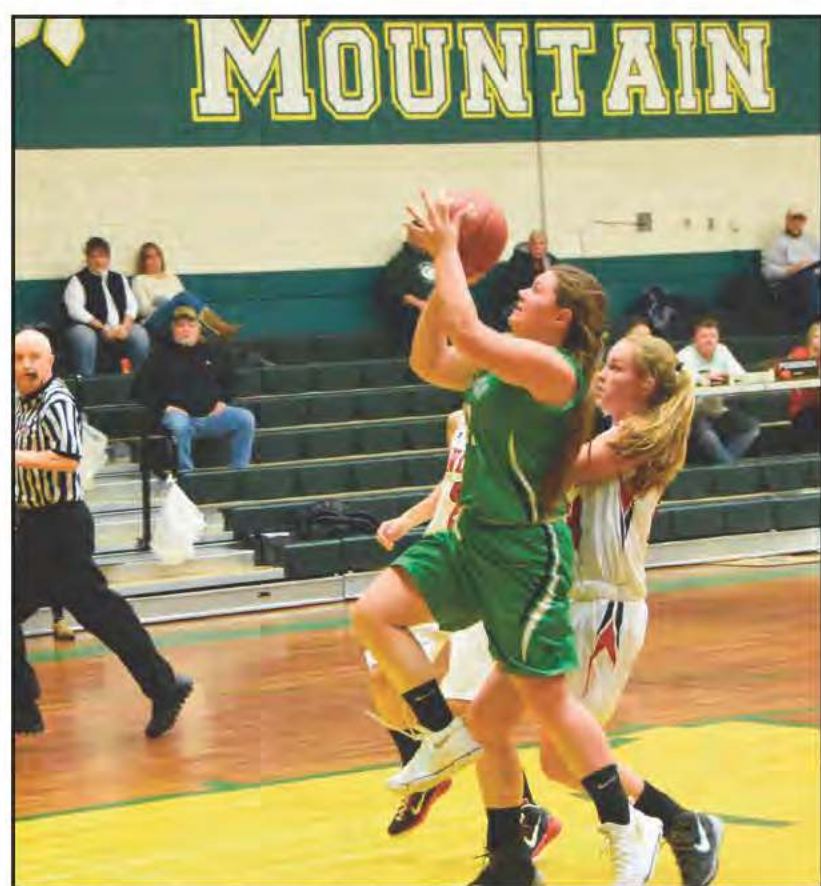
Springfield girls turn back Twin Valley

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Joe Costello's Springfield Cosmos Girls' team took to the offensive during the consolation game of the Green Mountain Holiday Tournament and out ran and outaced Twin Valley 51-38 last week. Cassidy Otis seen attacking the hoop and about to score in the picture, was one of several catalysts, who made sure the Green and White prevailed in the contest.

The road had been a little rocky early in the season as two powerful opponents had been a part of the locals opening schedule. Brattleboro

and Mount Saint Joseph had both shown their might in 62-17 and 54-17 victories, while the Cosmos had played Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax tough in a 50-34 defeat in the second game of the season. The MSJ defeat had come in the opening round of the Holiday event.

Sophomore Hannah Crosby has been Springfield's leading scorer thus far in the 2016-17 campaign. Crosby leads the team in scoring, averaging 12 points per game, but Costello says, "We are hoping we to give her more help soon." Cros-



Springfield #33 Cassidy Otis seen attacking the hoop and about to score.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Springfield #33 Cassidy Otis makes her way to the basket.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

by tallied 7 versus Brattleboro, 15 in the BFA game, a game in which Otis added 5, 10 against MSJ when Hailey Perham added 5 and Crosby threw in 16 in the TV victory, a game which saw the most balanced

scoring yet, as Madee Stagner had 11 and Aunna Parker and Otis added 9.

The team was looking for their second victory in a home game with Randolph Wednesday night.

Happy

Claremont First Night: A New Year's party for all!

CLAREMONT, N.H. - December 31 come celebrate the New Year with Arrowhead Recreation Club, Claremont Parks and Recreation Department, Claremont Opera House, Family Fun Zone and Meyer Maple Lanes at a free, fun community event.

The evening kicks off at 6 p.m. and will go until 12 a.m. with events scheduled at multiple locations. "There will be something for everyone," said Mark Brislin, Claremont's Parks and Recreation Director. "Whether you are looking to go tubing at Arrowhead, take a dip in the pool at the Community Center, or enjoy some of the great entertainment that we have lined up, there will be something for everyone to do," explained Brislin.

At 10 p.m., there will be a spectacular fireworks display over the ski

area at Arrowhead, which will also be televised live on CCTV. After the fireworks Myer Maple Lanes will continue activities for all to ring in the New Year until midnight with a live DJ. "Local businesses have been very supportive of this event and seem excited to bring a New Year's Eve Celebration back to Claremont," explained Allyn Girard, President of the Claremont Sugar-River Rotary Club. "We are thrilled to be able to offer a free event to the community of Claremont and are looking for ways to help sustain this event for years to come," explained Girard.

There will be four performances held at the Claremont Opera House presented by World Under Wonder that will tell the Slavic story of Winter. Also added as a venue this year is the Family Fun Zone where people will have full access to the inflatables

and bounce houses.

Food and beverages will be for sale at Arrowhead Lodge, Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and Meyer Maple Lanes. Parking will be available at the Arrowhead Lodge, Claremont Savings Bank Community Center Claremont Middle School, and Claremont Savings Bank with a Shuttle service running from Broad Street Park to the Community Center between the hours of 6 - 10:45 p.m.

For up to date information, please visit www.claremontparks.com.

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 World Under Wonder, shows at 6, 7, 8 & 9 p.m. at th Opera House
 Pool & Gym Activities from 6-9:45 p.m. at CSBCC
 Midway Carnival Games from 6-10 p.m. at CSBCC
 Resolutions with CCTV from 6-10 p.m. at CSBCC
 Horse Drawn Wagon Rides from 6-9 p.m. at CSBCC & Arrowhead
 Dylan Tenney Magic (Show 1) from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at CSBCC
 Castle Bay (NE Celtic Music) from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at CSBCC
 Dylan Tenney Magic (Show 2) from 8:45-9:45 p.m. at CSBCC
 Fireworks at 10 p.m. at Arrowhead



Have a Happy New Year!

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New year, new you: resources to help you keep your resolutions

StatePoint - Making and keeping resolutions is difficult without direction or the advice of experts. Luckily, there are plenty of great resources to help, no matter what you are trying to accomplish.

Here are four books that can help you stick to your goals throughout the year.

Clean Eating

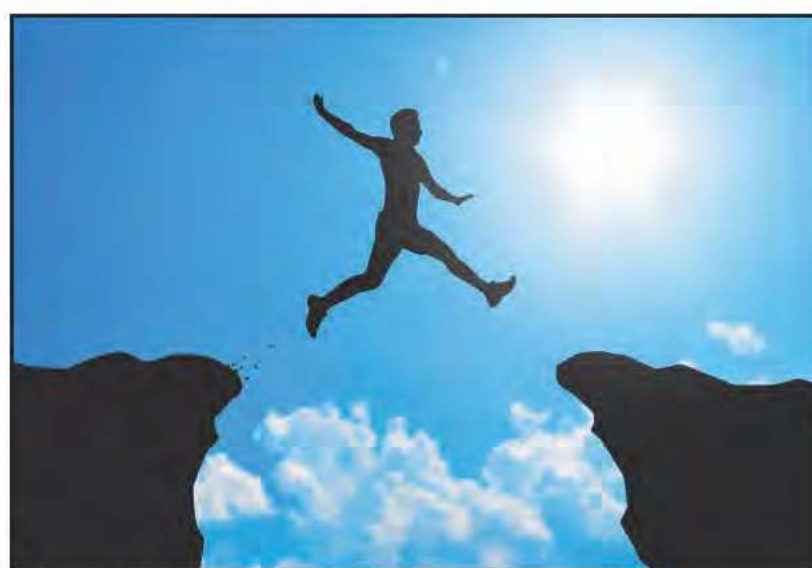
From quinoa and chia seeds to spinach and pomegranate, "Super Clean Super Foods" is a colorfully illustrated, comprehensive guide that shows readers how to incorporate unfamiliar ingredients into everyday dishes. The book explores the incredible health properties of each super food and includes tips on how to maximize its health benefits, allowing readers to work toward specific goals. For instance, you can create a food plan to boost energy, have a healthier pregnancy, limit jetlag, reduce aging, and more.

Achieve More

Whether you are seeking improvement in your career, relationships, or in your overall performance, "Success: The Psychology of Achievement," can help equip you with the tools you need to drive yourself toward success using proven psychological strategies and expert advice. From positive thinking to work-life balance to learning how to say "no," the lessons in this dynamic infographic guide, authored by an organizational psychologist, are tailored to your personal situation through questionnaires and self-analysis exercises.

Smart Meals

Bowls are a delicious way to lose weight and eat healthy, but they can also be laden with hidden calories. Inspired by the very latest bowl food trend, "100 Weight Loss Bowls," features color-coded recipes engineered to come in at under 400, 500, or 600



Make your New Years resolutions.

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New Year!

Castleton students and business professor donate wreaths to town

CASTLETON, Vt. – Professor Tom Rutkowski has upheld a long-standing tradition of giving back to the local community around the holidays since his first year of teaching at Castleton in 1998. When the winter months are in full swing and the streets are frequently covered with a fresh coat of white snow, the Business department faculty member purchases and donates wreaths to be hung throughout the town.

Known as Wreath Day, the annual tradition stemmed from a desire to

become a more active and positive community partner in the eyes of residents and has grown to include volunteers from Rutkowski's classes and First Year Seminar student groups.

Each year Rutkowski purchases the wreaths from Spates, a greenhouse in Newport, Vt., with his personal funds and then volunteers his time, along with his students, placing the wreaths at various locations throughout Castleton and spreading pine scented holiday cheer to all who

admire them.

"We brought wreaths around to some people on campus in the morning and a few of us got on ladders and tacked wreaths to telephone poles around noon on Friday," said Rutkowski, adding that additional wreaths were placed at the local elementary and village schools. "I am pleased to give back to Castleton."

At the end of the day a total of 36 wreaths were donated and hung by over a dozen Castleton students. To thank volunteers for their good deed,

once the wreaths are distributed, local business owner John Rehlen treated the students to free pizza and drinks.

"I truly hope that the townspeople appreciate this act. I hope that they can look at these wreaths and see that not only were they donated, but that university students hung them," said SOS Leader LeeAnn Senecal, who participated in the project. "I think it's great to get the good out there, especially during the holiday season."



Castleton students and business professor donate wreaths.

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New Year's resolutions for a healthier you

StatePoint - New Year's resolutions can be a double-edged sword. While many of us feel inspired to make goals to improve our health, happiness and wellbeing, we often find the changes hard to sustain, and sometimes end up reverting back to old practices.

Check out these tips for starting and maintaining a healthier lifestyle.

Baby Steps

Many people start a new year hoping to improve their fitness routines and eating habits, and quickly become discouraged when results aren't immediate. Instead of cancelling your new gym membership and opting for a box of chocolates by Valentine's Day, set achievable and realistic goals to stay on track.

If losing weight is the objective, aim for 10 pounds instead of 50. If you succeed at losing the first 10, celebrate and make a new goal.

Instead of adopting an extreme diet, cut back on one snack a day or incorporate a smoothie as a healthy meal replacement. Use ingredients like fresh fruit, dark leafy greens, flax or chia seeds -- even savory vegetables like beets -- the possibilities are endless.

Fuel Up to Get Fit

Sticking to fitness goals takes the right fuel. Eating whole foods instead of processed foods will give you more and longer-lasting energy. Plus, a whole-food diet is more

simple and sustainable than restrictive calorie counting or elimination diets.

Powering your body with snacks like low-fat yogurt topped with granola, fresh hummus and whole-grain pita, or an apple and peanut butter, will carry your body through a workout and help you feel fuller longer. To make delicious homemade nut butter, throw three cups of roasted, unsalted peanuts or cashews into a high-powered blender like a Vitamix machine and blend for a minute or so. The result is a gooey, good-for-you treat that will provide ample energy for healthy pursuits.

While grocery shopping, stick to the outer perimeter of the store and pick up nutrient-rich and versatile ingredients like avocados, chickpeas, bananas, nuts and spinach, that can stand alone or be mixed into everything from healthy salads to frozen desserts.

Indulge Your Sweet Tooth

Being healthy and eating whole foods doesn't mean you have to sacrifice your sweet tooth. Before you plunge into a tub of cookie dough, consider other ways to curb cravings. Make your own, customized whole-food ice cream without artificial colors, flavors or preservatives using a blender. Varieties like apple pie and spiced strawberry will delight without guilt.

Or try a simple sorbet: blend two peeled oranges, two tablespoons sugar and four cups of ice. Use a blender with special settings for this purpose, such as the Vitamix Professional Series 750. Its Frozen Dessert program, one of the machine's five pre-programmed settings, allows you to make an easy, healthy dessert

in minutes.

Looking for something that feels even more decadent? Find recipes like chocolate hazelnut spread and more at vitamix.com/Find-Recipes.

For a healthier new year, focus on small, attainable goals, and use whole foods to get creative with your diet.

Elf on the Shelf

Jack, our Elf on the Shelf has made his way through our office throughout December.

On Monday, Dec. 26 he said his goodbyes to us all; he's headed on vacation until next Christmas! Jack will be back!

Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @VermontJournal to see all of our photos of Jack.

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Whip up a simple sorbet to indulge your sweet tooth healthfully.

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ON THE SNOW SNOW REPORT	Monday, Dec. 26, 2016		
	Lifts	Snow Depth	Snowfall
Sugarbush	12 / 16	36"	1" (12/26)
Killington Resort	15 / 31	24"	0" (12/26)
Magic Mountain	1 / 4	9"	0" (12/26)
Okemo Mountain Resort	17 / 20	20"	0" (12/26)
Stratton Mountain	10 / 11	20"	0" (12/26)

Vermont State Parks giving free guided 2017 first day hikes

REGION - Start the New Year on the right foot and get outside for a "First Day Hike" in a Vermont State Park. Individuals and groups are invited to join one of several free, family-friendly hiking events taking place on January 1, 2017 throughout the state in beautiful parks and forests. Professional guides and outdoor educators will lead the way, sharing their knowledge and love of the Vermont outdoors.

The hikes having different starting times and anticipated



Hikers take to the woods outside the Groton Nature Center on the first day of 2016 as part of the annual "First Day Hike" tradition started by the

Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Join them in 2017 for a fun winter hike!

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TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 020215.000

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

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You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must: follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold; and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, PO Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this ____ day of December, 2016.

Attest: Frank Heald
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 220377.100

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the utilities assessed by the Town of Ludlow for the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being those same lands and premises described in a deed to Michelle L. Shaw from James J. Alimena and Marie Alimena dated August 30, 2007 and recorded in Book 315 Page 66 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of land and buildings located at 8 Pond Street.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 090236.000

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Being those same lands and premises described in a Quit Claim Deed from Paul Burns to Paul Burns, Kevin Romano and Jerome Rodriguez dated December 4, 2002 and recorded in Book 228, Page 590 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of 12.43 acres, more or less, of land located at 0 Evergreen Acres, Ludlow, VT.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 030329.000

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Being those same lands and premises described in a deed to Karen J. Hammond from Wayne L. Hammond and Raymond H. Webb dated July 24, 2003 and recorded in Book 245, Page 432 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of land located at Route 103 North.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 030305.000

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

Being those same lands and premises described in a Final Decree of Distribution In Re The Estate of Gwendolyn J. Debish, Ronald J. Theissen, Administrator to John Debick dated January 5, 2012 and recorded in Book 357, Page 310 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of buildings and 8.90 acres, more or less, of land located at 132 Ranta Road, Ludlow, VT.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 220473.000

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See below for a list of offered hikes and details. Pre-registration is not required; simply show up ready to enjoy the outdoors and the company of other participants. Dress for the weather and bring beverages and snacks. If there are several feet of snow on the ground, please consider bringing snowshoes. Dogs are welcome on leash unless otherwise noted.

Don't need a guide? Take advantage of the breadth of opportunities to choose your own trek or ramble through Vermont State Parks and forests this winter. Find a park near you and discover a new place in its wintery state. Entry to State parks in the winter is free.

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Guide: Scott Davison (The Woodstock Naturalist) Meet: 10:00 a.m. at the ranger station
Hike: 1+ hour, easy terrain.
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Guide: Caitlin Miller from the Green Mountain Club Meet: 9:00 a.m. at Hunger Mountain Trailhead (Waterbury)
Hike: 3.5 miles, 5 hours, moderate to difficult terrain. Hike to the summit if weather permit

Jamaica State Park:
Guide: Lowell Lake Park Ranger Scott Renker Meet: 10:00 a.m. by the park office at the entrance
Hike: 1+ hour, 1-mile, easy terrain. Participants will have the option of a longer hike along the same trail.

For hike updates on December 31st and January 1st, please call (802) 249-1230. For more information on First Day Hikes and to view additional hike offerings as they are added, visit www.vtstateparks.com or check out Vermont State Parks on Facebook and Twitter.

Magic updates

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Magic's operations crew used their downtime to fix some holes in the aging pipes. They also groomed Show Off, which is in tremendous shape, and tracked up the new "dense" man-made on Trick.

Magic's Freedom Pass holders can check out some of the other independent ski areas offered on the Freedom Pass over the next few days for free.

Magic plans to expend whatever it takes and blow as much snow as possible to cover more terrain this season. Think cold and snow!

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LEGAL NOTICES

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, DEC. 30- CHESTER, Vt. - Community Art Garden is hosting another fun filled Comic Jam Workshop with local artist, Mindy Fisher. Workshop is best suited for artists 7+ and will be held at Community Art Garden, 295 Main Street from 12 - 2 p.m., and there is a cost per artist. In a COMIC JAM workshop, students create collaborative comic strips. Each student will start with one panel, and will have their comic passed around the classroom. Everyone will add to each story, leading to unexpected, and often hilarious, surprises. This fun activity promotes spontaneity, creativity and humor. All skill

levels are welcome. For more information or to register visit www.communityartgarden.com and look under "classes" or contact owner Emily Burkland at (802)289-3071 or theartgardenvt@gmail.com

THURSDAY, JAN. 5 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Have you been wondering what all the hype is about over essential oils? Are you looking for less toxic alternatives to maintain a healthy lifestyle and live a life of wellness? Join Morriah Signor at the Springfield Town library at 6:30 p.m. to learn all the essentials on Essential Oils. What they are, how they are made and most importantly how to use them! This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities. Please call 885-3108 for more information.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Fun and relaxing, Zentangle Intro class helps increase focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction and an increased sense of personal well being and calm. 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at Currier Hall on 12 Church Street. Registrar online at <https://sca-irc.wildapricot.org/Art> Fee for the workshop

MONDAY, JAN. 9 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - This program focuses on giving athletes the extra time and training. 6-week program that includes individualized workouts, group workouts, testing, and focus on areas of weakness including Speed, Agility, Muscular Endurance, Power, Mobility and Flexibility. The next session begins on January 9

call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

MONDAYS SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 9 - 10:30 a.m. play group at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 886-5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Back to Basics Boot Camp is a three-week program, starting Dec. 26 that will teach you an effective workout program in our Edgar May Fitness Center that you can continue on your own after the class ends on January 11. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:45

a.m. and focus on cardio, core, and strength exercisers and take place in the Fitness Center. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange Building on the Square. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-22074

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - 8 week series of Kundalini yoga with Liza Eaton KRI at 89 Depot Street from 9:30 - 11 a.m. is a safe & empowering practice. This is a gentle yoga class suitable for beginners with no previous yoga experience. Yoga mats, blankets, pillows & chairs provided. Part 1: January 10, 17, 24, 31 Part 2: February 7, 14, 21, 28 Sign up by Dec. 27 for Part 1, Jan. 31 for Part 2. Liza Eaton (802) 875-2868 eaton.liza@gmail.com

com. For full details, prices and to sign up online visit www.buddhafulyoga.com

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Crafts, Stories and Play Time toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Contact 463-4270

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons River Elementary School. Come on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - EdgarMay Open Play Group 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum. 71 Main Street. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call (802) 885-2568 or info@myreccenter.org

WEDNESDAYS- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204.

THIRD WEDNESDAYS- RUTLAND, Vt. - Figure drawing class. Come hone the your skills of observation of the human figure. Space is limited to 10 people. 6 - 8 p.m. Advanced registration required at www.chaffeeartcenter.org. There is a fee for the class.

RUTLAND, Vt. - Write Now! Release your writer's block and give yourself the gift of written expression. Bring whatever you are working on, whether it be creative writing, spoken word, poetry, or your memoir. Space is limited to 10 participants. Advance registration required. Facilitated by Joanna Tebbis Young. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. a fee for the classes. Register at www.chaffeeartcenter.org

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WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center (802) 674-6783.

FRIDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 9 - 11 a.m. creative movement activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at (802) 885-2727

SATURDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - EdgarMay Open Play Group 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum. 71 Main Street. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call (802) 885-2568 or info@myreccenter.org

WEEKLY - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Come swim with a great group of adults in our Masters Swim Group at the Edgar May Center. The group, beginning Jan. 2, meets twice per week on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. The group is comprised of a wide range of abilities including new swimmers. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Swimming lessons will begin on January 8. Youth swim lessons are offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Current classes available including our Parent and Toddler class in our warm water therapy pool as well as levels 1, 2, and 3. Our adult swim lessons are on Thursday mornings and feature three levels: Stroke Development, Stroke Improvement, and Stroke Refinement. We also offer a special class, Swimming for the petrified by appointment call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

REGION - "Bone Builder" to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday and Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9 - 10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Andover Community Church 3 - 4 p.m.

CLUBS

THURSDAYS, JAN. 5 - FEB. 16 LUDLOW, Vt. - Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s, a totally new kind of math club where you'll build stuff, toss beach balls, make amazing mazes and more! You'll have a blast with mischief-making activities like Beach Ball Party, Funny Money and Glow-in-the-Dark City. Grades 3 - 5 Fletcher Memorial Library, 3 - 4 p.m.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 030309.000

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

Being those same lands and premises described in a Final Decree of Distribution In Re The Estate of Jeanette Taylor, Agnes Sheldon, Executor to April Taylor Dunich and Wayne Taylor dated February 19, 2014 and recorded in Book 376, Page 379 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of buildings and 72.49 acres, more or less, of land located at 105 Ranta Road.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2016 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must: follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold; and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, PO Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this ____ day of December, 2016.

Attest: Frank Heald
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 030325.000

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Being those same lands and premises described in a deed to Bessie I. Webb and Roland L. Webb from Bessie I. Webb dated January 9, 2003 and recorded in Book 231 Page 252 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of land located at Route 103 North.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 230335.000

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

Being those same lands and premises described in a deed to Christopher and Tracy M. Martin from Earle H. Levenstein and Mary K. Levenstein and recorded in Book 257, Page 201 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of land located at Lots #8 and 9, Pine Hill Road.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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Attest: Frank Heald
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 230649.100

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

Being those same lands and premises described in a Warranty Deed from Joseph A. Josselyn and Jamie M. Josselyn to William C. Dolan and Brett E. Fish dated February 4, 20015 and recorded in Book 282, Page 62 of the Ludlow Land Records and Warranty Deed from William C. Dolan and Brett E. Fish to Carole O'Leary dated December 15, 2006 and recorded in Book 306, Page 419 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of 2.45 acres, more or less, of land located at 79 Pleasant Street, Ludlow, VT.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 070357.000

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Being those same lands and premises described in a deed to Sandra Colman Lerner, Trustee of the Rainbow Realty Trust Dated January 25, 1999 from Sandra Lerner dated December 11, 1998 and recorded in Book 181, Page 311 of the Ludlow Land Records and subject to Warranty Deed from Sandra Colman Lerner, Trustee of the Rainbow Realty Trust Dated January 25, 1999, to Richard and Lorraine Ippolito dated May 7, 2003 and recoded in Book 237 Page 245 of the Ludlow Land Records (13.01 acres conveyed out). Consisting of land located at South Hill Road.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

LEGAL NOTICES

calendar

COMMUNITY MEALS

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY – NORTH SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ham Suppers the North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street from 4 to 7 p.m. Handicapped accessible. There is a fee for the meal. Children five and under free. Call 802-886-8107

EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 7 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us on January 7 and help us celebrate 10 years of good health in our community. The EdgarMay will be FREE for anyone to use throughout the day and we will be offering a wide range of FREE classes, demonstrations, and give-a-ways. Check out www.myrecenter.org for more details and a schedule of events or call 802-885-2568

FRIDAY, JAN. 6 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Jerry Farnum opened a new business, State Farm Insurance, and is welcoming everyone to an open house! 240 River Street. Ribbon cutting ceremony starts at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18 - WHITE RIVER JCT. Vt. - Northern Stage at the Barrette Center for the Arts presents Trick or Treat, a comedy by Jack Neary, directed by Carol Dunne, and running January 18 - February 5. Neary's dark comedy brilliantly skewers a family in crisis on Halloween. A distraught husband, a nosy neighbor, and a dark secret set the wheels in motion for a night of confrontation, mystery, and relentless suspense. Advisory: Ages 14 and up for subject matter and strong language. An optional 20-minute post show conversation with the company follows Trick or Treat performances January 24 - February 4. Tickets and more info at www.northernstage.org

FRIDAY, JAN. 20 - KEENE, N.H. - The Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene's Synagogue, and the Historical Society of Cheshire County invite everyone to a special dinner event. At 4:30 p.m. Rabbi Loewenthal will begin the evening with a special talk on the Shabbat (Sabbath) followed by dinner and songs at 5:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. guests are invited to participate in a Sabbath service. Menu includes: Stuffed Grape Leaves, Fresh-baked Challah, Chummus with Assorted Vegetables and Crackers, Mixed Olives, Lentil Soup, Spinach with Potato and Feta Casserole, Rice with Carrots and Raisins, Mixed Green Salad with Pomegranate Seeds, and Seasonal Fruit. Tickets can be purchased the Historical Society of Cheshire County by calling 603/352-1895 or visiting 246 Main Street, Keene.

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY - PUTNEY, Vt. - Dinner and A Movie. At each event, at 5:30 p.m., the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at the newly-renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd.

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. 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.

WEEKLY - CHESTER, Vt. - Beginning

on December 30, Whiting Library, will host a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, The Bill of Rights and You, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. The Bill of Rights and You invites visitors to connect directly with the people, places, and events that mark this historic document's evolution. This exhibit runs through March 2017. Please call the Library for more information at 802-875-2277, whitinglibrary@yahoo.com and visit us Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library will host a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, The Bill of Rights and You, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. The Bill of Rights and You invites visitors to connect directly with the people, places, and events that mark this historic document's evolution. This exhibit runs through February 28, 2017.

LIBRARIES

TUESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Memorial Library off Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays," from 3 to 4 p.m. for kindergarten through grade six age children.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story time for Toddlers and PreK, at the Silsby Free Library, from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger plays. Session includes play time, an activity and a story time. Free and open to all.

WEDNESDAYS - ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Preschoolers Join Jordan for stories, fun and a simple craft. Contact wplyouthservices@gmail.com or 802-674-2863. Weathersfield Proctor Library 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Saturdays: 10 - 11 a.m.

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

WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library! 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call (802) 824-4307

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 (802) 674-2556

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Silsby Library, 226 Main St. 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 - CHESTER, Vt. - Story Time at Whiting Library from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277.

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. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JAN. 20 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The

monthly coalition meetings for Greater Falls Connections provide informative presentations on issues related to substance abuse prevention and updates on our work. Come learn, share, and be part of community-oriented solutions. Meetings are open to everyone, beginning at 5 - 7:30 p.m. located at Parks Place.

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

FIRST TUESDAY - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Abenaki Snowmobile Club is holding our regular business meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (September through May) at 7 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Fire Department. For more information, you can contact George Berube, Trails Master at 802-869-2593.

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

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 220443.000

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Being those same lands and premises described in a deed to Luigi Valente, Jr. from Carmela Valente dated June 9, 1998 and recorded in Book 176 Page 25 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of land and buildings located at 6 And-over Street.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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Dated at Ludlow, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this ____ day of December, 2016.

Attest:
Frank Heald
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 030311.001

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Being those same lands and premises described in a Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale from Jeanette Taylor or April Taylor and Wayne Taylor, Jr. dated May 14, 2012 and recorded in Mobile Home Sales Notebook of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of unlanded mobile home at 83 Ranta Road.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Ludlow, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 24th day of January, 2017 at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must: follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold; and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, PO Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this ____ day of December, 2016.

Attest:
Frank Heald
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the
Town of Ludlow and the Town of Ludlow School District.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Parcel No. 060134.001

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

Being those same lands and premises described in a deed to Andrew R. Shaw from Christine S. Shaw dated August 3, 2005 and recorded in Book 292, Pages 147-148 of the Ludlow Land Records. Consisting of Algonquin Trailside condominium unit 11-A located at 61 Rimrock Road.

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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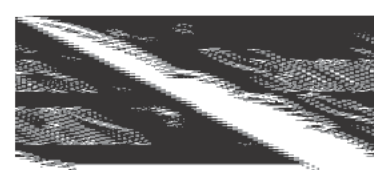
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships — personal or professional — which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

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The Bill of Rights and You

CHESTER & ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - A new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, The Bill of Rights and You, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document is available for viewing in two locations.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Currently running at the Rockingham Free Public Library is the new pop-up exhibit; it runs through February 28, 2017.

CHESTER, Vt. - Beginning on December 30, Whiting Library, on Main Street in Chester will host this exhibit; it runs

through March 2017. Please call the Library for more information at 802-875-2277, whitinglibrary@yahoo and visit us Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. They are also distributing pocket copies of The Constitution.

The Bill of Rights and You spotlights one of the most remarkable periods in American history, explores the origins of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The Bill of Rights and You invites visitors to connect directly with the people, places, and events that mark this historic document's

evolution. The Bill of Rights and You co-curator Jennifer Johnson states, "The Bill of Rights represents the Founder's vision that it would be the people, through votes, that could change the Constitution with enough consensus. And when the people desired a Bill of Rights, our first ten amendments were added to our governing charter."

Trivia challenge: How many amendments were there when The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791? Who was the primary author of The Bill of Rights? Which basic rights are guaranteed in the first amendment? The original second amendment was not

passed in 1791- it became the 27th amendment how many years later? What state's ratification made The Bill of Rights official? Where is the original Bill of Rights copy today?

Details about these historic documents may be found at archives.gov/amending-america. There you explore history, take part in the national discussion and download free ebooks about the creation and amending of The Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights and You is organized by the National Archives and Records Administration, and traveled by the National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service (NATES). This exhibi-

tion was developed in collaboration with the National Archives' National Outreach Initiative to

commemorate the 225th Anniversary of The Bill of Rights. The exhibition is presented in part

by AT&T, Seedlings Foundation, and the National Archives Foundation.



Check out The Bill of Rights pop-up exhibition in Rockingham or Chester.

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Edgar May Health and Recreation Center celebrates 10 years

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary on January 1, 2017. To honor 10 years of good health in our community, the EdgarMay will host an Open House on Saturday, January 7. During the open house there will be free use of the facilities, tours, and a wide range of free classes and demonstrations. In addition to the free events, the EdgarMay will also be offering a wide range of promotions including:

- \$10 off any memberships

purchased that day.

- \$10 off swimming lesson registration.
- \$10 off class punch cards.
- \$10 off a personal training session

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center features a competition-size lap pool, children's wading pool, warm water therapy pool; a 4,500 square foot fitness center with cardio, strength, and free weight equipment; and a group exercise studio with more than 30 classes per week. In addition to the facil-

ity, the EdgarMay offers a wide range of health and wellness programs including: swimming lessons, chronic pain management classes, boot camps, personal training, a Prescription for Exercise Program, scholarships and more!

The center is named after former Vermont State Senator and Springfield resident, Edgar May. Edgar was the driving force behind the creation and opening of the facility. Edgar was committed to providing area residents - especially youth and seniors - a safe, indoor place to be active and healthy. The Center's rates reflect that commitment as youths can purchase a membership for just \$13 per month, and a senior citizen can exercise at the facility for \$31 per month.

For more information about the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center or its programs,



Edgar May celebrates 10 years!

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please call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

- Schedule of Events -**
- 7:00 a.m. Masters Swim Group in the Lap Pool** - Our Masters Swim group is an adult swimming group that aims to improve swimming technique and endurance.
 - 7:30 a.m. TRX at Studio Momentum** - TRX, or suspension training, is a unique training

method for a full workout incorporating flexibility, strength, core, and cardio. For an all-around tone and fat burn, TRX is definitely the way to go.

8:30 a.m. Spinning at Studio Momentum - This indoor cycling workout utilizes a simple set of movement, hand positions and heart rate training to deliver a personal empowerment and unparalleled fitness results.

9:00 a.m. Aqua Exercises for Chronic Pain - with Kim in the Therapy Pool.

10:00 a.m. New Year, New Workout in the Fitness Center - Come learn a workout routine to kick-off your New Year's Resolution.

10:00 a.m. Youth Swim Team Practice - Come try out a practice with our youth swim team the Stingrays!

10:00 a.m. Open Play for Kids at Studio Momentum - Kids 5 and under are welcome to come in our indoor play space featuring tumble mats, exercise balls, climbing structures, foam blocks and soft balls, parachute lay and much more.

11:30 a.m. Turbo Kick with Krista at Studio Momentum - Ready to become a total knockout? Get in the zone and experience the ultimate cardio-kickboxing class. No bags. No gloves. Just challenging, FUN boxing combos choreographed to the hottest music mixes. You'll build strength and endurance, scorch hundreds of calories, and bond with fellow Turbo fanatics in this 45-minute, total-body workout. From the amped-up music to the incredible energy, you'll leave every class dripping sweat and ready to conquer anything! Great for all fitness levels!

1:00 p.m. Total Body Tone with Kim at Studio Momentum - Spend 45 minutes working your entire body!

This high-energy training class combines athletic aerobic movements with strength and stabilization using your own bodyweight and limited equipment, so you can duplicate every workout at home or on the go. Variety every time, hit all 3 classes a week to build and maintain a strong and lean physique.

1:00 p.m. New Year, New Workout in the Fitness Center - Come learn a workout routine to kick-off your New Year's Resolution.

2:30 p.m. Open Play for Kids at Studio Momentum - Kids 5 and under are welcome to come in our indoor play space featuring tumble mats, exercise balls, climbing structures, foam blocks and soft balls, parachute lay and much more.

4:00 p.m. Zumba with Alysia at Studio Momentum - Zumba exercise classes are "fitness-parties" that blend upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography, for a total-body workout that feels like a celebration.

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The Beaver event

WESTON, Vt. - Wilder Memorial Library presents, The Beaver - Nature's Superb Engineer Event held in the beautiful Weston Playhouse! Located at 12 Park Street, Weston, Vermont, right in the heart of the village on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This presentation looks at the historical significance the beaver had in the exploration and mapping of North America. Their unique adaptations



Join Weston Playhouse for The Beaver - Nature's Superb Engineer event. PHOTO PROVIDED

allow them to survive year-round in a habitat of their own making. The ecosystem that is created supports a diversity of

wildlife while also playing a major role in flood control and environmental rejuvenation.

Chaffee Art Center offers new classes

RUTLAND, Vt. - Try something new and take a class at the Chaffee Art Center!

Figure drawing class are every third Wednesday of each month.

Come hone in on your skills of observation of the human figure. Space is limited to 10 participants per class. Class runs from 6 - 8 p.m.

Write Now! Is another class offered every third Wednesday to release your writer's block and give yourself the gift of written expression.

Bring whatever you are working on, whether it be creative writing, spoken

word, poetry, or your memoir. Space is limited to 10 participants. Advance registration required. Facilitated by Joanna Tebbs Young from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Advanced registration is required for both classes at www.chaffeeartcenter.org. There is a fee for each class.



Try an art class! PHOTO PROVIDED

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pets of the week

Hi! My name's Indigo and I'm an almost 1-year-old neutered male. If you're looking for a fun-loving, life-embracing pup, we should meet!

I came to Lucy Mackenzie as a stray, and I'm so happy I wound up here. I love my people-friends and am always game for making new dog-friends, too. I love to play and romp

Hi! I'm Dawn and I'm a 1-year-old spayed female. A really nice lady helped me out when she found me living on her property and made sure I made it safely to Lucy Mackenzie. I'm not a lap cat, but I'm a gentle, lovely feline and a really great companion to other kitties. I love my kitty friends and try to befriend every new cat I meet! In my own time, I warm up to people and just need a home of my own and somebody that will accept me for me. If you have space in your home and heart for little old me (and live with a cat or two that could use an adorable little companion), stop in and meet me today!

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society is located at 4832 Route 44, West Windsor, Vt. We're open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 12 - 4 p.m. Reach us daily at 802-484-LUCY. Visit us at www.lucymac.org, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter. We hope to see you soon!

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Save the date for the 15th annual Music in the Meadow

CHESTER, Vt. - Fresh off the most successful Music in the Meadow concert weekend in its 14 year history, the committee is already planning ahead for the 15th annual fundraising concert for the Vermont-New Hampshire Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. This year's concert will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 24 & 25,

2017 at the Motel in the Meadow, Rte. 11 West, Chester, Vt. Event times will be 12:30 - 7:00 p.m. with the gates opening at 12 p.m. on Saturday and then 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Mark your calendars now!

We are hoping to surpass last year's record for donations of \$9,474.00, which takes the grand total raised in 14 years to

nearly \$60,000! All proceeds collected go to the Komen Race for the Cure to hopefully find a cure for breast cancer. There are no deductions taken out for expenses. All monies raised go to Race for the Cure.

Back for 2017 will be the very popular raffle, silent auction, and as always, entertainment performed by local musicians

who donate their time and talent. Also returning will be the horseshoe tournament, which is rapidly gaining in popularity. As always, food will be available for purchase both days.

New for 2017 will be a Family Oriented Day on Sunday with music, games and special events for the whole family to enjoy.

We are always looking for volunteers and musical talent to join us in our efforts to put these concerts on. Should you like to become a volunteer, or you have a musical act that may be interested in performing, please contact Brian Waldo with information at musicin-meadow2017@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



Save the date now for Music in the Meadow.

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Comic Jam workshop



Students make their own comics strips.

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CHESTER, Vt. - Community Art Garden is hosting another fun filled Comic Jam Workshop with local artist, Mindy Fisher (www.mindyfisher.com). Workshop is best suited for artists 7+ and will be held at Community Art Garden, 295 Main Street on Friday, December 30 from 12 - 2 p.m., and there is a cost per artist.

In a COMIC JAM workshop, students create collaborative comic strips. Each student will start with one panel, and will have their comic passed around the classroom. Everyone will add to each story, leading to unexpected, and often hilarious, surprises.

This fun activity promotes spontaneity, creativity and

humor. All skill levels are welcome.

For more information or to register visit www.community-artgarden.com and look under "classes" or contact owner Emily Burkland at (802)289-3071 or theartgardenvt@gmail.com

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<p>2015 TOYOTA TACOMA DOUBLE CAB, 4X4, V6, AUTO, TRD OFF ROAD PACKAGE</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$28,995</p>	<p>2016 CHEVY SUBURBAN LT PACKAGE, SUNROOF, HEATED LEATHER SEATS, REAR ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, ONLY 13,000 MILES</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$48,995</p>	<p>2010 FORD F-550 4X4, POWER STROKE DIESEL, ONE OWNER, ONLY 46</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$24,995</p>

<p>2015 FORD T-250 CARGO VAN Fully Loaded, Only 8,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$22,995</p>	<p>2014 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4x4, Fully Loaded, Only 37,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$22,995</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY EQUINOX AWD LT Package, Sunroof, Only 34,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$18,995</p>	<p>2011 CHEVY 1500 REG CAB 4x4, 5.3 Liter V8, One Owner</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$14,995</p>
<p>2015 GMC 1500 DBL CAB Only 500 Miles, 4x4</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$28,995</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY CAPTIVA Auto, Fully Loaded, Only 46,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$11,995</p>	<p>2013 CHEVY 1500 EXT CAB LT Package, Z71 Off Road, One Owner</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$24,995</p>	<p>2011 HYUNDAI ACCENT GLS 4 Door, 5 Speed, Only 63,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$4,995</p>
<p>2015 FORD MUSTANG 2 Door Coupe, Leather, Navigation, One Owner, Only 8,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$23,495</p>	<p>2014 TOYOTA CAMRY LE Model, Fully Loaded</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$15,995</p>	<p>2013 CHEVY SPARK LS Package, 5-Speed, Only 16,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$8,995</p>	<p>2010 FORD F-350 2-3 Yard Dump Body, 4x4, Clean, Power Stroke Diesel</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$20,995</p>
<p>2015 GMC 1500 DBL CAB 4x4, Z-71 Off Road Package, Only 15,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$32,995</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB LT Package, Z71 Off Road, Heated Seats, Like New</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$30,995</p>	<p>2013 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB 4x4, Z-71 Off Road Package, Loaded, Like New Condition</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$27,995</p>	<p>2010 CHEVY EQUINOX LT Package, AWD, Power Sunroof, One Owner</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$11,995</p>
<p>2015 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY Touring Passenger Van, Auto, Fully Loaded</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$18,995</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY 1500 DBL CAB LT Package, Fully Loaded, Only 12,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$27,995</p>	<p>2012 CHEVY COLORADO EXTENDED CAB 4x4, Auto, Fully Loaded, Only 52,000 Miles, One Owner</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$16,995</p>	<p>2009 SUBARU LEGACY 4 Door Sedan, AWD, 5-Speed, Only 93,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$6,995</p>
<p>2015 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT XLT Package, 7 Passenger Seating, Fully Loaded</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$16,995</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY CRUISE LT Package, Auto, Fully Loaded, Only 31,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$10,995</p>	<p>2012 CHEVY 1500 EXT CAB 4x4, 6.2 Liter V8, Fully Loaded, One Owner</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$22,995</p>	<p>2009 CHEVY 2500 HD 4 DOOR CREW CAB 4x4, Duramax Diesel, One Owner</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$15,995</p>
<p>2015 CHEVY CRUZE LT Package, One Owner, Only 16,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$13,995</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY SPARK LS Package, Auto, One Owner, Only 19,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$9,995</p>	<p>2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE LS Package, All Wheel Drive, One Owner, Extra Clean</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$11,995</p>	<p>2008 FORD FUSION SEL Package, Auto, Power Seats</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$4,995</p>
<p>2015 CHEVY MALIBU LT Package, Sun Roof</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$15,995</p>	<p>2014 TOYOTA PRIUS PLUG-IN Navigation, Super Economy, Only 28,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$14,995</p>	<p>2012 BUICK LACROSSE Premium Package, Leather, Sun Roof, One Owner, Only 22,000 Miles</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$15,995</p>	<p>2007 HONDA ACCORD EXL Package, Fully Loaded</p> <p>SALE PRICE \$8,995</p>
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Essential Oils 101

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Have you been wondering what all the hype is about over essential oils? Are you looking for less toxic alternatives to maintain a healthy lifestyle and live a life of wellness? Join Morriah Signor at the Springfield Town library on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. to learn all the essen-

tials on Essential Oils. What they are, how they are made and most importantly how to use them!

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.



Essential Oils with Morriah Signor.

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Free staged play readings

WHITE RIVER JCT. Vt. - Northern Stage is pleased to announce its fourth annual New Works Now, a showcase and celebration of new plays, and this year, female playwrights, to be presented January 6 - 8 at the Barrette Center for the Arts. Inaugurated in 2014, New Works Now presents rehearsed staged readings of plays new to the American theater. New Works Now 4.0 will include three staged readings over the course of three days, each featuring a post-show con-

versation with the playwrights, actors, and directors.

Producing Artistic Director Carol Dunne explains how the plays were chosen, saying, "Northern Stage has now established a strong track record of successfully producing new work, most recently receiving kudos from the New York Times for our Off-Broadway production of Orwell in America. Because of this success, we had a record-breaking number of plays - over 100 - under consideration for this season's New Works Now festival, and much of the best work we received was from women. We hope you will join us in celebrating these three incredible female playwrights in New Works Now 4.0."

Readings are as follows:
Portugal by Elizabeth Heffron, Friday, January 6, 7:30 p.m.

She Exits, Laughing by Marisa Smith, Saturday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.

Piece Of by Tasha Gordon-Solomon, Sunday, January 8, 2:00 p.m.

Admission is free, but seats are reserved. Contact the box office to secure your reservation at 802.296.7000 or boxoffice@northernstage.org.

Accompanying the staged readings is the second annual Thirsty Theater, a mini-series of pop-up 10-minute plays. No tickets are required for this series, which is scheduled for the following times:

Runway Lounge by Elisabeth Gordon at Tip Top Cafe, Saturday, January 7, 6:00 p.m. (Dinner reservations recommended.)

Polar Bear Swim by Marisa Smith at the Filling Station, Saturday, January 7, 10:00 p.m.

Repertory Theater Company presents Snippets

CLAREMONT, N.H. - On Friday January 6, the Repertory Theater will be putting on a fundraiser performance at the Claremont Opera House.

Snippets is a collection of short episodes of some of your favorite sitcoms in the 20th century. The audience will be taken on a trip down memory lane watching Live performances of "The Honey-mooners," "I Love Lucy," "The Beverly Hillbillies," "Happy

Days," "Cheers," and "Seinfeld."

Snippets is a one night only event. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. and admission is at the door. All proceeds will fund our upcoming summer show.

Please join us at the Claremont Opera House to see the hijinks of your favorite characters played by local talent. We hope to see you there!

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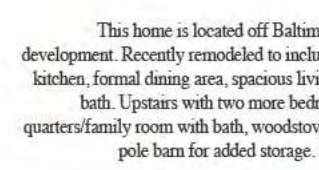


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