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The 45th President

January 20, 2017 was the inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States for his four-year term. Approximately 160,000 people attended the inauguration ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Mike Pence stands by Trump's side as Vice President.

Thank you to Barack and Michelle Obama for their eight-year dedication to our country.

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Fire shuts down Springfield Animal Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - There were no fatalities in the Springfield Animal Hospital fire last Thursday night, Jan. 19.

The hospital is located at 346 River Street. The Springfield Fire Department responded to the call at 8:22 p.m. when employees at the Animal Hospital noticed smoke in the building and called 911. Remaining calm and working efficiently, the employees were able to safely remove all of the animals in the facility. Some were placed with other area veterinary clinics, and some went home with the employees according to the Springfield Fire Department.

The first crews arriving on the scene quickly knocked down the heavy fire in the right hand corner of the building, which extends into the attic area. Fire fighting efforts were challenged by the add-on construction techniques of a second roof and thick insulation.

According to a press release issued by Springfield Fire Chief Russ Thompson, extensive overhaul was needed, and salvage operations were conducted in concert with the overhaul with guidance from the property owners.

Assisting the Springfield Fire Department at the scene were Golden Cross Ambulance, Chester Fire Department, Ascutney Fire Department, Bellows Falls Fire Department, Walpole Fire Cascade, West Weathersfield Fire Department, with the Charlestown Fire Department covering the Springfield Fire Station.

The business owners Brad Temple, DMV and Dena Meehan, DMV will be looking for a temporary location to house the Animal Hospital until the new building can be constructed. You can still reach the Springfield Animal Hospital at (802) 885-2505, as it has been forwarded onto the homes of Temple and Meehan.

Crews are still working to find if the Springfield Animal Hospital is salvageable.
PHOTO BY ROBERT MILLER

The fire from Fairgrounds Road. The flames were much more visible near VTEL where traffic was being redirected.
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Town budget taxes up slightly

BY JOEL SLUTSKY
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – With a slight tax increase, the 2017-18 budget was adopted at the recent Rockingham Town Selectboard meeting.

Article 1, a motion to adopt the budget at $5,382,600, with $4,381,675 to be raised by property taxes, unanimously passed the Selectboard.

Selectboard Chair Lamont Barnett talked about the spending plan.

"At last March's town meeting, articles included the buying of two new fire trucks, a bonding to fix the recreation center as well as the town hall roof, that resulted in a three cent (tax rate) increase to the budget," he said.

Interim Municipal Manager Shaun O'Keefe said that the goal for this year is an additional $4,770 cut in the budget, which means a one cent tax rate increase, that would cost $15 dollar a year more in taxes for a house assessed at $150,000.

Among additional warrant articles were the appropriation of money to the Rockingham Free Library in the amount of $396,972, with $347,070 raised by taxes, and $77,603 for social services agencies.

O'Keefe suggested that the board may want to hold a special meeting to approve and sign the warnings that will be posted no earlier than Jan. 19, and the board could approve the warnings with the addition of any valid petitioned articles and each board member could then come in and sign the warnings.

A special meeting could be called if there were any issues. A motion passed that the board approve the warnings as presented with the understanding that any valid petitioned articles would be added.

The Mount Ascutney Subcommittee was represented at the meeting by Tom Hernon and Margaret Perry, the Town of Rockingham representatives, who discussed the request for an article on the Town Meeting Warning requiring that TransCanada, or subsequent owners of the Bellows Falls dam, modify current dam operations and create a mitigation fund to reimburse towns and landowners for any and all damages due to operations.

"TransCanada has profited from the dams and, if there is an erosion impact that costs people money, we need a contingency plan in place," Hernon said.

Selectboard member Susan Hammond asked if the subcommittee has looked at the studies that were submitted and Hernon responded that they have, and as expected there are conflicts between the studies done by TransCanada consultants and state consultants. TransCanada is currently in the process of selling all of its 13 hydro dams.

The subcommittee includes the New Hampshire towns of Plainfield, Cornish, Claremont, and Charlestown, and the Vermont towns of Hartland, Windsor, Weathersfield, Springfield, and Rockingham, and New Hampshire's Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission.

The Annual Rockingham Town Meeting will take place on March 6, at the Bellows Falls Opera House at 7 p.m.

The town election is on March 7, with polls open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 66 Westminster St., Bellows Falls.

Jan. 30, at 4:30 p.m., is the last day to file nomination petitions, which require a minimum of 30 signatures for available positions. To see open positions, go to the Town of Rockingham's website at www.rockbf.org and click on "Municipal Government-Town of Rockingham-Town Clerk" to access a list of open positions.

Charlestown Family Medicine health center coming in June

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON
The Shopper

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Matt Nutting says "mid-June" when asked the time-frame for opening the $2.5 million Charlestown Family Medicine construction project he manages.

Construction for the 8,200-square-foot health center on Cedar Road can be seen from NH Route 12, just south of Whelen Manufacturing.

Nutting, who's on staff at HP Cummings Construction out of Woodsville, NH, explains a dozen subcontractors work on the site.

He shows visitors the Zip R-sheathed plywood with its one-and-a-half-inch layer of insulation. Nutting says the building walls will also get spray-foam, to become a nice, energy-efficient, very tight building.

Local builder Griffin Construction has 10 to 12 people working on framing, roofing, windows, siding, and trim. Lawrence and Laber of Bellows Falls will do electrical work. VHV Company out of Winooski will handle plumbing for the building.

The cement foundation poured in the fall has been kept warm to cure properly, Nutting said. An outside testing service checked the concrete for strength. Snugged in with blower heat, work inside can continue during the winter, he said.

Charlestown Family Medicine is part of the larger Springfield Medical Care Systems Inc., which includes the hospital in Springfield, Women's Health Center of Springfield, Springfield Health Center, Ludlow Health Center, and Chester Family Medicine.

The Springfield Medical Care System 2016 annual report reads: "We have now broken ground on an exciting building project that will soon give Charlestown Family Medicine a bright new home. They have outgrown their current space and we look forward to expanding services at this location, adding an occupational health specialty and offering walk-in care."

Currently Charlestown Family Medicine is at 125 Main St. in downtown Charlestown. It is listed as having a dental clinic. U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.) promotes Charlestown Family Medicine under community health centers on his website.

Federally qualified community health centers like Charlestown offer pediatric care, preventive health care, mental health services, health screenings, and management of chronic illnesses like diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and cancer. Community health centers accept Medicare, Medicaid, military insurance and private insurance.

The new health facility is being built on an 8.2-acre parcel, with 2.5 acres owned by Whelen Engineering and donated to Springfield Medical Care Systems, and the remaining 5.7 acres under contract with owner Paul Beaudry.

See more photos of the construction at www.vermontjournal.com

Construction of the Charlestown Family Medicine has already begun.
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Drawing of the Family Medicine building.

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Springfield Art Gym moves to Clinton Street

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art Gym, a versatile makerspace for art creators, has moved from its original Main Street basement location to bright, cheerful quarters on Clinton Street.

Mona Frye, one of the original driving forces in the founding of the Art Gym, is excited about the move.

"We moved here to improve visibility, offer better parking, and expand our space," she said during the first Open Art Day at the new facility. "We've been going strong since we started in August, and we're thrilled with all the community support we're getting."

Mona Frye is the cofounder of the Springfield Art Gym at the new Clinton Street facility.
PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

Though the new art space is cluttered with boxes of supplies yet to be unpacked, it's clear Frye and other volunteers have big plans for organizing the Art Gym.

"We have lots of materials donated by artists who change their minds about the medium they want to use," said Frye, as she pointed to a large table flanked with containers full of beads and beading equipment. "Here's an example — beads donated by an Etsy crafter who no longer needed them, and a great beading table donated from the Recycling Center."

On a nearby stand, Frye points to a large stack of prepared canvases.

"These came from a woman artist who was going blind — she couldn't paint any more and her daughter brought these canvases to us," she said. "I used one of them to paint the 'Willingness is the Key!' sign at the front of the gym. You feel a lot more mindful about your work when you know the story of materials like these."

Since its inception, the Art Gym has been run by volunteers who emphasize the importance of their motto, "exercising your creative process."

"We want this to be a place where people can try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again," said Frye. "We have free Open Art Nights the second Friday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m., open to people of all ages. One of the youngest members of our Steering Committee, an elementary-school-age student named Victoria Feickert, is here for almost every Open Art session."

"Most people want organized events," continued Frye, "so we're working on offering more structured classes like Paper Crafting, led by Elizabeth Meuse, Zentangle, a drawing class led by Wendi Lashua Germain, and a papermaking class with Diane Kemble in March."

Frye is also looking forward to creating a gallery at the front of the space where artists' creations can be shown and sold to the public.

"We're also hoping to have musicians come and share music with us during gallery hours or for Open Art time," she said. "We'd love to be a shopping and music destination as well as a studio space."

Complete class schedules and other information about the Art Gym can be found on its Springfield Art Gym Facebook page. Also on the Facebook page is information about donating materials and/or money to the Art Gym.

See more photos online at www.vermontjournal.com

Summer is on its way at Jo-Ann Gaffron-Hargrove's Studio

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Outside artist Jo-Ann Gaffron-Hargrove's window, the day is gloomy, with overcast skies and bare branches.

Her studio, though, is warm and welcoming, full of neatly organized paints, brushes, frames, and other supplies vital to her work, which is reverse glass painting.

A self-taught artist, Gaffron-Hargrove discovered the reverse painting technique when she saw it done at an art show.

"I thought, 'I can do that,'" she said. "I tried it out and have been doing it for 14 years, learning by trial and error."

Over the course of those years, Gaffron-Hargrove has shown her work at dozens of art shows all over New England. She dedicates much of her studio time during the winter to preparing an inventory for the busy summer season.

"I have a real following of customers now," she said. "They look for me at the shows and want to know what new paintings I've added. A lot of them follow me on my website."

Gaffron-Hargrove described the reverse painting technique.

"The images are painted on one side of the glass and viewed on the other," she said. "The technique requires a lot of forethought on the part of the artist. Painting is done in layers, in reverse order of the method used in painting on canvas or other surfaces. The first brush strokes are what the eye will see initially."

Jo-Ann Gaffron-Hargrove and one of her reverse glass paintings.
PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

Gaffron-Hargrove paints most of her images from nature. Local birds and flowers are favorites at her shows.

"I find that if I'm really interested in my subject, it seems to speak to the customers as well," she said. "I saw a flock of crows outside my window a few years ago and got interested in learning more about them, so I borrowed a book from the library and learned all about their habits, things like that. I painted crows in a birch tree and have sold many, many versions of that painting. People really respond to it."

Saffron-Hargrove spent 31 years working as a school counselor in Berlin, Germany. When she left Berlin and returned to Vermont, she said she was overwhelmed with the beauty of nature here.

"There is no lack of inspiration, living in the Green Mountains of Vermont," she said. "It is like living in a painting. Everywhere I look, at every time of year and in every bend of the road, there is something beautiful to see. Painting what I love is just a natural evolution."

Gaffron-Hargrove is one of the organizers of the May Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Church. This year will mark the fourth year she will curate an art exhibit and sale featuring seven or eight local artists. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 20.

Gaffron-Hargrove's work can also be seen on her website, gaffron-hargroveart.com, where you will also find her art show schedule for the year.

Springfield Winter Carnival is going to rock

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Prepare for an amazing weekend of family-friendly winter fun at Crown Point Country Club on February 10, 11 and 12. This year's event promises to be the biggest and best yet. Lace up your skates and enter a team of friends in the annual Broom Hockey Tournament. Put your creative skills to work and create a masterpiece for the Cardboard Sled Contest.

Connect with your family and build the best snowman the Snowman Competition has ever seen! Open skating and sledding will be available throughout the weekend (bring your own skates and sleds), as well as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Crown Point Pub will be selling burgers, hotdogs, chili, fries and drinks. Looking to warm up indoors? New this year, delight in the circus magic and hilarious antics of internationally renowned one-man-show Troy Wunderle's Big Top Adventures!

Other indoor activities will include face painting with Mona Frye, story time, and kids' crafts. Can't get enough? Check out our newest event: Downhill Snow Kayaking Races! Sure to put the thrill in your chill!

Still want more? Top it off with Fireworks, followed by an enormous bonfire, accompanied by outdoor music with DJ Mike Brehme! The spectacular winter fireworks display is sponsored by Atlas Fireworks and Kelley Sales and Service. (Parking for fireworks will be limited at Crown Point Country Club. Free Shuttle Bus service will provide rides from Riverside Middle School between 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. The bus will drop off at the end of the driveway at Crown Point.)

Springfield Parks and Recreation, the EdgarMay Health and Recreation Center, and local volunteers are the force behind bringing the Springfield Winter Carnival to you. The planning committee is working hard to put together this fantastic community event and more volunteers are needed! Consider helping out if you can, 802-885-2568.

For more info, check out the Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SpringfieldWinterCarnival

Or: www.SpringfieldVtParksandRec.com

To register for Broom Hockey, Cardboard Sled Races, Snow Kayak Races or Snowman Competition, contact: Andy Bladyka, 802-885-2727, springfieldrec@hotmail.com

General information or to volunteer or sponsor: Christian Craig, 802-885-2568, ccraig@myreccenter.org

Full carnival schedule is available on our website www.vermontjournal.com

Meredith and Gwen Kelley rocking the sledding slopes.
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Appointments available now for free tax return preparation

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Income-eligible Winsor and Windham County residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, offered by SEVCA in collaboration with Granite United Way. SEVCA has experienced, IRS-certified volunteers trained and ready to prepare tax returns for area taxpayers with household income up to $54,000. Appointments are available in Westminster, White River Junction, and Windsor starting January 31 and continuing through the second week of April. Residents of nearby communities in New Hampshire may also make appointments at these sites.

VITA volunteers can help with special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax and the Affordable Care Act's Premium Tax Credits. They also prepare Vermont income tax returns, property tax adjustments and renter's rebate claims. In addition to free tax return assistance, VITA sites offer free electronic filing. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper — even faster, when tax refunds are deposited directly into a bank account.

Free tax assistance is available by appointment only at the following locations: SEVCA's main office in Westminster on Tuesdays (daytime appointments), St. Paul's Episcopal Church in White River Junction on Thursdays (day and early evening appointments available), Windsor Resource Connection Center on alternate Wednesdays, starting Feb. 8.

Appointments in Westminster can be made by calling 800-464-9951. For appointments at White River Junction or Windsor locations, call 866-444-4211 (or simply 2-1-1 from a NH phone), or use the online scheduling system at http://nhtaxhelp.org/. Go to "Schedule an appointment now!" and select White River Junction or Windsor sites.

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Emily Wunderle is December Elks Student of the Month —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - It is a pleasure to announce that Emily Wunderle has been named the Bellows Falls Union High School December Elks Student of the Month. Emily, a sophomore, is the daughter of Troy and Sarah Wunderle of Rockingham.

Emily is a fantastic student who works hard on every assignment given to her. She always contributes willingly to class discussions; she willingly takes the lead in small group discussions, and she is never afraid to ask questions. Interested in learning all she can, Emily challenges herself with difficult classes. Emily is often seen helping her classmates with any questions they might have. She makes her education a priority and comes to school every day with an open mind, and a desire to learn. Emily is known for her positive attitude and uplifting spirit that she brings to her classes and any activities that she joins.

Emily Wunderle.

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Not only is Emily a strong student academically, she is also quite involved in the BFUHS community and the community in general. She is an avid, active member of the school's student council, a member of the field hockey team and an enthusiastic member of the BFUHS Drama Club. Also interested in music, Emily is a member of the BFUHS band. She has served her community through participation in a local summer youth field hockey program and participation in Circus Smirkus. This past summer Emily represented not only our community, but also our country through a School for International Training exchange to Costa Rica.

Congratulations go to Emily. BFUHS is proud to have her represent us this month with the award.

Springfield Elks Lodge presentation at veterans home —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Elks Lodge made the third presentation this year for an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant to the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vt., recently.

Exalted Ruler Vicki Siliski presented Retired Colonel USMC Al Faxon, Chief Operating Officer at the Veteran's Home in Bennington, Vt. with a check for $500, which was gained through a Gratitude Grant from Elks National Foundation.

Col. Faxon said, "because military veterans and their family members truly understand the importance of commitment and service, the decision to live at the Vermont Veterans Home means much more than choosing a nursing home. At the Veteran's Home, we work hard every day to fulfill our nation's promise to care for those who have served."

Situated on 84 acres along the Roaring Branch River in Bennington, the Vermont Veterans' Home features walking paths, gardens, a stocked trout pond and a herd of Fallow Deer. It is a first-class residential and healthcare campus. Sky lit corridors lead to lounges with expansive windows and each room has a view of a garden of wooded vista. The decor is warm and appealing and well maintained similar to military spit and polish.

Jack Barnes a member of Springfield Elks Lodge in Springfield, Vt., is a resident of the Vermont Veteran's Home in Bennington.

Exalted Ruler Vicki Siliski of Springfield Elks Lodge is shown presenting Col. Al Faxon USMC retired with a check for $500 allocated to Arts & Crafts and Toiletries at the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington, Vt.

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Café 7 is now open in The Opera House building

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The downtown district has added a new eatery to its market amenities. Café 7 on the square, a New World café, has opened in the ground floor retail space at The Opera House building. The recent turnover of the cafe at the location highlighted the need for a downtown eatery offering healthy options to new owners, Jonathan and Karen Wright, as they look to bring exciting and new menu options to their breakfast and lunch café.

With gluten free and vegetarian options ranging from breakfast tacos made with homemade tortillas to the 'Falafel Waffle' these exciting flavors will keep you coming back. Keeping the produce fresh and the meat nitrate free, the couple's commitment to providing options to those with dietary restrictions is obvious by the menu, gluten-free falafels, corn tortillas, salads, dressings, soups, and more make dining here an easy first choice.

Located in the Historic Downtown District of Bellows Falls in the Opera House building, the couple chose to repaint the space to bring a nostalgic feel that mirrored the brick-and-mortar architecture of the Square, and the location's long history as a lunch counter, soda fountain, or café. The high ceilings and tall windows create a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy a meal.

Café 7 is committed to green practices and sustainable agriculture. The café will be working with local farms and businesses to eliminate waste in the supply chain and bring the freshest products available, grown by our neighbors, to the consumer, as well as pursuing a higher level of community activism and support for the local arts community by hanging local artists on a revolving basis.

Café 7 on the Square is open Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to offering breakfast and lunch in a casual atmosphere, whether dining in or taking away, they will also be offering the space for events in the evening and catering. For more information, please call 802-460-1051 or email Cafe7onthesquare@gmail.com and look for them on Instagram and Facebook.

Career Day is a way to shed light on your career to students

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Looking for a way to get the youth in your community engaged in a career path? Here is your opportunity to help educate the students in the WNESU School District about your business and share your expertise in your line of work.

Whether you are a Nurse, Policeman, Laywer, EMT, Manufacturer, Artist, Travel Agent, Insurance Agent or you are in any other field of work, this is fun way for you to get involved with the youth in your community and make an impact on a student's future.

Career Day is on April 5 in the Bellows Falls Union High School gym from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to Reserve a Table you can contact Amber Sanderson at amber.sanderson@wnesu.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

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SRCC seeks 2016 nominations

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Every year the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce honors a Citizen of the Year and an Organization of the Year for their outstanding leadership, civic pride and commitment to the betterment of Springfield and the surrounding area.

We invite you to join us in recognizing those who are fostering growth and prosperity in our region. Do you know a person who has been making a difference in the neighborhood? Maybe someone who is always immersed in important community activities, or someone who has been devotedly involved with our local government? Are you thinking of a business or organization that always goes above and beyond? A company that supports worthwhile causes and is committed to giving back to the community? Show appreciation by nominating them for an Award of the Year!

Winners of the 2016 Citizen of the Year and 2016 Organization of the Year will be announced at the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting. Help us give thanks to folks who matter! Nomination forms are available on our website: www.springfieldvt.com. Deadline for submissions is Monday, February 8. Questions? Contact the Chamber at 802-885-2779 or springfieldrcoc@vermontel.net.

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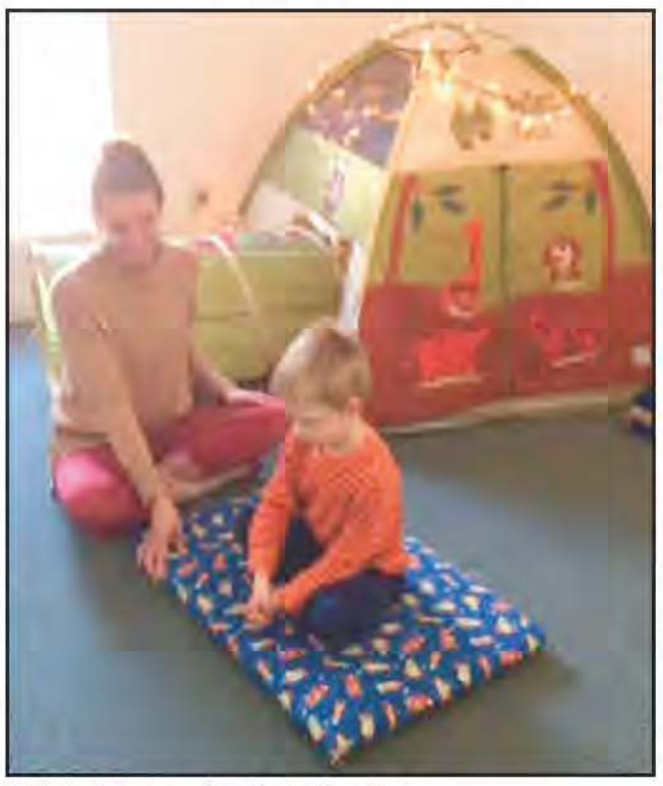
Pediatric Play at Mountain CommUnity Yoga

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Michelle Bonang, creator and owner of Pediatric Play is now offering pediatric occupational therapy services at Mountain CommUnity Yoga in the Mountain Marketplace, Londonderry. In addition, she has joined the MCY teaching staff as head instructor for children's yoga programs.

Michelle Bonang, OTR/L, RCYT, SIPT certified, is a spirited OT who has embraced holistic treatment techniques, grown overly passionate about nutrition, and has built an immense love for yoga over the lifetime of her career. She has over 15 years of experience, with more than 13 years specializing in pediatric occupational therapy and sensory integration. Michelle provides evaluations, consultations and treatment for children with fine motor and visual motor delays, neurodevelopmental and handwriting challenges, autism, ADHD, emotional/behavioral needs and sensory integration dysfunction.

Michelle started Pediatric Play in August of 2009, as she saw a significant need for pediatric services in southern and central Vermont. She works closely with families, as parent/caregiver involvement is key for carry-over and optimal success. Michelle works with the whole child from the inside out treating her clients holistically. She is excited to announce her availability to service the community from her new space in Londonderry.



Michelle Bonang and pediatric play client.

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Please contact Michelle directly for referral questions at 802.289.2930 / michelle@pediatric-play.com

Michelle also brings uniqueness to children's yoga at MCY through the eyes of a pediatric therapist. Her extensive knowledge of the neurological system, anatomy and physiology, and overall development allows her to program each session specifically to meet children's needs in a structured yet playful and energetic manner. Please join her Mondays at 10:00 a.m. where children will find their inner self & playful spirit while caregivers are rejuvenated.

This week's update on I-91 Rockingham bridge construction

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The following is the anticipated schedule of the construction to take place on the I-91 Rockingham Bridges #24S & 24N over the Williams River.

The left (passing) lane will be open to thru traffic and motorists should have little to no delays.

The northbound travel lane only (right lane) and the northbound Exit 6 on-ramp are now closed until approximately February 3. Traffic needing to use the Exit 6 on-ramp will be detoured to Route 5 north to I-91 Exit 7 on-ramp.

The Public Relations telephone number to call with any questions or concerns regarding this project is 802-862-6085 or 866-602-6868.

Find updates/changes at: http://countonitinc.com/rockingham-vt-bridges-91/

Try to overcome "roadblocks" to a comfortable retirement

REGION - In your life, you will want to take many journeys. Some are physical – perhaps you'll finally visit the French Riviera or the Caribbean. Others involve personal growth – one day, you'll finally become fluent in that foreign language you've been studying. But of all the destinations you can identify, few will be as important as retirement – specifically, a comfortable retirement. And that's why it's so important to consider the "roadblocks" you might encounter on your road to the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Here are five of the most common obstacles:

• Insufficient investments – Very few of us have ever reported investing "too much" for their retirement. But a great many people regret that they saved and invested too little. Don't make that mistake. Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. Even if you do participate in your retirement plan at work, you may also still be eligible to fund an IRA, so take advantage of that opportunity, too. And always look for other ways to cut expenses and direct this "found" money toward your retirement.

• Underestimating your longevity – You can't predict how long you'll live, but you can make some reasonable guesses – and you might be surprised at your prospects. According to the Social Security Administration, men reaching age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 84.3, while women turning age 65 today can anticipate living, on average, until age 86.6. That's a lot of years – and you'll need to plan for them when you create long-term saving, investing and spending strategies.

• Not establishing a suitable withdrawal rate – Once you are retired, you will likely need to start withdrawing money from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. It's essential that you don't withdraw too much each year – obviously, you don't want to run the risk of outliving your resources. That's why you need to establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation, incor- porating variables such as your age, the value of your retirement accounts, your estimated lifestyle expenses, and so on. Calculating such a withdrawal rate can be challenging, so you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor.

• Taking Social Security at the wrong time – You can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your checks will be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will probably be 66 or 67, or when your payments "max out" at 70. You might not be able to afford to wait until then, but by postponing the date you begin taking withdrawals, you could help yourself considerably.

• Ignoring inflation – It's been low in recent years, but inflation hasn't disappeared, and it could rise at exactly the wrong time – when you're retired. That's why you'll want your portfolio to include some investments with the potential to outpace inflation, even dur- ing your retirement years.

By being aware of these roadblocks, and taking steps to overcome them, you can help smooth your journey toward retirement – and once you get there, you may enjoy it more.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor

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Student art show at the Gallery at the VAULT through mid-February

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to showcase student art January through mid-February. When you enter the Open Wall Room, you'll be greeted by dozens of colorful third grade Selfies by Union St. students, art teacher Lisa Robarts. On either side of the fireplace is work by Riverside students, art teacher Marguerite Janiszyn. There are Radial Name Designs and colorful Prints. Stop in at Gallery at the VAULT anytime Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to enjoy the art of Springfield students and the fine art programs in our schools!

See www.galleryvault.org and Facebook.com/Galleryatthe-VAULT for info on workshops, Art Camps for kids, exhibits and our unique Open Wall, and share with your friends!

Village Roots Permaculture will be hosting a course

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Are you wondering how to create positive change and build resilience into your own life, on your own land or within your own community? A Permaculture Design Course (PDC) can help you do just that, by helping you to tap into the design principles that make nature bountiful and regenerative.

Village Roots Permaculture will be hosting a PDC at the Orchard Hill Community in Alstead, NH starting in March of 2017. The course will meet one weekend a month, for five months and will cover 90 hours of coursework, focusing on the ecological design of home, homestead, farm and community. Topics will include forest gardening, water management strategies, natural building, animal foraging, mapping, mushroom cultivation, and much more.

Village Roots Permaculture will be be hosting a five month Permaculture course.

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This course is also accessible to self-motivated teens who are concerned about the health of our planet and who wish to take steps towards designing new possibilities for a resilient future. Many colleges recognize the value of a Permaculture Design Certificate and realize that permaculture is rooted in ecology and is devoted to research based real-world solutions.

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Feb. 10th ..... Baked Stuffed Pork Chop	Mar. 17th ..... St. Patrick's Day - NO DINNER	Apr. 28th ..... Roast Pork
Feb. 17th ..... Yankee Pot Roast	Mar. 24th ..... 1/2 Baked Chicken	May 5th ..... Baked Meatloaf
Feb. 24th ..... Baked Meatloaf	Mar. 31st ..... Baked Turkey Breast	May 12th ..... Baked Pork Chop
Mar. 3rd ..... Baked Haddock	Apr. 7th ..... Baked Haddock	May 19th ..... Prime Rib*
	Apr. 14th ..... Good Friday - NO DINNER	

*The Prime Rib Dinner is $13.00. All proceeds go to the American Legion Baseball Team
All dinners are $11.00, which includes coffee / tea and dessert. Reservations are accepted and held until 6:30 p.m. The Friday Night Dinner Committee wishes to thank all who attend our Friday Night Dinners. See our weekly ad in the Bellows Falls Shopper. Starting Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 one name will be drawn every Friday at 6:15 p.m. for a free dinner for the following week.
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BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, Historian at Olive Branch Lodge #64 and a lifelong antiques dealer. He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

Gordon Gates & Sons Part 2

"After the roofing I got into the regular swing of things + I guess I must have done a right. I worked till the job on Magic was all done. The three partners split up. Phyl Hitchcock one of them started a job up on Straton + I went to work for him. I worked about a year and ½ for him and quit. He was the most aragont, sarcastic big shot I ever worked for.

I got along with him cause he never tried to give me any ----------. When we started building for some people, they were the finest people in the world. By the time we were ½ threw they were no good. He just couldent get along with people.

About the first of December one Friday noon he came in with pay checks + passed them out. I noticed some of the boys got a pink slip also. I noticed Harold Stevens got a pink slip + I asked him about it that afternoon. He said Im laid off and just before Christmas. Later that afternoon I asked Harold how hed like to come to work for me Mon morning? He said yes but you'll be here, you dident get a slip. I told him to just watch and see if Phyl comes in again Im going to give him a big surprise.

He came in about 4 P.M., and said well I got rid of some help this noon so this job will last us the rest of the winter. I'd always called him Phyl but now I was mad. Well Hitchcock maybe a little into the spring because Im all done as of tonight. He says to me you cant quit without giving me a notice. Im giving you a notice, ½ hr thats more notice than you gave thoes other fellows.

Harold + I cut balsom brush for Mr. De Cell for three weeks + we made good money. Id cut it before and new we could do good. Harold never got over that, I know that made him a Merry Cristmas + me to.

After Cristmas I done a lot of repair jobs. One big one for Mr. De Cell that lasted me into the spring. In the spring I went to work for Erwin Dostell on his Motell and from there for Clay Curtis next door who was building the Shamwow Motell. From there I went to Danby for Paul Hazenton who had been one of the other partners in Gen. Builders. That sumer Bill Merril + I road back + forth in my old Jeep over the Mount Tabor rd. We helped build a store for Moris Beldon on the new Rt 7 they were building.

Thats when I got my first experience layin cement blocks. I helped a mason from Rutland + Bill was our tender. (And we kept him buissey).

After Danby job I got a job from Loney Construction they were building the Weston Play House. I guess I had to be OK by then because by the time they were almost thrue they needed go to Benington to start the Paridice Motell. One afternoon Mrs. Loney came up to me + said Harold + I have been talking and we need to take some of the crew along with our two formen to Bennington to work. Harold has left it up to me to do the honers. Im making you our new foreman in charge of this job. You are a good friend of Ray Austin the arcertect and he said youd make us a good one. You can expect a raise in pay and 10c a mile to and from work. You also will be in touch with us all the time by phone in Brat. if you have any questions. I got along good and all the help done me a good job. Some of them (yes most of them,) had worked for Loney a long time but they dident resent me being boss. From there I went to Bennington, (with the same pay but dident have to act the part.) I mostly cut orders out in the yard with a big new De Walt radial arm saw, and checked lumber when it came in. I made good pay on mileage that sumer. I had a Voaxal station wagon and it got wonderfull milage and I was traveling 100 mi a day."

This photo is part of the front cover of the 1963 Weston Playhouse reopening after it had burned to the ground in 1962.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Watch for future installments of this story written by Gordon Gates. I worked for Albert DeCell painting houses when I was just out of high school, when painting slowed in October Albert put me to work cutting Christmas trees instead of laying me off. If you were willing to work Albert would find you work. Thanks Albert.

This weeks old saying is from Ben Franklin. "We are all born ignorant, but one has to work hard to remain stupid."

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WWII Springfield observation posts program

BY RON PATCH

The Vermont Journal

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Saturday, January 21th the Springfield Art & Historical Society held a special program on Springfield's World War II observation posts. Hugh Putnam researched the Springfield Reporters from 1941-1945 and delivered an in depth history of Springfield's posts.

Putnam outlined in a Power-Point program Springfield's known observation posts. The three original observation posts were: the Biben's post on Baltimore Road, the Adams post on Craigue Hill and the Stevens post on Skitchewaug Trail.

During WWII the machine tool industry in Springfield was the number seven site the Germans would likely bomb to interrupt this country's war supply.

High school students and adults served as airplane spotters at several locations in Springfield from 1941 - 1944. The observation posts were intended to be manned 24 hours a day in three hour shifts.

Volunteers were trained to identify all silhouettes of allied and enemy airplanes. Phones were installed in each post to alert authorities in Albany, NY. No enemy planes were ever spotted over Springfield.

Every seat was filled for the program with more chairs needed. Several older Springfield residents offered their own memories of the various posts.

WWII Aircraft Warning Pin.

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Army Observer Wings Pin.

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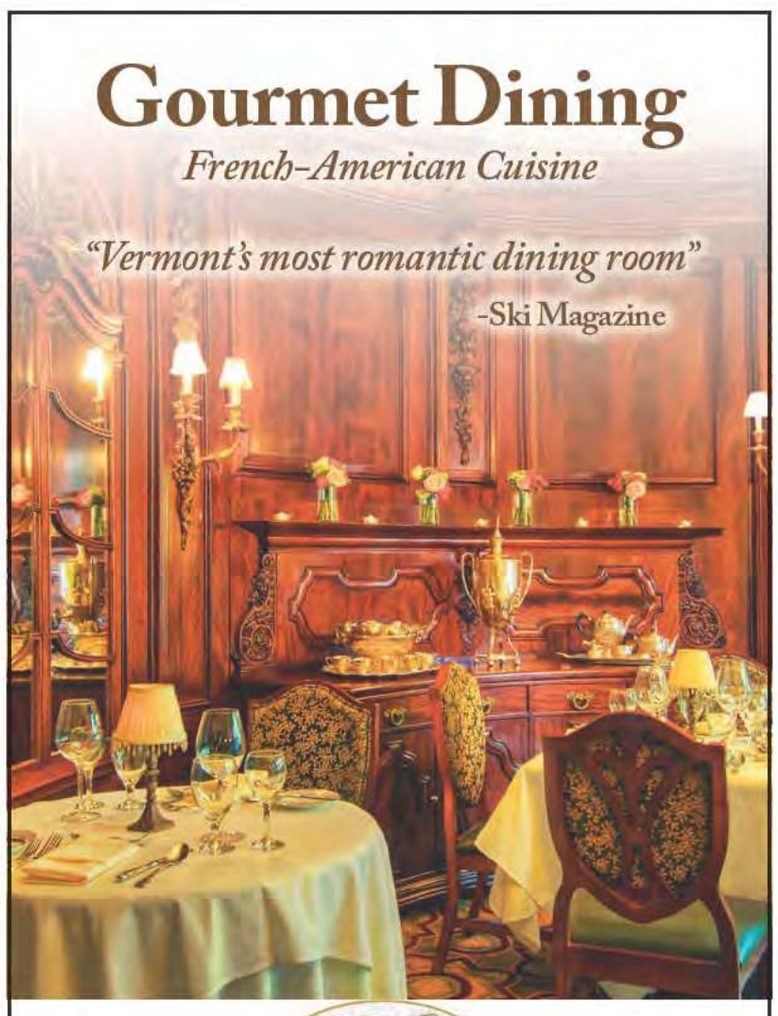

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women's March went international —

One of the state's biggest events ever took place Saturday, when upwards of 20,000 people flooded into Vermont's capital for the Women's March against the policies of President Donald Trump.

Demonstrators actually overwhelmed Montpelier, with all I-89 exits finally shut down and mile-long lines of vehicles heading downtown.

In Washington, D.C., the national Women's March drew 500,000 participants and lots of celebrities, like Scarlett Johannson and Amy Schumer.

We had former Gov. Madeleine Kunin and Bernie Sanders, but that was OK. Sen. Sanders wasn't on the agenda to speak, so his appearance was a delight to many of those in the crowd.

Other speakers were Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman, State Rep. Kiah Morris (D-Bennington), and representatives from Planned Parenthood, Black Lives Matter, Migrant Justice, and others.

There were lots of signs and placards everywhere in Montpelier, some interesting costumes, live music, and many speeches about our leader in Washington. Marchers met at Montpelier High School and walked the two blocks to the steps of the capital, a sea of winter coats and hats.

The march was live on livestream.com, although the video feed constantly broke up. If you watched intently you could sort of figure out what was going on and what speakers were saying. Next time, some pre-planning and testing might be in order.

Even with all those people, no one misbehaved, and pretty much everyone was nice and polite. Police said no one was arrested, and they stood back and watched with everyone else.

People carpooled from all over Vermont. In just about every town and city, there were rides being offered, buses chartered, and plenty of Green Mountain residents waiting to head to Montpelier.

Sanders said he won't let the Trump administration roll back issues like women's rights, immigration, police reform, and racial justice.

"You are not going to divide us up by gender, by race, by who we love," Sanders said. "In fact, your bigotry and your ugliness are going to bring us together in a progressive movement."

Police said the rally was the largest ever seen in the state capital. And it would have been bigger without the traffic jams that kept some away.

Kunin took the podium to offer a message of hope.

"The pendulum has swung so fast from Barack Obama to Donald Trump that we've got whiplash," she said. "I assure you it will swing back again."

Some people think it will swing back pretty quickly once Trump gets rolling, while others say he will do good things for the country and needs to be given a chance to succeed.

Regardless of how you feel about President Trump, his reign will not be dull.

We commend everyone who turned out for the march for standing up for their beliefs. It was a wonderful event.

~BM~

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The trusting relationship of mentoring provides guidance, support and encouragement to young people in a one-on-one setting, fostering confidence and competence in the mentee. Youth who are mentored are more likely to stay in school and go to college, engage in extracurricular activities, and participate in community service.

It is believed that substance abuse and violent behaviors can be prevented, while conflict resolution and communication skills are enhanced. Some of our Vermont governors and legislators, past and present, have benefitted from mentors in their childhoods.

As a volunteer mentor for Windsor County Partners (WCP), I am writing in honor of National Mentoring Month. On behalf of WCP, I'd like to thank our Southern Windsor County mentors who have committed to weekly meetings with a mentee: Deb Ankuda, Polly Blais, Darlene Brown, Kerstin Burlingame, Ed Caron, Christian Craig, Lizzy Craig, Deb Ankuda, Suzanne Farrell, Pat Graves, Bill Morlock, Sara Norcross, Laura Page, Laura Ryan, Bill Sheldon, Barb Slaton, and Jim Stokes.

So, to the above-mentioned mentors, thank you, and to you readers, we hope that you will lend your support to youth mentoring in Windsor County. Find more information about WCP atwww.wcpartners.org or by visiting their Facebook page. You can also attend their Open House at 54 Main Street on Saturday, January 28th from 1- 3 p.m.

Sincerely,
Sue Lee
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

To Senator Dick McCormack

I read your recent letter to the editor regarding the Electoral College and within just a few sentences I realized you don't have a clue about the U.S. Constitution nor the purpose of the United States being a Republic versus a Democracy. .

I suggest your do some basic research by reading the Federalist Papers and learn why the Framers wrote the constitution as they did.

The popular vote only matters within the state as it decides the electors for the State. They never meant for a National Popular Vote to decide and that is totally unconstitutional as well as not American. Your proposal steals the Sovereignty from the smaller states and gives it to the larger populated areas, not even the States, but the cities of some states. You are saying that the you want LA, NYC, Chicago and other Urban areas to make the voting decisions for all the rest of us? That is exactly what you have described. You are forfeiting our state sovereignty to the populated cities. Wow! Thank God it takes a Majority Vote by 75% of the existing states to amend the U.S. Constitution.

May I suggest Proportional Representation versus your idea of Mob Rule? What Proportional Representation is; if the Winner gets 60% of the Votes they get 60% of the Electors for that state, if 2nd place got 30% then 2nd Place gets 30% of the Electors and right down to 3rd place only. Then states like California that has 55 Electors the winner would have received only 33 of the Electors and 2nd Place would have received 17 of the Electors. This way the all the people of the state will be heard and as in California, the people in the rural areas would have a voice and not be fully controlled by the cities. It seems you don't want fair elections.

Please take the time to research the Constitutions, I find it insulting that someone who has been in Montpelier for as long as you have is so uninformed about our Founding Documents and how they define how our republic should operate.

Craig Averill
Goshen, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Does President Trump trust Communist Russia, but distrust our intelligence agencies? Will Trump stand up to Russia, an adversary of the US, a country that wants to spread its Communist totalitarianism to Europe, the Middle East and North America?

Trump might be hesitant to admit Russia hacked into Clinton's campaign because he does not want the public to think he won a tainted election. He won the election because of the ineptitude of Clinton's campaign staff, Clinton's private email server, and the desire for change by a large segment of the electorate in key states unhappy with Obama's policies. Trump should wholeheartedly support the Congressional investigations into the possible hacking by the Russians.

Trump wants to have good relations with Russia so we can work together to jointly solve some of the world's problems, which might be a positive move by the President, and it could make both countries more secure. However, we cannot completely trust Putin and Russia, and we always have to be wary of their motives and be ready to respond to their threatening and hostile actions. Hopefully, Russia does not have compromising personal and financial information on Trump, which could be used against us.

We must support President Trump, because his success is our success.

Thank you,
Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, N.H.

Dear Editor,

Nitka's notes from the state house

Many state agencies and entities are at the State House these days presenting their wide array of information to relevant committees in the House and Senate. Today the House Energy and Technology Committee, which also has the responsibility for utilities, hosted several telecom companies who provided information to the members. Some present were Fairpoint, Telephone Data Systems (TDS), VTel, Comcast and EC Fiber. They are serving rural communities in an ever-changing environment of communication.

The Vermont Veterans' Home Board and their director gave testimony in the Senate Appropriations Committee of their need for an increase in their budget, one million of it largely due a reclassification of their nurses' jobs and resultant salary increases. The Vet's Home employees 120 nurses and has 54 slots per day that they have to fill. The nurses are state employees and will receive the increased pay along with other state employed nurses around the state. At this time the Vet's Home is caring for 120 patients and could care for ten additional patients. Our state Health Department also needs a budget increase as they also employ a high number of nurses. Their budget increase request however is much greater in other areas such as for opiate treatment.

The Vermont State College System, which includes Johnson, Lyndon, Castleton, Vermont Tech and the Community College of VT, conferred 2,043 degrees in 2016. Other news from the "system" is that they are working toward the unification of Johnson and Lyndon as Northern Vermont University and located on the two current campuses.

There are many costs involved is doing this and some of the expenses will be in the state budget and spread over five years. The state colleges are adding new programs to meet our workforce needs such as CCV's Certified Production Technician program and Vermont Tech's software development and engineering programs spanning entry level certificates all the way through a master's degree. There are some very good opportunities for students at these schools.

This week Congressman Peter Welch visited The State House and although there were lots of questions, a lot of information won't be known until the new administration and appointees take their places. Vermont relies heavily on federal funds from the Military to Education to support our budget.

After Governor Phil Scott presents his Budget Address, the Legislature will work from there on the budget he presents.

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to testimony in the committees on many of the bills. Remember, we now have the skating rink on the front lawn. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us

Thank you,
Senator Alice Nitka
Montpelier, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Champion Fire Company of South Londonderry wishes to thank the Thrifty Attic for its continued support to improve our firefighting operations. This year's financial assistance is allowing us modify and upgrade our current Self Contained Breathing Apparatus compressor to a higher pressure and purchasing four 6000 psi storage bottles. Thank you Thrifty Attic!

Sincerely,
Jeff Duda, Chief
South Londonderry, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to announce the beginning of a local Peace Studies Study Group.

We all have to do what we can in this time of economic, environmental, and cultural disaster. My experience is in guiding and facilitating adult study groups, so I would like to establish a Springfield area Peace Studies study group. The curriculum is not new, so there is available a wide choice of resource materials.

Each participant can find a favorite thread and help educate the rest of us about that through discussion. Developing world peace seems like a formidable undertaking, but it is done one step at a time; there are several indications that the time is right and there are already many organizations working on precisely this problem.

Your expression of interest can be sent to Larry at harrylarryfarry@gmail.com or 802 885 5489. If you leave your name and address I will mail (or e-mail) you some curriculum ideas I have and we can begin to find out where and when we can meet. All are entirely welcome, including interested high school students. A belief in the future is required, but no experience is necessary.

Thank you,
Larry Sherk
Springfield, Vt.

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Obituaries

Carl L. Woodard 1947 - 2017

GRAFTON, Vt. - Carl L. Woodard, born Jan. 1, 1947 in Bellows Falls, Vt. the son of Arthur and Mary Woodard passed away at his home on January 21, 2017.

He went to high school at Leland and Gray Seminary in Townshend, Vt., graduating in 1964. Following graduating he joined the US Army. He spent much of his army career in Thailand.

On his return home he went to work at Wilson and Lawrence in Grafton, Vt. He loved his job mostly because it was outside work and that was where he always wanted to be. He worked there as long as his health allowed him. He was an avid supporter of the NRA, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. Carl had an infectious laugh and smile.

All who knew him will dearly miss him. He was a man loved and respected by many. His love of fishing and hunting was immense. He loved to go to his camp in Bloornfield, Vt., which he shared with lifetime friend David Lawrence.

Two brothers and two sisters survive Carl; Sandra Clark and her husband Ronnie, Julie Dawson, Steve Woodard and James Woodard and his wife Anna; four nephews and seven nieces.

Carl L. Woodard, 1947 - 2017
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There will be calling hours Friday evening, Jan. 27, 2017, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, Vt. Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Christian Community Church, Athens, Vt. Burial will be in the spring in the Houghtonville Cemetery beside his parents.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Carl's memory may be made to Grace Cottage Hospital or Grafton Rescue Squad.

Holger "Buster" Alan Holmberg, 1951 - 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Holger "Buster" Alan Holmberg, age 66 lost his 15-year-old battle with Diabetes with complications on Saturday Jan. 21, 2017 at his home with his wife Shirley by his side.

He was born in the Bronx, NY. He attended schools in Chester and graduated from Chester High School Class of 1968.

Following graduation he worked at several jobs in Chester before entering the US Army in Feb.1970. He served in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971 having received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Device, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Expert Badge with M 16 Rifle Bar, and the Army Commendation Medal 21st Artillery with 2 O/S Service Bars. He was proud to have served with the Tropical Lighting 25th Infantry Division A Battery 1/8 F.A.

Years after returning home he became a Police Officer for the town of Springfield and also served as a Fire Fighter for Bellows Falls Fire Dept. where he had an accident in 1987 and became disabled at the age of 35. In his younger days he loved to hunt, fish and play golf. On March 10, 1995 he became President of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VAA) Chapter 723, Chester when the Charter was first formed and the Charter forming the Chapter was received. He also belonged to many other Veterans organizations.

In 1975 he married Laurie Thurston; they had one son, Joseph Alan Holmberg who had 5 children. His parents, Bernice and Joe Kozak, and his brother Ronald Holmberg predecease him.

Holger "Buster" Alan Holmberg, 1951 - 2017
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Buster is survived by his wife Shirley (Trayhan) whom he married in August, 1990; a step-son, Roy Trayhan and a step-grandson, Blaze Robert Trayhan; his brother, Robert and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to a time of visitation and sharing of remembrances on Saturday Jan. 28, 2017 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m at the Adams Funeral Home, 35 Depot St. Chester.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Bayada Home Health Care 28 Vernon Street, Suite 327, Brattleboro, VT 05301-3668

Rosamond M. Lovell, 1925 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Rosamond M. Lovell 91, died peacefully at home on January 16, 2017 after a long illness. She was born May 1, 1925 to the late Ruth and Charles Magwire.

Rosamond was born and raised in Springfield. She graduated from Springfield High School in 1944.

After graduation and marriage she devoted her life to her family and friends.

Rosamond was predeceased by her husband of 56 years William Charles Lovell and by her sisters Marilyn Lunn and Joyce Kalata.

Her sister Betty Lyons, brothers Charles and Donald Magwire, daughters Ruth Corliss, Bonnie Harrington, Beatrice Merrill and sons Peter, Robert and William Lovell Jr. as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews survive her.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church located on Fairgrounds Road in Springfield on Saturday January 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Rosamond M. Lovell, 1925 - 2017
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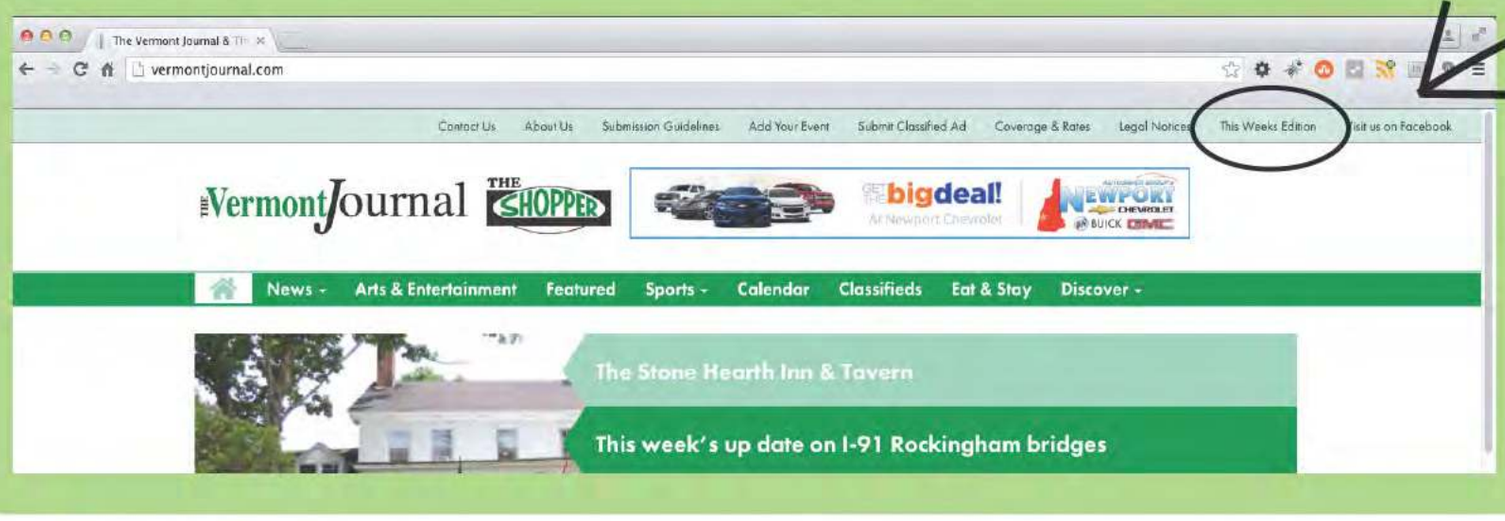

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BY BILL MURPHY

One exciting tidbit about area athletes is every year more and more seem to become college athletes. Coaches and guidance counselors appear to be doing a really good job of finding a place for their graduating seniors. Checking around, we found many athletes we tracked down over the past few days. If we miss your favorite performer who is still lacing their competitive shoes at the next level, e-mail us to bring us into their loop at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com and we will pass their exploits along to our readers in a few weeks.

For the purposes of this little exercise, we will present the athletes alphabetically, first by their local school and then by their last name:

Bellows Falls Union High School:

Michael LaBeau- The senior righty is looking forward to his final season at Castleton State University. LaBeau burst onto the scene at the end of his junior season, when he earned Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player honors and then went on to star for the Keene Swampbats, making the New England Collegiate Baseball League All-Star team last summer.

Spartan coach Ted Shipley in his 17th season at Castleton says, "Everything is presently going as positively as expected. He has done well this winter with his cardio and he has built strength. We had a good team last year, but we have to prove it again and it all starts with pitching and Michael is a big part of that."

Kendrick Mills- This former Terrier hoop player is a role player this winter on the Lyndon State basketball team. Lyndon is 6-9 overall on the season and 5-5 in the Conference. Mills is averaging 2.3 ppg and plays six minutes a contest. He played much longer against the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, when he got red hot and tallied a career high 11 points.

Mills is a good example of a player who loves the game and hangs on. I saw Kendrick play in person versus UVM back in November and although the Catamounts easily romped over Lyndon 79-20, Kendrick, a junior, was estatic to have competed in the environment of a Division I game at Patrick Gym. At first, Mills had hoped his big game versus MCLA would gain him some more playing time, but new recruits have joined the team this semester, leaving Mills in a similar role.

Cassidy Santorelli- Excitement abounded around the Field Hockey program at Farleigh Dickinson University, College at Florham this fall. The Division III Devils were only the second team in the school's history to earn their way to the Division III NCAA Tournament. They pulled a big upset victory over Utica College in the post season.

Santorell's coach Jenn Noon says that the former Terrier, who is a sophomore at FDU, "is a huge asset to the program and portrays the true essence of being a Division III student-athlete. Cassidy's work ethic is impeccable and she is always the first out to practice, last in the weight room and spends countless hours in the library. On the field, she is a spitfire relentless aggressor that wants the ball. This season, she was a spark for us off the bench, who created many scoring chances."

Sarah Wells- This sophomore Field Hockey forward at Castleton University gets it. Her coach Jessica Kischko calls her "a coaches dream" and goes on to pour on the praise from there. Kischko took over a program sadly in need of a rebuild and for that environment Wells was the perfect fit. The former Terrier started every game, is the teams third best scorer with 8 goals and 4 assists and provided "direction on the field."

Kischko, went on to say that Wells, "brings us energy, is passionate, and is excited to be a part of the rebranding of our culture. Sarah is super mature, understands change doesn't happen overnight and is a strong student, who is becoming a part of our leadership group. We want not only the best players we can find, but the best people who care about one another's well being. Sarah has fit that model well." Kischko is headed to the fourth year of her rebuilding job and has local roots. She graduated from Springfield High School.

Black River High School:

Morgan Kathan- The Lady President graduate is a junior forward, who contributed 8 goals and 5 assists to this past falls Varsity Soccer team at Keene State College. The Owls had a strong season with a 14-6 record and finished 6-1 in Little East Conference play before being upset in the semi-finals of the League Tournament by Western Connecticut State.

Owl assistant coach, Sarah Testo, told us, "Morgan is great finding a way to score big goals for us. Last year, she had an ESPN worthy goal, in which our goalie made a save off from a penalty kick and Morgan was sitting up at midfield and collected it, blew past the opposition and scored. She should be a big performer during her senior year."

Fall Mountain Regional High School:

Morgan Ferland- The former Lady Wildcat three sport star is on the path to success with another Cat family, the Vermont Catamounts track team. Morgan had a strong freshman year, finishing second in the discus in both her closest to home competition, the Dartmouth Invitational and in her America East Conference Championship meet last spring. Her event coach, Greg Wisser, told us "I think Morgan has a bright future for us. I think she should vie for the top positions in her events in our conference and possibly even on the national stage."

In our conversation, Wisser mentioned something about a "sibling rivalry." For those who don't know, Ferland's older sister, Jocelyn, also competed in weight events at the University of Vermont before Morgan's arrival and stood out. "Morgan has a great attitude," Wisser continued on adding, "obviously she would like to pass her sister's performance and she has those capabilities. Jocelyn was All-conference and All New England, so we'll see."

Brandon Heath- The sophomore pitcher was able to get his feet wet last spring with five appearances and had respectable numbers with six hits allowed, a 4.50 ERA, walking two and striking out three, BUT, the truth is, he was waiting his turn. Now, he will be in a battle for more opportunities as a sophomore.

Heath's pitching coach with the Owls, Marty Testo, says he "is a strike thrower and that should help his chances. He isn't the type to throw it by everyone, he is a pitch to contact pitcher, who, when he is at his best, has tremendous tilt to his pitches. He just has to keep working. We expect to use him more this year, and we expect him to push in such a way that he could develop a role at some time as a starter."

Josie Holt- The freshman goaltender is a member of the Keene State soccer team and is at an important stage of her career.

She appeared in one game in net for the Owls in the fall of 2016 and is the back-up goaltender behind the graduating All-Little East goalie, who basically saw all the time in net.

Assistant Owls coach Sarah Testo told us, "Josie definitely has the opportunity to win the starting job next year. She was the understudy this year, but she is very raw, but if you watch her, sometimes her feet don't seem to move fast enough, but her hands are incredibly quick and they often act like velcro."

Springfield High School:

Sara Locke- The junior forward from Weathersfield averages 1.55 shots a game and has scored 10 goals and has 6 assists in her career at New England College. She appeared in 20 games for a strong team in Heniker, which reached the North Atlantic Championship Game for the very first time in the school's Women's soccer history.

We were unable to reach her coach Paul Vazquez for a specific comment on Locke's contribution, but she played on a regular basis.

Chelsea McAllister- The sophomore 5-7 guard from the village of Baltimore is making a name for herself in another Springfield basketball program. This time around it is Springfield College. The Lady Pride is 12-5 and 7-1 in Conference this winter and McAllister is averaging 7.9 points per game.

Springfield Coach Naomi Graves in her 26th year coaching the hoop game at Springfield says, "we had contacts and we found Chelsea and she has really upped her game for us. She helped as a freshman, but now it is really exciting how she has developed as a player. She is playing 18 minutes a game for us and I am sure you know she can be a scorer, but she has really developed her overall game. She is becoming a better shooter and stepped up her defensive play and she is on track to become an impact player."

Bellows Falls Basketball stands 14th in Vermont State Division II standings

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Anthony Mueller, #31, seen shooting for the Bellows Falls Terriers is one of the biggest hustling hoop players in the area this winter. The Ever Ready Battery bunny has nothing on Mueller when he heads out on the court.

Bellows Falls is currently 5-4 on the season and stands 14th in the Vermont State Division II standings. In recent games they have defeated Black River 54-21, Springfield 87-54, Poultney 44-26, Long Trail, in a thriller 58-57, Black River a second time 49-38 and then bowed to Windsor 70-59 breaking a five game winning streak.

Mueller in the picture contributes in many ways including scrappy play, and in two games including the second victory over Black River and the one point win over Long Trail, he has scored 9 points to aid the cause.

Coach Ryan Stoodley said just before the Windsor game, "We are starting to click, but we still need to learn how to finish games. BF played Windsor well in the first half, but couldn't finish, bringing to the forefront Stoodley's concern. Stoodley had been concerned earlier with his teams lack of finish versus Arlington, West Rutland and Fall Mountain when the Purple and White lost the opening three games of the season by a total of nine points.

BF #31 ANTHONY MUELLER.

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BF #12 SHANE CLARK.

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Double figure scorers for the Terriers in the two Black River games were Shane Clark, #12, with 12 and 10 points, Clark had his season high with 25 versus Springfield and he also led the way with 14 against Long Trail.

Cam Joy continues to be a prime scorer for the Falls with a season high 29 in the Springfield contest and he contributed 15 versus Poultney, 11 against Black River and a big 8 in the Long Trail close one. Jon Skrocki had important 10 point contests in wins over Black River and Springfield and 7 in the Long Trail encounter, while Noah Wilkinson had a big point production game with 12, with every one of them needed versus Long Trail with freshman Ryan Kelly contributing in many ways as a sparkplug in many games and pitching in with double figures with 11 versus Black River the second time and with 10 in the rival Springfield encounter.

Springfield Humane Society celebrates Hallmark's Kitten Bowl

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Humane Society is joining North Shore Animal League America, and more than 100 shelter partners across the country, to celebrate Hallmark Channel's Kitten Bowl IV game with a Kitten Bowl Party event.

The highlight is finding homes for adoptable cats and kittens as well as dogs and puppies. In addition to showing Hallmark Channel's Kitten Bowl IV showdown on February 18th from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. there will be 50 percent off all cats over the age of 5, and $20 off all dogs over the age of 5! Refreshments and giveaways too!

Kitten Bowl is the greatest feline football showdown in cable television history and has resulted in over 1,800 adoptions nationwide over the past three years. The competition will be hosted by North Shore Animal League America's Volunteer, Foster mom and National Spokesperson, Beth Stern, who will be joined by Peabody Award-winning reporter, Mary Carillo, the voice of the New York Yankees John Sterling, and four-time Pro Bowl quarterback and Feline Football League Commissioner (FFL) Boomer Esiason to capture every adorable moment of fleet-footed, fur-flying kitten play-off. Kitten Bowl IV will premiere Su-PURR Bowl Sunday, February 5, at 12 p.m. on Hallmark Channel.

All of the players in the actual Kitten Bowl competition have found loving homes through Hallmark Channel's partnership with North Shore Animal League America – the world's largest no-kill, rescue, and animal adoption organization. However, there are plenty of fabulous felines at your local shelter waiting to find their new, loving homes.

Adoptable cats and kittens are the stars of this event with our equally adorable dogs and puppies cheering them on from the sidelines of Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail.

Watch the Kitten Bowl, and adopt a kitten!

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BRHS Sports Schedules

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 5:30 P.M
Away- Whitchester

TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 5:30 P.M.
Away - Proctor
Coach Larry Kelley

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, JAN. 27, 7:00 P.M.
Home – Rutland

SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 7:00 P.M.
Away – Whitchester

TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 7:00 P.M.
Away - Proctor
Coach: Donald Richards
Asst. Coach: Howard Paul

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, JAN. 27, 5:30 P.M.
Home – West Rutland
Coach: Jake Covell

BRMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 4:30 P.M.
Home – Long Trail

BRHS SNOWBOARD

MONDAY, JAN. 30, 1:00 P.M.
Mt. Snow – Slopestyle

THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 1:00 P.M.
Killington - Pipe
Coach: Bob Fortuna

BRHS ROCK CLIMBING CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 4:30 P.M.
GMRC - Rutland
Coach: Bonnie Allen

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Sweeney Todd cast announced

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The cast has been named and rehearsals are under way for the Main Street Arts production of Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street that will be staged at the Bellows Falls Opera House two weekends in March.

Director David Stern has announced the cast will be led by Michael Wright of Claremont, N.H., in the title role of the barbarous barber in the Tony-award-winning musical thriller set in Victorian England.

"Mike has an extensive theater background as both an actor and director," said Stern. "He is certainly bringing the notable experience and depth he had developed to the role."

Other members of the cast are Libby McCawley of Putney and Jessica Gelter of Brattleboro, sharing the role of Mrs. Lovett, and Aidan Flower of Brattleboro as Sweeney's daughter Johanna.

Liam Johnson of Brattleboro, last seen locally as the lead in MSA's "Bat Boy" production, will play the young Tobias Ragg, unwilling accomplice of Sweeney Todd.

Other cast members include Victor Brandt of Acworth, N.H., as villainous Judge Turpin, Steve Griffiths of Putney as the fawning Beadle Bamford, and Jonathan Reid of Brattleboro as Anthony, Johanna's love interest.

Stern notes that the production team is exceptional and features collaborations with personnel from many neighboring companies, and there has also been "incredible support from Kimball Union Academy and the Town of Rockingham."

David Stern directs the cast of the Main Street Arts musical Sweeney Todd at the Bellows Falls Opera House.

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Kenneth Olsson is music directing, Sandy Klein, creative director at New England Youth Theatre, is designing costumes, and Shoshana Bass, affiliated with both Sandglass Puppet Theatre and New England Center for Circus Arts, is choreographing the show. Stern has brought Sweeney's razors to life, with the lethal instruments being danced by Bass and Elsie Fleming.

Performances of Sweeney Todd begin Thursday, March 16 with a gala opening and continue Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18 and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24 and 25 at the historic opera house on the Square in Bellows Falls.

Tickets for the show are available by contacting MSA at (802) 869-2960 or online at www.mainstreetarts.org.

Sponsors of the production are Cota & Cota, Greater Falls Pharmacy, High Meadow Rovers, Springfield Printing, LaValley Building Supply, Allen Brothers, Ruggiero Trash Removal, Kimball Union Academy, Village Square Booksellers and the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP).

Creating a brighter side for your health

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Do you see the glass as half empty or half full? Holistic Nurse Practitioner Joni Foster-Robison, RN MS FNP, will present "Creating a Brighter Side for Your Health" on Saturday, January 28th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library.

In this class, Joni, who believes in the importance of promoting health on all levels, will help us learn to see the glass half full and improve our overall health in simple enjoyable ways. Come to this uplifting and relaxing class and let some of Joni's "joie de vivre" spill over on you!

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

Joni Foster Robison is a Holistic Nurse Practitioner who believes in improving health on all levels.

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Community read of Frederick Douglass's famous speech

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m., take part in a public participatory reading of Frederick Douglass's famous Fourth of July Address at the Rockingham Library's Top Floor Meeting Room.

Forty-four readers are needed in all to read short consecutive sections of Douglass's speech which challenges the audience, "What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us?" Thirty minutes is all that is needed to read this abridged version of the speech out loud as a community.

Pick up a printed section of the speech at the Rockingham Library's front desk today and then join other community members in a shared reading. This program is free. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

New books at the Mount Holly Town Library

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Each month we add new books – many are NYT bestsellers. Come in to find your new favorite read! Here are a few of our most recent additions to the collection:

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman (the author of A Man Called Ove), Turbo Twenty-Three by Janet Evanovitch (A Stephanie Plum Novel), Tom Clancy: True Faith and Allegiance by Mark Greaney (A Jack Ryan Novel), Here's To Us by Elin Hildebrand, The Chemist by Stephanie Meyer (author of NYT bestseller The Host), Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi, Faithful by Alice Hoffman (author of NYT bestseller The Marriage of Opposites).

Check out the new books at the library in Mount Holly.

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Creative journey at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Get ready for 2017 Art Adventures & Paint Parties at the Gallery every Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Choose one, some or all. This is a time to play, explore, invent and above all have fun! All classes are 2 hour and the class size minimum is four people. Stop by Gallery to sign up! BYO refreshments & appetizers.

Art & Paint Parties with Kim Ray:

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2/21- "Clay Whistles"/Hand building with self -hardening clay!
3/7-"Paint Your Pet or Favorite Animal"
3/21- "Learn to Draw" with graphite
4/4 – "Still Life Paining"
4/18-"Feng Shui Painting" for your Soul & Home

Art Adventures with Jane Mackugler:

1/31- Zentangle
2/14- Gelli Printing
3/14- Needle felting
4/11- Alcohol Inks

Contact Jane Mackugler for her Art Adventures classes 802-824-5974 / jmackugler@gmail.com.

Play and explore with art!

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Contact Kim Ray for her Art & Paint Parties at 802-824-6555 / Kim@kimraymurals.com

Classes will take place at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery at the Mountain Marketplace, 5700 Route 100, Londonderry.

Next speaker series "12,000 Years in the Granite State"

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Walpole Historical Society's Speaker Series continues on Friday, Feb.10th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Walpole Town Hall.

Anthropologist Dr. Robert Moody will share with the audience how, by the end of the Ice Age, archeological evidence discovered in Keene proves that people have lived in our region for 12,000 years.

Dr. Moody, who was the director of the Paleoindian Tenant Swamp excavations in Keene, has spent the last 30 years studying Native American archaeological sites in New England. Dr. Moody notes that, "The native Abenaki people played a central role in the history of the Monadnock region, defending it against English settlement and forcing the abandonment of Keene and other Monadnock area towns during the French and Indian Wars. Despite this, little is known about the Abenaki, and conventional histories often depict the first Europeans entering an untamed, uninhabited wilderness, rather than the homeland of people who had been there for hundreds of generations." He will discuss how the real depth of native history was revealed when an archaeological study, prior to construction of the new Keene Middle School, discovered traces of four structures dating to the end of the Ice Age. Undisturbed for

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Ski, ride, or snowshoe for fun and for a good cause

PERU, Vt. - The on-snow part of Ski for Heat takes place on Sunday, January 29, and there is something for every winter sports enthusiast, of all ages and abilities. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will be at Wild Wings and alpine skiing and snowboarding will be at Bromley, both in Peru, Vt.

Ski for Heat is not a competition or a timed event. Participants can come and go on that Sunday as their schedules allow.

Make a donation to Ski for Heat (or ask friends and family to "sponsor" you) and the trail fees at Wild Wings will be waived. "Chuck and Tracy Black, owners of Wild Wing generously open their beautiful ski touring center to us, and Chuck and Ian can work grooming magic on the trails," said event founder Martha Robertson.

The Wild Boar Tavern at Bromley will have a special "Bring on the Heat" spicy chicken wing special on the menu on January 29, featuring Chef Eileen's handmade Bromley Bomb Sauce. Think you can take the heat? Finish your order in 3 minutes and it's on the house.

Clark's Quality Foods in Londonderry is the title sponsor for Ski for Heat. "We are so thrilled and honored to have them with us again this year. They are so community-minded and have been wonderfully supportive of Ski for Heat since it first started," said Robertson.

Mark your calendar now for what has become a popular winter event. For more information, go to www.SkiForHeat.org.

Ski for Heat raises money to help local low-income households with heating and emergency fuel assistance. Proceeds go to the fuel assistance fund at BROC—Community Action. Ski for Heat is run entirely on volunteered hours—no portion of funds raised goes toward payroll or compensation.

Take part in Ski for Heat on the trails or on the slopes on January 29. It's fun, it's easy, and it's for a good cause. Info at www.SkiForHeat.org.

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Fiddlesticks String Trio to perform in local schools

BELLOWS FALLS / WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's "Fiddlesticks!" String Trio will present performances in two Windham County schools on February 10. Rockingham Central School (Bellows Falls) 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Westminster Center School 2:00 p.m.

Members of "Fiddlesticks" are: David Gusakov, of Bristol, violin; Hilary Hatch, of Leicester, violin and viola; and Bonnie Klimowski, of Fairfax, cello. (They also bring "Godzilla," the bass fiddle, with them!) Their dynamic performances are designed to introduce children to the most important members of the symphony orchestra and to make some of the key concepts in classical music making come alive. Longtime members of the VSO, the performers are funny, friendly, interactive—and wonderful musicians.

The Fiddlesticks.

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These performances are part of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's statewide SymphonyKids education program, which reached over 26,000 schoolchildren last year with 278 presentations serving 175 schools in 141 different towns. The VSO's traveling ensembles visit all corners of the state as part of an outreach program known as the Lois H. McClure "Musicians-in-the-Schools" Program. These lively concerts are met with overwhelming enthusiasm, as the musical ambassadors spread the word that classical music can be fun!

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the only professional statewide orchestra providing live musical experiences for listeners in Vermont. It is a state-supported non-profit institution founded in 1935 and exists for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral and chamber music.

Take your child to the library day

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Take Your Child to the Library Day is February 4th. Join Springfield Town Library for a wild adventure at sea! Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate is sailing into Springfield Town Library at 11 a.m. He will deliver boatloads of fun, entertaining, and interactive Pirate and nautical related songs for all ages.

Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate will put a smile on everyone's face and raise the roof with his exuberance and energy! While at the library be sure to sign your child up for a library card. Ahoy all daring and adventurous buccaneer's we hope to see you at the library. This program is free. Info at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org or 885-3108.

OLLI: The Secret Life of NH Beryl

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Jim Pecora, will begin the Winter/Spring 2017 OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Series on Tuesday January 31 with the program 'The Secret Life of NH Beryl.' It will be presented at 2:00 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Pecora, a Mines & Mining Historian and author will tell the story about the most precious and dangerous metal on earth. A large concentration of New Hampshire's state mineral existed in Acworth, N.H.

Pecora will educate and entertain the audience with a fresh perspective on the secret life of beryl, obscured from history because of the U.S. Government's intentional deception of its production.

There is a fee for attendance.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later on February 14, and will be 'Discovering New England Stone Walls' with Kevin Gardner.

The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available on the Internet at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli choose Statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

Winter Music Festival at BFUHS

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Union High School will be the host to nearly two hundred talented young musicians from Southern Vermont High Schools and Middle Schools for the annual District VI Winter Music Festival on Friday January 27th and Saturday, January 28th. The Winter Festival will feature students who auditioned and were selected to represent their district in high school concert choir, high school jazz ensembles and middle school concert band.

Students who participate in Districts have the opportunity to audition at a competitive level and perform challenging compositions. The young musicians work independently until the larger group comes together for this District Music Festival. Volunteer professional musicians and music educators work with the students rehearsing on Friday and Saturday and culminate the festival with the a public concert held on Saturday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Bellows Falls Union High School. Concert ticket prices are at the door. The Connecticut Valley Music Festival Association, Vermont Music Educators Association are sponsors for the concert. Every year music educators volunteer to assist with the annual District VI Music Festival.

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12,000 years, the site revealed information about the economy, gender roles, and household organization of the Granite State's very first inhabitants, as well as evidence of social networks that extended for hundreds of miles across northern New England.

This is a free event, sponsored by the Walpole Historical Society and supported by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and the public is invited to attend.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Free Ice Fishing Festival at Hoyts Landing

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Vermont's fourth annual Free Ice Fishing Day is set for Saturday, January 28, and will be celebrated by a fun-filled ice-fishing event in Springfield.

Vermont's Free Ice Fishing Day, which takes place each year on the last Saturday in January, enables both residents and non-residents to go ice fishing on any legal water body in Vermont for the day without a license.

"Free ice fishing day creates opportunities for a range of anglers, and really helps to showcase the great ice fishing we have here in Vermont," said Louis Porter, commissioner of Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "From those looking to try out the sport for the first time, to non-residents who may want to sample some of Vermont's quality fisheries, the day offers full accessibility to great ice fishing fun across Vermont."

Vermont's Ice Fishing Festival also occurs annually in concert with Free Ice Fishing Day, and the 2017 celebration will be held at Hoyts Landing on the Connecticut River in Springfield.

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 28 and is free and open to anyone interested in ice fishing.

Staff from Vermont Fish & Wildlife, instructors from the Let's Go Fishing Program, and volunteers from the University of Vermont's Wildlife and Fisheries Society will be on hand to teach ice fishing basics including knot tying, drilling holes, rigging and using an ice fishing rod, setting tip-ups and preparing for a day on the ice. Fishing regulations and fish identification will be covered as well.

Department staff will also operate a fish fry station to cook up participants' catches, and there will be other refreshments on hand including plenty of hot cocoa. Several warming huts will be available for anglers to use.

"The ice fishing festival is a free, easy and fun way for newcomers to get started in ice fishing, and also a great opportunity for kids and families to enjoy time together outdoors," said Nicole Meier, information and education specialist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "We encourage people of all ages to come out for the day, wet a line, try some fresh-cooked, local fish and enjoy all that Vermont has to offer during the winter."

Vermont Fish & Wildlife will lend ice fishing equipment to attendees for the day, but participants may bring their own tackle if they wish. Participants are advised to dress warm and wear ice cleats if possible.

Pre-registration is encouraged but not required, and can be completed online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. For more information, contact Nicole Meier at 802-318-1347 or nicole.meier@vermont.gov.

To learn more about ice fishing in Vermont or to purchase a fishing license, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Join the free ice fishing day on Jan. 28!

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Wildlife photo contest

A Baltimore Oriole.

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WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Sponsored by the Weathersfield Conservation Commission is the 4th Wildlife photo contest. Requirements: limited to native wildlife such as animals, birds or insects, contest only for amateur photographers. Photographed within a 50-mile radius. One submission per person, printed on 8 x 10 glossy. There will be three place winners, submissions are judged by 3 people.

Photos can be dropped off at the Weathersfield Town Office in an envelope marked Conservation Commission photo contest. There will be a drop box at the town office for after hours. The following information needs to be included: Name, address, phone number, email, and location of photo.

Submission is implied consent for the town to duplicate the photo in their annual report.

Winning photo will be mounted and framed, then displayed for one year at either the town office, library or school then returned to the owner.

Submission deadline is February 13, 2017.

Hunter access seminar —

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is holding a free seminar for landowners interested in learning more about hunting, wildlife management, and conservation. The seminar is co-hosted by the nonprofit Vermont Coverts.

The seminar will be held on Friday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the ANR Annex Building, 190 Jct. Rd. Berlin, Vermont. It will feature workshops and presentations by Fish & Wildlife head of law enforcement Colonel Jason Batchelder as well as several department biologists. They will review the rights of landowners and the limits to liability, and talk about who hunts in Vermont and what other recreational uses of private lands take place here. Biologists will also speak about the science of wildlife management, and discuss hunting as a tool for promoting healthy forests.

"This seminar is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about Vermont's hunting culture, and how landowners fit in the picture," said Chris Saunders of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "We'll participate in thoughtful discussion as a group, and address many of the facts and myths about hunting and hunters."

The seminar is free and includes breakfast and lunch. To sign up or ask questions, contact Lisa Sausville at lisa@vtcoverts.org.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information. Please email cathering.gjessing@vermont.gov or call the office staff at 802-828-1000 (voice), 1-800-253-0191 (TTY).

WARNINGS

Union #39 School District

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS

The legal voters of Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet for Public Informational Hearings on the proposed budget for 2017-2018.

Union #39 Black River High School Library - on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Mount Holly Elementary School Gymnasium - on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM

VOTING BY BALLOT

Ludlow Town Hall & Mount Holly Town Office

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

The legal voters of Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Office in Mount Holly and the Town Hall in Ludlow from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

Article I: Shall the Union School District #39 approve the school board to expend **$3,411,044.00** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **$17,216.90** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.00% higher than spending for the current year.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Union #39 Black River High School Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 7:30 PM

The legal voters of the Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet in the Black River High School Library in the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 7:30 PM to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Town Office in Ludlow and the Town Hall in Mount Holly from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted at this meeting includes the following:

Article I: To elect a moderator.

Article II: To elect a clerk.

Article III: To elect a treasurer.

Article IV: To hear and act on the reports of the Union #39 School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Article V: Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at $1,000.00?

Article VI: Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting the annual honorarium for its School District Clerk at $125.00?

Article VII: Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payments from member districts as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, § 711, by issuance of notes of money orders, payable not later than one year from date, for the purpose of paying its expenses?

Article VIII: To act on any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Union #39 School Board of Directors:

Bruce Schmidt, Board Chair

Angela Benson Clufo, Board Member

Linda Guerrera, Board Clerk

Susan Barton, Board Member

Randy Bixby, Board Member

Dan Buckley, Board Member

WARNING

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING and VOTING BY BALLOT

The legal voters of the Town School District of Mount Holly, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Mount Holly School** in said Mount Holly at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 2017, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the **Town Office Building** in said Mount Holly from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND INFORMATION HEARING

Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Mount Holly School

Article I: To act on the reports of the Town School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Article II: To allow the Board of School Directors to borrow money as necessary in anticipation of taxes.

Article III: Shall the voters of the Mt. Holly School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at **$500**.

Article IV: Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to make available the school district's facilities and equipment to such individuals or organizations for such use at such time as the Board deems in the best interest of the district?

Article V: To transact any other necessary and appropriate business.

VOTING BY BALLOT

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Mount Holly Town Office

Article I: To elect a Town School District Moderator.
Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (2)

Article II: To elect a Town School District Clerk.
Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (3)

Article III: Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District approve the school board to expend **$1,582,991.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **$16,363.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.67% lower than spending for the current year.

Article IV: Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District authorize its Town School District Directors to place all unencumbered funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying operational expenses?

Article V: To elect officers for the ensuing year

Mount Holly School Board of Directors:

David Venter, Board Chair

Robert Herbst, Board Clerk

Mary Alberty, Board Member

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ON THE SNOW SNOW REPORT

	Lifts	Snow Depth	Snowfall
Killington Resort	15 / 21	24"	0" (1/23)
Magic Mountain	3 / 4	22"	0" (1/23)
Okemo Mountain Resort	12 / 20	34"	0" (1/23)
Stratton Mountain	8 / 11	27"	0" (1/23)
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Applicant: David and Lisa McCafferty

Proposal: to build a two-car garage with shed and to construct a front entry with mud room

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Application No. 2017-1

Dated: January 12, 2017
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WARNING
PLYMOUTH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING BY BALLOT

The legal voters of the Town School District of Plymouth, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the **Municipal Building** in said Plymouth on **Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM** or immediately following the Town Meeting to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The polls open at the same location for voting by Australian ballot on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

The business to be transacted to include:

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Plymouth Town Office

Article I: To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Article II: Shall the voters of the Plymouth Town School District approve the school board to expend **$1,029,319.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **$18,701.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per pupil is **9.60%** higher than spending for the current year.

Article III: Shall the Plymouth School District authorize the School District Officers to place all unencumbered surplus funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of partially defraying unanticipated operational expenses pursuant to Title 16 §567 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?

Article IV: Shall the voters of the Plymouth School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at **$500.00.**

Article V: Shall the voters of the Plymouth School District approve the Act 46 Merger with the proposed Windsor Central Unified Union School District for FY 2019.

Article VI: To transact any other necessary and legal business.

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Plymouth Town Office

Article I: To elect a Town School District Moderator (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 3).

Article II: To elect a Town School District Clerk (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 3).

Article III: To elect Officers for the ensuing year.

Article IV: To elect a Town School Board Director for a 3 year term (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 10).

Article V: Shall the voters of the Plymouth Town School District vote to form the Windsor Central Unified Union School District ("New Unified District") on the following terms:

1. A. The Town School Districts of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Plymouth, Reading, Killington and Woodstock (hereinafter referred to as the "Forming Districts") are advisable districts for the establishment of the New Unified District.

B. The Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall also be considered advisable for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Town School Districts.

C. The Woodstock Union High School District shall also be considered advisable for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of each of the Town School Districts (except Plymouth).

2. If the voters of the six (6) Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, the New Unified District will be established. If the voters of at least four (4), but not all, of the Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, a modified unified union school district will be established to be known as the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District ("Modified Union District").

3. The New Unified District or Modified Union District will operate grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12.

4. A. If all town school districts vote to establish the New Unified District it shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of eighteen (18) individuals elected by Australian ballot by the voters of the municipalities in which they reside. Each municipality within the New Unified District shall be guaranteed at least two resident representatives.

Based on the 2010 census, the new unified union board will consist of two (2) representatives residing in and representing Barnard; two (2) residing in and representing Bridgewater; two (2) residing in and representing Killington; two (2) residing in and representing Pomfret; two (2) residing in and representing Plymouth; two (2) residing in and representing Reading; and six (6) residing in and representing Woodstock.

B. If a Modified Unified Union School District is formed, any Pre-K-6 districts that vote NO will be referred to as Non-Member Elementary Districts (NMED). Board representation in the Modified Union District will be proportional as provided in sub-section 4.A above, including full proportional representation from each NMED. Board members from each NMED will have voting powers for all general Modified Union District actions, but will recuse themselves from consideration and voting upon programmatic, budgetary, personnel, or building matters of the Modified Union which correlate to grades operated by the NMED.

5. The New Unified District or Modified Union District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2018, including both principal and interest, of the town school districts that joined the new union district. It shall also assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of the town school districts that may exist on the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds, specific endowments or other restricted accounts, including student activity and related accounts, identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the New Unified District or Modified Union District, and will be applied for established purposes unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.

6. A. No later than June 30, 2018, the town school districts that voted to join the new union district will convey to the New Unified District or Modified Union District, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to the encumbrances of record, all of their school-related real and personal property, including all land, buildings, and content.

B. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the New Unified District or Modified Union District Board of Directors determines, in its discretion, that continued possession of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the town school districts will not be used in direct delivery of student educational programs, the New Unified District or Modified Union District shall offer for sale such real property to the town in which such real property is located, for the sum of one dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes, and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants required by Vermont law, in addition to costs of capital improvements subsequent to July 1, 2018.

The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and using the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event the town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the New Unified District or Modified Union District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the New Unified District or Modified Union District prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the New Unified District or Modified Union District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the New Unified District or Modified Union District Board of School Directors.

7. The provisions of the Report and Formation Plan approved by the State Board of Education on February 21st, 2017, which is on file at the offices of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union shall govern the New Unified District.

Article VI: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the New Unified District: **(Drafting Note: Include only the director positions for the specific district in the warning.)**

Barnard: 2 Directors
1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021

Bridgewater: 2 Directors
1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021

Killington: 2 Directors
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021

Pomfret: 2 Directors
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021

Plymouth: 2 Directors
1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020

Reading: 2 Directors
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2019
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2020

Woodstock: 6 Directors
2 for one year terms expiring in March of 2019
2 for two year terms expiring in March of 2020
2 for three year terms expiring in March of 2021

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2017.

Plymouth School Board of Directors:
Julie Dupont, Board Chair

Rebecca Geary, Board Clerk

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WARNING
PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
CHESTER-ANDOVER UNION DISTRICT NO. 29

The legal voters of the Chester-Andover Union District No. 29, consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in the Library at the Chester-Andover Elementary School on **Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.** for a Public Information Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018.

(The Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Union District No. 29).

Jacob Arace:
Tonia Fleming: Tonia Fleming
Gary King: D. R. King
Marilyn Mahusky: marilyn mahusky
Monika Olesky: Monika Olesky

Julie Hance, Clerk: Julie Hance
Chester-Andover Elementary School District #29

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 13th day of January 2017.

WARNING
OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
CHESTER-ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29

Annual Meeting of the Chester-Andover Elementary School District No. 29, a corporation composed of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester, Vermont.

The legal voters of the Chester-Andover Elementary School District No. 29 consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester are hereby warned to meet at the Chester-Andover Elementary School on **Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.,** to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a school district clerk for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a treasurer for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 4: To fix the salaries of School District Directors for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To hear and act on the reports of the Chester-Andover Elementary School District Directors for the school year ending June 30, 2016.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters of said Chester-Andover Elementary School District will authorize the Chester-Andover Elementary School Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided by in 16 V.S.A. § 562 (9).

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE 8: To adjourn.

Jacob Arace:
Tonia Fleming: Tonia Fleming
Gary King: D. R. King
Marilyn Mahusky: marilyn mahusky
Monika Olesky: Monika Olesky

Julie Hance, Clerk: Julie Hance
Chester-Andover Elementary School District #29

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 13th day of January 2017.

WARNING
CHESTER-ANDOVER UNION SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 29

The legal voters of the Chester-Andover Union District No. 29, consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, **March 7, 2017**, to vote by Australian ballot on the following article\s of business:

POLLING PLACES AND TIMES:

ANDOVER TOWN HALL – 8:00 A.M. THROUGH 7:00 P.M.

CHESTER TOWN HALL – 9:00 A.M. THROUGH 7:00 P.M.

Said persons and voters warned, are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Chester-Andover Elementary Union School District No. 29 approve the school board to expend **$3,490,756.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **$15,263.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.80% higher than spending for the current year.

Jacob Arace:
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Julie Hance, Clerk: Julie Hance
Chester-Andover Elementary School District #29

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 13th day of January 2017.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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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

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - 2 hour art classes. BYO refreshments & appetizers. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Art & Paint Parties with Kim Ray: 2/7 – Paint Your Heart Out, 2/21- Clay Whistles, 3/7- Paint Your Favorite Animal, 3/21- Graphite drawing, 4/4 – Still Life Painting, 4/18- Feng Shui painting. Contact Jane Mackugler for her Art Adventures classes 802-824-5974 / jmackugler@gmail.com. Art Adventures with Jane Mackugler: 1/31- Zentangle, 2/14- Gelli Printing, 3/14- Needle felting, 4/11- Alcohol Inks. Contact Kim Ray for her Art & Paint Parties at 802-824-6555 / Kim@kimraymurals.com Classes will take place at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery at the Mountain Marketplace, 5700 Route 100.

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.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Starting February 1 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, VT, next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St.. Classes will be held weekly. Tuition is per month. A free introduction class will be offered on Wednesday, February 1. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at (802) 490-0225, by email: djem.translator@gmail.com or check for updates on FaceBook: https://www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/

CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering A Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30 – 11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Both classes are held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call (802)875-2868.

THURSDAYS-
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

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Turn the challenges of raising youth into opportunities for growth. Active Parenting is a great workshop for parents of kids of any age, especially tweens and teens. The workshop runs on Thursdays, January 26 – March 9 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. (except February 23) at The Collaborative, 91 VT Route 11, Londonderry, behind Flood Brook School. Participants will learn skills to help with clear communication, new ways to handle online safety and set screen times, conflict management and mindfulness techniques. This six-week workshop is free and each participant receives a workbook. Dinner and childcare provided with preregistration by calling The Collaborative at 824-4200.

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-
CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering Kundalini Yoga Dance every Friday 9:30 – 11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Both classes are held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call (802)875-2868.

WARNING
PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet in the Multi-Purpose room at the Cavendish Town Elementary School in Proctorsville on **Monday, March 6, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. for a Public Information Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018.

(Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Cavendish Town Elementary School District).

Eugene Bont
Barbara Dickey
Sharon Huntley
Fred Marin
Doug McBride

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19th day of January 2017.

Diane M. McNamara Clerk,
Diane McNamara
Cavendish Town Elementary School District

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19th day of January 2017.

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT
OF GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35)
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES
FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS

WHEREAS, Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, Vermont, (the "Issuer") intends to make public school building improvements, namely, roof replacement at the High School located in Chester, Vermont, subject to approval and authorization of the Issuer at a special meeting to be called and held for that purpose on March 7, 2017 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to pay certain capital expenditures (the "Reimbursement Expenditures") in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis;

WHEREAS, the Issuer reasonably expects that for that part of the Project consisting of design, permitting, acquisition, financing, administration, management and construction costs, debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed $886,550 will be issued, and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer declares its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the above-described part of the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing:

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer declares:

Section 1. The Issuer finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and that all of the capital expenditures covered by this Resolution were or will be made not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution.

Section 2. This declaration is made solely for the purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the Issuer to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.

Section 3. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures, within 18 months of either the date of the first expenditure of funds by Issuer for such Project or the date that such Project is placed in service, whichever is later (but in no event more than three years after the date of the original expenditure of Issuer funds for such Project), and to allocate an amount not to exceed $886,550 of the proceeds thereof to reimburse itself for its expenditures in connection with the Project.

Section 4. The Issuer's debt obligations for the aforementioned purpose will not be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Section 5. All prior actions of the officials and agents of Issuer that are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the Project shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 6. All other resolutions of the legislative body of the Issuer, or parts of resolutions, inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. It is hereby found that all discussions and deliberations of the legislative body of the Issuer leading to the adoption of this Resolution occurred at one or more meetings of the legislative body conducted pursuant to public notice and open to public attendance.

Section 8. This declaration shall take effect from and after its adoption.

The undersigned, District Clerk of the Issuer, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the declaration of the legislative body of said Issuer duly made at a meeting thereof held on the date, specified below, and that said declaration has not been amended, modified or revoked.

District Clerk

January 12, 2017

WARNING
PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in the conference room at Green Mountain Union High School, Chester, Vermont, on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** for a Public Information Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018.

(Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Union High School District No. 35).

Eugene Bont:
Deborah Brown:
Alison DesLauriers:
Jeffery Hance:
Henry Mauti:
Bruce Parks:
Bruce Pollard:

Julie Hance, Clerk:
Green Mountain Union High School District #35

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 13th day of January, 2017.

WARNING
OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet in the Multi-Purpose room at the Cavendish Town Elementary School on **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.,** to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District Directors for the school year ending June 30, 2016.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the voters of said Cavendish Town School District will authorize the Cavendish Town School District School Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided by in 16 V.S.A. § 562 (9).

ARTICLE 3: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE 4: To adjourn.

Ballot Items

To vote on the following items by Australian ballot. Polls open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. voting to take place at the Cavendish Town Elementary School.

ARTICLE 5: To elect a Moderator.

ARTICLE 6: To elect three (3) Cavendish School Directors for the Cavendish Town Elementary School Board, one for a three year term and two for one year terms.

Eugene Bont
Barbara Dickey
Sharon Huntley
Fred Marin
Doug McBride

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19th day of January 2017.

Diane M. McNamara Clerk,
Diane McNamara
Cavendish Town Elementary School District

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19th day of January 2017.

WARNING
CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet on **March 7, 2017**, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article of business:

POLLING PLACE AND TIME:

CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10:00 A.M. THROUGH 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District approve the school board to expend **$1,940,406.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **$15,982.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per pupil is 4.70% higher than spending for the current year.

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Diane M. McNamara Clerk,
Diane McNamara
Cavendish Town Elementary School District

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19th day of January 2017.

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CLASSES CONT.

FRIDAYS CONT. -
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

SECOND FRIDAY-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free Open Art Nights from 6 to 8 p.m., open to people of all ages. Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Art Gym on Clinton Street.

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. - 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

MONDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main Street from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive through. Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President, Tesha Buss at teshabuss@gmail.com

THURSDAYS –
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. JAN. 26– FEB. 16

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

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

SATURDAYS –
MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and set up a still life. The sessions are open to all and completely FREE of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper.

SUNDAYS-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Rd., North Springfield. Membership open at age 12. Call Commander, Maj. Fellows at 802-263-5544.

WOODSTOCK, Vt. - The Upper Valley Curling Club will play each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. from January 29 - March 19 at the Union Arena in Woodstock. The club invites anyone with an interest in the sport of curling to join them this winter. There is a non member charge is for the evening. For those who need it, the club supplies curling equipment. Union Arena is located on the grounds of the Woodstock Union High School on Route 4 just 1½ miles west of the Woodstock village. For more information on league play, drop-in games, or clinics please e-mail uppervalleycurling@gmail.com or visit www.uppervalleycurling.org.

COMMUNITY MEALS

TUESDAY, JAN. 31-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Church of Christ will host a free community dinner at the building at 972 Chester Road. Serving will be from 6:00 pm until the food is gone. The doors open at 5:50 pm. The evening's menu will include pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, beans, rolls and assorted deserts. Beverages will include lemonade, milk, coffee and tea. Any questions should be addressed to Puggy Lamphere at 886-2670, Tom Snow at 885-1614 or Ed Wilkins at 886-3065.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4 –
CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange is having their monthly community Breakfast at 8 - 9:30 a.m. It is buffet style, bacon, sausage, home fries, eggs, toast, plain and blueberry pancakes. Real syrup, juices, hot cocoa, tea, coffee. Fee per person at the door. Eat in or take out. This is at the Gassetts Grange Hall, about 200 ft. above Jct. 10&103N. Call Dave @ 802-875-2637 or The Grange Hall itself, 802-875-1051

EVENTS

JAN. 25 – FEB. 5 -
WHITE RIVER JCT. Vt. - Northern Stage at the Barrette Center for the Arts presents Trick or Treat, a comedy running January 25 – 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

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb 13th 2017 at the Town Hall, for a Final Plat Review of a Minor Sub-Division (application #492)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Hugh and Nancy Pennell
APPLICANT: Don Stein
LOCATION: 465 Pennell Rd
DISTRICT: Conservation Residential (CR)

ACTION REQUESTED: Sub-divide the existing 70.5 acres parcel into two smaller ones. Lot 1 will be 57.6 acres and Lot 2 will be 12.94 acres

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board
Michael Normyle
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
mnormyle@vermontel.net

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on February 13, 2017, at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit, located in the Mountain Recreational District.

APPLICANT: Okemo Limited Liability Company
77 Okemo Ridge Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY OWNER: State of Vermont
Department of Forests, Parks & Rec & Recreation
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676
PROPERTY LOCATION: Mountain Road

Parcel No. 060254.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to allow for an addition of one (1) biking trail from the summit. The project is located in the Mountain Recreational District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 430-15-CU; Amendment No. 2

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

Town of Londonderry
Development Review Board
Notice of Public Hearing

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, Vermont for public hearings on the following applications:

Application #001-17 by the Londonderry Select Board for Owner Town of Londonderry, for approval to construct a Salt and Sand Shed on Parcel 104017 located along west side of VT Route 100 also known as Luinetti Land.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office or by email from the Zoning Administrator [londonzoning@vermontel.net]. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Sharon Crossman, Interim Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on February 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for an amendment to a Local Act250 Review, located in the Jackson Gore Recreational District.

APPLICANT: Okemo Limited Liability Company
77 Okemo Ridge Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: Jackson Gore
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 030301.000
030310.000
REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a Local Act250 Review to amend pre-construction traffic mitigation & monitoring requirements to reflect existing conditions and law enforcement preferences. The project is located in the Jackson Gore Recreational District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 448-17-ACT250

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHESTER UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS

A Public Hearing will be held before the Selectmen for the Town of Chester, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at the Chester Town Office to consider the adoption of the amendments to the Chester Unified Development Bylaws pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4442).

The full text of the proposed Chester Unified Bylaws is available for public inspection with the Town Clerk at the Chester Town Office during regular business hours. These bylaws are also available on the Chester Town website, www.chestervt.gov.

TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13th 2017 at the Town Hall, for a Final Plat Review of a Minor Sub-Division (application #493)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Daniel Putnam, Marsha Putnam-Call, Richard Putnam and Paul Putnam Estate
APPLICANT: Don Stein
LOCATION: 159 River St.
DISTRICT: Residential 20 (R20)
ACTION REQUESTED: Sub-divide the existing 4.99 acre parcel into two smaller ones. Lot 1a will be 1.78 acres and Lot 1b will be 3.21 acres

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board
Michael Normyle
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
mnormyle@vermontel.net

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on February 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to amend a Local Act 250 Permit, located in the Mountain Recreational District.

APPLICANT: Okemo Limited Liability Company
77 Okemo Ridge Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY OWNER: State of Vermont
Department of Forests, Parks & Rec & Recreation
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676
PROPERTY LOCATION: Mountain Road

Parcel No. 060254.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Local Act 250 Permit to allow for the addition of one (1) biking trail from the summit. The project is located in the Mountain Recreational District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 431-15-ACT250;
Amendment No.2

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on February 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an Amendment to a Planned Unit Development Permit in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICANT: Betsy Mitchell
3 Forester Avenue #300
Warwick, NY 10090
PROPERTY OWNER: Lamere Square, LLC
3 Forester Avenue #300
Warwick, NY 10990
PROPERTY LOCATION: Lamere Square, Unit 3B
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel No. 220433.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to change a former retail space to a one (1) bedroom apartment. The project is located in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 51-92-PUD; Amendment No. 11

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on February 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for an amendment to a Planned Unit Development, located in the Jackson Gore Recreational District.

APPLICANT: Okemo Limited Liability Company
77 Okemo Ridge Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: Jackson Gore
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 030301.000
030310.000
REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development to amend pre-construction traffic mitigation & monitoring requirements to reflect existing conditions and law enforcement preferences. The project is located in the Jackson Gore Recreational District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 152-00-PUD;
Amendment No. 27

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

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EVENTS CONT.

JAN. 25 – FEB. 5 CONT. - 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

SATURDAY, JAN. 28 - BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Come listen/dance/ponder over the lyrically socially concious, horn infused, Funky Afrobeat sounds of VT Shakedown! Six piece band with bass, guitar, keys, drums, trumpet, sax and vocals. Enjoy the best tamales this side of the Vermont-New York border as well! Additionally, if you mention this ad at the gig we'll dedicate one of our songs to you. www.facebook.com/vtshakedown.9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. McNeill's Brewery is located at 90 Elliot Street in Brattleboro.

WESTON, Vt. - This family friendly presentation at the Weston Playhouse, 12 Park Street, is for children as well as adults. We will look at the historical significance of the beaver in North America. Their unique adaptations 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. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WINDSOR, Vt. - Come to the 3rd Annual Open House for Winsor County Partners from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at their headquarters in Windsor House, 54 Main Street. Enjoy a Gourmet Soda & Seltzer Tasting, along with nibbles. Call (802) 674-5101 for more info.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2 - CLAREMONT, N.H. - Claremont Opera House at 7 p.m., presents Patrick D. Anderson of Colby Sawyer College who will present a film retrospective supported by slides and film clips: Sennett, Chaplin, Keaton and the Art of the Silent Film Comedy. Film was birthed in silence during the first three decades of the 20th century. Patrick Anderson shows how the social and cultural history of the United States is reflected in the celluloid strips that captured it, especially as these three filmmakers developed the art. Tickets at the door: Free but donations accepted.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4 - CHESTER, Vt. - Square dancing from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Gassetts grange hall. A door donation is asked. Refreshments are on sale in our kitchen. 50/50 tickets are on sale at the door. Arnold Stoddard is doing the calling. Call Dave at 802-875-2637 or The Grange Hall at 802-875-1051

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. - 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. This exhibit 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.

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. This exhibit runs through February 28, 2017.

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RESOLUTION CERTIFICATE

I certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Clerk of Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, a municipal corporation located in the County of Windsor, State of Vermont (the "District"); that I have custody of the books, records and seal of the District; and that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the District, duly called, noticed and held on January 12, 2017, at which a quorum of members was present and voting; and that the same remains in full force and effect, and has not been amended, rescinded, abridged, modified or contested in any way:

"WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that the public interest and necessity demand certain school building improvements, namely, reconstruction and replacement of the Green Mountain Union High School Building in Chester, Vermont, at an aggregate estimated cost of Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars ($886,550); and

"WHEREAS, it is hereby further found and determined that the cost of completing said public improvements, after application of funds available from the United States of America and/or the State of Vermont, appropriations and reserve funds, would be too great to be paid out of the ordinary income and revenue of the District; and

"WHEREAS, a proposal for providing such construction and improvements and the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the District in an aggregate amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars ($886,550), subject to reduction from available state construction grants-in-aid, appropriations and reserve funds, to pay for the cost of the same shall be submitted to the legal voters of the District at a special meeting thereof duly called and held for that purpose on March 7, 2017; and

"WHEREAS, all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the District for the purpose of financing such improvements, as well as the construction, maintenance and operation of such improvements within the corporate limits of the District, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 9 and 11 of Title 16, and Chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a special meeting of the District be called for March 7, 2017 to consider the proposition of incurring general obligation indebtedness for the above identified improvements; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Warning and form of Ballot be adopted for use in considering the foregoing proposition."

Dated: January 12, 2017 ATTEST:

Clerk, Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35

SEAL

Received for record and recorded this 13th day of January, 2017, in the records of Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35.

Clerk, Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35

WARNING

The legal voters of the Towns of Chester, Andover and Cavendish, being of Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the official polling places in their respective Towns, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock (a.m.) in the Town of Chester; 8:00 o'clock (a.m.) in the Town of Andover; and 10:00 o'clock (a.m.) in the Town of Cavendish, at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall bonds or notes of Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars ($886,550), subject to reduction from available state and/or federal construction grants-in-aid and the application of up to One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($175,000) reserves, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of reconstructing and replacing the Green Mountain Union High School roof in the Town of Chester, the estimated cost of such improvements being Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars ($886,550)?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at the polling place in the Town of Chester, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Chester, Andover and Cavendish under the supervision of the Clerk of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35.

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed school building improvements and the financing thereof on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vermont.

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Sections 706u-706w of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 held on January 12, 2017. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 on January 13, 2017.

ATTEST:

Clerk, Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35

Chair, Board of School Directors, Alison DesLauriers

Board of School Directors, Eugene Bont

Board of School Directors, Deborah Brown

Board of School Directors, Jeffery Hance

Board of School Directors, Henry Mauti

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Stomach muscles
4 Graceful sprite
8 Wise one
12 Promise
13 Surrounded by
14 From the beginning
15 Mound stat
16 Make more acceptable
18 Picture puzzle
20 Thee
21 Sharp turns
24 Horse's call
28 Drool
32 Unrivaled
33 Hearty brew
34 Beethoven's "Fuer --"
36 Pitch
37 Campus mil. org.
39 Part
41 Man of morals?
43 Mediocre
44 Workweek end (Abbr.)
46 Poisonous
50 Asphyxiate
55 Cattle call?
56 Capri or Wight
57 Always
58 Puncturing tool
59 Bygone comedian Martha
60 College VIP
61 Blue

DOWN
1 State with certainty
2 Use a drill
3 Use a mop
4 Lethargic
5 Ostrich's cousin
6 Cage component
7 Without doing anything
8 Justice Alito
9 Literary collection
10 Obtain
11 Ram's mate
17 Charged bit
19 Submachine gun
22 Guys' dates
23 Pigs' digs
25 Tittle
26 Summertime pest
27 Present
28 Poet Teasdale
29 Lotion additive
30 "-- Make a Deal"
31 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
35 Oriental
38 Morning stimulant
40 Kanga's kid
42 Expert
45 On the rocks
47 Grand opening day?
48 Midwest state
49 45-Down, perhaps
50 Knightly address
51 Mex. neighbor
52 Aviate
53 "Hail!"
54 Alternative to 38-Down

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of mixed signals can create an unreliable situation in which to make decisions. Best advice: Hold off on making any commitments until you're sure you know what's going on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An apparently friendly offer comes with some strings attached. Be careful not to get tied into something you don't really want. Thoroughly examine all your options before making a choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're not careful, distractions can interrupt your best efforts. Continue to focus on what you need to do. You'll soon have lots of time to enjoy the rewards of your dedication.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Knowledge replaces suspicion as you begin to learn more about that "act of betrayal." On a lighter note, someone close to you might be planning a pleasant surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Control your sometimes-overactive jealousy gene before you find yourself saying or doing something that you could later regret. Best advice: Stop obsessing and move on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to loosen up and do something wonderful and exciting before your more reserved nature resurfaces. A message brings news of imminent change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Cheer up. Things begin to improve significantly by mid-February. However, you might still need help to get through the rest of this sometimes-difficult period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Something you learned last week takes on new meaning as you begin to relate it to another situation in your life. It's best to keep this matter to yourself for now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energy level is climbing, and so is your self-confidence. Good for you, because you'll need a good dollop of both to tackle an exciting challenge on the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family issue might interrupt a career-linked project. Try to give the matter the attention it needs, but be careful not to jeopardize your workplace situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some self-doubt shows up this week, causing you to question your ability to handle a new challenge. But you know you can do it, and this is your chance to prove it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal matter requires you to be as clear and forthcoming as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings. A career move is eased with the emergence of new facts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of reaching people that makes them feel good about themselves. You would be an excellent motivational speaker.

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calendar

LIBRARIES

SATURDAY, JAN. 28
BELMONT, Vt. - This family friendly presentation at the Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, is for children as well as adults. We will look at the historical significance of the beaver in North America. Their unique adaptations 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. Questions? Email mthollylibrary@gmail.com 4 – 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29-
CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library presents its first Dinner and Movie of 2017. We will be showing "The Magnificent Seven" from 2016 in the library at 1:00 p.m. This movie is rated PG-13. A generous sampling of frontier food will be served. The event is free and open to the public, though donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Kata at 226-7503 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15-
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The AARP tax assistance program will be providing free tax preparation help to low and moderate-income residents. Pre-registration is required. AARP Tax-aide counselors are volunteers who are trained each year on state and federal tax regulations and are certified by the IRS to provide free tax preparation services. These counselors will be available at the Library on from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Appointments are required for this service. Please bring to the appointment: your photo I.D., your social security number, any Homestead Declaration forms or Landlord Rental Certificates, any other tax forms To register or for more information, call (802) 463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

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

THURSDAYS-
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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.

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

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JAN. 26-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Greater Falls Connections invites you to join us for a community meeting at the Rockingham Free Public Library in Bellows Falls from 6 – 8 p.m. We will share results from the 2015 YRBS survey and discuss all the progress that has been made in Windham Northeast. We are also seeking community input on our work. Join this important discussion about our community work and help make a difference. Dinner will be provided. Prevention through Inspiration! Find out more about the work of GFC at www.greaterfallsconnections.org.

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 Abenaqui 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.

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

MONTHLY-
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Historical Society meeting is Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Chester Town Hall. There will be a slideshow of Gale Peck's paintings and real estate photos.

View events in our CALENDAR online!
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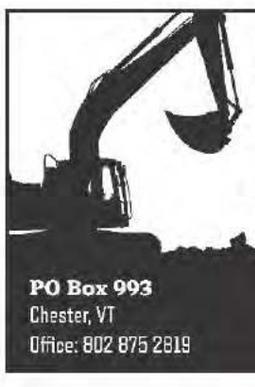
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LEGAL NOTICES

WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont.

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the conference room at Green Mountain Union High School, Chester, Vermont on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 4: To elect a budget committee member, term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

ARTICLE 5: To fix the salaries of School Board Directors for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: To hear and act on the reports of the Green Mountain Union High School District Directors for the school year ending June 30, 2016.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters of said Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 will authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending the receipt of payments from member districts, as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, subchapter 4, §706j(8).

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE 9: To adjourn.

Green Mountain Union High School Board of Directors:

Eugene Bont:
Deborah Brown:
Alison DesLauriers:
Jeffery Hance:
Henry Mauti:
Bruce Parks:
Bruce Pollard:

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 13th day of January, 2017.

Julie Hance, Clerk:

WARNING
GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont are hereby warned to meet in their respective towns on March 7, 2017 to vote by Australian ballot on the following article/s of business:

POLLING PLACES AND TIMES:

Andover Town Hall – open 8:00 a.m. and close 7:00 p.m.
Chester Town Hall - open 9:00 a.m. and close 7:00 p.m.
Cavendish Town Elementary – open 10:00 a.m. and close 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 approve the school board to expend **$6,095,786.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **$14,991.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.60% higher than spending for the current year.

Eugene Bont:
Deborah Brown:
Alison DesLauriers:
Jeffery Hance:
Henry Mauti:
Bruce Parks:
Bruce Pollard:

Julie Hance, Clerk:
Green Mountain Union High School District #35

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 13th day of January 2017.

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pets of the week

Hi! My name is Bobbi and I'm a 2-year-old spayed female.

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I have many kind cat friends that I live with here at the shelter. One of my favorite things to do is to burrow and stay warm. You'll often find me curled-up in a bed or in my favorite spot underneath a cat tree. Oh, do you see that little tuft of fur where my tail is? That is my tail – I really don't have one!

If you have a home where there are warm spots for me to curl-in (laps will do!) and are looking for an absolute sweetheart to call you own, stop in and meet me today!

Hi! My name's Robin and I'm a 3-year-old neutered male Mixed Breed dog that came to Lucy Mackenzie as a stray.

Life hasn't always been easy for me, but I'm looking forward to starting over in my new home. I'm a fun-loving active fella that has tons of potential, and lots of love to give! Since I've been here, we've spent lots of time working on basic behaviors, like how to walk on a leash, how to sit, and stay. Patience isn't something that comes easy to me, but I'm getting there!

I'd be the only animal in my ideal home, and my human would be committed towards continuing my training with me. All I really need in life is a second chance. If you've been looking for a new best friend, 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 PM. 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!

AUTOMOTIVE calendar

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 10-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Connecticut Valley, Ostomy & ibd, support Group (COG) aims to bring people together who are managing with inflammatory bowel disease or who have had an ostomy of any type. The purpose is to keep in touch with others who share our fate in order that our questions can be answered and our concerns and tribulations shared. The support group is affiliated with the United Ostomy Association of America but has little formal structure and no cost. It is run by Margaret Heale (802-376-8249) a local certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse Specialist. Meetings are at 5 p.m. in the Fireplace Community meeting room at Rockingham Medical Group, 1 Hospital Court with the summer BBQ and winter potluck at 12:30 at Mrs. Heale's residence.
Spring season- Friday, May 12 at 5 p.m.
Summer BBQ- Sunday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m.
Fall season - Friday, Sept 8, at 5 p.m.
Winter potluck - Sunday Dec 8, at 12:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAYS-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. 12 – 2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 885-7511.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Just Us Moms Program (JUMP). Come with your children. Have dinner with other moms in the area, learn about resources, and have fun while your children play, and eat dinner. 5 – 7 p.m. at Cherry Hill School Contact Michelle 275-7871

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FIRST TUESDAY -
WINDSOR, Vt. – Cedar Hill is Proud to Announce our New Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. From 3:30–5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Dr. (off Rte. 5).

SECOND TUESDAY –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/ Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. FREE. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email cht@springfieldmed.org

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

WEDNESDAYS –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

THIRD WEDNESDAY
ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, VT 05030 (Near Exit 8 off I-91) Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicap Accessible) 6:30 p.m. Have you been diagnosed with Depression? Not been diagnosed but think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, Empathy, Sharing, Education, Confidentiality, Peer-Led Contact: TwinStateDSG@gmail.com / 641-715-3900 (Extension 650055#)

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

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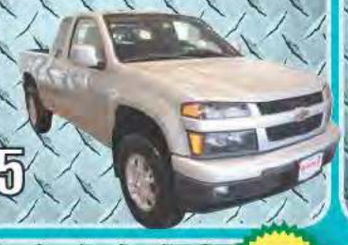

2005 CHEVY 2500 4-DOOR CREW CAB, DURAMAX DIESEL
4X4, 8 FOOT FISHER PLOW, ONE OWNER
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SALE PRICE
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ONLY 16,000 MILES
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2016 CHEVY MALIBU
LS PACKAGE, 1.5 LITER TURBO 4 CYLINDER, AUTO, REMOTE STARTER
STOCK #7036
MSRP $24,320
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$18,483*
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2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE
LS PACKAGE, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONE OWNER, EXTRA CLEAN
STOCK #7121A
SALE PRICE
$10,995

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2016 CHEVY EQUINOX
AWD, LT Package, Sun Roof, One Owner, Stock #7175A
SALE PRICE $22,995

2016 CHEVY SUBURBAN
LT Package, Sunroof, Heated Leather Seats, Rear Entertainment
SALE PRICE $48,995

2016 CHEVY 1500 DBL CAB
4x4, Rally Edition, 5.3 Liter V8, Only 600 Miles
SALE PRICE $33,995

2016 CHEVY EQUINOX
LTZ Package, Heathed Leather Seats, Only 13,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $25,995

2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE
AWD, LS Package
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2015 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY
Mini Van, Stow & Go Seating, Fully Loaded
SALE PRICE $18,995

2015 TOYOTA TACOMA DBL CAB
4x4, V6, Auto, TRD Off Road Package
SALE PRICE $28,995

2015 FORD MUSTANG
2 Door Coupe, Leather, Navigation, One Owner, Only 8,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $23,495

2015 GMC 1500 DBL CAB
4x4, Z-71 Off Road Package, Only 15,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $32,995

2015 CHEVY CRUZE
LT Package, One Owner, Only 16,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $13,995

2015 CHEVY MALIBU
LT Package, Sun Roof
SALE PRICE $15,995

2014 CHEVY CAPTIVA
FWD, Auto, Fully Loaded
SALE PRICE $11,995

2014 CHEVY IMPALA LTZ
V6, Heated & Cooled Seats, Sunroof, Navigation, Only 15,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $20,995

2014 GMC 1500 CREW CAB
All Terrain Package, 4x4, One Owner
SALE PRICE $30,495

2014 CHEVY TRAVERSE
LT Package, AWD, One Owner, Only 24,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $24,995

2014 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO
4x4, Fully Loaded, Only 37,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $22,995

2014 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB
LT Package, Z71 Off Road, Heated Seats, Like New
SALE PRICE $30,995

2014 CHEVY CRUZE
LT Package, Auto, Fully Loaded, Only 31,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $10,995

2014 CHEVY SPARK
LS Package, Auto, One Owner, Only 19,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $8,995

2014 TOYOTA PRIUS PLUG-IN
Navigation, Super Economy, Only 28,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $14,995

2014 CHEVY MALIBU
LT Package, Fully Loaded, Only 23,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $12,995

2013 CHEVY 1500 EXT CAB
LT Package, Z71 Off Road, One Owner, Only 51,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $24,995

2013 CHRYSLER 200 LIMITED S EDITION
Navigation, Sunroof, Leather Interior
SALE PRICE $9,995

2013 CHEVY SUBURBAN
4x4, LTZ Package, Fully Loaded, One Owner, Extra Clean
SALE PRICE $39,995

2013 CHEVY SPARK
LS Package, 5-Speed, Only 16,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $7,995

2013 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB
4x4, Z-71 Off Raod Package, Loaded, Like New Condition
SALE PRICE $27,995

2012 CHEVY SONIC HATCHBACK
5 Door, LT Package, Only 50,000 Miles, Stock #7149A
SALE PRICE $7,995

2012 CHEVY 1500 EXT CAB
4x4, 6.2 Liter V8, Fully Loaded, One Owner
SALE PRICE $20,995

2012 BUICK LACROSSE
Premium Package, Leather, Sun Roof, One Owner, Only 22,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $15,995

2012 SUBARU FORESTER
Auto, Fully Loaded, One Owner, Extra Clean
SALE PRICE $8,995

2011 HONDA CRV
EXL Package, Leather, Sunroof, Extra Clean, All Wheel Drive
SALE PRICE $15,995

2011 GMC 3500 REG CAB
4x4, SLE Package, Fully Loaded, 8 1/2 ft Fisher Plow, One Owner
SALE PRICE $24,995

2011 CHEVY 1500 REG CAB
4x4, 5.3 Liter V8, One Owner
SALE PRICE $14,995

2011 HYUNDAI ACCENT GLS
4 Door, 5 Speed, Only 63,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $4,995

2010 CHEVY EQUINOX
LT Package, AWD, Power Sunroof, One Owner
SALE PRICE $11,995

2009 SUBARU LEGACY
4 Door Sedan, AWD, 5-Speed, Only 93,000 Miles, Stock #6881C
SALE PRICE $6,995

2009 CHEVY 1500 EXT CAB
4x4, Z-71 Off Road Package, One Owner, Extra Clean
SALE PRICE $14,995

2008 FORD FUSION
SEL Package, Auto, Power Seats
SALE PRICE $4,995

2007 HONDA ACCORD
EXL Package, Fully Loaded
SALE PRICE $8,995

2006 GMC ENVOY
4x4, Cloth Interior, Extra Clean, Only 81,000 Miles
SALE PRICE $7,995

2005 CHEVY 2500 HD CREW CAB
Duramax Diesel, LT Package, Leather, One Owner
JUST ARRIVED

2004 HONDA PILOT
LX Package, AWD, Extra Clean, Stock #14348
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Executive training program available to VT entrepreneurs

REGION - Vermont Technical College, as the educational partner of the SBA's Emerging Leaders program, is seeking 20 entrepreneurs throughout the state to participate in a free business course starting in April.

Emerging Leaders is a free executive-level training program for established business owners poised for growth. Over the course of seven months at Vermont Tech's Williston campus, each participating entrepreneur will learn immediate ways to improve their business and will create a three-year strategic growth plan to build a sustainable business of size and scale.

The Small Business Administration established the Emerging Leaders program in 2008 to assist entrepreneurs in urban communities, but in 2016 the agency determined the program could benefit rural states such as New Hampshire and Vermont. This is the initiative's second year in the Green Mountain State.

According to 2014 impact data from the national program, 68 percent of businesses who completed the program increased revenues and 95 percent of alumni would recommend the program to a fellow small business owner. Participants are also successful in accessing new capital and new contracts with government and anchor institutions.

"Last year we agreed to host the inaugural class because we felt it aligned perfectly with Vermont Tech's entrepreneurship education and alignment to workforce training in Vermont. After seeing the results and the eagerness for a class like this firsthand, we knew we wanted to continue our partnership with the SBA hosting Emerging Leaders," said Patricia Moulton, Interim President of Vermont Tech.

Emerging Leaders is for established business owners and is not for start-ups or people who are thinking about starting a business. To be considered, firms must be for-profit enterprises, been in business for at least three years, have at least one full time employee other than self, and have annual revenues between $400,000 and $10 million.

The majority of Vermont businesses in the 2016 Emerging Leaders class had annual revenues in excess of $1 million. There are no restrictions on the types of businesses that can participate. Some examples of participating businesses include manufacturers, retail stores, wholesalers, contractors, professional services and food service.

"The caliber of the instructor, this program, and the curriculum is incredible. I have been grateful for all the resources offered to me and my small business. The flow of the class itself has been highly optimal for maximum success. Working on the business, not just in the business, is built into my workflow consistently going forward," said Stephanie T. Hainley of White + Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors, and graduate of the Vermont Emerging Leaders class of 2016.

Emerging Leaders graduation at Vermont Tech in Williston, Vt. in October of 2016. Sign up to take this free business course starting in April.

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Business owners interested in the program need to fill out the online application at www.interise.org/SBAemergingleaders by March 1. Interise, a nonprofit organization specializing in entrepreneurial education, oversees the Emerging Leaders nationwide. The SBA reviews the applications and selects the class participants.

For more information, visit www.sba.gov/emergingleaders, email darcy.carter@sba.gov or call 802-828-4422 ext. 203.

Ludlow, VT

Charming Village home on quite street. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Many updates including a renovated kitchen with tile floors, asphalt shingled roof, pellet stove, freshly painted front porch, and much more. Many original features and woodwork remain. Double parlors with pocket doors. Hardwood floors. Convenient to shops and restaurants. Okemo shuttle at the corner. A Must See. **$215,000**

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